

Samohi Goes Into CIF Football Finals

Santa Monica's football Vikings vaulted into the CIF finals after blowing hot and cold (and almost the game) in a 7-7 tie contest with Redlands Friday night.

The decision to put Samohi into the finals was reached on the basis of first downs, where the Vikings had a 10-6 edge.

Harbor Major Touch Football Begins Today

The Harbor area major touch football leagues will kick off today at Daniels Field in San Pedro.

Ten teams are entered for the best turnout in history. They are composed of former high school and college stars and are loaded with talent.

Led by the undefeated "Y" Dolphins, champs for the past two years, the games on Sunday are:

9 a.m.—Mary Star of the Sea vs. Union Men's Wear of Wilmington.

10 a.m.—YMCA Dolphins vs. A. K. Wilson Lumber of Compton.

11 a.m.—National Electric (Torrance) vs. Lomita.

Noon—San Pedro Boys Club vs. Red and Blacks of Wilmington.

1 p.m.—Truman Boyd of Long Beach vs. Gardena.

These games will provide the teams an opportunity to get some contest experience before the league starts next week. All spectators are admitted free, and the fast-and-furious action that these teams provide is well worth watching. They feature terrific throwing and catching offenses.

Harbor Cage Leagues Set

Harbor municipal basketball leagues will start in the next two weeks, four divisions: major, minor, industrial and church caliber. These recreational leagues will be played at various gyms throughout the harbor area.

There are still openings for a few more teams to enter play and managers interested are urged to call Bob Hodgins, Harbor Sports director, at Terminal 44700, as soon as possible for information.

These leagues are sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Harbor Sports Division.

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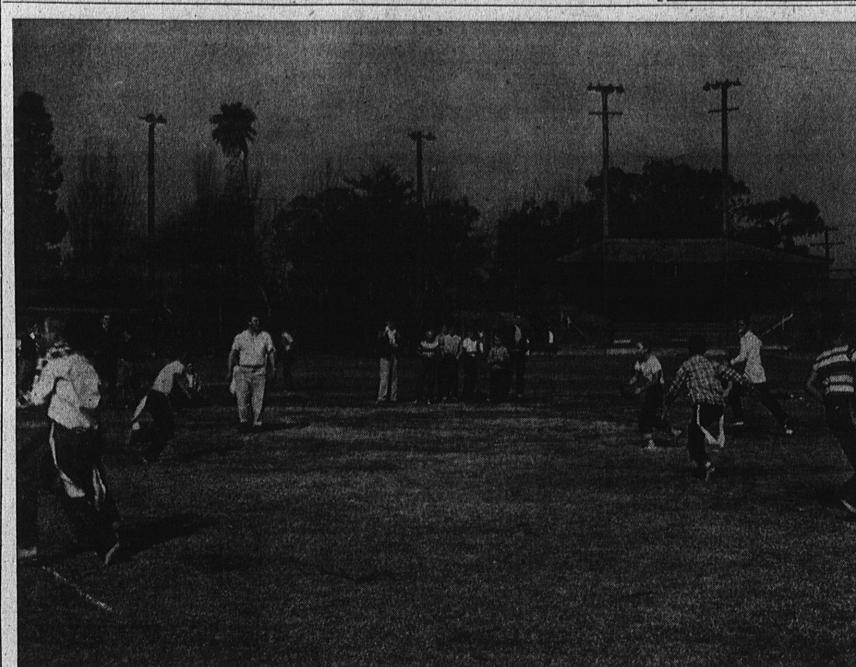
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FLAG FOOTBALL ... Mickey Babbitt (with ball) prepares to fling a long pass as the flag football season closed yesterday at Torrance Park. Just under 100 boys competed in four quarters of play. Babbitt quarterbacked the Green team which waxed the Walteria aggregation in the second period of play, 21-6. Officials shown are Dan Mayers, on left, and Jerry Neely, with whistle in mouth. The contest was played under the auspices of the City Recreation Department and the YMCA.



HOT CHOCOLATE ... After the game, the boys were served hot chocolate, served to them by A. C. Turner of the Mayfair Creamery. All the youngsters lined up for a turn at the tap dispensing the hot drinks. Here is part of the Torrel team.

Flag Football Ends With Tournament Yesterday at Torrance Park

Flag football rang down the curtain in a tournament held yesterday morning at Torrance Park in which the Whites waxed the Tans by a 53-38 score.

Fourteen touchdowns were tallied in the fray which saw three midget and one junior teams in operation.

The morning's star was little Mickey Babbitt of the Greens, who passed to two touchdowns, ran for a third, and tossed two conversion passes.

Babbitt and his team came into the contest with the score 13 to 0 against him, but quickly rang up 21 points. The Whites were never headed again.

