

Harness Meeting Enters Third Week With Four Stakes on Tap

Western Harness Racing Association swings into the third week of its 22-day spring season this week with four top stakes races coming up for decision. Actually only four days of racing will be staged beginning with tomorrow's program. The track will be dark on Good Friday, March 30, with action resuming on Saturday with a nine-race program.

Feature event of the week's schedule will be the \$7500-added Los Angeles Trot, scheduled for Saturday. The \$3000-added Whittier Pace, the \$3000-added Monte Pace and the \$4000-added Sierra Nevada Pace are the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday features, respectively.

The Los Angeles Trot figures to attract such diagonal-gaited stars as Pat Tuelo's Gene Mac, winner of the Del Mar Trot opening Saturday; Cyrus Bell's Hanson, winner of the first here opening week and Ohio Valley Stables' Lady's First, among others.

Good Ones
The Los Angeles field also will include such good ones as George E. Quirk's Tag Me, Harold Leroy's Poplar Ferry and C. W. Clark's Sharp Note. The latter won the race last year in a brilliant 2:08.55, which still stands as the Santa Anita track trotting record for a mile.

Thursday's feature, the Sierra Nevada Pace, has a full nomination list of 23 horses including such stars as William Bloodworth's Andiamo, Robert Neuman's Hi-Lo Bomb, Carl and Gertrude Batters' Romola Girl and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mintear's Ranger Hanover.

Long Absence
Ranger Hanover has been out of action since September, 1953, and will make his first start since then in the Sierra Nevada.

The El Monte Trot on Wednesday will again bring out Keith Stables' undefeated Smiling Boy, winner of 14 straight

races. Smiling Boy, with the meeting's leading driver Russ Valles Key in the bike, has already scored two impressive stakes victories here this meeting.

Tomorrow's feature, the Whittier Pace, will bring out Robert Neuman's speedy Hi-Lo's Bomb, who recently scored a striking wire-to-wire victory in a good 2:02.6.

COUGARS TOP SAXON SQUAD IN TRACKFEST

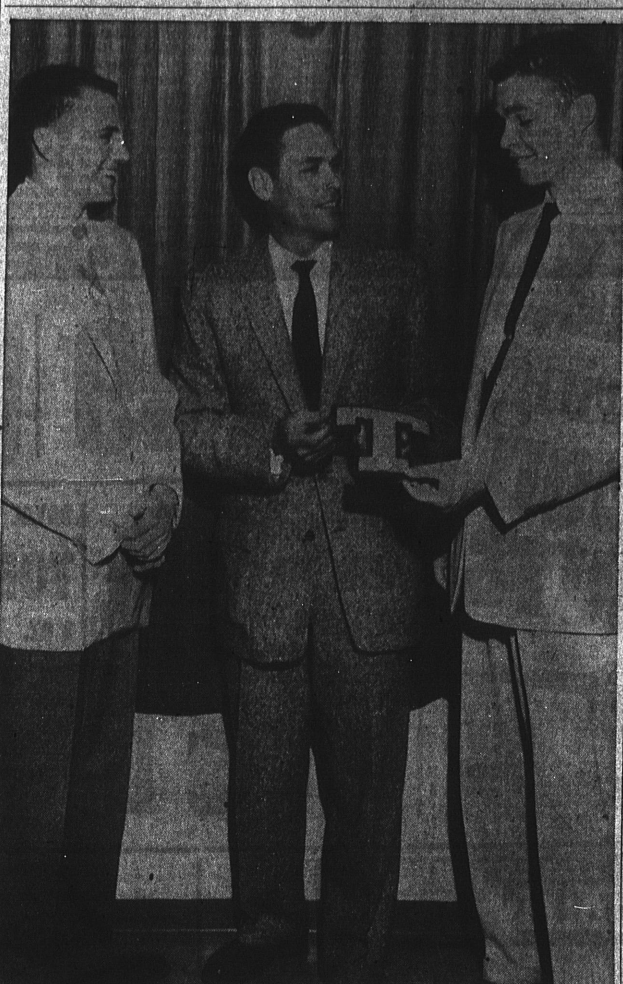
Hawthorne swept all three classes in a dual track and field meet with North High Friday on the winners' turf. Varsity score was Hawthorne 62, NHS 42.

