

# SAXONS TOUGH, BUT EL SEGUNDO WINS

# Mira Costa Dumps Torrance

TORRANCE HERALD

## Sports

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**SWEEPS END . . .** Doug Irvine, 33, Saxon halfback, tours end in game Friday night with El Segundo. Coming up to make the stopper are Eagles Frank Olsen, 24, and Mike Kerr, 33. Irvine, injured much of the year, came through with brilliant performance in first starting role. He and Bill Reeves, who was switched from guard to fullback for the final Pioneer League tilt, came up with most of yardage for locals.

## Eagles Dash North Hi Hopes For Win, 14-6

Heads-up defensive play gave way to some frustrating offensive surges Friday night as the North High Saxons closed out a winless season by being dumped by El Segundo, 14-6, on the winners' field. The win pulled the Eagles out of a last place tie with the Saxons in the Pioneer League, and shoved the locals into the cellar alone.

For the first time this season, the Saxons met a team equal in strength and size. The added experience of several key El Segundo players gave them their edge, which was much closer than their eight-point final spread.

Cliff Graybehl's Saxons turned up the first break of the tilt, when on the first scrimmage play, Bob Walker pounced on an Eagle fumble on the El Segundo 26. A five-yard offside call against the NHS eleven put the ball on the 31 and they ran out of gas.

El Segundo took over and on their first play again Al Beldose came up with an enemy bobble on their 32. But the Saxons failed to move.

El Segundo Stopped The Eagles rolled for two straight first downs but the stout Saxon defense stopped the winners' drive on the NHS 26.

Graybehl came up with some trick backfield switches that found little Bill Reeves at fullback and speedy Doug Irvine running at right halfback and tailback.

These two ran up almost all the Saxon yardage in the first half, which finally ended 0-0 after tremendous defensive play by both squads.

The Saxons almost crossed the goal line in the waning seconds of the half, but ran out of steam on the Eagles' 14 yard line.

Tailback Ray Grieshaber's final second toss, intended for Roger Snell in the end zone, was intercepted by an El Segundo man, who was downed on the North 40 as the half ended.

### Goes 81 Yards

In the second half, the Eagles' Lee Dodson started things off with a bang by going 81 yards with a hand off to a teedee. Frank Olsen booted the conver-



**ALMOST AWAY . . .** Saxon end Gene Daimler, right, clutches ball after receiving pass from Ray Grieshaber in second period action. Play took locals to El Segundo 17 yards line, but time ran out in half before they could score. Mike Kerr, 33, of El Segundo, comes up to make stop on Daimler. Eagles won it, 14-6.

sion and El Segundo had a 7-0 margin.

The Saxons held once within their own five yard line in the fourth period, but the Eagles came right back knocking to send Tim Dodson over from a yard out. Olsen again booted the extra point.

With less than two minutes left, Saxon Quarterback Paul Carrio took a screen pass from Jim Powers and went 65 yards down the sidelines to tally for the locals. The attempted conversion was no good, when Ir-

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## DRURY, SC GREAT, WILL ATTEND FETE

Morley Drury, one of the all-time greats of SC football, will be featured speaker, Dec. 1, when the South Bay Post 84 American Legion, will hold its ninth annual banquet for El Camino College Warrior grid-ders.

Drury will join ECO President Forrest G. Marlock and other dignitaries in paying tribute to Warrior Coaches Norm Verry, Amby Schindler, John Morrow, Doug Essick and their charges.

An outstanding performer for the Trojans through the campaigns of 1925, 26, 27, Drury was a unanimous All-American selection in 1927. He holds the Trojan grid record for most touchdown passes caught in a collegiate career, eight.

Other honors going to the ex-Trojan which included most inspirational player, rushing leader and captain of the squad, all for the 1927 season, and third in career rushing statistics and 10th in all-time SC total offense statistics.

Dr. A. M. Hamilton, in charge of the event for the Legion, said that tickets will go for \$1.50 a plate. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call the Legion at FR 2-6718 and secure reservations.

