Mickey Cureton

Doing what comes naturally.

That's the most succinct analysis of Mickey Cureton, the dazzling scooter from Compton's Centennial High who must rate as the greatest running back in southland prep football history.

That's quite a statement, but Mickey is quite a guy. The record books show Cureton eclipsed just about every mark when he climaxed his prep career last fall.

Now he's out for a few post-graduate marks in the Shrine North-Sohth game next Thursday night at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Mickey is in the same company with Heisman trophy winners Make Garrett (1965), and John Huarte (1964), Nick Eddy, like Huarte a graduate of Notre Dame; Dick Bass, Pacific, and a slew of other super stars.

But Mickey will be the first one to disclaim any part of greatness.

"I may be blessed with some natural ability but no matter how much it is, in football, or any team game, you can't do it all by yourself. Whatever success I've had must be credited equally to my teammates at Centennial and, of course, coach (Aaron) Wade."

Although Mickey's statement is sincere, coach Wade offers an embellishment, "I'm not surprised at what Mickey said. He's that kind of boy. Believe me, he's something special. I don't think he knows how much natural talent he has."

Physically, Cureton has almost the exact build as did Bass and Garrett when they appeared in the Shrine game. Still growing, "I hope at least two more inches," he says, Mickey weighs 181 pounds.

For the record, here's some of the records Cureton set while establishing himself as the CIF Player of the Year in 1965 and 1966 and earning All-Amercia prep honors;

Seasen scoring — 240 points on 36 touchdowns, 24 PATS.

One game scoring — 40 points (6 TDs and 4 PATs).

Career scoring — 474 points.

Career touchdowns — 74.

Season rushing — 2,504 on 273 carries, an average of 9.2.

Career rushing — 4,920 yards on 563 carries, an average of 8.7.

That's quite a prep career, especially for a lad who is still only 17 years old. He will be 18 on Aug. 9.

Mickey can't quite be called a native Californian. He was born in Detroit, but the family migrated to California when he was two. They lived first in San Bernardino, then San Pedro before settling in Compton.

As early as age six Mickey recalls he was a bit better than kids his age, "I was at McKinley Elementary and always played against the older boys."

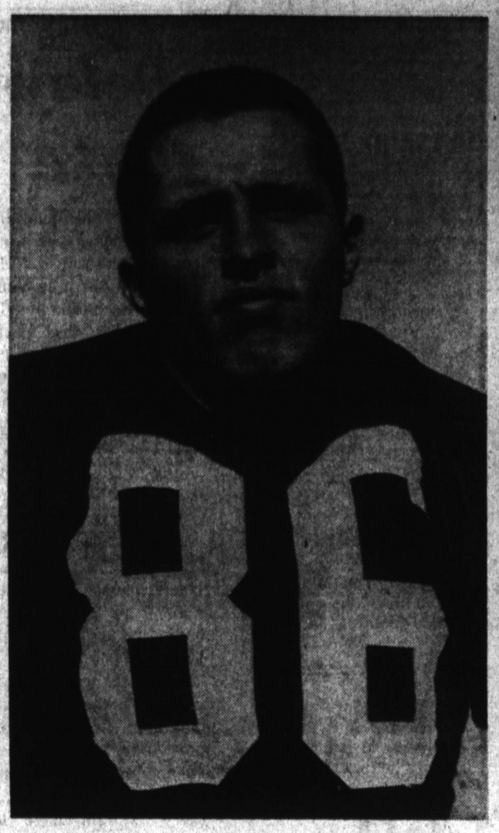
Appropriately enough, Mickey first popped into prominence while playing in the Pop Warner League as a 12-year old. Shifted to halfback from his original quarterback spot, the fleet Mickey shook loose for 49 TDs.

From there, as the 'big' little back at Centennial, he ran up the record performances. With the help of an extensive weight lifting program, Cureton went from 127 in his Warner League days to his parents 181.

