Gauchos Win Marine Finals

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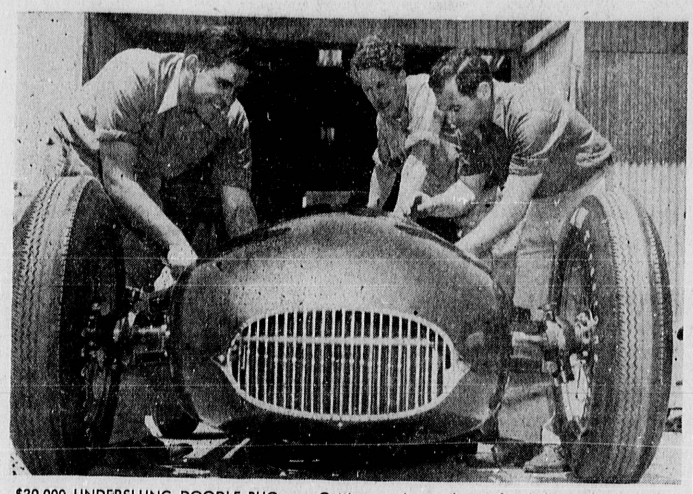
TORRANCE CAR RIPE FOR 500-MILER



$20,000 UNDERSLUNG DOODLE BUG . . . Getting ready to leave for Indianapolis and the famous 500-Mile Memorial Day Classic is this special built single seat race car which was built by the Superior Oil Company in Torrance. The car will be number 12 in the big race. The mechanics working on the "hot rod" are (left to right) Frank Coon, Dave West, and Jimmy Traveris.

Entered in the greatest auto racing classic of them all—the Indianapolis Memorial Day 500-mile race, will be a car designed and built in Torrance.

Among the men who have been working on the chrome and maroon speed bug is Dave West, former aviation-machinist mate, now living at 2337½ Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita.

EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT

Costing between $30,000 and $40,000, according to Todd V. Long, 823 Portola avenue, who is in charge of field operations on the project, the four-cylinder Offenhauser is being built at the plant of the Superior Oil Company at 238th and Normandie. Although no actual test run has been made with the 260-horsepower "hot-rod," Howard Keck, vice president of the company, estimates that it will be able to cruise around the 2½-mile Indianapolis oval at a speed of approximately 150 miles per hour.

Although equipped with such special gimmicks as dual shock absorbers on each of the front wheels, front wheel drive, a torque bar on the front axle, dual master hydraulic brake cylinders, and four-wheel aircraft-type brakes, the racer would be a nightmare to advertising managers and salesmen to sell to the economy-minded public. For instance: the job will burn up fuel at the rate of 4 miles per gallon, using a menthol fuel which costs 54 cents to $1.50 a gallon depending upon who is selling it and who is buying it. However, the menthol fuel will be used only for qualifying for the Memorial Day classic while an aviation fuel will be used for the actual race.

JACKSON TO DRIVE

The single place job will be driven by Jimmy Jackson of Indianapolis who took 4th place in the world famous auto classic last year and 2nd place in 1946. The car will be number 12.

Although the maroon-colored speed wagon is unholstered with a nice soft seat for the driver during the 500-mile grind, the car is without the other "extras" of a conventional auto. There is no cigar lighter, glove compartment or radio, for instance, but a specially designed pocket has been provided to hold a chocolate bar, lemon drops and gum for the jockey of the 260-horsepower racer since the drivers have never been known to stop for lunch at some way-side truck stop during the all-day race. They do, however, get a chance for

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DAVE WEST FROM LOMITA . . . one of the four mechanics who helped build the 260-horsepower racer is shown operating the manual fuel pump control during one of its trial engine runs.

Varsity And Cees Capture Marine League Wind-Up

A rags to riches Narbonne Gaucho varsity track team, which hadn't won a loop meet all season, showed their heels to the rest of the Marine League Saturday, in finals held at Narbonne.

The Gaucho varsity amassed 58 points, taking undisputed first place in three events and the majority of the points in a fourth.

Second place went to San Pedro with 48 points; third to Banning, with 41 1/6; and Gardena trailed with 33 5/6.

Big Bill Stits, star fullback in the fall, captured both hurdles events, with teammate Jack Allen following him across the line on both occasions. Stits and Bill Raine, Banning sprint ace, were the only double winners.

Gaucho Ed Yetman, who leaped 20 feet, 3 inches in the preliminaries saw the mark stand up in yesterday's finals to give him the broad jump championship.

Greg Biller and Jack Widman fought to a 3-way first place tie with Banning's Ceja in the pole vault, which concluded almost an hour after the rest of the competitors were through for the day.

Sensational Chico Pacheco, Banning miler, turned in what was probably the best time of the day by running away with the four-lapper in 4:36.9. Joe

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CHAMPION LEAPER . . . Ed Yetman, Narbonne broad jump ace, won the Marine League championship with a leap of 20 feet, 3 inches. (Photo by Arthur Willey.)

