

# South at Samohi in League Test

## Good Old Days

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### High School Coach Has Charge Of Pop Warner Football Program

Fred Peterson is the head B-football coach at West High School in Torrance.

He is the same Fred Peterson, president of the Torrance Pop Warner Football Association.

One is a paying job and the other is volunteer, but Fred treats both with equally great enthusiasm. He is outspoken about Pop Warner, though!

Ten years ago a local high school coach "guarded" his fondness for pre-high school tackle football. It was more controversial than Little League and strictly frowned upon by school administrators.

But now the complexion has changed.

When Vince McCullough, now with El Camino, began a three-year coaching assignment at Redondo High he inherited so many many experienced Pop Warnerites he accepted an athletic director's job in the program to perpetuate the trend.

Bob Cardona, after a successful coaching reign at RUHS, took over a Pop Warner midget team for two years. Practically every player has become prominent in high school sports.



FRED PETERSON

Coach Peterson has encountered the same experience. Three top members of his current undefeated Bees are ex-Pop Warner grids—Paul Gadbois, John Hoetger and Ron Norman. The team, incidentally, has rolled up 143 points to 6 for the opposition in four non-league games. The West High Cees are three-time winners.

But Peterson has another major interest in the pop Warner program. His 85-pound son, Rick, 12, is quarterback of the unbeaten Peewee Oilers. They are all-victorious in five games, much to the satisfaction of the pom-pom girls, among whom is Barbara, a 9-year-old sister to Rick.

There are seven Pop Warner teams in Torrance. Four are in the 65-90 peewee division, two are midget 85-110 pound class, and one bantam 100-125 class. Ages range from 10 to 14 years.

Peterson, switching from athletic director in 1963 to president this year, points with pride to the caliber of coaching in the program. Six of the seven head coaches do not have sons playing for them.

Peterson says the youngsters are only allowed to practice two evenings a week for two hours each session and member teams scrimmage against each other 25 minutes of that time.

"We have worked out a good practice and game system to allow plenty of time for school and other interests," says Peterson. Games are held on Sunday afternoon.

"Any boy who fails a single subject and receives an 'Unsatisfactory' report in citizenship is ineligible.

One of the current projects of the Torrance Pop Warner Association is to establish a college scholarship for a graduating Pop Warner player from North, South, West or Torrance High School. The grant would become part of a trust fund and could be drawn upon only for tuition or applicable allowances. Ray Tucker and Dick Schwanbeck are working out the details.

Peterson believes more teams will be organized as more and more boys and their families learn about the program. "The word is just beginning to spread," Peterson points out. "The program is only five years old," he continued.

The Torrance School District and Parks and Recreation Department have been very cooperative with the Pop Warner group. After outgrowing Walteria Park, game competition has alternated among North High, Torrance High and now West High. South will get into rotation next year.

With 200 boys completely outfitted in \$25 attire, the tab ran \$5400 last year and \$35,00 this season. Repairs come to \$680. That's a two-year output of 10 Grand!

A 16-man board, including coaches, govern the Torrance Pop Warner operations. The group belongs to the South Bay Conference which includes Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, Redondo, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale, Hawthorne and Gardena.

Peterson believes inter-city competition is most ideal and compliments the local program.

The Torrance teams are organized without concentrating on building a particular strong team. A pre-arranged formula in which the midget Chargers have option over the first and fourth ranking peewees and the Steelers claim No. 2 and 3 ranking peewees has been established for next year, alternating again in 1966. All newcomers are drafted by the six peewee and midget teams each year. The lone bantam club has no competition in the matter.

Peterson, a native of Nebraska, is a graduate of Midland College. He lettered in football, baseball, track and wrestling. He is the wrestling coach at West in the spring.

He must have some ideas in the back of his mind about a program of "Little Wrestling" to help the recruiting along!

## PIONEER LEAGUE

# West High Battles Lennox in Opener

High school football gets its football team against heavily favored Lawndale at Leuzinger Field.

In other Pioneer League action, the Aviation Falcons travel to El Segundo for their opening performance.

Looking at the league race, the six teams should finish like this:

1. Lawndale
2. Aviation
3. West High
4. Torrance
5. El Segundo
6. Lennox

West High, which suffered an 18-0 loss to Beverly Hills in an exhibition of how not to play football last Friday,

must be rated a slight favorite over the Lennox team. The Warriors will have nearly all their top regulars back in uniform after a mild bout with the flu bug.

Torrance, which has played some fine ball-control games in the pre-season practice tilts, is once again cast in the underdog role. Lawndale, the Tartar's first league opponent, is near-unanimous choice for the Pioneer League title.

