

SANTA MONICA BACK IN BAY LEAGUE

2nd Place Teams Get Boost Into Playoffs

Guess who's back.
In a momentous double decision, the CIF Council Saturday decided to: a) Leave Santa Monica High School in the Bay League, making it a seven team league and b) allow the second place teams from the stronger leagues to enter the CIF football playoffs along with the first place teams.

In a meeting of the Bay League Athletic Council Tuesday afternoon, league coaches and school representatives were told that the CIF Council had decided that Santa Monica should be left in the Bay League until future years, when a massive re-leaguering of the entire area will be undertaken.

The reasons given by the CIF relegating committee last December for removing Samohi from the league were not deemed strong enough by the Council.

Vikes Dictators
Santa Monica has dominated the loop for the past seven years, winning the championship six times and the co-championship the other time. (Torrance has been in the league seven years).

The relegating committee stated that because of the great growth anticipated in Santa Monica in the next few years, the school should be moved to a bigger league. The Coast League (Long Beach Schools) was chosen as the "victim" as its representatives ranted and raved so much about the switch—that the CIF reneged. Coach Cliff Graybehl of TBS said, "The powerful Vikings refused to become a freelance team and, without a league to graduate them into, they were dropped back into the Bay aggregation. The Vikes will feel right at home. They are

charter members of the league, which was founded in 1913. The growth rate that will hit all schools during the next three years is expected to swell Samohi to a student population of 3000. Santa Monica is a three-year high school and the school district has decided not to split into separate schools, but expand the present facilities. Torrance, as a comparison, is a four-year school with about 1500 students, and soon will be split into a three high school district.

The CIF Questioning Board asked: "Why, besides their winning the football championship every year, should we put Santa Monica out of the Bay League?"

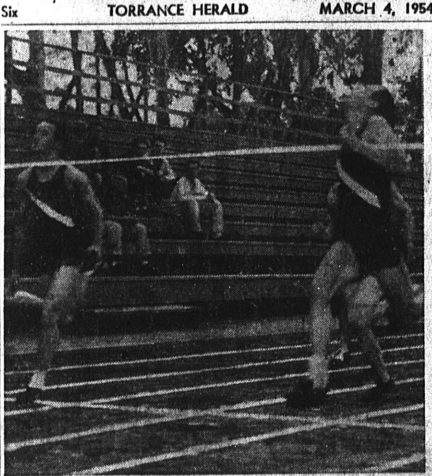
Growth in Santa Monica because of the decision not to split the school district was given as the answer. It wasn't enough.

Seven Team League
So the Bay League now officially has seven members, Centennial and Paramount high schools, which were moved over from the San Gabriel Valley League to replace Samohi and Beverly Hills, will remain in the league. Beverly has been placed representatives in the Pioneer League.

The Bay League Leader Now Santa Monica, Torrance, Inglewood, Centennial, Paramount, Redondo, and Leuzinger.

Second Place Gets Break
In a second far-reaching decision, the CIF accepted a proposition. (Continued on page 7)

Baron, Herring Make All-Metro Squad



(Herald Photo)
BY A CHEST . . . Gary Cooke cracked the tape in 1948 to take the 100-yard dash for Torrance Tuesday against Paramount and Al Rainwater, (left) came in third. Unfortunately, when the Tartars face Serra on the home paths tomorrow afternoon, they should be ready for Loyola on March 10, however, according to Coach Vern Wolfe.

Cindermen Win Second In Row

The rampaging Torrance cinder-benders breezed through their second foe of the year Tuesday, chilling Paramount High School 67-39, and are priming for a clash with Serra High School tomorrow at 3 p.m. on the home course.

Unfortunately, the Tartars will have to face Serra without dashmen Gary Cooke and Al Rainwater, who strained leg muscles in the Paramount meet and will be out for about a week. Coach Vern Wolfe said Tuesday that the injuries are not as serious as he first thought, and that Cooke and Rainwater should be back in action in time for the meet with Loyola on March 10.

Clayton "Pee Wee" Mallard and Dennis Hester breezed a non-chalant 2:11 in the 880 for first place and the general consensus of opinion around the local cinderpath is that the fleet junior will crack the school record of 1:58.5 before his high school career is over—maybe this year. The mark was set in 1941 by Gerald McDonald.

Hester's leap of five feet nine inches gave him a first in the high jump, also. Don Forth and Jim Babb took second and third in the event, and the locals also swept the shot put, with Harold "Snake" Phillip hitting 44 feet, two and three-fourths inches for first, Don Kasten taking second and John Sousa third.

Cooke and Rainwater took first and third in the 100 and will be sorely missed tomorrow in that event. Cooke also took a second in the 220.

