

Zamperini Quits U. S. C.; Will Enter Eastern Indoor Track Meets

SPORT SHOTS

By BOB LEWELLEN
BIG YEAR OF ATHLETICS FOR TORRANCE HIGH

With the return of Coach Robert Barr (football and baseball) and Coach Pete "Pop" Zamperini, head man of track and basketball, the local school, and especially the athletes were indeed fortunate, and owe a debt of gratitude to Principal Tom Elson for the return of these two outstanding coaches and physical education teachers.

Coach Robert Barr, took the Marine league title last year in football, and made a fine showing in baseball. While Coach Zamperini (two of the latest sports books in this year) made a fine showing in basketball and track last season. Especially in the latter sport, with leather-jumped John Hall (a state record holder in the mile run) and high-jumping Bill Stewart, who took first in the state high school meet, second in the National A.A.U. Meet, junior and senior divisions.

This school year, Torrance, with the help of these fine coaches, should take the Marine league championship in both football and basketball, and also make a fine showing in baseball and track. It is understood (from a reliable source) that several track athletes from Gardena, Narbonne and Redondo high schools are transferring to Torrance, in order to be coached by Pete Zamperini. If this is the truth, then look for the local B.V.D. lads to make a fine showing this coming track season.

TORRANCE BARRS OUT FOR ANOTHER TITLE

With the opening of school Monday of this week, Coach Robert Barr, and his troop of gridiron warriors were out throwing the muckin' around the field, blocking, tackling and learning the new plays and perfecting their old ones. Coach Barr, like every other coach in the country is crying hard times, no material and many other "cannot" phrases that run with the National Institute of Football. But this writer believes that the Tartars of Torrance will be at the top of the winning column when the last whistle is blown next month.

ALL-CITY GERALD GRUBB GOES TO OCEANSIDE

Torrance's 1938 ladd to football fame, Gerald Grubb (son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grubb—owner of Grubb's Meat Market) who last year was picked all-Marine league, all-Los Angeles City, and all-Southern California (2nd string) guard, enters Oceanside Junior College this week. Gerald had several scholarships with major universities at the coast and in the mid-west, but decided late last month, to prep in his studies another year, before entering college. It is rumored that he will enter U.C.L.A. after his year's work at J.C. Another local football star, Henry Dimpoff, also entered Oceanside J. C. with young Grubb. While Bill Stewart, high jumper, entered U. S. C. to continue his studies as a journalist, and of course to make himself valuable to Dean Cronin's track and field team.

OLYMPIC GAMES OF EUROPE NOW IN FULL "BLAST"

WAR, WAR, WAR will probably save the City of Torrance some money next year. Why? Well at the present writing it looks as though the 1940 Olympic Games to be held in Finland, will be called off, because of the present European "OLYMPIC" GAMES, England, France and Poland vs. Germany. If the Olympic Games (not war) are held, Torrance will be asked to send their representatives to Finland . . . and it certainly looks as though John Hall, Louis Zamperini and Bill Stewart had a cinch for berths on the track and field teams of the United States. But now the WAR GAMES are on and the boys probably will be deprived of securing the red, white and blue of the United States on the field of sport.

Rubbish Blaze Damages Fence

A pile of rubbish that was ignited by spontaneous combustion last Saturday morning in the rear yard of Ralph Harre's home at 1911 Arlington avenue, burned about eight feet of his fence before it was put out by the fire department.

In the Civil war, 349,944 Union soldiers were killed or died of disease. The south lost 129,159 men.

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TROJAN STAR MAY TRAIN ON THIS FIELD TO START QUEST FOR NEW RECORDS

Thousands of miles and neutrality separate the Pacific Coast from Europe's warring nations but nevertheless Louis Zamperini, former Olympian, premier miler and a runner who shows greatest possibilities of cracking the mile record, today is a victim of the Second World War.

In an exclusive interview with The Herald today, Louis revealed that he will not enter U.S.C. this fall; that he will run unattached in a number of mid-western, southern and eastern indoor meets starting Jan. 1; and that he is in the "best form" in his life for this type of competition.

The war has "blacked out" the Olympic games in Finland, games in which Zamperini hoped to participate next year. Thus he figures that if he is to "make a name for himself" with his running, he must seek more competition than he is permitted as a Trojan track star.

Indoor Meets Banned by SC Indoor running will be new to the "Torrance Flash"—but such outstanding track coaches as Hayes of Indiana and Robinson of Pennsylvania have expressed the opinion he has great promise as a cork oval distance runner.

