

Professional Wrestling Comes To Torrance Next Thursday

Local Policeman 'Tex' Beal, Terry McGinnis On First Bill

Professional wrestling will come to Torrance next week despite the efforts of outside promoters to block charity exhibitions here.

And a local wrestler, Leonard J. "Tex" Beal, well-known traffic officer, will be on the first card. Net proceeds of the first exhibition next Thursday will go to the March of Dimes. Profits from future twice-monthly exhibitions will go to other local charities and welfare projects of the Optimists and other Torrance service clubs.

Also to be featured on the first card will be "Terrible Terry" McGinnis, the Mayor of Westchester, a favorite at Wilmington Bowl and recent exhibitions at Redondo Beach.

A license for the exhibitions was won by Delbert Vaughn, chairman of the wrestling committee of the sponsoring Optimists Club, Tweed Jolly, club president, and Committeeman Shorty Darrow, who drove to Bakersfield last Saturday to meet with the State Athletic Commission there.

They successfully overrode protests lodged by Wilmington and Long Beach wrestling promoters by pointing out that Long Beach is too far away for competition, and Thursday wrestling here would not conflict with Tuesday wrestling at Wilmington.

Vaughn, named matchmaker for local wrestling, said he has definitely signed "Tex" Beal and McGinnis, and will have a full card outlined by next week, including some top names in wrestling.

First matches will begin next Thursday in Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Former Tartars Win Warrior Letters
Ken Kesson and Paul Smith, former Tartar eagles, won letters in basketball at El Camino this year with eight teammates, it was announced this week. The Warriors finished the season in second place in the Metropolitan League.

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'Tex' Beal Makes Mat Debut Here

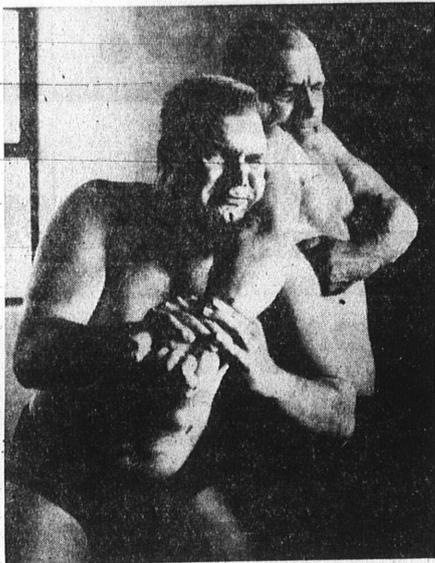
Local wrestling fans have an extra treat in store next Thursday when Torrance's first professional matches are held at Civic Auditorium.

Leonard J. "Tex" Beal, well-known traffic officer—the one who rides the three-wheeled motorcycle around town tagging cars—will be in the ring for his first public bout, wrestling a "mystery man" from Los Angeles.

"Tex," who is 26 and lives at 1691 1/2 Gramercy avenue with his wife, signed up for a bout as soon as he learned the Optimists' wrestling was a reality.

He said he could take on anyone in his weight class—220 pounds, heavyweight division. So Delbert Vaughn, who is matchmaker for bouts here, said he had a "mystery man" coming from Los Angeles next week, to meet "Tex."

"Tex," who has been riding the traffic tricycle a year, said he learned wrestling from an old-time professional wrestler, "Doc" Mulligan, when "Tex" was growing up in Texarkana, Tex. "Mulligan, who originally hailed from San Diego, hit Texarkana often in those days and lived near the Beals home when in town. He taught "Tex" a lot before "Tex" skipped off and joined the Marines when he was about 15. The Marines, incidentally, learned about the decep-



"TEX" BEAL AND MENTOR "WILD BULL FIRPO" . . . Mentor Would Give Right Arm For Protege—Herald photo.

tion in his age and kicked him out by the time he reached 16.

From then on until he arrived in Torrance to work in the Police Department in 1945, "Tex" was, variously, a fireman on the Texarkana-Fort Worth run of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, and then saw battle action in the Philippines during two years in the Navy.

