TORRANCE HERALD

Sports

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Tartars Face Valencia Tomorrow To Open Basketball Season

With the football season over and done with, basketball looms large in the limelight at Torrance High school, with the first practice game with Valencia scheduled for 7 p.m., tomorrow.

Coach Cliff Graybehl will handle the varsity hoopsters with Eddie Cole tutoring the B team. Leading the varsity cagers on the floor will be Jack Turner, captain of the squad and one of two returning lettermen.

Turner has been drilling the basketball hopefuls informally since the beginning of the semester while Coach Graybehl was busy with B football and the team was in fair shape physically for the official beginning of practice this week.

Rounding out the potential first varsity five were Paul Smith, 6'2½" guard, the other returning letterman from last year's team which won only one game in the Marine league; two B lettermen, Bob Chambers, 5'11" center, and Bob Voien, 5'9" guard; and Phil Gill, 5'11" transfer from Richmond, who plays guard. Turner is a forward.

Coach Graybehl is expecting several members of both vasity and B football squads to try out for the squad. Twelve men have been working out, with the full strength of the team to be about 15 players tomorrow at game time.

The B hoopsters are even more of a puzzle with no lettermen returning from last year. Coach Cole will be starting from scratch and will be using his practice games to pick out his regular season's starting five.

The Valencia squad, coached by Don MacKinzie, is reputed to be loaded with cage talent and will present a tough hurdle for the Tartars in their first match.

The Tartar varsity and B squads have scheduled 19 games for the season, two each with seven Bay league opponents and five practice games. In addition, the B team has an extra practice game at Lynwood on Dec. 10.

The card features 10 home games with the varsity and B's playing doubleheaders and nine road twin bills. During the first half of the league schedule, the C and D hoops squads will meet the C and D teams from the same school that the varsity and B's play. These games will be played at the same time as the varsity doubleheaders with the C's and D's playing away during the home games and at home during the varsity road games.

The games Scheduled for Tuesdays will be played in the afternoon at either 2:45 or 3 p.m. while Friday home games are scheduled for the evening. There is a possibility that some Friday afternoon games will be shifted to the evenings.

Here are the complete Torrance basketball schedules:

PRACTICE GAMES

Dec. 5	Valencia	7 p.m. x
Dec. 8	Downey	3 p.m. x
Dec. 12	Valencia	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	Newport	2:45 p.m.
Dec. 19	Saint Monica	3 p.m. x
Jan. 3	Compton	6 p.m.

LEAGUE GAMES

Jan. 6	Redondo	3 p.m.
Jan. 9	Jordan	7 p.m. x
Jan. 13	Inglewood	2:45 p.m. x
Jan. 16	Santa Monica	2:45 p.m.
Jan. 20	Beverly Hills	2:45 p.m.
Jan. 23	Leuzinger	2:45 p.m.
Jan. 27	El Segundo	2:45 p.m. x
Jan. 30	Redondo	7 p.m. x
Feb. 3	Jordan	2:45 p.m.
Feb. 6	Inglewood	2:45 p.m.
Feb. 10	Santa Monica	2:45 p.m. x
Feb. 13	Beverly Hills	7 p.m. x
Feb. 17	Leuzinger	2:45 p.m. x
Feb. 20	El Segundo	2:45 p.m.

x—Home Games

C AND D TEAM SCHEDULE

Jan. 6	Redondo x
Jan. 9	Jordan
Jan. 13	Inglewood
Jan. 16	Santa Monica x
Jan. 20	Beverly Hills x
Jan. 23	Leuzinger x
Jan 27	El Segundo

x—Home Games.

All games played at 2:45 p. m.

Merchants Mop Up San Pedro Slav Club, 11-3

Erv Palica fanned 10 as the potent Merchants took an easy 11-3 Tranksgiving Day victory over the San Pedro Jugoslav-American club at Torrance Park.

The Merchant chucker limited the San Pedrans to eight safe blows while he and his mates were garnering 11.

Charley Weichel led the Lomitans in the hitting department, smashing out a pair of doubles and a homerun in five attempts.

Tex Roberts of the Merchants connected for three hits while Bobby Balcena and John Prizmich led the J-A's with two each.

