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BOB VROMAN HONORED

Southland Football Leagues Select Outstanding Players

Torrance and West high schools each wound up with one man on the first-string All-Pioneer League football team selected by coaches this week.

Senior tackle Sonny Yanez gained all-league honors for Torrance while Bob Vroman, a bone-crushing junior fullback, was the first West High player

in history to earn first-string recognition.

Two players from Torrance and West also landed on the second string. Junior end John Cochran and senior tackle Marty Kehoe won recognition for the Warriors while senior guard Tom Brase and junior quarterback Greg Barrett were named for the Tartars.

ON THE honorable mention list, Torrance's Rene Ponce, a senior, was selected at an end position.

Aviation's Joe Burton, who led the Falcons to a league co-championship and a CIF play-off berth, was unanimously named the circuit's Outstanding Player. Burton managed to score six touchdowns and roll up 417 yards on 52 carries for an 8.0 average although he missed two circuit contests.

LAWDALE, co-league champ with Aviation, landed four players on the first string compared to three for the Falcons. Six first team players, including Vroman, were unanimous selections.

Despite a wireless Bay League campaign, South High wound up with two players on the circuit's first string defensive squad. Linebacker Dennis Estabrook and tackle Gary Powers were honored. Both athletes are seniors.

END WALT WILD, another senior, was presented with honorable mention from South.

Instead of an Outstanding Player, the Bay League coaches selected Co-backs and Co-linemen. Santa Monica's Dave Black and Mira Costa's George Hayes were given backfield honors on the line, Rich Bassler of Santa Monica and Nick Carollo of Redondo, were chosen.

NORTH HIGH wound up with three men on both the offensive and defensive first strings as determined by the Sky League coaches. End Kent Hiner, left guard Craig Dearden and halfback John Rance were given offensive honors. Dearden was a unanimous choice while Rance received five of the six votes cast.

Defensively, Dearden gained a first string berth as line-backer while John Rance earned a spot as a defensive back. Rance's younger brother, Dave, was also named to the defensive squad as a back.

EDDIE PEASE, sensational sleight-of-hand quarterback for loop champ Leuzinger, was named the circuit's Most Valuable Player.

Topping Bishop Montgomery's finest football season in history, senior end Dennis Blackburn was selected to the first string Camino Real League team. Blackburn caught 34 passes for 612 yards and 5 touchdowns. In addition, he punted 22 times for 827 yards and a 37.5 yard average.

LA MESA fumbled on the first play after the ensuing kickoff and Blue Devil defender Danny Thompson pounced on the loose pigskin. Briner took the ball across on an end sweep for the TD and then threw to Butch Ramirip for the point after touchdown.

Once again La Mesa fumbled when it got back on offense. Torrance linebacker John Reynolds scooped up the fumble and raced 55 yards for the third touchdown. Thompson raced over the conversion to give the Blue Devils a 21-0 halftime edge.

REYNOLDS WENT 15 yards around right end in the third quarter for the fourth Torrance TD. It was the 15th touchdown of the year for Reynolds. Briner flipped a two-yarder to Potoroff for the conversion.

A hard-hitting Blue Devil defense, led by Roger Caughlin, Charles Rothstein, Richard Schwabeck, Sam Falcone and Lonnie Sneed forced still another La Mesa fumble. Ramirez recovered his seventh bobble of the year to set up a 35-yard scamper by Bill Perez. The TD was the 15th of the year for Perez.

RAMIREZ accounted for the sixth Torrance touchdown on a 30-yard reverse around left end. Perez earned the final six-pointer of the afternoon when he picked off a La Mesa lateral and romped to paydirt. Briner ran the conversion over.

Three-time winner Tordena will continue defense of its Los Angeles County Winter Baseball championship Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on the Roosevelt Park diamond against the Hughes Matadors.

Tordena remained unbeaten last Sunday with a 15-2 triumph over the Torrance Red Devil Juniors. The Bullets slammed 14 hits and chased 9 runs across in the fourth inning to maintain their upper division leadership.

