

Baseball Finances

(This is the sixth in a series of articles on baseball in Torrance.)
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The typical neighborhood Little League is dependant upon local fund raising projects for financial stability. Without support from businessmen who provide Little Leagues with generous discounts and outright contributions of materials and revenues, the costs of financing the program would be rather burdensome.

The bulk of Little League resources, though, are derived from the parents of the players whose countless hours of volunteer services are traditional.

It is not uncommon for a carpenter or technician to pass up a Saturday of overtime pay on the job, just to spend 10 hours doing similar work at his son's Little League ballpark. And how many times has mother brought the little ones to the babysitter's home, and delayed her own home routines to solicit advertising or gift certificates from local businessmen—for the Little League!

This is the basic pattern governing the economics of each league. Each must operate singularly in any fund-raising activity, and the local board of directors budgets its own expenditures.

Some people's eyes light up when they hear that a Little League often requires an \$8,000 to \$10,000 annual budget, but a breakdown of expenditures show how realistic it is. Some leagues which favor doing a little more "sponging" still require \$2,500 for playing equipment and other essentials.

Most Little Leagues carry between 10 and 20 teams whose rosters range between 13 and 15 players each. Outfitting them in new uniforms is done on a staggered basis for three-year usage, representing an annual expense of about \$1,000. Another \$400 is used for new caps annually.

An average Little League team will break 10 bats during a season. Keeping a league replenished in bats amounts to 12 dozen a year for another \$500 expense. And 30 dozen baseballs annually run almost another \$800.

Just to keep the sporting goods industry smiling you can throw in a couple sets of bases, home plate, the pitching mound rubber, a dozen rosin bags, a ton of chalk, two dozen scorebooks, and a pair of catcher's mitts, masks, shin guards, and chest protectors for every team.

It doesn't rain very much in Southern California, requiring an annual water bill of \$400 to \$500. Edison also reaps from the operation of the concession stand, inter-com system, electric scoreboard and burglar alarm. Use of coin telephone service limits another traditional expense.

Through Little League baseball's vast domain, insurance costs about \$20 per team. Together with

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BOWLING
with Dick Weber
ALL-PRO CHAMPION



Courtesy on the Bowling Lanes

Every sport has its rules of etiquette or fair play and bowling is no exception. You and your friends will enjoy the game more if you eliminate situations which detract from the fun of the game. Here are a few simple rules to observe:

Generally, when two bowl-



ers are on the approach and preparing to shoot, the bowler on the right has the right-of-way. However, if the bowler on the left is trying to convert a spare, he should be accorded the privilege of rolling first.

When the bowler is on the approach and "lining up" his first ball, give him every consideration. Never cross in front of him, observe a normal conversational tone, refrain from loud laughter and any noise or gesture which could distract him. Remember, he wants that strike.

To all bowlers, I say confine your gyrations to your own lanes. It's true, we all like to use "Body English" during our game, but don't infringe on the rights of someone else who is bowling on an adjacent lane.

To league bowlers I say, "Make sure you're on time." Develop the habit of arriving at your bowling center 15 or 20 minutes before you are scheduled to bowl. This will give you ample time for changing shoes, conversation and other necessary details and still enable you to be on your lanes, ready to bowl at the prescribed time.

Remember that punctuality is admired on the lanes as well as off.



GARY MARCONI
West High Halfback

Lions Football Practice Begins

Sixty of the South Bay area's outstanding high school football players open three games in the midsummer Lions All-Star Football Game at El Camino College Aug. 8.

The West, under the guidance of Coach Fred Peterson of West High, will stage two-a-day drills at Peterson's school.

The East, coached by Gene Vollnogle of Carson High, will practice twice daily at Carson High.

The game pits the top 30

gridders from east of Hawthorne Boulevard against a like squad from the west. The West has won the first three games of the midsummer series.

Coach Vollnogle has the talent to give the East its first win. Vollnogle was head coach last year and saw a 20-0 East lead vanish in the second half.

The West's Danny Graham, now at UCLA, tossed a touchdown pass to John Featherstone of Mira Costa for the winning touchdown with

10 seconds left in last year's classic.

Vollnogle, who is not used to losing at all, let alone in the last 10 seconds, has vowed to avenge the 24-20 loss.

His lineup is headed by Jim Sander of Carson, who tossed three touchdowns in leading the City All-Stars to a rout of the Catholic All-Stars in the Big Brothers Game earlier this month.

Aiding Sander will be another Carson teammate, end Ron Carver, the running

backs John Papadakis of Rolling Hills and Everett Marshall of Morningside. Sander and Carver were all-City selections, while Papadakis and Marshall were all-CIF choices.

Another All-City choice, David Moch of Gardena, probably will fill out the East backfield.

Coach Peterson of the West won't exactly be hurting for talent, particularly in the backfield. His squad's offensive attack probably will center around Dave

Boyd, an All-CIF back from West High.

The West's real strength, however, promises to be its defense. Pat Kealey, El Camino Real League linebacker and a top college prospect, will anchor the West defense.

Other defensive stars figure to be guard Steve Lumly of Lawndale, end John Huntington of Redondo, tackle Larry Voeltz of Hawthorne and tackle Steve Nordeen of Inglewood.

Little League Semi-Finals



TOURNAMENT TIME . . . The umpire, catcher and batter, backing up each other, set the scene for a full swing at a pitch during a Little League tournament game at Eastview DiCarlo's Field. Tournament teams in Districts 26 and 27 will play a series of

semi-final games tonight and tomorrow in preparation for Saturday's championship games. The district winners will clash Monday at McCandless Field.

