North Travels To Morningside

North High goes into the second game of the Bay League basketball season tomorrow night at Morningside with two first team players on the shelf.

Coach Bill Wood reported earlier this week that starters Sam Davidson and Tom Clements have been out with the flu.

Tomorrow night's game is set for 8:15.

The Saxons tipped-off the Bay League campaign yesterday afternoon against Mira Costa at home, but results were not obtainable.

TWO 300 HOMER MEN

The Dodgers are the only team in National League history which has ever had two 300-homer men active at the same time. In addition to the 345 by Hodges, Snider has 354. Snider is third and Hodges fifth in the all-time homer listing.

FOOTBALL PROSPECT

Little Maury Wills, Dodger shortstop, 157 pounds when damp, turned down football scholarsips at nine colleges so that he could carry on his baseball career.

DFG to Continue Kern River Hatchery

The Department of Fish and Game has announced that there is no cause for fears that have been expressed regarding closure of the Kern River Hatchery.

The Booz, Allen and Hamilton report on the Department's activities recommended the closure, but the DFG says the recommendation has been carefully studied and rejected by the Department.

"This Department plans to continue operating Kern River Hatchery indefinitely," William E. Warne declared.

Set Registration Sites for Lomita Little League

Registration for players in Lomita Little League will begin Saturday, Jan., 16, according to Tec Coggins, league president.

Boys between the ages 8 and 12 who will not reach their 13th birthday prior to Aug. 1, 1960, are eligible.

Registration will be conducted at the following addresses for the week beginning Jan. 16 through Jan. 24:

"Tec" Coggins, 26240 Eshelman Ave., Lomita; Chuck Lewis, 24615 Eshelman Ave., Lomita; Bill Stowell, 25225 Ork St., Lomita; Paul Gazeley, 1930 W. 241st St., Lomita; Jesse Nichols, 24308 Lomita Drive, Lamita; John Andrews, 2374 W. 248th St., Lomita.

SPORTS

LIKES SCREEN

Wally Moon, a left-handed batter, hit nine of his fourteen 1959 Coliseum homers over the opposite left field barrier, one to center and four to right.

FAVORS RIGHT HANDERS

Charlie Neal, who hit nineteen homers last season, is a right-handed batter, but he hit eighteen of his circuit smashes against right-handed pitching and only one against a southpaw—a ninth-inning blast against Johnny Antonelli, which won a 3-2 decision on July 20.

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HOT SPOTS

By BEN and PAUL SMITH

New Year's Chuckles

Ray Hartley, a Colorado visitor, dropped into the store the other day and explained he had been told the only way to catch ocean fish out here is by jig fishing. He then proceeded to purchase a substantial amount of our jig inventory.

We pointed out to him that live bait was also considered a good bait and that ocean fishing had slowed somewhat this time of the year. However, he insisted on making his purchases and on us making a reservation on the Hurricane for him. We asked him to drop by and let us know how he made out on his return.

The following day he did. He took up to his car and in the trunk was a most impressive array of fish including Yellows, Bonita, Bass and Barracuda. He had sparkling words of praise for the jigs he purchased from us — all of them. Eo perhaps all of us should take a lesson from the visitor from Colorado.

Mexico Fishing Trip

We recently took a New Year's fishing trip to Mex It was a dream trip — at least the way we planned it. here's what happened.

We sat up all night, the Smiths and the Guttenfelders, pulling our jeep behind our station wagon. We planned to visit Santa Maria Sky Ranch, which is about 150 miles below Ensenada, for surf, boat fishing and some clam digging.

About 20 kilometers from Ensenada the station wagon refused to pull the jeep. Already three to four inches of rain had fallen there where scientists tell us only one-half-inch will fall during the entire year. In a small puebla we disconnected the jeep and all four of us piled in, along with a considerable amount of assorted equipment. There was no top on the jeep. Wind was blowing at gale force. Harvel, sitting in back was hardly visible. No paved roads, just the dangest, ruttiest roads with terrible holes everywhere.

Unmindful of good advice, we plunged on toward Santa Maria but found the road impossible. We detoured to Johnson's Ranch, about seven kilometers away and arrived there some two hours later thoroughly frozen and dispirited. We couldn't get a line in the water. We started back at dark. The temperature had fallen to the 20's, snow capped the mountains, and strong winds whipped through our bodies.

We arrived back in Ensenada after three hours and remained there all night. The next day we returned to San Diego driving the jeep and station wagon separately. In San Diego the jeep blew a head gasket. It took three hours and a great deal of unpleasant assaults on the jeep's character before we repaired it. We drove it one-half block and the thing blew another gasket. We blew our collective gasket right along with it. We sent a desperate call home for help and finally were rescued.

I wasn't sure, but when I got up the following morning I was certain I saw that jeep grinning from fender-to-fender.

Moral of the story: stay home and fish locally as Fred Bickar did. He took a beautiful 3-pound, 7-ounce perch. We asked him where but he would only reply, "North." We say between 2nd and 6th in Hermosa or "Black Sands." While he may be tight-lipped, he's also top man in the derby sponsored by Red's Bait & Tackle Shop. Keep it up, Freddie.

New Officers

Our congratulations to the new officers of the Torrance Rod & Gun Club. They are President Al St. Onge, Vice President Jack Lund, Treasurer Paul Smith, Executive Secretary Carl Stiles, and Recording Secretary Helen Smith. They will be installed Saturday in ceremonies at the Palms.

We have been getting many inquiries regarding bicycle licenses. Sorry, but as yet we have not been issued the new ones. We expect to receive them about the 15th and when we have them we'll announce the fact in this column.

Less Earthquaking Racing Events of '59 Reviewed

The sports book for 1959 cannot be closed without taking note of some of the less earthquaking events of a record year for Thoroughbred racing. For example, it was a year in which an international agreement was reached among English-speaking nations on a uniform distance for 1 mile. The international mile is now 1,609,344 meters, or 3.3792 millimeters shorter than mile Swaps ran at Hollywood Park when he set the world's record at 1:39 in 1956.

The first of 1959's promising crop of 3-year-olds to fall by the wayside was not a victim of a popped splint, bruised sesamoid, bowed tendon or any of the other incapacitating bone and muscle ills a horse is heir to; Llangollen Farm's Restless Wind was the victim of an insect bite at Hialeah.

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1959 WAS ALSO the year in which some forgetful racing fan failed to cash a $2 ticket worth $225.80 at Santa Anita Park where on January 9 a horse named Silver Dust accounted for the second highest payoff in the track's 25 years.

It was a year in which racing generally breathed a collective sigh of relief when a mass of electronics known as Univac failed to correctly predict the outcome of the Kentucky Derby won by Tomy Lee.

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IT WAS A YEAR in which many who thought all Thoroughbreds came from Kentucky, were surprised to learn that of the 10,757 registered foals of 1957, (2-year-olds of '59) only 3,061 were foaled in the Blue Grass state, and the 2-year-old champions,

An unhailed champion of a sort of 1959 is John Erdman, who at Garden State Park last October found a wallet containing $1,510 in cash and winning tickets worth another $1,120 and promptly turned them in to the track's security office.

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