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TARTARVILLE

No Unies For Spring Drills As 11 Footballers Return

Simultaneously with the beginning of spring football practice Monday, Coach Eddie Cole of Torrance High School told sports writers that the Tartars, along with all others in the Bay League will drill without the benefit of uniforms during the spring session.

In looking over the turnout which included 11 returning lettermen, Cole said he felt that the "no uniform" rule would make for a poorer brand of ball. He said that heretofore coaches could use the spring training period to drill the squad on fundamentals, blocking, tackling, punting and passing without worrying about defensive and offensive plays or about what the other coaches have up their sleeves.

Generally speaking, however, the prospects for a strong squad next year look good, according to Cole. Here is what he has in material to work with:

Co-Captain Dick Turner, 6 foot 1 inch quarterback, a hold over lettermen from last year; Milo Goettsch, left halfback whose speed has improved with a successful track season and therefore will be hard to catch out in the open; Dick Ruppert, another letterman with a good head, not too fast but a good ball packer; Jack Taylor played fullback last year, and according to Cole the best kicker in the Bay League; Buddy Licht probably will earn his second letter at fullback, good last year, better in '48; Onal Harris and Dick Offinger, both hard working guards, both lettermen; Rano Sullivan, who has put on 21 pounds since last season and now weighs 181, may go at center; Tony Donatoni, left guard last year, may fill the tackle spot with his 235 pounds;

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Boden Batting Best: Fullerton, Scuttlers Clash

After Friday night's loss it was one up and one down for the Torrance Scuttlers.

A week ago Tuesday, opening night, the Scuttlers defeated Garden Grove 3-1 and Friday night lost to the Long Beach Greenstreaks by the same 3-1 score.

BODEN HITS TWICE

Nick Boden, catcher for the Scuttlers, was the only Torrance player to get a hit in both games, one of which was a double in the Garden Grove affair. In the Long Beach contest Boden also came in for a share of the interest in a play that possibly cost the Scuttlers the game. It was two away, man on first, a high fly by Boden which was dropped by Herron, Greenstreak third baseman. Boden was rounding first when the ball hit the ground. He was cut off trying to get back to first after he pulled up between bases when he found Olson who should have been going home, standing on second.

Al DeWeese allowed only three hits and fanned 15 Scuttlers while Phil Knight yielded four hits but only whiffed four Long Beach batters.

THIRD GAME

Tuesday night the Scuttlers traveled to Santa Ana for the third game of the National Niteball League. Since this section of the paper goes to press early Wednesday morning it is probable that the result of that game will be too late for this issue.

Friday night the Scuttlers clash with Fullerton and local fans will have the opportunity of seeing one of the greatest of all softball pitchers in action at the city park. On the mound for Fullerton will be LeRoy Zimmerman, stellar halfback for the Detroit Lions and former Little All-American from San Jose State College, who keeps in condition for the pro-football season by chucking for Fullerton.

CARLSGAARD STILL OUT

Phil Knight probably will get the first call for pitching duty from manager Les Gebhard as Ted Carlsgaard, regular chucker for the Scuttlers is still on the bench with a broken blood vessel sustained a couple of weeks ago in a game against Riverside.

LONG BEACH	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Jones, ss	5	0	2	1	0	0
DeWeese, p	4	0	1	0	3	0
Donovan, 1b	4	1	1	4	0	0
Mangold, cf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Herron, 3 b	4	0	0	4	1	1
Mungo, lf	4	0	2	2	0	0
White, c	4	0	1	15	0	0
Osborne, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Rolfe, 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	3	9	27	4	1

TORRANCE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dillon, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	0
Bachtelle, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Williams, cf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Costa, ss	4	0	0	2	3	2
Griffith, 2b	4	0	0	5	0	1
Olsen, rf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Boden, c	3	0	1	5	1	0
Bennett, 1b	3	0	0	8	0	0
Fitz, lf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Powers, lf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Knight, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	30	1	3	27	6	3

Long Beach	001	002	000— 3
Torrance	000	000	100— 1

Earned runs—Long Beach, 2; Torrance, 1. Runs batted in—DeWeese, White, Costa. Two-base hit—Donovan. Three-base hit—Williams. Stolen bases—DeWeese, White, Osborne. Left on bases—Long Beach, 7; Torrance, 3. Bases on balls—DeWeese, 1 (Olsen). Strikeouts—DeWeese, 15 (Dillon 2, Bachtelle 2, Costa 3, Griffith 2, Olsen, Bennett, Fitz, Knight 2, Williams); Knight 4 (Donovan, Herron, Mungo, Rolfe). Umpires—Orman and Sesseman. Time—1:46.

