

SWEARINGEN HANDED ECC COACHING POST; ESSICK STEPS DOWN

Ken Swearingen, hero of the Warrior gridiron in 1952-53 and a member of the El Camino College coaching staff since 1957, will take reins as head coach next fall.

Announcement of Swearingen's appointment was made by Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, following action of the college trustees in their meeting Monday.

In accepting the head coaching position at El Camino College, Swearingen will become one of the nation's most youthful college head grid mentors. He will be 27 in February.

DR. MARSEE characterized Swearingen as a born leader and "a logical choice" for the head coaching position at El Camino. In addition to his athletic and coaching talents, the Warrior alum has achieved respect for outstanding academic advancement, the college president noted.

A former head and assistant coach at El Camino himself, John Morrow, now assistant director of instruction in the fields of natural sciences, physical education and athletics, lauded Swearingen for his maturity. "He is recognized as having an astute football mind," Morrow said. He added, "He called the plays this year and did an outstanding offensive job."

MORROW continued, "Ken's picked up some of the characteristics and ability of Norm Verry, who was a master at scouting and defensive play." The former coach also praised Swearingen for his interpretation of films in the evaluation of opposing teams. Recent Metropolitan Conference action indicates that both stills and motion pictures will be increasingly important in future coaching.

Swearingen's appointment fills the coaching vacancy caused by the death of Norm Verry in October. Filling out the '61 season as head coach, Doug Essick has indicated a preference to decrease his coaching load in favor of physical education class activity on campus.

A GRADUATE of Redondo Beach Union High School, where he was a star on the

Camino Hosts Table Tennis Tournament

El Camino College will host the 15th Annual Pacific Coast Open Table Tennis Championships Saturday and Sunday, intramural adviser Irwin Boxer announced today.

"The tournament, sponsored by the California Table Tennis Assn., is open for entry to all table tennis players," Boxer continued.

Boxer stated, "Spectators are encouraged; admission is free and a door prize will be given."

The tournament, from noon, Saturday, and continuing until 11 p.m. that night, will resume again on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Boxer recommended, "The best time for spectators will be at 7 p.m. on both evenings, and it will be especially interesting Sunday evening, when the championship class play-offs will take place."

"Three hundred dollars worth of trophies will be awarded for the various classifications which include boys, girls, junior boys, junior girls, doubles, mixed doubles, and a midget classification of the 7-10 age group," Boxer continued.

BOXER noted, "Some of the players to highlight the tournament will be those presently among the nation's finest."

Stuffy Singer is among these. He is known as possessing the best variation of serves in the United States. A veteran in competition, he is only 19.

Gene Roseman, noted as the "crown-prince" of table tennis, will also be at the tournament. His playing features rocket-high lobs and uncanny retrieves. He is particularly confusing to first-hand opponents.

Boxer pointed out, "Contestants will be playing table tennis not ping-pong. Ping-pong is that game that is played by little old ladies in their basement using books for a net."

Seahawk eleven, Swearingen continued his athletic and student career at El Segundo College, where he nabbed All-Southern California JC and All-Metropolitan Conference honors as halfback in both his freshman and sophomore years.

At the College of Pacific, Swearingen continued to star on the gridiron, playing two years with COP varsity football and rugby teams. During his graduate year in Stockton, he served as freshman backfield coach and assistant baseball coach. He holds both the bachelor and master of arts degrees from COP, since renamed University of Pacific. He was graduated from COP with honors.

SWEARINGEN was considered by the late Norm Verry as

one of his most outstanding products at El Camino College; the late coach was also one of his proteges strong boosters toward entering the coaching profession. It was known that Verry had hoped Swearingen would eventually enter the ranks of head college football coach.

The young coach, his wife, Jill, and two children reside at 21413 Anza, Torrance. Both received their secondary education in South Bay schools.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Swearingen is the third ECC alumnus to assume a post as head coach in the athletic program. Don Jurk, assistant football coach and gymnastic coach, and Ray Southstone, cross country and track coach, are both former Warrior students.



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EC Catches Cerritos, Karavas Meshes 17

Hot on the heels of a heart-stopping 54-50 victory over invading Cerritos on Tuesday, El Camino College hoopsters will travel to Orange Coast tomorrow and then invade Riverside for an engagement Saturday.

Dan Karavas meshed a pair of charity tosses with only 6:05 left to play against Cerritos to give the Tribe a 47-46 lead, the first time EC had been the front-runner in its third tilt of the season.

Leading all scorers with 17

digits, Karavas made his presence felt in other areas when the 6-1 guard hauled in several crucial rebounds during the final frantic minutes when Cerritos attempted to come back and pull out the win.

Ron Dinnel was right behind Karavas in the scoring department, gunning in 16 points.

Behind 33 to 28 at the half, Camino went into a full court press after the Falcons had pulled ahead by eight points and slowly whittled what appeared to be a comfortable lead into a non-existent one.

The Indians have now downed College of the Sequoias and Cerritos while losing to Glendale in their first game of the season.

TORRANCE HI LANDS NINE ON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM; 4 MAKE FIRST

Torrance High and loop champion Culver City dominated the All-Pioneer League football selections with the Tartars placing four men on the first string squad and the Centaurs six.

Newell Robinson, spectacular pass-catching end for the Tartars, was given all-league honors, as were John Carlson at tackle and guard Bruce Hendrix. From the Torrance secondary, quarterback John Cambon was placed in the mythical backfield with three Culver City stars and one Beverly Hills ace.

The first string team was composed end to end of: ends, Newell Robinson, Torrance, and Don Skinner, Culver City; tackles, Tom Cesar, Culver City, and John Carlson, Torrance; guards, Bruce Hendrix, Torrance, and Pat O'Sullivan, Culver City, and at center, Jaime Bueno of Beverly Hills.

IN THE backfield were Cam-

bon, Richard Borin of Beverly Hills, and Vic LaRose, Jerry Klein and Jack Reilly from Culver City.

On the second-string eleven, Torrance guard Bob Stout and back Jerry McLean were honored.

CRAIG ARNOLD from Palos Verdes and Larry Sligar were given second team positions at the end slots. Aviation occupied both tackle positions with Bob Evans and Fred Locke receiving recognition.

Stout and Aviation's John Sandling were placed on the mythical second string club at the guard spot and Dave Thomas from Culver City filled out the line at center.

IN THE BACKFIELD, Pat Pagett, El Segundo; Bill Humphries, Lawndale; George Richards, Lennox; Dave Olson, Palos Verdes, and Jerry McLean from Torrance were named.

Receiving honorable mention for Torrance were center Mike Linderman and backs George Ojard and Bob Roy.

THE tremendous showing of Torrance on the All-League selections put a fine cap to a successful season for the Tartars.

Losing only two games all season, falling before Bay League titlist Inglewood and Culver City and tying Redondo in its opening game, Torrance swept through all other competition to wind up in second place in the Pioneer League.

Home From School

Miss Virginia Anderson, student at Cal Poly at Pomona spent Thanksgiving and the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson of Fern Ave.

There were 1,224 railroads operating in the U.S. at the turn of the century — now there are about 400.



CONGRATULATIONS . . . Ken Swearingen, new El Camino College head football coach, receives congratulations from President Stuart E. Marsee. Looking on are, at left, John Morrow, assistant director of instruction, and right, Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel.



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