El Segundo, Mira Costa Tabbed For Pioneer, Bay Championships

BACK SAFELY . . . Torrance High baserunner Joe Montgomery dives back safely to first base as North High firstbaseman Dwayne Merrill waits for throw from pitcher Cary Hubert during second inning action of Thursday's intra-city game at North. Tartars won game 8-6, to even two game set with North at 1-1. League seasons open Tuesday. (Herald photo)

Darkhorse North Hi Faces Moeller in Opener Tuesday

El Segundo baseball coach John Stevenson looks like the proverbial cat which swallowed the canary. And rightly so.

While his Pioneer League coaching counterparts have been experimenting in atempts to find the "winning" combinations, Stevenson's Eagles have rolled up eight consecutive wins in nine games and today are being named the HERALD'S "team to beat" for the 1960 championship.

At the same time, this corner tabs Mira Costa High as the Bay League's top team.

The Pioneer and Bay Leagues will open their respective campaigns on Tuesday afternoon.

El Segundo has prep sensation Bob Flynn anchoring a solid mound corps and a power hitting line-up.

Flynn (4-0) has two no-hitters and a one-hitter, but Stevenson says he has four flingers behind him who are "almost as good."

Teams which figure to push the Eagles in the 12 game league season are South, Torrance, Aviation, Culver City and Lennox. Beverly Hills, which Coach Harold Seiling calls "the weakest team I've had in 15 years," is about the only pushover.

South has a strong right-handed hitting line-up, with a veteran at almost every position. However, the Spartans under Coach Jerry McIlvaine run from flashy to flash-in-the-pan at times.

South has a 4-3 "Grapefruit League" record.

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TORRANCE knocked off rival North Thursday, 8-6, lifting the Tartars over the .500 mark in non-league games. However, the Maroon and Gray nine has been consistently inconsistent and their drive towards a championship may depend on how often Tom Richardson — the team's ace left-hander — can pitch and how far he can go.

Jim Armstrong at first base and Joe Montgomery at second are the team's top hitters.

In the Bay League, Mira Costa — with a 5-2 non-league status — looms as the team to beat.

Big Joey Moeller, the basketball star and a two year varsity baseball veteran, is an outstanding pitcher. The tall (6'4") righthander has a 2-1 record, beaten only by North in an early season game.

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MOELLER WILL be on the firing line Tuesday when Micohi and North go at it with the blue chips on the table.

Santa Monica, second to Morningside in the CIF playoffs last year, is probably Mira Costa's top threat along with North.

Samohi's top claim to fame is 6'5", 180 pound righthander Cliff Goodrich, who was probably the outstanding hurler in the CIF a year ago. Like Moeller, Goodrich was a basketball star and just recently reported to the baseball team.

North depends on a solid defense and a steady-hitting line-up, braced by veteran catcher Dave Marsden, the team's top hitter and team leader.

The Saxons may be too thin in pitching strength to go all the way in their first season in the Bay conference, but juniors Dennis Hogue and Larry Dotson have shown considerable poise on the mound.

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IF VETERAN righthander John Simpson comes out of "retirement" the Saxons just might upset the dopesheet.

The non-league records of each Bay and Pioneer League team, plus Tuesday's games and known starting pitchers:

BAY LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Mira Costa	5	2	.714
North	6	4	.600
Inglewood	4	3	.571
Redondo	4	4	.500
Hawthorne	3	6	.333
Santa Monica	3	7	.300
Leuzinger	1	5	.167
Morningside	0	4	.000

Tuesday's Schedule

Inglewood (Fox, 1-1) at Hawthorne.
Leuzinger at Redondo (Horne).
Mira Costa (Moeller (2-1) at North (Hogue, 3-1).
Santa Manico (Goodrich, 1-1) at Morningside.

PIONEER LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
El Segundo	8	1	.889
Aviation	5	3	.625
Culver City	5	3	.625
South	4	3	.571
Torrance	5	4	.555
Lennox	3	4	.428
Beverly Hills	2	5	.285

Tuesday's Schedule

South at Aviation.
Beverly Hills (Trugman) at El Segundo (Parente).
Culver City at Torrance.

Thornton Bests Perry in Mile Duel on South Oval

Torrance's Mike Thornton bested Jim Perry of South in the featured mile race Friday but the Spartans came away smelling like roses in winning their first triangular meet in three years.

Thornton, who anchored Torrance's thrilling distance medley team win at the Mira Costa Relays last week, was clocked in 4:34.5 in beating Perry by eight yards.

However, South scored a convincing 62-47½-19½ varsity win over the Tartars and Culver City in the tri meet at South.

The only double turned in was by Spartan John Robinson, who took both hurdle races.

