



VICTORY SMILES . . . Varsity Cross Country lettermen at West High flash victory smiles after winning fifth place in the CIF "A" division finals Thursday at California State College at Long Beach. Pictured in front are Tom Fraser, Mike Sellers, Tom Purkey, and John Smith. Coach Bob Hottel shares the back row with Bob Clark, Ron Pettigrew, Tom Jurco, and Keith Nester. Tom Johnston is not pictured. (Press-Herald Photo)

SOUTH FALTERS

West Wins Fifth Place In CIF Distance Finals

"It was a day of upsets!" That's how Dick Scully, South High cross country coach, described the CIF Southern Section cross country finals, and West High mentor Bob Hottel obviously agrees. South High was on the receiving end of an upset, finishing in seventh place in the "AAA" division. The Warriors, however, pulled off something of an upset by taking fifth place in the "A" division. The finals were held Thursday afternoon on a shortened course at California State College at Long Beach.

West High qualified for the finals by a referee's decision. The team finished in fourth position during the preliminary meet at Sunny Hills—one point behind the third place qualifier. A mix-up at the finish line, however, gave West a bid for the finals. The Warriors came up with their best effort of the season to defeat teams which had run well ahead in the prelims. Aviation, as expected, claimed the "A" division title. Senior Ron Pettigrew paced West, finishing 11th in

the race with a clocking of 10:14. Tom Johnston was timed at 10:37 for 25th place and sophomore Mike Sellers took 27th with a 10:38 time. Other Warriors were Tom Purkey, a freshman, 36th in 10:47; Tom Fraser, 39th in 10:49; Tom Jurco, 56th in 11:01, and Keith Nester, 58th in 11:09. Only the top five men are scored in the finals. South High, which already had defeated several of the "AAA" qualifiers in dual meets, was figured for third or fourth in the finals. A bad day—one of the few which the Spartans have experienced—left South well down the list. Wes Fox, the Spartans' number one man, was 10th in a time of 10:13, while Jeff Marsee was clocked at 10:30 for 27th place. Other Spartans to finish were ailing Lenny Jay, 32nd in 10:33; Mike Mooring, 33rd in 10:34; Dick Franklin 47th in 10:50; George Halliwell, 56th in 11:02, and Russ Bell, 57th in 11:03. Burbank won the "AAA" title, while favored Westminster and San Marcos finished in the second and third spots.



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Aviation, 61; Buena Ventura, 77; California, 90; Crespi, 128; West, 158.

AAA DIVISION Burbank, 47; Westminster, 52; San Marcos, 108; La Habra, 127; Crescenta Valley, 132; Dominguez, 140; South, 149; Millikan, 176; Western, 180.

Figure Eight Races Set at Ascot Track

More than 150 stock cars are entered in the ARA Figure 8 Grand Prix topping the auto racing card this Sunday evening at Ascot Park with point leader Dick Semlinger of Gardena the favorite to drive off with the 1964 championship. The big roar will be coming from no less than seven drivers in a virtual tie for second and third place money. Karlina Robinson of Buena Park heads the ARA Queens in a close finish for points depending upon this Sunday's results. Qualifying at 6 p.m., 1st race 7 p.m.

Top ten standings: (Men)—Dick Semlinger, Gardena; Ed Sauer, Redondo Beach; Jerry Meisenzahl, Redondo Beach; Bob Hobbs, Gardena; Nick Thomas, Gardena; Ed Gahler, Torrance; Ben Steele, Torrance; Dennis Meisenzahl, Redondo Beach; Leon Garrett, Lawndale; Bob Kinglan, Huntington Park. Queens—Karlina Robinson, Buena Park; Myrna Queener, Torrance; Charlene Turner, Torrance; Barbara Sauer, Redondo Beach; Eileen Noble, Wilmington; Miki Ross, Los Angeles; Mary Jennings, Norwalk; Joyce Hayes, Long Beach; Alice Marshall, Los Angeles; Betty Steele, Huntington Beach.

Torrance Grid Letters at WSU

Football letters at Washington State University have been awarded to 35 varsity players, including Bob Trygstad, first-year letterman from Torrance. Other Southland lettermen are Bill Finkbeimer, Ingle; John Forbes, Santa Monica; Wally Dempsey, Reseda; and Brian Beveridge, Temple City.

Gardena High Downs Van Nuys In City Football

A four-touchdown barrage in the second quarter accounted for half of Gardena's 50-14 football victory over Van Nuys in the Los Angeles city football playoffs Friday night at East Los Angeles Stadium. Steve Sogge, the high scoring whiz from Gardena, ran his yearly touchdown passing string to 25 with five TD aeriels in the game. Gardena swept through the Marine League race unbeaten.

Ice Hockey Game Scheduled

The Boy Harbor Minor hockey games tonight pit the local youngsters against Culver City at 6:30 p.m. The downtown juvenile divisions play at West Covina. Last week Norwalk beat the Bay Harbor peewees, 4-2; Pasadena topped the local Mighty Mites, 8-1, and the Culver City and Bay juveniles tied, 6-6.

Cameron Offers Potent Offense

If early ticket sales are any indication, the Long Beach City College Vikings may improve dramatically on previous Long Beach attendance records at the Junior Rose Bowl Saturday.

But for Coach Jim Stangel and his Vikings, who bucked down in earnest this week to prepare for their meeting with Cameron State Agricultural College of Lawton, Okla., the figures on the scoreboard are going to be a lot more important than the turnstile count.