The Tartar Bees smashed Paramount 77-18, taking first in all but one event, the pole vault. Jumping Jim Powers grabbed top spot in the high jump and broad jump with marks of five feet and four inches, and 17 feet nine and a fourth inches. Paramount did not field a Cee team.

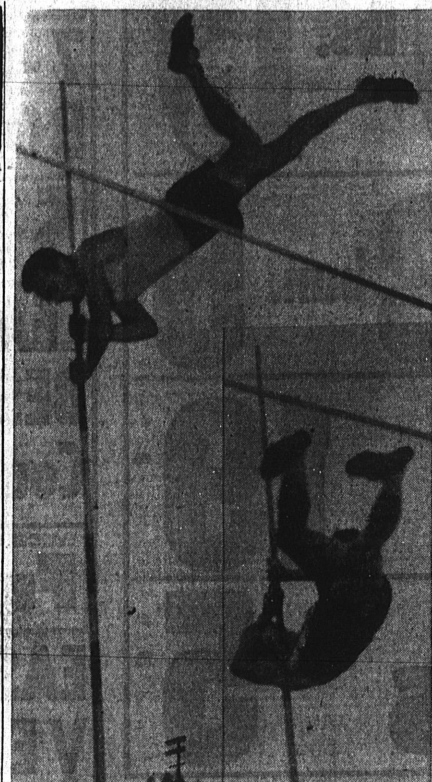
Member of Track Team Hit by Car
Tom Walker, 16, member of the Torrance High School track team, was taken to Harbor General Hospital Saturday after his bicycle collided with a car on Orenshaw Blvd. south of 190th St.

Walker sustained a head injury in the collision. He was reported in "good" condition Monday at the hospital. The driver of the car, Edward Marshall, 24, of 24619 Senator Ave., Harbor City, was not held.

The student runs the mile on the track team and finished first against Lynwood in the first meet of the season last week. He lives at 16698 Casimir Ave.

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(Herald Photo)
OVER AND UNDER . . . The Torrance vs. Paramount track meet Tuesday turned into a dual (or duel) meet when rival Coach Vern Wolfe of Torrance and Al Zimmerman of Paramount decided to see if they could still pole vault with the agility they had when both were teammates on USC's track squad. The two coaches ended in a tie at 12 feet six inches. In the above photo, Wolfe sails over the bar and in the insert, lower right, Tartar Clayton "Pee Wee" Mallard tries to emulate his coach but doesn't quite make it. Mallard did go over 11 feet six inches, however, which was good enough to earn him a tie for first place in the event. He also won the 70 high and 120 low hurdles.

All Opponent Team Told by EC Hoop Men
Coach Tom Bailey this week announced the 1954 All Opponent team selected by the El Camino basketball team and only one returnee from last year's squad appears on the list this year—Jerry Mitchell from Long Beach City College.

Long Beach was the only team to place two men on the first string. Santa Monica, San Diego and Bakersfield each had one player on the team.

All-Bay League Cage Squads On Deck This Week
The All-Bay League basketball teams for 1954 are now being compiled and should be available for release this weekend, according to Bill Worthington, Bay League Secretary.

The hopes of Torrance are being carried on the capable shoulders of Bob "How High" Tom Moon, who made first string All-Bay league guard last year and looks like a cinch to repeat.

League coaches mailed in their All-Opponent teams from which the All-League team selected. Tuesday, Worthington said, and the choice of the Big Five should be completed this week.

Santa Monica and Beverly Hills each landed a pair when Torrance High School Coach Rex Welch announced his team's All-Opponent selections Tuesday. Following is the Tartar All-Opponent squad:

Name	Pos.	School
Dick Eller	F	Bev. Hills
Dick Burtchlew	F	Inglewood
John Griffiths	C	S. Monica
Bill Celling	G	S. Monica
Carl Bohlingwood	G	Bev. Hills

Warrior Track Team Opens '54 Sked Tomorrow

Trackmen at El Camino College will make their 1954 debut at Orange Coast College tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in competition with Orange Coast and Harbor Junior Colleges.

Fourteen meets are listed on the track schedule released this week by El Camino, coordinator of athletics at El Camino. Coaching the track aggregation is Amby Schneider, All-American quarterback with the 1946 USC football squad. Schneider also serves as assistant football coach and is mentor of the El Camino cross-country squad.

