

Samohi, Beverly Dropped From Bay League

Champs for Past 7 Years Lose Throne

Centennial, Paramount Schools Enter Bay League

A virtual football dictatorship which has lasted for the past seven years came to an end this week when it was announced that Santa Monica and Beverly Hills high schools will be dropped from the Bay League starting next September.

Long, audible sighs went up from the general direction of Torrance and Paramount schools which have played football in the league for every year since 1947, a period in which Santa Monica has won the championship six times and the co-championship the other time, when they were defeated by Leuzinger in 1948. Torrance entered the Bay League in 1947.

Inglewood has lost four games in the past four years—all to Santa Monica. Santa Monica, CIF champs, edged Torrance this year 19-11 and went on to repeat the league championship.

Santa Monica and Beverly Hills will be replaced by Centennial and Paramount high schools, from the San Gabriel Valley League. Beverly Hills will be placed into the Pioneer League as a replacement for Bellflower, which will enter the San Gabriel League with Covina High as replacements for Centennial and Paramount.

Where to Put Santa Monica?
The re-leaguizing committee of the CIF, headed by B. L. Bergstrom, superintendent of El Monte High, is still considering over where to put powerful Santa Monica. Scouting about it that the Vikings will be placed in the Coast League along with the Long Beach schools and Compton High.

School spokesmen have stated that Santa Monica definitely does not want to become a free-lance team, but wants to join a new league.

The league switch was prompted by Santa Monica's growth and Beverly Hills' shrinkage. Samohi has declared that it will not split into two high schools and registration in grade schools and junior high there indicates great growth in the future. Beverly Hills, on the other hand, is a more static community, and anticipates no further growth.

Reasons for Change
Bill Russell, CIF official, said that the reasons for the change were (a) change in enrollments (b) disparity in competition and (c) better geographical distribution.

Coach Cliff Graybehl, of Torrance High School, told the Herald: "For the first time since we've been in the league, someone else has a chance to win. Before you had to beat Santa Monica. Now all you have to do is beat Inglewood, Redondo, Leuzinger, Paramount and Centennial."

Samohi Enrollment 1900
Santa Monica is a three-year high school with a present enrollment of 1900. A. E. Konold, principal of the school, anticipates an enrollment of 2100 next year and constant growth in the future. Torrance has about 1500 students, and is a four-year school.

The principal said that he regrets the fact that Santa Monica's long association with the Bay League must come to an end. The Vikings are charter members of the League, which was founded in 1913. Their withdrawal leaves Redondo and Inglewood as the only charter members of the group.

Konold stated: "Since this is our last chance to represent the Bay League, we hope that Santa Monica can go on and win the championship of the CIFs this year." The Vikings meet Anaheim tomorrow night in semi-finals of the CIFs.

Vikes Will Be Missed—Graybehl
Graybehl says that the Bay League will definitely miss Santa Monica, which has been its backbone, and has brought much prestige and many laurels to the loop in the past few years. The coach believes that Inglewood, which topped Torrance 7-6 this year, will replace Samohi as the scourge of the league. He also expects powerful competition from Centennial High, a new school which is also growing like a weed.

Centennial and Paramount both have enrollments of about 900 to 1000 now, according to Russell and should grow from 1200 to 1500 in not too many semesters. Centennial grabbed second place in the San Gabriel League this year with three wins and one loss, and Paramount was fourth, with one win and three losses. El Rancho, another new school, won the title.

Torrance Praised
The Santa Monica principal paid homage to Torrance High when he said: "Torrance was probably physically the strongest team in the Bay League this year. From our games of '32 and '33, it looked like we had the makings of a real rivalry."

The Tartar-Viking rivalry can be continued on a higher, and safer place in the CIF playoffs in future years—providing the two teams win the championships of their leagues. Graybehl says that the re-leaguizing, far from being a permanent solution, will probably be repeated for the next 15 years because of the great growth of enrollment in Southern California high schools.

Russell Agrees
Russell of the CIF, agreed with this when he stated that he thinks the CIF will be forced to continue switching leagues to make room for all the new high schools which are planned for the future. Plans of the local Board of Education indicate that Torrance will have two high schools within a year.

