

# Camino Duo Sets National Record

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### FROM THE BRIDGE

#### Is Torrance-South Grid Series Over?

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

Although not much attention may circle around it, the 1960 prep football schedules are in the process of being contracted by the city's three high schools. And as far as I know, there are no plans for a continuance of the Torrance-South football series.

Since South enters the Bay League, and Torrance remains in the "weaker" Pioneer League, officials apparently have ruled against a renewal of the intra-city rivalry, which opened with a bang this year.

Of course, a new South-North rivalry will replace Torrance's role in the affair. But why prevent either North or South from also playing Torrance? There certainly would be no bigger boost for prep football in the city than a dual rivalry, and it would also mean a means for comparison of teams by comparative scores.

Or don't certain school officials desire that the city's students and schools compete in a healthy manner against each other?

In either case, I think the area's fans, boosters, and parents should chime in with an opinion for either side.

Why should the local schools play a game in San Diego, at a relatively high expense, when a trip across the city would be doubly beneficial?

This fall South High played Artesia and San Diego in non-league games, and North Torrance met Warren of Downey. If the usual home and home game basis is followed on the South football contracts, then the team must travel to either San Diego or Artesia next fall for a game that could (or should) be played against Torrance in the city's backyard. Since South will have seven league games, only one non-league game may be arranged by an edict of the city schools system.

As I recall, officials complaints about expense have been a prime reason for a cutdown in certain athletic activities, and expense has also been one of the major reasons for having only one instead of the desired two baseball umpires at Torrance games. What do you think?

Feel like setting a record? Get one of your buddies to team up with and try running 40 quarter-mile laps alternately, 20 apiece. That's what El Camino's Len Ehlers and Furman Marsh did Thursday, and the two set a national junior college record for the 2-man 10-mile run.

This must be open season for overlooking deserving football players. First, South's Joe Austin was the "forgotten man" on the all-Pioneer League team; now El Camino's spunky halfback Gene Williams has joined the club.

Tabbed as the Warriors' leading candidate for all-Metro-politan Conference honors, Williams was completely overlooked and didn't even rate an "honorable mention" rating on the all-star teams. Williams led El Camino in scoring and rushing yardage, kickoff returns, and was a prime pass target for quarterback Dave Long. His spirit was tops, too.

What made Williams, a 5'11", 170-pounder, all the more valuable for Coach Norm Verry was that he was as good on defense as on offense.

I suspect somebody was sleeping when the all-Metro team was picked. It's incidents like these that make me hold my nose when "all-star" teams are "selected."

It's official. Torrance's 6'4" all-Bay League center, John Sandstrom, resigned from the Tartar basketball team this week.

Torrance's cross-country ace Mike Thornton deserves a pat on the back after placing third in the CIF (small schools) cross-country finals at Long Beach State Friday. Thornton, a junior, is participating in the harrier sport for the first season.

When he took first place at the CIF prelims a week ago, it marked the third year in a row that a Torrance cross-country representative "upset" a despothee. In '57, the Tartars won the small schools (under 1500 enrollment) CIF championship, and last year Torrance upset Mira Costa for the Bay League championship.

When Torrance went against Leuzinger for the Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament consolation championship last night at Redondo it marked the second time in three years that the two schools met for consolation honors.

The Tartars with Gene Crenshaw barely won out in '57, and from the looks of Leuzinger's showing against Redondo Friday (53-48) Torrance was in for another rough time of it last night.

The game was played 10 hours after this column was written, but the way the Tartars' Bill Reinert has been going, it's not much of a gamble to say that he'd land a berth on the Shores all-tourney team. Bill's long left-handed jump shots helped keep Torrance in the tourney.

Speaking of basketball, it's remarkable the way athletes like South's Joe Austin can make the transition from the football field to the hardwood without any apparent difficulties. Joe—with only a week's practice—sparkled for South in the team's two games in the Shores tourney.

South goes against Redondo in the Spartans' new gymnasium Thursday and the game will match a couple of backcourt dynamoes. South's Jim Mannix, a junior, is Mr. Perpetual Motion on the floor and will probably be assigned to defense Redondo's little Chuy Rodriguez. Chuy and Mannix should put on quite a show for the paying customers.

I hear that they're finally getting around to installing a telephone in South's coaches' office. After spending all that moola on a beautiful and fully equipped athletic plant, someone goofed and forgot about the convenience of a telephone last year.

