

CHARGERS NEED FUNDS

# Warner Hula Bowl Eyed

A midget division Pop Warner football team from Torrance has been invited to play in the Hula Bowl game in Hawaii Dec. 18. The team is the Torrance Chargers.

The only condition for playing in the postseason game is the accumulation of \$3,700 for travel expenses. Fred Peterson, president of the Torrance Pop Warner Football Association, announced the project has been sanctioned by his organization and the team is authorized to raise funds for the trip.

The Chargers are one of eight pee-wee, midget and bantam weight football teams in Torrance.

The Chargers were third in South Bay Conference with a 7-2-1 record. The team lost to the unbeaten Gardena Bolts, 13-7, and the Lawndale Bucs, 14-13.

The Gardena team is reportedly headed for Japan and Lawndale is supposedly wrapping up details for a Hawaiian trip.

The Chargers are engaged in an all-out crusade for funds for their mission. It is the first such venture in the history of Torrance Pop Warner Football.

Ben Wallace, chairman of the fund raising committee, said most of the money will be contributed by the parents. But Wallace said, "There are families which absolutely cannot 'kick in' \$50 to \$100. Making a barnstorming trip of this kind is not just for the sake of playing a football game," said Wallace. "The educational and social-economic experience for these pre-high school youngsters is most invaluable. Once the Torrance Char-

gers arrive in Hawaii, their hosts will entertain them without further financial obligations on the part of the Chargers. This is customary for all Pop Warner bowl games.

The Chargers are busy helping their own monetary cause by collecting books of trading stamps, holding a bake sale, and all the typical desperation fund-raising goodies.

Wallace said the importance of identifying the community with youth programs of this type warrants lump contributions of \$50 or \$100 by 'able' citizens.

For most of the Chargers this is their third year of Pop Warner tackle football. The team was drafted at the start of the season from the pee-wee Oilers and Vikings. The Oilers last year won South Bay Conference cham-

ionship and played in the Disneyland Bowl at Anaheim.

The Chargers are coached by Cloise Timms, Norman Olson and Ralph Hogue.

Fred Peterson, president of the Torrance Pop Warner Association, said 27 players and five adult chaperones will make the trip if sufficient funds are raised. He is not included among the five supervisors.

Peterson said the selection of the Chargers among the eight teams from Torrance was done by mutual agreement of the group.

As an official activity of Pop Warner Football, the Southern California playoffs will be held at West High Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. Three divisional championship games will be played. A donation of \$1 will go to defray the Chargers' anticipated expedition.



TAKING CHARGE . . . Of the kitchen details, Vince Agapito, Jerry Snyder, Rick Constantino and Jerry Wallace of the Pop Warner Chargers work on a bake sale to raise funds for their trip to Hawaii in two weeks. The Torrance team plans to participate in the Hula Bowl. (Press-Herald Photo)



BILL TAPP . . . Palos Verdes halfback ranks among the all-time great running backs, having scored 20 touchdowns and 1343 yards this season. His team plays Foothill for CIF "AA" championship in football Friday night. (Press-Herald photo)

RUNNING BACK

## Bill Tapp May Be 'Greatest'

Fifty years from now Bill Tapp will be remembered as the greatest running back in the history of Palos Verdes High School. There have been very few like him—even at Santa Monica (Bobo Lewis), Redondo (Doug Dick), Inglewood (Jim Sears)—or anywhere around town where football has been "king" for a long time.

Bill Tapp made the All-Bay League backfield as a junior and was "player of the year" in the Pioneer League this season. He is certainly a strong contender for the CIF "AA" player of the year title.

The 5-foot, 8-inch, 180-pound breakaway artist has scored 20 touchdowns and 20 conversions in 11 games for 140 points. He concludes his high school career Friday night against Foothill High in the Santa Ana Bowl at 8 p.m.

No matter what the Foothill players are told about Tapp in their scouting report, to stop him cannot be done with words or diagrams. It will require a full platoon of defensive specialists to do the job on the field.

Lawndale had a good defensive team. Assistant Coach Marty Ernaga admitted his team's whole strategy in both games against P.V. was to stop Tapp. Last Friday Bill ran for 165 yards against the Cardinals. His season yardage

is 1343 in 184 carries for a 7.3 average.

Most of his 20 TDs have been on the 13-72-yard variety. The only one called back was for 68 yards against South to open the season. That was also the only game Tapp did not run for more than 100 yards.

The opposition keys its entire attack against Tapp, but he has run away from as many tackles as the number that have stopped him.