"I have given a great deal of study to my career as an athlete and I've decided that, if I want to get anywhere in my sport, I've got to stay out of school this fall and enter indoor meets to which I've received invitations," Zamperini said. "The University does not approve of indoor meets and has consistently refused to permit Trojan athletes to enter them."

"This was all right with me until it became known that the Olympic games were to be disrupted on account of the war. I had planned to continue in school, where I would be a senior this year, in the hope of making the U. S. Olympic team. Now that the world games are broken up by the war, I've got to make other plans.

Is Captain-Elect "It appears that I can only do the things I want in distance running—get experience in indoor running, try to set new records and continue my physical development—but not returning to the university this fall. I have hopes of getting a job in a motion picture studio next month and then on Jan. 1 start my indoor track season by accepting an invitation to run at the New Orleans Sugar Bowl event," the husky, black-haired Torrance youth said.

Zamperini, who was elected captain of the Trojan track team for 1940 at the close of the season last spring, revealed that he had also received invitations to appear at the Metrose games, run in the Wanamaker Mile and the Knights of Columbus indoor meets at Madison Square Garden in New York, in Pittsburgh and a number of other mid-west and eastern events that will keep him busy until after late in February.

Asked where he intends to do his training, Zamperini said he had not decided yet. He indicated, however, that he may make the Torrance high school field—where he first got his start that carried him to the Olympic Games in Berlin three years ago—the scene of some of his field work.

Never Broke Training Louie has not wasted his summer vacation. Also he was unable to get work despite his film colony connections, he undertook a new course of calisthenics



LOUIS ZAMPERINI looks East for laurels

Junior Ball Club Defeats Older Boys at Rialto, 19-16

When the M. and M. Transfer Juniors trotted out on the Rialto ball diamond in San Bernardino county last Thursday night, the hometown fans and team were amazed. They expected to see a team of young men from 15 to 20 years of age—the same as that of the challenging Rialto squad.

At the end of the second inning the Torrance Juniors, who are between 12 and 15 years of age, were being crushed 9 to 0. Then the local boys got over their stagefright and proceeded to give their senior opponents a 19 to 16 shellacking—much to the embarrassment of the older Rialto squad.

which increased his leg power (and put three-quarters of an inch more around his calf), strengthened his shoulder muscles and kept his heart in excellent condition.

He said he has never "broken training" since the June day that he captured the mile in the N. C. A. A. meet at the Los Angeles Coliseum and brought his 1939 season to a close.

Preparing Itinerary He is eager to try indoor running, a field which has kept a number of other outstanding milers, such as Gene Venske, Glenn Cunningham, Don Lash, Chuck Fenske, and the Rideout Twins, before the public.

What he will do after the indoor season, Zamperini does not know as yet. This business of getting a university education is an expensive proposition and track stars must earn their way the same as any other student. Zamperini said that he hopes his motion picture studio connections will put him on a payroll early next month.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini of 2028 Gramercy avenue, told The Herald that he would give this newspaper a copy of his indoor track meet schedule within the next few weeks—or as soon as he has completed arrangements for his entries in the events.

Sir Isaac Newton was the first man to estimate the distance of the stars with reasonable accuracy.

Educators Study Insurance Plan for H. S. Athletes

Considerable interest is being taken by Principal Thomas Elson in the somewhat nebulous "California Interscholastic Federation Athletic Protection Fund" which was created last July by permissive legislation enacted by the state legislature. Under that impressive title is a form of insurance against the cost of athletic injuries to parents of high school boys out for any of the approved sports.

Briefly, the plan provides that by payment of a nominal sum—and this has not yet been determined—by the boy or his parents to the fund, he is partially insured against medical or hospital expenses in event he is injured in play. All such expenses would be lumped together at the end of the school year and a pro-rate payment made to the injured or their parents out of the total fund raised by the premiums.

"The plan has been tentatively approved by the Athletic Policy committee of the Los Angeles city school system," Elson said this week, "and has been referred to the high school principals' club, of which I am president, for further investigation. If it is approved by the school board then an application is made to the state office handling the fund and the insurance starts."

Also such approval and application was supposed to have been made by this week, neither the principals' club nor the school board desires to rush into the plan without considerable more investigation of its merits. Elson said that a decision would probably be made within the next few weeks, however.

Past Masters Show Baseball Skill at Masonic Picnic

More than 100 Torrance Masonic lodge members and their families thronged the city park last Sunday morning and afternoon for the fraternity's annual picnic. A feature of the outing was a softball game between the Past Masters and Present Officers of the lodge. The Past Masters won by a score that was reported to be 22 to 19.

