

Press Herald SPORTS

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Football Games Okayed

Seventeen all-star high school football games have been approved for California this summer — eight in Southern California — by the NCAA.

A prospective student-athlete may participate in one or more of the approved games without adversely affecting his collegiate eligibility under NCAA by-laws.

Complete listing of Southern California games are:

July 11 — Catholic Big Brothers All-Star game in Coliseum between L.A. City All-Stars and SoCal Catholic Stars. Workouts start Friday for L.A. stars at March AFB and Catholic stars at St. John Bosco High.

July 13 — Long Beach-Orange County Senior Bowl at Veterans Stadium. Workouts presently being conducted at Westminster and Lakewood High.

July 25 — Shrine North-South Game at Coliseum. Workouts begin July 12. North will train at USC, South at UCLA.

August 8 — Kiwanis 995 All-Star Game at Cerritos College. South opens drill July 24 at Cerritos, North July 28 at Rio Hondo.

August 9 — Lions Club All-Star Game in Torrance (El Camino College).

August 15 — San Gabriel Valley All-Star Game at Azusa.

August 22 — Orange County North-South All-Star game in Santa Ana.

August 23 — San Fernando Valley All-Star game in Van Nuys.

Jeff Wang Signs With Philadelphia

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The 18-year-old all-purpose South High athlete Jeff Wang was signed to a professional baseball contract Tuesday by scout Art Lilly of the Philadelphia Phillies. Jeff was a second choice of the Phils if the recent major league draft.

Wang, one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wang of 23301 Carlow Road, took a Western Airlines flight to Portland, Oregon, yesterday morning to join the Phillies' Eugene Rookie League team.

To lure Wang away from college football and establish him as a professional ballplayer, the Phillies guaranteed him a college education and an incentive bonus.

A baseball career has been a lifetime "dream" of Jeff, but it was not until after he obtained considerable legal advice and was completely satisfied with the Phillies' offer did Wang come to terms. It was reported.

Jeff was said to be anxious to join the rookie team after he signed. Although he played the outfield throughout his high school career, Wang may be used as an infielder in pro ball. He said he played the infield (mostly shortstop) in Little League and Babe Ruth League.

When the Rookie League ends Sept. 2, Wang will return to Torrance and enroll at El Camino College.

Art Lilly, the scout who signed Wang, first became interested in the youngster during the American Legion season last summer when his Torrance team won the state championship. The scout attended practically every South High game this spring. After selecting Wang in the draft, the Phils' scout talked contract with him twice.

The second time was following last Saturday's North-South Legion game in which Jeff hit a home run at Torrance Park and made two fielding "gems" in the outfield.

"His performance that day probably upped the ante somewhat," one high school coach speculated.

Lilly is the baseball scout who signed Rick Monday, the first draftee from Santa Monica two years ago, to a Kansas City contract.

Berniece Wang, Jeff's mother, said, "We don't know much about the Philadelphia ball club, but we will spend the summer getting acquainted."

Jeff's two brothers are Jack, a South High senior, and Mikel, an eighth grader.



PRO BASEBALL . . . Jeff Wang, recent graduate from South High School, signed a professional baseball contract this week with the Philadelphia Phillies of the National League.

Baseball Expansion

Baseball's executive council, heading Commissioner William D. Eckert's call for a "united front," has recommended uniform scheduling and division play next year when the major leagues expand to 12 teams apiece.

Following a meeting in New York Wednesday, the five-man executive council, headed by the commissioner, unanimously recommended that the National League adopt a two-division set-up and the American League retain the present 162-game schedule.

The two leagues will act on the recommendations in Houston July 10, the day after the All-Star Game in the Astrodome.

The American League announced it will go to two divisions of six teams each and will cut its schedule to 156 games followed by a play-off between division champions. The winner will advance to the World Series.

Last month, the National League granted 1969 franchises to Montreal and San Diego, then later announced it would stay with one division and a 162-game schedule.

"I have always advocated that the two leagues moved forward jointly and present a united front with the common aim—what is the best for the baseball public," Eckert said in calling for an end to inter-league differences over expansion.

