

South, North Surprise in Relays

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TORRANCE FALLS

Spartan Horsehidiers Split Two Non-League Decisions

South High split a pair of non-league horsehide encounters the past week, losing to El Segundo and whipping Torrance.

The Spartans held off a late Torrance rally on Thursday to notch a 5-4 triumph.

Three runs in the opening inning put South ahead to stay. Dave Farber was safe on an error, stole second and scored on a single by Phil Hertzog.

Paul Vojtecky then walked. Craig Moore singled and Lanny Robke collected an RBI, with a single. Chick James drove in the third South tally with a sacrifice fly.

Torrance came back for one run in the second as Larry Snyder walked and Les Dutcher and John Ziemke singled.

In the sixth, South picked up its final two runs on a walk to Dale St. John and a 395-foot home run over the left field

fence by Farber, a 5-9, 145-pound senior.

THE TARTARS attempted to come back in the seventh as Lloyd Gilstrap walked, Gary Fulton singled, Ziemke walked and Jim Malone was safe on an error, pushing one run across. Gary White then hit a double-play ball to second, but an error allowed two more THS runs to come over.

St. John picked up the win for South, going 6 2/3 innings and giving up 4 hits and 9 walks while fanning 10. Ray Allen took over with two out in the seventh and fanned Phil Hull on four pitches to end the Torrance uprising.

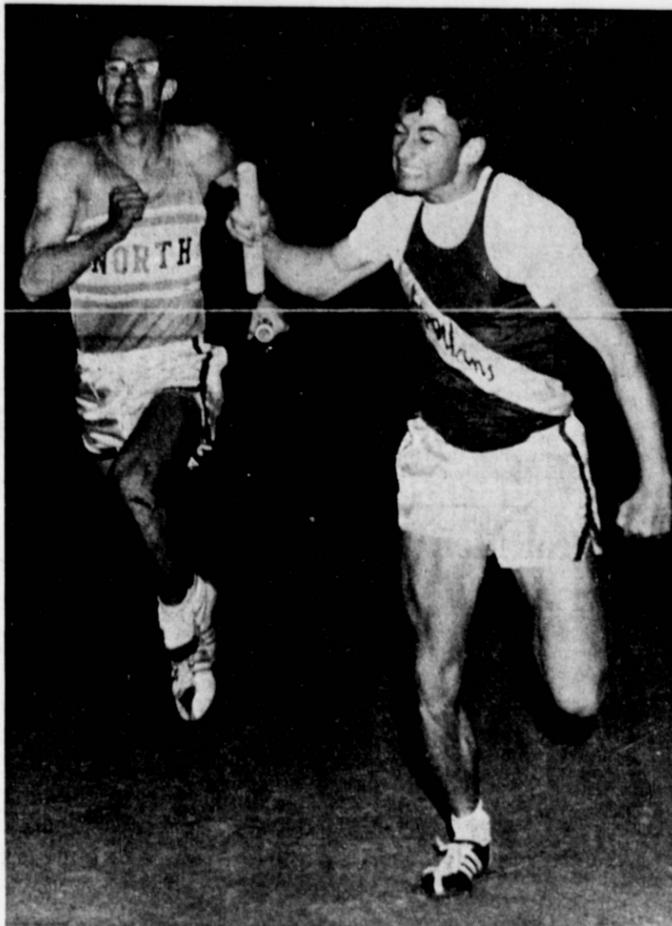
Dutcher went the route for THS, giving up 2 earned runs, 7 hits and 7 walks while fanning 11.

On Friday against El Segundo, South dropped a 4-3 nod, largely on the basis of four errors. Allen picked up the defeat although he allowed only four hits and one walk while fanning 9. He also doubled and blasted a home run in three trips to the plate.

SOUTH COUNTERED once in the second inning as John Minech singled, stole second and came home on Ropke's single. In the sixth stanza, the Spartans scored twice more as Ropke singled, was taken out when Gordon Mahon was safe on a fielder's choice, and Allen belted his gopher ball.

El Segundo scored twice in the opening frame and once in both the third and fifth innings to take the win.

Torrance will meet North on Thursday at Torrance Park, while South will host the Saxons tomorrow.



TOO LATE . . . North High's Alan Johnson fails to catch South's Ron Marra Friday night in the varsity 880 relay at Mira Costa. A bad pass cost North a 10-yard lead but Johnson missed catching Marra by just one step in the premier varsity event. North finished seventh in the varsity division. (Herald Photo)

Spartan Spikers Win Cee Crown At Mira Costa

Savage, chilling winds and top-flight competition failed to halt South and North high schools from turning in one of their finest performances ever at the Mira Costa Relays Friday night.

South surprised everyone with an easy victory in the Cee classification while North waltzed to a seventh in varsity competition and a third in the Bee division.

The South Cee win was overwhelming as the Spartans rang up 28 points to 17 for second-place Santa Monica.

Three relay victories came to the South Cees. A mile relay team of Frank and Joe Ruitterman, Larry Radcliff and Tom Leavitt picked up a victory. In the shot put, John Gauthie, Joe Ruitterman and Mike Halliwell teamed for a win while Bob Stagner, Paul Schmidt and Bob McCausland won the pole vault.

