

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

## Chatting with Homel

Before the month of March is concluded Torrance will have absorbed another bowling alley. We are speaking of the Gable House, Hawthorne and Sepulveda, a 40-lane job that is rapidly nearing completion.

Besides the lanes, which are situated 20 on each side because of the structure of the building, the Gable House will offer bowlers a downstairs coffee shop, a nursery, an upper or mezzanine floor housing a dining room and cocktail lounge.

Chatting with Jerry Homel, part-owner and manager of Torrance's newest addition to family bowling, we were startled to discover that the big six-footer is also behind the national move to form a National League of Bowling.

In a construction shack set up for an emergency office we managed to capture Jerry's time and get the following facts.

### Thirteen Set to Go

Are you the sole owner of the Gable House? No, Jack Howard and Jack Cogan are also in on the deal with me. My brothers Leonard and Bob run our other lane—the Jefferson Bowl in Culver City.

Judging from what is completed and the blue-prints you've really taken on a big project with the Gable House.

I don't think so. Torrance is expanding so rapidly and almost every family is bugs for bowling. I only regret that we didn't have the room to put in more alleys.

When do you plan to open this bowling palace of yours?

From the looks of things it will probably be during the latter two weeks of March. When Palley's opens in early March we plan to pass out free passes for bowling when we open.

I'm told that your behind a move to establish a National League of Bowling? Or do I hear too many rumors?

No, your right. My brothers are planning to go to Chicago at the end of the month to get the league started.

How many cities have you contacted or have pledged themselves to the league?

As of now we have thirteen set to go.

How will the league function?

In similar fashion to baseball and football. Each city team will organize its pro's into a high-scoring aggregation. Play will be all year round.

### Stadiums Built

Will the games take place in bowling alleys like National TV?

We are planning to build stadiums for the games because we are sure large crowds will attend.

What cities are already in?

I can't tell you now. But check with me after I return from Chicago. Right now I want to get the Gable House completed.

Troubles began; a burly construction foreman entered the shack to explain to Jerry what the hold-up was on number four lane. Worried and bothered like all owners building sporting edifices Homel thanked us for coming and extended an invitation to the opening—"If I ever open," he said as he headed for the mammoth project.

## Baseball on Soon at ECC

General managers are haggling over contracts and major leaguers are beginning to notice the extra poundage added during the winter layoff, but at El Camino there are no holdouts as the Tribe prepares for its first baseball action of the season at Orange Coast Friday.

The El Cams will host Ceritos and Compton on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Coach Chuck Freeman has already gone through preliminary trimming at Warriortown as he cut the original list of 36 candidates for the varsity nine to 25. The turnout is quite an advancement over the 12 player team he inherited in his first season at ECC two years ago.

Setting his sights on the Met-

## Pony League Mothers to Give Buffet

The women's auxiliary of the North Torrance Pony League are having a "Dine a Dip" buffet dinner at MacMasters Park Saturday, Feb. 26 between the hours of 4:30-7:30 p.m., it was announced by League spokesman Marie Williams.

According to Mrs. Williams the dinner proceeds will go towards raising funds for field equipment and uniforms. The affair is open to the public.

ropolitan championship for the second straight year, even though it was a three-way tie last year with San Diego and Harbor, Coach Freeman is getting the practice season off to an early start.

"This ball club will not possess any one outstanding star," the former Trojan horseholder remarked, "rather it will be composed of a group of lads all equally talented."

# Spartans Win Thriller 56-53

## PRESS Sports

### Hawks and Lakers in Sports Arena Sun.

Southern California basketball fans will get another look at major league activity when the St. Louis Hawks and Minneapolis Lakers collide in a pair of National Basketball Association games at the Sports Arena next Sunday, Feb. 21, and Monday evening, Feb. 22.

Tipoff for both games will be at 8 p.m. The games are being sponsored by the Salesian Fathers for their charity program to curb juvenile delinquency in East Los Angeles.