Parents of the Camino grid-ders will be extended invitations to attend with their sons, Dr. Hamilton said.

The Warriors, Western representatives in the Junior Rose Bowl in 1954, have won five, lost one, tied two this season.

## Three Squads Shutout in Flag Contests

Midget League flag grid results recently found the Waller Midgets downing El Retiro, 19-13, the Elks blasting the Seaside, 47-0, Buzzards crunching Nativity, 45-0, and the Sabres topping the Sharks, 25-0.

Cliff Roy and Charles DeHass led the Midgets to their win over El Retiro in the only close game of the week.

Rick Gomez and Mike Challis spearheaded the Elks' win over Seaside. Challis ran wild in the third period, while Gomez' passing was a high spot of the fray.

After a slow start in the first quarter, the Buzzards exploded for 20 points in the second period to blast the Nativity squad. Jim Hester's long pass to Joe Montgomery for a touchdown paced the winners.

Ed Neubauer, Jerry Caruthers, Jack Golphene and Sam Cordova sparked the Sabres to their 25-0 win over the Sharks in a Midget League encounter at McMaster Park.

## FOOTBALL CONTEST WON BY LEE MALIG

Lee Malig went home with all the top honors at a football skill contest held recently at McMaster Park, according to local recreation officials.

Malig took first place in the passing contest, Jeff Lenz was second; Larry Elgersma third.

In the punting competition, Malig got off the longest boot of 35 1/2 feet. Lenz again was second, while Earl Eastcott nabbed third spot.

## Tartar Bee Eleven Tops Season In Scoreless Tie With Apaches

Torrance and Centennial Bee squads sloshed through four unproductive quarters Thursday afternoon on the local field, with the two teams reaching the end of the season trail in a tie.

The Apaches penetrated the deepest during the afternoon. In the third quarter they marched to the Tartarbee five, with a first and goal. Four plays later, the Centennial crew found themselves on the 13 yard line.

THS Coaches Dave Dana and Herb Solomon said the stopper was about the only time during the game that the Tartar defense did a real job. They credited the entire defensive unit with smashing it to be only real drive of the game.

Except for a slip at the wrong time, the locals might have pulled the game out of the mire.

The final game tie gave the Bees a 1955 schedule mark of four wins, three losses and a draw. The winningest team in the city, the Tartarbees finished the Bay League slate with three wins, two losses and their tie with the Apaches.

Penalties added to the muddy distress of the THS Bees. Jerry Garver, a senior who was playing his final game, romped on a couple of good runs, Dana said.

Babbitt, whose passing has helped the Bees to some key victories this season, completed five of 18 tosses in what was a bad day for him.

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**SETTING UP TOUCHDOWN . . .** Mira Costa fullback Bob Keene, clutching ball, (arrow), drives over tackle close to goal line in game with Torrance here Friday night. On next play, Mustangs went over for score. Identifiable players for Mira

Costa are Verl Cunningham, 31, and Denny Owen, 34. Tartars John Gomez, 37, and Mike Bertolet, 23, at far right, come up to aid stop. Mustangs showed unexpected strength in tipping Tartars, 37-13, in final game of season for both squads.

## Tarts Surprised By Micohi, 37-13

A powerful Mira Costa Mustang eleven clamped the lid on the Bay League football season here Friday night as they alertly took advantage of Torrance mistakes to down the Tartars, 37-13, and close out the prep grid campaign in this area.

Behind their good junior tailback, Trent Castricone, the Mustangs, who previously had failed to engineer a high-scoring offense, rolled over the Tartars. They scooped up five Torrance fumbles to add luck to their powerful single wing attack in gaining the decisive win.

The winners had an 18-0 bulge at intermission, mostly on the talented running and passing of Castricone.

A long season of meeting rugged opponents and suffering costly injuries finally caught up with the Tartars but good, Mike Bertolet, who played the entire game at quarterback, was hobbling on a bad leg, decidedly cutting down the effectiveness of the locals' split "T" offense. His passing was superb, however, except that the Tartar ends and backs failed to hold onto the ball on too many occasions.