SLAV CLUB	AB	R	H	PO	A
Marinkovich, lf	3	0	0	4	0
Machado, 1b	4	0	0	6	0
Legaspi, ss	4	1	1	1	2
Balcena, cf	4	1	2	4	0
Prizmich, 3b	4	0	2	2	2
Chuka, 2b	4	0	1	2	2
Guglielmo, c	4	0	1	3	0
Benedetti, rf	3	0	0	2	0
xZar	1	0	0	0	0
Saggiani, p	4	1	1	0	2
Totals	35	3	8	24	8

x—Zar hit for Benedetti in 9th.

LOMITA	AB	R	H	PO	A
A. Palica, cf	4	0	1	0	0
N. Palica, ss	5	0	0	1	4
B. Hobbs, 2b	5	2	1	1	1
Whelchel, 1b	4	1	2	3	0
Roberts, lf	5	2	3	0	0
T. Palica, rf	5	1	0	1	0
Torres, 3b	3	1	1	1	1
Muehler, c	3	1	1	11	1
E. Palica, p	3	1	1	2	2
Totals	37	11	11	27	9

Slav Club	000 000 030—3
Lomita	012 004 31x—11

Errors, Legaspi, Prizmich, N. Palica. Runs batted in, A. Palica 3, Whelchel 2, Roberts 3, Torres 1, Muehler 2, E. Palica 1, Balcena 2. Two-base hits, Balcena, Whelchel 2. Three-base hit, E. Palica. Home run, Whelchel. Left on bases, Slav Club, 6; Lomita, 7. Bases on balls, Saggiani, 4; E. Palica 1. Strikeouts, Saggiani, 8; E. Palica, 10. Hit by pitcher, by Saggiani (A. Palica). Umpires, Cook and Coleman. Time 2:10.

'4-Star' Main Event In Bowl Fights Tomorrow

Eight of the most popular amateur fighters in the Harbor area have been matched for a "four-star" main event to headline the weekly amateur fight show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow night. Preliminaries will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Cliff Barnett, popular Long Beach welterweight, takes on Wilmington's Leo Miller; Tony Grich, sensational San Pedran who's still riding high with only one defeat in his fight career, faces Chet Williams; Tony Contreras, Wilmington lightweight, draws Bobby Corkhill and in the first of the headliners Bobby Trujillo of San Pedro squares off against Johnny Turner.

It's a promising revival of "club" boxing at the Bowl following two sensational shows which pitted the local boys against the cream of all Mexico, the 1948 Mexican Olympic Games team.

Promoter-matchmaker Joe Craig has four additional prelims billed, the first starting at 8:30 p.m., with Art Rabonza, Georgie Jacquet, Joe Villalobos and others slated for action.

"CLOUD-TINTED"

The term "Minnesota" was first applied to the river of that name and probably means "cloud-tinted water," according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The world is of Sioux Indian origin.

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TRICK RIDER . . . Ray Berwick, trick roping artist, is shown performing some of his tricks from the back of his movie horse "Silver" as part of the "Movieland Animal Star" revue to be presented in the Civic Auditorium Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The revue features dogs, a donkey, bears, monkeys, birds, and other acts. Two performances will be presented on each of the three days, at 4:15 and 8:15 p.m.

Sport Shop

By ARNOLD YELLIN

Coach Cliff Graybehl has taken off his blue coat and put on his brown one, thereby transforming his identity from coach of Torrance high B football to coach of Torrance high varsity basketball.

In turn, Coach Eddie Cole has taken off his brown coat and put on his blue coat to undergo the transformation from Torrance high varsity football coach to Torrance high B basketball coach.

Genial Cliff is starting his first year with our boys, and although prospects look none too bright, far be it from him to fret and fuss. He has been busy with his grid charges and hasn't even had a chance to get acquainted with his hoopsters, who have been working out under the watchful eye of Jack Turner, squad captain.

Cliff is familiar with the Bay league cage competition, having done his bit for Santa Monica high several years ago. His personal hoop experience also extended to Santa Monica junior college and as player-coach of the Fort MacArthur five for three years during the war. He restricted his career to football while at Santa Barbara college.

"The Bay league is real basketball from the word go," warned Cliff. "It doesn't look too good for the Tartars, having won only a singleton while dropping seven in the Marine loop last year."

Graybehl refused to be cornered and trapped into naming his choice to walk off with top honors in the league."Beverly Hills is loaded and so is Santa Monica," according to the coach. "And E Segundo is always coming up with a good club every year," he added. "You can't figure them; they're all tough."

So, with his coach's traditional cry of: "It looks bad but we'll do our best," Graybehl went off to the gym to explain to five tall, gangling youths that "this round object I am holding is known as a basketball. The object of the game is to throw the basketball through that hoop."