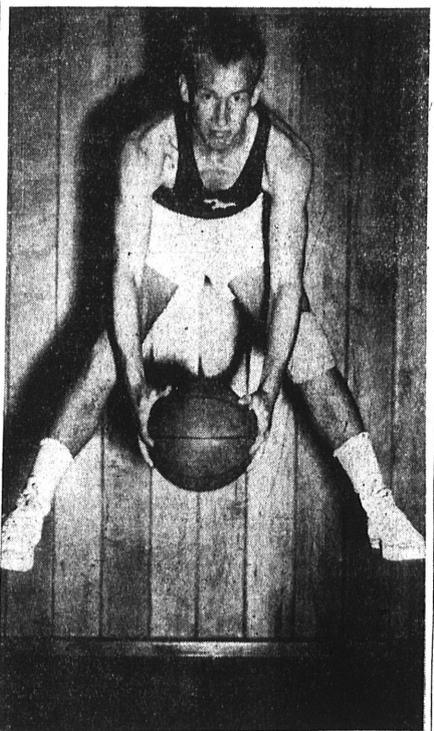
A new high school is supposed to go into construction here

Three Warriors Make All-Metro Team



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Meet The Tartars '53 Basketball Team



DON FORTH . . . First-String Guard on the Torrance High basketball team this year. Don is a senior, 5-foot, 11-inch tall, weighs 168 pounds, and is 17 years old. He played first-string Bee basketball last season and in his first year of varsity competition has earned a starting post. Don also played football and gained fame as a long-passing specialist.

after the first of the year and should be completed for occupation by next fall.

Beverly Feels Competition
Beverly Hills, Russell said, has felt that it could not meet the competition in the Bay League for quite some time and has felt that it should withdraw because of its size, which is being made smaller each year in comparison to the growth of other league schools.

Santa Monica expressed its sincere desire to cooperate with the CIF in any way that that group wanted to switch leagues.

The re-leaguizing decision was reached in a meeting of the CIF Southern Section Council Saturday which lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Russell said. "Undoubtedly," he said, "the Council will face a similar problem next year."

Camino Tops Compton in Pair For Fifth Straight Cage Win

By FRED CLAIRE
Warwhoop Sports Editor
In search of their sixth consecutive victory of the new season, El Camino's undefeated basketball team journeyed to Pierce Junior College tonight in a season rematch. Tip-off time is slated for 8 o'clock.

The Warriors turned back Pierce, 85-44, in their first meeting early this year.

Beat Compton Twice
The steadily improving EC team overcame a last-ditch rally to drub Compton 60-55. Tuesday night on Tartar soil in a re-match of Saturday night duels at the Warrior gym which ended up 71-69, in favor of the locals.

In the Tuesday night triumph it was El Camino's Al Herring who pushed 19 points through the mesh to bolster the margin of victory.

Herring hit for eight points the second frame to give the Warriors a comfortable 29-18 half-time margin and then sank a timely five points in the final quarter to insure the conquest.

Rally Falls Short
Compton's Tartars scored 28 points in the fourth period but Herring and the 45-27 third frame El Camino lead was not to be overcome.
The Saturday's El Camino:

Compton Jaycee clash featured the sharp-shooting of local forwards Bill Baron and Al Herring.

Baron, who formerly played for Torrance High, hit for 22 points, Herring sent 31 markers into the scoring books. It was Baron's 10 points in the fourth and final quarter which sent the visitors home empty-handed, 71-69.

El Camino (71) Compton CC (69)
Herring (21) F (28) Banton Baron (22) F (17) Bambean Strawn (2) C (4) Thomsen Nethercott (10) G (5) Mitchell Heusser (5) G (9) Edwards El Camino . . . 17 20 17 71
Compton . . . 17 12 18 22-69

Scoring subs: El Camino—Baker 5, Warner 3, Erlinger 3, Compton: Nordquist 3, Purcell 3.

