TORRANCE HERALD
Sports

El Camino Breaks Losing Streak, Tops ELA 85-53

EC Preps for Last Game of Disaster Year

By FRED CLAIRE
Warwhoop Sports Editor

El Camino stomped East Los Angeles 85-53 Tuesday night and are preparing for their final game of the somewhat disastrous season tomorrow night against Harbor Junior College in the Warrior gym.

Coach Tom Bailey applied a major shakeup to bring forth the victory, EC's first out of their last four games.

With the regulars not starting, Ron Heusser and Chuck Baker, the Warrior mainstays—Bill Baron and Allen Herring—contributed 49 digits.

Herring, making a strong bid for all-Southern California JC honors, sank 27 markers. With Heusser and Baker on the bench next year's hopefuls Toby Erlinger and Ed Warner sparked first half play, in which the Warriors took a 35-14 lead.

A 58-point scoring spree highlighted second half play. El Camino got 30 points in the third period and 28 in the final frame.

El Camino (85)		East L A (53)
Baron (27)	F	(11) Felix
Herring (27)	F	(17) Gamble
Warner (6)	C	(6) Jurney
Erlinger (6)	G	(8) Nichols
Nethercott (3)	G	(2) Brown

Scoring subs: El Camino — Heusser, 4. Baker, 3. Sues, 3. East Los Angeles—Garay, 6; Rarey, 2; Chavez, 1.

Release of THS Football Slate Set Next Week

The 1954 Torrance High School football schedule, which will probably consist of eight games, will be released next week, Vice-Principal Dale Harter announced yesterday.

The 1954-55 school year calendar for the Torrance Unified School District was submitted for first reading to the Board of Education Tuesday night, and if approved as is, school will begin on Sept. 13, giving the football squad the required two weeks of practice time before the opening football game on Sept. 24.

The CIF requires that all member teams practice for two weeks prior to their first game. If school starts a week later than Sept. 13, the Tartars may be forced to cancel their first football game.

Boat Rentals At Sierra Lake Due

Monday, March 15, will be the "R Day" for dyed-in-the wool Southland fresh-water anglers, because at 8 a.m. on that date, the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department will start accepting boat rental applications for the opening week-end of the 1954 fishing season at Crowley Lake, the Eastern High Sierra "home of the big trout," it was reported this week.

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Torrance To Vie With Inglewood For Third Spot

With everything to gain and also everything to lose, Torrance High will meet Inglewood tomorrow night on the Sentinel floor to fight for third place in final Bay League standings.

It will be the last game of the season for the locals, and a win will throw them into a tie with the Sentinels for third place. A loss, however, will drop the Tartars into a fourth place tie with Redondo, which meets winless Leuzinger tomorrow in a finale.

The Big One

The big game in the league will be staged at Beverly Hills where the Normans will take a last shot at the league-leading Santa Monica Vikings and a win by Beverly Hills would give them a first place tie with the Vikes and necessitate a playoff. Samohi has eight wins and one loss and Beverly is next with seven and two.

Coach Rex Welch thinks his squad can take Inglewood into camp if the boys play heads up ball. The Tartars came within inches of upsetting the Sentinels in their last outing, but blew a seven-point lead with four minutes to go in the game and lost 51-49.

Inglewood has five wins and four losses and Torrance has four and five. If Torrance and Beverly should both win tomorrow night the league would be knotted into a two-way tie for first and a two-way tie for third.

Standings

BAY LEAGUE

	W	L
Santa Monica	8	1
Beverly Hills	7	2
Inglewood	5	4
Torrance	4	5
Redondo	3	6
Leuzinger	0	9

Friday scores: Santa Monica 51, Redondo 50. Inglewood: 70, Leuzinger 37.

ECC, Compton Lock Bats in 9 Inning Tie

As of Herald press time Wednesday, El Camino and Compton Junior College still didn't have anything settled baseball-wise.

After being forced to cancel their first game of the season on Feb. 16 because of a muddy diamond, the two teams locked horns Tuesday in a fray at Compton and fought to a bitter nine inning 4-4 tie that was halted by approaching darkness.

The teams played a rematch of the rained out game yesterday afternoon, after the Herald deadline.

In the 4-4 tie, Warriors Jerry Siegert and Bob Forster, both left-handed hitters, both blasted home runs over the right center field fence at Compton, 340 feet distant.

Siegert rapped his in the sixth with the pads clean and Forster pushed one base runner around with his four master in the seventh.

Greg Marks, Jerry Parker and Ralph Wilkerson shared the flinging chores for EC. Marks held the Comptonites hitless but gave up two runs in his three-frame stint; Parker allowed one hit and no runs and Wilkerson was punched for two and two.

The Warriors are slated to meet Pasadena CC on the home field today.

