

Sellers, Marsee Seek National Title



JEFF MARSEE
Will Make Trip, Too

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Two high school cross-country champions — Jeff Marsee of South and Mike Sellers of West — have accepted bids to compete in the National High School Two-Mile Championships next month.

The event will be run Jan. 7 as part of the San Francisco All-American Indoor Track and Field Games. Top distancemen in the nation have been invited to compete in the race.

Marsee, the CIF "AAA" cross country champion and Bay League title holder, will be accompanied by Coach Dick Scully of South. Coach Bob Holtel of West will accompany Sellers.

Sellers holds the CIF two-mile record of 9:12, set last year, and is the current CIF "A" division cross country champion.

In their only meeting of the year on the two-mile track, Sellers and Marsee ran to a 9:16.8 dead-heat finish.

Leading mile and two-mile runners from schools throughout the nation have been invited to compete in the Gerry Lindgren National High School Two-Mile Championships, according to Dick Drake, assistant director of the San Francisco games.

Invited are Robert Gonzales of Falfurrias, Texas (4:08); Don Vandrey of Valparaiso, Ind. (4:10.8); Jerry Richey of Pittsburgh, Pa. (4:12.4); Martin Liquori of Newark, N. J. (4:13.2); Peter Romero of Reedley, Calif. (4:12.5 and 9:05.2); Otis Martin of San Diego (9:10.9); Armando Valencia of El Cajon,

Calif. (4:12.9 and 9:10.8), and John Walker of Clear Creek, Texas (9:18.0).

Sellers, rated as one of the best prep distance runners to come along in years, climaxed a four-year cross country career at West this fall with an undefeated season and has a track season to go. In the process, he set seven new course records, won every invitational meet he entered, and was named the outstanding athlete at the Mt. San Anonio Junior College meet — where some 4,000 boys representing 200 schools participated.

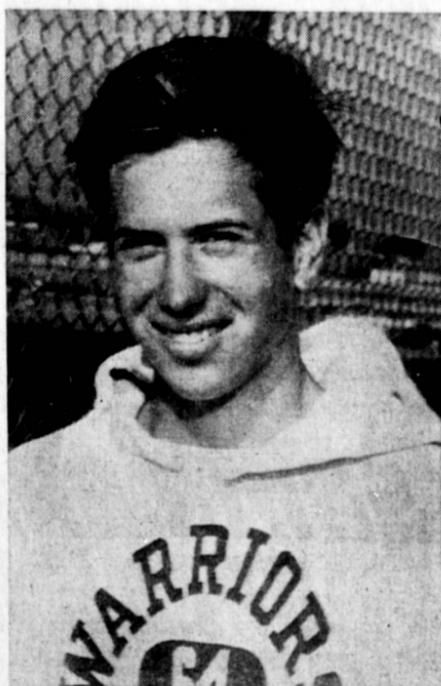
Holtel rates Sellers as one of the best high school runners in the nation at two-miles and up.

Sellers and Marsee met twice during the season — Sellers won the first race in a cross country meet at Inglewood's Centinela Park and ran to the 9:16.8 tie in the Long Beach two-mile meet.

Marsee, who set the "AAA" record at the Cal State-Long Beach course earlier this month, was used last year as a miler. His best mile time is 4:20.7, but Scully believes Marsee would have bettered that mark had it not been for a broken bone in his foot.

Jeff will probably run the two-mile event during the coming track season, Scully said. In addition to the Three-A division and Bay League crowns, Marsee also holds the Long Beach Invitational title in the large schools division.

And both youths are good students, too. Marsee is vice president of the South High student council and carries a 3.4 grade point average (a B-plus). Sellers, also a B-plus man in the grade department, is senior class president at West.



MIKE SELLERS
To Run in San Francisco

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West Cops First at Serra High

The Serra High Class B basketball tournament was won by West High Thursday with a 79-73 win over Centennial. The Warriors also defeated Lawndale, 87-47, and Bishop Montgomery, 73-46, in the tournament.

Torrance High defeated Fermin Lasuen, 70-40, but lost to Centennial, 63-55, in the semi-finals. The Tarbabes won third place with a 50-31 win over Lawndale.

West's win over Montgomery had Tom Fischer scoring 24 points on 12 field goals. Tom Sandovich had 24 points in the Lawndale victory and 30 points against Centennial.