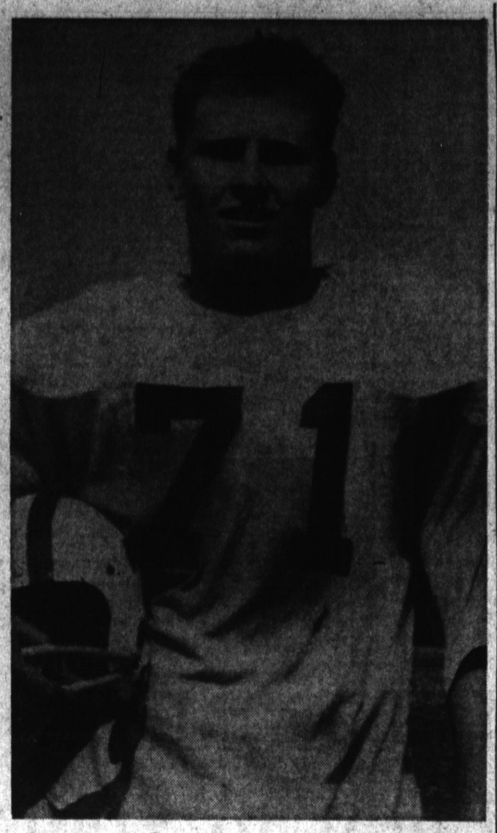
Jinx department — Mickey has never been hurt in a football game. "I did sprain an ankle and had a hip point last year but that was in the summer, playing baseball."

Incidentally, Cureton is regarded as quite a baseball prospect, too. The San Francisco Giants drafted him this year. Considered a power hitter, Mickey batted .450 for Centennial this spring, including seven homers.

However, Mickey has every intention of getting a college education first — wherever that may be. From an original field of 70 colleges, Cureton has cut it down to UCLA, Notre Dame and Utah. He will make the official announcement Friday, one day after the Shrine game.



BILL WALSH . . . Former Torrance High football star is working out at end in preparation for the Lions All-Star Football Game Aug. 10 at El Camino Stadium. Walsh was first string for the Tartars his junior and senior years.



JOHN STANDRIDGE . . . A husky tackle from Torrance High, John will get a taste of college preparatory football when he takes part in the Lions All-Star Football Game. The Torrance grads play for the East team working out at Carson High.

13 Torrance Grads To Play Football In All-Star Game

Thirteen players from Torrance will be competing in the Lions Club's All-Star Football Game Thursday, Aug. 10, and chances are they will have a lot to say about the outcome.

Four of the players — two from North High and two from Torrance High — will play for the East team which is seeking its first victory in three starts.

The other nine, including All-CIF quarterback Danny Graham from Bishop Montgomery High, will be helping the West retain its unblemished record in the mid-summer classic at El Camino stadium.

The West is drawing much of its talent from Montgomery, South High and West High.

Chris Farasopoulis of North High, a 5-11, 185-lb halfback, should see plenty of action for Coach Gene Vollnogle's East team. Fasasopoulis has fine speed and is given an excellent chance to crack the starting lineup on offense and defense.

A teammate from North, Jerry Ball, also is expected to see action at halfback.

Torrance High is sending two All-League linemen into action for the East in Tackle John Standridge and End Bill Walsh. Both men are defensive standouts, and rated excellent "hitters."

Over on the West team, Bishop Montgomery's CIF semifinalist grid machine will be sending four players into battle. West High will have three players on Coach George Swade's team, while South will provide two stars.

Heading the West's offense will be Graham, an all-everything who rates as one of the finest football players the South Bay area has produced.

Joining Graham in the starting West backfield will probably be Ed Gilles, a hard-driving fullback who made All-Camino Real League.

Other Montgomery players on the West are John Sullivan and Mark Leamy.

West High has three player capable of making the starting lineup on offense or defense. These include Steve Sirridge, a 220-lb. interior defensive lineman rated one of the toughest in the Pioneer League.

Joining Sirridge on the list of potential line stars is Allan Coward, 215-lb. All-Pioneer League offensive guard. The third West High star on the squad is Joel Hons, all-league defentsive back whose speed gives him a shot at a starting berth.

South High's two stars may be called upon to provide targets for the throwing arm of Quarterback Graham. They are Augie Felando, a lightweight receiver, and Jeff Arrieta, a good broken field runner.

Both squads are undergoing two-a-day drills at their training camps. The West is working at Montgomery, while the East is drilling at Carson High.

Tickets are on sale now for $3 for adults and $1.50 for students. They will be sold in local sporting goods stores and at the gate on game night. There are no reserved seats.

Proceeds from the contest go to the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

Game time on Aug. 10 at El Camino is 8:15, with a huge pre-game and halftime activity planned by the sponsoring West Torrance Lions Club.