## Ehlers, Marsh Combine for 10 Mile Mark

By BILL SCHIPPER  
Herald Sports Editor

A pair of El Camino distance runners issued a challenge this week after setting what is believed to be a new national junior college record for the 2-man 10-mile run. The duo—Furman Marsh and Len Ehlers, a Torrance High graduate—combined for a 47.33 minutes clocking in

running alternate 440s for 40 laps over the El Camino cinder track on Thursday to shave by 50 seconds the former national mark, held by ex-Caminoans since 1957.

Each runner ran 20 laps, 5 miles in all, and Marsh breezed through the final lap in 62 seconds to wrap up the grueling afternoon's work.

"We defy anyone to run it," they challenged while consoling sore muscles, aching feet, and tired legs. "It was the toughest race I ever ran," they echoed. "Those last 10 laps are run on guts alone." Both agreed that they had never been so physically exhausted and beat.

EL CAMINO cross-country and track coach Ray Southstone will send the clocking into Track and Fields News, a national magazine which sponsors the 2-man 10 mile run.

Four clocks were used on the race, with two others on each lap time. The fastest lap run was 62 (Marsh), while Ehlers' 80 seconds time was the slowest 440 of the afternoon.

Marsh averaged 67's a lap, and Ehlers had a 74's average.

COLLEGE COACHES and officials witnessed the race "to make it official."

"It wouldn't have been so bad at the end," Marsh said, "but we both had sideaches, and it was difficult to run."

The former record was set by Jerry Holland and John Bell, of El Camino, in 1957.

The 2-man 10 mile run was strange to Ehlers, but nothing new to Marsh, who was a prep mile sensation at Morningside last year.

FURMAN TEAMED with a

distance buddy his junior season in high school to set the national prep 10 mile record of 48:33. His best mile time in high school was 4:23, one of the top times in the CIF last year.

Ehlers set numerous cross-country and track records at Torrance. He went to the CIF finals in '57 with a 1:59 clocking for the 880. He is a sophomore.

Asked if they would soon run the race again, both replied simultaneously, "Are you kidding?"

## Ascot Cards Steeplechase Bike Race

The first steeplechase motorcycle race ever billed at Ascot Stadium has been carded for Sunday, December 13, by J. C. Agajanian.

Construction is now well underway on an entertaining steeplechase course that will be highlighted by a jump. The courses utilize the infield as well as part of the regular track at Ascot.

Agajanian expects many of the West's leading handlebar jockeys to test the new layout. Already set are such standouts as Don Hawley, Gary Sowell, Sammy Tanner, Johnny Muckenthaler, Dick Hammer, Jim Goldsmith and Johnny Gibson.

It is expected that the steeplechase course will be maintained as a permanent facility at the 182nd and Vermont Avenue course. Races will be scheduled periodically.

The race is being run under American Motorcycle Association sanction.



RECORD SETTERS . . . El Camino College long distance aspirants Furman Marsh (center) and Len Ehlers demonstrate baton handoff technique after setting national record for the 2-man 10-mile run. Coach Ray Southstone checks runners with stopwatch. Running alternate 440s, the El Camino duo recorded a 47:33 clocking to better former mark by 50 seconds. (Herald photo)

## Hawthorne High Alive in CIF Playoffs, 9-7

On the strength of a 29 yard field goal by sophomore kicking specialist Ronnie Petch, Hawthorne High remained alive in the CIF playoffs Friday night, 9-7 over Glendale at El Camino College.

Petch booted the three-pointer in the first period, and teammate Ragatz scored six in the fourth quarter. Dynamiter Tom Seabold scored a later TD for the losers as Hawthorne notched its 10th win of the season.

The Cougars go against unbeaten and defending CIF champion Long Beach Poly Friday night for the "AAA" crown.

Poly was an easy 40-13 victor over Mt. Carmel.

Playoff scores:  
LARGE SCHOOLS  
Poly 40, Mt. Carmel 13  
Hawthorne 9, Glendale 7  
SMALL SCHOOLS  
San Diego 26, Santa Ana 6  
Monrovia 14, Redlands 6  
"A"  
Brea-Olinda 20, Harvard 0

## Channel 11 to Televis L.A. Golf Tourney

Complete television coverage of the 34th Annual Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament will be provided Southern California viewers by KTTV, Channel Eleven, it was announced by Robert Breckner, the station's vice-president in charge of programs.

