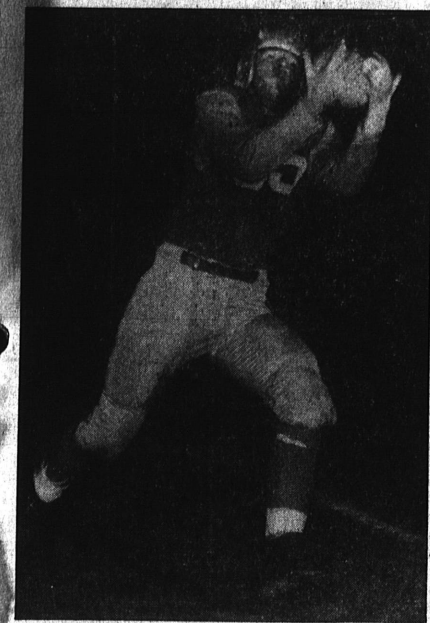
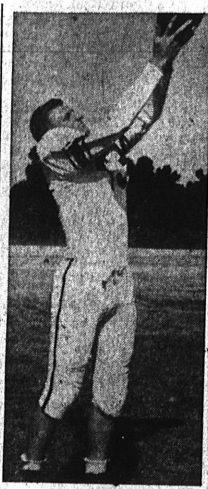


# Tartar Cross Country Men in CIF Finals Friday

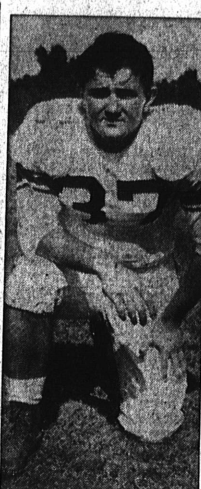
## GRIDMEN SET FOR ROSE BOWL CLASSIC



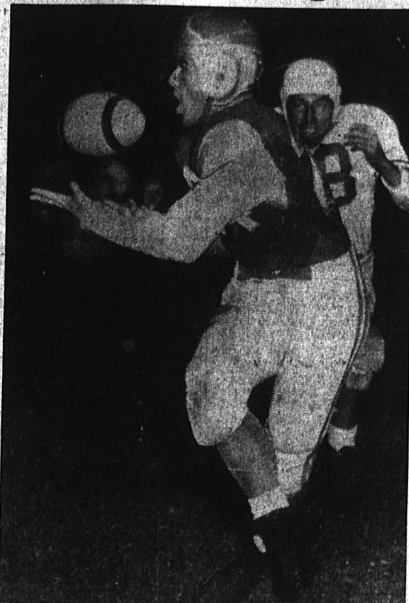
(Herald Photo) **GLUE FINGERS . . .** Norm Becker, shown latching onto a pass in a recent El Camino College contest, tops the list of local pass receivers. He has caught 26 throws for 339 yards gain, and two touchdowns. Coach Norm Verry will be counting heavily on Norm in Saturday's Junior Rose Bowl tit.



**SANDERS POWELL**  
... Eagle End



**JOHN VECCHIO**  
... Hinds Starter



(Herald Photo) **CAREFUL! . . .** Gerie Wight's going to catch it or swallow it in this pic taken at a recent Warrior night fray. Wight, a 155-pound halfback, boasts a 7.7 yard per try average in 25 carries. He'll see lots of action Saturday at the Pasadena Rose Bowl against Hinds Junior College's Eagle eleven.

### Hinds Rates Edge, Dopesters Claim

This is it! All the back-breaking practice sessions and scrimmages, the chalk-talks with Norm Verry, the rub-downs in the treatment room, and the sweat of the locker room will be over, Saturday, at least for 1954.

And whether it was worth it or not won't be known until the sun sinks behind the smog and the final gup raps out that the Junior Rose Bowl game is over.

El Camino College's band of win-hungry Warriors will dash out onto the playing field in the Pasadena oval, Saturday, rated to take a one-touchdown drubbing from their southern pals at Hinds Junior College.

**Invaders Rate Edge**  
Pigskin dopesters say that despite the top-rating afforded Norm Verry's prize line, the Eagles from Mississippi should be able to waggle their way through for a touchdown or two.

Plugging the holes from the locals' side are seven congenial giants. The El Camino College Cinderella story of good fortune and victory is all tied up in this line, a forward wall which gave up but six touchdowns all season, and brother, that's worth shouting about!

Listed in a pretty, new rose-covered brochure whipped up by the jaysee publicists, are the vital statistics of these up-front stalwarts. They read:

Ken Cornell, left end, 6-0 tall, 180 pounds; Gary Malloy left tackle, 6-2, 220, or Harlan Geach, 6-5, 245; Jim Reynolds, left guard, 6-3, 205; Roy Benstead, center, 5-9, 155 or Roland Rutter, 6-3, 205; Jim Clark, right guard, 5-10, 210; Fabian Abram, right tackle, 6-3, 205; and Norm Becker, right end, 6-0, 185, Total 'em up and it comes to a lot of linemen.

