

THEY SCINTILLATE

FLORIN NINE WINS

Providing the Center residents with maximum recreation facilities and entertainment, the combined efforts of Sam Nakano, head of the Center's Recreation Department and the baseball leaders of Central and Northern California formed a Baseball Advisory Board to organize two competitive leagues.

In the Advisory Board, five of the veteran baseball players were represented. From Central California, Kenichi Zenimura, Fred Yoshikawa, Ed Tsukimura, and Tom Fugita while Herbert Kurima was the lone member of the Board from Northern California to take the responsibility to form a foundation in organizing six teams in the "A" division and eight teams for the "B" league.

BACK FOR MORE

As expected, the veterans made a spectacular comeback even though they have been in retirement from active list for several years. Those who showed their abilities surprisingly well were Fred and Henry Yoshikawa, Kenichi Zenimura, Yukio Kawakami, Sam Yamasaki, George Kebo, Yoshio Tachino, Ed Tsukimura, and John Nakagawa of Fresno, Shig Tokumoto and Tom Fugita long-time battery mates of Hanford, Mac and Dick Kurima, Sam Tsukamoto, Ichiro Miyagawa, and Herbert Kurima of Florin. George Norikane of Delano and Yo Tabata of Monterey have seen several years of service in the Central California and Coast region baseball circle respectively. Kaz Namba, Frank Ishii and Kelly Arakawa were the old timers from Bowles. Elk Grove team had comparatively young players on its roster.

"A" League Standing (1st Round)

	W	L	Pct
Florin	5	0	1.000
Hanford	4	1	.800
Fresno	3	2	.600
Bowles	2	3	.400
Delano	1	4	.200
Elk Grove	0	5	.000

(2nd Round)

	W	L	Pct
Florin	8	0	1.000
Hanford	4	3	.572
Bowles	2	4	.333
Fresno	2	5	.286
Delano	1	5	.167

BASEBALL STARS

Toizo Koda, Mo Domoto, Yas Chono and Nori Saki of Hanford, Bill Tsukamoto, Yosh Tsukamoto and Hiro Takara of Florin, Hifumi Ikoda and Kaz Shibata of Fresno Utaka and Min Tokumoto and Hiro Asakawa of Bowles, Ken Imamura, Ken Norikane and Goro Moriyama of Delano, Bob Matsumoto, Tom Tsuchida, and Ted Taniguchi of Elk Grove were the power behind the bats in the class "A" league.

In the fielding, Dick Kurima, Florin third sacker played fifteen errorless games; Kaz Shibata played bang up game in his short-stop position for Fresno, Hiro Asakawa was the all around player for Bowles as he played infield position, catcher and pitcher during the two rounds, George Norikane, Frank Urabe, and Yo Tabata played well for Delano nine even though the team suffered more hard luck than any nine in the league through injuries sustained during the games. Yosh Tsukamoto, Bill Tsukamoto, Cooper Sekikawa, and Buddy Yasukawa proved almost sensational with their heads up playing.

FRESNO TAKES B'S BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Fresno Bees triumphed in the first round and Hanford Dodgers took the second round of the "B" class competition. Runner up in the first round of playing were the Madera and Hanford Dodgers who gave plenty of competition before they were eliminated in the final playoff tilts. Zenimura brothers, Tak Abo, Nori Masuda, Hachi Omachi, and Sat Kusakai of Fresno, Mas Kinoshita, Min Ohashi, Min Kinoshita of Madera, Chuji and Hachi Mayewaki and Mako Satoda of Hanford Dodgers.

	W	L	Pct
Fresno	7	1	.875
Hanford Dodgers	6	2	.750
Madera	5	2	.714
Florin	4	3	.572
North Fresno	4	3	.572
Hanford Cubs	2	5	.286
Bowles	1	6	.167
Elk Grove	0	7	.000

The arbiters who performed behind the plate and around the bases during the long series were Chester Konishi, Charles Ogata, Johnson Kobo, James Sakata, Ken Zenimura, Fred Yoshikawa, Ed Tsukimura, and George Norikane. Stanton Matsuda kept the scores, statistics and other necessary records of the league for the Baseball Board.

ALL-STARS BEATEN

More than three thousand enthusiastic fans witnessed Florin A's score an undisputed 7 to 2 triumph over the highly touted Central California All Stars in a Service Division Hey Days celebration feature at the Center diamond August 16.

Pre-game prediction favored the All Stars to win since the Central Californians carried a galaxy of dangerous batters on their roster, but it was Herbert Kurima's day without any argument as he held the favorites to six well scattered hits and limited them to two runs.

Bay Region captured the first and second round basketball championship of the Fresno Center League.

Bay Region had a spread zone defense, which was air-tight for the opposing teams to make a basket. Hachi Tominaga and Ich Takeuchi, guards, sparkled on defense each game for the Bay Region quintet. Mo Domoto, mentor, and George Norikane, formerly of Bakerville A. C., and the leading scorer, were the key offensive men for this team.

The Gauchos was the second strongest team in the Class A league with a lineup composed of boys from Hanford and Fresno. Kiyoshi Mori, Yas Chono, Bob Tsutsui, Hiro Kusakai, Satoshi Kusakai, George Ichiba, Jack Matsui, Makoto Sahara, John Nagatani were the smooth-working players for this quintet.

The Cyclones tied for third place with the Bronco Babes. Frank Kebo and Takeo Kunishige both held the height advantages over their opponents, while Fujio (Primo), Nii and Nori Masuda did some fast guard work and spectacular shooting. Occasionally Teruo Tsuruoka took high scoring honors for the Hustling Cyclones, and Harry Murashima and Min Saito were used as substitutes.

Class A	Boys Basketball	W	L
Bay Region		9	1
Gauchos		6	4
Cyclones		5	5
Bronco Babes		5	5
Jeeps		4	6
Fowler		1	9

One of the snappiest and most aggressive teams was the Bronco Babes, tying with the Cyclones for the third place with 5 wins and 5 lost. Fred Yoshikawa managed his team to be the best ball handler among the nomads of the dirt floor. Kiyo Arata, Ray Kato, Hironu Suda, Mike Masuda, Morito

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