

Warrior Nine Suffers First Defeat

The Fearless Spectator



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It is one of the barking mad notions of our time that athletic types make great warriors. There are those who will tell you, with some heat, that sports really exist to fill in the peak ranks of Army-Navy-Air Force tables of organization.

There are even presidents of the U. S. who say in almost 50 many words that a man is not fitted for highest command functions unless he is able to walk 50 miles in less than 20 hours. Preferably daily.

To all this, I fear, one can only say Bosh. More than one can say Bosh, in fact. Another who says Bosh is the greatest man produced by Western civilization in our time. He says:

"In my experience, based on many years' observation, officers with high athletic qualifications are not usually successful in the higher ranks."

That, of course, is the resonant lip of Winston S. Churchill, a man who shows me more class than any one around, including the late Gandhi. It's his way of saying muscles have as much relation to the art of war as touch football has to statecraft.

In his salad days Mr. Churchill was a first-rate horseman and polo player, and throughout his active years excelled at tennis and brick-laying.

But at no time did he ever allow sports to get in the way of life's important things: like good booze, good food, and good talk. For the better part of 82 years, the great man has felt about brandy and champagne like Heloise felt about Abelard.

As Brinkenhead said to him, "Mr. Churchill's tastes are simple: he is easily contented with the best of everything."

Did not the great man himself say, "My idea of a good dinner is first to have good food, then to discuss good food, and after this good food has been elaborately discussed to discuss a good topic—with myself as chief conversationalist?"

It's not hard to understand the P. M.'s distrust for the athletic type.

There is something wrong with any man who isn't a Socialist and widely active physically—during his formative years. There is everything wrong with a grown man who is doctrinaire about anything—whether politics or muscles—after he is old enough to vote.

The athletic type is, by definition, a team man. He is trained to conform, to be spiritually invisible, to perform those useful truck-horse functions without which society would rip along like the bias.

But who ever heard of anything serious, important or imaginative coming out of a team? The team-minded man is, again by definition, the antithesis of the leader. He believes in trained and skillful ewe-mindedness, because he is a trained and skillful ewe.

The teamster is a great boy for carrying out the orders of people who can think, and originate, and make poetry out of events. We need him, and we shall always need him, because we need mediocrity. For a society dominated by the exceptional would be even more intolerable than what we have.

It's much more comfortable to have a society dominated by the kind of guys who are frankly ewe-minded, and who nip off on 50-mile hikes merely because a marvelous, knowledgeable and witty Irishman puts them on.

A society of Leonardos would be insufferable, but a society without a handful of these talented misfits would be impossible.

The movers and shakers are loners. The kind of guys who are known as "disturbers" among the undisturbed. They perform a high function: they constantly raise hell. Or to put it another way, they promote change.

These are the laddies Mr. Churchill had in mind, I suggest. They are our hope for the future. And I'll wager not a one of them was out there promoting blisters and ewe-mindedness by darting over the landscape in response to a joke from the White House.

No football player or star first baseman or noble pole vaulter could have shouted in the face of the Nazis, at the lowest ebb in Britain's fortunes, those wrenching words:

"In the end we'll break their hearts."

THS Nine Hosts Culver Tuesday

Stiffed by a four-hitter its last time out, Torrance will meet Pioneer League baseball foe Culver City on Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Torrance Park.

Veteran chucker Don Coil will probably get the starting nod Tuesday in hopes of improving the Tartar's 2-2 league record. Torrance is currently tied for third in the circuit.

Aviation moved into a first-place tie with West on Thursday as Gary Lloyd threw a four-hitter to lead the Falcons to a 3-1 win over Torrance.

The sole THS score came in the third frame on an RBI by Ernie Clayton, who divided the Torrance hits with Steve Waters.

Aviation pounded Torrance loser Mike Blankenship for 10 hits. Football star Joe Burton led the assault with a home run and a tie-breaking single.

Lloyd struck out only four men, but walked only one batter in his first start of the year after several relief appearances.

Eagles Finally Collar League-Leading West

Absorbing its first Pioneer League basketball licking in four starts, first-year West High went tumbling to a 7-2 defeat at the hands of El Segundo on Thursday. The Warriors still hold down a portion of first place, sharing it with Aviation. Both nines boast 3-1 records. Brilliant sophomore John Marsden, who had hurled two one-hitters and a two-hitter in West's first three games, did not take the mound against the Eagles.

Saxons Succumb To Sent Spikers

Distraught North High will battle Leuzinger on Tuesday in a Bay League track encounter on the Saxon oval at 3 p.m.

North dropped a 53-51 decision to Inglewood on Friday and Leuzinger holds a two-point triumph over the Sentinels. Saxon coach Howard

Smith predicts the meet will go down to the final relay.

Two unlucky breaks cost North a victory against Inglewood. With a sure first place in the 220, Alan Johnson stumbled five yards from the finish and a Sentinel sprinter grabbed the win.