National Battles Carson

The Little League district tournaments have reached the semi-final stage.

Tonight's District 27 game at Carson Field is between North Torrance East and Victoria Park. Carson is host to Torrance National Thursday evening.

Carson's Jerry Jones, who pitched a no-hitter against North Torrance West, will go against Torrance National which smashed Torrance Americans, 20-1, in its opener.

Carson holds a 2-0 win over West and a 3-2 win over Lomita. Carson won in the seventh after John Gugliano's two-run homer tied it in the sixth.

North Torrance East and Victoria Park both have two victories. East beat Torrance Central, 1-0, on Saturday.

SCORING a pair of victories in District 26 play, Southwood opposes Eastview Thursday. Riviera and Rolling Hills are paired in tonight's game.

Southwood got a third home run of the tournament by Rick Livingstone against Lunada Bay in a 3-1 win. He had three hits in the game.

Rocky Hill hit home runs 2 and 3 as Eastview belted Silver Spur, 8-3.

Both championship games will be played Saturday at Carson and McCandless Field. The district champions meet Monday at McCandless Field in Redondo.

DISTRICT 27

Dominguez	000 000-0 3 2
Victoria Park	000 000-3 4 1
Smith and Perry; Ramirez and Marchant	
Lomita	000 000-2 5 1
Carson	100 100-1-2 7 1
Perry and Anderson; Saffell and Cook	
Torrance Central	000 000-0 1 1
N. Torrance East	000 010-1 4 0
McGuire and Dodson; Barbours and Bowen	
Carson	200 000-2 1 4
N. Torrance West	000 000-0 0 1
Jones and Cox; Bennett and Albert	

DISTRICT 26

Southwood	010 101-3 4 0
Lunada Bay	000 100-1 1 1
Haines and Lyness; Haddon; Cook and Sumrall	
Torrance	000 200 00-2 2 2
Rolling Hills	002 000 01-3 2 2
Gentile and Munson; Schratzberger and St. John	
Riviera	000 052-7 6 0
Pacific	003 000-0 1 0
Lehto and Cameron; Meick and Peckard	
Silver Spur	000 000-3 4 2
Eastview	103 045-8 0 0
McFay and Mangano; Takasugi and Ringer	

North, West Clash in Pony Game

North Torrance and West Torrance clash tomorrow in a Pony League game at Manahan Field, 190th Street and Van Ness.

In District 1 playoff games Saturday and Sunday, West beat San Pedro, 6-3, and North downed Gardena, 3-1.

Gardena pitcher Dan Connors lost a 2-inning. He had 13 strikeouts.

North led 2-0 in the fifth inning when Gardena scored a run and loaded the bases with none out. Phil Manaha came in relief and struck out the side.

Larry Farrar pitched West Torrance to its tournament victory.

San Pedro	102 000 1-4 4 4
West Torrance	110 130 3-4 7 4
Green and Pisano; Farrar and Green	
North Torrance	000 200 1-3 2 3
Gardena	008 010 0-1 4 2
Cleland, Manahan and Martin; Asie, Connors and Sakurai	



DICK FOULK

South Nine Winner in Legion Ball

For the second year an American Legion team from South High won the Bay League championship and will compete in the 19th District tournament.

Dick Foulk pitched a 3-1 win over North High Saturday to give South a 12-2 record for the year. North was second with a 10-4 mark.

South, the defending state champion, will take part in Area 4 playoffs starting Saturday at Blair Field in Long Beach. Morningside (Pacific League), Long Beach Flyers (Harbor League) and a team from the Rio Hondo League will participate in a double elimination tournament.

South scored runs in the first, fourth and eighth innings to beat North. Foulk blanked North after giving up a run in the first at North High. He gave up three hits, walked eight and fanned 12.

Dave Skaggs collected two of North's three hits.

South	100 100 010-3 4 4
North	100 000 000-1 3 2
Foulk and Trudell; Rucker, Deley and Skaggs	

Ascot Spectacular

Motorecycle 50-Lapper Scheduled

The richest steeplechase motorcycle race of the year—the Ascot Park 50-lap U.S. Championships—is set Saturday night. The track is at 183rd and Vermont Avenue.

There will be a full schedule of novice races and a complete program of sidcar motorcycle racing on Friday, leading up to the U.S. meet.

J. C. Agajanian has posted a record purse of \$7,500 for the competition.

The lure of the money and points toward the national championship have drawn Gary Nixon of Baltimore and Bart Markel of Flint, Michigan, who are waging a tight fight for the 1968 U.S. cycle racing crown.

But the rider to beat is a local, Skip Van Leeuwen of Sherman Oaks. The handsome Skip is the defending champion and has been virtually unbeatable over the five-eighths-of-a-mile layout.

Skip hasn't lost a race at Ascot in more than a year. Other strong contenders coming in from around the country include veteran Dick Mann, Mark Williams of Cottage Grove, Oregon; Roger Reiman of Kewanee, Ill.; and Fred Nix, Lawton, Okla.

Coach Needed For Torrance Football Team

The PeeWee Division Vining team of Torrance All-American Football League needs a coach for the 1968 season.

Anyone interested may contact Johnny Johnson, president (378-1614) or Steve Kadoich, athletic director (327-9162).



HARD TO BEAT . . . Defending 50-lap national motorcycle champion Skip Van Leeuwen will compete for the \$7,500 in prize money for Saturday's classic race at Ascot Park. Leading drivers around the country are entered in the event.