

Relays Rained Out, IHS Next Torrance Foe

Idle all week because the El Monte Relays were rained out, the Tartar trials should be well rested for the big one Friday at Inglewood.

The El Monte Relays, to which most Bay League teams were invited, will be held April 6. They were to be run Friday, but wet grounds forced a cancellation.

Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERFEY, JR.

FLOWERS AT FUNERAL INSPIRE THE LIVING

Martha Sheely, 25, is a reporter for the Anderson Independent in South Carolina. Recently she interviewed 20 men and women asking them, "Would you rather have flowers now or after you are dead?"

And eighteen immediately said they'd prefer their flowers while they were still alive. One of the 20 said she'd like hers divided—some posies while she lived and some at the funeral.

And one man said he'd like his beautifully arranged around the casket after his death.

Actually, most people would probably like their flowers at both times, but especially while they are living, which is why I urge you so incessantly to pay daily compliments to your companions.

For words of praise are simply verbal bouquets which buoy up our family and associates and encourage them in further good works.

Flowers at Funerals But in recent years there has arisen a dangerous suggestion that we should eliminate all flowers at funerals and devote that salvaged money to the poor.

This is not wise. For death is really our graduation ceremony from this earthly classroom. And flowers are an appropriate part of every high school commencement as well as funeral service.

For the flowers exert an inspirational effect on the living who are congregated at the church or funeral chapel.

It is psychologically dangerous to permit erosion of the soul, which is what occurs when we strip all evidences of idealism from moments of great emotional significance.

"But the departed dead can't smell the lovely flowers!" somebody may argue. Erosion of the Soul

By the same logic, the dead can't hear the clergyman's funeral sermon, so should we eliminate that customary portion of the ceremony?

The dead can't see or feel the beautifully lined casket, either, so why not adopt Hitler's blunt efficiency and just bulldoze a trench into which we could dump our departed loved ones with no ceremony at all?

The dead would probably not know the difference, but we living relatives and friends certainly would feel the callousness of such unfeeling treatment as such a great graduation ceremony from life.

So never permit flowers to be eliminated from funerals. It strips this religious event bare of its idealism.

"Man does not live by bread alone," said Jesus, meaning that money is not the only essential of life.

Flowers and music and other evidences of beauty are likewise vital human personality.

That's why Jesus reproved the apostles for criticizing the woman who poured the expensive ointment on him prior to his crucifixion.

They argued that her action was wasteful, saying that money might better have been given to the poor. But Jesus definitely disagreed with them.

So be sure you do not eliminate all flowers from funerals.

Death is our greatest graduation ceremony, so if flowers are to be kept a beautiful event, with music, flowers, beautifully lined casket and inspiring sermon.

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HONORED... Tartar Coach Rex Welch, left, presents Bob Moon a Trophy, donated by the Torrance Varsity Club, for being named to the All Bay League basketball team for '53-'54. Bob was the only unanimous choice. He will also have his name inscribed, for the second time, on the school's blanket award as the outstanding player of the year, (back-ground). In his hand, Bob holds the plaque he won for making the second-string All-CIF casaba squad. All in all, a pretty good year for the big senior.

Lack of Pitchers May Kill City 'A' Softball Leagues

Lack of enough high class softball pitchers may kill the "A" Softball League in Torrance this season, according to Red Moon, city athletic director.

Only seven organizations were represented at the first meeting of the year for city softball teams Wednesday night and of those only two represented Class "A" teams, Moon said.

The scarcity of good Class "A" chukkers was believed to be the reason for the lack of attendance of "A" league team officials.

As it stands now, Class "A" softball may be dropped from the summer slate. The city would then form an eight team "B" league and two or more Slo-pitch leagues.

"Slo-pitch is the coming thing in city recreation," Moon said. Slo-pitch, which uses a larger ball and in which speed-pitching is forbidden, is a more relaxed game and allows more persons to participate.

Another meeting will be called in about two weeks, Moon said. At Wednesday's convclave, last year's "A" champ, Midland Rubber, which now has the Herald perpetual trophy, was not represented. National Electric was represented, and Moon stated that officials of the new Dow

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Honor Moon at Banquet Horsehidors Win League Opener

Cage Star First To Win Repeat As Athlete of Year

Bob Moon became the first THS athlete to have his name inscribed on the school's awards blanket for two years in a row as the outstanding basketball player of the year Wednesday night at the annual Father and Son Awards banquet.

Coach Rex Welch went back through the scorebooks and discovered that the lanky guard had set ten individual scoring records in his two-year career, including a phenomenal 50 per cent field goal average in '53-'54 (see adjoining story).

Moon received a trophy, donated by the Torrance Varsity Club, and a certificate for being named All-Bay League guard for the second year in a row and also displayed the plaque that he was awarded by Helms Hall for taking second team All-CIF honors.

Other Awards Given Forwards Jerry Farrar and Bob Guerra, team captain, received certificates for honorable mention in All-Bay League selections and a special letter award went to Doris Avis, of the Recreation Department, for her duties as timekeeper at the games for the past three years.