Torrance swept all four positions in the broad jump, Tartar Gary Huffman went 6'1⅛" in the high jump, and South's Doug Brown copped a thrilling 440 to highlight the varsity events.

Bee sprinter Phil Fish set a South freshman record by winning the 220 in 23.5.

The mile times may have been held down since both runners were to compete again at yesterdays Ralays in Huntington Beach.

Thornton, a junior, and Perry, a senior, are up among the top two or three in the Pioneer League.

In copping wins in all three divisions, South remained unbeaten in five meets.

SUMMARY

Varsity:
100—Vroman, 10.5.
220—Hanblim (CC), 52.0.
440—Brown (S), 52.0.
880—VanClacar (S), 2:05.
Mile—Thornton (T), 4:34.5.
LH—Robinson (S), 21.0.
HH—Robinson (S), 15.6.
Relay—South (Vroman, Dreiling, Robinson, Brown), 1:34.5.
HJ—Huffman (T), 6'1⅛".
BJ—Sloat (T), 20'3".
SP—Dublin (CC), 43'3".
PV—Smith (S), 12'.
VARSITY SCORE: South 62, Torrance 47½, Culver ity 19½.

BEE SORE: South 60 1/6, Torrance 38 5/6, Culver City 31.

CEE CORE: South 64½, Torrance 28, Culver City 14½.

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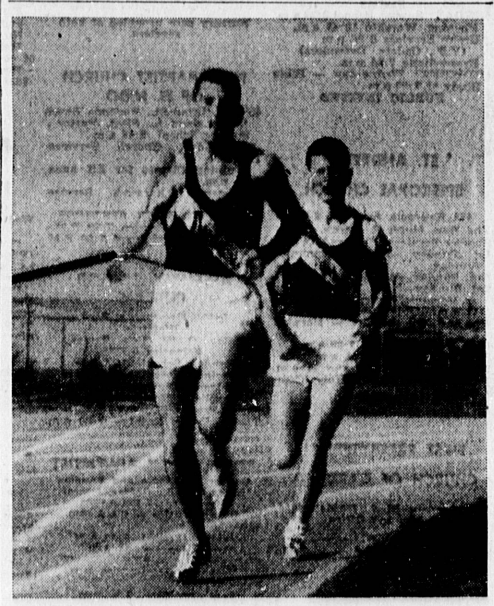

MILE DUEL . . . Mike Thornton (left) and South's Jim Perry were neck and neck for two and a half laps Friday before Thornton pulled away to win by eight yards in a thrilling race at South. They're shown here on third lap. South copped triangular meet with Torrance and Culver City by a wide margin to remain unbeaten for the season. (Herald photo)

City's Top Track Marks

Pat Lininger, North High sprinter, is two tenths of a second off the fastest 100 yard dash time ever run by a Torrance athlete and South High's class B 660 relay team is .4s off the city record to top the city's top early season track and field times.

The event, city record, top 1960 athlete and his time are listed in order below. All records are held by former Torrance High spikers.

VARSITY

100 (9.9—Lininger (N) 10.1
220 (21.5)—Ross (S) 23.2
440 (50.0)—Brown (S) 51.8
880 (1:55.5)—Thornton (T) ..2:01.2
HH (14.7)—Robinson (S) 15.2
Mile (4:21.2)—Penny (S) 4:34.0
Relay (1:31.7)—South 1:35.9
LH (19.7)—Vroman (S) 20.3
BJ (22' 11")—Laird (N) .....21'
SP (51'7")—Laird (N) .....45'3"
PV (12'6¾")—Smith (S) .....12'
HJ (6'6½")—Smith (S), Huffman (T) ..... 6'1"

BEES

100 (10.0)—DeSpain (S), Fish (S), Goodwin (T) 10.6
220 (22.7)—Schmidt (T) 24.1
660 (1:27.5)—Stone (S) 1:30.0
1320 (3:17.3)—Gable (T) 3:28
660 Relay (1:10.5)—South.....1:10.9
BJ (21'7¼")—Dohner (N) ....19.5"
SP (52'2")—Olard (T) .....46'11½"
PV (12'6")—Kyle (T) .....11'4"
HJ (5'11½")—Smith (S) .....5'6"

CEES

100 (10.4)—Tubbs (N) 11.1
180—(18.5)—Bennett (S) 19.5
660 (1:28.5)—Edman (S) 1:37.4
LH (13.9)—Clark (S) 15.9
440 Relay (45.4)—South 50.6
HJ (5'10 5/8")—Hansen (S)..18'8½"
BJ (20'3 5/8")—Hansen (S)..18'8¼"
SP (52'3")—Cloward (T) .....41'

Hull, Stern Fire 70s For Camino

El Camino's Rick Hull and Mike Stern fired sizzling two under par 70s Friday as the Warriors laced Los Angeles City College by a 52-2 match play score at the Western Ave. course.

