

# NHS SPRING SPORTS BANQUET TONIGHT

## Prep Grids Continue Vernal Drills

## NHS Lettermen Honored Tonight

### Bruins' Hubert Hurls Hitless Win At Bears

A near flawless pitching performance by Bruin hurler Hubert, 17 strikeouts in six innings of play, highlighted the Bruins 9-0 win over the Bears in North Torrance Little League play Saturday.

Hubert gave up but one base on balls in the winning effort. The win boosted the Bruins into second spot in American LL standings.

Sunday's contest featured another sharp pitching performance by the Indian's Hanlon as he limited the Trojans to two runs on three hits for a 9-2 Indian win.

Hanlon also led the Tribe's batting with a home run included in his three hits, good for two runs. Catcher Blackburn also was an outstanding batsman for the Indians with two hits and two runs in four at-bats.

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Bruins	140 22x-9	7
Indians	005 103-9	7
Trojans	002 000-2	3

Standings

Indians	3	0	1
Bruins	2	1	1
Trojans	1	2	2
Bears	0	3	2

### Indians, Trojans Take Little League Contests

The Indians clipped the Bears by a 3-1 margin in North Torrance Little League play last week. Castorena allowed the Bears only four hits in the near shutout.

Friday's game had the Trojans reversing an early loss to the Bruins by a lopsided 10-0 count. Trojans Bell, Mack and Snow led the winners' scoring parade, each tallying a pair of runs. Pitcher Welch was tabbed winning pitcher, with Bruin Kleps taking the loss.

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## TORRANCE HERALD Sports

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### Cooke Fifth In CIF Furlong Race

Torrance spikers ran out of the money at the CIF finals at Inglewood Saturday as Pasadena's powerful two-some of Bob Poynter and Chuck Piggee pulled the Bulldogs to the team title by nabbing three firsts and a second between them.

Poynter tied the CIF record of 9.6 in cruising to a win in the 100, then beat a fast field, including Torrance's Gary Cooke, in a 20.9, 220. Cooke took the early lead, but faded as Poynter passed him at 120 yards, and wound up fifth.

Piggee toured the 120 high hurdles in a blistering 14 flat to crack the CIF record by one-tenth of a second and tie the national mark. Centennial's Ken Thompson, now a freshman at UCLA, set the CIF mark of 14.1 last year.

But the fleet Pasadena hurdler was trounced in the 180 low sticks by Jack Holman, of California High, who won it in 19.1. Piggee was second.

### Football Star

Holman is the same boy who led the Condor football team to an easy win over Torrance in a practice game last fall.

Pasadena had 20 points to win the meet, while California was second at 16 1/2. Torrance had two points on Cooke's fifth in the furlong and a fifth place finish in the 880-yard relay.

It was in the relay that Poynter scuttled his teammates by pushing on the back turn of the final lap, thus disqualifying Pasadena. Three runners were in front of the Bulldog speedster and, instead of going around to the outside, he shouldered his way through and came on to win. Santa Ana was awarded first place, with Long Beach third, second, Alhambra and Chaffey fourth, and then the Tartars.

### Denning Fourth

Larry Denning, Tartar pole vaulter, got a tie for fourth in that event. That gave the locals 3/4 point. He was the only Tartar Bee performer to make the finals. Torrance was not represented in the Class C meet.

### Columbia in 12-0 Victory

Blue Streak Slo-pitch at Walteria Friday featured a three-hitter by John Gilner as Columbia E.R.A. shut out the Christian Men, 12-0, in the first game.

Second game was another shutout with the Elks on the short end of a 6-0 count from the Lutheran Men. Dick Zeller pitched a five-hitter for the Lutherans.

Tom Brumley, Steve Reser, Ronnie Chase, Jack Westergard, George Graham, Harlan Woods, Carlos French and Earl Parish were the leading hitters and scorers for Columbia in their win.

Only threat by the Elks in their loss came in the last inning when Earl May and Roger Holmes hit safely only to have the side retired before a run could be scored.

Wayne Morse, George Lutz, Lou Nichol, Charles Schildmeyer, Chuck James and Joe James all scored for the Lutherans.