Torrance Eyes Title In Soccer

The Youth Soccer Cup championship is at stake Friday, Aug. 4, when the Torrance Toros and Valley Stars clash in the Los Angeles Coliseum. Kickoff is at 6:45 p.m.

The Section One champion Stars finished with an 8-1-1 record, while the Torrance side took the Section Two title with a record of 6-2-2.

Both teams will be at full strength for the grand final and should provide fans with Southern California's finest calibre of youth soccer.

Torrance will rely heavily on centerforward David Adair who banged in 12 goals in regular tournament play; and inside forwards Stan Drysdale and Danny Kay, the team's playmakers. Halfbacks John Miglia and Siegfried Schmid lead the defense along with Marine Cano, one of the outstanding goalkeepers in the American Youth Soccer Organization.

The San Fernando Valley reps have a powerful lineup which usually controls midfield play through the great ball handling of their two link men — Higinio Velas Velasquez and Ruben Ochoa. For scoring power the Stars boast newcomer Douglas Rae, who scored in every game of the second round.

Following the game, Dan Martin, president of the Los Angeles Toros will present the "Youth Soccer Cup" — a beautiful trophy emblematic of youth soccer supremacy in Southern California — to the winners.

Probable lineups:

Torrance Toros—Goalkeeper, Marine Cano; Fullbacks, Mike Simonek, Roy Le Koning; Halfbacks, Brent Conway, Siegfried Schmid; John Miglia; Forwards, Mike Guy, Danny Kay, David Adair, Stan Drysdale, Paul Stierle; Subs, Robert Wells, Matt Klasila, Walter Leistner, Tom Avoian, Eli Miglia.

Valley Stars — Goalkeeper, Eric Campos; Fullbacks, Rafael Sanchez, Ramon Soria; Halfbacks, George Erdelyi, Ernesto Barrera, Higinia Velasquez; Forwards, Ruben Ochoa, Alfred Acosta, Douglas Rae, Salvador Soria, Roberto Mendoza; Subs, Mark Van Mierlo, Ricardo Mendoza, Brad Weber, Zavala Carlos, Roberto Del Valle, Kevin Niles, Taras Prodaniuk, and Peter Ritter.

CONNIE MACK

Playoffs Eyed By Bullet Nine

Following on the heels of last night's final games in the South Bay Connie Mack League, the IBMC Bullets move into the national playoffs.

All the Bullets had to do was beat North Long Beach last night and they invade Pico Riviera this evening for the first game. Playoffs will also be held at Long Beach, Costa Mesa, Monterey Park, and Compton.

League winners from Glendale, San Gabriel Valley, Foothill and Pico Riviera will compete against the South Bay champion.

Five district winners will engage in Southern California warfare starting Aug. 3 at Long Beach.

The Pacific Southwest regionals will also be at Blair Field. Seven regional champions and host Farmington, New Mexico, will meet for the world title starting Aug. 18.

The Bullets won the crown in 1964 and 1966. Bob Prior, who managed both teams, is assisted this year by Al Egnatuk and Mills Barnes.

Team members are Bruce Cooke, Mike Barnes, Ken Stuler, Larry Burch, and Darrell Blore from last year's club. New faces are Phil Cadenhead, Marty DeWan, Daryl Masuyama, Jay Victor, Tom Schiff, Daryl Arenstein, Jerry Soucy, Paul Fieri, Tom Pitchford, Rich Gonzales, Jim Bachis and Jerry Turco.

Rolling Hills, 3-1

Rolling Hills	AB	R	H	Riviera	AB	R	H
Kreits,1b	3	0	0	Farbar,2b	3	1	1
Szabo, lf	3	0	0	Roach,cf	3	0	0
P'dakis,ss	3	1	2	W'erich,p	3	0	1
Johnson,p	3	1	3	Winner,s	3	0	0
Abdo, 3b	2	0	0	VA'r,lf,1b	2	0	1
Reid, rf	2	0	0	R'rg,1b,3b	2	0	0
Z'rescu,c	2	0	0	Heim,c	2	0	0
Rarick, 2b	1	1	0	M.A'der,lf	0	0	0
Dean,cf	2	0	0	Mull, 3b	1	0	0
				S.Nah,c	0	0	0
				C.Nash,rf	1	0	0
				Clark, rf	1	0	0
Totals	22	3	6	Totals	21.	1.	3

Rolling Hills ..... 001 101—3 6 1
Riviera ..... 000 100—1 3 0

HR — Farber, Johnson, Papadakis. RBI — Farber 1, Papadakis 1, Johnson 1, DP — Papadakis to Kreitz.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Johnson (W) ..	6	3	1	1	1	6
Wutherich (L) ..	6	6	3	2	1	7

Champions Clash in L'il League

The Little League champions from District 26 and 27 clash Monday in a Sub-section 8 game at Rolling Hills.

