

Tartars Split Pair in Tournament

Classic Foes Stop Saxons

Two straight losses have eliminated North High from the Beverly Hills cage invitational.

After a brilliant upset of Beverly Hills in the opening game, the Saxons dropped successive tilts to El Segundo and Montebello to end their tourney stay.

Tired North, ahead at half-time, could not hold back Montebello Friday night and dropped a 72-66 decision.

THREE SAXONS hit in double figures attempting to avoid the defeat. Mike Gratzke and Terry Tierney dropped in 14 points apiece and center Al Lepper contributed 12 more markers.

North held a 38-31 lead at intermission but could not maintain the pace in the second half.

A 23-point final quarter by the Oilers ruined the Saxon bid for the consolation crown.

On Thursday, El Segundo eliminated North from championship contention with a 54-35 win.

Despite the one-sided score, the game was close for the first two periods. At half, the Eagles held a skimpy 22-21 lead.

THE SAXONS could add only 14 points during the final two quarters, while El Segundo was compiling 28 markers. No North cager hit in double figures as Tierney, with eight points, topped the NHS team in scoring.

In contrast, four of El Segundo's starting five wound up in the double-figure department.



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El Camino Football Mentor Begins Looking to Future

With an eye glued to the future, El Camino football coach Ken Swearingen looked back on the '62 grid season as his Warriors completed their finest year since Norm Verry's machine rolled to a 9-0-0 record.

Termed "average" at the outset of the season, the Tribe swept to a 7-2 mark and a sixth national ranking by the All-American JC Grid Index.

Peering to the future, Swearingen will be attempting to fill gaps left by the graduation of tackles, quarterbacks and running backs.

MAJOR LOSSES are John Torok, Bill Kelley, Howie Taylor, Jerry Thagard, Jim Allison, Ken James and Ernie Reid.

The Warriors should be extremely strong at both end and guard positions.

Returning receivers will be Pat Lininger, Herb Hinsche, Mitch Malpee and Mike Hanchett — one of the most powerful quartets in the league.

Swearingen's top three guards, John Iacano, Doug Miner and Tom Frame, all return along with Don Rightsell, Bob

Kingery and Gary Wetzel, whose defensive linebacking won him many plaudits.

IN THE offensive backfield, Jim Reale and Paul Carmichael will be the top returnees, along with Gene Fay, Jim Skaff, Ralph Hughes, Jim Dutton and Bill Moran.

Defensive standouts who will come back include linebacker Dan Claxton, tackle Dick Ramirez, tackle Dick Allison and end Ron Bass.

Swearingen, who takes a book from the pages of John McKay by employing alternate offensive and defensive units, will now spend his time, fingers crossed, hoping for top high school prospects to fill the heavy void left by graduating soph.



TOP GRIDDER . . . All-Metropolitan Conference grid selection Jim Allison receives top award from El Camino football coach Vince McCullough, right, by capturing both the outstanding offensive and defensive back of the year awards at annual Athletic Banquet.



MOST VALUABLE . . . El Camino water polo coach Rudy Kroon presents the Most Valuable Player Award to Bill Richardson, left, at the Annual ECC Athletic Awards Banquet. Richardson led the Warriors to third place in the Metropolitan Conference.



BIG IMPROVEMENT . . . Head El Camino football coach Ken Swearingen presents Most Improved Player award to halfback Jerry Thagard, left, at recent athletic awards banquet. Thagard was a vital member of Tribe team that had its most successful year since 1954.

THS Whips Micohi In Beverly Tourney

Upset-minded Torrance High continued to work its cage magic in the Beverly Hills Invitational Thursday and Friday.

Defending CIF champion Compton had all it could handle on Thursday before knocking off the plucky Tartars, 60-54.

Bay League kingpin Mira Costa, considered a threat for the championship, could not match a 25-point third quarter by Torrance and fell 61-52 to the upcoming Pioneer League powerhouse.

iod when Compton outscored Torrance 16-10, the Tartars battled on even grounds.

In a valiant attempt to pull off the upset of the invitational, Clayton dropped in 17 points and Archibald and Waters added 15 more markers apiece.

Successful free throws by the Tarbabes proved Torrance's undoing. Compton collected on 20 of 25 penalty shots for an 80 per cent average.

Stock Car Pilots Seek Ascot Win

More than 70 Southland stock car pilots take to the Ascot Park oval this afternoon for a 15-lap main event.

The occasion will be the 15th staging of a stock car battle over the new Figure Eight course at Ascot. Time trials begin at 1 p.m. with racing slated to open at 2:30 p.m.

Thirteen former main event winners, topped by two-time victors Ben Hobbs and Ben Steele of Gardena, and Venice's Red Griffin head the show.

Al Knap and Frank McEwan of Torrance will also be entered. Both local pilots have one main event win to their credit this year.

Other previous winners include Jack Wittrock, Culver City; Nestor Silveira and Joe Drews, Lawndale; Allan Backey, Santa Monica, and Dan Donovan, Hank Alanis, Jim Farnham, and Nelson Ragle, Long Beach.

The unique new track has staged some of the most thrilling auto action seen locally. The field of cars must cross each others' paths in front of

the grandstand as the two back-stretches intersect.

Sea Kings Nod South In Tourney

Dropping a 50-35 nod to Palos Verdes on Thursday, South High was eliminated from the Dominguez basketball tournament.

The defeat marked the Spartans' second consecutive tourney defeat and the fourth licking of the season.

At halftime, the Sea Kings held only a 20-16 lead, but quickly built up the margin with a 16-point third quarter.

In an attempt to keep South in the contest, 6-4 center John Thomas canned 13 points and forward Don Denson added 10 more markers.