Bill Gordon's double win in the 100 and 200-yard sprints and a sweep of the shot put by the Cougars, paved the way for their win. Gordon was clocked in times of 10.1 and 22.1 in racking up his two sprint wins.

First placers for Coach Wilford Morgan's Saxons included Bob Turner, 56.5 in the 440; Doug Irvine, 2:08.6 in the 880; Dave Campbell, 5:07.5 in the mile; Jim Powers, 19:34 in the broad jump; and Gene Daimler, who shared a first place tie in the pole vault at 11'0".

Hagethorne, Nicholas and Bender, all from Hawthorne, placed 1-2-3 in the shot, with Hagethorne's winning put shooting out to 40'10".
Hawthorne, 62; North High, 42.
100—Gordon, H. Campbell, N.; Powers, N. 10.1.
200—Gordon, H. Campbell, N.; Powers, N. 22.1.
440—Turner, B.; Puskis, H.; Minard, H. 56.5.
880—Turner, B.; Walker, N.; Puskis, H. 2:08.6.
1 mile—Campbell, N.; Ryno, H.; Rowe, N. 5:07.5.
Broad Jump—Powers, N.; Gordon, H.; Ryno, H. 19'34".
Pole Vault—Daimler, N. and Werner, H. tie for first; Smith, H. 11'0".
70 YD—Lyons, H.; Snell, N.; Ryno, H. 10.4.
120 LH—Lyons, H.; Powers, N.; Snell, N. 14.7.
Class B Score: Hawthorne, 69; North High, 26.
Class C Score: Hawthorne, 62 1/2; North High, 24 1/2.

Tartars Edge Mira Costa Spikers



CAGERS GET LETTERS... Tartar cage coach Fanny Markham, center, presents block "T" to Rich Ruffell, right, as Torrance Varsity player at banquet last week at THS cafeteria. Ruffell received most valuable player award and All-Bay League certificate at affair. Observing presentation is Mike Kendall, who with Ruffell was co-captain of the Tartars during past season. After slow start, Markham's charges won last five in row to finish schedule with 11-13 mark.

Cagers Receive Awards At Torrance High Fete

All-everything Rich Ruffell claimed most of the honors Wednesday night at the annual Father and Son Awards Banquet for Torrance High cagers in the school cafeteria.

The All-Bay League and All-CIF (second string) star received the All-American blanket from Coach Fanny Markham, making him the most valuable cager on the Tartar squad for the past season. He also was awarded a special certificate from the Bay League for making the loop's first team. Mike Kendall, who was honorable mention on the Bay League squad, also got a certificate.

Speaker for the evening was Grant Dunlap, Occidental College basketball coach and former pro baseball and basketball star. Dunlap told of some of his experiences in sports and explained the many differences between the great athlete and the average sports participant.

Markham, handed out block "T" letters to the following Varsity cagers: Kendall and Ruffell, co-captains; Tom Ito, Ron Waller, Kent Jackson, John Usab, Jerry Mathews, Toby Venable and Mike Bertolotti. Kendall, Ito, Waller, Jackson and Usab, the seniors, received special mention.

Jayvee Lettermen
Jayvee cagers winning letters included Juniors Ron Lovelady, Charlie Jennings, Bob Knapp and Jack Taylor, and Sophomores Gene Crenshaw, Mike Gonta, Tom Haase, Dale Mead, Roger Reed, Paul O'Kain, Harold Davis and Ray Vanderpool. Markham, who also tutored the JV club during the schedule, made the presentations again.

Coach Jim Ralston, who handed the Bee and the Tartar cage teams, was ill and unable to attend, so Markham handed out blocks to his charges.

Bee letter winners included Ray Beadle, Glenn Christenson, Les Day, Cliff Witherspoon, Doug Ingram, Del Percy, Gary Brimley, Russ Vanderpool and Bob Grajeda. See lettermen included Phil Schell, Bill Schipper, Kay Kawada, Gary Vorn Steeg, Ron Veres, Don Plant, Tom Sherburn and Ken Buchanan.