Going into yesterday's district finals were Lunada Bay and Rolling Hills of 26 and Lomita and North Torrance East of 27. North Torrance East is a defending champion.

This is the first time to the finals for Lunada Bay and Lomita.

North Torrance East scored a 2-0 shutout over Torrance American Thursday at Dominguez Field. The losers failed to score on 10 hits.

Lomita also upset Harbor City, 2-0, in a semi-final game.

Lunda Bay downed North Redondo and Rolling Hills edged Riviera, both by 3-1 scores in the District 26 semis.

Tomorrow's bi-district game is played in conjunction with the Section 8 playoffs at San Diego.

Torrance Softball

OPEN SOFTBALL
AT TORRANCE PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Miller's Garage ...	12	0	1.000	—
So. Bay Church ...	11	1	.917	1
670th Radar Sq. ..	6	6	.500	6
Misguided Nine ...	6	6	.500	6
So. Bay Club	5	1	.417	7
D. & G. Sporting ..	4	8	.333	8
T.R.W. Semi Con.	2	10	.167	10
Airesearch	2	10	.167	10

Results

Wednesday (July 26)—Airesearch 7, Misguided Nine 0; D. & G. Sporting 4, So. Bay Club, 1.

Schedule

Monday (July 31) — So. Bay Church vs. D. & G. Sporting, 7 p.m.; 670th Radar Sq. vs. Misguided Nine, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday (Aug. 2) — Miller's Garage vs. So. Bay Club, 7 p.m.; Airesearch vs. T.R.W. Semi Conductors, 8:30 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL
AT TORRANCE PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Continental Device	9	2	.818	—
Airesearch	8	3	.727	1
P.S.M.	8	3	.727	1
Fan Steel	7	4	.636	2
Magnavox	7	4	.636	2
Cosmodyne	5	6	.455	4
P.P.G. Ind.	3	8	.273	6
Electiron Dynamics	0	11	.000	9

Results

Thursday (July 27) — Continental Device 3, P.P.G. Ind. 0; P.S.M. 6, Electron Dynamics 2.

Schedule

Tuesday (Aug. 1) — P.S.M. vs. P.P.G. Ind, 7 p.m.; Continental Device vs. Magnavox, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday (Aug. 3) — Airesearch vs. Fan Steel, 7 p.m.; Electron Dynamics vs. Cosmodyne, 8:30 p.m.

CHURCH SOFTBALL
AT McMASTER PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
So. Bay Church ..	10	0	1.000	—
Lawn. Ch. Christ	9	2	.818	1½
No. Redondo Chapel	8	3	.727	2½
Christ King Luth.	6	5	.545	4½
Torr. 1st Luth. ...	5	5	.500	5
Wilm. 1st Assem. .	3	7	.300	7
Cal. Assem. God ..	1	10	.091	9½
Gardena Bible ...	0	10	.000	10

Schedule

Friday (July 28) — Wilm. 1st Assem. vs. No. Redondo Chapel, 7 p.m.; Calvary Assem. God vs. Gardena Bible, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday (July 29) — Christ King Lutheran vs. Torr. 1st Lutheran, 7 p.m.; So. Bay Church vs. Lawn. Church Christ, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY OPEN SOFTBALL
AT EL NIDO PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Burgmaster	6	2	.750	—
DC 9	4	4	.500	2
Micros	3	5	.375	3
Cougars	3	5	.375	3

Schedule

Sunday (July 30) — Micros vs. Burgmaster, 1 p.m.; DC 9 vs. Cougars, 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY SLO-PITCH
AT McMASTER PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Firefighters No. 1	11	1	.917	—
Drifters	9	3	.750	2
Aeronca	5	7	.417	6
Sparetime	5	7	.417	6
Successors	3	9	.250	8
Ampco Metal	3	9	.250	8

Schedule

Monday (July 31) — Ampco Metal vs. Sparetime, 7 p.m.; Aeronca vs. Drifters, 8 p.m.; Firefighters No. 1 vs. Successors, 9 p.m.