Normans Slaughter Torrance

Weak Torrance, strong only in the distance events, was handed a 66-38 setback by Beverly Hills Friday in a Pioneer League track encounter.

Torrance managed to pick up four victories during the afternoon, but three of them came in the middle-distance and distance events.

Larry Parker, running on a track wet from Monday night's cloudburst, took the 400 in 53.8 seconds. Dennis Dyer captured the half mile in 2:03.9 as Steve Brown picked up a third in 2:09.6 for the Tartars.

IVOR SAMPSON, running only to win, took the mile with a 4:41.9 effort. The other Tartar victory came in the shot put as Bruce Hendrix uncorked a 45-8 foot effort. John Smoot was second in the shot at 43-11.

Parker was the top THS runner as he also picked up a second in the 220 with a 24.1 effort. Improving Larry Champion hit 10 feet in the pole vault to give Torrance a second.

ANOTHER TARTAR second came in the broad jump as Bob Romero went 19-2 feet. Ed Watson's 18-11 jump was good enough for third. Charlie Myers tied for third in the high jump at 5-4 feet and finished third in the low hurdles in 21.9 seconds.

Symbolizing Torrance's weakness in the sprints, shot putter Larry Helphand finished third in the century.

INJURY HIT coach Joe Sarthou's squad as Mike Hatter, the club's top hurdler, sustained a pulled back muscle and will be out for seven to 10 days.

On Friday, Torrance will travel to Lawndale for a 3 p.m. meet.

WITH A guaranteed sweep in the pole vault, the Saxons were forced to go without Dorian Hannah, who was out with the stomach flu. Hannah would have almost certainly picked up a third for NHS since he has gone 12-6. The third place height was 9-6.

Dave Hubert nabbed his first place of the season for North in the pole vault with a leap of 10-6. Gary Barron finished in second for the Saxons.

NORTH GARNERED three other first places in the meet. Pete Molina ran a 53.9 440 for the top spot, followed by Dennis Bernhart in third place. The Saxons grabbed first in the 880 as Bob Hanson galloped through a 2:05 two laps.

HARRY PHILLIPS came through with a 4:42 mile for first place followed by Ed Henry in third. North also won the relay as Ed Estrada, Bruce Allen, Molina, and Johnson combined.

Estrada picked up a second for North in the low hurdles and a third in the high timber chase. Johnson finished second in the 100-yard dash with Molina third and snared another second in the furlong with Allen in the show slot.

NORM SANWO exploded for a 15-10 leap and second place in the broad jump. Dale Foth and Tim Gillibrand wound up in a second place tie in the high jump.

In the shot put, Bill Turner came through with a 43-10 effort for second and Jerry Carter took a third.

With the count at 8-1 South made a futile rally capped by Kittell's bomb in the sixth frame.

DEFEAT LEFT Coach Jerry McIlvaine's crew with a 2-2 record against league foes and ended a two straight Spartan upset skein. The win boosted Samo's record to 2-2.

South will get a crack at the league-leading Hawthorne nine on Tuesday at 3 p.m. on its own diamond.

HAWTHORNE will put a 2-1 record on the line after handing Redondo its initial league setback on Thursday. The Cougars smashed Redondo, 10-5.

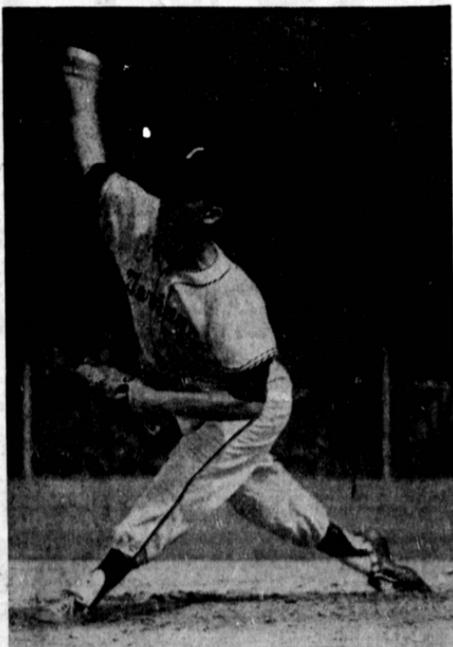
An 11-hit attack, seven Redondo errors, and the six-hit hurling by Goodman sparked the Hawthorne victory.

With two top men out, West High suffered a 90-26 Pioneer League setback at the hands of Aviation on Friday.

Dave Lee was the top Warrior with a first in the 120-yard high hurdles in 15.8 seconds and runner-up in the 180 low hurdles in 21.2 seconds. Sophomore John Cochran pushed the shot 37-10, his all time best for the Tribe.

Two top Bee performances were turned in by Jim Marshall and Howard McFay. Marshall, a freshman, snapped the school 330 mark with a 39.8 clocking, and McFay earned a 1:35.4 time in the 860.

On Friday, West will run against El Segundo and Beverly Hills on the Beverly Hills oval at 3 p.m.