Expectations are that the high-scoring Aggies, who averaged 46.7 points a game this season, will test the LBCC defenses to the utmost. Along with the nation's leading J. C. scorer, halfback Fred Cheek (134 points and an 8.9 rushing average), the Aggies have fullback Vernon Moore (60 points and a 7.8 average) and six other backs who have averaged better than five yards a crack.

Overall, the Aggies have rolled up 377 yards a game on the ground and 79 through the air for a formidable 456-yard total. Comparable figures for LBCC are 241, 172 and 413.

Although Long Beach appears to have a clear advantage in the passing game—1589 yards to 712 for Cameron—there is one very troublesome statistic to bear in mind. Aggie quarterback

Tom Croft has completed only 18 passes (with a team that likes to grind it out on the ground—but half of his aeriels have gone for touchdowns. This must be one of the highest TD pass percentages anywhere, any time.

Bernie Fox Selected All-League

Bernie Fox, stellar senior tackle from Bishop Montgomery High School, was the only member of his team named to the All-Camino Real League football team announced by the league coaches.

Fox was selected for both the offensive and defensive teams. Crespi High dominated the first offensive unit by placing eight men on the team. Six Crespi players were on the defensive platoon. Crespi tied Fermin Lasuen and St. Bernard's for first place with 4-1 records each.

Tartar Grad Plays for Whittier

Bob Weister, son of Mrs. Jeannette Weister, 2217 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance, is a guard on the Whittier College varsity basketball team.

A 1961 graduate of Torrance High School, Weister was named on the All-Pioneer League basketball team for two years. He was class president, a member of scholarship club, boys' league president, and was a regular starter on last year's conference championship team at Whittier.

A senior at Whittier, Weister is a member of the Orthodoxian Society, and is president of that society, captain of the basketball team, and was 1963-64 athletic representative.

KTTV Plans Telecast of JRB Game

The 19th annual Junior Rose Bowl football game on Saturday will be video-taped by KTTV for viewing the same night on Channel 11 from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Long Beach State College and the Cameron Aggies from Lawton, Okla., are the two ranking teams in the nation competing in the championship game. The Aggies are the only Eastern school to win a Junior Rose Bowl game in the past seven years.

Slow Readers Get Help In Small Special Class

"What have you done in six weeks it would have taken me six months to accomplish in a class of 37."

So said the letter. Teachers are not in the habit of writing fan mail to one another. But that's exactly what happened in Torrance this month.

A remedial reading teacher found herself on the receiving end of a verbal bouquet from a classroom teacher.

REASON? A little girl who'd spent six weeks in an hour-a-day class designed to bring her reading up to par. Result of the special instruction was her return to her own class six weeks later with the capacity to read right along with them.

Not all children achieve such rapid progress, and not all results bring such verbal consequences; but remedial reading teachers in Torrance agree that in the 10 weeks the program has been in progress in the district, accomplishments have been rewarding.

Begun this fall as an experimental program aimed at bringing normal children who are two or more years behind in reading up to grade level, remedial reading is being taught by eight special teachers at eight elementary schools which serve as centers for surrounding schools.

AT THE END of the first quarter of the school semester, 142 children were participating in the program. Other students will be added as they are identified until there are 160 children enrolled in remedial reading, according to Mrs. Margaret Collin, curriculum consultant.

Geared to help small groups of children, the remedial reading class is a flexible setup. Not only do students join the class or leave as their needs are filled; but within the class students are constantly re-grouped according to their progress. With no more than five students in a class, groups are highly individualized and much individual instruction takes place.

"Remedial reading is a one-to-one relationship," Mrs. Collin stated. "So the group must necessarily be small to maintain the individual relationship."

WHEN REMEDIAL reading students go home, there is no homework. But they know that reading is like football or any other sport—one can't learn without practice. And they are beginning to realize that a library card is a passport to fun, she points out.

What kind of progress are students making in remedial reading classes? At one Torrance school 15 students were tested at the end of the quarter to see how far they had gone in ten weeks. Only two students had shown no progress. The others ranged from reading at a level four months higher than when they had started to reading at a level two years beyond where they had begun. Average advance in the ten-week period was a six-month jump in reading ability.

Where do we plan to go from here? "When every student who is presently capable of achieving grade level work is back in his regular classroom reading along with his classmates, we hope to accommodate the next batch of children who have what it takes but aren't producing," Mrs. Collin concluded.

Local Board Sets Seminar On Exchanges

A five-day seminar on real estate exchanges will be conducted by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors beginning tomorrow at the board's office, 22833 S. Arlington Ave., according to Dell Wright, outgoing board president.

James McMichael and Maurice Iddings, faculty members of the University of California at Los Angeles, will conduct the seminar. Both men are lecturers and authors on real estate exchanges.

Committee chairman in charge of coordinating the exchange seminar is Alvin Grancell, local realtor who has been active in the exchange organization sponsored by the Torrance-Lomita Board.

Services Held For Founding Member of EC

Funeral services for Dr. Ernest E. Lyder, member of the founding Board of Trustees as El Camino College, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at El Segundo. Father Gordon Yeaton of St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church officiated.

Active in the formation of the junior college district in the Centinela Valley-Southwest areas, Dr. Lyder was among the first board members elected to office and continued his service to the college and the board until his resignation in 1951.

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