

# South Eyes Bay League Track and Field Crown

## Aviation Pioneer Favorite

An assortment of 25 track and field participants will lead South High into the Bay League finals Friday at Santa Monica City College. Palos Verdes, with 24 qualifiers, is favored to duplicate its unbeaten dual meet crown in the all-comers classic.

South will also be involved in a record attempt at the varsity pole vault. Spartan Dave Cronk, who has cleared 13 feet, 5 1/2 inches, and Mickey Craven of Mira Costa (14-1) will meet again in Friday's competition.

The Pioneer League finals will be at West High at 6 p.m. Friday and the Sky League finals are set for Culver City Friday afternoon.

Only Aviation in the Pioneer League appears to have a clear cut shot at the varsity crown. The Falcons have a number of individual favorites among its 14 qualifiers. El Segundo follows with 11 and West 8.

In addition to the field events which were not contested in the prelims, Aviation looms as the strongest team among the three leagues.

In the Sky League Morningside and Inglewood are top contenders for the title. Each has 11 running and an unannounced number of field event candidates. North is out of the running.

In each of the three league finals, Class B and C finals will be interwoven among the varsity slate. Field events, however, have been concluded in the lightweight divisions.

In high school varsity competition the following events are featured: 100, 220 and 440 yard dashes; 880, mile and 2-mile runs; 120 high hurdles and 180 low hurdles; four-man 880 yard relay; and the pole vault, shot put, broad jump and high jump.

## Montgomery Rally Beats Crespi, 2-1

Bishop Montgomery heads into Friday's game at St. John Vianney with a 6-3 Camino Real League record. The Knights, behind fourth hit pitching by Irl Davis, edged Crespi at home yesterday, 2-1, to remain a serious title contender.

After Friday's game the Knights meet Fermin Lasuen next Tuesday and have a 0-0 tie to make up against Pater Noster.

Against Crespi the Knights fell behind, 1-0, in the second inning on an error at second base.

Field Events: SP—Burr (V), 54-9; LJ—Wood (SLA), 22-5; HJ—Budd (C), 6-6; TJ—Wood (SLA), 41-15 (best record); PV—Heier (B), 15-9 (best record); Disc—Burr (V), 124-9.

Track Events: 100—Olson (B), 9.1; 200—Walt (V), 21.5 (best record for curve); 400—Wolf (V), 1:17.5 (best record); 800—Fendley (C), 2:32.7; 1,600—Dunlap (B), 5:14.5; 3,200—Woolridge (SLA), 9:32.7; 5,000—Copeland (SLA), 14:4.7; 10,000—H. Kelly (SLA), 29:2; 20,000—H. Kelly (SLA), 58:4; 40,000—Johnston Adams (Olson), 1:17.5; Mile Relay—Corrigan (Flak Mackey), Northwood, Fendley, 3:17.5.

Final Score: Bakersfield, 118; Long Beach, 83; East Los Angeles, 81; Valley and El Camino, 72; Culver City, Santa Monica, 4.

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**ROUNDING THE BEND . . .** Tom Jurca, swift West High 490 runner, set the pace for Gary Stephens of Aviation in last Friday's Pioneer League track and field prelims at West High. Jurca ran the heat in 52.1 and is favored to win the finals Friday. The event is set for 6 p.m. at the West Stadium.

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## Redondo In 3-2 Triumph

When South High beat Redondo in a pair of Bay League baseball games to open the season six weeks ago, lanky Jeff Sims was still playing basketball for Redondo in the CIF playoffs and was not around for the early goings-on on the ball diamond.

When South and Redondo met Monday in the start of the third round of baseball, the Seahawks faced the task of defending a half-game league lead over the South Spartans.

After Redondo led, 3-0, in the third frame, South got back two in the fifth and had the bases loaded in the sixth when Sims was called in relief to pitch to Spartan slugger Phil Hertzog with two away in the inning.

Sims fanned Hertzog to end the sixth and left a South runner stranded in the seventh for a 3-2 Redondo win.

The win upped the Seahawks' record to 9-3 and left South in second place with an 8-5 mark.

The Spartans were left a game and a half off the pace. Their next outing at home Friday against Rolling Hills is one of five remaining games.

