

# North High Gridders Fall on Verge of First Win

## TARTARS WHIP EL SEGUNDO, 13-12

### Saxons Lead Until Fourth Quarter

By JERRY REYNOLDS

Grossmont's Fighting Foothillers battled their way back into the game in the fourth quarter to defeat the North High Saxons 19-7 on the locals home field Friday night. It was the first win of the season for the San Diego team and the 18th consecutive loss for the Saxons.

North High started off in a spurt of glory, taking the kickoff and returning the ball 96 yards in 11 plays and Gene Eaton went over for the first and only score for the home team. The conversion attempt by Hershel Lawson was good for the Saxon total tally of 7.

Both Grossmont and North threatened to score but neither team made good the threat until Ernie Thompson raced down the field for a 46 yard run and a TD. But a penalty called the Saxon effort back and the half ended 7-0.

The third quarter saw the ball moved back and forth in the center of the field. The final period of play proved to be the undoing of the locals.

The Foothillers broke lose for their first six points when D. Neuman went over. The

conversion was blocked. Final defeat for the Saxons came later in the quarter when Jim Buckner scored from the three yard line.

With two minutes of play left Jim Whitley whipped out a pass to the Saxon left end, which Grossmont intercepted. Fleet-footed Neuman then ran down the field for 38 yards to score again and the conversion attempt was good.

When the final gun was sounded the score stood at 19-7.

### HARRIERS IN TWIN WINS

cross-country teams scored easy double victories over Hawthorne and Beverly Hills Friday, with Sanford Smith, Len Ehlers and Dennis Hansen copping the first three place spots in varsity competition.

Smith toured the 1.7 mile THS course in 8:24.5 a half a second off the long standing school record.

Coach Jim Wilson's harriers run again Monday against Banning on the latter's course, with another meet scheduled for Friday against either Morningside or Mira Costa, according to Coach Wilson.



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LUCKLESS SAXONS . . . North High's Saxons led all the way until the fourth quarter blues set in when they finally noddod to a Grossmont eleven 19-7. Bill Saxton (left) and a teammate are shown here breaking up a pass intended for Bob Willhelm of Grossmont.

### Tartars Score in Final 20 Sec. on 3-yard Pass

by Bill Schipper

Torrance High's long overdue varsity finally crashed into the win column Friday night as a last ditch—3 yard pass play that clicked with less than 20 seconds to play provided the Tartars with the necessary points to score a hard fought 13-12 upset victory over formerly unbeaten El Segundo.

End Mike Gonta hauled in a Bob Cosby aerial on 4th down sparking the team's first win of the season and first since they pulled the

trick. The Story Book ending climaxed a 25 yard drive that started when Harold Davis pounced on an Eagle fumble with little over two minutes to play.

Quarterback Cosby marched the team to the promised land in six plays with backs Bobby Grajeda, Bob Farrington, and Stu Gonta carrying the ball to the 3 before Cosby flipped the game winning pass.

Ironically enough, it was only the third time the Tartars had abandoned their ground attack in favor of the air, and it was the second completion of the evening, the other coming on a 5 yarder to Davis in the touchdown drive. El Segundo was first to reach paydirt as halfback Steve Molinaro scooted right end for five yards and six points early in the second quarter, but the all-important extra point was blocked by Bobby Curran.

However the most exciting play of the game was soon to follow. Butch White picked up the Eagle kickoff on his own 22 and raced 78 yards over-and-through half the 'Gundo team, picking up several key blocks along the way on his thrilling touchdown jaunt that put THS on the scoreboard and in the game. Jack Tiffin's extra point kick was straight and true and Coach Dick Turner's charges had what later

proved to be the margin of victory.

Shortly after the intermission El Segundo speedster Molinaro tallied his second TD of the evening, a 4 yard plunge through right tackle. But again the try for the extra point was blocked, this time by Captain Kenny Hall, setting the stage for the thrilling ending staged by the galling Tartar crew.

Coach Turner's footballers were playing without the services of three of their regular first stringers, backs Roger Reed and Ron Vares, out with the flu, and guard Danny White who is lost for the rest of the season with a broken leg suffered in the St. August-

ine fray.

However, the 'Gundo eleven's ground attack was crippled somewhat by the absence of top scorer Ted Bell, who has tallied six touchdowns in the team's two previous non-league wins.

Coach Turner commented after the game that "it was a team win and the game was decided in the line play of boys like (Harold) Davis, (Ken) Hall, (Steve) Foster, (Bob) Curran, and Jim Wallace. I'm real proud of the way they played."

The team hits the practice field again tomorrow in preparation for Friday's game with Santa Fe, the team's final non-league tilt before the Bay season gets under way.



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### North High Cross-Country Teams Take Two Non-League Encounters

North High distancemen copped top honors in two practice meets to get off to a head start in league cross country competition.

Meeting Millikan first at Long Beach State College, varsity harriers dominated the finishing line with a 22-36 score.

In a tri-meet competition with Artesia and Leuzinger, the locals scored 30 points, trailed by Artesia with 42 and Leuzinger with 52.

The Saxons are led by Mike Clark with Don Hickerson, Mike Sims, Bob Merry, Frank Husson, Ben Garcia and Bill Leonhard also turning in fine performances.

Junior Varsity men followed their big brothers in taking top honors. They nosed out Millikan by a 27-28 margin and came back to completely snow Artesia 20-53. Leuzinger failed to rack up any points at all.

### Tartar Bees Score Upset In Tie Game

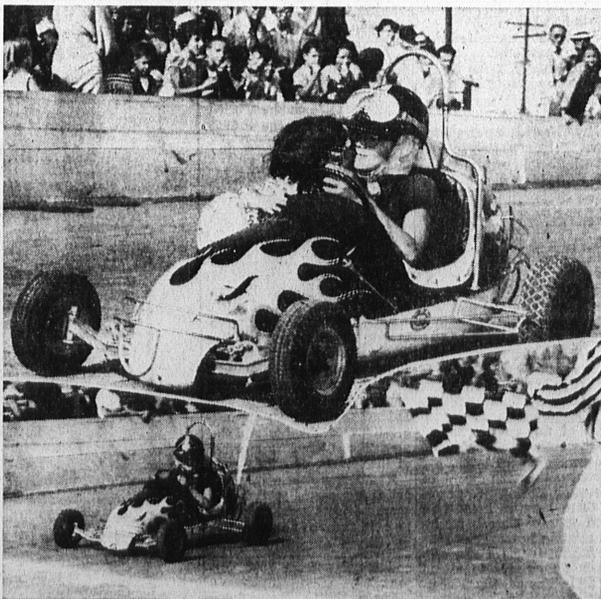
Torrance High's Bee footballers turned in an upset 6-6 performance against an El Segundo eleven last Thursday in the team's second non-league fracas. The game was played on the THS field at 2:45.

It took a brilliant defensive unit to stop the Eagles' speedy backs who ran wild in the first quarter before the Tartars buckled down to hold the visitors at bay.

Following a scoreless first quarter Eagle Captain Paul Reeder scored the game's first tally on a 10-yard jaunt around right end. The visitors attempted to run the extra point over but Roxy Richards, recently elected Tarbabe captain, broke through to stop the plunge. From that point on the THS defense held the visitors scoreless.

Following a blocked Eagle punt recovered on the 10-yard stripe by Al Wicker, Fullback Rick Bradford went over for the touchdown to tie the count at 6-6. The extra point was blocked and the two teams battled scorelessly the remainder of the game.

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