

# WEDNESDAY'S GAME TO DECIDE CITY CROWN

## Two Diamond Wars On Tab

TORRANCE HERALD

### Sports

#### Mira Costa Invades For Swatters Duel

It's a slam-bang week ahead for Torrance's varsity baseballers who presently are getting the 1952 horsehide season underway. The Tartars take on Mira Costa High at the local park at 3 p.m. today, then meet the La Jolla nine on the park diamond Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Coach Dick Leech's rawhiders split a pair in practice tiffs last week, winning the opener over St. Anthony's High 5 to 4, and losing 2-1 to Excelsior the following day.

Additions to the roster of the Tartars this week include many veterans from last year's wars who were turned loose from the basketball crew only Monday. Shortstop Bill Crawford

came over to the baseball camp and will relieve Bob Lemaster, who will move to third.

Lemaster held down the short-stopping post in the past prep games.

Leech has not made a final decision on the battery for today's tilt, but the starting hurler probably will be either ex-basketballer Larry Roy, Manuel Oloque or Tom Vanderpool. Behind the plate will be John Spiller or Frank Christenson.

Oloque got the "win" credit for the St. Anthony's game last week.

Holdback pitchers include Charlie Camou and Bob Bowen, who may be on tap for Saturday's fracas. Bowen was nursing a sore arm earlier in the week.

On the bases, Leech said that he will have Joe White on first, Jim Murphy at second base and Lemaster in the hot corner. El Palmer, Walt McHenry and Bert Smith probably will shag flies in the outfield.

Early game outfield play was "better than average," Leech said. A strong wind in last week's games presented severe handicaps, but the trio played top ball.

The Tartars are prepping for the "big" game of the practice series when they tackle the Narbonne High Gauchos under the Torrance Park arc at 7:30 on March 17. Cross-town rivalry plus some mighty good ball playing should present a top-rate card of events on that night.

First in the league battle comes when the locals meet Inglewood here on March 20.

A lack of heavy hitters seems to be the big weakness with the local squad. The Tartars swatted 12 hits against 2 by the Saints in the St. Anthony prep game, but mustered only five runs.

Orville Blanding, stellar shortstop, kissed the ball club goodbye this week when he turned in his uniform lock, stock and barrel. Rumor has it that Orville is quitting school to take a wife.

Crawford, who will take over the position, was named to the All-Bay Conference roll last season.



TARTAR HURLERS... Five Torrance High pitchers choke-out on a bat to see who gets the starting berth in today's tilt with Mira Costa High at 2 o'clock. Ball throwers on the 1952 squad include, from left, Manuel Oloque, Bob Bowen, Charlie Camou, Tom Vanderpool and Larry Roy. (Herald photo).

#### Jalopies to Roar At Culver Again

A rollicking Jalopy Derby roars onto the quarter-mile track at the Culver City Stadium Sunday afternoon at 2:30. A full 10-event schedule is planned.

More than 4200 fans turned out for last week's festivities and stadium officials say that this is good indication that people want to watch jalops.

Van Johnson, (not THE V. J.), has been added to the list of Culver City drivers, and he is supposed to be a top contender for the winning money.

Other top pilots include Fred Russell, Paul Norman, Dan Letner and Ed Van Eyk. Qualifying time trials for some 80 rods will get under way at 1 p.m.

#### Cagers Cop Victory to End Bay League Basketball Race

Torrance High's varsity cage-men bowed out of the 1952 Bay League season in a blaze of glory last week as they rared back and knocked Beverly Hills, 59 to 50, on the local arena.

Forward Chick Cope stole the show as he poured on the steam to sink 23 points and become the night's high scorer. Center Guy Farrington accounted for 12 points as the Tartars went wild—playing probably their best game of the season.

After all league contests were counted, the Redondo Seahawks emerged wearing the golden crown. They boast a nine-win and one loss record. Inglewood, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Torrance and Leuzinger follow in that order.

The locals show a two win and eight loss score. Wins were over Beverly, and an earlier season nudge past Leuzinger in a Statistically Torrance chalked up 381 points over foes, but opponents racked up some 597 points against them.

Reasons for the rather poor showing this season seems to be aimed at the fact that Coach Rex Welch was fielding in a green squad—leftovers from past fights were few and far between.

No sooner had some members of the crew hung up their basketball tugs than they put their hats on the baseball shelf. Larry Roy and Bill Crawford are counted on heavily for the horsehide campaign.

The Bees suffered a setback by the Beverly five, 43 to 36, and were unable to muster a win on the score column for the season.

#### FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	PP	PA
Redondo	9	1	531	412
Inglewood	8	2	519	401
Santa Monica	7	3	459	378
Beverly Hills	3	7	443	477
Torrance	2	8	381	597
Leuzinger	2	9	378	518
Cope (59)				
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Boy (6)				
Farrington (12)				
Mortenson (4)				
Crawford (6)				
Subs: Torrance—Fees 4, Foulger 2, Beverly Hills—Zunbrum 8, Sukor 6, Halfway 1				
Halftime score—Beverly Hills 27, Torrance 30.				