"Tex" wants to give most credit for his wrestling ability, though, to Virgil Fairchild, a 45-year-old professional wrestler, who has been touring the arenas for 25 years under the title of "Wild Bull Firpo," a moniker he says was given him by the original boxer, Firpo, long billed as "The Wild Bull of the Pampas."

He has been working with

Billy Stewart's High Jump Still Stands at L. B.

Nine years after he jumped six feet, seven and 15-16 inches, Torrance's Billy Stewart's high jump record in the Long Beach Relays, still stands after the 17th annual relays were held last Saturday.

High jump honors this year were divided between Mel Martin of San Jose State College, and Manuel Ronquillo, USC freshman, who both jumped six feet, four and 3-8 inches. Joe Paige, San Diego State College, was third with six feet, four inches.

Stewart once copped the world's record the same year, 1941, with a 6 feet ten and a half inch jump, only to lose it 30 minutes later to Les Steers, whose six feet, 11-inch record still stands.

Stewart was killed over Germany while serving in the Air Force during the war. Some members of his family still live in this vicinity.

jittery about his first public bout next Thursday. Afraid of the "mystery man"? Oh, no. He's thinking about the many persons who have received parking tickets from him and may be within pop bottle range of him around the ring.

Tartar Star Miler Johnnie Kulp On Crutches After Track Mishap

The Tartars lost their star miler Johnnie Kulp this week when he ruptured a ligament in his right leg while running the mile in a three-way meet at Santa Monica between Torrance, Leuzinger and Santa Monica.

Coach Rex Welch said Johnnie had complained slightly before the race that his leg hurt a little and Welch said he advised Kulp not to run or to drop out if it bothered him during the race.

Johnnie said it didn't seem to bother him much until close to the end of the race when he suddenly became lame and finished second in a slow 5:05 race won by Kolb from Santa Monica.

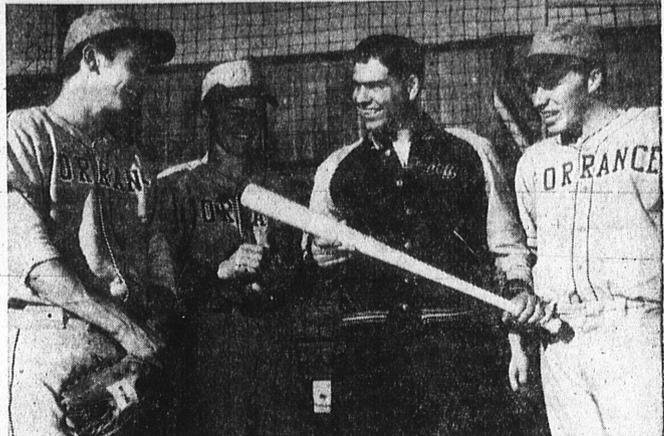
The Tartars won the Cee-class events with a final score of 47 1/2 with 22 1/2 for Leuzinger and 17 for Santa Monica. Jack O'Call's pole vaulting was the bright spot of the event. Jack sailed over the stick at 10 feet, which was three inches better than any of his previous efforts.

Leo Valencia won the 1320 in Bee competition at 3:39, five seconds better than his previous best of 3:44 last week. Jerry Downing took a photo finish second in the 660, won by Wood of Santa Monica at 1:32.5. Torrance came off second in that class with 35 points, Santa



JOHNNIE KULP No More Milling For Tartars—Herald photo.

Sports



WAR COUNCIL . . . Baseball Coach Cliff Graybehl is holding close counsel these days with the stars of his baseball nine as he plans strategy in which these three can figure heavily. Left to right here at the City Park diamond are Catcher Jim Taylor, Shortstop Billy Crawford, Graybehl and Pitcher Wendell Vaughn.—Herald photo.

Graybehl Builds Tartar Nine Toward Next Year

The Tartar horsehide whackers were really happy this week. They got to whack the horsehide a few times in a game with Banning.

Banning won the game, 8-3, but you would have to know the Tartars' previous scores in games with Narbonne and San Pedro to realize how happy they are. And since we are Tartar partisans, we won't tell you those scores.

