

**HITTING THE SACK . . .** Only a dummy would get in the way of the four Torrance High linemen shown above. Left to right, they are Tom Vanderpool, tackle, and Tom Sminia, Carlos Skaggs and Bob Wilson, guards. Skaggs was chosen

on the second string All-Bay League team last year as a junior. The occasion for all the roughhousing at Tartarville was the opening of spring football practice Monday. It will last three weeks.

## Call of Spring Drills Lures 59 Hopeful Tartar Gridders

A total of 59 eager youths, including 11 lettermen, heeded the call of the vernal season Monday afternoon as spring football practice officially opened at Torrance High School.

Coach Cliff Graybehl has a returning letterman, and a good one, at every position, except center. He could field a team fight now composed of lettermen Dennis Hester and Bob Boss at ends; Tom Vanderpool and Manny Oloque tackles; second-string All-Bay Leaguer Carlos Skaggs and Bob Wilson at guards; Sonny Steele, tailback; Don Frattarole and Jerry Burns at halfbacks; and Skip Smith at full.

Tom Sminia, guard, is the other returning letterman. Graybehl and Backfield Coach Dick Leech will work to coach

fundamentals during the three weeks of spring workouts and emphasized that every position is open, with a host of rugged competitors fighting for each.

**Strong at Tackle**  
Thus far, the Tartars lack depth at end but are plentifully strong at the important tackle posts. Others fighting for end spots come fall will be Gus Sanchez, Jim Pabst, and up from the Bees, Tony Ward and Richard Harlicker.

At tackle, Graybehl has a full lot of aces. Best bets to fill the shoes of All-CIF tackle Ed Powell and his assault and battery mate Ralph Clifford are Vanderpool and Oloque, who each saw lots of rugged action last year. Oloque was a demon on defense last season,

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## Warriors Drop 4 Out of 5 As Play Nears End

El Camino's baseball season ends tomorrow when San Diego visits the Warrior diamond, and after the past disastrous week, the Camino men are probably glad about the whole thing.

Out of five games played since Friday, the Warriors have been able to salvage only one—win, that over Bakersfield 13-8 in the opener of a doubleheader there Saturday. Bakersfield also saw the downfall of Al Herring's 18-game hit skid.

East Los Angeles started the disastrous streak by shelling three El Camino chucks for 10 hits to inundate the Warriors 19-5 Friday afternoon.

**Skip Has Competition**  
Skip Smith, the young giant, will have to fight hard to beat out Don "Fireplug" Frattarole for the fullback position, according to Graybehl. Frattarole, a high-powered bundle of low-slung muscles, showed that he knows how to chew up that line in last season's games.

Little Billy Mescham, a pinpoint passer, should provide adequate backing for Steele in

**Long Beach Explodes**  
Tuesday, Long Beach exploded for four runs on three hits, a sacrifice and a walk to crack a 2-2 tie and take a 6-2 lead in the seventh frame. They won 7-2.

El Camino led 2-1 up to the sixth, when league-leading Long Beach pulled the home run play for a game knoter. Jim Rayor had pulled a home run over the left field wall to push the Warriors into a first inning 1-0 lead and Gary Marks' single drove in Bob Forster, who had doubled in the fifth for another tally.

**Solve Wilkerson**  
But the potent Beachmen solved Ralph Wilkerson's slants in the seventh and blanked El Camino the rest of the way.

A bright spot in Monday's loss to the Huskies was Ron Cruger's 360-foot homer with none on in the ninth.

On the previous Friday, Warrior Coach Doug Essick even had catcher Ron Heusser and second sacker Ron Cruger charge the pitching mound, in an attempt to stem the tidal wave of Husky hits.

The Huskies were jubilant with enthusiasm after handing Long Beach its first college defeat of the year.

East L.A. 0-10 0-2-10  
El Camino 0-0 0-2 0-11-4-12-2  
Nelson and Buckroff, Herring and Heusser.  
Long Beach 0-0 0-11 4-10-7-12-1  
El Camino 1-0 0-10 0-0-2-6-1  
Lee and Johnson, Wilkerson and Heusser.

## FINAL CARRELL RACES PROMISE TOP THRILLS

Don Basile, racing director at Carrell Speedway, stated this week that the last three shows at the famed Gardena oval should produce some of the best



**GOING CONCERNS . . .** The big cars and the hot rods will mix Sunday in an unique racing event at Carrell Speedway, one of three more events before the track closes to make way for a freeway. The cars will attempt to qualify for a starting field of 24 in the 100-lap hot rod grand prix. Never before in the history of the track have the two types of cars competed together. Above, Rosie Russell (No. 76) leads Billy Cantrell (No. 4) and Johnny Paulson (No. 78).