MONDAY SLO-PITCH
AT WALTERIA PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
30th St. Ath. Club	10	2	.833	—
Dandoy Glass	9	3	.750	1
"Jake" Trucking ..	6	6	.500	4
Orsini Sports	5	7	.417	5
Foc'sle	5	7	.417	5
Nike's	1	11	.083	9

Schedule

Monday (July 31) — Orsini Sports vs. Nike's, 7 p.m.; 30th St. Athletic Club vs. Foc'sle, 8 p.m.; "Jake" Barker Trucking vs. Dandoy Glass, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY SLO-PITCH
AT McMASTER PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Margarita's	9	2	.818	—
Firefighters No. 2	9	2	.818	—
Sopwith Camels ...	7	5	.583	2½
Airesearch	6	6	.500	3½
No. Tor. Bearcats .	3	9	.250	6½
Rolling Hills Es. .	1	11	.083	8½

Schedule

Tuesday (Aug. 1) — Rolling Hills Escrow vs. Firefighters No. 2, 7 p.m.; No. Torrance Bearcats vs. Airesearch, 8 p.m.; Sopwith Camels vs. Margarita's, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY SLO-PITCH
AT EL NIDO PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
North End	11	2	.846	—
Daily Breeze	9	4	.692	2
T.E.S.P.A. Tigers .	9	4	.692	2
Griffey Electric ...	5	8	.385	6
Resurrection Luth.	3	10	.231	8
Pencil Pushers	2	11	.154	9

Results

Thursday (July 27) — T.E.S.P.A. Tigers 14, Daily Breeze 4; North End 9, Griffey Electric 2; Pencil Pushers 7, Resurrection Luth. 0.

Schedule

Thursday (Aug. 3) — T.E.S.P.A. Tigers vs. North End, 7 p.m.; Pencil Pushers vs Daily Breeze, 8 p.m.; Griffey Electric vs. Resurrection Luth. 9 p.m.

THURSDAY SLO-PITCH
AT WALTERIA PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
S. L. Men's Club ..	11	2	.846	—
Helmets	10	3	.769	1
So. Torrance Lions	7	6	.538	4
Torrance Kiwanis	5	8	.385	6
Redondo Angels ..	4	9	.308	7
Balmers	2	11	.154	9

Results

Thursday (July 27) — Torrance Kiwanis 4, Redondo Angels 1; S. L. Men's Club 3, Helmets 2; So. Torrance Lions 8, Balmers 3.

Schedule

Thursday (Aug. 3) — Torrance Kiwanis vs. S.L. Men's Club, 7 p.m.; Balmers vs. Redondo Angels, 8 p.m.; Helmets vs. So. Torrance Lions, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY SLO-PITCH
AT WALTERIA PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Key Realty	9	0	1.000	—
C.E.R.A.	6	3	.667	3
Rolling Hills Cov.	4	5	.444	5
Prairie Ave. Ch. ..	2	6	.250	6½
Todeco	1	8	.111	8

Schedule

Friday (July 28) — Todeco vs. Prairie Ave. Church, 7:30 p.m.; Key Realty vs. C.E.R.A., 8:30 p.m.

YOUTH SLO-PITCH
AT WALTERIA PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Ourselves	8	1	.889	—
Moonshiners	5	2	.714	1
Red's Burgers ...	4	3	.571	2
Happy Wanderers	3	4	.429	3
No Names	3	4	.429	3
Walteria LB's	0	7	.000	6

YOUTH SLO-PITCH
AT McMASTER PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
T.H.E. Beavers ...	7	0	1.000	—
Shadey Oak Bom.	6	1	.857	1
Blues Magoos	3	4	.429	4
Tom Cats	3	4	.429	4
Les Meserables ...	1	6	.143	6
Mylermores	0	7	.000	7

YOUTH SLO-PITCH
AT LA ROMERIA PARK

	W	L	Pct.	GB
W.C. Club	4	0	1.000	—
½ Fast Ten	3	1	.750	1
La Rana	1	3	.250	3
Playboys	0	4	.000	4

Del Mar A la Crosby

California's Del Mar race track has something more than exciting sport in a beautiful setting on the shore of the Pacific Ocean. Its unique architecture was inspired by old Spanish missions, and construction of its buildings constituted the largest adobe project in recorded California history. An entire hill was excavated to provide material for the adobe bricks and, incidentally, a parking lot.