All-tournament players were Sandovich with 63 points for the three games, and Tom Fischer with 43 points.

West High is competing in the Hawthorne Tournament this week.

Long Beach Returns to Wrestling

Long Beach City College has launched its first wrestling season, Dec. 5, 1966, since the early 1930's with a small, generally inexperienced strong squad.

Four Viking matmen had their first jayvee competition during the UCLA-sponsored junior college wrestling tourney at Fullerton Junior College last weekend.

Coach Wayne Skill does not expect the LBCC mat squad to do much more than pick up competitive experience this season in a conference dominated by such long-established wrestling powers as El Camino, Los Angeles Valley and Cerritos.

NUMBER 13

Cincinnati's rookie Walt Wesley followed Wilt Chamberlain to Kansas University and wore big Wilt's No. 13 jersey at school and, also, ran Wilt's old disc jockey radio show on campus last year.

FIVE HUNDRED AVERAGE
New York's Walt Bellamy has shot over .500 each of the 5½ years he has been in the NBA.

Golfers Eye \$22,000 Pot In Tourney

George Bayer, the longest hitter in golf, will defend his title in the \$22,000 Southern California Open Jan. 4-8 at Los Coyotes Country Club.

Bayer, a South Pasadena resident and pro at Incline Village CC at Lake Tahoe, Nev., won the 54-hole event last December with 212, four under par. Bayer should have more incentive this time — \$2,800 of it, in fact, which is the difference between his \$1,800 check last time and the current \$4,000 top prize.

Another incentive will be a much stronger field. Many of the top PGA tour stars expect to play for a tune-up before the start of the winter tour.

Host pro Jack Ellie is contacting tour players and expects to have the strongest field ever for the Southern California Open.

McMahon said other early entries were Ron Drimak, Charley Sifford and Pete Brown.

Drimak, an outstanding amateur from this area before turning pro, tied for third last year with croquet-putting Bob Duden at 217. Only Bayer and Howie Johnson of Palm Springs, who finished second with 214, were able to break par over 54 holes.

Bishop Holds Tournament

The second annual Bishop Montgomery Basketball Tournament will be played Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Torrance is the defending champion.

Montgomery, 49-43

Montgomery (49) S. G. Mission (43) Subony (19) Weber (15) Yarnolovich (8) Siemak (4) Garbanati (9) Haselien (12) Schara (11) Moraga (4) Sierra (3) Lawrence (8) Mission 12 12 6 19-49

FREE THROWS

Bill Sharman, coach of the San Francisco Warriors, left the playing scene of the NBA with a lifetime foul shooting mark of .883. In one year, 1958-59, he had a fantastic .932 figure. He led the League in free throw shooting seven years, five of them in a row.

El Camino Holds Own Tourney

The El Camino College Warriors are hosts to the Norm Verry Memorial Tournament. The championship basketball game will be tomorrow at 9 p.m.

The Norm Verry Tourney has expanded from four to eight teams.

Colleges participating include East L.A., San Diego, L.A. Valley, Harbor, Grossmont, Glendale, Pasadena and EC.

Last year the Warriors edged Harbor, 84-83, with 12 seconds remaining to gain the first Norm Verry Tournament title.

Beginning with a tough opponent, the Warriors take on Pasadena City College in the first round of tournament action. The Lancers, coached by Jerry Tarkanian, have three returning lettermen from which to draw on, Darrell Evans, who has been switched from forward to guard; Frank Brown, a guard; and Jerry Baker, a forward.

The Warriors first round opponent is Pasadena whom they defeated last year in the first round, 104-92.

The tournament is given in honor of Norm Verry, EC's head coach from 1952 to 1961 when he passed away.

HALL OF FAME

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RESERVE CENTER . . . Howard Schuster, 6-foot, 6-inch basketball player at El Camino College, has helped the Warriors to a winning preseason campaign. The college is holding its second annual Norm Verry Tournament this week. The championship game will be tomorrow at 9 p.m.

HONEYCOMB

Gus Johnson, of the Baltimore Bullets, answers to the nickname of "Honeycomb." The monicker was acquired for the way he directed his busy teammates from the pivot position when he attended Boise, Idaho Junior College.

