Tartars Beat Mt. Carmel, Bow To Serra

Spikers Push Apaches; Face Banning Tomorrow

Centennial's Apaches, defending state high school track and field champs, outdistanced Torrance and Bellflower Thursday in a three-way meet at Bellflower.

Although the Apaches looked a lot less impressive than their 1955 team, they still had enough power to pull through. The Varsity contest found the Apaches winning, 64¼ to Torrance's 45 and Bellflower's 19¾.

Again it was the lack of depth that proved the Tartars downfall.

Tomorrow the locals tangle with Banning High of Wilmington, in a dual meet here. Events start at 3 p.m.

Gary Cooke Wins

Gary Cooke, top Southland sprinter, again took both dashes for Torrance, keeping his unbeaten string intact. His times, 10.3 and 22.4 were comparatively slow, but both sprints were run against the wind.

Myron Schmidt also went on his winning ways, registering a good 52.9 clocking in taking the 440. Skip Smith was the only other Tartar Varsity contestant to win. He took the shot at 46'3¼", with teammate Stan Wilson just a shade behind.

Duane Cooke took his first two losses of the season in the hurdles. He had been running the 70-yard highs and 120-lows, but the distances were lengthened to the regulation 120 and 180-yards respectively Thursday. He was second in both races.

Other Placers

Other Tartar placers included Len Ehlers, second in the 880; Tom Brown, who got third in the 220; Rich Ruffell, third in the broad jump; Larry Denning, second in pole vault, and John Trenary, third in the mile.

Bill Morris was the only Cee winner for Torrance, pushing the shot out of 48'4½". In Bee events, John Roccoforte, who tossed the shot 47'6¼", and Jim MacDougal, who won the pole vault at 9'6", were the only first placers for the Tartars.

Centennial, 64¼; Torrance, 45; Bellflower, 19¾

120 HH—Wright, C; D. Cooke, T; Harris, C. 15.6.
High Jump—Dumas and Rutledge, tie; Thompson, C, and Ketch, B, tie. 5'11'.
100—G. Cooke, T; Vallery, C; Day, C. 10.3.
440—Schmidt, T; Taylor, C; Bresciani, C. 52.9.
880—Poe, B; Ehlers, T; Williams, C. 2:02.6.
180 LH—Dumas, C; D. Cooke, T; Sankey, C. 20.5.
Shot Put—Smith, T; Wilson, T; Runnells, B. 46'3¼".
220—G. Cooke, T; Williams, C; Brown, T. 22.4.
Broad Jump— Vallery, C; Lewis, C; Ruffell, T. 21'.
Pole Vault—Barbee, C; Denning, T; Vandenburg, B, Thorpe, C, Klubnik, B, (tie), 12'.
Mile—Samarin, B; Niles, C; Trenary, T. 4:41.8.
Relay — Centennial, Torrance. 1:32.2.
B Score: Bellflower, 57; Centennial, 42; Torrance, 21.
C Score: Bellflower, 47¼; Centennial, 29½; Torrance 9.

Saxons Drop Another; Face Pioneer Foe

Now 1-3 in non-league practice affairs, Coach Del Nuzum's North High baseball gang open Pioneer League play here Thursday, hosting Hawthorne in a 3 p.m. tussle. Jayvee teams will meet at Hawthorne in their league opener at the same time.

The Saxons were bumped, 10-6, Thursday by Centennial for their third loss. Their only win was a 5-4 decision over Redondo. Centennial also toppled the locals last Tuesday, by a 7-2 count.

Righthander Ron Anderson will probably get the starting mound call for the Saxons against Hawthorne. He has been the top pitching and batting star for the locals.

Others due to answer the starting call for the North High nine Thursday include Stan Fittinger, catcher; Bob Skinner, first base; Al Bledsoe, second base; Steve Mearing, third base; Ken Simpson, shortstop, and outfielders Bob Walker, Ernie Thomsen and Ray Grieshaber.

Walter Cribbs Given Frosh Casaba Award

Walter J. Cribbs, a student at Cal-Tech, received a freshman athlete award recently for participation in intercollegiate basketball at the school.

