

North '9' Cinches Tie for Title

FROM THE BRIDGE

Graybehl Unveils Tartar Track Title

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SKIPPING ALONG THE SPORTS RIALTO . . . it seems for the past 14 years, ever since Torrance formed its own school district and joined the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), local sports boosters have been patiently waiting for Torrance High to win its first major sport varsity championship.

But now it comes out that the school won its first title —by proxy—half a dozen years ago but apparently nobody knows about it. Cliff Graybehl, the former long-time Torrance and North High coach who's now behind a desk out at North, called our attention to the little known fact t'other day during the North-Leuzinger baseball session, when the Saxons clinched at least a tie for the Bay League championship with a 12-0 victory.

Graybehl, a walking encyclopedia on local athletic history, pointed out that Torrance was credited with the Bay League's varsity track trophy in 1954 when a couple of Santa Monica High athletes were termed ineligible after sparking the school to the cinder championship.

It seems the youths belonged to a secret fraternity, which is against the state school code, so Torrance received the title trophy although finishing in an actual tie for 2nd with Inglewood at the league meet.

Speaking of track, the cinder sport is stealing the local spotlight this week, although the city baseball teams are in the thick of a couple of red hot races.

One of the biggest weeks of the season is ahead of us, beginning with the CIF prelims and the Fresno Relays a week from Saturday.

Many of the marks turned in at last week's Bay League and Pioneer League finals were almost fantastic. Five runners at the Bay League meet in Inglewood were clocked in under 2:00 for the 880, with the winning time at 1:56.8. Also, five runners were under 3:20 in the class B 1320 as Dennis Hansen's league mark of 3:17.3 was wiped out by Mira Costa's Ron Fletcher, 3:14.6.

Hansen, from Torrance, set his mark in '58 to also break the smooch record of 3:17.9 set by Louis Zamperini in the early thirties.

Torrance's Mike Thornton, who broke Zamperini's mile record early in the season with a 4:21.1, ran a 4:25.5 at the Pioneer meet to set a new league standard. And he's only a junior.

It'll be interesting when (and if) Thornton meets up with La Habra sensation Bruce Bess in the CIF finals. Bess bested Thornton .1s at the Huntington Beach Relays and was clocked in under 4:14 at the prelims in San Diego last week.

For 24 hours last week it was undecided who actually won the Metropolitan Conference track championship. A scant 1/4 points separated Bakersfield and Long Beach, but the mile relay race was protested and had to be reviewed by film by Cecil Zaun, the conference athletic commissioner. However, Zaun disallowed the protest, lodged by Valley College officials, and Bakersfield had its fourth consecutive title.

Rumor has it that Harry Dinnel, the El Camino College rebounding sensation, is headed for Pepperdine next fall to play for Duck Dowell. However, if Dinnel, an All-Southern Cal forward, decides to complete his sophomore year of eligibility under Coach George Stanich, Camino could have its greatest basketball team yet next season.

Besides Harry, several top-notch cagers who sat out last season and a full crew of returnees plus outstanding prep ballplayers like Bill Reinert, Tom Grates (via UCLA), Dan Karavas, and possibly Jumpin' Jim Portis from the adult leagues could combine to set the JC pitch on fire.

It's stretching a point a bit, but three local schools could enter the CIF baseball playoffs next week: North, Bishop Montgomery, and possibly South . . . Joe Montgomery, the guppy halfback from Torrance High, is probably headed for Pepperdine. Joe wants to play with his big brother, Bill . . . Watch for a complete turnover of coaches at Bishop Montgomery before the present school term ends. Mentors are unhappy with "de-emphasis" policies . . . When was the last time a Torrance athlete made all-league in three sports? Joe Austin, South's do-everything man, is threatening to complete the fete after hitting nearly 400 in baseball. He was all-league footballer, and cager, too.

Chuck Essegian, the Dodgers' pinch-hitter deluxe, isn't at all happy with his duties with the L.A. club if we correctly interpret a short interview before the Baseball Parade last Saturday. Chuck, who is in his early 20's but is being platonized like an old timer laments, "maybe if I went somewhere else I wouldn't have any worries."

40 City Spikers In CIF Prelims

Forty tracksters from the city's three high schools will be among the more than 700 competing at the CIF quarter-finals meet Saturday afternoon at Beverly Hills High.