Smith Scores Fullback Skip Smith made up three fumbles by scoring all the Tartar points. In the initial minutes of the third period, the Tartar bruiser went 55 yards on a fullback slant for Torrance's first score. His tremendous speed put him past the Michol defenders in a jiffy and he continued unmolested into the end zone.

Only Guard Stan Wilson, End Tom Brown, and Quarterback Bertolet return from the first string offensive unit next season, while Montgomery and Matthews head up the list of returning defensive men.

## TROT CLASSIC TOPS FINAL RACE WEEK

The third and final leg of the \$75,000 American Trotting Classic will headline a banner Thanksgiving Day program at the Western Harness Racing Association meeting, which begins its final week tomorrow.

Saul Camp's Scott Frost, winner of the second heat of the rich fixture and second to Gayleway in the opening dash, will be an odds-on favorite to annex the third leg, top purse money and the national championship.

A victory in the Classic would climax an amazing season for the three-year-old son of Hoot Mon-Nora. In 27 starts this season, Scott Frost has recorded 22 wins while finishing out of the money only once when involved in a collision in the first heat of the Lexington Futurity. Scott Frost came back to win the next two heats and become the first triple crown winner in trotting history, taking the Lexington and Yonkers Futurities and the famed Hambletonian.

Scott Frost already has posted a new money-won record for one season, having earned \$154,259 with a chance to come close to the \$200,000 mark by winning the Classic. This is a sum which harness veterans rated far out of reach not many seasons ago.

Since winning the second of the Classic, an injury sidelined Gayleway. Scott Frost returned to tackle his own age bracket and easily win the \$5550 Western Trot, which gives him every three-year-old title.

## ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARRDULL

Several surf enthusiasts have been getting a break in the weather the last week of the first half of the duck season. Tule Lake best bet with fairly easy pickings, lots more geese now than at the opening.

On the deep sea side—San Diego reports really hot action on big bonita. Limits of six to eight pounders taken daily plus some pretty fair yellows at the Coronado Islands. Locally, rock cod and the usual run of bottom fish are filling the anglers' sacks, a little farther south around Newport, good takes of small white sea bass, and halibut are added.

Snrf fishing keeps getting better. Good takes from in front of the Riviera and along the strip at Huntington Beach, running to about 2 1/2 pounds. Hollywood Beach really a hot spot on the incoming tide—been several three pounders taken from there already.

Several surf enthusiasts have been working 54th St. in Huntington Beach ever since Barry Barnett horsed in his three spot. Only one connecting was Dean Birkdull—latched on to what he thought was an express train—turned out to be a 6 pound 1 ounce beauty. Not to be out done, hot shot Al Coast just had to fish the same spot—horsed in a dandy hunk of kelp, as did everyone else fishing that night. Best run of seaweed that's hit in a long time and as is well known, Al

has to get his share of whatever is running.

After the Gardena Rod and Gun members swept all honors in the opal-eye derby two weeks ago yesterday, Ray Hawkes took some of their left over moss and got his limit off the breakwater topped by a three pound, four ounce, which, during the derby, would have placed him in about the fourth spot. Proves the point about the moss making the opal-eye fisherman.

Gardena members are pretty good, but they can be beat—in fact Torrance beat them on opal-eye just last year—stinger fishing, too. In fact if my memory is manipulating properly, there hasn't been a derby between the two clubs that Torrance hasn't won.

Scattergunners Paul Smith, Walt Gilliard, Glenn Price and Harvel Guttenfelder bagged near limits of waterfowl at Mecca near the Salton Sea recently. Still had fair weather at the time. Now with a few showers, hunting should be even better.

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**SSEWS MIDGET TROPHY . . .** Tom Bettenhauser, seated at the wheel of No. 3, shows main event trophy held by promoter J. C. Agaljanian to pretty Claire Weeks. Thirty-two of the nation's leading drivers, many of them Indianapolis "500" veterans, will compete for the trophy and top cash award Thursday night at special midget program at Gardena Stadium. First race starts at 8:30 p.m.