El Camino (60) Compton CC (55)
Herring (19) F (14) Banton Baron (16) F (5) Bambean Strawn (3) C (15) Thomsen Nethercott (9) G (6) Mitchell Heusser (9) G (2) Edwards

El Camino . . . 9 20 16 50
Compton . . . 6 9 28-55
Scoring subs: El Camino: Warner 4, Compton—Purcell 3, Neil 4, Nordquist 2, Washington

THS Meets Greatest Test In CIF Finals

The Tartar cross country team of '53 will meet its last and greatest test tomorrow in the CIF cross country finals, to be held at Mt. San Antonio College.

Bob Guerra, Buzz Zamora, Tom Waller, Dave Ruffell, Jim Stanford and Fred Albertson will be racing to bring home the first CIF championship in the history of Torrance High School. The Tartars, champions of their group in preliminary races held last Friday, will vie against winners in the five other divisions—Morningside, Bellflower, Point Loma, San Diego Hoover and Riverside Poly. Also in the finals will be the two fastest second place teams from the prelims—Downey and Grossmont.

Rated Top Contenders
Unless somebody ties their shoelaces together, the Tartar harriers will give each and every rival team a run for it. Coach Vern Wolfe says that powerful Bellflower is the team to beat. Bellflower's No. 1 man is a legger named Ty Hadley, who took third in the State 880 last season.

Hadley loped home first in the prelims, as Bellflower took first, second, third, fourth, sixth and seventh places in its group.

Prelim Times
In the prelims, Bellflower had the third fastest time in total time elapsed with 51:43. San Diego Hoover finished in the fastest total time—50:36. Next was Riverside Poly, 51:31; Bellflower; Point Loma, 51:54; Torrance, 52:31; and Morningside, 53:13.

In individual times, Guerra registered the fourth fastest time of individual members of first place teams. Bob trotted the 1.8 mile course in 10:13.

Bob McKenzie of Hoover led with 9:51; Hadley of Bellflower was next with 9:58; then came Wayne Lemons, Riverside, 10:02; Guerra; Tony Bussio of Point Loma, 10:14; and Russ Bennett, Morningside, 10:20.

Geyer Fastest
Fastest individual time was registered by James Geyer of Grossmont, a team that didn't place first. Geyer ran an amazing 9:34 for the course. Second best time was turned in by Don Gilbert of Long Beach Jordan—9:50.

Torrance, however, is in the enviable position of being a team that hasn't been pushed all season, and a team that has great potential yet untapped. Tomorrow will tell the tale as to just how good the Tartars are, because they will be running against the best harriers in the Southland.

If each Torrance man can equal or top his best time of the season in the finals, the Tartars will bring home the bacon. Guerra and Zamora broke the Torrance course record this season; dashing Dave Ruffell came within a couple of seconds of tying their efforts, and he, too, broke course records, which was set by Leo Valencia last year.

Course Is Hilly
If Ruffell can master the hilly Mt. Sac course, he'll finish his high school cross country career in a blaze of glory. Dave is a senior, as are Guerra and Zamora, and all three boys will be running their last cross country race tomorrow.

Coach Wolfe is priming his runners to finish in a close packed group because, in cross country scoring, the nearer the front the last man on the team finishes, the less points are scored against the team. And in cross country, as in golf, the team with the least points wins.

Er, go, if the Tartar harriers finished one-to-three-four-five, their total score would be 15, or one plus two plus three plus four plus five.

ROD and GUN CHATTER
Torrance
Rod and Gun Club
By DONNA BARRDULL
All along the coast skippers are reporting excellent catches of rock cod. Not much fight in them, but still it's fish, and will probably have to do until the next season of deep-sea fighters like the albacore, yellowtail and tuna. And then there is surf fishing—which, to my way of thinking, takes a lot more knowledge and know-how. That's probably why I have never caught a surf perch. Anyway, anglers have started getting up at the crack of dawn to under go the distress of the cold, isolated beaches hoping to land a few tasty morsels.

Members of the Gardena Rod and Gun, Jack Pollock, John Taylor and Betty McNeil have had real good luck up Malibu way, netting about 20 barred perch on their last trip. Top weight was about two pounds.

