

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callos Jr.

## Talking With Kasten

Managers of big-league baseball outfits generally have it tough. During spring training they must decide, in six weeks, who's to play after watching their material go through the rigors of pre-season play. Yet, mentors of the pros have it easy in another respect—their prospects are not raw.



However, in high school baseball, coaches have this element to contend with. The diamond head-man gets nothing but green material to work with. He must teach the boys, just beginning to work themselves loose from awkwardness, the fundamentals of the national pastime. It is here, at prep level, that a youngster discovers whether he's got the stuff to make the big-time.

At Torrance High, successful grid coach Irwin Kasten doubles as baseball mentor. We located the affable, easy-going man who directs the destiny of Torrance's baseball team at practice earlier in the week. After discussing the Dodgers we got down to a strict question and answer session.

## Tough League

How does the team look this year?

After winning two and losing one in the El Camino-Aviation tournament last week I'd say we have a fairly good team.

In contrast to the other members of the Pioneer League, how does your outfit stack-up?

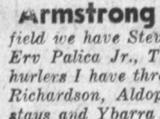
From the action I've seen our league is tougher than the Pioneer League. All Pioneer organizations are going to be tough to beat with South High, El Segundo and Aviation the strongest.

How many men are you carrying this year?

We are allowed 20, however I'm sticking with 15.

Who are they?

Behind the plate I have Steve McGuire, at first Jim Armstrong, at second Joe Montgomery and Mike Challis. At short Billy Williams and



Eleazar Ybarra at third. In the outfield we have Steve Parker, Jimmy McLean, Rick Hood, Erv Palica Jr., Tom Ojard and Don Dobrick. As for hurlers I have three full timers and one part-timer, Tom Richardson, Aldoph Duran and Roy Wilson as main stays and Ybarra can also throw.

Have you got a fast ball pitcher? None of my boys are fast. But they have control. Unusual for this grade of ball I admit. My starters have an assortment of stuff. Duran is the righthander and Wilson and Richardson pitch from the left.

How does he look this year? Good. No reason why he shouldn't repeat his performance. Several of the other boys look as if they will better their '59 play. All the boys but three are returning lettermen.

Looking at his watch Kasten halted the interview and assembled his lads in the infield for a skull session.

I left Torrance Park and the Tartars with a realization that Irwin Kasten knows his business and that his diamond herd will be just as good as his gridiron aggregation was in the fall of 1959.



WELCOME—Bill Montgomery (left) former Torrance High and El Camino College football star now at Pepperdine College, welcomes that school's new head football coach to the campus. Pepperdine's new grid mentor, Pance Dacus, was a little all-American quarterback in his own playing days at Southwest Texas State.

## Parade of Outdoor Champs Feature of Sports Show

H. Werner Buck's original Sportsmen's & Vacation Show, deservedly the aristocrat of all outdoor spectacles, will stage its mammoth 15th annual thrill-packed edition at Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, for an 11-day run beginning March 31. Buck, co-ordinator and producer of 14 annual Sportsmen's Shows, has augmented the huge show grounds by leasing the adjoining 1000-seat Pan-Pacific Theater and the 20-lane Pan-Pacific Bowling Lanes, and has signed Cowboy Star Roy Rogers to headline the sensational 10-act, 90-minute stage and water entertainment program, the "Parade of Outdoor Champions."

Rogers, known as "Mr. Sportsman" because of his riding, roping, pistol shooting, speed boat racing, pigeon racing, golfing,

bowling, hunting, fishing and archery excellence, will appear at all performances with his clever horse Trigger Jr., the Sons of the Pioneers, and Pat Brady, his comic sidekick with the eccentric jeep, Nellybelle. Additional outstanding star acts will round out the "Outdoor Champions" program, making this the fastest, funniest, most amazing in Sportsmen's Show history.

## ECC Trackmen Show Promise

Four men will provide the backbone of the 1960 El Camino College track team, having proved their worth in the recent Los Angeles indoor track relay.

The four are David Jaeger, Sam Wasson, Furman Marsh and Jerry Cox. The quartet placed second in the indoor meet after being tipped at the wire by the relay artists of Los Angeles City College. For their second place achievement, each member won a leather case with a pen and pencil set. Presentations were made before the crowd of 12,483 attending the event.

Teams entered in the mile relay were Los Angeles City College, Long Beach City College, Orange Coast College and El Camino College. L.A.C.C., E.C.C. and O.C.C. finished in one, two, three order, while L.B.C.C. came in fourth.

Coached by Roy Southstone, the Warrior track squad totals 33 men this season.

Of the relay quartet, Jaeger and Wasson are the only returning lettermen; Jaeger hails from Mira Costa, Wasson is a graduate of Gardena High School, Marsh comes from Morningside High School, while Cox is a graduate of El Segundo High School. Marsh and Jaeger starred for Southstone last fall on the cross country squad.

Other returning lettermen are Darian Calhoun, Don LaVoie, and Roger Lawson.

## Parneli Jones Vies in PRA Race

Ascot Stadium playhost to a big double header stock car racing program on Sunday afternoon, March 20, when the NASCAR late model stocks and the old model claiming cars of the Pacific Racing Association vie in an eight event program totaling more than 150 laps of racing over the half mile oval.

Heading the list of NASCAR late model pilots is young Parneli Jones, Torrance, who will pilot the same '60 Ford that he raced in the recent Daytona Beach 500 mile classic at speeds of almost 150 m.p.h. Jones was running well up among the leaders when he was forced out with engine trouble.

Some fifty claiming car pilots are expected to attempt to qualify for the four events allotted to them on the program which will include a four lap trophy dash for the four fastest qualifying cars, qualifying heat races and a main event. Expected to lead the entries is Ben Thomas, 1959 P.R.A. claiming car champion from Canoga Park.