South High, with 19 qualifiers from the Pioneer League finals, tops the list of prep spikers from Torrance who'll be gunning to "stay alive" in the eliminations that eventually lead to the CIF finals and the state meet.

Torrance, which won the Pioneer League's class B and C championships, has 17 qualifiers in all and North four, from the Bay League.

The prelims will get underway at 1 p.m. and the top six athletes from a field of 20 in each of the 12 events will continue on in the eliminations.

Only one city product, Steve Vroman from South, will compete in more than two events. Vroman is entered in the

broad jump (213 1/2), 100 (10.2) and 180 yard low hurdles (20.4).

Torrance's Mike Thornton, the Pioneer League's mile record holder at 4:25.5, is the city's only long distance varsity qualifier while Pat Lininger of North will compete in the 220 and 440.

Other South varsity qualifiers are Bill Edwards, high jumper (6-1 1/2), and John Robinson, high hurdles (15.2).

Torrance's varsity qualifiers are Thornton, Tony Bareford (440), and Gary Huffman, high jumper.

Lininger is North's only varsity entrant, but Saxon Ted Bleuchel took first in the class B pole vault (12-2) and third in the broad jump.

Torrance has nine B and five C qualifiers; South has seven B and nine C qualifiers, and North has Bleuchel in the B division and two C qualifiers.



ANOTHER HORSE . . . Admiring the perpetual trophy which he has won for the third time in competition with other members of the Southern California Motor Car Dealers Assn. is Von Moffett, president of DeVon Motors, Inc. Moffett won the group's golf tournament to become the first three-time winner at the El Dorado Country Club Saturday. (Herald Photo)

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Sammy Tanner Shooting for Motorcycle Win at Ascot

Sammy "The Flying Flea" Tanner figures to be sizzling as he bids for the main event victory in tomorrow evening's motorcycle racing meet at Ascot Stadium.

Tanner, the standout of the 1959 season, has been having more than one's normal share of trouble this year. First off, he took a frightening tumble and came off with a badly injured foot that kept him on the sidelines for several weeks.

THEN, just as he was set to roll at top speed again, he ran into umpire troubles — or rather started troubles. Seems as if Starter Shim Malone

caught Tanner trying to beat the gun and slapped him with a penalty.

The call is somewhat unusual in the Ascot cycle racing action. And, furthermore, states Tanner, "everyone on the front line was fudging, so why penalize only me?"

FOR A LITTLE guy (he's 5-5 and weighs 118), "Tanner has an awful "mad on."

Dick Dorresteyn will be back to attempt to make it two straight, along with such other standouts as Jack O'Brien, Joe Leonard, Dick Mann, Don Hawley, Al Gunter, Johnny Gibson, and Bob SirKegian.



TRACK BOUND . . . South High track and field coach Dick Scully goes over last minute training instructions with two of South's three CIF preliminary-bound varsity spikers, Bill Edwards and John Robinson. Edwards took Pioneer League high jump championship at 6'1 1/2" and Robinson was 2nd in the high hurdles. (Herald photo by Bob Wilton)

Saxons End Season Today At Samohi

North High retained its one-game lead over Santa Monica and Mira Costa Tuesday and assured itself of no worse than a tie for the Bay League's baseball championship by clouting Leuzinger, 12-0, behind the four-hit pitching of three Saxon flingers.

North goes shooting for all the marbles this afternoon at 3 against Samohi, at Marine Field in the beach city, when Dennis Hogue (7-2) toes the slab against the Vikings' Val Lugo (4-1) in a crucial and significant season-end.

BESIDES the title and a definite CIF playoff berth being at stake, today's contest is liable to be the last athletic hook-up between the two schools for quite awhile. You may recall that Santa Monica — a Bay League member since 1913 — will be transferred into another loop in the fall.

Tuesday's shutout victory over last-place Leuzinger featured an eight-hit assault off a trio of Olympian pitchers plus a six-run 6th inning which insured North's 10th triumph in 13 league starts.

Coach Bob Shoup's crew boosted its season record to an impressive 16-7 in becoming the city's first baseball team in a 14-year history in California Interscholastic Federation to clinch at least a share of a Bay League varsity title.

SHOUP used winning pitcher Billy Kehoe (5-3), reliefer Larry Dotson, and mop-up man Hogue in blanking the Olympos. Kehoe, a lefthanded 10th grader, struck out seven and walked three in his five inning stint.