The son of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Hannd, 4137 W. 173rd St., Cribbs was named for the award by Athletic Director H. Z. Musselman.

TARTAR LEADERS . . . Coach Dave Dana, center, is guiding Tartar baseball with assist from Co-Captains Toby Venable, left, and Tom Mills. Venable is heads-up ball-player, with sure hands, quick reflexes and good desire. Mills, a righthander, has been one of the top moundsmen for Dana's crew. Venable is a junior, while Mills will graduate in June. *(Herald Photo)*

Serra Rallies To Nip Tartars Baseballers

The Tartars blew one here Friday, falling to Junipero Serra High of Gardena, 6-4, after heading up the game, 4-2, for five frames.

Serra jumped off to a two-run lead off Herm Cobrea and Bob Clifford in the first inning, but the locals blasted back in the second and third innings to go ahead 4-2. Clifford's two singles and Mike Bertolet's ringing double to right center were the big swats.

But Clifford weakened in the fifth and Serra came through in the final frames to nab the practice fray. The loss set the Tartars '56 record at 4-2.

They meet Lynwood here Friday at 3 p.m. in their next non-league go.

TARTAR GOLFERS BEATEN BY NHS

North High golfers dropped Torrance and Redondo Friday in a triangular affair at Alondra Park.

Jim Wilson's 40 paced the Saxon win, while Torrance's Ron Hase and Dave Walker, Redondo, both checked in with next-bests of 42.

STAR SCOUT SPEAKS TO LITTLE LEAGUERS

Jim McMath, former University of Cincinnati coach, and presently a scout for the Hollywood Stars, spoke to a meeting of the Pacific Coast Little League here Wednesday night in the Newton School auditorium.

McMath explained some of the things a scout looks for in potential professional ball players, then showed films on the 1955 world series and a special film of the Hollywood Stars.

Nearly 100 parents and boys turned out for the meeting, according to Ed Bell, player agent for the league.

NHS Diamond Open

The North High School baseball diamond now is open for play on Saturdays, with NHS Coach Del Nuzum handling arrangements for the Torrance Recreation Department, a department official said last week.

The department also announced that it will go in again this year with the American Legion to back Junior Legion baseball for the city.

HANON HURLS TARTARS TO FOURTH WIN

Dave Dana's Tartar baseball Varsity ran its season record to four wins as against a single loss here Thursday in belting Mt. Carmel, 5-2, behind Jess Hanon's hurling.

Hanon went six innings on the mound before giving way to Tom (Buddha) Mills, who finished up for the Tartars. The two righthanders held the losers to four hits.

Again it was left fielder Bob Clifford who led the hitting parade. The stylish slugger rapped out two for three, including a long triple to straight-away center field.

The locals scored twice in the opening frame. Lead-off man Gene Crenshaw was hit by the pitcher, and smooth Toby Venable dropped a bunt to move Crenshaw on down to second. Clifford then tripled to send in the lead runner and John Emery singled in Clifford.

They got two more in the fourth frame. Emery was hit by the pitcher, Dick Custer singled and then Bob Grajeda, catching with a broken finger, squeezed home Emery. Custer scored on Hanon's safety.

Mt. Carmel touched Hanon for a run in the fifth and tallied once in the seventh off Mills.

The Tartars are idle until next week, when they travel to Lynwood at Torrance Park.

TORRANCE (5)

	AB	R	H	E
Crenshaw, 1b	2	1	0	0
Venable, cf	2	0	0	0
Clifford, lf	3	0	2	0
Valencia, ss	3	1	0	0
Emery, 3b	2	1	1	1
Bertolet, 2b	3	0	0	0
Custer, rf	2	2	2	0
Grajeda, c	0	0	0	0
Hanon, p	3	0	1	0
Mills, p	0	0	0	0
	20	5	6	1

MT. CARMEL (2)

	AB	R	H	E
Smaldino, rf	2	0	1	0
Cornell, lf	3	0	0	0
Cuccione, 2b	3	0	0	0
Armenta, ss	3	1	0	0
Baker, 3b	3	0	1	0
Andrews, 1b	3	0	0	0
De George, cf	3	1	1	0
Leake, c	1	1	0	1
Reynosa, p	2	0	1	0
	21	2	4	1

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THS ....200 201 x—5 6 1

Reynosa and Leake; Hanon, Mills and Grajeda.