WINTER BASEBALL competition is divided into upper and lower divisions. The Bullets now lead the top bracket with a 3-0 mark while the Red Devil Juniors maintain a precarious lower bracket lead with a 3-1 slate.

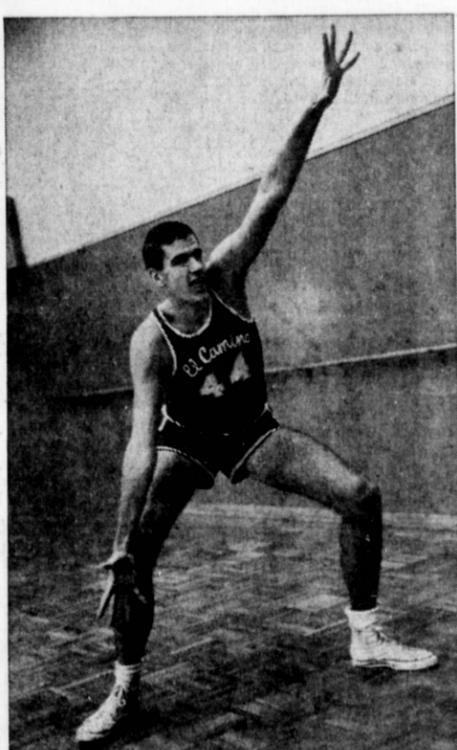
George Carr belted four hits,

Devils Impress In Win

Unstoppable Torrance took advantage of a brick-taut defense and La Mesa fumbles on Saturday to record a televised 47-0 Heartland Bowl triumph in San Diego.

Champions of the South Bay Pop Warner Conference, the Torrance Blue Devils held the vaunted La Mesa eleven to minus yardage while racking up one of their highest scores of the season.

Quarterback Greg Briner teamed with end Ron Potoroff for a 30-yard touchdown early in the first quarter. Bill Perez ran the conversion over.



BIG THREAT . . . El Camino's main threat to rival teams this year could come from 6-10 sophomore center Dan Caton, a Redondo High graduate who is highly touted by Warrior coach George Stanich although he did not play varsity basketball in high school. Stanich discovered Caton in a physical education class. The big soph has tallied 32 points in two games and has sparked on defense.

Harbor Will Host El Camino Quintet

Cross-town basketball rivalry flares for the first time this season when Harbor College hosts El Camino College tonight in a non-conference encounter.

Harbor is 0-1 for the year, suffering a 100-66 loss to Ceritos, while El Camino stands at 1-1 after defeating Santa Ana, 75-67, and losing 101-74 to Orange Coast.

Tonight's tilt is the first of a two-game weekend series for El Camino. Tomorrow night, the Warriors will travel to

Compton for another non-conference clash.

THE WARRIORS fought back from a 32-28 halftime deficit to down Santa Ana last Friday. Forward Clark Canfield and tiny guard Bobby Garcia supplied the offensive punch and 6-10 center Dan Caton sparked on defense as Camino came back to outscore Santa Ana, 17-4, in the opening four minutes of the second half.

Santa Ana came right back and cut the Camino spread to 10 points before Canfield plunked in two free throws and put the game out of reach. Canfield and Garcia dazzled the Don crowd with fancy jump shots from the outside to send Camino into another big lead when Santa Ana had cut the bulge to six points later in the game.

AGAINST ORANGE Coast it was a different story. The Pirates connected at a fantastic 61 per cent clip and controlled both the offensive and defensive backboards in their season opener.

El Camino trailed 11-2 before 6-5 forward Mike Towell hit a jump shot with three minutes of play elapsed. It was the first Tribe field goal.

ORANGE COAST pushed its lead to 44-38 at the half and then unleashed forwards Ronnie Chandler and Mike Kiniry to bury the Warriors immediately after intermission. The Pirates outscored Camino, 16-1, in five minutes of the second half.