BOX SCORES

El Camino	AB	H
Linder, cf	2	0
Rayor, 3b	4	2
Tully, rf	3	0
Foster, 1b	2	1
Siegert, 1b-rf	3	2
Ott, ss	1	0
Worley, ss	1	0
Cruger, 2b	2	1
Wilkerson, p	1	0
Guerrero, lf	4	1
Edwards, c	4	0
Marks, p	1	0
Parker, p-lf	3	1

Compton Junior College	AB	H
Current, 1b	3	0
Bohannon, 2b	3	0
Cooper, c	4	1
Hoover, lf	4	0
Bierholm, rf	4	1
Fritz, 3b	3	0
Probst, ss	3	0
Gessini, c	4	1
Bach, p.	1	0

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Compton 200 000 020	4	3	1

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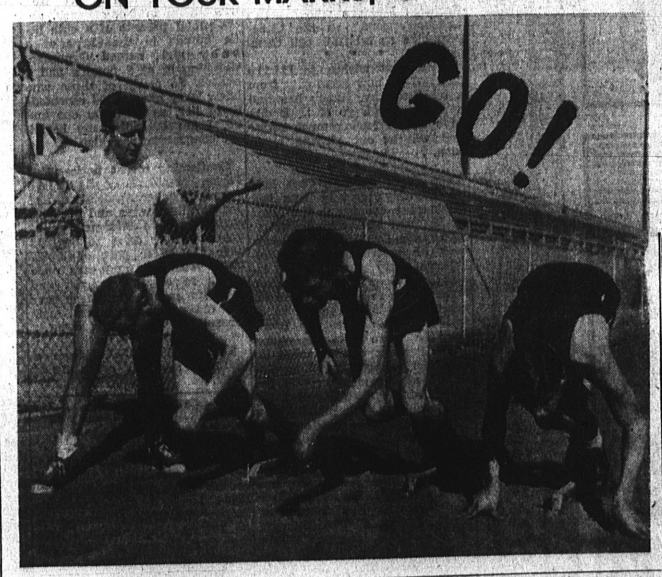

LOOKING AHEAD . . . Torrance High Track Coach Vern Wolfe gets set to open the track season with a bang as thinclads (left to right) Larry Morgan (broad jump) and Bob Brow and Gary Cole (sprints) prepare to spring from the starting blocks and run toward the Bay League title. In the bottom picture they break, heads down, legs churning. The Tartars met Lynwood High yesterday afternoon on the Lynwood track, too late for Herald press time. They meet Paramount Monday at home.

ROD and GUN Chatter

Torrance Rod and Gun Club

By DONNA BARKDULL

Surf fishing is still the main interest of local anglers even though it is a bit spotty right now. Second St. in Hermosa and down by the Riviera are the "hot spots" when the perch are hitting, yielding some nice three to four pounders.

Deep sea angling is expected to pick up at any time now, especially if this summer weather holds out.

Last Sunday you couldn't see the Long Beach breakwater for the small craft and fishing enthusiasts who were competing in the Gardena Valley Rod and Gun opal eye derby. Chuck Richards, of the Gardena Club, emerged winner with his two-pound 14 ounce catch beating Fred Bickar of the Torrance club by six ounces.

Perch Winner Named

Ben and Paul Smith of the Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop, who are offering a five dollar purchase order for the largest perch registered with them every week, awarded the first one to Wilfred Stevens for his three pound four ounce barred perch taken Saturday in front of the Riviera. Carl Hanni led from the first of week with his perch going three pounds three ounces only to lose by an ounce at the last. All anglers may weigh in their perch of any type and be eligible for a purchase order. You might even want to let them accumulate like Al Coast said he was going to do. Ha! he probably won't even catch one!

Prospects of good bass fishing fell flat for Paul and Marcella Smith and Ray and Helen Slepp when they learned on their arrival at Lake Havasy over the week-end that rumors were only rumors. People at the lake didn't know a thing about the supposedly big catches being made.

Clubbers Get Trophies

Five members of the Torrance Rod and Gun will receive trophies tonight from the Button Award Association of Southern California at the award dinner being held in Los Angeles for outstanding catches of 1953. Old "Button Happy" Hanni receives one for his three pound nine ounce barred perch; Anabel Coast for her 21½ inch cutthroat trout; Al Coast for his diamond stinger topping 80 pounds; Kenny Dockman for his golden trout measuring 14½ inches and Morris Maloy for his leopard shark going 30 pounds seven ounces and his 232 pound monstrous blue shark.

One night next week, teams of five men each from the National Rod and Gun and the Torrance club will compete in a stinger duel at Newport Bay. National is pretty easy, they think, so Torrance is confident of winning. Next they will probably challenge the much easier Gardena club sending only a couple of their men against the whole of Gardena. Ho hum! (for the lack of competition).

