

North, South Move Into Bay League

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Prep Baseball Is Something!

With the World Series and the grand old game of baseball in the limelight this week, it is opportune time to take on the related field of high school baseball.

When I attended high school, the biggest thrill the baseball team had was usually to participate in the Pomona Tournament. 'Participate' is one way to say it, but considering a San Diego or Santa Barbara team was a cinch to win every year, our schools were not participants very long.

It took Redondo High School 45 years to put turf on one of its makeshift ball diamonds and it took 55 years to hire a "real" baseball coach. When it came time to budget money for baseball, the coach had to worry about scuffing up too many baseballs. He usually took the job of coaching baseball only to stay in sixth period gym!

It took an ex-New York Yankee product Jim Brideweser to force the issue at Redondo High. He insisted on getting a ballpark that was at least as good as the girls hockey field.

With Brideweser, the distance between home plate and first base is exactly 90 feet and not 88 and two-thirds! When his Seahawks began winning ball games Memorial Field began to look more like Yankee Stadium than Pollywog Pond. Not only is there an outfield cinder block wall now, but a home run alley and an electric scoreboard are featured.

In the Torrance school system the guy with the biggest curve seems to come from the superintendent's office. The district has four pretty good baseball coaches, but they are lucky to get to first base with the front office.

The baseball diamonds are located at the most remote locations on campus. At South High you have the option of parking near Pacific Coast Highway or Carlow and 234th Place. Everything else is "no thru street." A home run ball can roll almost as far as Indian Village. The dugouts were built by boy scouts. When more than 20 people walk across campus to watch a game, Coach Jerry McIlvaine calls it a crowd!

At North High the score of a baseball game is always 10 runs more than anywhere else. Coach Jim O'Brien teaches his batters to hit the ball on the ground. It's a cinch to go through. The infield is so rough it is impossible to take a soil test.

Torrance High has it made. Coach Dale Walker shares Torrance Park with slo-pitch. The Recreation Department gets credit for maintaining the field, but the school takes credit for the victories. Where the Tartars even practice is kept as a secret.

West High will have a turfed infield next spring. Coach Max Lomas won that battle, but he is going to plant the grass himself. The school district is going to disc the field. Thanks.

The best entrance to the ball park from Henrietta Street is a gate behind the backstop. Apparently the "powers" cannot make up their minds about a stairway or a ski lift!

Each Torrance ballpark is strategically located next to a storm drain, completely protected with chain link fences. It takes an army to retrieve foul balls.

The fact Coach Lomas will plant his own infield turf is no joke. It's the job of all coaches to drag his own diamond before each practice or game. It must be cheaper than hiring a maintenance man.

High school baseball is here to stay. About 3,000 Torrance youngsters played Little League last summer and at least 500 are good enough to continue playing in high school. Their playing facilities should be at least as good, for instance, as the new tennis court improvements at North High.

The cost of building half-million dollar gymnasiums for basketball and the huge budget for football and track facilities are essential for an ideal high school plant, but baseball oughta fit in there a little better.

The temptation of playing high school ball games on Friday nights is a factor in building attendance. Some day prep baseball may pay its own way the same as football and basketball.

If some of these fringe duties of the coaches are not improved, however, they had better learn a few lessons in lobbying from Mr. Brideweser!

Dick Bass Becomes Rams' Best Runner

On the pace to his second Bass now has totaled 3505 1000-yard season, fullback yards in his career, surpassing Dick Bass is now the most held by Dan Towler (1950-55). productive ground-gainer in His rushing attempts total is Ram history in addition to now 723, eclipsing the old being the busiest ball carrier mark of 898 by Jon Arnett. ever to perform for the club. Another factor in the When he carried 18 times Rams' compiling a 3-1 record to 92 yards against the 49ers has been the fine punt re- last Friday night. The 39-year-old St. Louis Stiger. Stiger became the all-time team leader with four returns for 95 yards in both rushing and kicking against San Francisco and times earned, but he has run back 13 for 159 yards in 12 games, a 12.23 average.



BISHOP MONTGOMERY GUARDS . . . Charlie Reade and Richard Pipkin of the twice-victorious Knights toughen up their shoulders in a drill in preparation for Lawndale Friday night at Leuzinger. Lawndale is favored to win the Pioneer League and Montgomery is top-ranked in the Camino Real League. (Press-Herald Photo)

Bishop Montgomery, Lawndale Meet Next

The favorites to win two local football championships tangle Friday night at Leuzinger Field when Bishop Montgomery and Lawndale tangle in their third non-league game. Lawndale is expected to win the Pioneer League. Most of the players who accounted for last year's second place finish and 20-20 tie against champion Palos Verdes are back again.

Jim Coleman is the All-Pioneer League quarterback and an All-CIF candidate. Bob Hedge and Rudy Metoyer provide a hard running combination. Center Dan Felix and Tackle Wayne Chenault give Lawndale two of the best linemen in the Pioneer League. Bishop Montgomery, which defeated Lawndale, 21-13, a year ago, is the ranking team in the Camino Real League.