No, it's not quite that bad, but to listen to Cliff, you'd think it was!

Word reaches us that Anthony Zamperini, father of Pete and Lou, the athletic Zamperini boys, was scheduled to undergo surgery earlier this week at St. Vincent's hospital in Los Angeles. The operation was a major one and we're all wishing Mr. Zamperini a speedy recovery.

Ah me, another football season over and done with. Of course, there are a couple or three big battles left, like Southern California and Notre Dame Saturday and those same unfortunate Trojans and mighty Michigan on New Year's day. What a horrible fate for any outfit to face these two clubs in any one particular season, no less in two consecutive games. It is a fitting punishment for my buddy, Cravath, for picking wrong on the University of Illinois every week this season except against Michigan. I wish it were Illinois in the Rose Bowl again this year; we'd show them . . . This is a very safe statement because they are not in the Rose Bowl. Or had you heard!

NHS Cagers Top Jordan

Narbonne's hoop varsity and basketball B's made it a double victory last week over Long Beach Jordan.

The varsity came through, 44-27, while the Bees triumphed over the Jordan lights, 34-26.

NARBONNE (44)		JORDAN (27)
Nesbit, 10	f	Berry, 1
Schlidmeyer, 8	f	Dyer, 1
Pettit, 2	c	Miller, 1
Gaseley, 9	g	Klingenamith, 8
Yeargin, 7	g	Schwartz, 2
Presenius, 6	sub	Carpenter, 8
Welsh,	sub	Williams, 5

NARBONNE (34)		JORDAN (26)
Admire, 1	f	Briggs, 8
Wada, 9	f	McGahan, 14
Fisk, 10	c	Scherver, 4
Markeley, 3	g	Judy, 0
Mattison, 4	g	Archeluta, 0
Ryan, 3	sub	
Stark, 4	sub	

Tartars Close With 14-7 Win Over Fallbrook

The Torrance Tartars wrote "finis" to the 1947 football season Thursday with a 14-7 victory over little Fallbrook high school, champions of the C.I.F. Southern league.

Sparked by the powerful line smashes of Gil Bennett, Tartar fullback who was ineligible for the regular Bay league season, and the brilliant end play of Captain Jack Hood, Torrance turned in one of its most impressive games of the season.

Bennett scored the first touchdown on a 7-yard power play over left tackle in the following quarter following a Torrance drive that was good for four first downs in a row. Halfback Bill Morgan scored in the second period on an off-tackle play that was good for 68 yards and six points. Center Eddie Fortin converted after each tally.

The Tartars completely outclassed their Thanksgiving hosts, gaining 14 first downs to Fallbrook's three. Torrance had one touchdown called back when the officials ruled that the "sleeper" play was illegal. Two other chances slipped through the hands of the local lads by fumbles, once on the 16-yard line and another on the nine.

The lone Fallbrook TD came in the fourth quarter on a beautiful jump pass by Halfback Ralph Crawford to his end, John Meranda, who leaped up between two Torrance defenders in the end zone to snag the pigskin.

Late in the first half, the Fallbrook boys were knocking on the door, with a first down on Torrance's six-yard marker. A line plunge was stopped less than one foot away from the goal line, but on the next play Jack Hood smashed through the line to throw Crawford for a 17-yard loss.

The victory enabled Coach Eddie Cole's gridders to wind up with a record for the season of five wins, four defeats and one tie. The tie and two of the wins were in non-league games; the Tartars had a won-and-lost record of three and four in Bay league competition.

Marine League Hoop Sked

Dec. 9—NARBONNE AT BANNING; Gardena at San Pedro
Dec. 12—SAN PEDRO AT NARBONNE; Banning at Gardena
Dec. 16—NARBONNE AT GARDENA; San Pedro at Banning
Dec. 18—BANNING AT NARBONNE; San Pedro at Gardena
Jan. 9—NARBONNE AT SAN PEDRO; Gardena at Banning
Jan. 13—GARDENA AT NARBONNE; Banning at San Pedro
Cee and Dee teams play same schedule at opposite schools.
All-city hoop turney slated for January 19-23 at Hollywood.
Bee games to be played at Manual Arts.

SERVICE CLUBS FORM COORDINATING COUNCIL

Formation of a Torrance United Service Organization to act as a coordinating council for the various local service clubs has been announced.

The action was taken at the meeting of the Torrance 20-30 club last week when representatives of Moose, Lions, Rotary, Junior Women, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Kiwanis met with the hosts to discuss plans for joint sponsorship of a community float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade Jan. 1.

