

City's Fastest Miler Started By Chasing Cowson Dad's Farm

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Torrance High's Mike Thornton, one of the five fastest high school milers in the nation, began his fleet-footed career by outrunning cows. Upon the retirement of Mike's father from the U.S. Navy, the

Thornton family settled down on a seacoast farm near Fort Bragg, N.C.

"There," stated Mike, "I ran my father's cows until I got to where I could catch them or until they didn't want to run anymore."

Mike is now running against the clock and doing so well that he, along with the four other fastest high school milers in the nation, have been invited to run in a featured race of The Times Indoor Games, Feb.

11, in the Sports Arena. Thornton ran a 4:15 mile last year at the state meet held at Stanford University. He hopes to better this in the future in order to fulfill his great ambition, to run in the world Olympics.

"I have tentative plans to go to USC but I don't know whether to follow in the military footsteps of my father or enroll as a physical education major," stated Thornton concerning his education.

Warriors to Try League Leading Renegades

The Bakersfield Renegades, leading the Metro Conference, hosts the El Camino College basketball squad in a rematch of an early season thriller to-morrow evening.

In the opening Metro game for both squads, Bakersfield was forced into a double overtime before falling to a fighting group of Warriors 62-58, on the ECC court.

BIG GUN for the Gades was center Steve Merta with 20 points, and following closely was high scoring guard Mark Hansen with 19.

El Camino countered with Ron Wey's 15 points. It was Wey's inability to contain the big 6-ft., 7-in. Merta that helped spell defeat.

Defeating Bakersfield on their home court is a mighty tough task under the best of conditions. The Gades sport a 6-1 league record going into the second round of conference action which makes things even more difficult.

THE WARRIORS held Bakersfield down in their first meeting this year with an effective defense. This puts the

pressure right back on that defense in the second meeting.

El Camino upped its Metro record to 3-4 midway through the 1961 conference tussle. The Warriors played two games over the week end.

Friday evening the team traveled to Valley College and met a stubborn group of Monarchs who fought their way to a 90-76 win.

find the range all evening and Hirsch was just too much to handle. That was Valley's 13th win in 22 conference battles with the Warriors to date.



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Ram Gene Brito To Be Guest at Father-Son Fete

Gene Brito, defensive end for the Los Angeles Rams and a member of the All-Pro squad for five years, will appear as a guest-of-honor at the annual Father and Son banquet to be presented by the Los Crusados council of the Knights of Columbus next Monday evening, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

GEORGE Gaunder and Tom Robinson, athletic directors for Bishop Montgomery and Fermin Lasuen high schools, will be the other council guests for the banquet to be held in the council chambers, 214 Avenue I, Redondo Beach. The three athletic figures will participate in the presentation of "most valuable player" awards during the program. Reservations for the Father and Son banquet must be made before Feb. 2. Joseph Platt, council chancellor, is the program chairman.

PRIOR to his acquisition by the Rams, Brito played 84 consecutive games over a seven-year career with the Washington Redskins. The former Loyola of Los Angeles star won the Most Valuable Line-man Award in 1958, and has been selected to play in five Pro Bowl games. Films of the Rams in action will follow the dinner program.

Leek, Ross Sign Pacts With Angels

Rookie infielders Gene Leek and Don Ross have signed contracts with the Los Angeles Angels according to General Manager Fred Haney.

California born Leek played for Mobile in the Cleveland Indians organization last year. He hit .258, but showed that he has a good deal of power, whacking 18 home runs with 64 RBIs.

Ross hails from Harrisburg, Pa. He began his career with Vancouver in the Baltimore Orioles organization last year batting .343 in 14 games.

With the signing of outfielders Bob Cerv and Albie Pearson last week, the Angels now have four signed contracts in the vault.

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