South Thinclads Take Fifth Spot In 'AA' Division

When the cross country season opened three months ago, there was not a coach in the Southland who would have predicted fledgling West High was the fourth best Small Schools division team in the CIF.

For that matter, there were few coaches who would have said South High was the fifth best "AA" division team in Southern California.

However, when all the finishers were counted Monday afternoon in the CIF finals at Long Beach State, West was fourth and South was fifth in their respective divisions.

EVERY MEMBER of the West squad turned in his best time of the year as the Warriors stunned a talent-packed field. Ron Pettigrew toured the two-mile course in 10:15 for a seventh place finish to lead West.

Following Pettigrew were Tom Jurco, 12th in 10:24; Dick Buchanan, 20th in 10:30; Dan Richey, 38th in 10:51; Mike Sellers, 39th in 10:52; Dave Graham, 44th in 10:58; and Lou Bisou, 46th in 10:59.

Warrior coach Bob Hotel said each man chopped from 1:00 to 1:45 off his previous best time over the Long Beach State course.

SAN MARINO won the Small Schools championship with 56 points, followed by Crespi with 64, Valencia with 84, and West with 116.

Hindered by injuries and general misfortune all year long, South finally put all of its talent together for the surprise finish. Dave Ledford, a senior who has run in the shadow of Wes Fox all season long, finally came into his own.

LEDFORD managed a sixth place finish while Fox, a junior who has been ailing with the flu, captured fifteenth. Other Spartan finishers included Lenny Jay, 16th; Dave Palmer, 35th; Mike Mooring, 39th; (Continued on Page 42)

Knights Set Grid Finals For Sunday

Nativity, St. Josephs and St. Lawrence grade schools remain in the running for the second annual Bishop Montgomery Football Carnival championship after early eliminations.

A Torrance-located school, Nativity remained in the race with a 19-6 victory over American Martyr of Manhattan Beach and a 13-6 triumph over St. Anthony of El Segundo.

ST. JOSEPHS of Hawthorne opened with a 19-0 triumph over St. Philomena of Torrance and followed with a 9-0 decision against St. Margaret-Mary, St. Lawrence of Redondo Beach gained its win against St. Catherine of Torrance, earning a 6-6 tie and taking the victory via the most yardage gained.

St. Lawrence and St. Josephs will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday to decide which eleven will meet Nativity in the finals at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

In consolation games, American Martyr shut out St. James, 7-0, and St. Anthony of El Segundo dropped a 20-0 nod to St. Philomena. American Martyr will move into the consolation finals at 1 p.m. Sunday.

ST. PHILOMENA and St. Catherine will tangle at 10 a.m. Saturday to determine who will meet American Martyr in the final round. A perpetual trophy will go to the carnival champion, St. Catherine is the defending titlist.

Seven Warriors Nab Metro Slots

Defensive halfback Ralph Hughes, a tiny 140-pounder from Lawndale High who picked off six enemy aerials, was the lone El Camino College griddler to earn a first-string All-Metropolitan Conference football berth this season.

Six other Warriors were given honorable mention, but Hughes, a letterman with an extreme skill at covering pass receivers, was the lone Warrior to be mentioned on either first string offensive or defensive teams.

ENDS PAT Lining and Herb Hinsche, tackle Larry Petrill and guard John Iacono were given honorable mention on the offensive squad. Tackle Richard Cooper and guard Gary Wetzel received honorable mention berths on the defensive squad.

All-American junior college candidate Homer Williams of

Long Beach City College was selected as the conference Player of the Year by opposing coaches. Williams, a former prep star at St. Anthony's, led all Metro scorers for the second straight year with 90 points in 8 games.

Both Hinsche and Lining obtained all-conference honors for the second consecutive season. Lining, possibly the fastest man on the Camino squad, is a sophomore from North High.

IACONO IS another second-time all-Metro selection. The 195-pounder was also an All-Catholic League selection two years ago at Mount Carmel High. Wetzel is the fourth repeat Camino Conference selection. Last season he made 137 tackles to lead all Warrior defenders.