Fears have been expressed that the excitement created by an American League pennant playoff between division champs would detract from the prestige of a National League pennant race in September.

Unanimous approval of the National League club owners is necessary for a switch to two divisions.

Other members of the executive council at Wednesday's meeting were American League President Warren Giles, and club presidents Walter O'Malley of the Dodgers and Gabe Paul of Cleveland. Philadelphia's Bob Carpenter and the Angels' Bob Reynolds, alternate council members, also were present.



DON DRYSDALE
Record in Jeopardy

Gibson Versus Drysdale

Bob Gibson, who has everybody thinking about shutouts, is trying to keep the goose eggs off his mind.

"First you think about wins," said Gibson, who stretched his scoreless inning string to 47 with his fifth successive shutout, beating Pittsburgh, 3-0, in the first game of a twinight doubleheader Wednesday.

"Shutouts are secondary. Get yourself preoccupied with shutouts and pretty soon you're behind," said Gibson. "I'm not looking forward to a shutout, I'm looking forward to a win."

Gibson's string has him zeroing in on the record of 58-2/3 scoreless innings established earlier this season by Don Drysdale of the Dodgers. Drysdale is scheduled to be Gibson's opponent in his next scheduled start Monday.

"Macht nichts," said Gibson of the confrontation, slipping into German to explain that Drysdale as an opponent would make no difference to him.

Gibson said he felt particularly strong against the Pirates and stayed with mostly fastballs.

"I had six days rest since my last start because of the rainout Monday," said Gibson. "The weather was cool and I felt good. When you're not so strong, you compensate with curves in the late innings but I stayed with fastballs."

Gibson said his control has been better all year than it was last year when he helped the Cardinals to the National League pennant and then won three games in the World Series.

Could the improved control lead him to the shutout record? "I really don't care about it but everybody talks about it," said Gibson. "If I set a record . . . fine, I really don't care."

adens; and Ron Cey, a third baseman from Washington State University.

A total of 78 players was picked by the Dodgers in the Free Agent Draft. Twenty are now signed to professional contracts.

Bill Diehl Eyes \$1,000 In Hot Rod

A crisp thousand dollar bill has helped to flush out that rarest of all drag races, driver of a Chevrolet-powered AA fuel dragster.

He's Bill Diehl, San Clemente hot rodder, who has entered his new machine in the second annual U.S. Pro Dragster Championships July 20 at Lions Drag Strip in Wilmington.

Diehl, former Hayden Profit protege, sent his entry to promoter Doug Kruse this week with a note of thanks for his posting of a special \$1,000 award in top fuel for any driver who wins at the wheel of a Chevy-powered fueler.

Chevy engines are about as plentiful as Wagnerian operas on TV, as far as the 230 mph top fuel class is concerned, but Diehl said:

"Thanks a lot for giving us something to shoot at. We've had the car for six months, sitting ready to be finished, and his has given us something to work for. We plan to introduce the car this week, to have it in top shape for the big one at Lions."

The car has a supercharged 427-cu.-in. Chevy V-8 which Diehl believes is capable of quarter-mile elapsed times around the 7-second mark, even though it doesn't figure to hit top speeds in the 230 mph range.

"Lots of new things have happened in drag racing since Chevy AA fuelers disappeared," Diehl said. "With the better tires and clutches we have now, I think Chevy can make a comeback."

Top fuel, gas and junior fuel dragsters will provide all the action at the dragster-only meet. Up to 96 cars will qualify for their share in more than \$23,000 in prizes.

Skaters Win First Place In 3 Events

The South Bay Figure Skating Club skaters, whose home is the Olympic Ice Arena, swept the first three places in the second test ladies event at inter-club competition held at West Covina Ice Arena this past weekend.

During the two days of competition there were skaters from all over Southern California. The competition included both school figures and free style.

Susan Wolford of Lomita placed first, Patty Gyllenswan of Westwood placed second and Miss Susan Phelan of Torrance placed third.