The Warriors won each match in the non-conference meet.

El Camino goes against two of the top links teams in the Metropolitan Conference next week, meeting San Diego on Monday and traveling to Bakersfield on Friday.

ECC has a 3-1 Metro record.

Summary

Rick Hull (EC) def. Artz, 6-0 (70-78).
Mike Stern (EC) def. Hitt, 6-0 (70-85).
Larry Martz (EC) def. Lawrence, 6-0 (77-84).
Joan Kelly (EC) def. Cox 4-2 (90-91).
Steve Crowell (EC) def. Tripp, 6-0 (78-95).
Final Score: El Camino 52, LACC 2.

Spartans Drop Golf Opener By 10 Strokes

South's one-two golfers blew sky high Friday and the Spartans dropped their Pioneer League debut to Beverly Hills by 10 strokes, at Palos Verdes.

Mike Miller, South's third man, carded low score for the Spartans, a 41.

Coach Joe Stuart's team goes against Culver City next week

SUMMARY

Rhodes (BH) def. Clouch, 37-49
Melton (BH) def. Reis, 39-44.
Miller (S) def. Leebode, 40-44.
Huitt (S) def. Donner (BH) 41-44.
Hume (S) tied Ricci (BH), 45-45
Final Score: Beverly Hills 209, South 219.

Harlem Clowns in Redondo April 1

Comic basketball lovers are in for a treat on Friday night, April 1.

Al "Runt" Pullins' zany Harlem Clowns will make their annual stopover in Redondo Beach that night against the Redondo All-Stars. Clown press releases advertise the casaba comics as "the funniest basketball team in America."

Big Bob Woods (6-3, 220) will again take over the duties as chief comic when the fun-loving band of Negroes takes the floor.

The Clowns have a couple of new player additions, plus new comedy routines and have been declared smash successes in their 59-60 barnstorming tour.

The All-Stars, which will include Avery Bryant's Open League championship basketball team from the Torrance Recreation Dept.'s adult program, also have top-notch cagers.

Three former El Camino hoop men — Bob Combs, Tike Karavas, and Bob Garrett — plus Jim Portis, a fabulous rebounder and "stuffer" along with former all-American John Kincannon, and little Avery Bryant himself makes up the nucleus of the quintet.

The Clowns opened their season on Nov. 3 in Washington, and will play through Canada, Montana, Mexico, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado.

National Little League Calls General Meeting

A general meeting of parents of the Torrance National Little League will be held Monday at the Torrance Elementary School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

In conjunction, the Dodger World Series films will be shown.

Babe Ruth League

The Torrance Babe Ruth League will hold a Board of Directors meeting Monday at 7:30 at the Steelworkers Hall on Border Ave.

WORK PARTY

All fathers of boys who will be playing in the West Torrance Pony League are asked to join the work party to be held on the Ryan Aircraft field on 247th St., today.

Rakes, shovels and hammers are to be brought and work is to start at 8 a.m. The league needs the complete cooperation of the fathers if the field is to be ready for the scheduled opening day, April 30th.

Tartar JV's Win 4-2 Over North

By MIKE RANESES

John Clark and Bill Roberts clouted clutch doubles Thursday to spark the Torrance JV nine to a three run 7th inning rally for a 4-2 win over crosstown North at Torrance Park.

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Beck and Bell, Lipman (4), Hodges, Roberts (5), and Stout.

New Sport Fishing License Sales Mark

More Californians than ever before bought sport fishing licenses in 1959, Director Walter T. Shannon of the Department of Fish and Game announced today.

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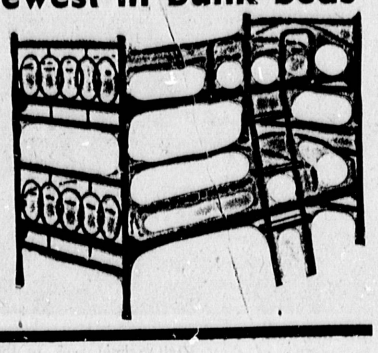

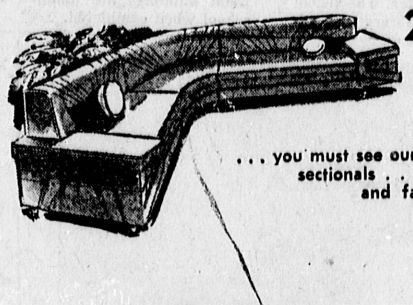

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