

# Lennox Crushes Tartar Thinclads

Injury-hampered Torrance High suffered its first Pioneer League cross country defeat of the season Friday as Lennox pulled out a 22-34 victory. (Low score wins.)

Larry Parker was the first man to finish for the Tartars, taking a second place with a 10:25 clocking over the rugged two-mile Lennox course.

Richard Fuller finished in fifth place with a 10:42 effort. Keith Bleakley was seventh in 10:50 while Mike Thomas, eighth in 10:57 and Abie Grijalva, eleventh in 11:21 trailed for Torrance.

IN JUNIOR varsity competition, Lennox recorded a perfect score win of 15-47. The Lancers captured the first seven places. Don Rudd, running his first cross country race, was the first Tartar to finish, turning in an 11:51 effort.

Usually Thomas and Grijalva run junior varsity for Torrance but injuries to two varsity runners forced Coach Duane

Lemon to move the two harriers up a notch.

TORRANCE officially has a 1-1 league record although it has run against only one circuit foe. A scheduled meet with El Segundo two weeks ago was called off by the Eagles because they do not have a cross country squad.

The Tartars will attempt to end a nine-meet South High winning skein on Tuesday at the Spartan course in a practice meeting. South, rapidly becoming a dominant power in Southland cross country, also boasts 19 straight junior varsity victories.

LAWNDALE will serve as Torrance's next Pioneer League foe on Friday. The Cardinals will journey to THS for the meet.

When the season opened, Coach Lemon predicted a second place finish for the Tartars behind powerful Aviation. Injuries and the rapid rise of West High plus the loss to Lennox have dimmed Lemon's hopes.

## SPORTS SCENE

### Falcons Keep Pigskin Success

Aviation maintained its perfect grid record Friday night with a 20-19 triumph over Palos Verdes in the outstanding Southland prep game of the evening.

Once again it was halfback Joe Burton who kept the Falcons undefeated. Burton tallied twice to match the point output of Palos Verdes quarterback Bruce Berger.

Redondo also continued its string of recent wins with a 12-0 triumph over San Gabriel. Dick Atwater and Terry Nolan each contributed six points to the Seahawk win.

EL SEGUNDO bounced back from two consecutive defeats by handing St. Monica's a 20-14 licking. Tailback Mike Battle accounted for a touchdown and two extra points. Despite Battle's point output, the Eagles were forced to come from a six-point deficit in the last period.

Mira Costa ends Clarke Malery and Fred Featherstone hauled down scoring passes to keep the Mustangs on the comeback trail with a 19-0 triumph over Culver City. It was Micholi's second straight win following two defeats.

ERRATIC Santa Monica tallied in the first and fourth quarters in posting a slim 14-13 win over surprising Antelope Valley.

Two better arch-rivals, Morningside and Hawthorne, battled to a 6-6 deadlock as the Monarchs tallied six points in the final quarter to force the tie.

WITH sensational junior quarterback Dennis Berryhill again at the controls, Morningside offset a second-quarter score by the Cougars and came close to registering its first victory of the season.

In City action, Gardena remained unbeaten with a 19-0 win over Belmont. Fleet halfback Jim Lewis cracked over for a pair of touchdowns to lead an easy Mohican win.

Lewis scored on runs of 39 and 23 yards and end Louie Gonzales hauled down a 15-yard toss from Steve Sogge to provide Gardena with all the points it needed.

### CJA Sets Marathon Programs

Two of auto-racing's marathon programs will be dished up by the California Jalopy Assn. today and Wednesday at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Today's speedfest will feature hot rods and super-modifieds in a complete twin bill. Racing will begin at 2 p.m. with time trials scheduled for noon.

Each division will vie in a 4-lap trophy dash, four 8-lap heat races and a 25-lap main event.

Wednesday night's triple-header will bring together the hot rods, super-modifieds and the early model stock cars. The special program will be run over Ascot's one-half mile track.

Each of the three groups on Wednesday will see action in a 6-lap trophy dash, a 30-lap main event for stock cars and super-modifieds and a 25-lap main event for the hot rods.

Time trials will begin at 6:15 p.m. with the first event set for 8:15 p.m.

## The Fearless Spectator



By Charles McCabe, Esquire

It can scarcely come as a surprise to you of the great adult audience out there that the man who hit more home runs than anyone in the history of the National Pastime is none other than the same lad who struck out oftener.

George Herman Ruth, the Babe himself, hit 714 homers in his career. He also holds the lifetime major-league strikeout record, at 1330.

That the greatest winner of his time was also the greatest loser is not so astonishing.

To doubt this is to doubt also that great shibboleth of The American Loser: Win a few, lose a few.

The Babe's brilliant playing success was enacted behind a proscenium of failure. We do not think of him as a man guilty of more than 1000 line drives to the catcher, as they used to say. But it's a fact.

To anyone who saw the Babe there was a heroic and even satisfying quality about the way he missed the third strike. It was like the sudden flattening of a huge balloon.

No matter how often it happened, there was something unbelievable about the fan. Yet you never got the sinking feeling that comes when the ordinary mortal strikes out. A great god had gone down, somehow, but you knew he was a god, still, and would come back.

Such is the gorgeous patina which success puts on life. When people forgive you for your goofs, and on occasion even applaud you, you've truly made it in our time and place.

Given a choice between a good life and a successful one, I daresay 90 out of the hundred Americans would opt for the latter.

There's a difference, you know. My desk dictionary says success is "to turn out or terminate according to desire." Good, a rather tougher thing to define, is "morally excellent."

By definition, success has nothing necessarily to do with being good. Conceivably it has a great deal to do with not being good.

The operative words in success are "terminate" and "turn out." The object, the end, is all. This means that to be impoverished, casual, without taste or standard, or even immoral.

A man can achieve success by good means, of course, but this is not the way we ordinarily think of success.

Good men are usually less exciting than successful men. Many successful men are mere well-tailored pirates; yet to the ordinary woman or growing boy there's nothing in a good man or a good life to compete with these lads.

All success has failure built into it. It's almost a part of the training for success, this hardening by adversity. This striking out endlessly while waiting for the occasional homer.

For the lucky ones, if that's the word, the day finally comes, the day they have desperately waited for, the day of The Big Score.

The Babe had hit homers before, but the one that sent him into orbit was a beauty he belted on a steamy July 21, 1915, at Sportsman's Park in St. Louis, off Big Bill James, of the Browns. The Sporting Life told of it:

"George Ruth hit the longest home run ever witnessed at the American League park. Then he doubled twice and brought in three of the four runs with which Boston took the first of a seven-game series with St. Louis.

"Ruth's home run in the third went clear over the rightfield bleachers across Grand avenue and landed on the far sidewalk."

Before it landed the ball had smashed a plate-glass window in a Chevvie agency. After that nobody cared if the Babe struck out. After that, there was a kind of majesty about his whiffing.

It's perfectly true that success isn't real, and goodness is, but who cares?

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