

By THE STAFF...

Once in a while a sports writer touring his beat bumps into a story that gives him a pleasure and even a thrill to release... once in a while he stumbles onto a story that he wants to say, "WINCHELL, please copy" . . . once in a while he runs into such a story as this . . . few students, few fans and certainly fewer sports writers knew that JACK HOOD, last year's Torrance Varsity football captain, was losing the sight of his left eye . . . only when he tried to join the Naval Reserve, did JACK realize the full seriousness of the growth, known as a "wing," that was

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FARMED OUT TO 'DA BUMS'
Hal Jackson, whose spikes have shuffled through the dirt of Torrance diamonds since he was 12 years old, was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers to be farmed out to an "A" team that will play either at Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, or possibly in South America, it was announced recently.

Dodger Farm Signs Local Ball Player

Hal Jackson, left-handed first baseman, who played 3 years of ball at Torrance High and with other local clubs has signed a contract with Tom Downey, Brooklyn Dodger scout, to play ball on one of Brooklyn's "A" farm squads, Jackson told the Herald Tuesday morning.

The first sacker was not told exactly what team he will play with, but he guessed it would be either Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, or possibly in South America.

Jackson's break came when Downey was scouting him at Inglewood, where the first baseman was playing for the Alloy Diecraft team. His first two times at bat he laid the apple out in the tall weeds for two home runs. That did it!

Terms of the contract were not revealed by Jackson but he did state that he would have to make good at spring training and then if he made a good showing on the "A" farm team for a month they would shoot him back to the Dodgers.

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Palica Hurls 3-2 Victory

Lomita's Ery Palica pitched the San Pedro Merchants to a tight 3-2 victory Sunday over the Yugoslav-American Club at Fort MacArthur Field, San Pedro.

A 30-minute argument developed over the final out, which occurred when the Slavs' Bobby Balance tried to reach home on a squeeze play with the tying run.

Palica, who was in his 10th year of pitching, was in excellent command of his craft. He pitched a complete game, allowing only two runs, two hits and one error. He struck out seven batters and walked only one.

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READY TO GO . . . Into the second round of the Bay League schedule are these members of the Torrance High School Bee basketball team: Standing left to right, back row, Coach Cliff Graybehl, John Kulp, Harry Theodosis, Bill Wernett, Captain Bob LeBlanc, Milo Goettsch, Ronnie Higgins, an the team's manager, Gary "Vitamins" Carter. Seated, left to right: George Licht, Dick Carrow, Tommy Giatras, Dave Dougherty, Ray Maddock, and Vance Ratzloff.

TARTARS BREAK JINX WITH 40-20 WIN OVER LEUZINGER

By GEORGE WHITING
A jinx of three years standing was broken Friday night, Jan. 24, when Basketball Coach Cliff Graybehl's Torrance High Varsity smothered Leuzinger 40-20 on the Lawndale Courts.

The Bee squad was also victorious with a 19-12 final score. Since 1944 and up until Friday night's game all Torrance Varsity quintets have been unable to score a conference victory when the game has been played away from home.

Bob Chambers, Jack Turner and Paul Smith were the big guns for the locals shooting in 11, 9 and 8 points respectively. Captain Jack was removed from the game after four minutes and 31 seconds had elapsed in the second half having five personal fouls.

The first quarter saw-sawed back and forth and the Olympian held a 8-7 edge at the end of the 1st period. They stretched this lead to 14-8 but then the Tartars began finding their range as Dick Rupert, Bob Chambers and Dick Turner and Jack Turner all hit the hoop and the locals took a 16-14 half time margin. Big John Kasser, six foot-three inch center, went on a scoring spree in the first half by sinking eight successive points for the losers, but the big fellow didn't dent the score board again.

The tremendous third quarter opened with the hustling Tartars banging the bucket from all angles to run up 17 digits while the Olympians scored but two counters. The Leuzinger boys went deeper in the hole in the final period and ended the game taking a lot of wild shots.