### Motors Roll At Gardena

When the motorcycles roll in a 14-event program at Gardena Stadium tomorrow night veteran Chuck Basney will be defending his season's lead against a lineup of strong challengers.

Basney tops the seasonal point totals with 36 tallies. Currently active drivers trailing him are Al Gunter, 24; Bob Shirey, 23; Don Hawley and George Everest, 21.



NEW FORMATION... North High Coach Cliff Graybehl instructs Center Al Bledsoe and Quarterback Ray Grieshaber in T formation stance during spring practice on Saxons' field. North High will use T along with unbalanced-line single wing next year in first attempt at multiple offense. Fifty-five boys are out for the spring grid drills at NHS.

### Stars Top Yanks 3-0; Move Into League Top Spot

Behind the shutout pitching of Newell Robinson the Stars beat the Yankees 3-0 Saturday in the National Little League standings. The Twinks share top honors with their Saturday opponents.

A recent minor league recruit, Bodaglia, started the Stars on their drive for the league lead last week when he pitched his mates to a close 2-1 win over the Braves. Stars have stretched their current win streak to three straight.

Ray Wilson pitched and batted the Cards to a 8-4 win at the expense of the Braves. Wilson limited the Tribe to four hits while tallying two himself in three at-bats.

The Redbirds are currently solidly in third place in league standings, while the Braves trail the bunch, having yet to win their first game.

### Standings

Stars	5	2	0
Yankees	5	2	0
Cardinals	3	3	2
Braves	0	6	4 1/2

### Battling Leaders

Player	AB	H	Avg.
P. Moore, Braves	15	8	.533
R. Wilson, Cards	18	9	.500
B. Smith, Yanks	21	10	.476
M. McGuire, Yank	24	10	.455
L. Anderson, Star	16	7	.437
R. Campbell, Card	14	6	.429
F. Alvililar, Stars	17	7	.411
T. Soth, Cards	18	7	.389
N. Robinson, Star	20	8	.364
M. Cicchini, Card	20	7	.350

### Metro Baseball Team Includes Four El Camino Horsehidors

The 1956 edition of the All-Metropolitan Conference baseball team was announced today by Cecil G. Zaun, league commissioner.

Pennant winning Long Beach City College dominated the first team with three places, while El Camino Col-

lege and Valley Junior College each placed two players on the first outfit.

Ernest Rodriguez, East Los Angeles outfielder, is the only repeater from the 1955 team. Valley's Dick Windham was named Metro Athlete of the Year in baseball.

Milton Wilhite, from Long Beach City College, is a second team repeater from 1955.

Following are the 1956 selections:

**FIRST TEAM**  
Ernest Rodriguez, East LAJC...Out.  
Dick Windham, Valley JC...Out.  
Berkley Olsen, San Diego JC...Out.  
David Randall, Holy JC...In.  
Bernie Latusick, Harbor JC...In.  
Robert Campbell, Long Beach...In.  
Jerry Ott, El Camino...In.  
Bill Osterhout, Long Beach...In.  
Gordon Byrfield, Long Beach...In.

**SECOND TEAM**  
Ben Braskovich, Harbor JC...Out.  
Milt Wilhite, Long Beach...Out.  
Ed Bush, Santa Monica...Out.  
Byron Gallup, Santa Monica...In.  
Dave Herrick, Long Beach...In.  
Martin Wells, San Diego...In.  
Winton Combs, Valley JC...In.  
Tom Roberts, East LAJC...In.  
Pat Gillick, Valley JC...In.  
Norman Phipps, East LAJC...In.

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Wally Newberry, C. El Camino; Jack Evans, St. El Camino; Ralph Clinton, P. Long Beach; Bob Schertzer, St. Diego; and Fred Scott, St. Diego LAJC.

### Coaches Look For Improved Teams

With 45 players out, spring practice at Torrance High will continue through next week under the direction of Coach Jack Miller.

Heading the spring drills are 11 returning lettermen. The potential Tartar gridgers are working out of a split T with a flanker.