Veteran linemen Mark Leamy, Mike McClain, Charley Reade, Richard Pipkin and Center Pat Kealey provide a wall for QB Danny Graham and his running backs Ed Gilles, Bob Comstock and Chuck Bongard. Lawndale pushed the Montgomery line around considerably last year and had Graham running for his life most of the evening. But Dan managed to fire three TD passes for the victory.

GRID ROUNDUP

Practice Games Set For Torrance, West

The Torrance Tartars, heroes of last week's 22-6 conquest of West High, get their next shot at Pioneer League opposition when Lennox comes to town. The two teams fought to a 13-13 tie last year. Lennox features a running attack that last week won plaudits for Back Ron Smith, despite a 49-6 loss to Bishop Montgomery. The Lancers could not cope with Montgomery's versatility. Torrance beat West with a mixture of first half passing and a second half running game. The Tartars have three returning regulars in the back. They are Quarterback Bill Bynum and halfbacks Dave

FOOTBALL FINISHES PREDICTED

The Press-Herald's concentration on high school sports in the Torrance area once again prompted this week's series of football prognostications for the 1966 league season. These are presented in this edition to coincide with the commencement of the Bay League campaign on Friday. The Camino Real, Pioneer, and Sky League do not play for keeps for another two weeks, but the staff is convinced there will be no shocking new discoveries between now and then. Handling the football coverage for the Press-Herald this fall are Henry Burke, sports editor, and Jerry Reynolds and Mike Eggers, staff writers.

Samohi Picked To Win

The Bay League football season will begin Friday with six of the seven participants having something to say about the outcome. Santa Monica, the perennial football champion, has the horses to repeat. Another good bet is that Mira Costa will relieve South High of the basement.

It would not be astronomical for Redondo, Inglewood, North, South or Hawthorne to overcome Samohi for the title.

The schedule Friday is: South at Santa Monica, North at Inglewood, and Hawthorne at Redondo. Mira Costa has a practice game against Dominguez.

Coach Dick Turner, the ex-Torrance Tartar, lost most of the line that bulldozed South a year ago, 41-0. The Vikes expect to give up a few points this year, but Samohi's plan is simply to outscore everybody.

QB Dan Morrison and Halfback Nick Larez are the two explosive backs who carried the Vikes to last week's 18-7 win over Pacific. Morrison throws a lot to End Steve Ohland.

Spunky Snapper Douglas, the 150-pound giant at quarterback, has guided the South Spartans to a pair of preseason victories. Jeff Arrieta handles the bulk of the ball-carrying while Dal Hewitt and End Augie Felando are the primary pass targets.

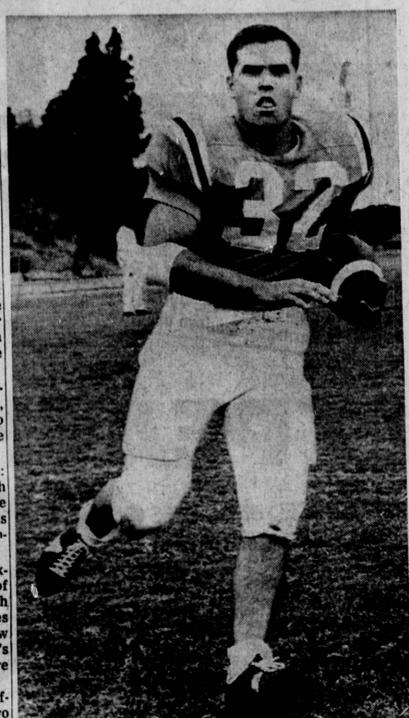
North High was beaten by potent Santa Ana Valley, 45-12, last weekend, but Coach Ed Levy's varsity has demonstrated the ability to score two or three times a game and will give Inglewood a tussle.

QB Jerry Ball directs the attack with Rich Gonzales and Chris Farasopolis the runners and Steve Sharp and Walt Wheelis the blockers.

Inglewood goes into the season with a veteran club that has Steve Sass at quarterback and Gene Kerkerian and Ed Hogan at the ends. The Sentinels are recovering from a 14-7 loss to rival Morningside.

Hawthorne has a history of playing David against Goliath in preseason competition. The Cougars turn on the Lion's Act in the Bay League campaign on Friday. The Camino Real, Pioneer, and Sky League do not play for keeps for another two weeks, but the staff is convinced there will be no shocking new discoveries between now and then.

Gene Cook, a graduate from the Bees, runs the Redondo backfield that triumphed 23-0 over Torrance and 21-20 over Lawndale in preseason.



CAMINO HALFBACK . . . Mike Fitzgerald, sophomore back from Redondo High, will be in the backfield for El Camino College Saturday when the Warriors open their Metro football season against Valley. (Press-Herald Photo)

El Camino Goes Against Valley

Four undefeated Metropolitan Conference football teams open the league season this weekend.

El Camino, Long Beach, and Bakersfield boast 2-0 marks. Santa Monica, which tied powerful Fullerton in its opener, is 1-0-1.

Friday night Bakersfield will be a big favorite to whip East Los Angeles at East L.A. Three games are ticketed for Saturday night. Santa Monica meets winless Rio Hondo at El Rancho High School, Long Beach travels to Cerritos, and El Camino is host to Valley.