Racing Readied At Santa Anita

Thrilling thoroughbred racing reappears on the Southern California sports scene Christmas Holiday Monday, Dec. 26, during the 30th season at beautiful Santa Anita Park in Arcadia.

Fifty-five days of racing are scheduled through Monday, March 13.

A matchless setting at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains and luxurious surroundings have made the Arcadia track a favorite of visitors to the Southland since 1934.

Post-time for the first race will be 12:30 p.m. on weekdays during December and January, a half-hour later in February and March. Throughout the meeting, Saturday post-time will be 12:30 p.m.

One of the finest seasons in Santa Anita's illustrious history is anticipated, with most of America's outstanding thoroughbreds and jockeys to compete at the Arcadia oval. They'll aim for an estimated \$4,320,000 in purses, of which \$1,290,000 will be offered in stakes competition, both figures ranking as records.

The 1966-67 meeting has been dedicated to John Longden, winningest jockey of all-time, who climaxed his career last winter in story-book fashion by guiding Canadian champion George Royal to victory in the San Juan Capistrano Handicap

with the last mount of his fabulous career.

Floral theme for the meet is "Chateau Gardens," reflecting a French influence, while the major improvement in a \$250,000 program is a highspeed elevator constructed at the extreme east end of the clubhouse.

Topping the star-studded list of Thoroughbreds at Arcadia this winter will be the 1966 "Horse of the Year," Ogden Phipps' great Buckpasser.

The brilliant son of Tom Fool, a winner of 21 of 24 lifetime starts with earnings of \$1,218,874, will be pointing primarily for the \$100,000-added Charles H. Strub Stakes for four-year-olds on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Beverly Hills Tournament Scoreboard

| Team | Points |
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| Torrance | 79 |
| Bellflower | 62 |
| Morningside | 52 |
| Alhambra | 62 |
| Mira Costa | 42 |
| El Segundo | 59 |
| Culver City | 43 |
| Buena | 67 |
| North | 63 |
| Compton | 73 |
| Santa Monica | 55 |
| Beverly Hills | 110 |
| Monte | 76 |

FOUR LOSSES

Tartars Slump In Basketball

The slumping Torrance Tartars were beaten by Beverly Hills, 97-94, for third place in the Beverly Hills Tournament Saturday. Robin Fisher, averaging almost 20 points a game for the Tartars, injured his back in the Morningside game Friday and did not play against the Normans.

Torrance has a 6-4 record, having been beaten by Morningside twice in tournament competition.

In both the Pacific Shores and Beverly Hills tournaments, Morningside beat Torrance but lost to El Segundo for the championship. El Segundo won its 10th straight game without a loss Saturday with an 80-74 win over the Monarchs.

In Torrance's 97-94 loss to Beverly, Bart Johnson scored 46 points for the losers. But

Irving Zakheim got 37 for the winners and his 123 points for four games tied a tournament record.

Johnson's 46 points are one better than Jim Stroof of Redondo got against Morningside in 1960.

The consolation title in the Beverly tourney went to North High which whipped Redondo, 52-47.

North previously won fifth place in the Pacific Shores tournament and won the Dominguez championship. The Saxons compete in the Covina Tournament next week.

Long Beach Jordan one of the teams conquered by North at the Dominguez event, came back to win the Hawthorne Tournament Saturday with a 60-55 win over Dominguez.

In a fifth place game Burbank Burroughs edged West, 61-60, outscoring the Warriors, 14-9, in the final period.

North Stars

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| North (52) | Redondo (57) |
| Taylor (12) | Bills (12) |
| Jones (6) | Chaffins (14) |
| Nielson (4) | Gerhardt (13) |
| Hansen (10) | Clann (10) |
| Albin (17) | G. Oddy (11) |
| North | 10 8 15 19-52 |
| Redondo | 5 14 14 14-47 |
| Scoring subs: North — Anderson (3); Redondo — Springer (6). | |
| Most Valuable Player — Dana Pagett, El Segundo. | |

Little Beverly

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| Beverly Hills (97) | Torrance (94) |
| Johnson (46) | Evans (11) |
| Strul (27) | Gambie (21) |
| Jasper (8) | Newman (7) |
| Griffis (5) | Zakheim (37) |
| Galvart (4) | G. Pizarro (14) |
| Beverly Hills | 24 27 21 25-97 |
| Torrance | 28 28 20 23-94 |
| Scoring subs: Beverly Hills — Horowitz (5), Borin (1); Torrance — Fernley (4). | |

