Mira Costa Relays Draw Local Thinclads

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Spartans Defend CIF Mat Crown

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Spikers Eye Rugged Test

Traditionally, the Mira Costa Relays mark the beginning of the track season for Bay and Pioneer League teams. All four Torrance schools, North, South, Torrance, and West will enter teams in the ninth annual relays toady and tomorrow at Mira Costa High School. Bee and Cee field events will be held today starting at 3 p.m. Varsity field events are scheduled for 6 p.m. tomorrow with running events in all classes beginning at 7:30 tomorrow night.

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NONE OF THE four Torrance schools harbor hopes for the varsity crown because of lack of depth. It is expected Santa Monica, Palos Verdes, Mira Costa, and Aviation will battle it out for the championship.

Torrance's best hope comes in the distance events with Larry Parker, Dennis Dyer and Ivor Sampson leading the way.

NORTH'S FORTE is the pole vault with Darian Hannah and Gary Barron having both gone over 12 feet.

South will find its chances best in the sprints, hurdles and half mile. West lacks the depth to be a threat in any varsity relay.

Torrance Deadlocks With PV

Elusive victory number one will be Torrance High's objective today at 3 p.m. in a Pioneer League baseball battle at Beverly Hills.

Torrance has yet to taste a win following a 6-0 defeat by West High in the loop opener and a 3-3 extra-inning deadlock with Palos Verdes on Tuesday.

Palos Verdes jumped into a 1-0 first inning lead on pitcher Ron Butcher's out-of-the-park home run.

THE TARTARS got back into the act in the bottom of the first stanza as Clyde Taylor slammed an inside-the-park homer with Ernie Clayton on base.

In the third frame, Palos Verdes tied the count, and the Sea Kings went ahead in the fifth inning. The sixth stanza saw Torrance tie the score as Bill Coffman singled Gary Hayworth in with the tally.

DON COIL went all the way for Torrance, surviving several shaky innings, and would have pulled out the win except for a missed sign in the final frame. THS had men ond second and third, but a signal for a squeeze play was missed and the Tartars were forced to settle for a tie.

Torrance coach Irv Kasten will go with Bob Battaklia on the mound today.

The Palos Verdes- Torrance deadlock will not be replayed unless the result would make a change in the final standings for one of the two teams at the end of the season.

National Loop Sets Trial Day

Torance National Little League tryouts will be held on Saturday at Reynolds' Field at Jefferson and Oak streets.

Eight- and nine-year-olds will try out at 9 a.m. Ten-, 11-, and 12-year-olds will begin at 1 p.m. Boys must also attend tryouts on March 16 on the same field.

Boys may still register at the trials. A birth certificate and a $1.50 insurance fee are required.

The boundary lines are Carson to Madrona Street, south on Madrona to Sepulveda, west to Hawthorne Boulevard, north to 240th Street, east to Walnut Street, south to 245th Street, east to Western Avenue, and north to Carson Street.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Lee Simpson at DA 6- 932.

CRUCIAL TODAY

North Horsehiders Capture One-Sided League Opener

Only one game has passed in the Bay League baseball chase, and yet North High will put its pennant chances to a stiff test today at 3 p.m. against host Redondo. In the opening league fray, North handed Inglewood a 17-1 licking while Redondo upset Morningside, 7-5. Morningside has won the league crown for the past three years and was favored to repeat. New Saxon coach Mel Nygren(up from the junior varsity where he guided North to the league crown last year, will go with left-handed Jay Baker against Redondo.

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ON TUESDAY, it was Dick Jensen, throwing a two-hitter, who anchored the Saxon win. Jensen struck out eight men and walked four as he went the full seven innings. The only extra base hit off Jensen was a double.

North started quickly and punched across six runs in the first frame against the weak Sentinels. The Saxons also had a six-run fifth stanza.

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LEADING THE 14-hit North attack was formidable first baseman Norm Dow who connected for a triple and a single in three trips to the plate. All-League shortstop Carey Hubert also went two for three.

Daryl Wilson went two for two, and Joe DeLuca and John Rance both went two for four.

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MIKE JACOBS went one for two while Richard Bonafide and Arlen Vaselinko connected safely the one time they were at bat.

Nygren was pleased with his club's effort and said it was just simply a case of everything falling into fair territory. Nygren also pointed out that Inglewood is not considered one of the league's strongest nines.

Marsden Twirls Two-Hit Victory

Sophomore mound wonder John Marsden threw a two-hitter Tuesday in leading West High to its second consecutive Pioneer League baseball victory.

Marsden allowed but two scratch singles as the stunning Warriors hung a 1-0 defeat on host Aviation. On Thursday, Marsden pitched a one-hitter as West coasted by Torrance, 6-0.

The hard-throwing right hander gave up but one walk, striking out nine men for the second straight contest. Marsden faced but three men through the first five innings. In the sixth frame, Aviation's right fielder Bob Layne singled and Marsden gave up his lone walk.

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LAYNE, THE first man to face the Warrior chucker in the initial stanza, singled to open the game. He was then caught off base on a foul bunt.

West coach Max Lomas credits Marsden's success to a sharp-breaking curve ball and his hard throwing. Marsden, a transfer from North High, won all-Bay League honors at third base as a freshman last season.

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THE WARRIORS punched across the lone score of the game in the fourth inning. Gary Loyd opened with a walk and proceeded to steal second. Two Warriors flied out before Ken Michaels singled Loyd across with the winning tally.

Michaels collected two of West's three hits with catcher Richard Grossman picking up the other safety. All of the hits in the game were singles.

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WEST WILL draw a bye against Pioneer League foes today, but will face Bay League power Mira Costa at 3 p.m. on the Mustang diamond.

Coach Lomas plans to give Marsden a rest and will go with junior Mike Donohue on the mound.

