



END SUCCESSFUL SEASON—Members of the Torrance Pop Warner Football League concluded a highly successful season last week as they hit first place in their division. Members of the 'mighty midgets' shown here in their official team picture are: Front, Steve Jasper, Terry Tiedeman, Gordie Mahon, Gary Nensson, Mark Clayton, Robert Watson, Jim Bruce, Tom Hartley, and assistant coach George Cole. Center

row; Pete McCarroll, Steve Taylor, Mark Intermill, Eddie Heins, Randy Watson, Sam Intermill, Tom Glover, John Hoetger Dick Singer, Coach Ron Alexander. Top row; Assistant coach Tom Brown, Steve Martin, Fred Schwanbeck, Robert Landreth, Mike Tuffley, Graig Benter, Mike Constantino, Mike Thomas and Bernard Tucker.

END UP ON TOP—The Vikings, peewee members of the Torrance Pop Warner Football League, emerged in the top bracket of their division after closing games were played last week. In this official team picture of the smallest members of the touch football league are: Top row; Richard Wisner, George Ray, Ronald Stone, Paul Gadois, Marty Ericson, John Reynolds, Tom Watson, Alfred Schwanbeck, George Tucker, Assistant Coach Dennie Hutchinson, Cen-

ter row; Skip Hogue, Wayne Peterson, Michael Martin, Greg Jasper, Thomas Conry, David Valdez, Robert Schaefer, Ronnie Smith, Bill Flack, Chester Walters. Top row; Assistant Coach Ernie Dandoy, Donald Norris Stephen Parvis, Michael Sturgis, Randy Carter, Ronnie Spellman, Jay Louvier, Robert Lindsay, Curtis Anderson, Glynn Winter, and Head Coach Aramis Dandoy.

Mike Callas

PRESS Sports

LIPPY LOSES SELF-RESPECT IN QUEST FOR JOB

Just after World War II, a battling ex-major leaguer became a manager for the then Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League. For years, as pilot of the Dodgers and Giants, he earned the respect of all those who played for and against him, if not the love. He was the kind of guy that baseball men admired but seldom liked. After the 1954 World Series, he was hailed as the greatest.

Today, Leo Durocher is fighting to get a job through the efforts of a Los Angeles sportswriter acting as Lippy's front man. In this fashion Leo is losing the respect and admiration of the entire baseball world because he is dealing from weakness instead of from strength.

In the noted scribe's story, Leo was quoted as saying that he felt he had been black-listed by the owners of major league clubs. That his price for managing wasn't too high and if the club that hired him wanted him to serve as a coach, he would be but too happy to oblige. This was the condescending Durocher, so unlike the leader he once was. So different was he that you sometimes wonder if he was the same man who told Branch Rickey to "shove it" when rumors spread that he was seen in the company of book-makers.

Owners Too Strong

Perhaps Durocher is right on the other hand. Right in assuming that the owners of the new Angels, just to name one of the many clubs who turned him down, wanted no part of a controversial figure as he. If so, then why get down on the proverbial knee and beg for another chance at baseball? Did Lippy do something wrong like maybe field a last place club or trade away too many future stars? Or do today's major league owners want men to manage their teams who wear the collar of yes-men?

If the latter assumption is correct, and I'm inclined to believe so more and more each day, then I for one want little or no part of what is labeled baseball. You have only to turn to Casey Stengel, who ruled the Yankees on the field, if you don't think Durocher is a case in point. Today's owners, like Autry and Reynolds, to name just a couple, know very little about the great American pastime. Their aim is to get the best possible men in baseball to run their clubs—only if the gent is no trouble-maker. They're looking for the ideal public relations man.

Fans Want Winners

Baseball is like any other business. The top dog, or general manager, is the guy who plays the genial so-and-so to press and ball player alike. But the man who actually has to produce a winner is the guy who's got to get his men to work as a unit and win the close as well as the long ones. This man in baseball is known as the field boss. If he's too well liked, they step all over him. If he's too nice with the umpires, even though he feels his team has been "robbed," he's not worth having around. And if he's like a certain West Coast manager, who sits on his duff and lets the coaches make the decisions, he should get his walking papers.

All this is what Durocher wasn't. He was a battler all the way. Your reporter for one hated his guts but all the while admiring him for the team he fielded. He was a take-charge guy like Casey Stengel. On many occasions he, as well as ole Case, stepped on the money toes of the GM and owners. As long as Durocher was winning, they put up him but as soon as he made a wrong move or fielded anything other than a pennant winner—in came the termination papers.

Fans want winners and Leo Durocher almost always supplied them with one. He was colorful and a fighter all the way. The kind of "gentleman" the fans love. And after all fans are the ones who make a ball club and baseball for that matter.

No, if you ask me Durocher has nothing to apologize for. He should get back to baseball without a question of a doubt—but not as a beggar but as a man who knows his baseball and is capable of giving fans winning play.

Instead of some sportswriter acting as an agent for Durocher, Lippy should stand pat and await the call of the fans. They know baseball!