#### City Tells Laws For Crowley Fishing Season

Laws regulating fishermen on Crowley Lake, the renowned "home of the big trout" in the High Sierras, were announced this week by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department, who manage the recreational activities for the Water and Power Department.

There is no charge for private boat use on the lake, the department said. However, fees for overnight dockage and watchman service, per boat, are 50 cents per night; \$8.50 per week, or \$20 for the season.

Speed limit on the lake is 6 miles per hour. Boats 11 feet or under in length are not permitted on Crowley Lake.

Meat, plastic or glass boats must be equipped with adequate pontoons or other flotation units.

Use of rubber rafts or similar craft is not allowed.

Outboard motors used on the lake must have a horsepower rating of five or more.

The department will have a supply of rental boats this year and reservations must be made in Room 225, Los Angeles City Hall, at 8 a.m. Monday, March 17—in person.

Chairs will be provided for those getting there early.

#### WHAT'S COOKIN'

##### TODAY

Baseball: Mira Costa High at Torrance, Torrance Park, 3 p.m.; Compton at El Camino, 3 p.m.

##### TOMORROW

Track: Torrance-Redondo-Leuzinger at Redondo High School, Bay League opener, 2:30 p.m. Basketball: El Camino vs. Harbor, Camino Gym, 8 p.m.

##### SATURDAY

Baseball: La Jolla High at Torrance, Torrance Park, 1 p.m. Basketball: El Camino at Bakersfield JC, 8 p.m.

##### SUNDAY

Auto Racing: Jalopy Derby, Culver City Stadium, 2:30 p.m.

##### WEDNESDAY

Basketball: Municipal Cage Championship Playoffs, Torrance High Gym, 8 p.m.

#### Camino's Track Schedule Told

El Camino's 1952 track and field meet schedule was announced this week by commissioners of the Metropolitan Conference.

Mar. 21—East Los Angeles Relays. Mar. 28—Harbor Tech, San Diego at El Camino. Apr. 4—El Camino, Long Beach at Valley.

Apr. 18—El Camino at Bakersfield. Apr. 25—El Camino, East L.A. at Santa Monica.

May 3—Metropolitan Conference Meet, Bakersfield. May 10—Fresno Relays.

May 17—Southern California Meet, State preliminaries, Riverside. May 23, 24—State Meet, Santa Rosa.

(All Conference Meets to be scored as Dual Meets.)

#### Playoffs Near For City Teams

The game of games—the municipal cage championship playoff—will get under way on the Torrance High floorboards next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

It'll be the Fenwick's five, who clinched the crown last week, pitted against either George's Meat 'n Place or National Supply.

A forfeit by Treske's Men's Shop to National pushed National up into the top position with George's.

Last night George's was favored to push past the Columbia Employees, which would second their bid for the B League win. But if National knocked over the Torrance Teachers, a B League playoff will be held Monday in the Lomita Park gym.

Winner of next Wednesday's championship match will be awarded the shiny Muni-Cage cup by the Torrance Recreation Department, Athletic Director Elmer "Red" Moon said this week.

In games last week National garnered an 11-point win over Fierman's; Fran Munsterman dropped in 21 counters for the winners. George's clobbered Treske's Men's Shop 47 to 33, despite Don Merrill's 24 points for the losers.

The Torrance Teachers and Columbia were charged with double forfeits, as neither squad showed up with full strength.

In the A League race the National Bank boys knocked down Allen's Burgers to the tune of 43-33. Redondo Eagles also won, pushing past the Torrance Merchants 59 to 43.

Fenwick's won over the Mormons by forfeit.

National week handed a setback last week by the bottom of the rung Treske's squad, but an ineligible player nullified the win for the victors.

In a nutshell, it'll be either George's or National meeting Fenwick's next Wednesday in the City Cage Championships, Torrance High gym, 8 p.m.

#### One-Buck Fish Licenses Sold

A new cut-rate deal is offered salt water fishermen who hate to shell out three bucks to the State Department of Fish and Game just to take a fishing outing with the boys.

Three-day permits for use in the waters of the Pacific Ocean only, not inside bays or in fresh water, can now be obtained for \$1. The licenses are good for three consecutive days, no more.

Regular fishing licenses remain the same, \$3 and \$10 for non-resident fishermen. They can be obtained at all

chests 27.

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### Softball Sked Plans Pending

Plans are being made by the Torrance Recreation Department for the 1952 softball sessions, slated to start in the middle of the month of April.

Athletic Director Red Moon yesterday called for all interested sponsors and managers to meet in the Rec office on Monday evening, March 10, at 8 o'clock.

Tentative arrangements call for a six-team league and an eight-team conference. Either a three-round setup or a four-round series will be adopted, Moon said.

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