



**TOP CONTENDERS** for the El Camino College starting quarterback assignment look for tips in ball handling. The five promising recruits (l-r) are Jeff Bell, North High; Clyde Taylor, Torrance; Bobby Johnson, Redondo Beach; Pat Pagett, El Segundo, and southpaw Phil Pomeroy, Mount Carmel. The Warriors will appear in a pre-season scrimmage with college alums Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Murdock Stadium.

# PRESS Sports

## Coach Predicts Success For Cross Country Squad

Fingers crossed, El Camino College cross country coach Ray Southstone predicted success for the squad which opens its season Sept. 28 in the Long Beach Invitational.

"If we can avoid injuries, we should be very strong. There's talent on this squad and we might challenge the two logical contenders, Long Beach and Cerritos, for the conference championship," Southstone said.

The Warrior coach and alum welcomed a turnout of 12 runners, the smallest figure in his five-year stint at El Camino. Last year, more than 30 aspired for positions on the team.

"I'm planning to go with a nucleus of eight runners, but if any get hurt, we'll be in deep trouble," Southstone added.

The majority of last year's letterman have been lost through ineligibility, but Southstone counts strongly on Ken Lindroth and Kurt Klein, two of the finest runners in the Metropolitan Conference.

Klein, a sophomore from North High, rates high in Southstone's tentative plan of attack.

"Kurt is going to be a great one. The potential is there. He now ranks second only to San Diego's Sterling Jenkins, the finest 'natural' cross country man I have ever seen," Southstone continued.

Klein blossomed from near obscurity to national prominence on the Warrior track team. He won the state JC half-mile championship, recording one of the finest times turned in by national junior college half-milers.

Lindroth is a sophomore from Inglewood and ranked among the top three runners in El Camino's team last year.

These two men would make any coach beam with anticipation but Southstone's "problem" has six more ingredients.

Ken Allen, a freshman from Morningside High, is groomed for stardom. He was one of the top five runners in the Bay League last year but has been plagued by injuries and his status at El Camino is questionable.

## Adult Club Takes First in Shuffleboard

The first tournament of its kind in California, a Ladies Team Shuffleboard Tournament, was hosted by the Torrance Adult Club at the Torrance Adult Center on Sept. 9 and 10. The tournament was under the auspices of District 1 of the board Association. Teams from Bixby Park, Auditorium Park, Houghton Park and Lincoln Park, all from Long Beach; Palisades Park of Santa Monica and the local club were entered.

The Torrance Adult Club's team won first place; team members were Clara Witner, Ora Donaldson, Edna Brummet, Mae Carey, and Myrtle Turner. In second place was the Bixby Park team, and third place was won by Lincoln Park.

Tournament manager was Jim Daniel assisted by Jack Alcock and Claude Martin.

could well advance to the top position.

El Camino finished with a 4-3 record in 1962 but placed third in both the dual meet and conference championships.



**ALL-BAY LEAGUER** Dan Claxton from North High, a letterman on the 1962 Warrior football squad, is a strong prospect for a regular back position with the 1963 edition of the El Camino College eleven.

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## Gridmen from Torrance High Schools Kick Off Football Season Friday

A new and potentially exciting football season gets underway for Torrance high schools this Friday when local boys meet their first opponents.

Torrance High will meet the Redondo Seahawks on the Torrance field at 8 o'clock.

West High Warriors will

clash with Palos Verdes in a practice game on the West High field Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

North High will travel to Warren to play their first game under the lights Friday evening.

South High will put off their first game till Saturday at 8 p.m. when they will

meet El Segundo on the Torrance High field.

Bishop Montgomery High takes on St. Genevieve also on Friday at 8 p.m. on the home field of Bishop Montgomery.

Most coaches are very optimistic about the coming season and only time and a lot of hard work will tell

## who will come through as champions in their league. Five Records

The first meet of "Drag Month" at Lions Drag Strip last week saw five National records broken and time records smashed. "Jet Jockey" Gary Gabelich of Long Beach drove Martin's-C & T Chevrolet powered fuel dragster in a tremendous 7.99 seconds run for the quarter-mile strip. The Burbank car is known as the quickest Chevrolet in the nation. Jeep Hampshire of Laguna Beach, driving the Stellings-Schieffer Mfg. fuel dragster roared down the strip in a fantastic 194.80 mile per hour run, a new record at Lions and the fastest speed recorded for the machine.

Winner of the \$500 top fuel money was Ken Safford of Hollywood in the Gaideratican entry, running a fast 192.30 miles per hour in 8.03 seconds in competition.

This weekend's competition centers around the \$1,000 ward to the car that enters and makes 2 per cent back-up run in the 7-second bracket. Gabelich was unable to back-up his run due to head gasket problems.

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