

Sports



ONE'S FROM TORRANCE — Here are UCLA's four football stars who all answer to the name of Smith. They'll all be seen in action at the Coliseum this Saturday night when the Bruins battle Pittsburgh in the season opener. Yes, that's Skip Smith of our town, a 56 graduate of Torrance High. Second from right. The hard-running senior fullback is a key man in the Bruins attack. The others are from left, Earl Smith, senior right end from San Francisco; Bob Smith, junior tailback from Compton; and Rob Smith, soph tailback from La Canada.

Dohner Sparkles for Saxons

Halfback Hot In Practice; Sibley Hurt

Halfback Roy Dohner shone as bright as the 11th hour sun as North High churned through a crisp hour-long scrimmage yesterday.

The 160 pounder ran in mid-season form as he broke off a 70 yarder and several other good-size gainers during the early part of the Saxons' first body-contact scrimmage.

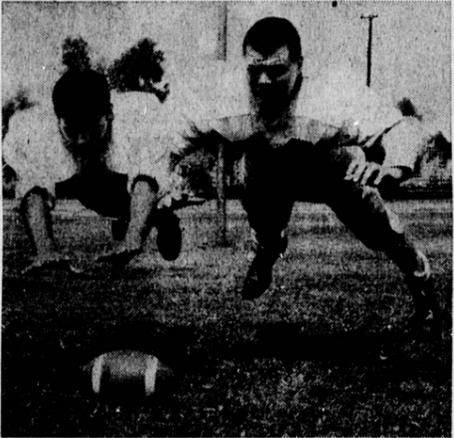
Coach Bob Shoup beamed as he looked ahead to the first game, Sept. 23, against Warren of Downey.

North has its offensive backfield pretty well set, with sophomore Carey Hubert at quarterback, Dohner at half, Derick Busch (who's nursing a bad ankle) at fullback, and peewee Felix Alivillar (130) at the slotback.

Veteran Dan Claxton is set at center and is more advanced at center-timing than North's last two football seasons at the same stage, Shoup reports.

With only 31 players reporting to yesterday's practice session, the team's ninth in five days, one player was inconspicuously absent. He's 220-pound John Sibley, an honorable mention all-Bay League guard and the team's best lineman.

Sibley is out with a chronic bad sacroiliac, but the Saxon coaching brass is hoping he'll be in good enough shape to play by the first game.



FLYING HIGH . . . The smallest and one of the biggest gridders at North High dive for loose ball as both condition for first string assignments. Little Felix Alivillar (130) and lineman Gary Sexton (210), both seniors, were two of 31 players who went through hour-long scrimmage yesterday. (Herald Photo).

Best Fishing Lies Ahead

Sportfisher skippers at Redondo Fisherman's Wharf anticipate the year's best fishing lies just ahead—now Labor Day is past—if history is any indication of things to come.

Gordon McRae, sportfisher chief at Redondo Beach, said best fishing in the past two years has occurred between Labor Day and the following March, yet 75 per cent of fishermen put a way their poles

following the Labor Day weekend.

MCRAE SAID his fleet of three boats are just now starting to cash in on large schools of yellowtail, now moving into the Landing's normal fishing grounds from offshore waters. Heavier halibut and greater numbers of halibut are frequenting waters, skippers, report.

Hoop Program To Expand

The Torrance Recreation Department's Adult Sports Section, under the direction of Elmer "Red" Moon, is planning an enlarged program this year in the new game of "Ambie Basketball." (Regular basketball, slowed down to a walk with special rules designed to foil the fast break.)

Two 6-team leagues, organized last season, participated in two rounds of play in Torrance High School girl's gymnasium. Players trying the game for the first time, particularly the old time stars who are long at the waistline and short at breath, received the new version of the popular pastime with enthusiasm and are looking forward eagerly to the start of the coming season, according to Moon.

Present plans call for the opening of gymnasiums during the months of November and December to enable the players and teams to get in condition for league play, slated to begin during the first week of January. Also in the planning stages are regulation basketball leagues.