Big bats for North belonged to centerfielder Frank VanPatten, 3 for 4 with two RBIs as he boosted his batting percentage to .338, catcher Dave Marsden who belted home two runs with two singles, and thirdbaseman Jim Carrico with three runs batted in.

Santa Monica dropped at 1 to 0 pitcher's duel to North last month as Hogue set the Vikes down on two hits. Samohi was 2nd in the CIF playoffs last year.

THE VIKINGS nipped Hawthorne 1-0 on a squeeze bunt in the 7th Tuesday to stay on North's heels, while Mira Costa, which closes out its season today against Redondo, blanked Inglewood 6-0.

If Santa Monica beats North this afternoon, and Micho defeats Redondo, the three schools would tie for the title with identical 10-4 records.

If that be the case, a flip of a coin would probably decide the CIF playoff entries.

Boxscore

Leuzinger	ab	r	h	rbi
Adams, lf	4	0	0	0
Drago, 2b	3	0	0	0
London, ss	2	0	0	0
Schneider, c	3	0	2	0
Pritchard, rf	3	0	0	0
Gerado, 3b	1	0	1	0
Newton, 1b	3	0	0	0
Hawley, cf	1	0	0	0
Stephenson, p	2	0	1	0
Adams, p	0	0	0	0

Totals	23	0	4	0
North	ab	r	h	rbi
VanPatten, cf	4	3	3	2
Hubert, 2b	2	2	1	1
Marsden, c	4	2	2	3
Jacobs, lf	2	1	0	0
Merrill, 1b	1	1	0	1
Carrico, 3b	3	0	1	3
Martin, rf	1	1	0	0
Golpeneze, ss	3	1	1	0
Kehoe, p	2	0	0	0
Dotson, p	0	0	0	0
Hogue, p	0	0	0	0
Schenkle, 2b	0	0	0	0
Baker, c	0	0	0	0
Wright, rf	1	1	0	0

Totals	23	12	8	10
Leuzinger	000	000	0	4
North	102	306	x	12

LOB—North 5, Leuzinger 5. 2B—VanPatten, Hubert. SB—VanPatten 2, Marsden 1. WP—Kehoe (5-3), LP—Stephenson.

WHAT DID HE PAY?

The famous jockey, Ted Sloan, probably rode the worst horse in history in a match race held in England in 1897. The racing secretary at Gatwick scheduled an event between the two worst horses in training at that time and Sloan's mount, Shepperton, was the loser.



CLOSE CALL . . . Leuzinger baserunner Gary Gerado has close call on play at first base as North's Dwayne Merrill attempts to make tag on pickoff play in second inning of Tuesday's 12-0 victory at North. Saxons clinched at least a tie for the Bay League championship with the shutout as pitcher Billy Kehoe earned credit for the win. North meets Santa Monica in a crucial this afternoon. (Herald photo)

Eight El Camino Trackmen Enter Coast Relays

Coach Ray Southstone and eight El Camino tracksters will make a trip to Fresno this weekend to participate in the annual West Coast Relays on Saturday.

Southstone has entered a mile relay, medley relay, and 2 mile relay teams along with pole vaulter Ron Dempsey and discus man Jack Henderson.

Dempsey tied for first place with a vault of 13-6 at the Metro Conference finals last week.

Others making the trip for the meet are Len Ehlers, Furman Marsh, Robert Lawson, Dave Jaeger, Jerry Cox, and Sam Wasson.

The two field event men and Lawson, a miler, will compete in the Southern California JC prelims on Tuesday.

TOMMY IVO NIGHT OBSERVED AT LIONS DRAG STRIP

Tommy Ivo night will be observed at Lions Associated Drag Strip, Long Beach, Saturday, during the May Championship after-noon event. Action will be from 3:45 to 10:45 p.m.

The 24-year-old veteran TV actor and present king of gas-dragster drivers, will be honored by his rivals, drag fans and the nine harbor area Lions Clubs which operate the big 223rd St. strip, said Director Mickey Thompson.

Moffett Takes Golf Tournament For Third Time

Von Moffett became the only three-time winner of the Southern California Motor Car Dealers Assn. golf tourney Saturday at the El Dorado Country Club in Palm Springs.