Patty Gyllenswan was first in free style in the same division.

In the second test boys division Mark Fero placed first in school figures and won a second overall.

In the first test girls division Mori Kelsey placed first in figures. The inter-club competition was the final of the skating season.

Dodgers Sign 20 Ballplayers

Bob Valentine, Bill Buckner, Paul Johnson and Tom Paciorek, the Dodgers' number one, two, three and five choices in the recent free agent draft, have been signed to professional contracts.

Valentine, an 18-year-old outfielder from Stamford, Conn., who stands 5-10 and weighs 185, was signed by Dodger Scout Rudy Rafer. A four-year high school baseball and football letterman, Bob had scholarship offers from more than 250 colleges.

Buckner, a left-handed first baseman, stands six feet tall and weighs in at 185. He is a June graduate of Napa High School.

Johnson, an outfielder from South Carolina State College, was signed by Leon Hamilton, and will be assigned to Tri-Cities.

Paciorek, an outfielder, is attending Houston University. All three players will join the Ogdon team in the Dodger farm system.

In addition to the high draft choices, the Dodgers have signed 15 other players drafted during the regular and secondary phase of the Free Agent Draft. All of the signed

players will play at Ogdon or Tri-Cities during the summer months.

Other regular phase players signed include: Joe Ferguson, an outfielder from San Jose, Calif.; Doyle Alexander, a Birmingham, Ala.; Fred Wilard, a third baseman from San Francisco; Danny Nicholas, an infielder from Wichita, Kan.; Charles Calver, a right handed pitcher from West Covina, Calif.; Richard Dorsch, a right handed pitcher from Valparaiso, Ind.; Ted Gilje, a left handed pitcher from Pleasant Hill, Calif.; Don Copeland, a catcher from West Newton, Pa.; Bill Estey, an infielder from Portsmouth, N.H.; Merritt Barnes Jr., a shortstop from San Francisco; Roger Wallace, a right handed pitcher from Jacksonville, Fla.; Stephen Krines, a third baseman from Villanova University; and Bill Homik, a catcher from USC.

Secondary phase signers include the first three picked by the Dodgers: Steven Garvey, a third baseman from Michigan State University; Gene "Sandy" Vance, a right handed pitcher attending Stanford University from Pas-

Drills Begin in Basketball

Preparations for the first annual Southern California All-Star Prep Basketball Classic on Wednesday evening, July 10, at Inglewood's Forum are moving at "full throttle" tempo.

All-American prep whiz, CIF 3-A "Player of the Year," and all-time scoring champion Paul Westphal of Aviation High in Redondo Beach was the center of interest, along with vivacious "Miss Southern California Prep Basketball Classic" Jobbi Collins.

Westphal, 6-foot 2-inch USC-bound nugget, averaged 32.5 points a game while running up 1,040 points in 32 contests last season—the first high school sharpshooter in

Southland annuals to exceed 1,000 points.

The stunning Miss Collins, an Auburn-haired, blue-eyed 36-24-35, showed her coordination and grace of form and figure cavorting for the photos and actually getting into the dribbling-passing routine, too.

L.A. City coach Jim Ryan of Crenshaw High, who led Manual Arts to the 1967-68 title, is working his squad from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at East Los Angeles College and 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cal State, L.A.

Top attraction for the city all-stars is 6-8 Ron Riley, named "Player of the Year" at Jordan High and ticketed for USC.

Headman Bill Armstrong of undefeated (32-0) 3-A winner

Compton High announced three player changes on his roster.

Center Tom Maggard of John Glenn (Norwalk) tore ligaments in his knee working out for the start of team practice and is on crutches for six weeks, while center Mike Hopwood of Compton and forward Gary Addeo of Pius X (Downey) will be unavailable. Maggard will act as a team manager.

Alternates Danny Roberts, 6-0 guard from Ventura High and twice All-CIF, Southern Section; Rich Allen, 6-5 forward from California (Whittier), also All-CIF first team; and George Thompson, 6-6 forward-center from John Muir (Pasadena), All-CIF third team, fill the openings.

