

# LOCAL TEAMS PREP FOR GRID OPENERS

## Tartar Team In Scrimmage Play

With less than one week to go, the Torrance High Tartars are looking toward their 1956 grid opener with Glendale Hoover High here, Friday evening. The local prep will be out seeking to avenge the 31-7 thumping they took from Hoover in the 1955 kick-off game.

Off a recent scrimmage head coach Jack Miller has high hopes that the varsity eleven will be able to hold off the visitors ground attack. Additional work is called for in the aerial defense department. In the offensive department things seem in similar condition. Mick Babbitt's aerials are well directed to such receivers as ends Tom Brown and Mike Gonia.

Miller has stated that the primary strength of the Tartar team will lie in over-all balance; rather than an over emphasis in any single depart-

ment, offense or defense. Off pre-season league forecasts the Tartars have no where to go but up. In a Bay League coaches poll the local club was rated last in their league, with the battle for top honors supposed to be between Santa Monica, Centennial and Mira Costa. With eight returning lettermen in the line-up, a strong forward wall, and an improving backfield, the Tartars will be working hard to upset the seasonal dope sheet, starting with Hoover Friday.

## SAXON GRIDDRERS IN FINAL DRILLS

With their first game at long last in sight, the North Torrance High Saxons head into their final workouts for the season opener with Artesia on Friday.

Cliff Graybehl, head coach, and Bill Ellings, backfield coach, will spend the final drill sessions polishing any rough spots remaining in the 1956 Saxon grid machine.

Off recent scrimmages the main points needing additional attention are the running attack and pass defense. Off the same scrums the Saxon mentors are well pleased with the progress indicated in their over-all line defense and the passing game.

**Offense Combo**  
At the present time the top North High offensive backfield combo would appear to be: Ray Greshaber, quarterback; Jim Whitley, fullback; and Paul Carrico and Bob Romero at the halves.

With a tight battle going in several of the positions Graybehl would, with few reserva-

## Ehlers, Tippin Lead Tartars To Victory

Torrance High's varsity and junior varsity cross country squads handed a double loss to the Lynwood harriers Friday as the Tartars made their first appearance of the year.

Coach Joe Stuart's varsity squad placed five members in the first eight to win 25 to 32. Len Ehlers, who took time off from grid duties for the two-way meet, turned in the best time for the Tartars when he circled the 1.9 mile course in 9:07. He was second behind Lynwood's Holcomb who toured the route in 9:32.

Other Tartars contributing to the victory included Tom Hammack who was fourth; Stanford Smith, fifth; Don Mitchell, sixth; and Billy LaDuke, eighth.

A newcomer to Torrance High, Jack Tippin, led the junior varsity to a sweep of the first four places against the Lynwood javvies.

Tippin turned in a 10:41 clocking after threading his way through a student rally which had spilled over onto the cross country circuit.

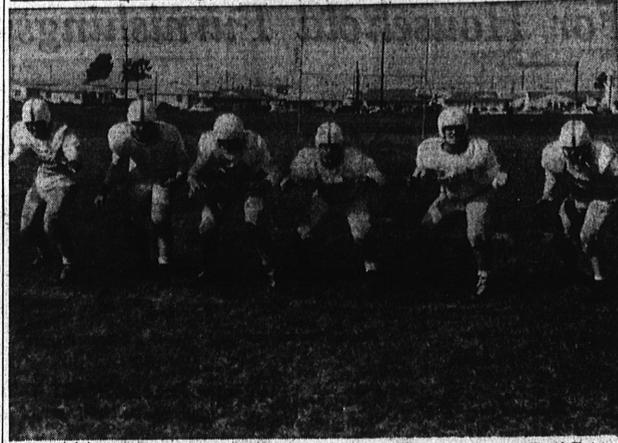
He was followed by Dick Ryan, second; Bob Jester, third; Dick Hansen, fourth and Jack Carter, seventh.

The Tartar distance men will have two weeks to get in condition for their next encounter, with league winning Mira Costa's team which edged out Torrance last year in the Bay League title match.

The Tartar varsity and javvies will meet Michon on Oct. 4 in a match which may give an indication of the outcome of this year's cross country title.



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SIX SAXON LINEHOLDERS... Ready to hold the line against Artesia in the season opener on Friday are Cliff Graybehl's, North High varsity coach, starting defensive linemen. The rugged defenders are (from left to right) Ted Hardman, Steve Harper, Tom Koehn, Stan Fittenger, Dan Hayes, and Chuck Webb.

## Saxon Bees Developing Strong Line

Bees gridgers at North Torrance are entering their final week of drills before the season opener with Artesia's Bees at North High field on Thursday.

Coach Nuzum's charges are still held from achieving their full potential by lack of equipment and uniforms, though Nuzum reports that the players presently outfitted are shaping up according to schedule.

Fundamental tackling, blocking and ball handling have been the major points of emphasis in the workouts for the past week.

A particular bright spot is the development of the Bees' line, headed up by the return of letterman Ron Haydon, guard; Fred Lee, guard; Eddie Jauregui, tackle, and Dave Babbitt, end.

## HARBOR SEAHAWKS TRIP SAN BERNARDINO IN CLOSE GAME

Harbor J.C. opened the local football season Thursday evening with a narrow 7-6 win over San Bernardino Valley College on the losers' field. The Harbor crew thus became the first junior college in the Los Angeles area to climb into the win column.

