



(Herald Photo) **CAGE CHAMPS . . .** Members of the Duds cage squad, which won the high school boys recreation basketball title, show plaques awarded them at Thursday's Father and Son banquet. Left to right, Dennis Hester, coach, Skip Smith, Jim Pabst, Jerry Burns, Sonny Steele, Bill Meacham, Bob Hanks and Al Rainwater display awards. The dinner honored all cagers in the Recreation Department's basketball program and their fathers.

Quarter Horse Racing Set At Los Alamitos

The quick quarter horses will be running for more money than ever before at the 22-day all-quarter horse race meeting slated for Los Alamitos Race course, April 9 through May 7, Racing Secretary Ed Burke, said recently.

Burke, who is distributing his first condition book to the horsemen on the grounds, announced the minimum purse had been raised from \$1000 to \$1200.

This is a remarkable jump over the inaugural Los Alamitos meeting in 1951 when the minimum purse was but \$500.

More than \$250,000 in stakes and purses will be distributed during the 22-day season, and the track has adopted the slogan of "A quarter million dollars for the quarter horses."

Seven stakes are on the program, with the estimated \$20,000 Derby on April 23 and the \$7500 added Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Championship on closing day, May 7, the top attractions.

Officials for the meeting were approved Monday by the California Horse Racing Board. Chester C. Jones, veteran California racing official will represent the state and will be joined in the stewards' stand by James C. McGill and Harry Hatch.

Other officials approved by the board were Burke, as racing secretary; Herman Sharpe, assistant racing secretary; George Kidd, starter; Jack F. Meyer, paddock and patrol judge; Wesley H. Meyers, Clerk of scales and placing judge; Eugene Hockingbotham, manager of operations, and J. R. Cain, manager of mutuels.

Nr major changes have been made in the track itself since last year when it was completely rebuilt at a cost in excess of \$750,000. At that time a 4-story steel and concrete clubhouse was constructed, the track relocated and 25 acres paved for parking.

General admission remains at \$1, including tax, with clubhouse admission \$2, tax included.

State Plants Trout For Angling

First plantings of what the Department of Fish and Game estimates will be a total of nearly 7,000,000 catchable trout between now and the end of October are underway in California waters.

San Diego county waters received the first plants in preparation for the new April 16 trout opening, set last month by the Fish and Game Commission.

Other southern California waters and most of the rest of the state open April 30.

Early in-season plantings will be made on the basis of anticipated opening week pressures and accessibility, the Department said.

Hatching of eggs has been delayed somewhat by unusually cold weather in some of the high country hatcheries, but with warmer temperatures is expected to return to schedule before too long, the Department reported.

Meanwhile mobile planting bases are being prepared, from which later plantings will be made in areas distant from the hatcheries themselves.

Lomita Gym Ransacked

The Lomita Park Gym was ransacked Tuesday, John Patrick Kivlen told sheriff's deputies, with records, a record player, and ping pong balls taken. Some of the record jockys were found in a corner of the park, he said.

LINKS TEAM CUTS DOWN LEUZINGER

Six Torrance high school golfers blazed across the Western Avenue Golf Course Friday in their match with Leuzinger and when the smoke cleared, the locals had a 37-stroke, 254-291 win over the Olympians.

Coach Joe Stuart's linksmen bettered their previous team high by 30 strokes in registering the win.

Today, the Tartar golfers meet Morningside's Monarchs and the El Segundo prep swingers in a three-way match at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Friday, the Torrance squad opens its Bay League season, when it tangles with the Inglewood team at Inglewood Country Club. The Tartars have defeated the Sentinel golfers, having picked up a 30-stroke win two weeks ago.

Dave Scott led Stuart's talented golfers in their massacre of Leuzinger. Scott had a nine-hole total of 39. Right behind him was Ron Hanz, who carded a 40.

Other Tartar scores were Steve Crowell and Richard Komonyi, who posted 43s, Mike Sampson's 44, and Jerry Kupka's 45.

The 254 total was by far the best score posted during the current season by the Tartars.

Grid Heroes In Golf Match At Alondra CC

A banner field of football's elite is expected to dot the fairways of Alondra Park Country Club in Lawndale for the Fifth Annual Football Day Golf Tournament which is scheduled April 4.

After a record turnout of 108 performers last year, Promoter Cecil Hollingsworth, said he expects from 125 to 150 to be on hand for this year's renewal.

A dinner and stag will follow the day of golfing and dubbing.

Unique in golf tournaments, the event was designed by Hollingsworth for anyone connected with football, no matter how remote. The flights are split into pro's division; coaches, players, trainers et al.

