

Tartars Face El Segundo In Bay League Closer

The Tartars of Torrance High close their first football season in the Bay League tomorrow night at Redondo Seabawk Bowl by playing host to the grid gang from El Segundo. Kickoff is at 8 p.m.

Neither team has fared too well in the 1947 competition. Torrance entering the finale with two victories in six games while El Segundo has emerged victorious only once in its six starts.

While the outcome of the game will have no bearing at all on the position of Santa Monica at the top of the heap, both teams will be battling all the way in an attempt to salvage something out of the season.

Torrance by winning can gain a tie for fifth place in the final standings. The fifth spot is now held exclusively by Inglewood, but the Indians' chances of dumping undefeated Samohi, their final opponent, are extremely slim. A Torrance loss would enable the visitors to tie the Tartars for sixth place.

Fearing the passing of tomorrow's foe, Tartar Coach Eddie Cole has spent the week drilling on pass defense and more pass defense. His first team has been getting used to El Segundo formations as run by the scrubs and should not be caught flat-footed when the pigskin starts to whistle through the air.

In the line a mighty battle should develop with two potential All-Bay League tackles battering away at each other. The Torrance entry is big Gene Stirling at right tackle while also big Ken Peach will start at left tackle for the visitors.

Coach Cole promised that he will positively start the seniors on the squad in as many positions as possible, after changing his mind at the last minute before the Leuzinger tilt. While some of the boys may not be in too long after the opening kickoff, an all-senior team will trot out on the field to start the evening's festivities.

Possible starting line-ups:

TORRANCE	EL SEGUNDO
Stevenson	Leifer
Donatoni	Peach
Fortin	Craven
Pearson	Escobar
Stirling	Gordon
Hood	Vanderbilt
Seabak	Burns
Morgan	Roche
Bob Turner	Smith
Taylor	Hanley

LOMITANS NIP EAGLES; MEET JAYS SUNDAY

Lomita's larrupin' Merchants took exactly 11 tight frames Sunday to de-plume Hawthorne's proud Eagles, 3-2, before some 1500 curious customers (most of whom claimed they got their 35 cents worth) at Torrance Park (seating capacity 2,000).

As yet undefeated in Double A winter league competition this season, the marvelous Merchants are doing business at the same old stand next Sunday against Gene's Blue Jays, who have been computed by learned Merchant Elliot Gus Muehler to be precisely two runs better than his baseball businessmen.

Here's how Mathematician Muehler works it out: Hawthorne's Eagles got dumped by Inglewood, 11-4; the Blue Jays lost to Inglewood, 11-7, making the Jay 3 runs better than the Eagles. The Merchants beat the Eagles only 3-2. So there you are. (It says here).

The 11th inning was about to become history Sunday as the Merchants put together a double steal and a squeeze play to win the lightest ball game of the winter season.

With the Merchants 2-1 coming up in the last of the 11th John Palica waited out a walk, Gus Muehler sacrificed him to second and Erv Palica's single sent John to third.

The Palicas, at this point, risked a double steal, John getting caught between third and home. The Eagle third sacker obligingly hit John between the shoulder blades allowing him to score as Erv went to third.

Still with one out, brother Nick Palica squeezed Erv home and that was the game.

It was a scoreless contest up to the sixth inning when Catcher Filson of the Eagles teed off on Erv Palica's hard ball and it sailed over the wall in left center field.

The Merchants evened things off in the seventh as Joe More-joseph doubled and went to third on John Palica's fly to right field. Erv Palica singled More-joseph home.

Things stood that way until the first of the 11th, when Eagle Second Sacker Bill Wilson doubled, Wilson's fly sent him to third and Left Fielder Gmur's grounder brought him home amid a popular contention that Gmur was really out at first and the run should not have scored.

Erv Palica, pitching his usual superb game, struck out 12; he also got 3 of the 8 Merchant hits.

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FINAL APPEARANCE... Winding up their football careers for the Torrance Red and Grey are, front row, left to right: Gene Jones; Gil Avalos, Ed Fortin, Jack Koschak, Bill Carstens, Keith Pearson, and Gene Stirling. Back row, left to right: Bob Jones, Al Stevenson, Bob Turner, Bill Morgan, John Brannum, Jack Daniels, and Jack Hood. Missing from the picture is Tom Faren, presently on the injured list. All these players are seniors and will be graduated before another grid season rolls around. Their last home appearance will be against El Segundo tomorrow at Redondo Bowl. (Torrance Herald Photo).