Invincible Keggas Accept Challenge

Invincibility on a baseball diamond has become synonymous with the Torrance Tappa Keggas. The Gardena Merchants have challenged the Tappa Kegga legend and the two clubs will square off at 2 p.m. Sunday at Gardena Recreation Park in an exhibition game. Two four inning games will be played. Four frames of regular softball and four innings of slo-pitch baseball will be played to determine probably the best team in the nation.

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IN SOFTBALL, the Gardena Merchants have been state champions four times and have competed in world tournaments in Texas, Florida, and New York. In the 13-year history of the club, it has won 108 championships.

The Tappa Keggas have an equally envious slo-pitch record. For the past five years, the Kegs have been virtually unstoppable and have latched onto all the major Southern California championships.

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THREE-TIME All-American Dick Gonzales will lead the Merchants with standout hurler K. G. Fincher taking the mound. The Tappa Keggas will be paced by Chuck Schoendienst, Bill Morris, Stan DiMaggio, Ray Magnante, and Mick Ryan, with Jim Reynolds pitching in the softball game.

The two teams will flip a coin to determine which game is played first, and the results of both four-inning contests will be added to decide the winner.

The exhibition is a prelude to the Tappa Kegga season which will open on April 26. The Kegs compete in the nine-team West Coast Slo-Pitch Assn., now in its second year.

Spartans Drop Thin Bay Nod

Mira Costa's Steve Woody sent 14 South High horsehiders down swinging Tuesday to pace the Mustangs to a 1-0 Bay League victory.

Woody whiffed eight of the first nine men to face him and allowed but three hits. South's Ray Allen went the entire route, allowing seven bingles, striking out six men, and giving up one walk.

Micohi pushed the game's only run across in the fifth inning on a walk, a sacrifice, a wild pitch, and a single to left field.

Today at 3 p.m., South will host defending league champ Morningside. The Monarchs will be bidding for a fourth consecutive Bay League championship.

Morningside lost seven of its top 10 men through graduation, but have a classy mound combination of veteran Bob Delzell and newcomer Eric Young.

South Seeks Repeat In Wrestling Finals

Defending champion South High faces an arduous uphill climb tomorrow if it is to retain its crown in the CIF wrestling finals at Long Beach State College. Preliminaries begin at 1 p.m. tomorrow with the finals starting at 7:30 p.m. Either Bay League powerhouse Mira Costa or Tri-County League king Upland seems destined to take over South's title. Both Micohi and South qualified five men for the finals, but Upland will have six grapplers at Long Beach State.

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MIRA COSTA and South tied for the Bay League dual meet championship, but the Mustangs easily captured the individual crown two weeks ago.

Despite a defeat in the preliminaries, 106-pounder Rick Tamble will lead the Spartans. Tamble suffered his first defeat in two years on Saturday to a man he had beaten twice before and pinned once.

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ALSO CARRYING the Spartan title hopes are Gary Cole, 123 pounds; Glen Johnson, 130 pounds; Bob Greene, 148 pounds, and Ken Blight, 157 pounds.

Torrance High will also have an entry in the finals. Castille Ponce, a 130-pounder, will carry the Tartar banner.

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SOUTH EASILY snared the CIF crown last year with a team characterized by Spartan coach Bob Bonehim as a "dream club." Bonehim predicts a tight finish and expects two first place and a third place will capture the title.

Bay and Pioneer League schools will be well represented. The Bay League had 19 men reach the finals while the Pioneer had nine men qualify.

Topping Mira Costa's bid for victory will be 136-pounder Ken Wyatt and Ed Acosta, a 98-pounder. In the preliminaries at Mira Costa last weekend, Wyatt defeated Fred Haraikawa, the Japanese national champion, while Acosta upset Redondo's John Parshall, last year's fourth place CIF finisher.

Aviation Runners Rout THS, West

Pioneer League track power Aviation handed Torrance and West High impressive defeats Tuesday in a triangular meet on the winner's oval.

Aviation earned 66 points to 26½ for Torrance and 16 for West.

All three schools will compete in the Mira Costa Relays at Mira Costa High School today and tomorrow.

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KEYNOTE OF the meet was a dazzling half mile. Defending league champ Leroy Timm bested Dennis Dyer of Torrance in a sparkling 2:01.4 jaunt. Dyer finished in 2:01.8 and suffered his first dual meet loss in several years.

Another distance duel saw Tartar Ivor Sampson come from behind to nip Rich Maltby of Aviation in a 4:36.4 mile. Maltby led for 3½ laps and hit the tape in 4:38.6.

TORRANCE ALL but swept the quarter mile as Larry Parker finished first in 53.8 seconds with Russell Bleakley third and Steve Brown fourth. Parker has been out with a knee injury and had only one day of practice under his belt.

Mike Hatter was impressive for THS, finishing second in the 120 high hurdles at 16.7 seconds, fourth in the 180 low hurdles at 22.3 seconds, and fourth in the broad jump at 18.5 feet.

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EARNING FOURTH places for Torrance were Charlie Myers, 5-4 in the high jump; John Smoot, 41-6 in the shot put, and Larry Champion, nine feet in the pole vault.

For West, Dave Lee won the high hurdles in 16.3 seconds and finished third in the low timber chase. Sophomore Ron Pedigrue captured a third in the half mile with a 2:04 clocking.

PLAYFUL MOOD . . . Sportsmen's Show Queen Cathy Duncan, 18, cavorts in the San Gabriel River prior to assuming her throne to reign over the vacation, boat and trailer show at the Pan-Pacific Auditorium, March 28 through April 7. Miss Duncan is a former Junior Olympic swimmer and Junior California State Champion in archery in 1957. Recently, she has been selected Miss California Archery, and Miss National Archery.