Earlier in the year, in the Pacific Shores Tournament, South and Palos Verdes battled into a double overtime before the Sea Kings pulled through with a two-point victory.

Local Bowler After All-Star Championship

Representing Torrance in the second annual Southern California All-Star Match Game Bowling Championship this afternoon will be Bobbie Frey.

Sixteen men and 10 women will vie for the All-Star crown at Jefferson arena at 1 p.m. Finals begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Frey recently won an All-Star spot to the National BFAA tournament to be held in Missouri in January. She won the spot after weeks of competition in one of several rugged Southern California eliminations.

The tournament today will be a double elimination type event with a competitor being eliminated after losing two matches.

The Fearless Spectator



By Charles McCabe, Esquire

It was no less an eminence than a governor of California, the Hon. Goodwin J. Knight, who said "I've never seen a good halfback who was a Communist."

And a young folk-singer on Time's cover recently announced that "no good folk singer has ever been a Republican."

I do love these sweeping categorical statements. Like, "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach." And, "The last Christmas died on the Cross."

And that greatest bit of categorical nonsense of all, "There are no atheists in foxholes."

These statements have a caressing and round finality. The last word, you feel, has been said.

The categorical assertion is almost hypnotic. An easy acquiescence comes over you, as if you had dropped in a ton of feathers.

But the commandment today is, Be Stern. Let's forget about Republican folk singers for a bit, and concentrate on Communist halfbacks.

I'm not prepared to fight for the view that there are NO good Commie halfbacks. I offer merely a willing suspension of disbelief. But I am certain there aren't a helluva lot of good Commie halfbacks.

It is perhaps football's greatest contribution to our society that it becalms the revolutionary fringe, and includes in its practitioners a heartbreakingly lovely acceptance of things as they are.

The football player, until quite recently, was the most drenchingly rewarded hero figure in our culture. There are places in the country where he still is.

There is nothing more conservative than the lad who has everything at 21, and who slides gently downhill in life thereafter, reaping the dividends of a pair of swivel hips or a good throwing arm.

He doesn't want to change an order that has given him a life as cozy as a babe's on the breast.

The horizon of the average football hero, in my day and time, was an insurance or brokerage office wherein he could hide gracefully at 15 grand a year, and obey all statutes—local, state, Federal and spiritual.

Despite their reputation for ferocity, most football heroes are among the most passive of men. It may be that they work out their aggressions playing the game, or it may be they were faking the aggressions in the first place—as some of the skull boys allege.

Happy, well-adjusted types like football heroes are not the boys to attend to the general weal. They quietly tend their gardens, read the Herald-Trib or the Los Angeles Times, and mutter about disturbers.

But it's the disturbers who get the job done. The lean and hungry lads who couldn't make the squad, even with a letter from Pudge Hefflinger, are the boys the race recruits when things need shaking up.

If the good old human race had to depend on football heroes to lead us in the scramble out of the primeval ooze, we would all still be stuck there, slowly turning into coal.

I think Commies are asses. But I prefer a man who had the imagination and the dissatisfaction to be a Communist or its equivalent when he was a kid, and the sense to give it up later, to the lad who was a conservative clod when his voice changed, and so remained.

These lads, the football heroes among them, are known as the cement of society. And truly, we could not get along without them. We need somebody to obey the laws.

But it would be a very dull world if they ran things altogether.

The great steps forward have been taken by the bitter, the beaten, the deprived, the frustrated—driven into creative fury by their unhappiness.

So here's a vote for the boys who never made the squad. Their uncomfortable wriggle is the oil and the air and the dynamite of society, as the heroes are it's cement.

Gridders End Year At Dinner

El Camino's most successful football season since 1954 came to an official end when Ken Swearingen's troops were honored at the annual Athletic Awards Banquet held on the Warrior campus.

Also honored were members of the water polo and cross country squads, along with the Women's Athletic Assn. and the men's intramural programs.

All-Leaguer Jim Allison topped the honored gridsters by capturing both the outstanding offensive and defensive back of the year awards.

OTHER AWARDS included Gary Wetzel, outstanding defensive lineman; Howie Taylor, most inspirational player; Tim Whippel, outstanding lineman; Jerry Thagard, most improved player, and Herb Hinsche, outstanding offensive lineman.

Swearingen called his club "the third best in the U. S." and gave extra recognition to his trio of associate coaches, Don Jurk, Vince McCluough and Bill Vincent.

WATER POLO coach Rudy Kroon announced that Bill "Big Daddy" Richardson had been chosen the most valuable player, with goalie Jim Harrison nabbing the most improved player award.

Ray Southstone, cross country coach, selected Tony Yeoman as the top runner.

SOUTHSTONE said his squad had "done more with the ability at hand than any other group I've ever had."

Southstone's harriers, whose squad had diminished from 34 runners to nine, finished third in the Metro Conference chase.

Gymnast Steve Ellen received the Athletic-Scholar award with a grade point average of 3.96 (out of a possible 4.)

Speedway Stock Title On Block

Out to wrap up the 1962 California Jalopy Assn. stock car crown, Bill Foster tops a star-studded list of drivers this afternoon at Western Speedway.

Foster will take a 270 point lead into the 30-lap feature which begins at 2:30 p.m. Time trials start at 1 p.m.

The leading pilot owns three feature wins at Western. Foster's closest rival, Jim Cook, leads all drivers with seven main event victories on the Gardena oval.



TRIBE VETERAN . . . When El Camino engages Citrus on Thursday at 8 p.m. in a practice cage tilt, returning letterman Paul Ingelman will start at a forward post. The 6-4 sophomore is currently averaging close to 13 points per game.

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