Moffett, president of DeVon rance Plymouth-Valliant-Triumph dealership, shot consistently in the 70s to win the 15-year-old handicap links event. He bested Charley McConcha of Ventura in the finals. The genial Torrance dealer also won the 1947 and 1948 outings.

The championship trophy remains in his possession for one year.

Golf Tourney for Women Begins At Sea-Aire Course

Members of the Sea-Aire Women's Golf Club will swing into spring with their annual tournament today, lasting for one week.

Players in the handicap and off at 9 a.m. each day.

Recently elected officers of the group are Helen Moulton, president; Lee Bake, vice president; Van Calderwood, secretary; and Betty Nelson, treasurer.



By BEN and PAUL SMITH

Last Tuesday, Ted Meier, Ted Olson, Don Gladys, Clint Meadway left for Ensenada as first leg to a new fishing hole. We had heard of (and made immediate reservations for) a fabulous new fishing camp located at Bahia Tortugas, Baja California, Sur, Mexico. From Ensenada, we took a cargo air carrier for an hour and forty minute flight to the airstrip at Bahia Tortugas. Upon arriving, it was noticed that the air strip was a dry lake and the only sign of civilization was a wind sock at one end of the lake. A truck was there to carry us and our fishing gear to the camp. All we had to take was a sleeping bag and our fishing tackle, all other items of food, boats, and other necessities were furnished by the camp.

Surf fishing yielded corbina, leopard shark (some big ones) and skates, etc. Next morning we launched the skiffs thru the surf and proceeded to the fishing grounds. Fishing was so good it became tiring. The catch included black sea bass, bonita shark, calico bass and blancos. Good fishing was no fluke since the next day produced the same results.

Hank Sheppey, camp manager, apologized for the poor fishing since the red crabs were in the water and the yellow tail, etc. would not take a lure. He complained, but I have never had such fishing before. If this was bad, I'm too weak to stand a good day's fishing.

The camp is situated on a curving beach in a sheltered cove. Accommodations consisted of cots under a three sided, palm thatched cabana. Food was excellently prepared by their own cooks and other than American type breakfasts consisted of seafood for the main dishes. Man, you should taste how that cook could fix abalone.

For a person who wants good fishing, good accommodations, good food and drinks and a place to get away from people, Bahia Tortugas cannot be beat. Reservations have already been made by some of our party for a return trip. Information can be obtained from "Baja California Guide," 820 Ada St., Chula Vista, Calif.

A group from Torrance chartered a boat, "High Tide," at San Diego last Sunday. Yellowtail were red hot, with everyone getting their share except for two of our so-called pros, who drew a complete blank. George, from Red's bait & tackle fished San Diego with the new Skitz lure, which incidentally he manufactures, and said the lure was catching fish for fish with the bait fishermen. The color he was using was blue with white trim.

Twenty-second street in Hermosa has been the surf fishing spot this past week, producing nice corbina and surf perch up to three pounds.

We have a petition here in the store that will interest the dove hunters. It is to increase the daily bag limit in California. All of you who are interested be sure to come in and sign it.

We have another interesting note today for the golfers. Louie Dossi had quite a game at Harbor Golf Course last Sunday. He hit five birdies and a hole-in-one, total score 67. The hole-in-one was on No. 3 green which was 150 yards. In case you want to talk to the pro himself, stop in at the Quality Market on Torrance Blvd. and he will start talking about it before you get through the door.

Two Local Drivers Entered in Santa Barbara Sports Car Race

Two Torrance drivers are included in a field of nearly 50 which have filed entries for the 13th running of the Santa Barbara Road Races, oldest continuous series of sports car races in the country.

The local entries are Herbert Sauer, who'll drive an MGA, and Warner Welshans, who'll pilot an Austin Healey Sprite.

FIVE OTHER drivers from the South Bay area will compete in the annual Cal Club amateur speed race which will be flagged off on May 28-29.

The Memorial Day weekend show will be enlivened by the appearance of motorcycle racing presented by the American Federation of Motorcyclists. More than 50 bikes have already been entered.

A total of 16 races have been scheduled for the two days over the 2.2 mile airport course which features nine turns around-the-hangar.

IN THE production car classes nearly every top contender promises to be on hand and several "top name" drivers are already entered in the big car field.

The Santa Barbara course is located at the airport in Goleta, six miles north of Santa Barbara.