It was a close win for the Seahawks, with a 71-yard touchdown jaunt early in the second half by Ed Paculba and Willie Carpentier's successful conversion attempt, as they came from behind to down the San Bernardinos.

The home club took a six-point lead in the second quarter when Bob Mims crossed the goal line on a 18-yard pass play. The two teams duelled scorelessly in the first and final quarters of play.

Harbor entered the contest as slight underdogs, the unfavorable forecasts mainly being

made on the fact that they would be playing in the Orange Show Bowl. San Bernardino's home stomping grounds.

Harbor J.C. 0 0 7 0-7  
San Bernardino 0 6 0 0-6  
Harbor touchdown: Paculba; PAT, Carpentier.  
San Bernardino touchdown: Mims.

## Bluebirds Best Team Standards

A team record smashing performance was recorded during the past season as the Bluebirds' final statistics were recently released.

A new team batting mark was established as Bob Carter recorded a .438 average, eclipsing the former mark of .436 set by Swayne Johnson last year.

Another new mark was in the stolen base department, Larry Roy's season total of 13 topping the previous record of 11 set by Johnson in 1955.

In the pitching department Tom Vanderpool set a new mark and equalled another, his 73 innings pitched equaled his former mark while his 8 winning games was better than his six wins in 1955.

A double smash was recorded in two-base hits with Hank Camou blasting ten and Bucky Kuhn slamming nine, both topping the old mark of eight held by Camou.

Kuhn had a hand in the removal of another mark, as he scored 37 runs for the season, bettering the former record of 35 set by Johnson in 1955.

The final mark set by the Bluebirds was Jack Schlarb's 2.14 earned run average, as compared to his previous best of 2.95, established last season.

**LAKE COUNTRY**  
So surrounded is Michigan by its three Great lakes—Huron, Erie and Michigan—that no point in the state is said to be more than 85 miles distant from the shore of one of them.

**'Old Finback' Still In Lake Alondra**  
The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation reported that with the completion of extensive improvements of Lake Alondra, on Redondo Beach Blvd., in Lawndale, the quest for "Old Finback" may be resumed by children 13 years of age and under.

"Old Finback," a five pound bass with a \$35 merchandise order tag in him, has been the object of the free-junior type fishermen since he was planted in 1954.

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## FINAL BLUEBIRD MARKS

Player	BATTING									
	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	PO
Bishop, Dave	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carter, Bob	30	71	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kuhn, Bucky	24	87	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roy, Larry	22	81	40	7	2	1	18	20	0	0
Johnson, Swayne	12	37	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franch, Jack	12	18	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camou, Hank	19	71	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schlarb, Jack	17	22	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gater, Ronald	13	22	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawford, Bill	13	22	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy, Jim	13	22	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camou, Charlie	13	22	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strong, Carl	19	67	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanderpool, Tom	22	42	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Player	PITCHING									
	G	IP	SO	HR	ER	RA	W	L	E	PO
Schlarb, Jack	16	67	92	39	47	3	15	2	15	0
Camou, Charlie	16	42	27	17	34	17	1	1	1	0
Vanderpool, Tom	16	73	65	46	46	4	3	0	0	0
Bishop, Dave	3	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Random Ramblings

By ROGER BOEDECKER

After four weeks of preliminary practice Torrance High will finally be permitted to unveil its 1956 varsity football team. The season opener will be against Glendale Hoover High, Friday evening on the local field.

As a season opener any potential spectators can expect to see a lot of spirit, action, and probably more than a few mistakes on the part of the local gridgers.

Such is the typical season opener. The kids, after enduring what to them seems like long drawn-out practices, will storm onto the field, eager to put into action what they have learned in drills.

The only trouble with the Torrance opener lies in the fact that while it is Torrance's first game, it will be Hoover's second. It seems that the Tartars will be placed at more than a slight disadvantage right off the bat.

It's kind of tough to start to play at a disadvantage, particularly when it is recognized that the handicap is unnecessarily imposed.

You see, the reason why Glendale will have the edge is that they play a nine-game schedule, and started their season last Friday, while the local club is restricted to an abbreviated eight-game menu.

Last Friday, while Torrance's two high schools sat, the majority of the other schools in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), got some game experience under their belts.

It would seem that this situation is the result of a subtle de-emphasis of football in the local secondary schools. The eight game schedule is a by-product of this de-emphasis.

Personally, I am not opposed to de-emphasizing football, when it doesn't interfere with the normal development of the kids involved. Football is a game to be played for fun. It's a game from which certain lessons may be learned.

These lessons may be analyzed as being some of the basic requisites upon which our democratic society is based: cooperation, honesty, self sacrifice and others.

When the de-emphasis process reaches the point where it is restricting this type of development, then it has gone too far.

And it has reached that point when the local schools are forced to go out and compete with other teams while trying to overcome a built-in handicap.

When things reach that stage, then I say, let's junk the whole traditional program and institute something like a tiddly-winks physical education course.

How about it, Dr. Hull?

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LEFT HANDED AERIALIST... George Foutts, North Torrance Bee tailback, will lead the Saxon lightweights with a left handed aerial attack in their 1956 opener against Artesia's Bees Thursday afternoon.

## Fire Department Teams Tangle for City Title

Fire Department A and B teams mix Wednesday night for the city slop-chest softball championship in the third of a best-of-three series.

The B squad waxed their mates, 11-1, in the first en-

counter, while the A-men came back last week to squeak by, 4-1. Chief J. J. Benner will toss out the first ball Wednesday for the 7:30 game at Torrance Park.