

Saluting the Athletes of the Year



BRUCE WADE North High



SCOTT STEELE West High



TOM HANSON Bishop Montgomery



BOB SHARPE Torrance High



LENNY JAY South High



GAA CHAMPION... In Catholic High School softball playoffs is Bishop Montgomery of Torrance. Members of the team are: standing: Diane Landerville, Kathy Garvey, Sandy Heltz, Sara Culverhouse, Pattie Schnell, Donna Crosbie, Carol Brookman. Seated on bench: Maureen Monaghan, Ann Cahalane, Jeannine Coast, Mrs. Sharon King, Wanda Crosbie, Candy O'Connell, Sue Scott. Front row: Pat Sidbick, Marilyn Davis, Kathie Ramstead, Nadine O'Dowd, Janet Embrey, and Sandi Foley.

CIF CHAMPION

El Segundo Bags Triple-A Crown

A superb seven games of baseball earned El Segundo the CIF Triple A baseball championship. The Eagles defeated San Bernardino's Pacific High, 7-1, to win the title on the loser's home field Friday. Kemer Brett won his fifth playoff game and qualified as the top candidate for CIF "player of the year" honors.

El Segundo scored a run in the fourth inning and broke the championship game wide open with three more in the fifth and three in the seventh innings.

Besides pitching a 3-hitter, Brett collected three of El Segundo's nine hits.

Wednesday El Segundo won a makeup game against Loyola, 4-1. Mike McCreedy pitched the win. A week ago Friday the two teams went 13 innings for a 2-2 tie.

Other playoff victories for El Segundo were against Bellflower, 2-1; Rancho Alamitos, 3-0; San Bernardino, 3-2; and Rolling Hills, 6-1.

El Segundo, Pioneer League and defending CIF AA champion, was given special permission to compete in the Triple A Playoffs this year.

El Segundo... 000 130 3-7 9 1
Pacific... 000 001 0-1 3 4
Brett and Fyson; Green, Perez (2) and McConnell, Whitaker.

Girls Take First Place In Softball

The Catholic high schools' girls softball championship was won by Bishop Montgomery of Torrance.

The Knightettes beat Cornelia Connelly High, 8-7, and Alemany, 3-0, in the playoffs. Maureen Monaghan pitched the shutout.

To defeat Connelly High, Montgomery scored three runs in the seventh inning.

The three finalists each won a district title prior to the playoffs. Montgomery won the southern section, Connelly took the southwestern section, and Alemany was first in the Valley section.

Montgomery was second in the playoffs in 1965.

Connie Mack Ball Season Is Under Way

Eight teams are competing in the South Bay Connie Mack League baseball program this summer.

The season got under way yesterday and will continue through July 30.

Today the Torrance Bullets play Westchester at Loyola University at 3:30 p.m. The Torrance Red Devils oppose Hawthorne at Leuzinger High at 1 p.m.

Other teams competing in the South Bay League are San Pedro and Long Beach. Each team will play a 21-game schedule.

Prep Future Is Bright

By HENRY BURKE

Press-Herald Sports Editor
The 1965-66 school year was a successful one in athletics for Torrance's five high schools. A trend also indicates the prospects are excellent for championships in several sports throughout the forthcoming year.

Outstanding winners this past year were Torrance High in basketball; North High in baseball; Bishop Montgomery in baseball and football; South High in wrestling, tennis, and track and field, and West High in football, baseball, track and field.

An interesting phase of the coming year includes the possibility of Bart Johnson playing football as well as basketball and baseball. He is one of the all-time great athletes of Torrance High School.

Bishop Montgomery is expected to move into bigtime company with its football team. Danny Graham could become one of the finest quarterbacks in the country.

Mike Sellers will have his sights set on all kinds of cross country and distance running records for West High. The Warriors also have their best chance of winning a title in football.