A 440-SQUAD of Hank Aptekar, Jim Reed, Ben Hayes and Ted Pettipiece notched a second place while Aptekar, Stagner, Jim Hayes and Pettipiece finished third in the shuttle hurdles.

In the varsity, South's mile relay of Randy Siller, Doug Hall, Wes Fox and Ron Marra finished in a tie for second. The distance medley combo of Bob Palmer, Dennis Kirby, Mike Mooring and Dave Ledford earned a third.

Scott Christensen, Harry Ruitterman and John Daugherty teamed for a fourth in the shot put while Siller, Palmer, Fox and Marra picked up a fifth in the 880 relay.

The Bee shot put squad of Steve Parker, Frank Cascerres and Bill Thompson grabbed a second.

North earned a tie for second in the varsity 440 relay with John Rance, Bob Hansen Bruce Allen and Alan Johnson running. In high jump, Dale Foth, Bob Hansen, and John Mizer took a third. Johnson, Allen, Hansen and Allen Kimbel finished fourth in the mile relay.

THE SAXON BEE shuttle hurdle team of Rollie Bell, Sam Eurback, Mike Mooko and Dave Hubert took a second. Dave Rance, Norm Sanwo, Jim Tseko and Hubert pushed the 440 squad to a tie for first.

In the 660, Dave Rance, Sanwo, Tseko and Hubert picked up a first. Joe Mortensen, Bruce Flanary, Sanwo and John Mortensen finished fourth in the mile.

Joe Taylor, John Futrell, Rick Kuboshige and Bill Roberts notched a fifth in the Cee shuttle hurdles.

For Torrance High, Mike Thomas, Ken Ihara and Jim Miller finished fourth in the Cee pole vault while Larry Champion, Mark Musso and David Schlerf won the Bee pole vault.

West Eyes Second Win On Tuesday

Seeking its second non-league baseball win of the season against two losses, West High will host winless Bishop Montgomery Tuesday afternoon.

West mentor Max Lomas has tentatively tabbed junior John Marsden to start on the mound, although senior Dave LaRoche or sophomore Ron Sells may also get the call.

The Warriors were handed their second defeat of the year on Thursday when Palos Verdes scored five unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth frame to pick up a 7-2 decision.

PALOS VERDES took advantage of three West errors to break a 2-2 deadlock.

Vastly-improved Ron Ryonson limited West to two hits and fanned 10 men. Sells was saddled with his second loss although he allowed only four hits and struck out four.

Twelve P. V. batters reached first on free passes.

West countered in the first frame when Sells singled Dick Buchanan home from second base. The second Warrior tally was due solely to Gary Loyd.

IN THE FIFTH inning, Loyd blasted a 415-foot home run with the bases empty to tie the score at 2-2. Palos Verdes picked up two runs in the fourth stanza.

Defeat left West with a 1-2 mark. The Warriors own a victory over cross-town rival North, but have lost to Palos Verdes and Inglewood.

Knights Succumb To Mount Carmel

Bishop Montgomery absorbed its first horsehide loss of the year Friday afternoon as Mount Carmel rallied for an 8-6 non-league win.

Montgomery jumped into a 4-1 lead after two frames, but Mt. Carmel came back with three runs in the third and four more in the sixth to cinch the victory.

VETERAN CHUCKER Irl Davis gave up seven earned runs in nearly five innings of work to pick up the defeat. Davis allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked three.

John Wojcik relieved Davis in the fifth stanza and gave up two hits while fanning four.

Jerry Leininger was the top Montgomery slugger, poking a sixth-inning home run with a man aboard. Leininger wound up going 2 for 4 at the dish.

Freshman Dan Graham, who has taken over at second base,

went 2 for 3 and scored twice. Davis helped his own cause along with two hits in two trips.

In its first game of the year, Montgomery wangled a 4-4 tie with North High. The game was called after seven innings on account of darkness.

Dave Bowman, Tony Guggiana and Wojcik doubled for Montgomery to back up hurling by Tom Jamison and Wojcik.

JAMISON STARTED and lasted four frames, giving up six hits, three earned runs and walking one while striking out three. Wojcik allowed one hit, one earned run, two walks and fanned four in his three innings.

Daryl Masuyama, Ron Windell and Frank Romero shared mound chores for North. Mark O'Connor topped the Saxon offensive with a fourth-inning home run with none aboard.

RECREATION PLAY

Malpee Buckets 35 Points In El Camino Real Triumph

Consistent Mitch Malpee poured in 34 points the past week in leading El Camino Real to a 91-41 triumph over Magnavox Laboratories in Thursday Open League cage play.

Malpee canned 19 points in the fourth quarter to lead the high-scoring winners. John Lingle (18), Rich Acres (14) and Jack Cameron (13) backed up Malpee.

Manager Bob Gentry bucketed 13 points and Arvol Gentry added 12 more for Magnavox. Ernie Woods finished with 29 points, Bob Garrett contributed 16 and Jerry Mathews added 14 for Tolson-Vaughn Realty in a 74-46 decision over the Lama Room.