Wrestling Medals
Intra-mural wrestling champions also were awarded medals at the dinner. Coach Don Porter, who was in charge of the wrestling tournament at Torrance High, presented medals to the following: George Greer, 95 lbs.; Alan Hodgert, 105 lbs.; Steve Bucklew, 115 lbs.; Carl McGrath, 125 lbs.; Tom Carter, 135 lbs.; Frank Engel, 145 lbs.; Bill

Relay Victory Wins It

Tommy Brown glided home by a foot in the anchor lap of the half-mile relay event Friday afternoon to give the Tartars a comeback, 53-51 win over Mira Costa's Mustangs in a dual spikefest at Mira Costa.

Torrance, operating without the services of sprinter Gary Cooke, who was out with the flu, went into the relay trailing, 41-43. But Brown, Skip Smith, Myron Schmidt and Duane Cooke toured the 880 distance in 1:34.5 to take the event and the meet.

The Micothi squad had most of the running events all to themselves with Brown's win in the 220 and Duane Cooke's two hurdle triumphs being the only first place finishes for the Tartars. But Coaches Jack Miller and Don Porter got some real mileage out of their field event entries.

Schmidt tied for first in the high jump, Smith and Stan Wilson went 1-2 in the shot, and Rich Ruffell surprised with a fine leap of 20'3" to take the broad jump to set the stage for the showdown relay race.

100—O'Neil, MC; Brown, T.; Bukowski, MC, 10.3.
220—Brown, T.; O'Neil, MC; Bentwood, T. 22.3.
440—Grish, MC; Schmidt, T.; Dawson, T. 52.9.
880—Rothenberger, MC; O'Dell, MC; Balligat, T. 2:03.4.
1 mile—Bevins, MC; Trenary, T.; Newell, MC. 4:40.3.
120 H—Cooke, T.; Fuitts, MC; Long, MC. 15.4.
180 LH—Cooke, T.; Grish, MC; Rubco, T. 20.3.
880 Relay—Torrance, Mira Costa. 1:34.5.

High Jump—Schmidt, T. and Ruffell, MC, tie for first; Pierson, MC. 53".
Broad Jump—Ruffell, T.; Bukowski, MC; Gonta, T. 20'3".
Pole Vault—Grish, MC; Denning, T. and Burr, MC, tie for second. 12'0".
Shot Put—Smith, T.; Wilson, T.; Landerborn, MC. 47'10".
Class B: Mira Costa, 66; Torrance, 25.
Class C: Mira Costa, 40; Torrance, 28.

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THS Meets Top Seeded Downey

Coach Dave Dana's Tartar nine steps into top competition today in the first round of the Pomona Tournament, meeting top-seeded Downey in a 9 a.m. game.

Action is slated for Buena Vista Park in the Orange County city. The annual tourney is backed by the Pomona 20-30 Club and draws 32 top prep diamond teams from Southern California.

The Tartars' 53 record will be threatened by the Downey crew, which has lost but one. Other seeded teams include Montebello, San Bernardino, Lynwood, Santa Barbara, Chaffey, Compton and host Pomona.

Only seeded team the locals have met is Lynwood, which Torrance nosed out the Lynwood nine here, 3-2, but then fell apart when they traveled to Lynwood for a return go in getting pisted, 14-2.

Hanon or Mills
Dana probably will go with Jess Hanon or Tom Mills, both right-handers, in the opener. Win or lose, the Tartars will play two games today.

The winner of the Downey-Torrance affair will lift the winner of the Redondo-Fontana game at 3 p.m. in the same park. Losers of the two games will meet at the same time, in consolation play.

With Bob Clifford, Mike Bertolotti, Toby Venable, Bob Grajeda, Charley Valencia and Gene Crenshaw wielding the big bats, the locals have shown some good offensive power so far. But their pitching, though fine at times, has been the big problem. Hanon and Mills are the aces, with Clifford and Herm Cobrea on the second line.

Torrance Helps
Clifford hits much better than he has in the past on the mound, although he's got stuff. Wildness is the problem. Co-

Tartarvees Edge Apaches In Bay Game

Tartar Jayvees edged Centennial in their first Bay League game of the term Wednesday, 6-5, in nine innings on the Torrance Park diamond.