Players outstanding to date in the spring program are John Emery, fullback; Mick Babbitt, quarterback; Bill Montgomery, guard and captain for the 1956 season; Ken Hall, guard; Steve Foster, tackle; Bob Grajeda, halfback; Roger Reed, halfback; Darold Dils, tackle; Ray Kearns, halfback, and Tom Brown, end.

Dick Turner, assistant coach for this year's campaign, is helping Miller run the signal drills.

Many Working According to Coach Miller the number of gridgers working on outside jobs hampers the practice program. He also stated that "if we can't come in and practice before school starts, we won't be in shape."

School officials have intimated they will not allow local football teams practice time before school starts, as is the case with most of CIF schools.

Across town over 55 prospective gridgers, including 10 returning lettermen, answered Coach Cliff Graybehl's call for the start of North High's spring football practice.

Things Look Good After one week of conditioning and drill Graybehl stated that "judging from the enthusiasm and ability of the players out, next season should be definite improvement of the 1955 record."

Offensively the Saxons have been working on a Michigan-USC type multiple offense, the first time that the coach has

### Cagers Defeat Savings Team

Rich Ruffell and Jerry Mathews tossed in 33 points Monday night to lead Lovelady Hardware to a 60-53 Compton Boys League cage win over California Federal Savings.

The losing team was made up of Los Angeles high school boys.

Ruffell had 19 points on eight fielders and three of four charity tosses. Mathews had 14 points and out-rebounded everyone on the boards.

Tomorrow night the local high schoolers meet the Blue All Stars, while they tangle with Campbell Buick Co. Monday. All games are played in the Compton High gym.

Other scorers for the locals included Bob Knapp, 8; Jack Taylor, 6; Gene Crenshaw, 7, and Dale Mead and Paul O'Kain, four apiece.

### Lettermen Honored Tonight

The first annual Spring Sports Banquet for North High athletes and their dads will be held tonight at 6:30 in Gardena's Western Cafe. Spring sports lettermen will get their monograms from the Saxon coaches.

Former Torrance High Coach George Stanich will be guest speaker. This being Olympic year, Stanich will discuss the Olympic Games.

A former UCLA basketball, track and baseball great, George was a high jumper on the 1952 United States Olympic squad. He also saw some professional baseball duty before taking up coaching and is rated as one of the top cagers in the history of basketball at the Westwood school.

### Now At El Camino

He currently is the basketball coach at El Camino College.

Saxon coaches Del Nuzum, and Bill Ellings, baseball; Willard Morgan, track, and Bill Wood, golf, will present the letters to the monogram winners.

In addition, one of the highlights of the evening will be the announcement of the first Athlete of the Year at North High. Blanket awards for the top performers in track and baseball will also be revealed at the dinner.

Letter winners include the following Saxon athletes: Track - Jim Bald, Dave Campbell, Paul Carrico, Paul Chandler, Gene Daimler, Lionel Gillespie, Gerald Rowe, Bob Walker, Bob Bass, Al Bledsoe, Bill Bruton, Dave Constance, Gilbert Garnica, Ruben Garnica, Bill Hall, Ed McKiernan, Gary Martin, Bill Reeves, Bruce Stinger, Eursell Ward, Larry Anthony, Ken Begando, Paul Barrow, Tom Espinosa, Steve Dixon, Tom Espinosa, Jonas Garcia, Harry Lane, Bruce Merrifield, Fred Piccarelli, Brent Scott, Bill Wright.

### Other Awards

Jayvee Baseball - Emil Ca-

pik, Richard Davis, Dave Gilbert, Joe Hedgecock, Pete Kemp, Bill Nissen, Dave Pace, Bob Romero, Bob Walker, Dennis Harvey, Chuck Richardson.

### Varsity Baseball - Ron Anderson, Bill Bartleson, Steve Beckett, Bledsoe, Don Bolde, Stan Fittinger, George Fouts, Ray Grieshaber, Evan Harris, Ken Simpson, Ernie Thomson, Tony Trace, Ron Wyley.

Golf - Dave Scott, Steve Crowell, Nick Urban, Bill Wilson, Gary Little, Dick Kimonyi.

