

West Spike Boss Eyes Good Year

Former Mira Costa track coach Bob Holtel is used to winning, and in his second year at West High, he has compiled a cinder squad that should gain its share of wins in the Pioneer League.

Outstanding individual performance will be the keynote of West's squad this year as Holtel leads the Warriors into their second season of competition.

Versatile junior Tom Jurco will be the top Redskin in four events. Jurco will compete in the century, the 220, the half mile and the broad jump. Last year, in the Bee 660, Jurco went to the CIF semi-finals before being eliminated and was clocked at 1:25.8.

George Sharp, with best times of 17.5 and 22.3 for the 120 high hurdles and the 180 lows, will team with Al St. Cyr in the timber chases.

DAVE KEMP, with a top effort of 23.5 will be entered with Jurco in the 220. Jurco has a best furlong time of 23.3. Kemp will also enter the 440, with a best of 23.5, and the broad jump, with a best of 18'2".

Sophomore Ron Pettigrew, who battled Jurco for distance honors last year, will go for West in the mile. Pettigrew holds the school record at 4:43.

In the shot put, Holtel will have junior John Cochran (40-7 1/2), and sophomores Scott Steele (39-7), and Jack Sturnacle (35-0).

Lindy Nuzzo and Dennis Burns will play prominent roles in two events. Nuzzo, at 5-9, and Burns, at 5-4, are the two top Warrior high jumpers.

Steve McConathy holds the West pole vault mark at 11-6, while Nuzzo has cleared 11 feet and Burns has gone 9-6.

HOLTEL ALSO feels the school 880 relay standard of 1:37.9 is due to fall.

Aviation High has garnered the Pioneer football and basketball crowns and Holtel figures the Falcons are also shooships for the spike championship.

He places his Warriors with El Segundo, Torrance and Lawndale in a battle for second place.

Central Loop Will Sponsor Registration

Torrance Central Little League registration will be held today and tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 24 of the Greenwood Elementary School at Greenwood Avenue and Sonoma Street.

Boys from 8 to 12 years of age living in the area between Carson Street, Western Avenue, 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard are eligible to register.

Interested boys must be accompanied by a parent with proof of the boy's age.

For further information contact league player's agent C. E. Tyler at FAirfax 8-1553.



CAGE CLOWN . . . Art (Bones) Smith will lead the nationally famous Harlem Clowns into town tonight at 8, at Torrance High School, Smith stands 6-8 and is a ring-leader in many Clown comedy routines.

Bad Breaks Hurt South Cindermen

Track is traditionally a South High stronghold, but matters may change greatly for the worse this season in light of injuries and the construction of a new Spartan stadium.

Pessimistic South coach Dick Scully feels his squad may win only one Bay League meet all year and gives two reasons for his prediction.

Scully says that injuries have knocked out two top hurdle men and robbed him, maybe, of his best short distance runner. Gone are hurdlers Scott Smith, with a pulled muscle, and Mike Baltad, with a broken leg. Wes Fox, who gained a fourth place in the CIF last year in the Cee 660, may have rheumatic fever.

THE STADIUM construction at South is also adding to Scully's headaches. The Spartan track is partially torn up and South is currently lacking in all field event pits.

Despite the injuries, several top spikers are still unriddled in the Spartan camp. Returning are sprinters Ron Mara, Randy Siller and Bob Johnson. Mara and Siller could hit 10.3 in the century while Johnson clocked 10.6 last year as a Cee.

Bob Palmer will skim the hurdles for South and Scully figures he may be one of the league's best. Palmer has bests of 15.8 for the 120 highs and 20.3 for the 180 lows.

DOUG HALL, with a best of 2:01, will go in the half mile while Dave Ledford, with a top time of 4:34, will enter the mile. Fox, if he is able to run, and Mara will vie in the quarter mile.

The shot put will be a South strong point with Harry Ruiterman leading the field. Ruiterman finished third in the CIF last year, hitting 54 feet as a Bee. Joining Ruiterman will be John Dougherty, who has best of 45 feet.

Other field events will find Tom Fitzpatrick (10-6) in the pole vault, Bill Polick (20 feet) in the broad jump, and Gary Snellgrove (5-8) in the high jump. Snellgrove is recuperating from a bad back.

Major League Stars to Talk

Three major league baseball stars will speak at a general meeting of the Pacific American Babe Ruth League tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Newton School Cafeteria, 23751 Nance Lee Lane.

Former South High athletes Ken Turner and Eric Spelman, both currently with the Los Angeles Angel farm clubs, and Kansas City Athletic pitcher Ted Bowsfield will speak.

Little League Sets Tryouts

Tryouts for the Torrance American Little League will begin Saturday at 8:30 a.m. on Seaside Field.

Trials will also be held on Feb. 29 and March 7. Boys must attend two of the three tryouts.

El Camino Nine Gains Two Wins

El Camino College combined unusually sharp pitching and power hitting for two non-conference baseball victories last weekend in its 1964 season openers.

Friday, the Warriors matched UCLA for five innings before breaking a 3-3 deadlock to score a 10-6 win in a game called after eight innings due to darkness.

In handing the Bruins their second setback of the young season, El Camino touched up four pitchers for 13 hits, including a pair of home runs which started the barrage.

WITH ONE on and one out in the sixth inning of a 3-3 game, third baseman Ken Balch knocked UCLA's third pitcher, Bill Ryan, out of the box with a 380-foot belt over the leftfield fence, giving the Warriors a 5-3 cushion.

Righthander Don Angello succeeded Ryan and was promptly greeted by Larry McWhirter's 340-foot home run to right-center.