The locals smashed out 10 hits in registering the win to make them 1-0 in the league play. They take this week off, vacation time, then meet Mira Costa next, April 4, there.

The squads were knotted, 5-5, at the end of the regulation seven. Ron Veres, who relieved Paul Moir on the mound for the locals in the seventh, then shut out the Apaches the rest of the way.

Tim Watkins led off Torrance's ninth by drawing a free pass. Bob Farrington singled and both runners advanced on a fielder's choice. Chuck Williams then ended the game with a line single to left, Watkins denting the dish for the final run.

Moir went the first six innings and gave up only five Centennial counters. He and Veres held the losers to only four hits, however.

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Maganya and Clayton, Moir, Veres and Russ Vanderpool.

Economy Run Won By Venable

Ercio Venable, driving a Pontiac Chieftain Catalina, took first in the low-medium class and second in the sweepstakes running of the annual Mobilgas Economy Run last week.

Venable, who lives at 5419 Sharney Lane, got 21.1 miles per gallon out of his Pontiac in the Low Angeles to Colorado Springs, Colo., grind. It is the toughest test save drivers of 1956 model cars covering a rugged 1468.9 miles of desert heat, mountain cold and city traffic in 3 1/2 days.

In addition to his class win, Venable was right behind the sweepstakes winner, an Imperial Southampton.

Hester Runs For Tigers

Dennis Hester, track great at Torrance High last year, currently is doing his stuff for the Occidental College Frosh spike team.

Hester enrolled at the Eagle Rock school in February, after spending the fall term at Harbor JC.

The smooth-striding 580 man has a best time of 1:55.5, registered last year in the CIF finals. He finished second in State Meet in the 800 last year.

He also held the Tartar single game cage scoring record of 35 points until it was broken this season by Rich Ruffell, who hit for 35, and was a football standout at Tartarville.

His performance, while at Oxy have not been made known by school officials, although they indicated he is counted on to be one of the Tigers' top freshman distance runners.

Warriors In Azusa Final

El Camino and host Citrus JC battled for the consolation title of the 18th Annual Azusa Baseball Tournament for Southern and Central California JV nine Saturday morning.

The Caminos climbed to the finals by smothering Palo Verde, 2-0, and Glendale, 17-10. Tom Vanderpool, of Torrance, went six innings in the Palo Verde game to pick up the win for the Warriors.

Favored Long Beach City College was eliminated by College of the Sequoias, Visalia, 13-6. The Sequoians swept past California Baptist, 24-0. Pasadena, 2-0, Santa Monica, 7-0, and Long Beach to gain the Saturday championship trip final against Coalinga JC.

Little Loop Registration Set Saturday

Registration for all boys interested in playing with the American Little League will be held at the Seaside Elementary School Saturday at 10 a.m.

All boys between the ages of 8 and 12 are eligible to play. Parents are requested to attend registration with their children and should bring a birth certificate or other legal proof of the boy's age. All boys who have registered in previous years will not be required to register again.

The area, bounded by Hawthorne Blvd., Sepulveda Blvd., Highway 101, and Torrance Western boundary and the small area bounded by Hawthorne Blvd., Sepulveda Blvd., Madrona and 280th St. are the boundaries for the American Little League.

Tryouts for the major and minor teams will be on the three consecutive Saturdays following registration, April 7, 14 and 21. It will be necessary for all boys to be present at tryouts.

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Beverly Bops Saxons, 14-3, In Loop Fray

Beverly Hills erupted for 14 runs Thursday in a Pioneer League game at North High to down the Saxons, 14-3, and tack the third straight league loss on the locals.

Ron Anderson, a disappointment as far this season, went the route for the Saxons, giving up all 14 runs and 11 big base hits to the Normans.

Beverly got all the runs they needed when they tallied three times in the first inning. They got three more in the second, one in the third, two in the fourth, three in the sixth and two in the top of the seventh.

Coach Del Nuzum's Saxons got a single tally in the second and added two more in the final inning.

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Following the Puente affair, the Saxons will meet El Segundo in a Pioneer game, April 5 at El Segundo.

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