Redondo traveled to Rolling Hills today and Palos Verdes Friday in a busy 3-game swing this week. Third place Santa Monica (6-5) had a pair of home games against Hawthorne (today) and Mira Costa Friday.

In Saturday's two make-up games Santa Monica and South divided.

Score by Innings: R H E  
 Redondo . . . 000 0-2 1  
 Palos Verdes . . . 000 0-2 3  
 Santa Monica . . . 000 0-2 2  
 Santa Monica . . . 000 0-2 2



**TENNIS CHAMPIONS . . .** Of the Metropolitan Conference are the El Camino Warriors who completed an unbeaten 12-match season on Friday. The conference postseason tournament will be at El Camino next Friday and Saturday. Local team members are (standing l-r) Irwin Bledstein, Richard Way, Greg Haugen, Ron Smith and Jim Atherton; (kneeling l-r) Brian Cox, George Deeb, Bob Benson and Mike Wells.

## Baseball Title Won By Cerritos

Baseball teams in the Metropolitan Conference will go through the formality of finishing out the season, but the championship has been wrapped up by Cerritos College.

The results of last week's games left the Falcons with a 14-0 Metro record and gave them the title with four games to play. Bakersfield, second in standings, has lost five games.

For Cerritos coach Wally Kincaid, the two wins last week ended three years of frustration.

Two years ago his Falcons compiled an outstanding record only to be photoed out by Long Beach. Last year Cerritos was a top contender again, but lost the championship in the last week of the season to San Diego.

Last week, Cerritos topped Valley, 13-3, and wrecked Long Beach, 5-2. Bakersfield won its only contest, 3-2, over Valley, while Long Beach trimmed El Camino, 3-5. East Los Angeles split. The Huskies were defeated by Santa Monica, 4-1, and then rebounded to bomb El Camino, 6-0.

Standings	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cerritos	14	0	1.000	—
Bakersfield	5	5	.500	9
El Camino	7	6	.538	7
Long Beach	7	6	.538	7
Valley	4	9	.444	10
Santa Monica	4	9	.444	10
East Los Angeles	3	9	.333	11

## Tennis Title Won By Camino Again

Metropolitan Conference tennis champions from El Camino College finished the season with a perfect 12-0 record to capture the conference crown for the second consecutive year.

Team members had to defeat a powerful Valley College, 5-4, in the closing match of the season.

The Metropolitan Conference championship tournament will be at El Camino, Friday and Saturday.

Four singles players and two doubles teams will represent each conference school in the two-day meet, beginning at 10 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday.

The tournament will feature top players from throughout the conference including Irwin Bledstein and George Deeb, El Camino; Bill Rombeau, Valley; Jim Woods, Bakersfield; and John Cling, East L.A.

Against Valley Friday, the Tribesmen knew the stakes were high: a win would mean another championship but defeat would mean a tie with Valley for the title.

At the end of singles competition the score was tied at three games apiece. Two of the three doubles matches were needed for the win.

The meet was unimaxed when the team of Bledstein and Deeb won the first di-

vision doubles match for El Camino. After splitting the first two sets, Bob Benson and Ron Smith settled down to defeat their Valley opponents for the championship.

An added incentive for Warrior netters was the presence of Coach Paul Manahan, convalescing from a leg injury received during the spring holidays. Manahan watched from a wheel chair on the sidelines with a full-length cast on his leg.

## Skills Day Scheduled In Softball

Running fielding, batting, and throwing skills contests will be held at Welteria and McMaster Parks Saturday.

Boys in grades three through eight will participate in a 10' softball clinic sponsored by the City of Torrance Recreation Department.

Saturday's clinic at 10 a.m. marks the last official training session prior to the opening of league action, Saturday, May 15.

Participation permission slips and league rules are available at Welteria or McMaster Parks.

Boys are eligible who are not playing in another organized softball or baseball program.

An overall softball skills champion will be selected on the bases of total points accumulated in all the events.

Winners of an initial softball clinic held April 24th at McMaster Park were:

Rocky Mountain Division (7th & 8th graders) Softball Skills Champ—Tom Cooper; Fielding—Tom Cooper; Throwing—Tom Cooper; Base Running—Derek Engelbert; Running—Bill Fuller; Hitting—Larry Heaton.