Letter awards were presented to varsity, JV, Bee and Cee lettermen by their respective coaches. Those who received letters were:

Varsity—Coach Rex Welch presented letters (or second-year certificates) to Bob Boss, Jerry Farrar, Bob Guerra, Dennis Hester, Bob Moon, Dave Ruffell, Tom Vanderpool and managers James Bald, Gerald Bloomfield and Roger Snell.

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Guest speaker for the evening was Ken Flower, assistant basketball coach at USC, who spoke and answered questions from the audience on basketball in general and USC's Cinderella team in particular.

Moon Ends THS Career With Ten New School Cage Marks

When all the dust cleared from the '53-'54 basketball season at Torrance High, All-CIF guard Bob Moon found himself holding six individual THS scoring records and the '54 team itself set three more.

Moon's overall career ended in a large burst of brilliance. In his two years at THS, he set 10 scoring records, which are listed below, was named to the first-string All-Bay League team twice (the only unanimous choice this year), and made the second-string All-CIF cage team.

Moon's casaba career is pretty well summed up in the list below. If anyone doubts that he was one of the all-time all-stars at Tartarville, let him read this:

- INDIVIDUAL RECORDS BOB MOON, GUARD 1952-'53 1. THS single-game scoring record (32 points against Chaffey). 2. Most free throws in single game (17 against Santa Monica). 3. Total free throws for season (104). 4. All-Bay League Guard, first team. 1953-'54 1. THS boys gym scoring record (30 points against Redondo). 2. Season scoring record (338 points in 19 games). 3. Highest scoring average for league play (19 points per game). 4. Highest scoring average for season (18 points per game). 5. Best field goal percentage in league play (67 goals in 184 attempts, 50 per cent). 6. Best free-throw percentage for season (92 out of 120), 77 per cent. 7. Leading scorer in Bay League (171 points in nine games). 8. All-Bay League Guard, first team, only unanimous choice. 9. All-CIF guard, second team. TEAM RECORDS 1953-'54 RECORD Two year individual scoring record for THS (644 point sin 43 games for a 15-point per game average). TEAM RECORDS Most points scored for season (1061 points, 1952-'53). Highest team scoring average for season (50.6 average, 1013 points, 1953-'54). Most points scored in single game (73 against Redondo, 1953-'54). Most total points scored by both teams in single game (137 points in Torrance 73, Redondo 64 games, '53-'54).

Cool 2-Hitter By Vanderpool Stops Redondo

The rains finally subsided enough Thursday to allow the Torrance horseshide group to play its first Bay League game and a cool two-hitter flipped by Tom Vanderpool enabled them to win it.

Victim was Redondo, score 7-1. That puts the Tartars, at least for a few days, into first place in the Bay League. The hometowners play Beverly Hills Tuesday on the Norman diamond.

Vanderpool allowed a triple in the first, then got warm and poured his fast one past the Seahawks for six frames, allowing only one single after the first inning.

Lee Raps Three The Tartars came through with six runs on six hits in the fifth frame to sew up the game. Jim Haworth led off with a walk and Barrett-Lee rapped a double, one of three hits he slashed during the course of the game. Their consecutive singles by Roy Anderson, Burt Smith and Manny Olloque started the scoreboard clicking.

After George Hurley fanned, a single by Bob Boss and a triple by Vanderpool, the best blow of the day for the locals, wrapped the rally up.

Vanderpool faced 29 batters and whiffed eight.

Table with columns for team names and statistics. Includes teams like Torrance, Redondo, Beverly Hills, etc.

Hazel Lays Ash To Game Winner

Butch Hazel's smash with Charlie Valencia on base in the last of the ninth broke a 4-4 tie and gave the Tartar JV's a 5-4 squeak over Redondo in an extra-inning, Bay League fray Thursday.

In the last of the seventh, the final frame, Carlos Skagga became a hero by rapping a single that allowed Valencia to score the tying run with two outs.

Herm Cobrea started on the hill for the locals but was relieved by Tom Mills, who got the win.

Mike Bertolo bombed a home run with Al Lake on base in the fourth frame to give the Tartars two runs and a walk forced in another in the sixth.

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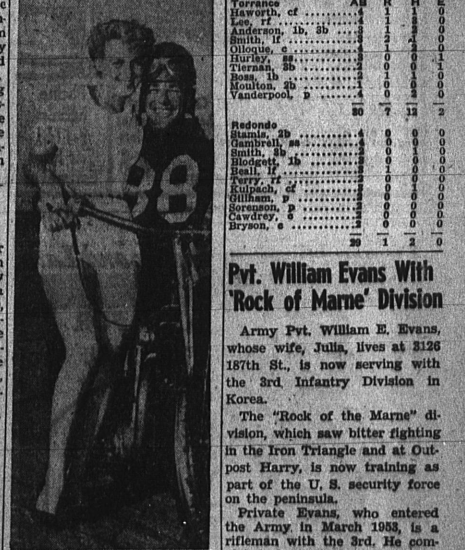
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Pvt. William Evans With 'Rock of Marne' Division

Army Pvt. William E. Evans, whose wife, Julia, lives at 3126 187th St., is now serving with the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea.

The "Rock of the Marne" division, which saw bitter fighting in the Iron Triangle and at Outpost Harry, is now training as part of the U. S. security force on the peninsula.

Private Evans, who entered the Army in March 1953, is a rifleman with the 3rd. He completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Md.

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