The second half of the split duck season opened last Tuesday and hunters are expecting better results than during the first part. Reports say that flights are on from up north, heading south, and the shooting should be tops in the Imperial area for both ducks and geese.

Meanwhile, quail hunting is holding up pretty well. Ben Smith, Walt Gillard and Tim Smith had good shooting at Winchester, a little place near Hemet. Lots of coveys around, but the territory was a little too brushy to get the most out of it without the use of a dog.

Parents Give Rams Banquet
North Torrance parents gathered at McMaster Park Saturday night and threw a bean feast for the members of the North Torrance Rams' flag football team, which ended up in a tie for second in the league with Greenwood.

The Pueblo Hornets took first place. Les Breitenfelt, volunteer team coach, was given an award for his work with the boys during the season. Films of the 1952 Los Angeles Rams' games were shown.

Members of the team were Roger Snell, Jerry Campbell, Joe Campanzini, Tommy Koch, Jimmy Snell, Ronnie and Darryl Hayden, Jack Campbell, Tom Alexander, Mel Wagner, Bert Dowdson, and Jimmy Breitenfelt, team mascot.

Hard Top Auto Races To Be Held at Carrell
Hard-top auto racing, Northern California's No. 1 sports event, makes its debut on a one-half mile track Sunday at Carrell Speedway in Gardena.
The hard-tops derive their name due to the rules that call for all autos to be equipped with reinforced steel tops. This is deemed necessary because of the devil-may-care attitudes of so many of the drivers.

HELP MIGRANT FISH
With completion of a new fishway installation over the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 12-foot diversion dam on Canyon Creek, Trinity County, the last serious obstacle to migrating steelhead and salmon has been removed from the tributaries of the lower Trinity River.



ALL-METRO . . . Tom Johnston, above, and Bill Crawford were named to the first-string All-Metro Conference team Tuesday, as well as Ken Swearingen. Johnston is a guard, Crawford a QB, and Swearingen a halfback. Crawford and Swearingen were repeats. Johnston and Crawford are both Torrance High School grads.

S. Houston Ends College of Idaho Win Streak at 17

A third quarter safety gave Sam Houston College a 14-12 victory over College of Idaho Sunday in the Evansville, Ind. Refrigerator Bowl, and ended a 17-game Idaho winning streak.

Congled by former Torrance High School Coach Eddie Cole, and quarterbacked by former Tartar Boyd Crawford, the Coyotes were 3 1/2 point favorites to win the game.

Sam Houston, beaten this year only by undefeated East Texas State, rose up in the third quarter to score eight points in one-and-a-half minutes and beat a 6-6 half-time tie. After a Houston end had thrown a Coyote half in the end zone for a safety, halfback McNeil Moore sidestepped three College of Idaho tacklers and churned 36 yards through the mud to a TD.

About 7500 turned out for the benefit game. Proceeds go toward helping crippled children. The Bowl is named after Evansville's three large refrigeration factories.

Pete Douroux, from THS, plays center for the Coyotes.

Kegling At Torrance Bowl

SUNDAY MIXED FOURSOME			
9th Week			
No.	Team Name	W	L
1	Rams	2	13
2	Wrens	20	16
3	The Neighbors	19	16 1/2
4	Hatshuls	19	16 1/2
5	Flowers	17	18 1/2
6	All Stars	17	18 1/2
7	Ally Cats	13	19
8	Louis	12	19
9	Had Beens'	12	21

FRIDAY NIGHT LADIES HANDICAP			
11th Week			
No.	Team Name	W	L
1	Baker Electric	31	13
2	Bull's Steving Mach.	27 1/2	16 1/2
3	Schultz & Peckham	26 1/2	17 1/2
4	Team No. 1	22 1/2	21 1/2
5	N. Torr. Fuchsia Soc.	21	22
6	Team No. 8	20	24
7	Team No. 2	19	21
8	Team No. 2	14	26
9	Team No. 2	13	31

