

## Boosters Set Charter Date

Deadline for charter members for the recently organized Torrance Booster Club has been set at Jan. 31, it was announced here yesterday. Members joining after the deadline will be welcomed to the group, officials state, but will not be included on the charter membership rolls.

Efforts to stimulate interest in the North High School and South High School areas were disappointing, and club officers have decided to concentrate on the Torrance High area and offer the club's help in forming booster groups for the other high schools.

The local Boosters, who are taking an active interest in all student activities at Torrance High, including sports, drama activities, and other student affairs, meets each Monday evening at the YMCA building. Anyone interested in lending adult support to the school activities is being invited to attend the meetings.

Hutton led El Segundo with 20 points. Other El Segundo scoring included Bailey, 9; Clark, 8; Durgan, 6; Smith, 4; Bowman and Griffith, each 2; and Morash, 1.

The Saxons are still looking for their first league victory. In preliminary Jayvee action, the Saxons edged out the El Segundo Jayves by a 46-43 count.

Quarter scores of the game were:  
El Segundo . . . 17 14 11 12-54  
North Tor. . . . 4 8 5 11-28

## El Segundo Cagers Trip North High

Paced by Bud Hutton with 20 points, El Segundo's cagers repeated their Beverly Hills Tourney victory over North High's basketball squad Friday night, as they coasted to a 54-28 win over the locals.

El Segundo was never in trouble, romping to a 31-12 half-time lead and taking it easy from there.

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Gene Crenshaw with 18, Rich Ruffell with 14, and Jerry Matthews with 13 points led the Tartars to victory. Mike Bertolet swished through six points. Ray Vanderpool and Bob Knapp each got two, and Mick Babbitt connected for one.

Clock led the losers with 11 points. Other Leuzinger scoring included Unsworth, 8; Frazer, 6; Birdsall, 4; Palante, Maksom, and Jones, each 2.

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## Torrance Cagers Bop Leuzinger by 56-34

After a slow start, Torrance High's basketball squad finally got going and belted the Leuzinger Olympians, 56-34, in collecting their third Bay League victory against one loss. The game was played on the Leuzinger court Friday night.

The Tartars had difficulty hitting the bucket in the first quarter and trailed, 11-9, but came back with a vengeance in the second quarter, outscoring the Olympians, 16-2, and coasted to a 25-13 half-time lead.

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## North Grapplers Lose 1st Match

North High's wrestling team lost its first match in four starts Friday afternoon as the El Segundo grappling squad pinned the Saxons by a 28-21 count.

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Although Mike Drale, in the 138-pound class, and Mike Kirkpatrick, in the 112-pound class, added another perfect day to their clean sweep of pins so far, Ken Fischer lost a decision in the 103-pound class to break his record of three straight wins.

NHS Victors

Other North victors in the Friday meet included Ken Knott (127-pounds), who has a 3-1 record; Harold Becker, (175-pounds), who has a 2-2 record; and Jack Tarney (93-pounds), who sports a 2-1 record.

Results of the Friday action were:

93-lb.—Tarney (NT) decisively Gillette (ES).  
103-lb.—LiButte (ES) decisively Fischer (NT).  
112-lb.—Kirkpatrick (NT) pinned Dix (ES).  
120-lb.—Neff (ES) pinned John Murakawa (NT).  
127-lb.—Knott (NT) pinned Patrick (ES).  
133-lb.—Moore (ES) pinned Dave Sword (NT).  
145-lb.—Engelhorn (ES) pinned Tom Okada (NT).  
155-lb.—Green (ES) pinned Gene Poulson (NT).  
165-lb.—Field (ES) decisively Bill Wright (NT).  
175-lb.—Becker (NT) decisively Rausch (ES).  
Heavy—Briese decisively Jim Blanton (NT).

Hawthorne Meet

The Saxon wrestlers meet the Hawthorne gym at 2:30 p.m. this Friday. Coach Don Garrison said the strength of Hawthorne is a question-mark.

