

Letters Awarded To 59 Gridders

Six Torrance Varsity football stars and one Bee team member received special awards last night at the fourth Father and Son Fall Awards Banquet at the THS cafeteria as letters were given to 59 boys by their coaches.

Fullback Skip Smith, senior who was selected to the first string All-Bay League squad, was awarded the All-American blanket for the most valuable player on the Varsity team. He also was given a trophy, signifying his all-league selection.

Medals for second team Bay League choices went to Butch Hazel, center, and Tom Brown, end. Honorable mention all-league awards went to Guard Bill Montgomery and Back John Gomez. Montgomery also was honored by being named 1956 Tartar captain at the dinner.

Kearns, Wilson Honored
Ray Kearns, Bee fullback, and Guard Stan Wilson, of the Varsity, were announced as recipients of the Richart Trophy. The trophy, a permanent school award, is awarded annually to the best "team" members of the Varsity and Bee squads. The two will have their names inscribed on the perpetual trophy.

Varsity Coaches Don Porter and Jack Miller and Bee mentors Dave Dana and Herb Solomon made the presentations. Featured speaker of the evening was Mike Pecarovich, former Gonzaga University and Loyola of Los Angeles grid coach. Pecarovich, who turned out a number of stellar eleveners at both schools, now is in business.

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Cross Country Runners Get Awards at Fete

Eight Varsity and nine Jayvee cross country runners were awarded Tartar letters last night at the annual Father and Son THS Fall Awards Banquet.

Coches Joe Stuart, who handled the harriers for the first time this year, gave out the letters.

The Tartars had an impressive dual meet record and scored heavily in conference and CIF preliminary meets. They finished second to Mira Costa in the Bay League finals and won their heat in the CIF prelims, but were a poor 12th in the CIF run-offs at Mt. San Antonio College.

The locals couldn't show well at all on the hilly Mt. SAC course. They fared badly in the annual Mt. SAC Invitational in addition to the CIF blank.

Varsity letters went to Ehlers, Trenary, Schmidt, Bill LaDuke, Tom Hammack, Don Mitchell, Sherwood Tierman and Manager Larry Kellogg.

Jayvee awards were given to Bob McEntire, Sanford Smith, Don Kelley, Jim Patrick, Bob Jester, Bert Raene, Joe Gilstrap, Dennis Brown and Richard Watson, manager.

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ALL STAR GRIDDER... Burley B. Crawford, former Torrance High School and College of Idaho footballer, now is with the Far East Army All Star eleven. Crawford, a quarterback, will be at the helm of Army's offense Saturday when the Soldiers tangle with Marine All Stars in Orient.

Tartars Rally to Trip Serra Preppers, 57-54

Only a red-hot third quarter spurge saved the Tartar Varsity from defeat Tuesday afternoon as they rang the bell for 26 points in that period to edge out battling Serra, 57-54, on the THS floor. Coach Fanny Markham must have put a bug in his charges' collective ears at halftime. The Tartars stroled off the court at intermission trailing by a 21-29 tally. But they came roaring back in the third period and scored 10 digits in the final quarter to hang on for the win.

Crawford On Army Grid Team

Pvt. Burley B. Crawford, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Crawford, reside at 1515 W. 218th St., was selected as quarterback on the Army All Star football team in the Far East Command recently.

The All Stars are comprised of the finest Army gridgers in the Far East. They will meet the Marine All Stars this Saturday with the winner going up against the winner of the Navy-Air Force All Star fray for the All-Service title.

The All-Service championship game is set for Jan. 1 in Tokyo's Rice Bowl.

Crawford is a graduate of the College of Idaho, where he starred as a signal caller for four seasons.

His wife, Freda, lives at 1140 5th Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho.

Jayvees Grab Fourth Court Victory, 40-33

Dave Dana, who has deserted the grid coaching ranks to take over the Tartar Jayvee cagers, guided his charges to their fourth straight win of the season Tuesday as the locals whipped Serra, 40-33, in the Torrance gym.

Paul O'Kain came through with 12 points to lead the JV's to their fourth straight conquest. Dale Mead and Gene Crenshaw each had six, and Tom Haase and Mick Rabbit tallied five apiece to help keep the Tartars in front.

Last Friday the Jayvees traveled to Rosemead and rang up their third victory, 37-27. Babbitt tossed in 16 points to pace the THS five to that win.