Also at the meeting were Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. and Councilmen Bronson C. Buxton and Albert L. Jackson, who praised the formation of such a group as worthwhile in that it would fill a definite community need.

The idea of a Torrance Tournament of Roses association to sponsor a float each year was dropped in favor of the U.S.O. which would handle this project and others in which all clubs would cooperate for the benefit of the community.

The parade float would not be the only project undertaken by the organization, with plans for a municipal swimming pool being considered also. All such projects where the community would benefit as a whole would be handled by the group rather than by individual clubs, insuring cooperation.

The U.S.O. would also act as a coordinating group in that one club could plan for a certain date and through the council it could be adjusted so that no other club would hold a conflicting activity.

Representatives of the Moose, Junior Women, American Legion and V.F.W. stated that their groups would take out membership while the others showed enthusiasm for the plan but asked for time to bring the matter up for discussion at their meetings.

The U.S.O. would consist of two representatives from every local organization which sought membership. Van Barnard, Torrance 20-30 club, was named temporary chairman of the group.

LOMITA PARK HARBOR HILLS START PLAYOFFS

Lomita Park plays the first round of the county football playoffs against Harbor Hills on Saturday afternoon, it was announced this week.

Senior, Junior, and Midget teams will be entered.

The games will be played at the project.

40-0 Victory Marks End Of EC Grid Year

By HENRY BURKE

Amby Schindler and Johnny Morrow can feel proud of their first El Camino football team and the way the Warriors finished the season in a blaze of glory Thanksgiving day by trouncing the Santa Barbara junior varsity, 40-0.

Starting the season with a 7-0 upset over Ventura, the Warriors followed with wins over Taft, 45-6; Bakersfield, 9 to 6; San Diego, 7-0; El Centro, 28-6; and San Diego Navy, 15-0. Losses were only to Santa Monica, 7-6 and East L.A., 6-0, with a 7-7 tie with Glendale completing the record.

The score of the Santa Barbara game resembles a hard offensive attack, but it was the Warrior line that caused most damage to the Grouchos as the locals came up with excellent blocking and tackling.

The first time Schindler's boys got the ball, they marched 70 yards to pay dirt on five first downs with Wayne Clifford crossing over from the two.

Jim McGhee helped make it 12-0 in the second period when he intercepted a Groucho pass on the 45; after running the ball to the 28, he lateraled to Dick Contreras, who in turn scampered the remaining yards to score.

After Les Kazarian kicked off, the Barbarians picked up only four yards; their attempted punt was blocked by Don Cadoo, Wyatt Golliday falling on the ball in the end zone for the third score. Kazarian converted, and it was 19-0 at half time.

Soon after the second half opened, Bill Peters connected with two passes to Clifford, the latter giving Wayne his second TD. Kazarian again converted.

On Kazarian's next kickoff, El Camino recovered the free ball on the 29, and three plays later, Lorenzo Gomez scampered 18 yards to make it 32-0. The "Turk" again converted. The final score came in the closing period when Bob Ingersoll plunged four yards to score after a 65-yard Warrior march.

El Camino		Santa Barbara
Langer	LE	Padilla
Kazarian	LT	Kellogg
G. Ingersoll	LG	Brovowsky
Sauer	C	Mount
Rhine	RG	Abernathy
Foster	RT	Andrews
Carter	RE	Schultz
Peters	QB	Scrugrs
Clifford	LH	MacAadm
Gustavson	RH	Holloway
B. Ingersoll	FB	Condradi

El Camino scoring: touchdowns—Clifford, 2; B. Ingersoll, Gomez, Contreras, Golliday. Conversions — Kazarian, 4.

HAYNES, McCLURE AT WILMINGTON BOWL WEDNESDAY

Johnny Haynes, 6 ft., 4 in., 240-pound Los Angeles heavyweight who has met the best in the fight game, and Billy McClure, a young Pacific Coast prospect, will clash in the 10-round main event of the pro fight show at the Wilmington Bowl next Wednesday night.

Haynes gained international fame with his fight against Arturo Godoy two years ago at Los Angeles and is now in a spot to be a real test for the youngster, who has many rave notices from astute fight leaders of Southern California.

A six-round semi-windup, and four fast four-round prelims starting at 8:30 p.m., will complete the show.

SAN PEDRO CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT TO START JAN. 14

The championship tournament of the San Pedro Chess club will begin Jan. 14, with entries open until Jan. 24, announces Fred Cadien, club secretary.