After tomorrow's track venture, the team will engage the following schedule:
March 12, vs Ventura and UCLA
March 13, at El Camino
March 13, Junior College Relays, P.m., East LA
March 19, East LA Relays, 1 p.m., East LA
March 23, Compton and Fullerton
March 26, Santa Monica and Valley
April 2, San Diego and Bakersfield, 3 p.m., El Camino
April 3, Long Beach and Harbor
April 3, p.m., Long Beach
April 23, East LA and UCLA Relays, 3 p.m., East LA
May 1, Metropolitan Conference meet, 1 p.m., Santa Monica
May 7, Southern California Junior College Relays, 1 p.m., Fresno
May 15, West Coast Relays, 1 p.m., Fresno
May 22, State Junior College Meet, 1 p.m., Santa Monica

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Tartars Lose Close One To Centennial

Torrance lost again, but it was a close contest. The Centennial horseholders snuck across two runs on two hits in the second inning and held on to it for a 2-0 win over the Tartars Tuesday afternoon.

Tartar fingers Ron Anderson and Gary Henderson teamed to hold the Centennial leadless in each inning except the second. The locals opened up in the sixth frame of the seventh inning game and got Walt McHenry, back at his centerfield post, and Manny Ollague as far as third, but McHenry was thrown out at the sack and Ollague died there.

Burt Smith led the sticklers with two singles in three trips. The locals met Hawthorne yesterday, too late for the Herald press run, and meet Culver City today.

Bobby Ball Dies 14 Months After Carrell Smasheur
Bobby Ball, 27, auto race driver who was injured Jan. 4, 1953, in a crash at Carrell Speedway in Gardena, died Saturday in an Arizona Hospital after 14 months in a coma.

Ball was involved in a seven-car midget auto smasheur at the Gardena Speedway and suffered a basal skull fracture, from which he never regained consciousness. His condition took a turn for the worse Tuesday and his doctors declared death was due to complications arising from his injuries and long period of unconsciousness.

New Records Set By '54 Warrior Cagers

The El Camino Warrior basketball team closed its 1953-54 season with a victory over the Harbor Junior College Seahawks last Friday by a score of 67-47, giving the Braves their tenth win in Metropolitan Conference play against four losses and assuring them of a second-place tie with Bakersfield for the second consecutive year.

Long Beach City College with eleven victories and three defeats took top honors for the third consecutive year. This year's team posted the best record of any El Camino team in the school's history winning 22 games and losing only seven. Other records set by Tom Bailey's Warriors include an early season nine-game winning streak as well as scoring 2045 points for the season. The team was defeated only once on their home floor in a double overtime loss to East Los Angeles.

Individual scoring records were also broken by the "Twine Twins"—Allen Herring and Bill Baron. Herring set a new two year scoring record with 894 points and a new single year record with 533 points. Baron and Herring both had games in which they scored 33 points, Baron against San Diego and Herring against Long Beach. Baron took scoring honors in the Metropolitan Conference with 290 points in conference play. Herring was not far behind with 283. Baron had a total of 601 points by season nine-game winning streak as well as scoring 2045 points for the season. The team was defeated only once on their home floor in a double overtime loss to East Los Angeles.

Season Record—Won 22, Lost 7						
Conference Record—Won 10, Lost 4						
El Camino Opponents	694	679	383	517	2035	70.1
El Camino	391	381	240	201	1032	75.7
Opponents	383	329	179	294	905	64.9

Highest No. of points scored in one game—84 (Long Beach)
Longest Winning Streak—9 Games
Individual high scoring for single game—Allen Herring 83 (Long Beach)
Free Throw Percentage—Season, 62%; Conference, 62.9%
New school record with 22 victories and also new school record in conference competition with 10 victories.

Moon Wins Bay League Scoring Championship

Bob Moon, stellar Torrance guard, won the scoring championship of the Bay League by scoring 23 points against Inglewood Friday night. The 1953 All-Bay League scored 169 points in league play, topping Redondo's Bob Goldstone by nine points.

Goldstone led Moon up to the final game. He ended in second place with 160 points.

The Tartars racked up the highest point-per-game average in their league history this year, according to statistics compiled by Coach Rex Welch. In 20 games, the casaba artists bucketed 1013 points for a 50.6 point per game average.

The Moon lighted the way for the locals in point scoring for the season. He tanked 838 points in 20 games for a 17 point per game average. Bob Guerra finished second in per game average with 189 in 16 games for 12 per. Jerry Farrar's 206 points in 19 games gave him an 11 point average and third place.

SCORING STATISTICS
(Final, '53-'54 Season)

Name	G	FG	FTM	FTA	TP	Ave.
Bob Moon	20	123	92	123	338	17
Bob Guerra	16	71	45	66	189	12
Jerry Farrar	19	87	52	43	206	11
Dennis Hester	18	24	24	51	72	4
Bob Boss	18	18	21	45	58	3.2
Dave Ruffell	14	9	15	30	33	3

G—Games; FG—Field Goals; FTM—Free Throws Made; FTA—Free Throws Attempted; TP—Total Points; Ave.—Average.

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