Providing that sufficient interest can be generated, leagues will be formed in the following classifications: Open, Church, Industrial, and Faculty. All persons who are interested in participating in any of these leagues, as a player, team manager or team sponsor, are urged to contact Moon at the Recreation Office, 1511 Cravens Ave., or phone FAirfax 8-4108.

Prep Backs Shine in Drills; Coaches Beam

Torrance Seeking Linemen

You don't lose the likes of Stan Gonta and Phil Nichol in the line and come back as strong as ever, and nobody realizes it more than Coach Irwin Kasten at Torrance High this year.

Beginning his second season as head coach, the former Tartar alum has a virtual scarecrow staff of linemen to try to emulate last year's stingy and bang-em-up front wall which was so much responsible for any measure of the school's gridiron success.

WITH ONLY two returning lettermen in the line, Kasten is giving a long, hard look to the portion of 53 candidates seeking jobs up front.

But things may be looking up, if a couple of "first time" varsity candidates pan out.

One of the question marks could be 280 pound sophomore Garlan Roberts, who was too young as a freshman to play varsity ball last year. Others may be slotback Mike Challis, a transfer from South High, and Rick Hood, another transfer, at end.

But while things are skimpy up front, backfield coach Clyde Christiansen, who moves up from last year's championship Bee team, has men three deep in the offensive platoon.

BUT SO FAR, returning quarterback Howard Taylor, and lettermen ball carriers Jerry McLean and Mike Irvine are the ones to beat out.

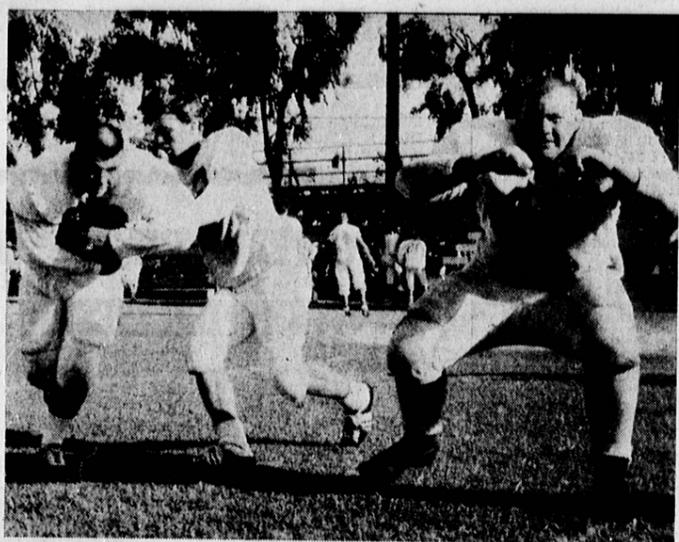
Steve Parker, who missed virtually the whole season last year, returns for his senior season and could be a booster if his gimpy knee holds up.

Don Dobrick, a letterman, and newcomer John Cambon are giving Taylor a run for his money at the signal-calling position.

Taylor — who played both offense and defense last season — will probably stick to offense this year.

KASTEN PUT his charges through a crisp 25 minute scrimmage Friday and was fairly well satisfied with what he saw. However, Dobrick, who could be the best passer of three QBs, missed both sessions.

With no injuries so far to bog the team down, the Tartars will work out again tomorrow morning at 9:30 and again in the afternoon at 3:30.



PROTECTION PLUS . . . Torrance's 280 pound sophomore Garlan Roberts provides plenty of protection for smallest halfback Mike Cicchini as he takes handoff from quarterback Howard Taylor during Tartar training session. Torrance plans to step up drills as first game in two weeks draws nearer. (Herald Photo)

Independent Survives Rally for City Softball Championship, 5-4

The Independent Builders survived a 7th inning, back-to-the-wall comeback by South Bay Church of God to score a pulsating 5 to 4 victory for the city's Industrial Softball League championship Friday night at Torrance Park.