Harbor area chess enthusiasts are invited to join the club, which meets from 7 to 10 p.m., every Wednesday at Anderson Memorial playground, Ninth & Mesa streets, San Pedro. The tournament is open to club members only.

Revolver Scores

Torrance Police Revolver scores for the week ending Nov. 30:

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Tenpin Topics

By EVA "Toots" YARBROUGH

It looks as if Bill King rolled himself the high league game of the week by pounding the maples to the tune of 237 in the Tuesday night scratch. "Pop" Jepson fell only five pins short with his 232-588 for high series. W. Smittle was the star of the Dicalite league with 222, then along came A. Nicksich in the Swing Shift and matched it with a 222 of his own. Peary Quigley rolled himself a nice 218-557, Ralph Marzulla pounded out a 211-559, Nick Comereski and Harold Bret had a 210 each and Jess Crawford just barely reached the mark with an even 200.

Klip Donofrio ran away with the feminine spotlight this week with a high game of 206 and very high series of 548. Lila Lee topped her series last week with 599 but somehow we missed her. Sorry, Lila.

Glancing at the team standings we see Workers' Cafe on top in the Industrial and Rogers Liquor leading the 800 scratch. The Buckeroos are still leading the 6:45 Mixed by four games. Victory Trailer Park, Richfield Service and V. & H. Garage are in a three-way tie for first in the 8:45 Mixed.

Although V. & H. Garage took all three games from Howards Realty last Friday night, Howards still maintains a five-game lead in the 560 Ladies Classic. The Slickers are leading the National Supply Swing Shift league by four games.

Three of our bowlers came home last week and we surely were glad to see them. Jack Derham was in Wednesday night after an absence of several weeks due to illness. We expect to see you bowling again befre too long, Jack. Also, Mary and Bill Myers moved back from Redwood City and joined our happy circle once again. Welcome home, Mary and Bill.

Harry Blanchard won himself a case of beer Thanksgiving day by rolling the high game of the day of 255. Harry plans to share his winnings with his team mates on Monday night.

1947 Grand Prix Races Set For Carrell's Sunday

One of the greatest racing feuds in the history of Pacific Coast Roadster Hot Rod racing will be climaxed at the Carrell Speedway, 174th and Vermont, Gardena, Sunday with the staging of the 1947 Grand Prix championship event.

The feud—a hot-point battle between Troy Ruttman of Oklahoma, who missed last week's racing because of a faulty car and ultimately lost the lead in the title race, and Jack McGrath of South Pasadena, who took over the lead by taking a second place in the main event—will be climaxed when the two hot drivers are expected to qualify for the featured six-car, six-lap Grand Prix.

There will be two main events, both for 25 laps, with 12 drivers qualifying for each of the races, and the fastest three in each going into the Grand Prix.

Qualifying will begin at 12 noon, with the first race, a three-lap trophy dash for the two fastest qualifying cars, opening the 100-lap racing show beginning at 2 p.m.

BILLER JOINS SAN PEDRO A.C. GRID SQUAD

Paul Biller, former Narbonne grid ace, last week was voted into the San Pedro Athletic club.

He will fill in on the S.P.A.C. grid squad at left half when the San Pedro club meets Texas all-star team in the Angel Bowl tilt December 28.

MOHICANS TOP ALL-OPPONENT TEAM AT NHS

Seven Gardena Mohicans made the Narbonne football varsity's 1947 all-opponent team as announced by Coach Sheldon Loughborough.

The team was chosen in balloting by Gaucho squad which met each team in the Marine League twice.

The first team:

Ends—Norman Earley, Gardena and Fred Ihde, San Pedro. Tackles—Myron Schlagel and Rassie Harper, both of Gardena. Guards—Hotchkis, Simonian, Gardena and Fred Grgich, San Pedro.

Backs—Don Bahrman, Gardena; Raul Hernandez, Gardena; Bill Wagner, San Pedro; James Charles, Gardena. Geo. Grgich of San Pedro made special mention as blocking back.

Honorable mention went to the following: Ends—Pete Carr, San Pedro, and Eugene Peterson, Gardena. Tackles—George Cassell, Banning, and Pandora, San Pedro. Guards—Paul Martinez, Banning, and Russell White, Gardena. Center Don Takahashi, Gardena. Backs—Melvin Greenfield, Bill Raine, Bob McKenzie and Don Gulley, all of Banning.

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