Last year's winner, Elroy Hirsch, the renowned football end for the Los Angeles Rams and recent actor, is expected to defend his title against such performers as Red Sanders, UCLA's coach of the year, Jess Hill, headman of SC, and possibly newly appointed Ram coach Sid Gillman. Hirsch fired a low net of 61 last year to tie the previous low set in 1951 by Chuck Curtis of the Times.

Players are invited to make up their own foursome or call in a reservation and let the officials pick the groups.

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Jayvees Defeat Apaches, MICOHI; Still Unbeaten

The Torrance Jayvees baseball nine continued unbeaten last week, as George Stanich's charges roared to a pair of lopsided wins over Mira Costa and Centennial.

Stanich's nine does not play again until Friday, when they host Paramount at Torrance Park. The Tartar coach will either use Hanon or Herm Croshaw, 1b, as the starting pitcher, against the Paramount crew.

Game time Friday will be 3 p.m.

The next day the Tartars ran their win streak to seven straight with a 14-4 conquest of Centennial in the Bay League opener.

The Mira Costa game was a rematch of an earlier practice tilt. Tartar hitters combed the offerings of MICOHI pitcher, Croshaw, for 12 hits, with second baseman Grover Morris and first sacker Jack Mathews getting a pair of hits apiece.

Croshaw, the regular JV first baseman, twirled a neat game in allowing only four hits to the losers. He also knocked out a solid single in two trips to the plate.

Stanich used 19 players in order to get a look at some of the squad's reserve strength. Steady Jess Hanon hurled the win over Centennial, a four-hit job. Hanon, who has picked up three of the last four wins for the Tartar Jayvees, also hit safely once and drove in two runs.

Grover Morris again hit two for four for Torrance to lead hitters. Toby Venable also had two hits in four trips. Venable also drove in two runs.

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UP AND OVER . . . Tartar Varsity track star, Dennis Hester, rolls over the high jump bar at 6' 2" in the Leuzinger meet. It was a top effort for the slender senior athlete, his previous top mark in the jump event being 5' 11". Hester also won the 880-yard run, another of his specialties, in 2:05.3.



GRINDING HOME . . . Bill Meacham, top Tartar distance man, pounds down the home stretch to win the 660-yard run in Friday's meet with Leuzinger. Meacham turned in a good 1:33.7 clocking in the event.

Triple Play By Torrance

Long dormant batting power erupted in full fury, Thursday to aid the Torrance Tartars in a 16-5 slaughter of Centennial in the first Bay League baseball tilt for both teams.

The Tarts banged out 17 hits in counting 16 times to completely subdue the Apaches at Torrance Park. Fifteen of the Torrance runs were earned.

Defensively the locals sparkled too.

Big feature of the stout Tartar defense was a triple play, pulled off in the second inning. With Apaches on first and second, Centennial's catcher Gutierrez lined to first baseman Bob Boss, while Todd chased the runner. Boss then threw to shortstop Charley Valencia, who tagged second for the third out.

Anderson Wins

Elongated Ron Anderson went the route on the mound for the Tartars. He was touched for only three hits by the Apaches. He struck out three and walked four in the seven inning tilt.

Every Tartar got a base hit, with the exception of catcher Butch Tierman.

Valencia, Mike Bertolo, Barrett Lee and Chuck Todd all had three hits for the Torrance nine. Lee drove in four runs with his two singles and a double, while Todd chased three runners home with three singles.

Bertolo, Anderson, Lee and second sacker George Hurley had doubles for the Tartars.

El Camino Scuttled By San Diego

San Diego Junior College's thincads had little trouble with the El Camino Warriors, Friday in a dual meet at San Diego.

The border crew gave only four first places to the Warriors in racking up a 7 1/2 to 4 1/2 Metropolitan Conference victory.

Abbott, San Diego shot put man, set a new school record in the weight event when he tossed the iron ball 49' 3".

Torrance's Bud Powers, who copped four first places and soared over 23' in the broad jump in the Warriors first meet of the season, did not compete Friday.

In other Metro meets, Long Beach beat Santa Monica, 64-58, and East LAJC, 84-58, and Santa Monica edged East LAJC, 63-59, in a triangular meet.

Feature of the trackfest was Dick Dorsey's blazing sprint wins. The Santa Monica flyer

Inglewood Wins, 8-3

Inglewood's Sentinels, who meet the Tartars tomorrow in a Bay League game at Torrance Park, picked up a practice baseball win Friday over Lynwood, 8-3.

copped the century dash in 9.6 and the 220 in 20.9. He smashed school records in both events.

Harbor JC topped Valley, 76-46, and Bakersfield, 83-37, in another loop meet.

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