The new city champs carried what seemed like a sure and safe 5-1 advantage into the final inning only to see the spunky churchmen send nine men to the plate and fall one

In Suburban L.A.

Lakers Card Inter-Squad Practices

The Los Angeles Lakers, who open training at Pepperdine September 12, have scheduled a series of inter-squad games for the second week of practice, according to Coach Fred Schaus.

"We are taking a number of new prospects to camp with us this year, including three or four local boys, and I want to make sure that I see all of them in the best possible light. Inter-squad games, played before the public, bring out the best in basketball players."

"League rules permit us to carry only eleven players at the beginning of the season, and ten after the first cut-down on December 15. In my coaching career, I have found that public inter-squad games are one of the best ways for me to evaluate talent," he said.

The games are all carded in suburban Los Angeles areas. The Laker Inter-squad schedule follows:
Sept. 19—Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.
Sept. 22—Covina Union High School.
Sept. 24—Westminster High School.
Sept. 26—Pomona College.
Sept. 27—Compton High School.

Knights' Backfield Sharp

After seven workouts Coach George Gauder is beginning to sift the men from the boys at Bishop Montgomery High as the school knocks off drills until Monday afternoon.

Gauder — who says he's concentrating primarily on fundamentals in these early shoulder-bumping sessions — has a fair idea of what could be the Knights' starting backfield combo for the season opener against Loyola in two weeks.

SO FAR — although there has been just one scrimmage session — halfbacks Dick Corwin and Dick Moore, fullback Bob Early, and quarterback John Clark have been impressive.

"We have a great lack of tackles and guards and a host of ends and backs," Gauder — in his first year at Montgomery said Friday in a brief evaluation of the Knights' personnel.

George doesn't know much of anything about returning players and so far cares less. All jobs are open and all can be won in practice.

OUTSIDE OF the usual couple of pulled muscles and stiff joints, no injuries have riddled the Montgomery training camp.

And while the school's football braintrust is forming ideas about the players, slowly but surely the host of ends and backs are being transplanted up front where the real dirty work is performed.

Joe Rutherford, who says most of his action in the backfield last year, is being given a good looksee on the front line. "Joe can play almost anywhere and do a good job," Gauder appraised.

OTHERS WHO have shown shown something to smile at in practice so far have been Forest Hunt, Harvey Faurholt, and Bill O'Connell, all linemen.

quite — put it on ice in the 7th after Independent scored what seemed at the time like two unimportant "insurance" runs on just one hit and three errors in the home half of the 6th.

Reynolds and Aoki each swatted two hits for the losers to lead the game's hitters.

JOHNSON didn't let a runner reach second base until Reynolds' double in the 6th.

In four meetings this season, Independent and Church of God split at 2-2.

Church of God (4)	AB	R	H	E
Aoki, ss	4	0	0	1
Rempton, 2b	4	0	0	0
Traylor, 3b	3	0	0	0
Christie, c	2	1	0	0
Tierney, 1b	3	0	0	0
Smyers, lf	3	0	0	0
Sigler, rf	3	0	0	0
Reynolds, p	3	0	0	0
Cole, cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	6	6

Independent Builders (5)	AB	R	H	E
Lakers, ss	3	1	0	0
Natividad, lf	3	0	0	0
Davies, c	3	0	0	0
Moorehead, cf	3	0	0	0
Leverich, 3b	3	0	0	0
Ward, 2b	3	1	1	0
Rogers, 1b	3	1	1	0
Roberts, rf	3	1	1	0
Johnson, p	3	1	1	0
Totals	27	5	5	0

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PROMISING LINEMEN . . . Jay McBride and Dave Fulford, a pair of rock-bull tackles, have South High Coach David Tollefson buzzing about team's possibilities in Bay League this season. Both have unexpectedly bolstered team strength at those spots, once believed to be team weak points. (Herald Photo).

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