Prior to its opening in 1937, Del Mar was "plugged" in words and music on the No. 1 national network radio hour of the period. Del Mar's first president happened to be a man named Harry L. Crosby, more widely and popularly known as Bing, whose Kraft Music Hall was a Thursday night must. President Crosby's maiden 2-year-old, High Strike, proceeded to win the first race of the inaugural meeting.

Del Mar's slogan, "Where the turf meets the surf," was coined by Mrs. Herb Polesie, wife of one of Crosby's writers, and it was turned into a popular song with music by James Monaco and lyrics by Crosby and Johnny Burke. A recording by Bing is still played at Del Mar before the first race and following the last race every day.

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NT East, 4-1

N.T. East	AB	R	H	Amer'an	AB	R	H
Cathey, cf	4	0	1	Trau'er,3b	4	0	1
Jim'uson,ss	3	0	0	Swan'n,cf	3	0	1
Toma, 1b	3	1	0	Kno'cb,cf	1	0	0
Taylor, c	1	1	0	Austin, lf	3	0	0
Hamary,lf	0	0	0	Aralis, 1b	3	0	1
Vega, lf	2	0	1	Var'an,rf	1	0	0
Jankson,rf	2	0	0	Ehman,rf	2	0	0
Bizzi, rf	1	0	1	Irvine, c	3	0	1
Cobe, 2b	3	0	1	Vallile, p	3	0	2
Duplan, 3b	1	0	0	John'n,ss	3	0	0
Bennett,3b	2	0	0	Winter,2b	3	0	1
Bowen, 3b	0	0	0				
Rose, p	2	0	1				
Totals	24	2	5	Totals	28	0	10

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Torrance American 000 000—0 10 1

2B — Vega, Aralis. RBI—Vega.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rose (W)	6	10	0	0	1	4
Vallile (L)	6	5	2	1	5	7

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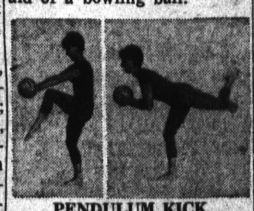
Bonnie Prudden has won nationwide acclaim for her work in alerting people of all ages to the need for physical fitness.

This series is designed to demonstrate an exercise curriculum which provides for a well rounded body conditioning.

In this segment Bonnie discusses the Pendulum Kick and Ball Balance exercises which are achieved with the aid of a bowling ball.



PENDULUM KICK

The Pendulum Kick may be accomplished by following these easy directions.

Hold the ball at waist height with arms outstretched. Tighten your seat muscles and as you bend your knee and raise your leg, try to keep the seat muscles on the right side tight. This, and pointing your left toe will help maintain your balance. This action will also contract the muscles of the abdomen and those in the thigh. It will flatten the abdominals and improve the line of the thigh, and improve your ball delivery.

From the forward position, move your bent leg back be ing care-ful to maintain balance. The placement of the ball determines whether or not you will be able to reach this position without the foot down. The raised leg is held in position with the help of gluteals (seat muscles) and such work helps get rid of unwanted fat, firms up loose flesh, and if you are too thin, provides a curve. Do six to a side.

BALL BALANCE

To achieve the ball balance follow these easy directions.

Start with your feet spread wide apart. Rest your hands on top and to the sides of the ball. DO NOT PUT YOUR FINGERS IN THE HOLES. Your position should be similar to the top of the push-up, body held straight with no sag, arms and legs straight and feet facing forward. Try, by bending your elbows slightly, to do three (3) small quarter push-ups before going on to the next position. Shift the weight of your body from your arms back on to your feet. Be sure as your heels touch the floor that your toes face forward. This stretches the heel cords and hamstrings. Drop your head between your arms and push down. This stretches the chest muscles and shoulders and is excellent for shoulder tension. Start with four and work up to eight. Keep them slow.

The equivalent benefits found in the Pendulum Kick and Ball Balance occur when the bowler has released the ball and maintains a static position balanced on one foot until the ball almost strikes the pins. This principle of proper follow through and held stance approximates the formal exercise of the Pendulum Kick and Ball Balance.

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Life expectancy at birth, which in 1900 was 49, is 70 years today.