El Camino Sinks San Diego Navy In 15-0 Victory

By HENRY BURKE

Amby Schindler's fighting El Camino Warriors got back in the win column last week when they dumped San Diego Navy 15-0, at Seabawk Bowl before a small Community Chest charity crowd.

Although hit with several injuries, Schindler was able to clean the bench during the evening as Bob Ferguson stood outstanding in both defense and offense. He scored the second TD on a 22-yard end run in which he blocked out two tacklers for the score. Bob, the brother of Bud Ferguson, brilliant guard, also made several spectacular tackles, once nailing a ball carrier trying to reverse his play by way of the end-zone, but an off-side penalty eliminated the safety.

The Warriors looked like the winners on the opening play when Wayne Clifford swept right end for 34 yards, but the rally fell short. After the Sailors took over, they fumbled on their own 15 with the Warriors recovering. Runs by Joe Daher and Clifford paved the way to pay dirt with Clifford going over for the score. Les Kazarian then teed the extra point.

In the third period El Camino marched 70 yards with Ingersoll scoring the last 22 for a TD. Kazarian's try was wide.

Late in the game the Braves rallied to the two, but were backed up to the six yard line and lost the ball on downs. The Bluejackets lost ground on two end sweeps with Jerry Witt getting credit for a safety on the last tackle.

Tomorrow night, the Warriors will travel up to Glendale to take on the Junior College in that city. The Glendale squad dropped a 16-13 decision to San-

Sport Shop

By BOB WILCOX

The little old lady who used to reside on Jive Lane long before it became Rebob Freeway, said to me today:

"The Marine League just ain't hep any more."

I was shocked beyond words that anyone would criticize such a fine tradition as Ye Old Marine League.

"Why," she continued, "Los Angeles City owns more high schools than there are people who want to watch U.S.C. and Michigan in the Rose Bowl."

"Do you mean to tell me that they can find only four teams for the Marine League?"

Still stunned and horrified at this attack on a league which could easily end in a first-place tie among all four participants and thereby make everybody happy, I really hadn't said a word.

"What if some Los Angeles schools are far apart and some big and some small?—there's plenty of high school leagues where a team travels 50 miles or more to play another league school—and none of the leagues are four-teamers, either."

"Er, ah," I said graciously. "And furthermore," she said, "if they don't do something to enlarge this Marine League, I'm in favor of giving football back to the gym classes."

She left before I had time to contradict her.

in Monica C.C. last Friday nite, and should be hot for the El Camino crowd.

TORRANCE TARTARS ROMP OVER LEUZINGER IN EASY 26 TO 6 VICTORY FRIDAY

The Torrance Tartars, dividing their attack between running and passing, scored two touchdowns by each route to roll to an easy 26-6 victory over a hapless Leuzinger squad last Friday night at the home field of their hosts in Lawndale.

The Tartars took an early lead in the first quarter on a pass from Dick Rupert to Jack Hood. The pass was thrown from the Olympian 21 with Hood gathering it in around the seven and stumbling over the goal. Ed Fortin's kick was wide.

Neither team was able to score again in the first half, although Leuzinger took the ball to the Torrance 12-yard marker before losing it on downs. The Tartars reached the Leuzinger nine late in the second period where a third down field goal attempt by Fortin was no good.

With less than a minute to go in the first half, Leuzinger took over on their own 20 and proceeded to throw a pass good for 51 yards down to the Tartar 29, where a desperate shove by Milo Goettsch knocked Leuzinger End Tom Stephenson out of bounds to avert what looked like an Olymp score. The gun ended the second half before the ball went into play again.

Leuzinger tied up the game at six-when they took the opening kick-off of the second half and marched 61 yards in 12 plays, with Quarterback Chuck Bartlett sneaking over from one foot out for the tally. The try for extra point was no good when a run from place-kick formation was broken up.

The Tartars came right back to score following the kick-off. Hood got over the goal on an end around play which was nullified by a 15-yard holding penalty assessed against Torrance. Not fazed in the least, Dick Turner passed to Dick Rupert on a "sleeper" play good for 41 yards and the extra point.

Leuzinger was unable to do anything when they got the ball after the TD and Torrance took over on the Olymp's 32-yard stripe after a fake punt on fourth-and-nine.