One of the nation's top golf events, the Los Angeles Open is expected to attract more than 300 of the country's foremost golfers. Tournament will be held January 8th through 11th.

Bill Welsh will describe the play and conduct interviews.

## Torrance Host School for PL Mat Tournament

Torrance High will be the host school for the Pioneer League's annual wrestling tournament, scheduled for Thursday in the boys' gym.

Torrance wrestling coach Bill Hoag says the tourney will run from about 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with no admission charged. Torrance was the host school for a similar tournament four years ago.

Each of the league's seven member schools may enter a maximum of 48 novice wrestlers, making it possible for 336 grapplers to compete in a four-to-five hour span.

NOVICE WRESTLERS are defined as those who have not earned a varsity letter. There will be champions for each of the 12 weight classifications, with medals going to the first and second place boys in each division.

A maximum of five matches must be won in order to lay title to a weight division championship, Coach Hoag said. Matches will be single elimination.

MATCHES WILL BE going on four mats simultaneously, with paid officials judging the three one-minute-period bouts. The periods have been cut from two-to-one minute for a dual purpose—to speed up the tourney and because the wrestlers are not in full condition to go the regular route.



NOVICE WRESTLERS . . . Rudy Beltran, 95-pound Torrance wrestler, demonstrates mat hold on 218-pound Garlan Roberts as Coach Bill Hoag looks on. Both will compete in novice wrestling tournament to be held at Torrance on Thursday, when more than 300 matmen will compete. (Herald photo)

## Williams, Goodrich, Long Lead El Camino Football Statistics

Scatback Gene Williams rounded out the season by gaining the top positions in three departments in the final tabulation of El Camino College football statistics.

Chalking up 368 yards in 57 carries for a 6.45 average, Williams ran off with first place in conference rushing marks for the Warriors and led the team in scoring in both conference play and for the season.

Rambling for seven six-pointers and four two-point conversions, Williams accounted for 50 points during the year, 44 coming in conference games.

Included in Williams' point-producing totals were six runs from scrimmage and one kick-off return for touchdowns. He also led the team in kick-off returns for the season.

Ron Goodrich, Williams' half-back counterpart, paced the ball carriers in season totals with a peak of 394 yards in 76 totes for a 5.18 average.

In the passing department, Dave Long had 94 completions in 170 attempts for 1226 yards and six touchdowns.

Season statistics:

| TEAM STATISTICS |      |      |  |
|-----------------|------|------|--|
| Yds. gained     | Opp. | ECC. |  |
| 1658            | 1676 |      |  |
| 156             | 228  |      |  |
| 66              | 118  |      |  |
| 18              | 19   |      |  |
| 848             | 1514 |      |  |
| 2345            | 3120 |      |  |
| 111             | 128  |      |  |
| 21              | 29   |      |  |
| 15              | 20   |      |  |
| 58              | 68   |      |  |
| 489             | 543  |      |  |

| RUSHING   |      |      |      |   |
|-----------|------|------|------|---|
| TCB       | Yds. | Ave. | TD   |   |
| GJoodrich | 76   | 394  | 5.18 | 2 |
| Williams  | 57   | 368  | 6.45 | 6 |
| Kizer     | 55   | 363  | 6.57 | 3 |
| Anderson  | 50   | 189  | 3.78 | 1 |
| Stavski   | 14   | 56   | 4.00 | 0 |
| Stanford  | 13   | 46   | 3.55 | 2 |
| Long      | 32   | 39   | 1.22 | 6 |
| Josian    | 11   | 38   | 3.45 | 1 |

| SCORING |     |    |  |
|---------|-----|----|--|
| TD      | PAT | TP |  |
| 7       | 4   | 59 |  |
| 5       | 2   | 22 |  |
| 3       | 0   | 18 |  |
| 3       | 0   | 12 |  |
| 2       | 0   | 12 |  |
| 2       | 0   | 12 |  |
| 1       | 0   | 6  |  |
| 1       | 0   | 6  |  |
| 0       | 1   | 2  |  |
| 0       | 1   | 2  |  |
| 0       | 1   | 2  |  |