## PARADE TO OPEN LITTLE LEAGUES

A gala parade, starting at 10:30 a.m. on Cravens Ave., will open the second season of Little League baseball in Torrance Saturday starting at 12:30 p.m. Mayor Nicolas Drule will toss out the first ball as the eight Little League teams will vie in exhibition games Saturday afternoon as a climax to the parade.

City Councilmen, Police Chief Willard Haslam and Fire Chief J. J. Bonner have been invited to ride in the parade, which will wind down Post to Sartori, over Sartori to Marcelina, up Marcelina to Arlington and up that street to the Little League field near Pacific Coast Hwy. Major and minor league play-

ers from each team will ride in trucks during the parade.

On Sunday, league play will open with a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m. The Yankees and Cards from the northern league will vie in the first game and the southern league Dodgers will fight the Pirates in the nightcap.

Teams will play Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday starting at 6 p.m. and will vie in doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday, starting at 2 p.m. The deal sale, which has been going on this past week, is doing well, according to Norm Hawkins, league spokesman.

## Welch To Leave THS Post

### Hornets, Clerks Win Openers in City Softball

The Harbor Hornets and Marine Clerks surged into early leads in the opening games of Torrance City Softball Monday night by dumping their respective opponents, Dow Styrene and the Longren Aeros by decisive scores.

The Hornets smashed Dow 13-5 in the curtain-raiser. William Wiley, winning pitcher, allowed but five scattered hits, while his teammates were combing the offerings of opposing hurler Mike Mikelson for 13 base knocks.

Second sacker Thomas Beverly led the winners' attack at the plate with a double and a single in four trips. Vern Booth, shortstop and manager, duplicated this stickwork for the losers.

**Clerks Triumph**  
Marine Clerks dumped Longren Aeros, 11-3, in the second encounter. Hank Olson, winning pitcher, gave up but five hits during his six innings on the mound. Doc Burgess, who relieved him in the last inning, faced but four batters but was nicked for a home run down the right field line by Longren's



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## Tartars Prepare For CIF Prelims

A chosen few from the Torrance High School track team will board a bus Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock for Santa Barbara and the CIF preliminaries for Southern Section schools.

Varsity spikesters who qualified in the Bay League finals Friday and who will make the trip are Dennis Hester, 880 and high jump; Don Forth, high jump; Burt Smith, 440 and broad jump; and Dave Ruffell, mile.

Bob Guerra, who placed second in the mile Friday, has decided not to run and Jim Stanford, next miler in line for the prelims from THS, has a job on Saturday and can't make it, according to Coach Vern Wolfe. So Dave Ruffell, who finished fifth for Torrance, will run in the prelims.

From the Bees, Tom Waller, 1320, LeRoy Golden, 660, Gene Daimler, pole vault, and Jim Hawthorn, low hurdles, will enter the prelims. Cue spikesters who made it are Jim Powers, high

jump and broad jump; Jay Talbot, high jump; and Bob Walker, 660.

**Smith, Hester Rated**  
Wolfe rates Smith and Hester as having the best chance of making it to the CIF semi-finals Tuesday in Carpinteria. Hester, 880 champion of the Bay League, will be up against some tough CIF competition, but his best race could put him in the first three.

If Smith can leap 21 ft. 5 in. in the broad jump, he should make it, and Wolfe thinks that Big Burt is ready to hit this



COACH REX WELCH To Leave Torrance High

## Cage Mentor To Move to Rosemead Hi

Coach Rex Welch will resign his post as head basketball coach at Torrance High School to accept a coaching position at Rosemead High School, he told the Herald this week.

Welch will submit his resignation at the next meeting of the Board of Education, Tuesday, May 18. He was offered a contract for next year, along with other Tartar coaches, at the last Board meeting, but decided to accept the position at Rosemead.

Rosemead High, located between El Monte and Alhambra, was built five years ago and has an enrollment of about 2100. Welch said. The popular mentor will finish the school term and will spend the summer working with the Torrance Recreation Dept., then start at the Rosemead school in September.

**Six-Year Career**  
The casaba tutor has been with the local high school for six years. He began as head track coach, assistant football coach and Cec and Dee basketball coach, holding these positions for three years. For the past three years, Welch has been chairman of the Physical Education Department and head basketball coach.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from the University of Southern California and took his Master's degree in Education also at USC. While studying for his Master's degree, he served as varsity football and basketball coach at Harvard Military Academy. From there, he came to Torrance High. The coach resides with his family at 1847 Marinette St.

## Alondra Golf Slate Told

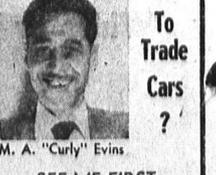
Events on the Alondra Park golf schedule include the Club Championship and Medal Play May 22-23 and the Calcutta Action on May 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Club Championship will be 18 holes in six flights.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

**Baseball**  
Friday, May 14—San Diego at El Camino.  
**Tennis**  
Friday, Saturday, May 14-15—Southern California Tennis Tournament.

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