

## Torrance Man, Son Construct and Sell Racing Cars 'Just for Fun'

The deep-throated roar of a powerful full-race engine holds a fascination for Ken Thompson, 1354 W. 219th St., a carpenter in the maintenance department, Torrance facility, Douglas Aircraft Company, that is easy to comprehend when you see one of his home-built sports cars in action.

For the past four years, Ken and his son Frank have designed and built four combination sports and racing cars using only mechanic's tools in their garage.

Their first car was built up from a 1938 Ford. The second, originally a 1940 model Ford, was lowered and streamlined and the engine souped-up. For their third try, they chose a 1940 Mercury convertible chassis and fitted it with 160 pounds of lead for rear French fenders. After the thrill of building and running a new car, each was sold to provide money for the next one.

The last car was sold recently to a doctor in Beverly Hills. Prior to its sale, it won five trophies. With Frank at the wheel, it won two firsts in speed races. On the quarter mile dirt track at Santa Ana, it attained a speed of 117.61 miles per hour. Ken says it will do at least 150 MPH, on a long straightaway. The other three trophies were awarded by sports car and hot rod shows.

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"We had a lot of fun with that car," Thompson said. "The doctor offered us a new Buick convertible and \$800 in trade for it. We accepted because Frank and I want to build another."

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# ARTESIA OUTLASTS NHS TEAM

## Tartars Bopped By Wilson, 27-6

### Dr. Casey's Hole in One, Wrong Hole

A hole in one that was not a hole in one gave Dr. William B. Casey, 3318 Torrance Blvd., something for his garden of golfing memories but didn't admit him to that select group of players who have thrown away their putters after the perfect tee shot.

Playing the 13th hole at Palos Verdes Thursday afternoon the good doctor, who packs a mighty driver, blasted one that was good for 260 yards. It was a beautiful shot but to the right of the fairway toward the 16th hole. Doc searched in the general vicinity and then timidly approached the 16th flag. Sure enough, there was the ball resting comfortably at the bottom of the cup.

### Bruin Reserves Blast Torrance

Long Beach Wilson's Bruins used a wealth of reserves to wear down Torrance's Tartars, Friday, as the Bruins downed the locals, 27-6, in Wilson Stadium.

After a close first half, in which the Tartars controlled the ball by running 38 plays to the Bruins 16, the winners broke the game wide open in the third quarter by scoring twice. Halftime score was Wilson, 14; Torrance, 6.

A fumble set up the Wilson crew's first touchdown, shortly after the opening kick off. A Bruin lineman fell on a Tartar bobble on the 25 yard line and the winners were in with the game's first score in six plays. Dave Floyd capped the short drive by plunging the final yard. Bill Tucker converted from placement to give the Wilsonites a 7-0 lead.



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**HIGH STEPPING ACTION . . .** Saxon halfback Bob Turner, 14, hurls Artesia defender during Saxon-Pioneer game Friday night on THS field. Turners lost first game, 20-13, but surprised with showing in coming from behind two touchdown deficit to tie score at 13-13 at the half.

## Saxons Rally But Fall Short In Opener, 20-13

A final goal line stand by a band of groggy Artesia Pioneers, thwarted a last ditch rally by the North High Saxons, Friday, as the new school lost its first football contest, 20-13, in a thriller, on the THS field. Coach Cliff Graybehl and his gang of Saxons have reason to be optimistic off their initial try, however. The locals played good, aggressive ball, out first-downed the winners, nine to seven, and outgained the Pioneers on the

ground. Artesia lost to La Habra, 22-13, in their opener.

Artesia struck twice in the first quarter as they took advantage of defensive lapses by the Saxons. Both scores came on pass plays, with end Weldon Cole hauling in pitches from quarterback Paul Amezua for 34 and 18 yards for the two touchdowns. The Pioneers converted after the first touchdown on a plunge through the middle, but were held for no gain on the second try for conversion.

Down, 13-0, as the second quarter began, the Saxons' inexperience gave way to a grinding offense that saw them take over on their own 46 and go on to tally in six plays.

**Daimler Scores**

Stellar running on cutbacks and plunges by fullback Ray Grieshaber and fullback Bob Turner paced the drive. Right end Gene Daimler scored on a 17-yard aerial from Grieshaber to put the locals back in the game. Daimler speared a quick pitch over the middle for the extra point. Score: Artesia, 13, North, 7.

Artesia took the kick off and couldn't muster a drive, so they punted to the Saxon 25. After the locals failed to gain, Bob Turner stopped back to punt, but the attempt was blocked and recovered by Artesia on the locals' 32 yard marker.

Saxon determination held the Pioneers and on a fourth and eight situation, the Artesia eleven passed incompletely.

Four more plays and the Saxons had the game tied. On second down, eight, Grieshaber passed incompletely and then the big play came.