West Downed

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| Burroughs (61) | West (60) |
| Keith (18) | Bye (14) |
| Balcher (19) | McVick (11) |
| Gilbert (12) | C. Bramhall (14) |
| Morrow (12) | Saur (12) |
| Canfield (18) | G. Touss (14) |
| Burroughs | 13 15 13 14-61 |
| West | 21 15 15 9-60 |
| Scoring subs: Burroughs — Fritsch (2), Fyson (2); West — Rothwell (2). | |

Dodger '67 Schedule Announced

Seeking their third straight pennant, the Los Angeles Dodgers will play the Cincinnati Reds in both road and home openers in 1967.

The Dodgers and Reds are the only National League teams in action on Monday, April 10. They play an afternoon game at Crosley Field in Cincinnati. After a week in the East, they open the Dodger Stadium '67 schedule Tuesday evening, April 18.

A "Pennant Day" program is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, when the fourth pennant in Los Angeles history will be hoisted.

The getaway home stand is one of the most formidable

starts the Dodgers have planned since they came to the West Coast from Brooklyn in 1958. In addition to the Reds, they also will engage the St. Louis Cardinals, Atlanta Braves and San Francisco Giants.

The Dodgers will play 59 night games, six Saturday afternoon games, 13 Sunday single games and three Sunday doubleheaders during their 81-game home schedule.

The schedule is broken into nine home stands. The first stay, 13 dates, is the longest. The shortest is a four-date, five-game stand against the Cubs and Astros in July, immediately after

the All-Star Game.

Three of the nine home stands are concluded with visits by the Giants. San Francisco will be in Los Angeles April 28-29-30, June 23-24-25 and Sept. 11-12-13.

All nine National League rivals will have visited Dodger Stadium by June 4. The Cubs and Astros will be here in May and the Mets, Phillies and Pirates will supply the opposition for the late May-early June home stand.

The Dodgers will be on the road for two of the three national holidays — July 4th and Labor Day. They're at home, against the Mets, Memorial Day evening.

Walter Nash, head of the Dodgers' Ticket Department announces that 1967 forms have been placed in the mail to all 1966 season ticket-holders. New applicants for season tickets have been placed on a priority list.

Mail orders for \$3.50 box seats and \$2.50 reserved seats to individual games may now be sent to the Dodgers at Box 100, Los Angeles 90051. A printed copy of the schedule is available at the same address. Orders for blocks of tickets also are being accepted by mail. A date for the sale of tickets over the counter will be announced some time in late March.

The 1967 Dodger Stadium schedule follows:

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| April 18(N), 19(N), 20(N) . . . Red. |
| April 21(N), 22(N), 23, 24(N) Cards |
| April 25(N), 26(N), 27(N) . . . Braves |
| April 28(N), 29(N), 30 . . . Pirates |
| May 1(N), 2(N), 3(N) . . . Astros |
| May 15(N), 16(N), 17(N) . . . Mets |
| May 21(N), 22(N), 23(N) . . . Cubs |
| May 24(N), 25(N), 26(N) . . . Phillies |
| May 28(N), 29(N), 30(N) . . . Braves |
| June 1(N), 2(N), 3(N) . . . Pirates |
| June 4(N), 5(N), 6(N) . . . Astros |
| June 11(N), 12(N), 13(N) . . . Giants |
| June 15(N), 16(N), 17(N) . . . Phillies |
| June 18(N), 19(N), 20(N) . . . Pirates |
| June 21(N), 22(N), 23(N) . . . Mets |
| June 24(N), 25(N), 26(N) . . . Astros |
| June 27(N), 28(N), 29 . . . Mets |
| July 1(N), 2(N), 3(N) . . . Phillies |
| July 4(N), 5(N), 6(N) . . . Braves |
| July 11(N), 12(N), 13(N) . . . Red. |
| July 15(N), 16(N), 17(N) . . . Cards |
| July 18(N), 19(N), 20(N) . . . Cubs |
| July 21(N), 22(N), 23(N) . . . Phillies |
| July 24(N), 25(N), 26(N) . . . Braves |
| July 27(N), 28(N), 29 . . . Mets |
| July 30, 31(N), Aug. 1(N), 2(N) |