When Bill goes down, the enemy makes a pretty good pile-up of it for good measure.

But Bill Tapp doesn't complain. He has never had a personal foul called against himself for retaliation.

When Tapp fumbles, he usually amends on the next try. When most players quit, Tapp tries even harder. He kept P. V. from losing the first Lawndale game with a great comeback performance for the tying TD.

Bill Tapp is deserving of the best or recognition. . . . Henry Burke

# Tartars Win Pacific Shores

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### CIF Champ

## Holtel Still Up in Cloud

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It's pretty hard to get into the clouds on a clear day, but West High Cross Country coach Bob Holtel managed it.

And if Gemini 7 astronauts James Lovell and Frank Borman should report seeing a man floating around, don't be surprised.

### Gardena In City Playoffs

Two outstanding football games spice the city playoffs semi-finals which will again be played as a doubleheader Saturday afternoon at East Los Angeles College Stadium.

The first contest, pitting defending city champion and repeat Marine League titan Gardena (8-1) against Western League champ Westchester (8-1) gets under way at noon after which last year's city runner-up and the Southern League winner this year Los Angeles (9-0) tackles West Valley League victor Taft (9-0) at 2:30.

The championship game will be played a week from Saturday at East Los Angeles College and the oddsmakers say it will be a rematch of last year's Gardena-L.A. thriller which ended in a 12-12 tie. Gardena, however, was awarded the title on the basis of tie-breaking points.

Last week's quarter-finals, postponed two weeks by late November rains, saw Westchester edge East Valley champ Grant, 7-6; Gardena overcome a one-point deficit at half-time and rallied to subdue West Valley runner-up Birmingham, 32-7; Taft cut loose for three second-quarter TDs to blank Eastern champ Bell, 19-0; and Los Angeles easily overpowered out-manned Northern champ Verdugo Hills, 42-7.

The semis are further heightened by the dramatic aspect of a rematch between Gardena and Westchester and the collision of the city's only two remaining undefeated, untied powerhouses, Los Angeles and Taft.

Holtel has been in the clouds since Thursday afternoon when his cross country team won the CIF "A" division title, the first ever won by a Torrance school and the first CIF championship posted by a West High athletic team.

Holtel practically accompanied his seven-man team around the 1.8-mile Long Beach course, shouting encouragement to them all the way.

Holtel made it back to the finish line just as the runners began to report in and stood there, his eyes fixed on the score sheet, until he had added up the team scores. Sure in his own mind of the results, he flashed to the waiting team, "We won!"

"Do you realize what we've done?" Mike Sellers asked. Sellers, a quiet, almost shy junior who led the West victory, said he couldn't believe the team had won. He began wandering around the track, repeating to every Warrior he saw, "Do you realize. . . ?"

The rest of the West team reacted in much the same way. Phil Rafferty, a senior who transferred to West from Mt. Carmel High, wandered aimlessly across the field with a big smile on his face. Later, Rafferty said, "I knew I had good position. I figured if I could hold we had a good chance."

Holtel, in an interview early this week, attributed the victory to "five seniors who worked for three years to win the championship."

"But," said the coach, "There are more practical reasons. We were the only team to take advantage of the official practice day at Long Beach. 'We worked long and hard,' he added, 'and we knew the course.' Early grouping played a prominent role for the Warriors — they put all five scoring men in the top 19



BART JOHNSON . . . Torrance High junior basketball player was named the outstanding player in the Pacific Shores Tournament Saturday night. (Press-Herald photo)

## Johnson Named Tournery's Best

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"The Miracle Worker" was staged in magnificent manner at the Torrance High auditorium over the weekend, but at the Redondo High gymnasium Bart Johnson won the "Yacadeemy Award" and Coach Will Boerger was hugged by all the pom-pom girls.

Winning the first basketball tournament in the history of Torrance High seemed like a miracle in itself, but it actually took place before 1,600 spectators at RUHS Saturday night.

The Tartars' great basketball accomplishment in the 14th Pacific Shores Tournament included victories over Glendale, 73-39; Redondo, 50-49; Palos Verdes, 65-46; and Mira Costa, 64-55.

The startling part of it all, Torrance trailed Mira Costa by four points at the end of the third quarter and came through with clutch free throwing to pull away in the final two minutes.

As time ran out the Tartars played it so safely controlling the ball, Bart Johnson refused to take a shot during the final 10 seconds. Instead he threw the ball to the ceiling when the final buzzer sounded.

Bart, a junior, was named the "player of the tournament." He scored 31, 17, 23 and 16 points, an 87-point total, but he was guarded like an armored truck by Redondo, P.V., and 'Costa.