| PASSING |    |    |      |
|---------|----|----|------|
| FA      | PC | PI | Yds. |
| 170     | 94 | 13 | 1226 |
| 64      | 94 | 13 | 238  |
| 4       | 0  | 6  | 19   |

| PASS RECEIVING |      |       |    |
|----------------|------|-------|----|
| PC             | Yds. | Ave.  | TD |
| 22             | 228  | 10.36 | 1  |
| 17             | 155  | 9.12  | 1  |
| 17             | 238  | 13.97 | 2  |
| 14             | 277  | 19.78 | 2  |
| 12             | 236  | 19.67 | 0  |
| 8              | 64   | 8.00  | 0  |
| 5              | 43   | 8.60  | 0  |
| 3              | 22   | 7.33  | 0  |
| 2              | 20   | 10.00 | 0  |
| 2              | 19   | 9.50  | 0  |
| 1              | 12   | 12.00 | 0  |
| 1              | 9    | 9.00  | 0  |
| 1              | 9    | 9.00  | 0  |
| 1              | 6    | 6.00  | 0  |
| 1              | 6    | 6.00  | 0  |

## Ruffell Returns To Utah Varsity

SALT LAKE CITY—(Special to the Torrance Herald)—Richard Ruffell, former great prepster for Torrance High, is scheduled to see plenty of basketball action again this year as the University of Utah seeks a second straight Skyline Conference championship.

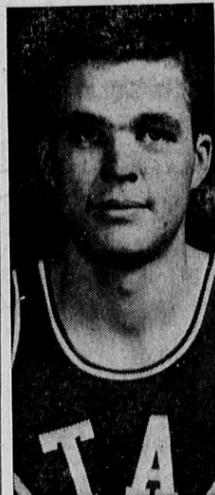
Ruffell, a 6'3", 189 pound junior, is a physical education major at the Salt Lake City school, where he returns for his second year on the varsity.

He was considered by many as the finest sophomore in the conference last year. Starting in every league game, he led the Utes in field goal shooting percentages with a .470 average.

A 1957 graduate of Torrance High, Rich made second team all-Conference. His coach, Jack Gardner, regards Rich as a fine defensive player, a good ball handler, with a deadly jump shot.

His greatest showing last year came against Brigham Young University, when he sank the game-tying basket with only three seconds remaining in the game.

At Torrance Ruffell—coached by Fanny Markham—set school individual game and season scoring records. He was all-Bay League for two years, and all-CIF his senior season.



RICH RUFFELL

## 15-Man Squad For El Camino Basketball

George Stanich, El Camino College basketball coach, has announced a 15 man squad for the 1959-60 season.

The roster, with the players' high schools in parenthesis is: John Boyd (Morningside), John Brandenburg (Leuzinger), John Breslin (Mt. Carmel), Joe Cattiviera (Mira Costa), Harry Dindel (Mira Costa), Ken Erhard (Leuzinger), Barry Flanary (Wilson, Okla.), Bob Harrick (El Segundo), Bob Hernandez (Mt. Carmel), Ernest Kappen (Hawthorne), Frank Kingery (Inglewood), Steve Kocals (Leuzinger), Jan Kre (Morningside), George Plante (Redondo), Stan Rubin (Gardena), and Jack Runyon (Inglewood).

The Warriors have 19 games remaining to play on the schedule, not including the Sam Barry Tournament nor the state tourney at Modesto. The team has a Jan. 20 date to play the UCLA Frosh at the Sports Arena.

## Tab Round Table Champion 4-Year-Old by TRA Board

Kerr Stable's Round Table, world's leading money-winner, Friday was named champion in the 4-year-old and up division by the TRA Board of Selection. The 43 votes cast by the 25-man Board registered 26 for Round Table, 11 for Clarence W. Smith's Hillsdale and six for the ill-fated Vertex who went wrong after a sensational early season campaign.

For Round Table, TRA championship is a repeat performance. In 1958 he earned the dual laurels of Champion in his own division and American Champion.

In fourteen engagements this year the hard-running little son of Princequillo won nine, was twice second and twice third adding \$413,380 to his already world-record earnings which now total \$1,749,869.

## DFG Winter Trout Plant Tapers Off

With al of its 1959 Southern California trout stocking allotment fulfilled, the Department of Fish and Game this week tapered off its Southland trout planting program until next spring.

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