

North Eyes First Win Over South

Track has long been the weakest point in North High's short but outstanding athletic history. While the Saxons usually field powerful football and baseball squads, track remains a sore spot.

Such is not the case this season, however, as Coach Howard Smith has assembled a talented, hard-working squad. Tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., Smith's efforts will be put to the supreme test.

Never in its history has North fielded a track team that has topped South High, but tomorrow may set a precedent. South, with a powerful aggregation of its own, will host the Bay League duel meet.

The Saxons still do not boast a remarkable won-lost ledger, but have lost several of its meets by less than 10 points and must be considered a definite threat to upend Coach Dick Scully's trouble-plagued Spartans.

The Spartans, who have been winning more than

their share of tight decisions, boast an unprecedented triumph over perennially powerful Leuzinger this season. It was the most glorious victory in South's equally short track history.

Both squads have been troubled by injuries this season. Almost all of a potentially fine sprint crew is missing from South and many of a talented distance crop is injured or sick. North's top sprinter has not competed since the Mira Costa Relays, and the current top dash man is having leg trouble.

However, the show will go on, and as Coach Scully says, "It will be a hair-raiser." Neither mentor will predict a victory for his club, and both feel the meet will go down to the final relay as it has so many times this season for both cinder squads.

North has the edge in the sprints with Alan Johnson and Pete Molina paving the way. Only Jeff Fleener

could slip in for points for South in the 100 and 220.

South takes over in the 440, 880, and the mile. Ron Mara, Tim Siller, and Bob Dobie offer a formidable quarter-mile crew while only Molina can challenge.

The half is a ding-dong battle between South's Doug Hall and North's sophomore, Bob Hansen. Both have hit close to the 2:01 mark and both figure to do considerably better.

It is all South in the mile with Bruce Hamilton and easy victor, although, Coach Smith feels Ed Henry could do some fancy stepping. In the hurdles, North will go with Ed Estrada and Cliff Specht while South will counter with Bob Palmer and Chuck Hanson. Hanson is capable of easily taking it all, but has been inconsistent, and may finish last among the talented group.

North gains an edge in the pole vault with 12-

foot vaulters Dorian Hannah and Gary Barron figuring to eclipse South's Wayne Wells. Barron has gone 12 feet, is consistent, and could win should Hannah falter.

The shot put finds South on top with Marty Bakker and John Daugherty an easy first and second. All the Spartans need is a third man for a sweep.

The Saxons boast an edge of Spartan John Anderson in the broad jump with Johnson and Norm Sanwo. Johnson went a wind-aided 20-11 while Sanwo is consistently over 20 feet. Anderson has the potential but lacks the consistency. The high jump is a toss up with neither team boasting a particular strength in the event.

It all comes down to the final relay where both teams have hit 1:34 and are confident of lowering the mark. The home field advantage may be enough to swing the nod to South, since the meet is that close.

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Monarchs Nod South In Tight Mound War

Morningside made a third inning run stand up for a 1-0 Bay League baseball triumph over South High on Tuesday in a wind-blown fray on the winner's diamond.

Behind the deadly four-hit hurling of veteran chucker Bob Delzell, the Monarchs managed to move into a fourth place tie with South. Both sides now boast 5-5 league records. It was a heart-breaking loss for South righthander Eric Spelman as he threw a five-hitter and remained perhaps the circuit's top hurler despite the defeat.

SPELMAN, a three-year letterman, struck out five men, walked five, and hit one batter. The clever righthander has now gone 40 2/3 innings for coach Jerry Melvaine and allowed but three earned runs for a fantastic .51 ERA.

Delzell earned the win as he whiffed 10 men and walked six. He hurled the first six innings without allowing more than a second-inning bingle beyond the infield. Throughout the full seven frames, South managed to hit three balls out of the infield.

WITH TWO strikeouts already to his credit in the third inning, Spelman suddenly lost control and walked a man on a full count and then unleashed a wild pitch. Monarch Dick Baines then slammed the first of his hits to force in the lone tally of the afternoon.

South almost pulled it out in the seventh. With one out, Spelman singles to center field. Charlie Phillips then hit a double-play ball to second base, but the Monarch was unable to pull the ball out of his glove and both men were safe.

LES BUSSELL then singled and Dan Ely cracked a shot down the middle, but the shortstop made a great back-handed play and threw out Phillips at first to end the threat.

Coach Melvaine will go with lefthanded Dale St. John on the mound today at 3 p.m. against North on the Spartan diamond. St. John was moved up from the junior varsity after an impressive performance against Morningside in the Hawthorne Tournament last week.