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El Camino Matmen Trounce Citrus By 40-5 Score

Exploding with its most dynamic wrestling, El Camino College smashed Citrus College grapplers 40-5 in a Southern California JC Conference meet on the loser's mats.

The victory was the third in succession for the Warriors and it gave them a 3-2 over-all record and a 2-1 slate in conference competition.

After the holiday season, the Redskins of El Camino will strive to win their first Cal Poly (at San Luis Obispo) Invitational JC Tournament commencing Saturday, January 7, at 10 a.m.

Coach Hengsteler's men showed no mercy on their hapless opponents as the locals won 8 of their 9 matches by falls and ended the wrestling meet in 25 minutes. This is quite an accomplishment when you consider a meet usually lasts one and a half hours.

QUICKEST FALL

Bob Becker, Warrior 147 pounder pinned his opponent in 37 seconds to record the quickest fall for the local grapplers Andy Harris and Bill Wright were not far behind when they turned their backs to the mat in 1:05 and 1:06 respectively.

Results:
123—Jun Watapabe (EC) pinned Jay Baumgardner (c) 1:58; 130—Andy Harris (EC) pinned Earl Holland (C) 1:05; 137—John Arnold (EC) pinned Charles Michel (C) 3:50; 147—Bob Becker (EC) pinned Joe Torres (C) 0:37; 157—Dave Fiorelli (EC) pinned Larry Miller (C) 3:54; 167—Paul Hooper (EC) pinned John Moller (C) 5:00; 177—Bill Wright (EC) pinned Marshall Hall (C) 1:06; 191—Sam Maus (EC) pinned Bob Damewood (C) 2:14; HWT—Charles Viera (C) pinned Roger Kramer (EC) 5:03.

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Lasuen High Five Heads Off Bosco, Lawndale Teams

A spirited Lasuen quintet took two non-league games this week drubbing Don Bosco Tech 61-42 and Lawndale High 50-40 in hotly contested games.

The Padres trimmed Don Bosco at San Gabriel with John Wolezanski and Mel Strapp leading the scoring off rebounds with 18 and 13 points. A strong man-to-man defense backed rebounders from Tracy O'Connor and O'Malley to cinch the Lasuen win.

Lawndale High went down on their own court under a fired up Padres attack led by Wolezanski and O'Malley. Joe Gallegos led the Lasuen scoring with 13 points followed by O'Connor with 11.

League play opens January 10 with the Padres Bee, and Gee squads slated to meet Bishop Montgomery there at 7 p.m.

Warner League Teams Hosted By Area Elks Club

Members of the Torrance Pop Warner League Vikings and Chargers were guests of honor last week at a banquet staged by the Redondo Beach Elks club. Event marked the close of an exceptionally good 1960 season for both teams.

In a second announcement it was reported that the local Pop Warner Football Association has elected new officers and board members for the coming year.

Heading the roster of new officers will be President Edward Nicodemus; Jack Jasper, vice president; Robert Lindsey, secretary; Joan Togue treasurer.

LET'S GO BOWLING

With Darlene Cope

As the big day draws nearer, the children's excitement mounts. The Gable nursery, under the supervision of Violet Howard, is also keeping this festive spirit alive. As each child departs from the gaily decorated door, he has a little candy cane clasped in his fist. While most of them are smiling, others are singing Christmas carols.

The Juniors have been racking the high scores this week at Gable House. Dave Bowmar pegged a 235; Tom Warren a 221; Mike Cole, 202; Jim Braden (Mira Costa High), 200; Mike Wishon (Mira Costa High), 214; Paul Peterson, 209; Tom Dryer, 210; Tom Ferguson, 226; and Mason Wolpert, 205.

Spits were spared by D. Di Angelo (Merchants Handicap League) the 7-9; E. Porter (Sunsetters), 4-6; Harold Spivack, 8-10; Frank Lessor, 7-9; Toots No. 2, 8-10; Ginger Hill (Morning Glories), 7-9; and Esther Friedman the 8-10.

Ladders were turned in by Darna Close 111-112-113; and Mavis Strand (Guys & Dolls) 137-38-139.

Frank Jones of the Misfits will be awarded a trophy for his dutch 200 game.

PORTRAIT OF A BOWLER

I am starting a new feature in my column called "Portrait of a Bowler." Any league secretary having any information concerning an interesting bowler in your league, please leave a note in my file at the front desk at Gable House.

This reporter has chosen to spotlight Margaret Denzer. The Denzer family, who reside at 5449 Edgemore Dr., Torrance, could almost be called "Gable's bowling family." Margaret has been bowling for six years. At the end of her first league season, she averaged 116. Her goal was to work very hard and finally reach where she is now, a 151 average. The highest scratch game and series to her credit

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Margaret has achieved 17 large trophies for high series, game, and being on the winning league team. Her bowling bag is covered with many interesting award patches.

Her husband, Bob, and two sons Roger and Ron have also won their share of trophies, plaques, and pins. This truly proves that the Denzer family is very active in bowling.

There will be a spare pick-up class this afternoon at 1 o'clock, and it will be conducted by Jerry Homel.



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