7,000 seats will go on sale at noon when the gates will open for the big afternoon of stock car racing action on March 20. Qualifying trials are slated from 12:30 to 2 p.m., with the first race at 2:15 p.m.

## Midget Auto Race Set for March 27

J. C. Agajanian today announced a 100-lap United States Auto Club National Championship midget auto race for Sunday afternoon, March 27, at Ascot Stadium.

The race is expected to bring together many of the nation's foremost chaffeurs. It will be a tuneup for the upcoming Indianapolis "500."

Agajanian also reported the 1960 season of American Motorcycle Association-sanctioned motorcycle races will begin at Ascot on Friday evening, April 1.

"Aggie" currently is in Daytona Beach, Florida, promoting the "Indianapolis Cycle Racing," the 200-mile National Championships. The race will be March 13 on the Florida Beach.

Many of the nation's leading handlebar jockeys will then trek back to the West Coast to ready themselves for the opening of the campaign.

# HOOD'S SINGLE NIPS MIRA COSTA NINE 3-2



By John Whitacre  
Coach Irwin Kasten's Torrance High varsity horseholders play host to the Apaches from Central tomorrow after a successful Tuesday game against the Mira Costa nine.  
Against the Mustangs, in an afternoon game, Rick Hood's clutch single in the bottom of the seventh inning enabled John Cambon to come home with the winning run to edge Mira Costa 8-2.  
Up until Hood's hit both squads were tied at 2-2 in a game that featured a strong pitcher's battle between John Mount and Torrance's Ray Wilson. The junior lefthanded whirler picked up his second win in two starts with his assortment of pitches.  
Mira Costa led 2-0 before the T.H.S. men got started in the bottom of the fifth with Irv Palica's second single bringing Jim Armstrong in after the latter had also singled.  
The victory enabled the Tartars to post a 3-2 record in diamond play.  
Aldoph Duran or Eleazar Ybarra will go against the Apaches tomorrow. Both are Tartar righthanders.  
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will be offered at the Gable House shortly after the house opens.

## Bowling News

With only eight weeks remaining on their winter schedule, Dunham Auto Parts and the Five Finks going neck and neck to the finish line with only a narrow 1/2 game separating the two squads, in Bowl-O-Drome's Thursday night 875 Scratch. R & B Furniture, J & A Body Shop and the San Pedro Elks No. 966 trail in a crowded third slot, followed by Micro-Wave, Hallmark and Ted's Auto Parts. Bob Nugent, rolling for the second place Five Fink mob, remains as the one to beat for the season's individual series honors with his scorching 732 whipped up a few weeks back while Bob Good, of the R & B Furniture bowling addicts, heads the list of individual efforts with his towering 268 pitch.  
Monday Harvey National loop rounded out the 25th week of their winter kegling loop with the Mixed Fives enjoying a huge 10 1/2 game lead over the rest of the pack. Odd Balls and the Pennoakes share second, trailed by the Outlaws, and the Head Hunters in the third notch. Tiger hurler, G. Lange produced a nifty 606&117-723 three game effort to take over the top slot for the season's individual series honors for the men, while F. Foster, of the Head Hunter quintet chalked up the female high with her impressive 465&180-645 tally. League leading member, B. Pooter cut loose with the mens individual high game pitch of 238&31-269 as M. Funk, going the route with the Peanuts, racked up the gals high of 188&59-247.  
Gardena Wildcats topping the American Legion 2nd Division hitting Bowl-O-Drome lanes on the Friday night schedule by a big 9 1/2 games. Compton 152 rests in second only 1/2 game ahead of the third place Hawthorne Hawks. Wilmington Rebels listed in fourth followed by Narbonne Food Market, San Pedro Pirates, and the Gardena Bandits. Hawthorne Hawk, G. Lance whipped up a whopping 602 three game effort to cop the top spot on the individual series honor roll as team mate F. Portune uncorked the leagues individual game high a blistering 238.

## Gable House 40 Lane Bowling Center to Open

The Gable House Bowl, Hawthorne and Sepulveda, will be open April 1, it was announced today by Jerry Homel, general manager of the new Brunswick 40 lane center.  
Magnificent in structure the Gable House will be open 24 hours a day with league play scheduled at times most convenient for the bowlers participating. Homel stated that bowling leagues can contact him by seeing or calling him at the construction site. "I will be happy to meet with representatives of any church, school, industry, civic or neighborhood organization and help them organize a league bowling program, Homel said.  
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OUTDOORS GAL Beth Crow readies her saddle to "pack in" to H. Werner Buck's giant 15th annual Los Angeles Sportsmen's and Vacation Show coming to Pan-Pacific Auditorium March 31 through April 10. Everything for the sportsman will be on view.

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More robberies were committed in Torrance during the month of August last year than in any other month. Eight persons were held up.

Motor-vehicle license fees received by Torrance for 1959 amounted to \$466,698.63

## Moose to Show Sports Film of '59

"Sports Highlights of 1959," a film story of championship performance in baseball, football, basketball, swimming and bowling last year, will be presented by the Torrance Moose lodge at the lodge hall, 1744 W. Carson St., Tuesday, March 15th, at 8 p.m.

The fraternal organization is inviting members of the Torrance Babe Ruth league and Boy Scouts and their fathers to attend this second presentation of a Moose lodge "Sports Night."

Movies of the Los Angeles Rams football games, and an appearance by Gene Brito of the team, were featured during last month's program. Refreshments will be served.

George W. Clay, lodge governor, has announced that Tuesday's program will be under the direction of Charles Ross Britt Jr., civic affairs chairman, and a committee consisting of H. B. Casson, Joseph Platt and Roger Evans.

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Cooper entered the Army in August 1959 and completed basic training at Fort Ord.

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