Dana's boys now are finished with the non-league slate and will wait for Santa Monica on Jan. 10 before reporting for their next fray. The Samohi Torrance Varsity and Jayvee squads will tangle here in the opening Bay League tussles for both schools.

Torrance—40—Babbitt, f, 5; Russ Vanderpool, f, 0; Ray Vanderpool, f, 2; Mead, f, 6; Lambright, f, 0; Crenshaw, c, 6; Davis, c, 1; Lovelady, c, 1; O'Kain, g, 12; Haase, g, 5; Taylor, g, 2.

Serra—33—Fleet, f, 8; Williams, f, 5; Grubbell, f, 3; Huren, f, 1; Pavlich, f, 6; Kent, c, 6; Quinn, c, 2; White, g, 0; Riegluth, g, 2.

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North High Meets Artesia In Return Fray

North High's cagers travel to Artesia tomorrow night to tackle the Pioneers in a return practice match. Last week the Saxons came up with their first win of the season by edging the Artesians, 40-39.

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Sailor Beaten Here While Hitching Ride

A 17-year-old sailor told police Monday morning that he had been beaten up while trying to hitch a ride to Wilmington.

Melvin James, 17, stationed on the USS Bon Homme Richard, told authorities he was thumbing on Western Ave., near 209th St. when three men stopped to offer him a ride. Instead, he said, they got out of their auto and roughed him up.

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Serra's five was small, but aggressive and almost swept the Tartars off their feet in the first half.

The alert tip-ins and general all around fine shooting of Center Rich Ruffell again paced the Tartars. The 92' junior hooped in 10 field goals and five charity tries for 25 points.

He received good help from Guards Mike Bertolet and Mike Kendall and Forward Ron Walker. Kendall had eight, Bertolet potted five, and Walker totaled six points.

Good Floor Play
Bertolet's floor play kept the Tartars in contention when they needed it.

Carroll, rangy pivot man, led Serra's point-getting with 16.

The Tartar Varsity and Bee, who didn't mix Tuesday, host Redlands tomorrow night in a two-game bill on the local floor. Game time is 6 p.m., with the Bees tipping off first.

After tomorrow night's two some the Tartars will hang it up for the Christmas holiday season. They won't be seen in game action again until Jan. 4 when they travel to Beverly Hills for a three-day prep tournament.

Record Now 8-4
Markham's gang now has won three, dropped four on the season. Two of the losses have been inflicted by a good Redondo squad. The Seahawks have caught the Tartars twice in tournament play so far, whipping them, 48-28, in the initial round of the Long Beach tournament and 41-29 in the second round of the Pacific Shores Tournament, an affair which is co-hosted by Redondo and Mira Costa High Schools.

He has just about crystallized the first team after experimenting with various combinations during the initial stages of the schedule.

Ruffell, of course, will not be challenged for his center post. Waller and Jerry Mathews have been getting the starting call forwards, although Rich Malone is a threat to move either one out for good. Since Bertolet reported from the football team, he has taken over for Toby Venable at guard and teamed with Kendall to give the Tartars speed and hustle in the back court.

Ruffell now has poured in 118 points in seven outings for a team-leading individual scoring average of 16.9.

TORRANCE (87)

| Player | FG | FT | PT |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Malone, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mathews, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Waller, f | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Ruffell, g | 10 | 0 | 26 |
| Edman, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kendall, g | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Bertolet, g | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Jackson, g | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Venable, f | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Ho, g | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 20 | 17 | 87 |

| Player | FG | FT | PT |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Puente, f | 3 | 7 | 11 |
| Kelly, f | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Hayes, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Brown, g | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Carroll, g | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Carroll, g | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| Canto, g | 2 | 8 | 9 |
| Hawthorne, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 15 | 24 | 87 |

Son of Torrance Man Participates in Games

Cpl. Lawrence A. Jones, 21, whose wife, Lareta, lives in Alhambra, is participating in Exercise Sage Brush, in Louisiana.

Some 110,000 Army troops are testing the latest concepts of atomic, bacteriological, chemical and electronic warfare. The exercise ends today.

Jones, a tank commander in the 82d Airborne Division's 509th Regiment, is regularly stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. He entered the Army in April, 1954.

His father, Olin W. Jones, lives at 1444 W. 222d St. and his mother, Mrs. Ruth E. Jones, lives at 20 S. Cordova St., Alhambra.