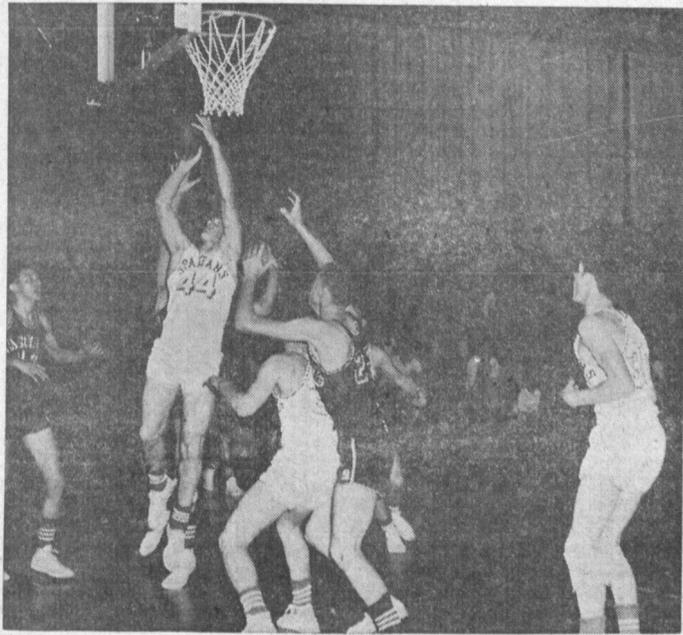
The games are a follow-up to the highly successful NBA game between Minneapolis and the Philadelphia Warriors earlier this month. That one drew nearly 11,000 in a driving rain, prompting the NBA moguls to come back for another helping of Southland enthusiasm.

The Hawks are way ahead of the Western Division chase in the NBA. They boast some of the sport's greatest names—fellows like Bob Pettit, Clyde Lovellette, Cliff Hagan and Slater Martin.

Minneapolis' big gun, of course, is the fabulous Elgin Baylor. The 6-6 star was an All-Pro star in his rookie season last year and is well on his way toward repeating.

Baylor out-dueling Wilt Chamberlain in their recent meeting here, scoring 36 points for high point laurels. He also is a great rebounder, feeder and court tactician.

St. Louis and Minneapolis are bitter rivals, the Hawks still smarting over the Lakers upset victory over them in the Western Division playoffs last season.



AUSTIN CONNECTS during inter-city battle between South-Torrance High Tuesday afternoon. Austin, in a fourth quarter spree, paced the Spartans to a thrilling win, 56-53. Press Photo by Art Willey

## Austin Paces South to 4th Quarter Win

By John Whitacre

South High Spartans playing their best game of the schools three year history upset heavily favored Torrance High 56-53 in a last quarter scoring spurge by the fired up South squad to post their first basketball victory over the cross town rivals.

Joe Austin and Jim Mannix led the Spartans who were behind by ten points one time in the third quarter. Austin free throw accuracy paid off as he hit three straight in the last minute of the thrilling contest.

Mannix high point man for both teams led their second and third quarter comeback with 18 digits on his deadly jump shots from outside the key.

Torrance swished the net a plenty in the first quarter and looked as thou they were going to repeat the previous victory over the Spartans but with the rebounding of Cliff Roy and the shooting of Mannix, South pulled within three points of the Tartars at the half 31-28.

The third quarter was played on even steven basis with both teams looking tired at times, but the Spartans came out fresh as a daisy in the final stanza to pull ahead of the Tartars in the Pioneer League standings, South now maintains a 3-6 record, while the THS men have dropped to 3-7 playing one more game than South.

Leading scorer for the Tartars was as usual THS' pride and joy junior forward Bob Weister. The "Blonde Bomber" scored 15 digits to maintain his league scoring lead of 191 points in ten league contests for a 19.2 average.

Weister is also moving up on Rich Ruffels junior scoring record he has 416 to Ruffels' 434 and only needs 18 points in two games on the Tartars remaining schedule to break a record which was established in 1956.