The Tartars closed the practice round last week with a 21-6 loss to North High. On the field—but not on the scoreboard—the Tartars played well enough to win in most circumstances.

Torrance will have its work cut out for it Friday, however, for Lawndale combines a powerful running and passing attack with a strong defense. The Cardinals have compiled a 4-0 record, including 32-7 victories over Saleon and Bishop Montgomery.

Lennox, victors last Saturday in a 20-6 decision over Rollin Hills, owns a 1-3 record. West High will carry a 2-2 record into the league campaign.

The Warriors were without the services of some of their top regulars last week (that can be only a partial explanation of the Beverly Hills disaster) but most of the missing have returned.

## Oilers Get Ready for Lawndale

The Torrance Pop Warner Oilers made it five wins in row Sunday by outclassing the Redondo Admirals, 33-7, at West High Stadium.

The Oilers meet equally unbeaten Lawndale Bucs next Sunday at Lawndale in a game to decide the Peewee American League division.

Rick Constantino ran for three touchdowns of 52, 58 and 45 yards against the Admirals and threw two TD passes to Jerry Wallace for 35 yards and 30 yard scores.

Meanwhile, the Knights of Torrance whipped the Hawthorne Scorpions, 12-0, scoring twice in the first half. Dropping peewee games were the Vikings, a 27-6 loser to the Manhattan Beach Sharks, and the Mustangs, beaten by the Hawthorne Bees, 14-6.

In the midget division, the Manhattan Waves beat the Torrance Chargers, 12-7 and the Torrance Steelers were joined by the Lawndale Bucs, 20-7.

The bantam Blue Devils of Torrance outlasted the Manhattan Barracudas, 6-0.



JERREL DEANE . . . Torrance majorette serves with the El Camino College pep squad. She will perform during East L.A. game Saturday night at Murdock Stadium.

## El Camino, East L.A. To Clash

Still stinging from last week's 33-13 football loss to Cerritos College, the El Camino College Warriors will try to ease the pain with a touch of victory against East Los Angeles Saturday at 8 p.m. The game will be at Warrior Stadium.

Despite the first-of-the season defeat by the Falcons, their record leaves them in second place behind Long Beach and Valley Colleges who have 2-0 slates.

Any hopes the Warriors had for a shot at the Junior Rose Bowl now seems definitely doomed.

Against East Los Angeles, Coach Ken Swearingen's charges will be in better physical condition than against Cerritos. Quarterback Pat Pagett and fullback Daryl Wilson, both of whom did not start against the Falcons because of injuries, should be ready to step forward into their starting roles.

Despite his injury, Wilson entered the game early in the first quarter and bulled his way for sizeable gains, in addition to doing some fine blocking.

Pagett played defense against the Falcons, and took a few turns at quarterback. He also handled punting for the Warriors.

The Tribe used a new series of offensive plays against the Falcons, hoping to catch Cerritos napping. The surprise worked during the first few minutes of the game; after which the Warriors were too busy trying to

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## Cougars Favored In Race

The Bay League football schedule for Friday has South High playing at Santa Monica (8 p.m.); Hawthorne at Palos Verdes in a day game; and Redondo vs. Mira Costa at El Camino Stadium.

The Spartans of South provide Santa Monica with somewhat of a breather in the season opener. The local club has a 1-3 pre-season record, edging El Segundo of the Pioneer League, 19-18, four weeks ago.

Santa Monica, running from a slot-T offense, galloped past Antelope Valley, 28-0, last weekend to run its pre-season record to 3-1. The Vikes are coached by former Torrance High mentors Dick Turner and Irv Kasten.

Quarterback Scott Christenson will lead South against the defending champions.

The Bay League's predicted order of finish a-la-Press-Herald, is as follows:

1. Hawthorne.
2. Santa Monica.
3. Mira Costa.
4. Redondo.
5. Palos Verdes.
6. South.

Getting top billing in the Bay League this Friday is the Redondo-Mira Costa tussle. Two years ago Mira Costa derailed Redondo from winning the championship, 7-6, and last year Redondo returned the compliment, tying the Mustangs 7-7, and thus opening the door for a "Samohi" title.

Hawthorne, with Coach Hal Chauncey coming out of retirement, has apparently returned to the ranks. They are 4-0. The last Hawthorne victim was Morningside, 34-6.

Chauncey had eight winning seasons before stepping out of the picture in 1959. His return may be prompted by the reporting of his son, Mark, for varsity football. The lad is a place-kicking specialist.

## Gardena Golf Event Scheduled

Prize money has been upped to \$10,000 for the 11th Gardena Valley Open Golf Tournament set Nov. 12-15 at the Western Avenue Golf Course.