Skyline Division (4th & 5th graders) Softball Skills Champ—John Casbill; Fielding—John Casbill; Throwing—Marty Lager; Base Running—John Knudsen; Running—Bill Casbill; Hitting—Rich Fry.

Ivy Division (3rd & 4th graders) Softball Skills Champ—John Casbill; Fielding—Joe Carter; Throwing—James Robinson; Base Running—Robert O'Leary; Running—Alton Brown; Hitting—Allen Brown.

## North Hands Morningside 9-6 Setback

North remains a half game out of first place in the Sky League baseball chase after pinning a 9-6 loss on Morningside yesterday. The game was at North High.

Inglewood, the league leader with a 7-2 record, edged Beverly Hills, 1-0, yesterday.

North scored a pair of runs in the first inning against the Monarchs. The Saxons ran the count to 6-1 in the second frame, largely on a three-run scoring single by Butch Nickloff.

Jeff Osborne and Nickloff both had 2-for-3 in the game. Although outlived as a team by Morningside, 11-7, the Saxons took advantage of ineffective pitching and five stolen bases to outscore the invaders.

North, with a 7-3 record, meets Culver City at home tomorrow afternoon.

## Price Enters 500-Lap Race Memorial Day

A new Buick Wildcat, especially prepared and to be driven by San Fernando's veteran late model stock car racer Bob Price, will be one of the highlights of the first annual Ascot "500" Grand National NASCAR event slated for the half-mile, dirt, 183rd and Vermont, oval memorial evening, May 30.

Johnnie Parsons, Ascot racing director said that Price, one of the top drivers on the west coast, will challenge the leading Fords, Mercs, Chevies, Pontiacs, Plymouths, Cadillacs and T-Birds in the Ascot "500", longest race ever to be held on a closed-circuit type of track such as Ascot.

## Garrett Okay After Injury

Leon Garrett, Bob Hobbs, Ben Stetle and a host of veteran ARA Figure 8 stock car drivers "figure" to play the top role Sunday evening on Ascot Park's tricky crisscross course at 7 p.m. as the fender-busters stage another eight-event show under the arcs.

Qualifying laps open the program at 6 p.m.

Garrett, the victim of a severe accident two weeks ago, is just about rested enough, with new wheels, to stage one of his historic comebacks.

Steele, an unfortunate loser two weeks ago when he blew a tire while leading, and Hobbs, who took over when Steele spun out, are dedicated Figure 8 drivers.

## METRO CONFERENCE

# Bakersfield JC Gallops To Track & Field Crown

Bakersfield armed itself for the big track and field shows of the next three weeks by running away with Metropolitan Conference meet last Saturday.

The winning total was 119. Second-place Long Beach had 89.

The Renegades posted only two first place victories—in the 100 with Ben Olson's 9.8 and in the pole vault with Carl Heier's 15-0—but team depth proved too much for the others to surmount. The win made it a clean sweep for Bakersfield, also undefeated in Metro dual competition.

Next competition for Southern California track and field teams are the West Coast Relays Saturday at

Fresno. On May 12 and 13 the Southern California junior college meet will be staged at Glendale. The annual JC state meet will be held Saturday, May 22, at Modesto.

El Camino coach Ray Southstone has hope for his distance medley relay team of Kevin Sherlock, Larry Parker, Doug Hall, and Steve Dunlap. They led Camino to a fourth-place finish in the Metro finals with 72 points.

Steve Dunlap captured the mile in 4:14.6. He later came back to grab third place in a tough field of two-milers.

El Camino provided two big surprises of the meet. Alan Johnson took a second place in both the 100 and 220 dashes.

## Slo-Pitch

The Standings	W	L	Pct.	GB
Torrance	1	1	.500	—
Gardena	1	1	.500	—
Redondo	1	1	.500	—
Long Beach	1	1	.500	—
El Segundo	1	1	.500	—
Santa Ana	1	1	.500	—
San Pedro	1	1	.500	—

## Gymnastics Team Set For Finals

With six men qualifying, the El Camino College gymnastics team will participate in Metropolitan Conference finals at East Los Angeles College, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

John Gorman, Terry Titus, Roger Baldwin, Clark Jimble, Dale Dodson and Hector Celis will participate in the finals after placing third or better in two Metro Conference dual meets.