STARTING HURLER... Veteran Torrance chucker Don Coil will take the mound Tuesday against Culver City as the Tartars attempt to improve a 2-2 Pioneer League record. Torrance suffered a 3-1 defeat in its last outing as Aviation's Jim Lloyd unleashed a four-hit performance against THS. (Herald Photo)



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BEST EFFORT... South High miler Bruce Hamilton slashes across the tape in 4:36 in this week's 71-33 loss to Bay League track powerhouse Santa Monica. Hamilton, a cross country star, is expected to go under the 4:30 mark before the season is over by his coach Dick Scully. (Herald Photo)

Mustangs Hand NHS Thin Loss

Hard luck North suffered its second straight 3-2 defeat on Thursday as Mira Costa knocked off the once-highly-rated Saxons in a Bay League baseball engagement.

On Tuesday, South had used tough pitching and North errors to post a 3-2 win. Mira Costa used the same formula in knocking the Saxons' record to 1-2.

Micohi's Steve Woody whiffed eleven men, allowed six hits and walked three in six innings of work. Woody was forced to exit from the tilt because he had used up his allotted nine innings of pitching for the week.

MIKE BAILY then came on, and North almost pulled the contest out of the fire.

Baily fanned pinch-hitter Andy Carter to open the seventh frame, but North hurler Jay Baker, who was saddled with the defeat, singled to left field. All-league shortstop Carey Hubert wangled a walk to put men on first and second.

JOE DELUCA then watched a third strike go by on a 3-2 count. Daryl Wilson came up to bat, and Baker stole third base. As Baily got set to pitch, Hubert stepped down to second in hopes of drawing a throw and allowing Baker to score.

It did not work as Baily put a 3-2 count on Wilson then slipped a third strike by him to end the contest.

MICOHI JUMPED into a quick lead. First baseman Gary Rucker singled Woody across in the first inning and Woody laid down a squeeze bunt in the second inning to score Baily.

In the fourth, a walk to Wilson, a single by Norm Dow, and a single by Brent Nickloff gave North its first run. With Dow on third and Nickloff on first, the Saxons started a double steal. Nickloff was caught but Dow scored and North had tied the game.

On Tuesday at 3 p.m., North will host defending league champ Morningside. The Monarchs also have a 1-2 record.

South Suffers Severe League Track Defeat

Mira Costa limited South to four first places as it took a 65-39 Bay League track victory Friday afternoon. Chuck Hanson garnered two of the Spartan wins, capturing the high hurdles in 15.9 seconds and winning the broad jump with his top effort of 20-6½ feet. Bob Palmer finished third in the high hurdles and Dick Steig took the show slot in the broad jump. Hanson also finished second in the low hurdles in 20.5 seconds as Palmer again came through with a third place.

Bruce Hamilton gave South its third win with a 4:40.5 clocking in the mile. Marty Bakker shoved the 12-pound ball 50-10½ for a first in the shot put. Bakker was followed by John Daugherty in second place.

Steve Donohue picked up a second in the 880 in 2:07.8 with Doug Hall third. In the pole vault, Wayne Wells went over at 10-6 for second, and Ken Kleman picked up a third in the 440 in 54.5 seconds. Jeff Fleener earned third place points in the century with a 10.4 finish.

MIRA COSTA swept the furlong and the high jump in romping to the one-sided win. In the Bee division, South grabbed a 54-41 win and the Spartan Cee squad snarled a 45-41 triumph. The two victories marked the first time South has beaten a Mira Costa track squad in any division.

On Tuesday at 3 p.m., South will host Hawthorne in a league struggle.

Alemanly Nudges Knight Thinclads

Competing in its first Camino Real League meet of the season, Bishop Montgomery dropped a tight 53-51 nod to Alemany on Friday.

Bob Alworth came within two steps of closing a 20-yard gap in the final leg of the mile relay, but Alemany held on for a 1:37.4 victory and the meet.

Alworth picked up two first places, winning the century in 10.4 and the 200 in 23.1 seconds. In both cases, Alworth was followed in third place by Zack Nazarian with times of 10.5 and 23.8.

PAT McCLAIN picked up a first in the 70-yard high hurdles in 9.4 seconds, a third in the 120 low hurdles at 14.3 seconds, and a tie for third with Carlos Medina in the

broad jump at 19-8 feet. Montgomery swept the broad jump as Bruce Smith, John O'Rourke and Carlos Del Velle jumped 5-6 feet. Smith snared a first in the half mile with a 2:08.5 clocking followed by Mark Saleido in third.

JAMES MORITZ won the pole vault for BMHS at 10-6. Another Knight triumph came in the shot put as Pete Fernandez hit 43-5 feet. Tim O'Keefe was third at 41-3 feet. In the mile, Pat Burnes ran a 4:53.3 for second and Bob Vasquez earned a third in 4:57.9.

In the quarter mile, Chester Favroth snared third in 56.8 and Charlie Sanford took the show place in the 70-yard high hurdles in 9.5 seconds.