**Boost Backfield, Too**  
But it takes more than a line to win a ball game, and El Camino isn't hurting in the backfield. Once these jumbos up front pounded the opponents around for a while, a flashy four-some would take over and quickly poke across a couple of touchdowns, in past performances.

Most famous is Joe Contestable, a 5 ft. 10 in., might of a guy, who came into his own at the Bakersfield-El Camino titanic and unleashed a basketful of yard-getting passes. Joe knocked all sorts of prep passing marks to the winds when he attended Hawthorne High School, and his cohorts have hopes he'll follow suit in the jayvee ranks.

Often getting the starting nod at the QB job however was Stan Becker, brother of big Norm, the right end. Becker, a Redondo High School product, was the consistent ground gainer when the defensive situations were too hot to risk a passing attack.

Stan holds a modest 4.3 average for every time he carried the ball, but his signal calling is first class. Chances are Verry will take to the air against the Eagles but will hold Becker in ready reserve for a tactical switch.

**Feet-Footed Backs**  
Flanking the tee-formation for El Camino are Gerie Wight and Don Greco, light but slippery halfbacks. Wight packed a 7.0 per try average, and Greco topped the scoring list with 24 points for the season.

Don Kulpaca fills in the backfield at the fullback slot. The Warriors will work out at the home camp for the last time this afternoon, then pack their bags and head for a Pasadena hotel, guests of the Junior Rose Bowl moguls. They'll work out lightly manana, spend a sleepless night, and charge out onto the grass at 1:30, Saturday.

Gridders and the coaching staff from Hinds dropped out of the sky onto Los Angeles International Airport earlier this week, and pitched camp at the Pasadena Huntington. They brought with them a band of baton-twirling coeds, a hundred or two loyal southern fans, and a thousand requests to show them western boys what "we all down heah sho 'nuff mean when we play football."

Past records for the L1 Rose Bowl games give the edge to the Caminomen. Eastern squads have won but a single fray in the eight-year history of the titanic. Western clubs have won six, and one ended in a tie.

## SPORTS

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### Runners In CIF Finals Tomorrow

CIF finals in cross country will be held tomorrow afternoon on the Mt. San Antonio Junior College grounds with the Tartar warriors hoping to come through with a fine showing.

Coach Willard Morgan's runners placed second in their division last week in preliminaries, with Jim Stanford coming in 6th with a 10 min. O.I. sec. clicking. The race was run on a hilly, muddy course.

Bellflower is slated to capture the CIF title, but the Tartars have hopes of running well up in the money. They were behind Grossmont of San Diego in their size division.

Scoring will be on an individual and team basis.

Representing Torrance will be Stanford, Jerry Buchholz, Myron Schmidt, John Ternary, Sherwood Tiernan, Dick Dawson and Dave Campbell.

### Mudhens Top League List

Moving a step closer to the Recreation Department's Pee Wee League championship this week was the Walteria Mudhen squad, which edged past the second place Preps, 21-14.

The Trojans moved into a third-place tie with the Preps, as they clobbered the Panthers, 20-6, in the second contest of the night. In other play, the Bees whitewashed the Eagles, 39-0, and the Walruses knocked El Retiro, 35-0.

Team	Won	Lost
Mudhens	6	0
Bees	5	1
Preps	4	2
Trojans	4	2
Eagles	2	4
Walruses	2	4
Panthers	1	5
El Retiro	0	6

### Bluebird Nine Rained Out; Open League Play Sunday

Rain dampened the opening of the Torrance Bluebirds play in the Rio Hondo American League at the local diamond, Sunday, and Manager Jack French says they have hopes of getting off to a good start this weekend.

Puddles on the new grass at the Torrance Ballpark prevented play against the tough Watts Giants.

This week, starting at 1:30, the locals will meet the Huntington Park Browns in a league fray. French's cohorts will play a make-up game with the Giants probably at the end of the season.

Sunday's game will be the last at home melee until Jan. 9. The park is located at Arlington Ave., north of Sepulveda.

### Last Chance for Jr. Rose Bowl Advance Ducats

This is just about your last chance to get those advance tickets to the Junior Rose Bowl classic Saturday, featuring El Camino's Warriors and the Eagles of Hinds Junior College. Ducats now are available at:

Torrance Hardware, 1513 Cabrillo Ave.  
Stadium Theater, 1653 Cravens Ave.  
El Camino College Bookstore.

Prices for the tickets are from 50 cents for children, to \$3.50 reserved box seats. General admission price is \$1.50, and reserved seats sell for \$2.50. Students with cards can get cut-rate \$1 tickets.

### Playoff Games Tonight In Two Flag Grid Races

Final test of strength in the junior and midjet flag football leagues will take place tonight in playoff games to decide the champs of the Recreation Department-sponsored affairs.

Coach Fred Sells and his Hornets were geared to a big pitch as they closed out their junior league season with a 27-13 stomping of the previously undefeated Seaside Seals. The losers, coached by Bill Denning and Bob Dollardie, finished the season all tied up with Bill McElloit's Demons.

They'll meet at the Walteria Park field tonight to break the clincher.

A statement also developed in the Midjet League with the Nativity and Seals deadlocked at 5 wins and 1 loss. This tie-breaker will be played at 7 o'clock as a prelude to the Junior game.