Last week, Cerritos, its No. 1 JC national ranking on the line, was upset by Phoenix, 24-14; Valley smashed Pierce, 28-14; Pasadena clobbered East Los Angeles, 55-12; and Reedley whipped Rio Hondo, 14-0.

Fumbles cost Cerritos at Phoenix, but the Falcons fought back from a deficit to lead momentarily in the third, 14-13. Tallies were made by Reid Braden (20 yard scramble and Chuck Bishop (4 yard run).

Valley knocked Pierce from pillar to post. The Monarchs rolled up 510 yards and outfirsted the Brahms 27-5 (new school record). Emery Holmes was the scoring star with two touchdowns on short runs.

Valley, which challenges El Camino, is bolstered with the return of quarterback Craig Schuterick. The former All-City quarterback from Birmingham High completed 12 of 20 passes for 120 yards against Fullerton two weeks ago.

Bob Helwig, returning starting halfback and leading ground gainer from Valley, covered 84 of the 83 yards rushing in the Fullerton game.

The Warriors will once again erect a strong defensive wall with the offensive line averaging 218 pounds. The defensive averages 220 pounds.

Bob Quarry, former North High athlete, is quarterback for the Warriors. Mike Fitzgerald and Dave McGillivray are key runners in the backfield.

HOW THEY SHOULD FINISH

Bakersfield	(6-1)
Valley	(5-2)
El Camino	(5-2)
Cerritos	(4-3)
Long Beach	(4-3)
Santa Monica	(3-4)
East Los Angeles	(1-6)
Rio Hondo	(0-7)

John Lempke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lemke of 18321 Van Ness Ave., and a 1966 graduate of North High School, has enrolled at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

Soccer Clinic Planned

Recreational soccer season will begin Saturday with a pre-season clinic at 1:30 p.m. Both clinic and league play will be at Crenshaw Elementary School, 18620 Crenshaw Blvd.

This soccer league is open to boys ages 9 to 12. The clinic will include a color film, chalk talk, and discussion group. Conducting the program will be coaches Max Wosniak, coach of the Los Angeles Toros National Professional Soccer League; Eric Adamson, referee from Denver, Colorado; Ole Verner, halfback of the Hollywood Stars; Lothar Spranger, goalkeeper of the Los Angeles Toros; and Hans F. W. Stierle, president of the American Youth Soccer Organization.

Teams will be formed for official league competition to begin the end of October.

Boys participating in this program are asked to wear shorts and gym shoes. Regular uniforms will be issued following sign-up sessions.

League play will also be at the Jefferson School playground, 21717 Talisman St. for boys up to 15 years of age.

This program is jointly sponsored by the American Youth Soccer Organization and the Torrance Recreation Department. For further information call the Recreation Department, 328-5310, Ext. 241.

Auto, Cycle Races Set

The two brightest first-year motorcycle riders in the nation - Gene Romero of San Luis Obispo and Chris Draayer of Salt Lake City - will be strong contenders in Friday evening's cycle meet at Ascot Park.

First Stars Auto Club compact sprint (mid-ets) race of the year is billed Sunday afternoon at Ascot Stadium.

How They Will Finish

Burke's Handicap	Reynolds' Selections	Eggers' Choices	
BAY LEAGUE	BAY LEAGUE	BAY LEAGUE	
Santa Monica	(5-1)	Santa Monica	(6-0)
Redondo	(4-2)	Hawthorne	(4-1-1)
Inglewood	(3-2-1)	Inglewood	(4-1-1)
North	(3-2-1)	Redondo	(3-3)
South	(3-3)	South High	(2-4)
Hawthorne	(2-4)	Inglewood	(2-4)
Mira Costa	(0-6)	Mira Costa	(1-5)
CAMINO REAL LEAGUE	CAMINO REAL	CAMINO REAL LEAGUE	
Montgomery	(5-0)	Bishop Montgomery	(5-0)
Fermin Lasuen	(4-1)	Fermin Lasuen	(4-1)
Crespi	(3-2)	Crespi	(3-2)
St. Bernard's	(2-3)	St. Bernard's	(2-3)
Dan Murphy	(1-4)	Murphy	(1-4)
St. Monica's	(0-5)	St. Monica's	(0-5)
PIONEER LEAGUE	PIONEER LEAGUE	PIONEER LEAGUE	
Lawndale	(5-0)	Palos Verdes	(4-1)
Palos Verdes	(3-2)	Lawndale	(4-1)
El Segundo	(3-2)	Aviation	(3-2)
West	(2-3)	El Segundo	(3-2)
Aviation	(2-3)	West	(1-4)
Lennox	(0-5)	Lennox	(0-5)
SKY LEAGUE	SKY LEAGUE	SKY LEAGUE	
Morningside	(5-0)	Morningside	(4-1)
Leuzinger	(3-2)	Rolling Hills	(3-2)
Beverly Hills	(3-2)	Leuzinger	(2-3)
Torrance	(2-3)	Beverly Hills	(2-3)
Culver City	(1-4)	Culver City	(1-4)
Rolling Hills	(1-4)	Beverly Hills	(1-4)