Beating Torrance would have been easy had Johnson been the only obstacle in the game, but the supporting cast was heroic.

The Mustangs used a tight man-to-man defense, with two alternating on Johnson. Several times Bart made it hard on them by weaving in and around everybody like a game of "follow-the-leader."

Meanwhile Robin Fisher would slip through a gap in the defense and drive-in for a layup. Together with his eight free throws, Robin had a much easier time than Bart in getting 16 points.

Fisher, who played behind Bob Brennan last year, was so excited after the game he lost the gold basketball awarded each member of the winning team. Robin was in the dressing room before he realized he lost it, then ran back upstairs in his stocking feet and found the treasured souvenir under the team bench.

Rich Kreul, the high scorer with the junior varsity a year ago, got five points in the "big game." Moving to a more important varsity role, Kreul says he was the man closely guarded last year, but now with the concentration on Johnson, life on the court seems easy going.

Guard Bill Doyle has become an important newcomer to the first team. Bill blamed himself for being dropped from the junior varsity last year for "indifference," but he is pleased to be with the varsity as a senior.

Doyle said the tall Mira Costa team was not quick enough to handle the Tartars.

Fred Carpenter agreed that playing in five CIF playoff games last season made it easy under the pressure of the rigid "Shores" tournament. He scored a goal with four seconds to play to beat Redondo by a single point and was the only other Tartar to make the all-tournament team.

Johnson, obviously disturbed by defensive tactics against him by both Redondo and Mira Costa, said, "There's all the difference in the world how they handle me now compared with last year. It might be just a part of the game, but I think it up to the referees to stop 'em. I'm being chopped up."

For scoring 43 points against Santa Monica Dave LaRoche of West made the all-tournament team. Sophomore Jim Nielson of North was also picked.

No school got more than two players on the team. Sandy Shellaby and Bob Sullivan of Palos Verdes, John Anderson and Tom Egerer of Mira Costa, Pat Burke of Loyola, Steve Sims, Redondo junior, and John Pleick, El Segundo transfer from Bishop Montgomery, round out the team.

An oddity, El Segundo had by far its best one-quarter of play among its four games against North High, scoring 24 points in the third period. Pleick sat on the bench throughout that quarter with four fouls.

In the championship Torrance-Mira Costa game, Coach Boerger used five men all but a few seconds. Bob Thompson started at guard and Bob Whitney played nine seconds.

Boerger said essentially his team beat Mira Costa with a mid-court press. Each time Torrance started to get into trouble, Boerger took time out to correct the situation. At one time in the third quarter Torrance was down by eight points.

But with 4:57 to play the score was 48-48. Torrance took the lead at 54-52 and never relinquished it. Carpenter and Fisher each scored four free throws in the final two minutes to ice the game.

## Consolation Bracket Won by North, 54-52

North High won the consolation bracket in the Pacific Shores Tournament Saturday, edging Morningside, 54-52.

However, Sophomore Jim Nielson injured his ankle and may be lost indefinitely.

With 11 seconds to play, the Saxons took the ball out of bounds and with five seconds to go, Bob Becker missed a field goal, but Nielson, an all-tournament player, got a tip-in to win the game.

Except for a 67-64 loss to El Segundo, North High could well have been in the finals of the Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament.

Following the 3-point loss, the Saxons roared back to defeat Culver City, 83-51, and West, 75-65.

North trailed El Segundo

North, 54-52				Torrance, 64-55			
Player	FG	FT	PF	Player	FG	FT	PF
Becker	0	5	1	Torrance	0	0	0
Sibley	2	2	4	Johnson	7	2	1
Nielson	3	2	4	Kreul	2	1	3
Richardson	5	2	2	Doyle	4	6	2
Wannstrom	3	0	1	Fisher	0	0	1
Albin	1	0	2	Thompson	0	0	1
Totals	21	12	9	Carpenter	4	3	1
Morningside (52) FG FT PF	20 9 64			Mira Costa (55) FG FT PF	20 9 64		
Baumer	0	0	3	Whitney	0	0	0
Chappell	2	0	4	Kilgour	5	2	3
Holland	4	1	0	Lettunich	2	1	3
Peth	1	3	2	Turton	6	1	2
Roberts	4	2	1	Egerer	8	1	4
Stenderup	3	1	1	Anderson	4	3	5
Canler	1	1	2	Seaton	0	0	1
Barton	1	0	1	Totals	24	7	18
Pujos	3	0	0				
Totals	21	10	16				

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