Gauchos Lodge Protest Following Pilot Loss

Coach Wayne Sloss of Narbonne High said today that Boys' Vice Principal George Fults lodged a protest with Supervisor of Athletics Bill Lopez following last Thursday's baseball game in which the Gauchos lost, 5-4, to Banning.

Sloss questioned the ump's decision in allowing two Banning men to score on an overthrow in the last of the seventh inning.

Had but one man gone home after the overthrow, Sloss argues, the score would have been tied at 4-4.

Behind, 4-1, Banning loaded the bases in the last inning, and with one down, a double sent four men home, two following an overthrow at home to give the Pilots the game.

Narbonne hurler Charles Schildmeyer held the Pilots to two hits in 7 1/3 innings until he got into the jam that cost the Gauchos the contest.

Paul "Lefty" Pettit, generally considered one of the finest hurlers in high school baseball today, came to the mound and failed to quell the Pilot uprising. He was charged with the defeat.

Pettit, from his center field spot led the day's hitters with two safe blows, one of them a circuit clout. Schildmeyer also got a four-baser.

The defeat was Narbonne's second in league baseball play. The Gauchos have won two.

Line score:

				R	H	E
Narbonne	010	003	0—4	8	6	
Banning	000	001	4—5	3	0	

NARBONNE	AB	R	H	E
Gazeley, 2b	4	0	2	2
Bowers, 3b	2	1	0	1
Pettit, cf-p	1	2	1	1
Phillips, ss	3	0	0	2
Schildmeyer, p	3	1	3	1
Myers, c	2	0	0	0
Allen, 1b	3	0	2	0
Cisneros, lf	3	0	0	0
Olvera, rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	8	7

BANNING	AB	R	H	E
Harris, 2b	4	1	1	0
Jones, cf	3	0	1	0
Hicks, c	2	0	0	0
Gilbert, lf	3	0	0	0
Ezell, rf	3	0	0	0
Stellar, 3b	3	1	1	0
Gil, 1b	3	0	0	0
Morley, ss	2	0	0	0
Mallonnee, p	2	1	0	0
Frazer, ss	0	1	0	0
Lues, p	0	1	0	0
Totals	25	5	3	0

Wilhall Woe

Normont's Shamrocks trounced the Wilhall Boys Club 19 to 4 last week to keep their place at the top of the Wilmington midget league with four straight wins. John Calaway, Gerald Goode and Jim Keltner led the Terrace hitting attack.

Local Sailor Takes Crown

A former Torrance High School student, Johnny Aguilar, captured all-Navy lightweight crown Saturday at San Diego.

By decisioning Vince LeRegina, Aguilar took the title and his performance in the championships earned him a berth for the Olympic boxing trials to be held in Boston in June.

The Torrance sailor is now stationed at the Alameda Naval Air Station and was one of two 11th-district boxers to winn all-Navy crowns.

Mohawks Lose

Al Ruiz and Dave Herrera led the Normont Mahawks futile hitting attack as the locals lost last week to the Mahar Devils, 13 to 6.

Cloward, Dondoy, And Dean Qualify At CIF Pre-Lims

Captain Jack Dean, Dick Cloward, and Aramis Dondoy, all Tartar track stars qualified in the C. I. F. preliminaries last Saturday at Oxnard and thereby won for themselves a chance to take a crack at the Championship run-offs to be held at Compton a week from Saturday.

Milo Goettsch who was expected to qualify in the hurdles hit one of the cross bars on a false start and the resulting minor injury that raised a knot on his leg was just enough of a handicap to slow down the potential champion to keep him from qualifying.

Jack Hoffman, although Bay League Bee Champ in the high jump was off his stride and failed to clear the 5' 10" qualifying mark. His best jump was 5' 7,,.

Boyd Crawford, who has vaulted 10' 6" on several occasions was also out of stride and failed to qualify with his best jump of 10'.

Although Dean took first in the pole vault with his 11' jump, Cloward took third to O'Brien of Santa Monica (whom he has beaten before), and Dondoy took third in the Cee high jump with a 5' 3" leap, all must place among the first eight at the semifinals next Saturday at Glendale to be eligible to enter the C. I. F. Finals at Compton the week after.

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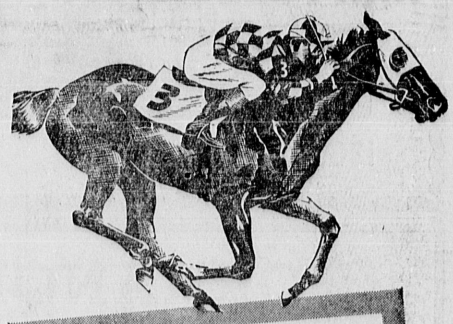

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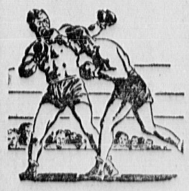

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