Overcoming a 10-7 halftime deficit the Bees went on to subdue a scrappy Leuzinger quintet. Milo Goettsch, Dave Dougherty and Captain Bob LeBlanc plunked in five points apiece as the home town boys came thru with their first win of the Bay League season. The contest was a tight defensive duel for the most part.

Leuzinger held a six-three edge at the end of the first quarter and 10-7 at the midway point. But the locals forged ahead, 13-10, in the third period with Captain LeBlanc and Dave Dougherty contributing 6 points to the scoring column.

The Olympians were held scoreless in the third quarter and dropped in only two free throws in the final period. The locals put on a great exhibition of ball-freezing as they chilled the melt for the last four minutes of the game.

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National Home, El Prado Furn. Win Hoop Games

The El Prado Furniture Co.'s basketball team looms large as a title threat, in the Torrance Evening Hi-City Recreation's Minor League, following last week's 51-34 conquest of the Baptist Knights melon tossers. Lanky Dave Downard, of the winners, used his height to advantage to register 21 points for high score honors. Jim Ferrel, forward, was high man for the losers with 10.

In the second game National Home Appliance, led by Ralph George's 17 counters, subdued a strong Phalanx Club, 59-36, to stay in the running for the league trophy. Fred Van Mulligan, a newcomer to the Phalanx five, spearheaded 12 points from the center position. Games played next Wednesday mark the completion of the first round of play. First and second round winners will battle it out for the title after the completion of the second round.

The Phalanx Club draws a bye on Feb. 4.

SUMMARIES:
Bap. Kn'ts (34) El Prado Furn (51)
Takai (8) F (21) Downard
Ferrol (10) F (3) Eppier
Sakamoto (1) C (3) Keason
Ueda (5) G (1) Ban
Nakasako (7) G (4) Northway
Reserves: Baptist Knights—Omatsu,
Minami (2), Y. Sakamoto, Kobata (2),
Hayshihari, El Prado Furniture Co.—
Goldring (1), Stroh (4), Sommer (8),
Domiguez.

Nat. H. Appl. (59) Phix' Club (36)
George (17) F (11) Merrill
Dodos (13) F (4) Stowell
Danis (13) C (12) Mulican
Nuckles (9) G (9) Wootfid
Schwank (7) G (1) Dudley
Reserves: National Home Appliance
Co.—Kellvane, Morrison.

Schedule Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7:15 p.m., National Home Appliance Co. vs. Baptist Knights, 8:30 p.m., El Prado Furniture Co. vs. St. Andrews & Old Men.

PILOT BEES MISS CITY TITLE EFFORT
Banning High Schools Bee basketballers Friday night failed in their quest of the city title as they bowed to Hamilton, 35-19, at Olympic auditorium.

The game was a forerunner of the varsity clash between Venice and University, which the former won, 27-25, to annex the city crown.

Banning (19) Hamilton (35)
Caracosa (5) F Carmichael (14)
Witt (8) F Short (3)
Cejla (4) C Garrett (0)
Gill (0) G Olsen (5)
Ezell (3) G Roberts (6)
Half-time score—Hamilton, 14; Banning, 6.

Varsity Scoring
Torrance (40) Leuzinger (20)
Chambers, L. (2) F (5) Loug
Chambers, B. (11) F (5) Stevenson
Smith (8) C (8) Kasser
Turner, J. (9) G (2) Beala
Gill (2) G (5) Hingo
Alternates: Torrance—Rupert (3),
Turner, D. (5).
Half-time score: Torrance (16); Leuzinger (14).

Bee Scoring
Torrance (19) Leuzinger (12)
Higgins (2) F (2) Fraser
Carrow (2) F (2) Bartlett
LeBlanc (5) C (11) Johnson
Goettsch (5) G (3) Nakahara
Ratzloff (2) G (4) Kubo
Alternates: Torrance—Dougherty (5).
Half-time score: Torrance (7); Leuzinger (10).

SKIING, SKATING CONDITIONS IN LOCAL AREAS POOR
Lack of snow in the mountain areas has made for poor skiing conditions the Automobile Club of Southern California reported Jan. 21. Ice skating was also reported to be out of the question except on the artificial rink at Blue Jay.

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