Tom Cykon topped the losers with 18 points while Manager

"Frosty" White deposited 14 markers and Tom Hanley added 12.

Grag Halbeg wound up with 33 points and Gary Bunn added 19 more as the Hughes Basket Bombers raced to a 68-48 win over the South High Teachers. George Rangitsen (16) and Manager Arthur McKarms (10) led the Teachers.

In Church League action, Dan Kerberg poured in 21 points for Redondo First Baptist, but Torrance First Baptist picked up a 56-41 victory. Paul Plunkett flipped in 15 points and Fred Willson contributed 13 for Torrance.

Without a single man in double figures, Resurrection Lutheran managed a 36-35 triumph over the Walteria Assembly of God. Manager Dick

Jensen and Tom Frame collected 9 points each for the winners.

Walteria was led by Ronald Drake, 11 points, and Manager Tom Tapp, 10 markers.

In other Church play, Torrance First Lutheran dropped a 43-23 nod to the King's Men. Don Peterson (16) and Pat Calver (12) led the winners while Danny George potted 11 for Torrance.

Party House picked up a 70-41 duke over Redondo Ward in Tuesday Open League play.

Pius X Beats Oxnard In Cage Playoffs

Oxnard, conqueror of North High in the CIF quarter-finals, was knocked out of championship contention Friday night.

Pius X, the second-rated CIF quintet, handed the Yellowjackets a 75-59 licking in the Southern Section semi-finals. Long Beach Poly and Pius X met last night for the championship.

High-scoring forward Dave Lawyer kept Oxnard in contention for the opening 12 minutes against Pius X. After one quarter of play, Oxnard

held a 22-18 bulge, but by halftime the Yellowjackets trailed, 46-30.

Lawyer managed 18 markers by halftime, but with only four minutes gone in the third period, Oxnard's bid for an upset ended when he fouled out.

Lack of defense cost Oxnard dearly. After Lawyer drew his fifth personal, the 'Jackets completely succumbed to Pius' vaulted fast break.

In the CIF quarter-finals on Tuesday, Lawyer flipped in 29 markers as Oxnard downed North, 67-61.



HOCKEY STARS . . . Recent recipients of Olympic Minor Hockey Assn. awards are (left to right) Greg Coats, 16, of San Pedro; Tim Carr, 12, of Rolling Hills; and Mike Anderson, 9, of 124 Via Los Miradores, Torrance. Association president Jim Ellington presented the trophies.

El Camino Nine Awaits Trojans

El Camino College took a break from regularly scheduled games last week in anticipation for Tuesday's non-conference baseball titanic with the University of Southern California.

Losing only once in five tries, the Warriors have now firmly established themselves among the finest teams along the junior college circuit. El Camino's only setback was a 5-0 decision to the USC Junior Varsity.

LATEST VICTIM of Coach Chuck Freeman's ball club was

a reportedly strong Orange Coast College squad, which fell by a 4-2 count. The Pirates were able to manage only five hits off Warrior pitchers Jon Beck and Bob Delzell.

El Camino has beaten UCLA (10-6), Compton (5-1) and Pierce (6-5) this year.

This early season schedule break also allowed Freeman to get acquainted with some "new faces."

THE WARRIORS gained four valuable additions Monday when pitchers Bruce Zelis and Jim Lloyd and infielders Gary Galiger and Kirk Brown

joined the team following the conclusion of the basketball season.

Zelis and Galiger are returning lettermen, while Brown and Lloyd are first-year prospects.

The 6-4 Zelis had a 0-0 record with El Camino last year, pitching mostly in relief. He sported a mild 5.15 earned run average. Zelis is a southpaw.

Galiger hit .191 last season after coming off a strong career at Gardena High School, where he twice won All-Marine League honor at second base. He hit .393 with 17 runs bat-

ted in during his senior season.

Possibly the most "interesting" member of the squad is 6-5 Lloyd, a freshman from Aviation.

A righthander, Lloyd had a 10-0 record last season with an ERA of 1.42. He also hit .333 with 11 runs batted in.

Lloyd was CIF class "AA" Player-of-the-Year, Pioneer League first team selection and Most Valuable Player in the playoffs, in which he won three without a defeat (an ERA of 0.97 in 18 innings) and led Aviation to the team title.

BROWN MAY BE hampered by a sore thumb in his bid to crack the Warriors' already established infield but should be a valuable utility man.

A 6-2, 180-pound graduate of El Segundo, Brown can play both second and shortstop, but his prep reports indicate he is a "sensational" prospect at second base.

Brown hit .361 with one home run last season at El Segundo.

As it looks now, Brown will be behind Nick Fuscardo at second.



AT THE WIRE . . . South High's Joe Ruitterman nips an Aviation runner Friday night for first place in the Cee mile relay at the Mira Costa Relays. Ruitterman anchored a team composed of his brother, Frank, Larry Radcliff and Tom Leavitt. South won the Cee championship at Michi. (Herald Photo)