Any of the six who finishes in the top five of the 10 events at the finals, will be eligible to perform in the Southern California JC meet at Valley College, May 14.

The Warriors fell to the Huskies of East L.A., 90½ to 66½, in their final league meet.

German and Titus captured first-place wins, while Richard Puscaric, national AAU free exercise champion in 1964 won four events for the Huskies. Gorman also grabbed two second places and Titus one.

The Tribe finished in a tie for last place in the conference with a mark of 1-3. Valley won the team championship with a 4-0 slate.

## Chevies, Offies Race at Ascot

The big battle is on again between the potent Chevy-powered California Racing Assn. big car bombs and the Offenhauser and Buck racers. Saturday night's 30-lap sprintfest for the huge unlimited-powered Indianapolis-type racing cars.

## Keggas Win Pair

Taft-Alton Tappa Keggas shifts its West Coast Slo-Pitch action to Alondra Park Friday night for a double-header against the El Segundo Hustlers.

Chuck Ryan's Keggas nine and the Gardena Comets moved out in front of the league standings last Friday with twin victories. They are 3-1.

Tappa Keggas defeated Santa Ana's Bombers, 9-1 and 4-0 at Torrance Park while Gardena clubbed San Pedro, 4-1 and 8-3.

Redondo split a pair with El Segundo last weekend, winning the first game, 3-1, and losing the nightcap, 7-6. Gib Matthews hit a home run and Ron Jackson had 3-for-3 in Tappa Keggas' first game.

Dave LaRoche, the spen-

## West in 2-1 Win Over Torrance

A week ago Torrance High straddled first place in the Pioneer League pennant race with West and El Segundo a game behind in second place. In a turn of events Torrance now trails West and El Segundo by a game.

The Tarrars dropped their second straight, a 2-1 eighth-inning squeaker, to West yesterday. El Segundo nosed out Lawndale, 4-3, to keep pace with the Warriors.

West and El Segundo, who meet Saturday in a make-up of a first round meeting, have 7-2 records in league play. Torrance is 6-3. None of the other league members are the same company.

Dave LaRoche, the spen-

did southpaw, handcuffed Torrance with three hits. He missed a shutout on an unearned run in the sixth.

West took a 1-0 lead in the fifth on a double by Ron Sells and a single by Gary Loyd.

It was Sells who dropped a fly in right for a two-base error that led the Torrance's run in the sixth. On the drive by Bart Johnson, Danny Kling went to third and scored on Frank Kendall's single.

Sells redeemed himself in the bottom of the eighth inning to single Gary Swanson home from second with the winning run. Dennis Dodd also got one of three Warrior singles in the inning.

Both LaRoche and loser Steve Keeley fanned eight and gave up three walks. Keeley walked John Marsden three times intentionally to work out of jams.

West had nine scattered hits, including two by Sells. West plays at Lawndale tomorrow before taking on El Segundo at home Saturday. Torrance travels to Aviation tomorrow.

Score by Innings: R H E  
 Torrance . . . 000 0-1 2  
 West . . . 000 0-2 2  
 Keeley and Kendall; LaRoche and Dodd.

## Bay League Baseball

Standings	W	L	Pct.	GB
Redondo	9	3	.750	—
South	8	5	.615	1 1/2
Santa Monica	6	5	.545	3 1/2
Palos Verdes	4	7	.423	5 1/2
Mira Costa	4	7	.423	5 1/2
Hawthorne	3	7	.308	6 1/2
Palos Verdes	2	8	.250	7 1/2

Games Today  
 Redondo at Rolling Hills  
 Hawthorne at Santa Monica  
 Palos Verdes at Mira Costa.

Games Friday  
 Santa Monica at Santa Monica  
 Palos Verdes at Santa Monica  
 Monday's Results  
 Redondo 3, South 2  
 Palos Verdes 4, Hawthorne 1  
 Santa Monica 11, Rolling Hills 2.