The teams were divided evenly for competitive purposes, with the North Torrance Bulldogs playing on both sides.

Score by periods found the Hornets (Tans) 13, Bulldogs (Whites) 0; Greens (Whites) 21, Walteria (Tans) 6; Tor Els (Whites) 26, Bulldogs (Tans) 6; Breaks (Whites) 6, Yellowjackets (Tans) 13.

ally, passed to Russell Vanderpool for the conversion, threw one 30 yards to Butch Moore for six points and wound up his stint the way he started—running around his own left end for the conversion.

The Tor Els went into touch-down land on a 40 yard punt return by John Zamrta and on three scoring passes by Andy Ruffell. Ruffell completed heaves to Mike Vertolet for two tallies and to Kenneth Coons for the third.

Ruben Garnica raced five yards for the Bulldogs' score.

The Yellowjackets struck quickly as John Gomez ran right end for two yards, then came back following a Streaks' tally as Gomez threw a 34-yard scoring pass to Tito Valencia.

Raul Rodriguez tossed the conversion pass to Gomez.

The Streaks scored on a 25-yard pass from John Hunt to Otis Dummeyer.

Certificates of participation will be awarded to all the boys. HI-Y members served as officials, including Warren Stamps, Tom Vanderpool, Jerry Neely and Dan Mayers.

Second Open Season On Pigeons Set

The second half of California's split hunting season for pigeons opens one-half hour before sunrise, Dec. 17, and runs through New Year's eve, under State and Federal migratory bird regulations.

Daily bag and possession limit is six birds. Hunters must use a plugged gun, capable of holding no more than three shells in the chamber and magazine.

Tartars Drop Fifth Straight Cage Test

Torrance High basketball coach Rex Welch and his assistant, Bob Kingston, are rapidly assuming philosophical attitudes.

What more, they say, can a coach do, when his team keeps dropping contest after contest.

Friday night the Tartars lost their fifth in a row, and going down before Gardena Wednesday, to Huntington Beach.

But Welch found a note of cheer in the 46-26 defeat at the hands of the beach boys. That note was ball control, as the Tartar team kept the casaba well away from their bigger opponents.

Huntington started a team that averaged better than 6'3" compared to Torrance's one starter who goes over six feet, Bob Moon.

At times the Torrance players couldn't even see the basket, so surrounded by taller cagers were they.

Led by a giant center named Stricklin, the Beach team jumped into a lead that they never relinquished. Score by quarters was 11-6, 23-11 and 34-13, with Torrance on the shorter end constantly.

From the free throw line, the Tartars canned six of seven attempts, while Huntington was making 10 of 13.

Moon and Jerry Farrar each collected six points, while Larry Roy and Tom Wolford got four each. Lee Mortensen got two, Harold Holmes three and Harold Phillip one.

Besides Stricklin, with 17, the big gun for Huntington was Young, with 10.

Gardena Loss 45-38. In the Gardena game, the efforts of Holmes, who tanked 14 counters, including six field goals and two free throws, were in vain, as Torrance lost 48-38.

Brown, with 15, and Neil and York with 10 apiece, took the play away from the Tartars, as they missed taking a contest they should have won.

Again, as in the Banning game, lackadaisical play was the factor. Failure to follow shots and a "don't care" attitude cost Torrance the contest.

Half-time score was 26-18, favor of Gardena, as they led from opening whistle to final buzzer.

Bob Moon tanked six points, with Farrar and Sommers garnering five each, and Roy, Smith, Phillip and Kulp came up with two apiece.

Welch says there is always next year.

Shoe, Shuffle Champs Will Receive Awards

The horseshoe and shuffleboard champs of the Torrance Adult Recreation League will be crowned Tuesday night in a ceremony to be held at the center, Post and Cravens, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

Accepting the crowns will be H. L. Baldwin, shoe tosser; Harry Larman, singles, and Clara Witmer and John Raynor, doubles shuffle titlists. Ernest Krig, runner-up in the shoe pitching contest, will also be honored.

Motor Races Set For Carrell Speedway Dec. 14

Roaring motorbikes, of the American Motorcycle Association zoom into action Sunday (Dec. 14) at Carrell Speedway, with the AMA Grand Prix taking the limelight on the Gardena half-mile track.

Fourteen speed events are on the race program arranged by track manager, Don Basile.

Record entry of more than ninety bikes is predicted by Cliff Onan, regional AMA official. Racing bikes from all parts of the Southland will converge on the 174th and Vermont track for the speed carnival.

In addition a number of Northern California riders will be on hand, including the great Joe Leonard, San Jose ace, who holds a flock of national championships.

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