North High is building a new dynasty in all sports. The Saxons may be a year away from championship caliber, but the school has young talent aplenty in football, basketball, track and field and baseball.

The most hopeful sport at South High is varsity football. Although the Spartans have never come close to a championship, they could make up for the past. Backfield material is particularly encouraging.

The athletes who achieved superiority in the field of high school athletics for 1965-66 are hereby recognized.

BRUCE WADE

The North High School administration honored its 1965-66 athletic teams with an annual banquet at the school's outdoor cafeteria Tuesday.

Cited as the "athlete of the year" is Bruce Wade, also named co-baseball player of the year with Jeff Osborn.

Each coach was given the opportunity to recognize outstanding achievements of his team during the year and Letter "N" Blankets were presented to the most valuable players.

Guest speaker was Bob Shoup, former North High football and baseball coach. He has been at Lutheran College for five years.

Most valuable player awards at North were received by Steve Schmitz, football; Kelsey Baughman, cross country; Geary Mikami, gymnastics; Jim Neilson, basketball; Fred Colclasure, wrestling; Roberto Frasso, track; and Osborn and Wade, baseball.

Championships won during the Bay League season were varsity baseball, junior varsity basketball, Class B football and Class C track and field.

SCOTT STEELE

A three-sport competitor, Scott Steele, is the West High "athlete of the year" for 1965-66. Steele was outstanding in football, wrestling and track and field. He was an all-Pioneer League lineman.

The school has also recognized Hoyt Etter, a varsity football player, for having the highest grade point among the school's athletes—3.66.

Most valuable players in each sport during the year are Len Mueller, football; Dave LaRoche, basketball and baseball; Mark Knox, track and field; Bob Williams and Steve Miller, wrestling; and Jack Gill, tennis.

West High's baseball team had a 13-2 Pioneer League record, but the Warriors lost the championship to El Segundo (also 13-2). El Segundo won two-of-three games against West.

TOM HANSON

Tom Hanson was named "athlete of the year" at the Bishop Montgomery athletic banquet recently at St. Catherine Labourer auditorium.

Hanson was an all-Camino Real League end in football and excelled as a pole vaulter in track and field.

Irl Davis, who played baseball, basketball and football during his four years at the school, won the sportsmanship award.

Davis and pitching partner Tom Thomsen were named most valuable players on the baseball team and Chuck Bongard is the most inspirational player.

Hanson was chosen most valuable track and field participant and David Bynum, a sprinter, is most inspirational.

Basketball recognition went to Rick Sabosky, most valuable, and Steve Sciarra, most inspirational.

Tennis players Tim Ott and Mark Delaney and Swimmers Chuck Osterland and Jim Flice were best among their teams.

Colt League

Tigers Win

In a Beach Cities Colt League game the Tigers defeated the Cardinals, 3-2, in an inter-league game at Memorial Field in Redondo.

Randy Moore went the distance for the win. The Cards scored two runs in the sixth for the victory.

BOB SHARPE

Sharing in the outstanding athletic recognition at Torrance High School are Bob Sharpe, athlete of the year, and Bart Johnson, most valuable player in basketball and baseball.

Sharpe played end for the football team and was singled out for the sportsmanship award. He also received a "Tartar Blanket" for baseball. Johnson was named to the All-CIF basketball team and played first base and pitcher in baseball. Ken Ihara is the sportsmanship winner in baseball.

The "Blanket Award" for basketball went to Fred Carpenter, a senior, and the sportsmanship award went to Jim Crockett.

The "Blanket Award" and most valuable football player recognition was received by Terry Tiedeman.

Track and field honors went

to Mark Hornbeck, most valuable, and Mike Thomas, blanket.

Jim Miller and Mark Rogers were cross country winners, Allan Johnson and Clayton Hamasaki were honored in tennis, and George Schwartz and Jerry Martinez in wrestling.