Garrison's charges have previously wracked up victories over Culver City, 28-24; Beverly Hills, 38-15; and Torrance High, 30-26. The league champions will be determined in a Beverly Hills Tourney later this year.

Quarter scores in the varsity action:  
Torrance . . . . 9 16 17 14-56  
Leuzinger . . . 11 2 14 7-34

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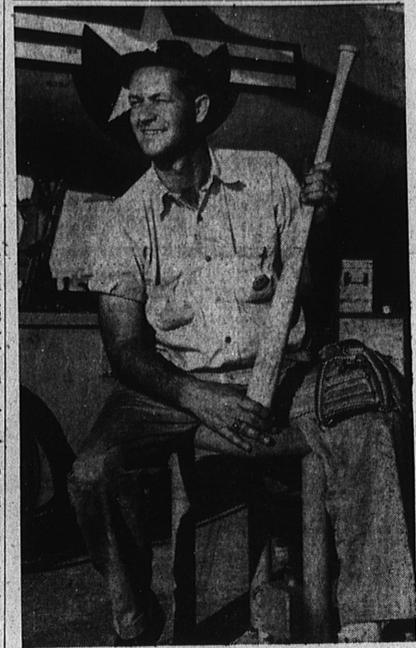
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# TORRANCE HERALD Sports

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AL LYONS  
... No More Batters to Face

## Al Lyons Trades Baseball Bat for Jet Bomber Work

Southland baseball fans will be interested to learn that Al Lyons, one of their favorite players and a veteran of both the major leagues and the Pacific Coast League, is now working for North American Aviation as an aircraft electrical installer. Employed in the company's Los Angeles Division Modification Center, he helps overhaul and modernize B-47 Tornado jet bombers.

Lyons, who wound up his playing career with the Hollywood Stars in 1955, joined North American in October last year. He was a ballplayer for almost 20 years.

"I spent the 1956 baseball season in Modesto, managing a New York Yankee farm team in the California State League," Al says. "I was released in August, but since I couldn't bring myself to leave baseball completely, I played some semi-pro ball with a team in South Dakota."

A Tough Decision

The decision to leave the diamond was a tough one, Al says, "because that was my career for so long." A local boy, he started playing pro ball in 1938 as a pitcher with the Los Angeles Angels, after graduating from Washington High School. A sore arm developed, however, and kept him out of the game in 1937 and 1938.

Al signed up with the New York Yankees' Joplin, Mo., farm team in 1939 and stayed there two years. Promoted to the Binghamton team of the Eastern League in 1941 and 1942, he had his first chance to work out in spring training with the Yanks. He was transferred to the Los Angeles Division Modification Center, he helps overhaul and modernize B-47 Tornado jet bombers.

On the first team in 1943 and 1944, Al took a military leave of absence to serve in the Navy the next two years, returning to the Yankees in 1947. He pinch hit during the World Series that year and also relieved Joe DiMaggio in center field during the series.

Sold to Pittsburgh that winter, he played only one week of the 1948 season with the Pirates and was traded to the Boston Braves (now Milwaukee). Since they won the pennant that year, Al played in the '48 World Series against Cleveland.

His major league career ended that winter, when he was sold to Seattle in the Pacific Coast League. With Seattle as a pitcher from 1949 to 1952, he was traded to San Francisco for the 1953 season. After the start of the next season, he was sold to San Diego, where he helped that club win the pennant. He was sent to Hollywood in 1955.

Thrilled As Yank

Al's greatest thrill was being a Yankee, he says, and wearing their famous blue pinstripe uniform.

He was considered an invaluable player during his last few years on the diamond because of his batting prowess and his ability to play the outfield or pitch as the occasion demanded.

Among his records is that of hitting the longest ball ever hit in the Coast League. He was with Seattle, playing at San Francisco in 1949, when he powered a 527-foot home run over the farthest part of the center-field fence.

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