Pro Tennis Tournament Scheduled

Ten of the top pro tennis players in the world will be gunning for approximately \$20,000 in prize money when they trade drives and volleys in the Los Angeles Professional Tennis Championships July 17-19 at the Inglewood Forum.

Proceeds beyond the prize money will go to the Watts Community Arts Foundation for continuing work in behalf of underprivileged children.

The major cut of the prize money will go to the winners in the men's and women's divisions. The favorites in each are Rod Laver, the slashing darting top-ranked player in the world, and his distant counterpart, Billie Jean King.

Challenging Laver for the lion's out of the funds will be his most persistent rival, Ken Rosewall, ranked No. 2 worldwide, and Billie Jean again will be out to overcome her arch rival over the years, second-ranked Ann Haydon Jones of England.

Beban Leads West to 34-20 Football Win

Gary Beban, the Heisman Trophy winner from UCLA, led the West to a 34-20 victory over the East Friday night with two touchdown passes in the Coaches All-America football game.

With the score tied, 20-20, and less than five minutes to go, Beban completed a 44-yard scoring pass to Ken Dyer of Arizona State, who made a sensational leaping catch.

The game was tied twice at 7-7 and 20-20.

Recreation Standings

OPEN SOFTBALL LEAGUE at TORRANCE PARK			
W	L	Pct.	GB
T.C.I. Alumnae	7	1.000	
Sturdy's Cafe	3	.750	3.5
South Bay Club	3	.500	6.5
Outcasts	2	.500	6.5
Bill's Breeze	4	.500	6.5
Tarballs	4	.444	7.25
Alresearch	1	.143	11.5
Port MacArthur	1	.125	12.5

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE at McMASTER PARK			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Cont. Dev'ce	7	1.000	
FTW Semi-Comp	1	.500	6.5
Hopes	3	.625	3.5
Alresearch	3	.500	6.5
Pansteel	4	.571	3.5
Magnavox	4	.429	7.5
Tri-Dair	1	.125	12.5
Harbor Hornets	0	.000	12.5

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY CHURCH SOFTBALL at McMASTER PARK			
W	L	Pct.	GB
S.R. Church of God	5	1.000	
R. Redondo Chapel	1	.500	6.5
Lavandale Church	4	.667	3.5
Torrance 1st Luth'n	3	.500	6.5
Pacific View Church	2	.400	9.5
Calvary Assembly	1	.167	12.5
Four Square Church	0	.000	12.5

THURSDAY SLO-PITCH at EL NIDO			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Whis Kids	7	1.000	
Daily Breeze	6	.857	1.5
T.E.S.P.A. Tigers	4	.667	4.5
Torrance Rotary	2	.500	7.5
Penell Pushers	2	.500	7.5

THURSDAY SLO-PITCH at WALTERIA PARK			
W	L	Pct.	GB
South Torrance Lions	1	.500	
S.L. Men's Club	1	.500	
Torrance Kiwanis	3	.429	2.5
Balmers	3	.429	2.5
Redondo Angels	0	.000	6.5

SAN PEDRO GRANTS USE OF FIELD

San Pedro Pop Warner football games will be played at Daniels Field, 845 W. 12th St., with the permission of the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission.

The Commission granted the request of the San Pedro Pop Warner Football Association, Inc., to use the field from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, and from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Saturday through Dec. 14.

Because the facility would normally be closed during the Saturday evening hours and because the field will require 12 to 16 hours of maintenance service each time before it is used, the Commission granted the permit at usual rates.

Daniels Field is located in the 15th District, represented by Councilman John S. Gibson Jr.

Dodger-Angel Exhibitions To Be Resumed

The Dodgers and the Angels will resume their spring exhibition games against each other and the series will become an annual event.

Fred Haney, general manager of the Angels of the American League, and Frasco Thompson, vice president of the Dodgers, said three games would be played on April 3, 5, and 6, 1968, with the sites to be decided after the opening day games for the season have been set.