El Camino added four more runs off Angello in the seventh inning on three hits — one a two-run double by Bob Hettig, and two additional runs on a crisp single to right by Balch.

Saturday, three Warrior pitchers showed mid-season form in beating Compton's Tartars, allowing but two hits in a 5-1 verdict.

JON BECK, hard-throwing sophomore righthander, worked a near-perfect three-inning stint, allowing only three men on base, two via

walks. The third base runner, Bob Corodimas, struck out but reached first when catcher Jim Berry couldn't hold on to Beck's pitch.

However, El Camino's hopes for an unprecedented no hitter in the second game of the season ended in the fifth inning. With Jeff Ripley on the mound, Compton's Pete Rowe blooped a scratch single to rightfield. The Tartars went on to score their only run on a pair of infield outs.

Ripley allowed one more hit in the sixth inning but was never in serious trouble.

Freshman Bob Delzell, a southpaw from Morningside, followed Ripley for El Camino and allowed but one hit and struck out five in the final three frames.

Ice Hockey Charity Tilt Set Saturday

A charity ice hockey game for the families of two police officers killed in Los Angeles recently will be staged by the Olympic Ice Arena from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The Torrance Olympians and Long Beach Goals, members of the Southern California Senior Hockey League, will meet in the charity game.

Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children with all funds going toward a fund set up for the families of the deceased officers.

The Fearless Spectator

By 

—Charles McCabe, Esquire—

The Waltz of the Century, or the Clay-Liston fight at Miami Beach Feb. 25, is now in full throat.

The elaborate panoply of hokum, the jig of gimmicky that build up the Big Gate, are now being thrown at the suckers with the abandon that only really dedicated hucksters can bring to their work.

It's all pretty wonderful to behold, in a way. It is probably a better show than the Waltz will turn out to be.

Though the sucker is being conned more, he seems to be believing it less; as the ciggie ad says. But you can never tell about suckers.

The first thing to understand about this contest is that it is a grudge fight. Champ Liston says so.

"I hear that Clay is popping off about things that are none of his business," he said the other day. He didn't mention what these things were, but declared: "This is the first time I ever fought a man who I had a grudge against."

Apart from the fact that Sonny has a grudge against the whole world, and has fought a goodly segment of it, this statement has a couple of holes in it.

Liston and Clay need each other like Darby and Joan did, or Smith and Dale. Or a parasite needs a host, though it is not clear in this relationship which is which. Liston is the champ, but Cassius is box-office.

This grudge is about as real as a six-footed whale. You must also understand, clearly, that Sonny is developing a secret punch especially for the upcoming daintiness.

Secret punches are big in boxing. You can no more have a heavyweight fight without a secret punch or two than you can have bread without yeast.

More often than not the guy with the secret punch turns out to have a glass jaw, like Ingemar Johansson of recent memory, but this does not keep it out of The Big Buildup, which is as formal and stylized in its way as an Alexandrine verse.

Sonny, it is reported from GHO, "has been working especially hard on a jarring, shoulder-high straight left while moving forward quickly."

His chief trainer, Willie Reddish, admits that Sonny has "found a way to throw the straight left faster and harder." But with the reticence characteristic of trainers, Willie declines to elaborate on how this singular feat is accomplished.

And so on and so forth. Yet as I say, the fan no longer seems to be buying this baloney the way he once did. One of my operators reports to me:

"Have you heard anything of a fix being in on the Liston-Clay fight?"

"The reason I ask is that I've heard this sort of talk from so many quarters so many times that it sort of makes me wonder that nothing has been mentioned of that possibility in any sports pages.

"The thing has been mentioned to me in such disparate places as: in restaurants, sauna baths, bars, at work . . . and I suppose I'd hear it in the foyer of a church, except I don't go there.

Tartars to Begin Cinder Campaign

Second-year Torrance High track coach Duane Lemon expects rough going when his squad opens its practice campaign at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at Dominguez High.

Lemon, who predicts Torrance will have several good individuals but will be weak as a team, says Dominguez will field a powerful squad.

Heading the Tartar fortunes will be half-miler Larry Parker, who may get under two minutes this year, according to Lemon.

PAT LEWANDOWSKI, a senior, could hit 10.2 in the century and will pace Torrance in the sprints.

Larry Champion, last year's Pioneer League Cee pole vault winner, will team with Mark Musso, who has done 10 feet, to top Torrance in the field events.

Much of Lemon's squad has yet to turn out due to wrestling and basketball. Expected next week are hurdlers Mike Hatter and Bob Romero. Both are now occupied on the cage courts.

HATTER IS the only return-ign varsity hurdler, and Lemon feels he may lead the circuit with a potential 15.3 clocking in the 120 highs. Romero turned in a 20-8 effort last

year in the broad jump where he will team with Hatter, who has gone 19 feet.

Ed Watson, who is currently wrestling, will also broad jump. He has traveled 19-6.

The old track bugaboo, pulled muscles, has also hurt the Tartars. Keith Bleakley, one of Lemon's short distance men, has been out one month and may miss another due to a torn muscle.

A talented freshman has put a gleam in Lemon's eye. Mike Thomas, who has already turned in a 2:08 half mile, leads a pack of talented frosh that already have Lemon planning for the future.

This year, the Tartar boss predicts that Aviation will win the Pioneer crown in landslide with West, El Segundo and Lennox bracketed in the second through fourth positions.

Babe Ruth Loop Will Hold Tryouts

Torrance Babe Ruth League tryouts will begin Saturday at 9 a.m. on the Del Amo Field, located at Del Amo Boulevard and Western Avenue.

Tryouts, for boys from 13 to 15 years of age, will also be held on Feb. 19 and March 7.

Boys who have not previously registered may do so at Saturday's tryouts.

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