Ice cream and coffee were furnished by the lodge. Arrangements for the entertainment were made by a committee composed of Wallace West, Ed Barlow, Gunnar Holmes, Delbert Thomsen and Homer Morgan. J. M. Reddington is the present worshipful master of the lodge.

Toledo Trout Stream

TOLEDO, O. (U.P.)—The new aquarium at Toledo's Zoological Park features a trout stream to be stocked with 100 rainbow, brook and brown trout.

The Herald's Sport Page

Coach Barr Beset by Unusual Grid Worry

The creases that engrave Coach Robert Barr's noble brow these first days of school are not caused by any of the usual worries that beset a high school football mentor. Instead he has a "strange as it seems" trouble confronting his efforts to build a Torrance Tartar football machine:

He's got too many varsity team aspirants who want to bite the greensward for dear old Torrance high in defense of the 1938 championship and only a scant handful of Class B, C and D material with which to campaign for honors in the lower divisions!

At first glance that wouldn't seem like such a deep predicament but to Barr, starting his second year here, it's a tough problem. Altho he wouldn't admit it if he was bombed, he's satisfied that he can take his varsity candidates and knock them into something that looks like a football team. He's got some top-notch material in his returning lettermen and among the peagreeners there's a glimmer of gold in their heft and ranginess.

First Glance Today But what to do about a Class B team? Or a Class C team? Or a Class D team? Because the divisions are based on such coefficients as age, weight, year in school and what-not a coach can't juggle his material around very easily to make it pad out a short string of possible players.

Barr had 41 signed up and graded into classes yesterday. Twenty-five of these potential grid heroes were listed as As or varsity material—the rest being scattered thruout the other three classifications with only about 14 in the B group. It would take a football wizard to develop even a reasonably good eleven out of only 14 candidates.

And the word is going around the Marine league that the Class B struggle is going to be hotter than the proverbial firecracker. This afternoon Coach Barr was going to take a look-see at his entire football string for the first time. L. A. city school football rules forbade an earlier scrutiny of the boys in uniform before this date.

Schedules Practice Games It's a safe bet that there will be considerable scratching of the Barr head tonight as the high school mentor ponders what he is going to do—concentrate on the varsity in defense of the Marine league title and thus toss the smaller boys into gym classes for their physical education; whip up a Class B team and take a chance on being the underdog of the league all season, or scramble the Bs, Cs and Ds into, say, a Class C outfit that might bring home the bacon. This is too early in the season to name names and pick

Jadrans Shut Out Torrance-Lomita

With Heck Carroll, well-known former Navy hurler, pitching stellar ball, the San Pedro Jadrans blanked the Torrance-Lomita Indians 6 to 0 last Friday night at the city park diamond. It was the third shutout in as many games that Heck has handed the T-L club.

Ice Plant Built for Trailer LEIPZIG (U.P.)

An auto trailer ice making plant offers a new luxury to motoring in remote regions. names of guys that'll make headlines . . . The league season is more than a month off but Barr has scheduled practice games with Jordan and South Gate and has several other rehearsal tilts on fire.

The Great Smoky Mountain National Park contains 16 peaks over 6,000 feet high.

Lomita Asks Storm Drains

Additional storm drains for the section of Walnut avenue in Lomita extending south 300 feet from Lomita boulevard is being sought by the chamber of commerce of that community, according to Secretary H. H. Halladay. He pointed out that existing drains are not sufficient to prevent flooding of the highway during winter rains.

Use of dirt from Metropolitan Water District pipeline ditches to raise the section of Walnut avenue near Lomita boulevard above the winter flood line was proposed by Halladay in a letter to George Jones, county road engineer.

Halladay suggested that the county road department ask the water district to fill in low sections before resurfacing the street where pipe line excavations have been made.

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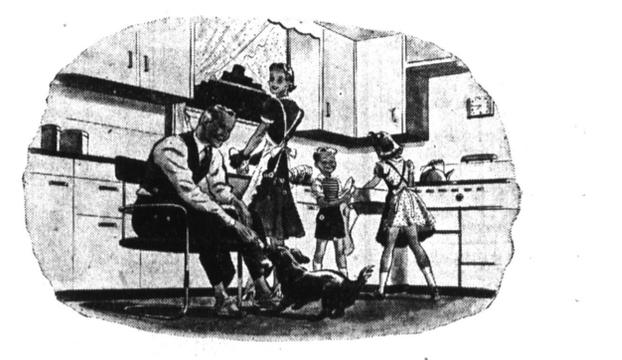
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