### Probable Starting Lineups

Game Time: 1:30 p.m. — Rose Bowl

EL CAMINO				HINDS			
No.	Player	Wt.	Pos.	No.	Player	Wt.	Pos.
85	Norm Becker	185	REB	170	Lawrence Meadows	24	QB
74	Fabian Abram	205	HTL	190	Don Scully	34	QB
65	Jim Clark	210	BGL	175	Rudie Solena	17	QB
52	Roy Benstead	155	O	215	Durwood Graham	35	QB
72	Jim Reynolds	205	LGR	190	John Vecchio	29	QB
77	Gary Malloy	220	LTE	270	Earl Leggett	40	QB
84	Ken Cornell	180	LEE	183	George Stough	21	QB
16	Stan Becker	173	QB	165	Charles Nourrier	10	QB
24	Gerie Wight	155	LHB	185	Olaf Reintro	30	QB
32	Dick Tiberto	105	FB	180	Minor Hines	29	QB
25	Don Greco	160	BRL	175	Gordon King	23	QB

### Great Coaching Key To Camino Success

"If the Warriors don't win the Junior Rose Bowl game, it will be because I didn't coach them correctly."

This statement was made by El Camino's head coach, Norm Verry, to sports scribes last week, and fairly well hits on the head the thinking of the four men behind the scenes of EEC football.

Verry, who is a great believer in a strong defensive club, has come up with just that during his stint at the local academy.

A great lineman himself with the USC Trojans in college days, the giant of the sidelines has been able to sew up all corners by merely grinding them to bits under the churning power of his line.

**Trek Not New**  
For Verry, and for his backfield assistant, Amby Schindler, the trek to the Rose Bowl Saturday won't be a new adventure. Verry played on the great Trojan team of the war years when USC clobbered Washington 29-0; regulations prohibited traveling of an eastern representative to the classic.

Only a couple of years earlier, Schindler was named an All-American quarterback, and in 1940, helped pilot the Trojans to a 14-0 win over Tennessee.

All four Camino coaches hail from Trojanville. Doug Essick, in his fourth season at the Warrior camp, aids Verry as end coach, tramps the sidelines during games, and mentors the baseball squad in his spare time.

Essick played under Jeff Cravath during his SC years, and made several All-Coast teams during his playing days. He served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

**Old Man Morrow**  
Rounding out the brain-trust is John Morrow, assistant backfield coach, and coordinator of athletics at the local junior college. He holds the distinction, if it can be called that, of being the oldest member of the coaching staff.

Morrow lettered nine times in football, basketball and baseball at SC, then went off to the wars as a Lt. Commander in the Navy. He now guides the golf team and the junior varsity grid crew. Known by grid fans and sports

### John McKee Top Bowler

A 238 by John McKee, rolling in the Sunday Mixed Foursome League at the Torrance Bowl, was high individual game of the week, in all league bowling.

McKee also reelected a 553 individual high series tally.

### SUNDAY MIXED FOURSOME

1	John McKee	238
2	Bob Curry	224
3	John McKee	214
4	John McKee	204
5	John McKee	194
6	John McKee	184
7	John McKee	174
8	John McKee	164
9	John McKee	154
10	John McKee	144
11	John McKee	134
12	John McKee	124
13	John McKee	114
14	John McKee	104
15	John McKee	94
16	John McKee	84
17	John McKee	74
18	John McKee	64
19	John McKee	54
20	John McKee	44
21	John McKee	34
22	John McKee	24
23	John McKee	14

### Cagers Journey North for Play

Packing their bags for a trek to the northern part of the state are the El Camino basketballers, who'll meet the College of the Sequoias tomorrow evening and Fresno JC, Saturday.

The Fresno lads staged a powerful second-half drive in a previous bout at the Warrior's courts last week-end and came out with a 78 to 54 win. O'Dell Johnson dropped in 37 points for the winners.

### MONDAY MEN'S HANDICAP

1	Onar Maple Ford	144
2	Rancho Beverage	134
3	Mayfair Creamery	124
4	DK Egg Co.	114
5	Westrac	104
6	Westrac	94
7	Westrac	84
8	Westrac	74
9	Westrac	64
10	Westrac	54
11	Westrac	44
12	Westrac	34
13	Westrac	24
14	Westrac	14

### El Camino (54)

Weiss (4) F  
Parker (11) F  
Graf (8) C  
Sues (7) G  
Erlinger (1) G

Scoring Subs: El Camino—Karnazes 7, Gillespie 6, Mix 2, Davidson 4, Schmidt 4, Fresno—Taul 2, Daniels 1.



EL CAMINO COACHES . . . These four El Camino College grid mentors will be the men behind the scenes as the Warriors clash head-on with Hinds Junior College of Mississippi in the Junior Rose Bowl game, Saturday. They are, from left, John Morrow, Head Coach Norm Verry, Doug Essick and Amby Schindler. Morrow lettered nine times in football, basketball and baseball at SC, then went off to the wars as a Lt. Commander in the Navy. He now guides the golf team and the junior varsity grid crew. Known by grid fans and sports