Last year's champion Joe Kirkwood, Jr., "Joe Palooka" of movie fame, will be on hand to defend his title.

Advance tickets can be obtained by writing Tournament Chairman, P. O. Box 406, Gardena. Proceeds go to Kiwanis Clubs boys' and girls' work and scholarships.

The Gardena Valley Open is sponsored by the Gardena Valley Kiwanis Club and the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

## North High 2nd Choice In Football

Chances are Morningside High decided to await the opening of the Sky League football season before conquering anyone on the gridiron.

The "advances" made by the Monarchs to date was a lone touchdown against rival Inglewood last Friday in a 34-7 rout. The touchdown was their first of the year.

Morningside takes on North High this Friday evening at 8 p.m. at Sentinel Field, Inglewood. Sky League foes Inglewood and Culver City clash in Movieland, and Leuzinger is at Beverly Hills in an afternoon tilt.

Entering the Sky League campaign the pre-season picks shape up thusly:

1. Leuzinger.
2. North
3. Culver City
4. Beverly Hills
5. Inglewood
6. Morningside.

The uncertain return of Dave McGillivray to the North backfield still leaves the Saxons a little limp. He missed last week's Torrance 21-6 victory with "water on the knee."

Coach Ed Levy sprang a passing attack against the Tartars that made up for the loss of McGillivray. Levy got a sufficient running game from Backs Dave Hubert and Steve Schmitz to maintain a balanced offensive attack.

Bob Quarry, a senior, is North's quarterback.

Speaking of quarterbacks, Leuzinger's Sal Bommarito may be tops in the area. He has led the Olympians to consecutive wipeouts of Torrance and South High, 21-0, and 39-7.

The only advantage Beverly Hills might have against Leuzinger Friday is playing at home on a sun-soaked field. Then, it might be the Olympians have the "horses" to compensate for it.

## Parnelli Jones In Halloween Sprint Race

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, record breaking winner of the Riverside Sports Car Grand Prix, makes his next Southland start in his own backyard at Ascot Park Saturday night, Oct. 31, when he faces the Flying Texan A. J. Foyt in a U. S. Auto Club national championship sprint car program.

Jones and Foyt, USAC's all-time speed king with four national driving championships and more than \$230,000 earned from 1964 winnings, top a field of more than 30 driver's who'll be here from all sections of the country.

Ascot racing director J. C. Agajanian is also staging a second sprint car speedfest, last of the year for this USAC racing division, at Ascot Park Saturday night, Nov. 7, along with a championship USAC stock car 100-lapper Saturday night, Nov. 14



SIDELINE MEETING . . . West High coach Bill Barton discusses game strategy with quarterback Dennis Dodd during Beverly Hills game last week. Dodd, a senior, drew starting assignment for the final practice game, beating out junior Ron Sells. Dodd would play defense against Lennox Friday. (Press-Herald Photo)



BULLET-PROF . . . Don House (41) of Leuzinger keeps on going despite head on tackle by South's Fred Meyers (87) in last week's prep football game. South runs into more traffic Friday by opening the Bay League campaign against Santa Monica. (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

## Montgomery High Plays St. John's

Bishop Montgomery High School will open its 1964 Camino Real League campaign Saturday evening against St. John Vianney High School. The game will be held at El Rancho field, with the junior varsity contest beginning at 5:30. The varsity teams lock horns at 8 p.m.

Montgomery will carry a 2-2 record into the league campaign. The record was squared last Saturday when the Knights managed a 7-6 victory over Lutheran High. That game was played at El Rancho.

Quarterback Danny Graham scored for the Knights early in the second quarter. Graham ran 33 yards for the touchdown, and Armand Lemieux added the extra point on a short run.

Lutheran High got on the score board just before the half ended but a chance to tie the score at 7-7 disappeared when Lemieux blocked the place kick.

Lutheran was stopped in-

side the 10 when the game ended.

The Montgomery Jayvees, playing in a 5:30 game, defeated Lutheran by the same 7-6 score.

Montgomery 0 7 0 0  
Lutheran 0 6 0 0

Scoring Montgomery TD—Graham (23-yard run), PAT—Lemieux (run).  
Lutheran TD—Stule (10-yard run), PAT—Lemieux (run).

Alondra Golf Tourney Held

Alondra Park Women's Golf Club's 1964 Club Championship tournament was won by Mrs. Ed Will of El Segundo with low gross of 250.

Club Champion Mrs. Dale Van Hook, also of El Segundo, was runner up with low net of 223.

Third flight runner-up was Mrs. Ray Curry, Torrance, with low net of 228.

Awards were presented to the winners at the club's monthly meeting last week.