St. John will have to go some to match Spelman who now has a 4-2 league record. The junior chucker will be all right if he gets some help from a leaky defense. The Spartans have now committed 15 errors in six games following two bobbles on Tuesday.

Tartar Nine's Title Chances Reach Bottom

Any chance of a Pioneer League baseball crown for Torrance High was all but eliminated Tuesday as Beverly Hills snared a 2-0 victory on the Torrance Park battle field. Beverly's Don Marks twirled a two-hitter as the Tartars slipped another notch behind league-leading Aviation.

Torrance now has a 6-3-1 record. Marks struck out four and gave up three walks as he outlasted a pair of Torrance chuckers. Mike Battaglia and Mike Blankenship each took a turn on the hill for coach Irv Kasten.

BATTAGLIA started and gave up four hits and three walks, striking out five batters. Blankenship took over in the fourth inning and whiffed three men while walking two and allowing two safeties.

Blankenship, only a sophomore, was saddled with the defeat after Beverly Hills erupted for both of its runs in the seventh stanza.

BEVERLY'S winning runs came on an error, two walks, a single and a sacrifice fly. Torrance committed six errors and Coach Kasten said, "Mentally, we were just not in the game."

Both Tartar hits came in the second frame. Gary Hayworth and Jim Coffman hit solid back-to-back singles as THS eventually loaded the bases but failed to shove a run across. After the second inning, Torrance failed to get a man past first base.

The Tartars will attempt to

pull out of a second place tie with Palos Verdes today, taking on four-place El Segundo at 3 p.m.

COACH KASTEN will send senior Don Coil to the mound. Boasting a perfect 4-0 record, Coil has notched 67 strikeouts in 38 innings of work. Kasten describes Coil's effectiveness as coming from a hopping fast ball, good control, and a deceptive, quick motion.

El Camino Linksters Top Loop

Extending their winning stint to eight straight, El Camino College golfers began the second round of Metropolitan Conference action by drubbing L.A. Valley 42-12 Monday.

The Warrior divot-diggers will try for number nine when they face the Santa Monica Corsairs at the Riverside Country Club next Monday.

Under the guidance of Coach Al Greenleaf, Tribe linksters have won 17 of their last 18 matches. The Warrior link squad suffered its only loss at the hands of national power, USC, in a practice match.

In the El Camino-Valley tilt, ECC's number one man Steve Hallberg was the low medalist with a two over par 74.

Arnie Dokka of Valley recorded the second lowest round with a 75.

Including Hallberg, five Warrior linksters shot scores in the 70s. Dan Titus, 76; Les Warr, 76; Larry Sprengel, 78, and Dennis Drury, 78, were four other ECC golfers shooting below 80.

In match play Hallberg tied Dokka 3-3 and Tribe linkster Ken Ghirardi was defeated by Valley's Vic Kelly 2-4.

The Warriors swept the remainder of the match contests, taking the three partners' titles and four of the individual matches.

Greenleaf's club swingers should have little trouble in defeating Santa Monica as they downed the Corsairs 50-4 in the first round of Metro play.



WARRIOR WATERDOG... John Stonier will team with former All-American high school swimmer Cappy Sheeley to lead El Camino in the Metropolitan Conference Swimming Finals tomorrow and Saturday in the Santa Monica City College pool. Stonier was fourth in the State 1500 meter race last year while Sheeley wound up first in the 100-yard butterfly.

Morningside Spikers Nip Saxons In Wind

Still unable to win the close meets, North High went down to a 58 1/2-45 1/2 defeat at the hands of Bay League foe Morningside on Tuesday in a duel meet on the Saxon's oval. Competing against a fierce wind, the Saxons lacked the sprint depth to vie with the powerful Monarchs and could not make up the bulge in the distance events.

Lack of first place stymied North as Morningside picked up all but five of the top slots and left the runnersup finishes to the Saxons.

BOB HANSON gave North a triumph in the half mile with a 2:05.7 effort followed by Ed Henry in second place at 0:06. Henry is normally a miler and was running his first 880 of the season.

The Saxons picked up a first in the broad jump as novice Alan Johnson soared 20-11 with the wind for a victory. Norm Sanwo followed Johnson in third place.

ANOTHER NORTH triumph came in the closing 880-yard relay as Hansen, Pete Molina, Ron Saunders, and Johnson combined for a 1:36.2 winning effort.

NHS ALSO picked up a win in the low hurdles as Ed Estrada raced to a slim victory. Estrada gained a second place in the high hurdles, closely followed by Cliff Specht.

THE ONLY other North victory came in the 220 where Alan Johnson avenged a defeat in the century with a 22.3 wind-blown effort.