In fact, the first two games would almost have to be counted off as batting practice games, for the brand new Tartar nine had none before they floundered onto the diamond their first two tries. Other teams around here have been playing since January.

From now on, though, Coach Cliff Graybehl says it's going to be different. And he proved it Tuesday afternoon when he held Gardner to a 4-3 win at Gardner with Victor Ordaz shining as a home run star.

Only one of Graybehl's present players, Jim Taylor, had any high school baseball experience before the beginning of this season. Wendell Vaughn, his other returning letterman, is out, at least temporarily, with a bad right arm he sprained lifting weights. He was the leading hitter for the Tartars last

year and is badly needed. Sizing up his team which he is certain will begin giving other teams trouble before long, Cliff is probably happiest about Billy Crawford, sophomore shortstop, whom, he says, is probably "only one of the best ball players he has ever coached—shhhhh—quote big league material unquote."

He feels he has a freshman find, too, in Jimmie Murphy, who is holding down second base and batting around .370. Tad Minura, a senior, out only a week, is doing all right as an outfielder. Cliff says, Victor Ordaz, a junior, is doing so well at left field, he may be switched to center. He hopes to hold Senior Rip Carlisle on third base.

His pitching lineup to date is

Jim Nady, a junior, Charlie Camou, a sophomore, and Larry Roy, a freshman.

If you'll look back through those names, you'll notice how few are seniors. And that's what Cliff is counting on. The Tartars may not have a great team this year, or even next year, but two years from now, Cliff says he may well have one of the best teams Torrance has ever had.

"These boys don't quit," he said. "They play like the score is nothing to them. It's actually 15-0 against them," (oops, we're telling scores when we promised ourselves we wouldn't). "By the time we get to that Inglewood game, we should know just how good we can be this year."

Schedule for the Tartars follows:

Date	Opposing Team	Where
March 16	St. Anthony	Here
March 21	Huntington Beach	Here
March 23	Inglewood	Here
March 27	Huntington Beach	Here
March 29	Santa Ana	Here
April 18	Beverly Hills	Here
April 18	Longwood	Here
April 20	Leuzinger	Here
April 22	Westchester	Here
April 27	San Joaquin	Here
May 4	Redondo	Here
May 9	Westchester	Here
May 11	Jordan	Here

All League games. All games will be played at 3 p.m., according to present schedules, except the May 4 Westchester game now set for 2:30 p.m.

Duane Picks 'Em

All City League Basketball Teams Picked by Scorer

By DUANE MITTAN
All league teams are always a good taking off point for arguments and here is my opinion right now to start a discussion on the players I think would belong on all division teams in the City Basketball League.

For a first team in the Black division, I would pick them as follows:

First team in the Black division—Jim Halle of the Teachers, right forward; Dude Olsen of National Supply, left forward; Danny Espinoza of Prodan-Foote, center; Bud Walker of Prodan-Foote, right guard; and Jack Turner of Fenwick's, left guard.

Second team in the Black division—Artie Espinoza of Prodan-Foote, right forward; Al Widner of Torrance Merchants, left forward; Lonnie Lee of Fenwick's, center; Norman Ross of the Merchants, right guard; and George Lee of Fenwick's, left guard.

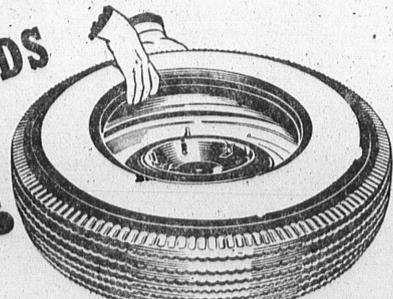
First team in the Blue division—Don Merrill of Redondo Sea Foods, right forward; Frank Bowman of the Harbor Hospital Does, left forward; Herb Curley of Columbia Steel, center; Duke Mass of the Does, right guard; and Allen Hofferber of the Does, left guard.

Second team in the Blue division—Dick Gresham of Lovelady, right forward; Ed Hanson of Walteria, left forward; Bob Foreman of Lovelady Hardware, center; John Kemp of Redondo Sea Foods, right guard; and John Roddy of the Does, left guard.

All right, what's your pick?

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