Captain awards will be given to Dave Campbell, Bill Reeves, Tom Espinosa, track; Bill Nissen, Steve Beckett, baseball. Managers Dean Worrell, Gage Enoch, Harvey Jinks, Phil Johnston, Bob Merry and Mike Schneider also will get awards.

### WINNERS NAMED IN MODEL DERBY

City finals in the first annual 500-meter Midget Derby were completed Saturday at the Civic Auditorium with the crowning of the Class A, B, and C champions.

Class A award winners were first, John Hunter, Fern Greenwood; second, Michael Ray, Meadow Park; third, Dick File, Carr School. Class B award winners: first, Gary Haddix, Madrona School; second, Jim Leiko, Madrona School; third, Roger Bayer, Carr School. Class C award winners: first, Billy Beasley, Walteria Park; second, Carey Christopher, El Retiro Park; third, Dane Christopher, El Retiro Park.

Patty Lewis, Walteria School, took top honors when her model won first place in the best designed division.

### Road Racing Strip Ready

Final work has been completed on the first permanent course for sports car racing in Southern California, according to Joe Weissman, president of the California Sports Car Club.

Located on the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds at Pomona, the new two-mile track will be put to the test for the first time June 23-24 in an event co-sponsored by the Pomona Elks Club and the CSCC.

### ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

Deep sea angling improving along with the weather as noted by the bulging sacks of aquatic vertebrates hauled ashore at various landings last week.

Pacific Sportfishing Landing reported 19 scrappy yellowtail brought to gaff on either the Fisherman or the Fisherman II over a six-day stretch, from Catalina and San Clemente Island waters, up to 30 lbs. in weight. Not to mention 22 log barracuda topped by Jim Griffin's 12-lb. 2-ouncer, nine white sea bass, mostly 14 and 15 lbs., 48 halibut topped by a 45-lb. barn door, and hundreds of bull bass up to 10 lbs. Really some whoppers taken at San Clemente.

Hottest log barry reported taken from local waters in the last year or two was snaked in by Clair Killen aboard the Sportfisher out of Joe Martin's Landing last Friday which sunk the scales at 13 lbs. 13 ozs. Same day he horsed aboard 27 lbs. 13 ozs. of yellowtail, making him a weekly winner in the Schenley Derby, as if his barry hadn't already. Prizes are awarded in three divisions at present - yellowtail, barracuda and white sea bass. Week before local man Al Coast won with his 28-lb. yellowtail, also hauled aboard the Sportfisher. Ray Beadle Jr., member of the Torrance Rod and Gun, nabbed a prize in the barry division for his 12-pounder taken off a Pacific vessel. Martin's crafts also connecting with barn doors up to 30 lbs. and limits of the whopping bull bass.

The yellowtail situation off the Coronados still in pretty sad shape. Palpatations were felt by many Saturday when Point Loma Landing reported 33 yellows, 860 small snakes, and 13 small white sea bass among the numerous bottom and kelp fish checked in. Big letdown, to say the least, when Sunday's anglers only accounted for four yellows and two barrys, and Monday's one yellow, and likewise on barracuda. Really didn't seem an optimistic outlook to head. Adverse winds again clouded the water just when it had cleared. Toward quitting time Monday skippers noted clearing around North Island and a pretty fair showing of yellows. Who knows? By the week end scappers could be jumping in the boats with hundreds hauled aboard every day as in the past seasons.

Tomorrow 150 anglers who qualified with a 23-lb. yellowtail or over will compete for prizes in the first period fish-off of the annual Yellowtail Derby. Will have a few from our own stomping grounds in on the tussle. Second period, now under way with qualifying weight at the 15-lb. mark, ends July 21.

The traveling Leon Smiths again have returned, this time from their jaunt to Clear Lake where they had a ball on blue gill, crappie and catfish. Fishing and weather at its best. Also want in for the new dish, crawdad fishing at Rio Vista. Never find this particular couple at home any more since they acquired a trailer. Hummmph!

Bass fishing at Lake Mead in high gear, according to Chick Hill, who returned with a dandy string of 5-pounders. Know of several taking off, anxious to get in on some really good bass catches. The time to go is when they're hitting, ya know.