NORTHROP MEN'S HANDICAP			
10th Week			
No.	Team Name	W	L
1	T. Torr.	27	13
2	Dustera	27	13
3	Wrens	24 1/2	15 1/2
4	Hatshuls	23 1/2	16 1/2
5	Shoppers	19	21
6	Ally Cats	19	21
7	Bobcats	14	26
8	Team No. 2	13	31

WED. NIGHT MIXED FIVESOME			
11th Week			
No.	Team Name	W	L
1	Torrance Tee Vee	29 1/2	18 1/2
2	Ally Cats	29	19
3	Northrop Drugs	25	23
4	Good Losers	25	23
5	Team No. 8	23	25
6	Team No. 3	23	25
7	V.V.W.	20	28
8	Miller's Refrig.	18 1/2	31 1/2

High Team Series Team No. 7
High Team Game Team No. 4
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Swearingen and Crawford Repeat On First Team

El Camino stalwarts Bill Crawford, QB, and Tom Johnston, C, both Torrance High School graduates, and Ken Swearingen, halfback, were named to the first string All-Metro Conference team at a meeting of Metro officials Tuesday.

It was a repeat performance for Crawford and Swearingen, both of whom made first string All-Metro in 1952. Named to a second team tackle spot was Jim Clark, All-Bay league lineman from Inglewood High.

El Camino shared honors with league champion Bakersfield on the first team. Both schools placed three men on the mythical eleven, which was chosen from coaches' all-opponent teams.

FIRST TEAM

- E. Ben Garcia, ELAJC.
- E. Larry Monett, Valley.
- T. Lane Morton, San Diego.
- T. Jim Kennedy, Bakersfield.
- G. Gary Gore, Bakersfield.
- G. Tom Johnston, El Camino.
- C. Manuel Murrieta, Harbor.
- C. Bill Crawford, El Camino.
- B. Ken Swearingen, El Cam.
- G. Gene Fitzgerald, Bakersfield.
- B. Gerald McDougall, L. B.

SECOND TEAM

- E. Harvey Warren, Bakersfield.
- E. Pete Galloni, Harbor.
- T. Jim Clark, El Camino.
- T. Clarence Anderson, Valley.
- G. Benny Clark, Santa Mon.
- G. Carlos Fackler, San Diego.
- C. Ronald Albertson, L. B.
- Q. Frank Negri, Valley.
- B. Nick Smith, Bakersfield.
- B. Buddy Cuen, Bakersfield.
- B. Ruben Ybarra, ELAJC.

City Basketball Leagues to Begin Practice Games

The adult basketball league, sponsored by the City Recreation Department, will begin a round of pre-season practice games next Tuesday evening in the boys' gym of Torrance High School, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, city athletic director.

An informal play schedule has been drawn up to enable the team managers to prepare their groups for opening of league play, Jan. 5 and 6.

Two leagues are to be set up on an unclassified basis this season, with one league playing on Tuesday and the other on Wednesday nights. Managers will choose the nights on which they want to play and their selection will determine which league their team is in.

PRACTICE GAME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.—Court 1—Vie Ordaz' Team vs. Harbör Hornets.
7:15 p.m.—Court 2—Harvey Mackley vs. Don Merrell.
8:30 p.m.—Court 1—Troskes Men's Shop vs. Fenwick's Shoes.
Wednesday: 7:15 p.m.—Court 1—Torrance Teachers vs. Allen's Burgers.
8:30 p.m.—Court 1—Knoll's Drugs vs. Eagles.

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STEVE MEILINGER
220LB. MAULER FROM KENTUCKY-THE WILDCATS' ONE MAN TEAM

JUST GETTING WARMED UP

STEVE LED THE WILDCATS IN PASS RECEIVING—SCORED 6 TOUCHDOWNS—PUNTED 26 TIMES AND COMPLETED 4-OUT OF 17 PASSES LAST YEAR

60PS—SORRY MY DISPOSITION IS ALWAYS CHANGING!

BIG STEVE MOVES FROM POSITION TO POSITION—BUT AS A HALF BACK THIS YEAR—SHOULD REACH THE HEIGHT OF HIS GLORY