AIR CONTENT

Content of the air at sea level is found to be about 21 per cent oxygen and 78 per cent nitrogen by volume.

Backstop and Fences At Park To Be In By Monday

Basketball Bows Out at El Camino Tomorrow Night

Basketball makes its final bow of the 1953-54 athletic season at El Camino tomorrow night at 8 o'clock as the Warriors play Harbor Junior College in the El Camino College gym.

Bad Week

Perhaps the most disastrous week in El Camino athletic history saw the Warriors drop three games in a row and at the same time slip from first place to third in Metro Conference standings between Feb. 11 and 18. The Bakersfield Renegades struck the first blow by overcoming a 17-point deficit to triumph by the score of 73-69 in Bakersfield on Feb. 11.

Long Beach City College gained revenge over the Warriors on Feb. 16 by the score of 81-68 thereby reversing an earlier decision which the Braves handed them on the ECC hardwood. Santa Monica City College took advantage of the inability of the Braves to hit from the free throw line and dealt the Warriors a 76-70 defeat in Santa Monica to complete the disaster. The Warriors missed 19 of 41 free throws attempted against Santa Monica to set a new record for free throws missed in one game.

Herring Red-faced

The failure of Allen Herring to get a field goal in the Long Beach game was one of the deciding factors in the Viking victory. In the previous encounter between the two clubs Herring had scored 33 points, in the last encounter he scored only four, all of these on free throws.

Among the players who will be playing their last game for El Camino tomorrow night are Allen Herring, Bill Baron, Johnny Nethercott, Ronnie Heusser from the regular starters and Rich Randle and Bill Beard from the substitutes.

The El Camino record is now 20 wins, 7 losses.

Kegling

At Torrance Bowl

NORTHROP MEN'S HANDICAP
19th Week

No.	Team	Won	Lost
4	Weasels	45½	30½
2	Dusters	43	33
3	Terrors	43	33
1	Snappers	42	34
7	Alley Cats	37	39
6	Bobcats	34	42
5	Hotshots	31½	44½
8	Dough Boys	28	48

Weekly High Scratch
High Team Series Team No. 8
High Team Game Team No. 3
Ind. High Series N. Ellis
Ind. High Game N. Ellis

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S HANDICAP
22nd Week

No.	Team	Won	Lost
7	Team No. 7	41	25
4	Schwartz Men's Store	38½	27½
8	Team No. 8	37	29
2	Bus Drivers	37	29
6	Harvey Machine	35	31
3	Precision Equipment	34	32
5	Torrance Auto Parts	27	39
1	Harvey Experimental	14½	51½

Weekly High Scratch
High Team Series Team No. 4
High Team Game Team No. 4
Ind. High Series J. Kasko
Ind. High Game G. Hill

TORRANCE RECREATION MEN'S HANDICAP
23rd Week

No.	Team	Won	Lost
3	Lions No. 1	62	30
8	Mayfair Creamery	60½	31½
2	American Legion No. 1	60	32
6	Optimists	57½	34½
5	American Legion No. 2	45	47
1	Lions No. 2	30	62
4	Junior C. of C.	29	63
7	Lions No. 2	24	68

Weekly High Scratch
High Team Series Team No. 3
High Team Game Team No. 3
Ind. High Series E. Slabotsky
Ind. High Game E. Slabotsky

NORTHROP WOMEN'S HANDICAP
20th Week

No.	Team	Won	Lost
6	Chapperettes	47	33
1	Bowl Weevils	45	35
5	Harmony Five	44	36
8	Duds	43½	36½
2	Five Spares	38	42
4	Go Getters	36½	43½
7	The Jets	34	46
3	Optimisses	32	48

Weekly High Scratch
High Team Series Team No. 4
High Team Game Team No. 8
Ind. High Series M. Fales
Ind. High Game M. Fales

SUNDAY MIXED FOURSOME
19th Week

No.	Team	Won	Lost
5	Weuns	47	29
2	The Neighbors	41½	34½
4	Rams	41½	34½
6	Lions	37½	34½
8	All Stars	36½	35½
1	Tigers	35½	40½
7	Hotshots	33½	42½
3	Has Beens	27	49

Weekly High Scratch
High Team Series Team No. 2
High Team Game Team No. 5
Ind. High Series J. McKee
Ind. High Game J. McKee

WED. NIGHT MIXED FIVESOME
22nd Week

No.	Team	Won	Lost
7	Vurg's Cafe	58	30
6	Good Losers	53	35
1	Torrance Tee Vee	48	40
3	Harvey Machine	41	47
4	V.F.W.	40	48
2	Al Knolls Drugs	39	49
5	Miller's Refrigeration	38	50
3	Team No. 3	35	53