NHS Horsehidiers Drop Eighth Fray

North High baseball mentor Mel Nygen is wondering when it will end. The Saxons went down to their eighth straight Bay League defeat on Tuesday, absorbing a 6-3 licking from Redondo.

Although he struck out six and gave up seven hits in the wind-swept contest, Jim Jensen suffered the defeat as Redondo broke the game apart with three runs in the final frame.

Two doubles, a triple, and a single in the last stanza cost North the contest.

IN THE first inning, North scored as Joe DeLuca doubled and Dennis Irelan singled him across. Three Saxons in a row then proceeded to fan.

DeLuca led off the third with a walk. Irelan again singled and first sacker Norm

Dow walked to load the bases. Outfielder Mike Brooks was walked and the Saxons had their second tally of the game.

REDONDO HAD been busy in the meantime, collecting a run in the first inning and two more tallies in the second.

North got a final run in the seventh as Andy Carter, a pinch-hitter for Jensen, doubled. DeLuca then walked and Irelan moved Carter to third on a fielder's choice. The Saxons began to work a double steal when Seahawk pitcher Jim McLofflin balked, sending in a run.

North's five losses have come by one run and three of the defeats have been by a 3-2 score. The Saxons will attempt to get out of the rut today at 3 p.m., meeting South High on the Spartan field.



ONCE OVER EASY... Triple-threat El Camino trackman Dennis Jett has several inches to spare as he goes over the high jump bar in preparation for tomorrow's meet with Metropolitan Conference-leading Long Beach. Jett will be a potent force in the hurdles, sprints, and high jump as the Warriors host LBCC in the 2:30 p.m. battle. The Tribe sophomore will be pitted with Viking Tim Russell in a pair of classic sprints.

Another Relay Down, One Still Left to Go

Another big, tradition-filled relay is on tap for three Torrance track squads this weekend. North, South, and Torrance will all have entrants in the annual Compton Cup at Ramseur Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Torrance and South are fresh from performances in the rugged Bellflower Relays last weekend in which both teams finished high up in their pet races.

South will skip the relay efforts on Saturday as Spartan mentor Dick Scully prefers to go with token individual performances. Eight men will make the trip for South.

Senior miler Bruce Hamilton will test the four-lap grind. Hamilton has beat a 4:30 for the distance, but has not hit that figure since a dual meet with Inglewood almost a month ago.

Doug Hall will test the half mile field, putting his

top mark of 2:01.9 into competition. Entering into a pole vault will be Wayne Wells.

Marty Bakker will take a fling at the shot put. Bakker is the new South record holder and may hit 55 feet if he has a good night. Improving Bob Palmer is entered in the low hurdles and will put his best of 20.3 on the line. South will have Steve Donohue, normally a half-miler, and Bob Dobbie, a 53.0 quarter-miler, entered in the 440.

Torrance will also skip the relays in the varsity division. Coach Joe Sarthou will enter Ivor Sampson and Dennis Dyer in the mile and will place Larry Parker in the half mile.

Sampson has a top time of 4:31.8 for the four-lapper while Dyer has recorded a 4:33.4. Parker's top effort in the 880 is 2:01.9, which he hit last year.

Coach Sarthou also plans to go with a Bee distance medley team.

North coach Howard Smith will enter a powerful Bee relay squad but is undecided on the exact event. Coach Smith will drop some of his varsity performers down into the Bee division to provide the spark.

In the Bellflower Relays, South surprised by taking a third in the four-man four-mile event. A combo of Mike Mooring, Wes Fox, Dave Ledford, and Hamilton just missed a second place finish.

Mooring turned in a 4:43.2 effort, Fox, running his first mile ever, hit 4:51, Ledford clocked 4:48, and Hamilton anchored in 4:39 after being sick all vacation week.

In the shot put, Bakker could hit only 50-8 while Palmer managed a 20.9 in the 180-yard low hurdles.

A Spartan sprint medley squad finished seventh.

Torrance grabbed a fourth place in the distance medley, running 19 seconds faster than its winning time at the Mira Costa Relays.

Mark Hart started the Tartars off with a 53.2 leg effort in the half, followed by Dyer in 3:17.9 for the in the quarter mile. Parker came back with a 2:03 1320, and Sampson in 4:34.6 for the anchoring mile leg.

West High was also entered in the meet, placing six men in the steeplechase. Bob Thomas topped the Warriors by finishing 26th in the packed field. Dave Graham (25), Tom Jurco (33), Lou Bisou (34), Bill Franz (37), and Ralph Armstrong (49), also took part in the event.

The steeplechase included four hurdles and a water jump every lap.