Bill Reinert was second in Tartar scoring with 14, as Mike Andrews South's best defensive player for the second time held Bill below his league and seasonal average of 16 points per game.

The Tartars are idle tomorrow night but return to action next Tuesday against the league cellar dwellers Lennox, on the Lanewoods home court, they then return home a week from tomorrow to take on the league leading Aviation team on the lovely confines of the THS hardwood.

South travels to Culver City Friday to try and perform their second straight upset, and believe this reporter if the Spartans play the way they did against the Tartars, they will add another upset to their collection.

## Paul Pettit Joins Torrance High

A real live baseball star is advising lots of Torrance youngsters to study hard and get as much education as possible.

Youngsters get this advice Paul Pettit, ex-Pittsburgh Pirate Star, whose off-season activities include substitute teaching in the Torrance school system. During the fall semester, Pettit attends Long Beach State and then teaches in the spring until he has to report for spring training.

For the past two years, he has been substituting in Torrance schools during the spring.

At the time of his signing in 1950, Pettit was the highest-paid bonus baby in baseball history. A Lomita resident, he was a ball player for Narbonne High School, where he was an all-city team member three straight years. During his prep career, he pitched six no-hitters, three in a row.

Although he hopes to be a coach, Pettit now substitutes in elementary schools. He reports that he has few discipline problems, probably due partly to his reputation. He reports that when he walks into a class, there usually is one of the youngsters who recognizes him.

"They usually ask me lots of questions about baseball," he says. "They want to know where I played, how much I hit last year, and whether I know Stan Musial, Yogi Berra, and other big stars." (He does.)

Occasionally, Pettit is disconcerted during a class discussion of history or geography by a hand waving in the air.

"Sometimes regular discussions are interrupted by somebody who wants to know whether I knew Stan Musial, but I always tell them that I'll be glad to answer their questions after class," Pettit says.

Pettit says he would advise any potential baseball players to get just as much education as possible. He is in favor of college for professional baseball players. He wouldn't mind if his three sons became baseball players, as long as they got a good education.

"Your chances are much greater if you are well educated," Pettit declares. "There are more educated people in baseball today than ever before. Even if they don't need some of the subjects they take, right away, they never can tell when these might come in handy."

Pettit practices what he preaches. For the past 10 years,



FROM DIAMOND TO CLASSROOM—Paul Pettit is a baseball star during the spring and summer, but during the winter he is a student and teacher. Pettit, Pittsburgh and Seattle first baseman, attends Long Beach

State in the fall and during the winter acts as a substitute teacher in Torrance. Here he discusses some of their Asian projects with Jay Doegey and Carol Minech, Parkway School.

## \$1000 at Stake in Beach Drag Races

Long Beach, Feb. 18—A major "Leap Year at LADS" drag meet, with the special lure of a \$1,000 War Bond for the top eliminator, was today announced for Feb. 28 at the big Long Beach strip of Lions Associated.

Mickey Thompson, director of he has been attending college during the fall semester. He attended Harbor College and Long Beach State.

This spring, he'll be playing with the Seattle Rainiers. Early in his pro career he switched from pitching to the outfield and now plays first base.

the 233rd St. blacktop and himself America's king of speed over land, said that more than 20 of the hottest gas-dragsters of the west will be in a field to exceed 350 vehicles.

In the array will be two Southern drivers who now hold the world's two recognized gas-dragster records. Strangely enough, these were set on different strips the same day, Feb. 7.

One is Allen (Lefty) Muderbach, veteran railbird of Pico-Riversa, who toiled a twin-engine Chevy A-dragster for a 166.66-m.p.h. top speed (backed by two

within-2-percent) runs of 163.63 and 166.05 on the LADS strip.

The other, TV actor Tommy Ivo of Burbank, drove his Buick-powered four-wheeler to top eliminator honors at Pomona, in a record 8.95 seconds for the 1320 feet. It was the first time a gas-dragster had officially gone the route under nine seconds.

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