LENNY JAY

For the second year the "athlete of the year" at South High School is a track man. Cross country and distance runner Lenny Jay was selected for the honor Thursday evening. Wes Fox won it last year.

Jay led the cross country team to second place in the CIF (Southern Section) meet and second place in the Bay League track and field finals.

Jay recently took third place in a record 2-mile CIF race.

South High achievement awards were issued to partici-

pants as most valuable athletes, most inspirational, and coach's selection for contributing the most to the welfare of the team.

Most valuable athletes are: Augue Felando, football; Lenny Jay, cross country; Steve Kuchenecker, basketball; Scott Christensen, wrestling; Dave Cronk, track and field; Ken Pfau, baseball; Steve Terre, tennis; and Allan Reilly, gymnastics.

Sportsmanship awards went to Bob Clark, football; George Halliwell, cross country; Ed Holmes, basketball; Terry Tamble, wrestling; Paul Kaplan, track and field; Jim McPherson, baseball; Jim Piet, tennis; and Bill Beach, gymnastics.

The coaches paid personal tribute to Jay Stuart, football; Mark Sleeth, basketball; Tim Pinkney and Jim Kauble, wrestling; Jeff Marsee, track and field; Craig Moore, baseball; Max Woods, tennis and Rex Rhoades, gymnastics.



PAT KNUTZEN... Led El Camino's baseball team to second place in the Metropolitan Conference. The pitcher had a record of 11 victories and one defeat.

RUNNER UP TO CERRITOS

El Camino's Best Team Settles for Second Place

The consolation of taking second place in the Metropolitan Conference baseball race has overshadowed the El Camino Warriors' best season under the tutorage of Chuck Freeman.

Freeman compares the satisfaction of second place with "kissing your sister!" The Warriors couldn't even hold hands with Cerritos College which won the conference race with an 18-0 record and last weekend won the California state title by whipping City College of San Francisco twice. Cerritos' season record was 40-0.

El Camino had a 24-7 season and 13-5 conference record. ECC played and defeated some of the stronger four-year schools including No. 1 ranked USC.

The basic keys to a winning season are sound pitching, good defense and adequate hitting. These three basics blended to establish El

Camino as one of the more potent college teams in the Southland.

The Warriors' pitching ace was 19-year-old freshman Pat Knutzen from Serra High. Knutzen won 11, lost one, had

an ERA of 1.83 and 84 strikeouts in 98 innings. Steve Wright, El Segundo grad, had a seasonal mark of four wins and one loss.

Three of the four starting infielders—Jim Cesaro Redondo, third baseman; Joe Deluca (North) short stop; Ed DeBoer (Gardena) and Tim Fagen (Inglewood) at first base—were freshman and only Harry Jenkins, all-CIF at second base (Redondo) was a returning letterman.

Jenkins and Deluca pulled off 19 double plays.

The team hitting average for regulars was .288. Seven starters hit over .300.

In the outfield Redondo letterman Gene Cooper (.329), Dick White of South (.363) and Dave Rabuse North (.279) led the offense.

Of the 24 Warrior victories this season, 12 were won by one or two runs and in eight games the Tribe came from behind to down its opponents.

CHUCK FREEMAN

Recreation Softball

Monday Slo-Pitch

McMaster R H E
Lafayette 000 00-0 2 4
Roadrunners 230 6x-12 8 2
Casa, Robertson (3) and Willis.
Case (7); Ford and Loyd.
Zany Zoo 443 05-14 15 4
Daily Breeze 000 00-0 3 4
Futchinson and Mowry; O'Neill and Baker.
HR—Thompson (22).
Firefighters defeated Bearcats by forfeit.

Friday Slo-Pitch

J.R. Sportsmen 001 000 0-1 3 4
Airessearch 211 000 x-5 10 4
Trudell and Curran; Lee and Poulson.
Redondo Beach
Buvoys 200 000 0-2 9 1
Key Realty 300 030 x-6 12 2
Ardit and Abram; Sankay (5);
Strock and Colson.
Wild Mustangs 373 11-15 15 0
R.H. Cov. Church 000 00-0 4 7
Johnson, Price (2) and Gregerson;
Zeig and Hazel.
HR—Hunt, Gregerson (WM).

