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# TORRANCE PRESS

## 'First All-City Banquet'



PRESS COLUMNIST Dick Daugherty hands North High star John Sibley his trophy and thanks the lineman for bringing football thrills to thousands who watched scholastic football

games in Torrance during past season. Mike Czarke of South High is to the right of Sibley.

### Richter, Morrow, Daugherty Speak To Footballers

Before an impressive guest list and enthusiastic body of football fans and well-wishers, the Torrance Press honored their first Annual All-City football team at a banquet held at the Jumping Jack in WALTERIA Thursday night.

The players representing the best Torrance, North, and South High had to offer were selected by a poll conducted by the Press after the gridiron season. Each footballer was awarded a trophy symbolic of their achievement by ex-Ram and Press columnist Dick Daugherty.

The night's festivities were highlighted by speeches given by Ram greets Les Richter and Johnny Morrow. Both pros offering advice and guidance to the youthful gridlers.

Among the notables in attendance were George Vico, former major league baseball star who conducted the show as master of ceremonies; high school football coaches Bob Shoup, Dave Tollefson, and Irwin Kasten; Superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, Dr. Hull; Planning Commissioner Bert Lynn; Publisher W. R. Zappas of the Press; Councilman George Bradford; and Bob Prior, noted North Torrance sports figure.



MASTER OF CEREMONIES George Vico, standing, ex-major league ballplayer now with Dominguez Estate Co., gets ready to introduce next speaker at banquet Thursday night sponsored by the PRESS for the All-

City grid team. Below Vico, seated from left to right, are Dr. J. H. Hull of the Board of Education, W. R. Zappas, publisher of the PRESS, and Les Richter of the Rams.

#### FROM TORRANCE



JOE MONTGOMERY



HOWARD TAYLOR



LINEMEN DESERVE PRAISE, says Ram center Johnny Morrow in addressing speech during banquet for high school footballers. "These are the fellows who make a team click," stated the three year veteran of the Los Angeles pro club.

#### FROM SOUTH



JOE AUSTIN



BOB WEHRHAN

### Torrance Schools Really "Unified" After Get-Together



COACHES, left to right, Irwin Kasten of Torrance; Dave Tollefson of South; and Bob Shoup of North applauded gridlers selected from their rosters on All-City team.



RICHTER MUSES to youths as he recalls games Rams won in '54 and '55 season despite "outrageous calls" made by "partisan" officials. Zappas, left, and Vico greet Rich-

ter's sense of humor with chuckles. Rams line-backer advised youths to "forget" press clippings and awards before "you get to college."



EX-RAM DICK DAUGHERTY tells scholastic heroes and quests about his days with the

Rams and what he thought were reasons for Ram's failure to win more than two games.

## WHO'S WHO ON ALL-CITY TEAM

At left end the voters selected tall CLIFF WEIMER from Torrance High. A versatile end on offense, as a receiver and blocker, the youth from the Tartar squad was also instrumental in serving his school effectively as a defensive stalwart. For the left tackle position VERNON DAVIS, also from Torrance High, was placed on the All-American City team by voters who watched him open holes for speedy Tartar backs throughout the 1959 season. His talents also included sharp and

effective tackling while on defense. At left guard MIKE CZARKE from South High drew the nod. South's successful year in Pioneer League action was made possible in large measure by the brilliant all-around play of Czarke. A lineman who showed that he had the potential to make anybody's collegiate squad. For the hot center position DENNIS HIGGINS of South received the most ballots. His consistent handling of the ball at

center was twice as sharp, as South's mentor had his boys alternating between the T and single wing, making a tough spot for any high school footballer to play effectively. JOHN SIBLEY of North was picked at right guard by the fans and students irregardless of his team's showing for the past '59 campaign. Opposition plays were usually run through the other side of the line for Bay League opponents respected the merits of Sibley. At the right tackle spot the

choice went to burly STAN GONTA of Torrance High. The Tartar record of 6-2-1 was in a large measure due to the fine playing of Stan who seldom permitted an opponent's back to get thru him for sizeable gains. BILL CLAXTON of North High garnered the right end spot even though the going was tough for the Saxons. Against Santa Monica and Hawthorne, the toughest the Bay League has to offer, gridlers were hit hard when they tried to circle Bill's position for a long gain. Clax-

ton's fine offense work received plaudits as well. For the master-minding job of quarterback the voters selected Torrance High's signal-caller HOWARD TAYLOR, despite the back's inability to play all the games for the Tartars. His fine handling of the ball, his high powered runs, and his excellent passing were tributes that led to his selection. At left halfback the name of JOE MONTGOMERY was placed high by the multitude of selectors. Time after time "Monk"

proved that he could come back after injuries to give the game the explosiveness that make football a thing of beauty to watch. His speed and ruggedness gave Coach Irwin Kasten the material he needed to post his first successful campaign as a school mentor. Big, tough, and bruising BOB WEHRAN of South was picked for the hard hitting job at full-back. Those of you who remembered the Spartans tussle with the Tartars know well the job he did in upsetting the then favored

THIS squad. Besides his knowledge of the fine game of running the ball through center, guard, tackle and everywhere Bob contributed to the passing game of the Spartans. At right halfback to complete the eleven JOE AUSTIN of South High managed to take the position with all-around play that contributed to Tollefson's fine year at the South Torrance school. Joe's brilliant receiving, passing, and high-stepping charges around end were wonderful to behold throughout the

entire season. Well, there you have it — the finest scholastic football team a city could possibly muster. A team that could tackle most colleges and come out the winner. A move is now underfoot to pit next year's All-American City football team against a worthy Collegiate opponent in a post-season game — the receipts of which will be given to worthwhile charities. Use classified ads for quick results. Phone FA 8-2345.