Weekly High Scratch
High Team Series Team No. 7
High Team Game Team No. 7
Ind. H. Series (W) B. Allor
Ind. H. Game (W) B. Comerski
Ind. H. Series (M) Mc. Babinsky
Ind. H. Game (M) T. Epefanio

FRIDAY NIGHT LADIES HANDICAP
20th Week

No.	Name	Won	Lost
5	Schultz & Peckham	57½	22½
3	Bickar Electric	54	26
6	Ruth's Sew. Mach.	42½	37½
4	N. Tor. Fuscsia Soc.	40	40
8	Team No. 8	38	42
1	Team No. 1	36½	44½
2	Team No. 2	31	49
7	Team No. 7	24¼	55¼

Chitwood's Auto Daredevils Come To Carrell Track

A thrill show—the Stunt-Capades featuring Joie Chitwood's auto daredevils—is on tap Sunday at Carrell Speedway in Gardena, the two-hour program getting under way at 2:30 p.m.

There'll be 30 events, including precision routines as well as the usual car-smashing stunts.

Many of the top names in the stunt game are on the list of 23 drivers. They include Bill Ward, top man in precision driving, and Harry Woolman, who specializes in motorcycle stunts.

There'll be head-on auto crashes, in which the drivers collide with the same force as dropping a car from an eight-story building. There'll be plunges through flaming wall barriers by both stock cars and cycles. Broad-jumping for distance off ramps, and crash-rolling for distance and number of roll-overs, also are slated.

A 1954 Ford goes through an enclosed ramp as a charge of dynamite goes off and is hurtled 100 feet through the air.

In precision driving stunts, a new routine will be introduced with "dancing" cars. Drivers maneuver them to music, simulating the actions of dancers, including conga, square dance and waltzes.

The next auto racing program will be presented at Carrell Speedway by Promoter J. C. Agajanian on March 14 with AAA stock cars in action.

DEEP WELLS

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In Meantime Tartars Lose Second Game

Noble old Torrance Ballpark has risen from the brink of death.

Money has been approved by the city for a backstop and fence at the park and the backstop and fence should be up by Monday, according to Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem.

This will be cause for great celebration by Torrance High School baseball Coach Dick Leech, who has been considering cancelling several home games because of the lack of a home field.

The fences to be intsalled at the park will be a 35-foot high backstop, 23 feet wide; 20 feet on either side of the backstop which will be 12 feet high; and a continuation of 88 feet of 10-foot fencing on either side of this.

The original backstop and bleachers, constructed by the WPA, were torn down a few months ago because of dry rot and age. They had never received a coat of paint.

Field Resurfaced

Since then, the field has been resurfaced with topsoil and new grass has been planted in the outfield by Casper Clemmer, park superintendent. When the new backstop is installed, the park will be back on the road toward its former reputation as one of the best baseball parks in Southern California.

Van Bellehem said Wednesday that an investigation of the new-grown outfield grass would have to be conducted before the field is approved for play. He said, however, that he anticipates that the grass will be up far enough to stand a few spikes next week. The Tartars have two home games slated one Tuesday and one Wednesday.

Work on the new backstop and fences will probably start today, Van Bellehem said. The next project will be building fences around the outfield and following that, bleachers will have to be installed.

IN THE MEANTIME

Plagued by costly errors, caused mostly by lack of practice, the Torrance Tartar ash and pellet crew dropped a 16-2 decision to Lynwood High School Tuesday afternoon on the Lynwood diamond, their second loss in two games.

Saving feature of the affair was the long-awaited return of sore-armed Manuel Olloque to the firing line. The big chucker who was a sensation as a frosh but has been bothered by a sore arm and difficulties in studies since then, hurled the first three innings of the game and was touched for only two hits, but due to errors, eight runs.

Without a home diamond to cavort upon, Coach Dick Leech looked beyond today's practice game with Serra High on the Serra field, and gazed with worried eyes toward next week, when the Tartars have scheduled two home games.

Hosts Lack Home

Unfortunately, the host Tartars can offer opponents Centenial (Tuesday) and Hawthorne (Wednesday) no better field of play than an infinitesimal, lumpy, cow-pasturish stretch of ground behind the old gym, which is usually used for girls softball.

Until the backstop is erected at Torrance Park, the Tartars will have to play every game on the road. Coach Leech said Tuesday that he is thinking of cancelling many of the home practice games to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Smith Unloads Wood

Another happy result of the Tuesday loss was the return to Burt Smith of his batting eye. The cleanup man got three hits in four trips, two singles and a double. Olloque and Jim Haworth combed two for four each.

Lynwood took advantage of a dropped fly by Tartar center fielder Jim Lamon and two errors by shortstop Haworth in the third inning, added two hits and a walk, and came up with seven runs to shelve the game.

They got four more in the fifth and three in the sixth on a rash of hits and errors, including two doubles and two singles in the fifth off reliever Tom Mills.