Tuesday Slo-Pitch

Raiders 000 000-0 2 5
Red Oak Horde 342 001-10 10 0
DeCastro and Settling; Hill and Echols.
HR—Brandt (ROH).
Firefighters #2 300 000 0-1 3 4
P.V. Merchants 000 130 x-4 10 0
Haas and Marshall; Durant and Gartrell.
Key's Men Store 000 000-0 3 2
Local 117 300 000 x-3 11 1
Solis and Ollague; Kennedy and Thompson.

Thursday Slo-Pitch

Redondo Angels 200 000 0-2 7 1
Helmets 001 030 x-4 8 1
Huizing and Wood; A. Mann and Strong.
HR—Strong (H).
Torrance Kiwanis 001 100 0-3 8 1
T.E.S.P.A. 000 000 0-0 6 3
Hume and Patton; Cole (4); Wiskstrom and Lewis.
HR—Patton (TK).
So. Tor. Lions 000 101 0-2 4 3
S.L. Men's Club 300 020 0-4 4 1
Ingram and Wilson; Colbar and Swetnam.

Industrial League

Pansteel 500 000 0-5 7 4
Fast Flight 200 003 0-5 11 7
Bradbury and McMullen; Akers and Dunbar.
HR—Ratiner (F).
P.S.M. 500 000 0-5 4 11
Airessearch 000 200 0-2 1 4
Stiff and White; Phaike and Helpe.
Mechanox 000 001 5-6 6 2
PPG 000 104 0-5 5 2
Gentry and Hefner; Smith and Brown.
1st Church Softball
Luth Good
Shepherd 001 00-1 5 4
Chapel 101 13-15 12 1
Williams, Farrell (4) and Schultz;
Tzagart and Logan; Herrington (5).
1st Baptist 000 000 0-0 2 6
1st Baptist 200 310 x-6 12 1
Roberts and Brewer; Heron and Stimac.
HR—Heron (WR).

El Nido Slo-Pitch

So. Bay Church
of God 301 020 0-6 12 3
Sepulveda Bldg. 104 030 x-3 10 4
Eubanks and Tierney; Rahmyer (4); Goodson and Gray.
C.E.R.A. 000 300 0-0-4 5 3
Penel Pushers 040 000 0-4 5 3
Armstrong and Busch; Licht, Cul-lum (4) and Nash.
Griffey Electric 011 020 0-4 6 2
Saratogans 000 004 x-3 9 0
Mann, Curcion (7) and McMurry;
Bales and Flacey.

Research Vessel On Month Voyage

The Department of Fish and Game's 100-foot research vessel N. B. Scofield left San Pedro recently on a month-long quest to intercept incoming schools of albacore and determine their route as they approach the California coast.

In previous years, this regular preseason albacore survey was a joint operation with the Federal Government, but this year the Scofield will be the only ship exploring for albacore.

Plans call for the ship to search the eastern North Pacific Ocean between northern Baja California and central California and offshore to the vicinity of Erban Bank, about 1,000 miles west of San Diego.

In addition to trying to plot the path of the approach-

ing albacore, researchers will collect biological and oceanographic data, tag and release as many albacore as possible, and take scales, parasites and stomach samples from those fish not in good condition for releasing.

Past tagging studies have revealed that the Pacific albacore is the fish world's greatest migrant and probably the fastest. Fish tagged off California have been recaptured off the coast of Japan nearly 5,000 miles away.

Traveling in a straight line, they would have had to average over 17 miles a day to arrive when they did.

Anglers on California party boats caught 99,771 longfins in 1965, a fair total but far short of the 1962's all-time record of 229,314 albacore.