Cooper was one of the biggest men in the conference at 6-1, 266 pounds. He is a freshman from Hawthorne High.

City to Sponsor Youthful Cagers

More than 600 boys from throughout Torrance are expected to flock to gymnasiums at North, South, and Torrance high schools Saturday as registration opens for the annual basketball program.

Sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, the yearly program is open to boys from 10 to 18. The three-month program opens with registration sessions Saturday and next week.

PARENTAL permission is required for all boys signing up for the teams, and boys may sign individually or with teams. A basketball clinic featuring team drills, coaching tips, and

fundamental basketball skills will be held Saturday, Dec. 21, at all schools.

Basketball coaches Skip Enger, Jim Hanny, and Will Boerger will direct the clinics, which begin at 9:30 a.m.

LEAGUE PLAY for the teams opens in January. Boys participate in the Skyline League, for boys 10 and 11; the Rocky Mountain League, boys 12 and 13; and the Big Ten Loop, boys in high school. High school students must be attending a Torrance school.

FEARLESS SPECTATOR

Professional Sports Do Not Lack Reality

By CHARLES McCABE, ESQ.

Mr. Paul Gallico, who used to chronicle fun and games for a living, confided recently to an English journalist that he gave up sports writing because he wanted to learn about life. The meat, dripping raw.

"I though I was badly balanced as a journalist and as a man," he said. "The sports world is a make-believe one and I wanted to see the real world."

When Gallico left daily sports writing in 1936, he had been sports editor of the tabloid New York Daily News for 12 years. He was the highest-paid sporting columnist in the city, taking home more than Damon Runyon, Grantland Rice, and his own boyhood idol, W. O. McGeehan.

Gallico wrote light, lucid prose. He had something else going for him, too.

"Some sports writers build up a following by the accuracy of their forecasts," he said. "I build mine up

by being wrong much more often than right. I didn't have to fake it. I just was.

"And then admitted it, worried over it, and marveled that I should not have seen what was apparently obvious to many thousands of readers."

Out of sports, Gallico embarked on a literary course of pounding out pudgy stories and books. One book, "The Snow Goose," sold over 300,000 wartime copies. His later work had about as much relation to real life as the Doctor Doolittle stories.

Brother Gallico could have found a fair dollop of real life in real sports, if he cared to look. Real life, in fact, is what's wrong with sports. But that was not the cant of his talent. Or perhaps he was sent packing by a suspicion that things in his business were a little TOO real.

Things being what they are in this fair land, it's impossible not to commercialize (and therefore corrupt) any kind of excellence that can bring more than

a hundred suckers and their cash into a large enclosure.

Practically everything that is true about sports in the amateur sense—the comradeship, the loyalties, the growth of a sense of manly honor, the joy that comes from aptitude—turns upside down the minute the money boys get their hands on the thing.

But a strange thing happens. While the whole character of sport begins to change when you have to pay the price of admission, nobody wants to admit it. The owners, obviously, find it to their interest to pretend they are putting on children's games of the purest kind, sort of for free.

The fans are unwilling to admit anything has changed. They will not admit they have grown up, once they enter a stadium. "And don't tell me anything bad about the boys out there."

If you want a sad comment on the rapacity of

man you have only to watch, from here on out, the machinations of the men, not excluding the protagonists, who are determined to get Sonny Liston and Cassius Clay into a ring. Somewhere, anywhere. These guys would make Nicolo Machiavelli throw up.

Our national auto-intoxication over sports goes all the way up to the Supreme Court. In what had to be one of the wildest judgments ever offered by a presumably sane and fair-minded group of men, The Nine decided some years back that professional baseball was a sport, and not a business. It was therefore exempt from the restrictions imposed by antimonopoly laws.

If what baseball's owners are conducting is not a business, and a thoroughly cut-throat business, then I am the Maid of Orleans.

Ah, no, Mr. Gallico—the world of sport is very real. It's just that nobody, apparently including you, is willing to admit it.