Torrance Hi Wrestling Champions

Grapplers in 11 weight divisions met Friday morning for the Torrance High School championships in the Tartar Gym with Jerry Wilkins winning the heavyweight competition over Mike Trantham in the feature.

Other results included George Greer over Jim Kennedy, 95 lbs.; Allan Hodgert over Robie Wollard, 105 lbs.; Steve Buckalew over Bill Owens, 115 lbs.; Carl McGrath over Dick Hebert, 125 lbs.; Tom Carter over Dick Bernath, 135 lbs.; Frank Engle over Mike Giles, 145 lbs.; Bill Meacham over Bill Montgomery, 155 lbs.; Butch Hazel over Bob Harris, 175 lbs.; Bill Foster over Jerry Osborne, 185 lbs.

Larry Hays and Fred Happonstal wrestled to a draw in the 165-pound class.

Winners will be awarded medals for their chores soon, Coach Don Porter said. Porter was the referee. Coach Jack Miller was timekeeper, while Terry Farrar was the judge.

In cases where neither contestant gained a fall in the four-minute matches, Farrar was called upon to render a decision.

Cage Champs to Enter SoCal Tourney Play

Announcement was made last week by Kenneth Ruffell, sponsor of Kenny's Shoe Repair basketball squad, that his team will be entered in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation basketball championship playoffs.

The title tourney will be held in Gardena, using the Gardena High gym and also the El Camino College and Torrance High courts. The tournament will be held on two successive week ends, starting Friday. The area under jurisdiction of the federation consists of all cities between Ventura, on the north, and San Diego and Coachella Valley, on the south.

Kenny's Shoe team members, following their final league victory Tuesday night here, were presented with individual trophies and team sponsor's award by J. H. Paget, member of the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission. The sponsor also received the Torrance Recreation Department's perpetual trophy, which he will be entitled to keep for a year.

Members of the winning team include Avery Bryant, Bill Baron, Jerry Farrar, Richard Garcia, Harold Holmes, Dave Ruffell, Fanny Markham, Flash Sorenson and Dean White.

Angels Launch Training Today at Wrigley Field

Only two players have not signed their 1956 contracts as the Los Angeles Angels prepare to open spring training today at 10 a.m. in Wrigley Field.

They are outfielders Jim Bolger, who was obtained during the winter from the Chicago Cubs, and Hal Rice, with the Angels last year.

Otherwise, President John Holland expects the complete squad to meet with Manager Bob Scheffing.

Steve Bilko, Gene Mauch, Hy Cohen, Bob Loprete, Buzz Clarkson, John Goetz and Harry Perkowski were among early arrivers.

Scheffing himself will be an arrival inasmuch as he will leave Stan Hack and his Cubs crew at Mesa, Ariz.

With him will come five players who have been training with the Cubs, Bob Anderson, Eddie Haas, Dick Drott, Sam Mauney, and Casey Wise.

Scheffing plans one workout a day, but each will be a long one inasmuch as the Angels first exhibition game is scheduled for Saturday against the Hollywood Stars at Anaheim.

Bilko, Mauch, Cohen and Loprete have already been working informally. Bilko checked in several pounds lighter than when he finished playing last summer and he has his sights set on the best year of his career.

The Angels have 22 training games scheduled, six of which will be in Wrigley Field.

One game will be played with the Chicago Cubs, in Long Beach on March 23.

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CITY CHAMPS HONORED . . . Kenny's Shoe Repair squad holds trophies after thrashing Knolls Drug, 69-38, Tuesday to grab City League title. Watching J. H. Paget of Torrance Recreation and Parks Commission, presenting team trophies to sponsor Kenneth Ruffell are team members left to right, Flash Sorenson, Richard Garcia, Jerry Farrar, Dean White, Dave Ruffell, Harold Holmes and Avery Bryant. Missing from picture are Bill Baron, Fanny Markham and Leo Valencia. Squad will represent Torrance in Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation cage playoffs, which start Friday in Gardena. Playoff tournaments will be held on two straight weekends.