**Carrier Carries For Six**

Quarterback Paul Carrio had five linemen in front of him when he gathered in a screen pass from Grieshaber and he romped 59 yards for the touchdown. The attempted extra point was felled when Grieshaber's pass fell incomplete.

North High took the second half kick off and proceeded to shred the Artesia line for big chunks of yardage. The drive was halted when Grieshaber fumbled on the Artesia 34 and the Pioneers recovered.

The Artesians ended the scoring three plays after getting their hands on the ball when halfback Jerry Kuntz romped 58 yards on a pitch out around end to tally. He twisted and turned out of the grasp of sev-

eral Saxon tacklers on the way to paydirt. The extra point was good on a plunge by Kuntz. Score: Artesia, 20; North, 13.

**Stopped by Saxons**

The Pioneers threatened again after forcing North High to punt, but the Pioneers were stopped on the Saxon 22 by a rugged Saxon line. Linemen Bobby Turner, Jimmy Whiteley, Bill Warren, Bill Reeves, Daimler, Gary Schraeder, Al Bledsoe and Tommy Koehn formed a rugged stone wall that threw the Pioneer backs for losses throughout the contest.

The Saxons then took the ball and sustained a drive that ended when the Pioneers held them on the winners' four yard line with less than two minutes left in the tussle.

An 11-yard romp by Bob Turner and a 24-yard pass, Grieshaber to end Ruben Garcia, were the highlights.

It was apparent the Saxons lacked defensive savvy, especially in the secondary on pass defense. But the locals came through with some driving tackles and some alert ball hawking. They showed they were ready for the contest. Whiteley, Warren, Bledsoe and Reeves were driving low for crunching tackles throughout the game and Reeves and Warren copped a couple of Pioneer fumbles.

Grieshaber's passing and the clutch catching of Carrio, Daimler and Jim Powers aided the locals' offense.

The Saxons meet El Cajon here on Friday in their second practice tilt.

### TARTAR GRID ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Ht.	Class
18	Bertolet, Mike	HB	170	5'10"	Sr.
18	Brown, Tom	E	162	6'1"	Jr.
42	Bundgard, Ray	E	160	5'11"	Sr.
5	Cobrea, Herm	Q	170	6"	Sr.
31	Combs, Bill	T	172	6'2"	Soph.
21	Conry, Bill	E	160	5'8"	Jr.
26	Cook, Duane	E	150	6"	Jr.
26	Cook, Tom	G	150	5'6"	Sr.
27	Curran, Bob	G	176	5'9"	Soph.
27	Custer, Dick	E	161	5'10"	Jr.
17	Davis, Royce	E	160	6"	Sr.
2	Denham, Clyde	T	190	6'4"	Sr.
13	Dick, Harold	G	170	6'3"	Jr.
34	Edman, Craig	H	142	5'9"	Sr.
24	Evans, Bill	T	180	5'11"	Jr.
24	Gaul, Phil	F	157	5'11"	Jr.
25	Gomez, John	H	145	5'7"	Sr.
28	Gonta, Mike	E	152	5'10"	Sr.
40	Grace, Cliff	G	160	6"	Sr.
22	Graham, Dick	E	185	6'1"	Jr.
35	Hazel, Butch	C	170	5'9"	Sr.
36	Holmes, Tom	H	140	5'6"	Jr.
7	Hughes, Jerry	H	143	5'6"	Sr.
10	Ito, Tom	H	160	5'5"	Sr.
29	Klein, Ken	T	170	5'9"	Sr.
12	Kulp, Tom	E	170	6'1"	Jr.
15	Lewis, Bob	F	230	5'11"	Sr.
24	Lippincott, Larry	T	180	6'3"	Sr.
19	Mathews, Harold	E	160	6"	Jr.
11	Meacham, Bill	Q	160	5'7"	Sr.
33	Montgomery, Bill	G	160	5'7"	Jr.
14	Myer, Fred	H	155	5'11"	Sr.
14	Putnam, Bob	H	185	6'1"	Jr.
32	Smith, Skip	F	190	5'11"	Sr.
43	Tucker, Al	C	169	5'11"	Jr.
1	Valencia, Charley	Q	158	5'8"	Sr.
9	Wallace, Jim	C	152	6"	Soph.
9	Wheat, Ken	T	185	6'2"	Sr.
20	Wilkins, Jerry	T	195	6"	Sr.
8	Wilson, Stan	G	171	5'10"	Jr.
39	Zanala, John	G	132	5'7"	Jr.

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**RIVERSIDE COUNTY—** Fulmer Lake, Hemet Lake.

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY—** Arrowhead Lake, Big Bear Lake, Green Valley Lake, Gregory Lake, North Fork Lytle Creek.

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY—** San Luis Rey River.

**VENTURA COUNTY—** Matijia Reservoir, Santa Paula Creek.