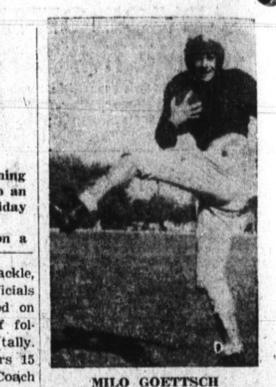
The Tartars stuck to the ground and marched down to the end zone with Bill Morgan adding six points on a two-yard sneak over center. Fortin's conversion was good.

Leuzinger took the ball down to the Torrance 32, but any scoring ideas were broken up when Milo Goettsch intercepted a pass on the 12. The Tartars rolled to their last score on a sustained drive of 88 yards in 13 plays paced by the running of Fullback Jack Taylor, who went the last 16 yards on a cross buck for the score. The try for point was missed and the game ended up with Leuzinger on their own 44 and on the short end of a 26-6 score.

Taylor, Goettsch, and Morgan were the big three for the Tartars on rushing, rolling up 149 yards between them. Morgan was the workhorse for the squad, carrying the pigskin 13 times for 48 yards and an average of 3.7 yards per try. Goettsch had the top average for the Tartars, going 35 yards in 4 trips for an 8.75 mark, while Taylor rolled up the largest individual total, 66 yards in 9 times for a respectable 7.3 average.

The passing Richards, Rupert and Turner, turned in a superb job of pitching, connecting with receivers 9 times in 10 tosses. Turner did the biggest part of the throwing with Rupert used more for his defensive ability.

In the line it was Gene Stirling as usual leading a group of blood-thirsty Tartars who pushed the Leuzinger backs and linemen around viciously. Goettsch repeated his fine offensive record on defense, turning in his best game of the season. The game turned into a "knockdown, drag-out" affair early in the third period after



MILO GOETTSCH A Desperate Shove...

Marine Loop Leaders Fail To Impress

San Pedro and Gardena, co-leaders in the Marine League race, both annexed unimpressive victories Friday, the Pirates nudging Banning, 12-8, and the Mohicans shading Narbonne, 18 to 14.

Quarterback George Grigh tossed touchdown passes of 30 yards to Bill Wagner and 10 yards to Fred Ide to beat Banning on his home lot after Banning had taken a 6-0 lead in the opening canto on Montzory's recovery of Rainie's fumble in the end zone.

Gardena had to come from behind to take the invading Quachos, who rang up two quick touchdowns for a 14-0 first-quarter margin. Jimmy Charles scored twice for the Mohicans and Don Bahman passed eight yards to Norman Earley for the deciding tally.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp.
San Pedro	4	1	0	300	102
Gardena	4	1	0	293	75
Narbonne	4	4	1	200	69
Banning	1	4	0	200	34
Next Friday's games:					
Narbonne					at San Pedro
Gardena					at Banning

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Player	AB	H	R	A	O
N. Palica, ss	4	1	1	0	0
Roberts, lf	4	1	1	0	0
Hobbs, 2b	4	1	0	0	0
Williams, 1b	3	0	1	1	0
Gibb, cf	4	1	0	0	0
More-joseph, cf	4	2	1	0	0
J. Palica, rf	4	0	0	0	0
Muehler, c	6	0	0	0	0
E. Palica, p	4	3	2	0	0
Welch, lb (8)	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	37	8	33	13	0

HAWTHORNE EAGLES

Player	AB	H	R	A	O
Jackson, ss	5	0	1	4	0
Wilson, 2b	4	2	4	0	0
Smith, rf	5	1	0	0	0
Gmur, lf	5	0	0	0	0
Ward, 1b	4	0	1	0	0
Dixon, cf	4	0	0	0	0
Saras, cf	4	0	0	0	0
Petrini, p	2	0	0	0	0
Jules, p (10)	1	0	0	0	0
N. Gmur, cf (10)	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	5	31	11	0

Score by Innings:

Hawthorne: 000 001 000 01-2
Lomita: 000 000 100 02-3
Errors—Wichel, Blair, Dill, 2B—Morlosten, 2; Blair, HR—Wilson, SB—E. Palica, 3; Wilson, SAC—Muehler, 2B—Lomita, 1; Hawthorne, 5; RBt—N. Palica, Wilson, Gmur; SO by Palica, 12; Hit batsmen—5 by Jules, none. Winning pitcher—Erv Palica. Loss—Jules.

STRIPERS TAKEN

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