Banquet Honors Torrance Athletes, Coach Porter

MARKING TIME . . . Coach Don Porter (left), who received watch from Tartar athletes at annual Spring Sports Banquet Wednesday night with four auto racing events on tap ending Wednesday night, May 30. Smith was named "Athlete of the Year." He presented watch to Porter.

NAMED TOP ATHLETES . . . Track Coach Jack Miller (left) presents Tartar letter to ace sprinter Gary Cooke (second from left), while Coach Bob Clifford and Baseball Coach Dave Dana (right) watch. Cooke and Clifford were selected by their respective coaches as recipients of the annual All-American

Blanket Award also. Blanket contains names of top athletes in each sport at Torrance High during the year. Cooke, who has turned in a best 220 time of 21.5, is a senior, while Clifford, a junior, led all hitters on the baseball team. Blanket was donated to school by Optimist Club of Torrance.

TO THE CHAMPS . . . Tartar Golf Coach Joe Stuart (left) receives Bay League title trophy from Coach Porter. Stuart's linksmen took their first league championship this season with a record of 9-1. Golfers, along with members of Tartar track, baseball and tennis squads were honored at annual banquet.

GARDEN STADIUM OFFERS 'SALUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS'

Gardena Stadium's "Salute to Indianapolis' 500-Miler" schedule bursts wide open beginning Saturday night with four auto racing events on tap ending Wednesday night, May 30.

Here's a capsule lineup: NASCAR modified stock cars, 100-lap feature, Saturday night; NASCAR late model stock cars, 150-lap main and 50-lap semi-main, Sunday night; CJA Jalopy Derby, usual show, Sunday afternoon; and CRA full-sized race cars, Wednesday night, 100-lap feature.

Gardena Stadium salutes the following "500" entrants who raced on that oval in recent years—1952 Indy winner Troy Ruttman, 1950 Indy winner Johnnie Parsons, 1955 winner Bob Sweikert, Jimmy Bryan, Marshall Teague, Sam Hanks, Andy Linden, Pat Flaherty, Bob Veith, Don Freeland, Johnny Boyd, Jim and Dick Rathmann, Johnnie Tolan, Jimmy Reece, Ray Crawford, Tony Bettenhausen and Rodger Ward.

machines equipped with stock engines competing Sunday night.

Chuck Meekins, of Torrance, leads new point standings for late model racing. He has 1106, with Lloyd Dane, Buena Park, next at 892. Third is Ed Pagan, Lynwood, 820; Jim Reed, Peekskill, N.Y., fourth at 814; and Jim Blomgren, Norwalk, 668 for fifth.

The CRA show on May 30 features streamlined race cars using unlimited size engines, usually stocks, and are much like Indianapolis autos in general appearance. These engines are capable of extreme speeds, some engines have been timed at near-150 m.p.h. speeds.

Marketmen Beat Alden Nine, 6-5

Only action in the City Softball League Wednesday night was a close, 6-5, game won by Border's Market against the Alden Equipment nine. The other game scheduled went by forfeit to Pittsburg Paint as the National Guard failed to show.

Alden scored first, when Jack Morgan came home on Bob Dever's double, in the third inning. Border's tied it up in their half of the fourth, and made it 2-1 after the fifth. Both sides were scoreless in the sixth.

Border's bombed oDn Stickley, Alden pitcher, for four runs in the seventh, and final inning, only to have the equipment nine come up with a four run rally, just falling short of forcing the game into extra innings, in their last at bats.

Stickley limited the Marketeers to 5 hits, and walked but two men in his losing effort. John O'Dell was credited with the win as he gave up 7 hits, but more effectively spaced than Strickley's.

Border's	.000	110—4	6	5
Alden	.001	000—4	5	7

Prep Nines Drop Final Contests

Golfers Entered In CIF

Pasadena's Brookside Park Golf Course will host CIF links teams for the Southern California individual title tomorrow when prep squads shoot for the 1956 title.

Six-man teams from Torrance and North High will be in the tourney. Low team aggregate takes the title. A week from tomorrow schools in the CIF will send their top aces to Montebello for individual medal play.

Coach Joe Stuart's Tartars, who won the Bay League championship last week, will be one of the darkhorse entries.

Six to Tee

Stuart will send Ron Hase, Jerry Thrall, Bill LaDuke, Bruce Bielefelt, Terry Murphy and Denny Stewart to the tee for the locals. Of this group, Hase is potentially the best, although Thrall and Stewart are a pair of consistent swingers. The other three are capable of a topnotch round at any time, too.

Saxon Coach Bill Wood finds his chargers in an unusual situation. Although they finished out of the money in the Pioneer League, the North High golfers shot right out to the front at first and beat Bay League champion Torrance in a three-way practice match.

In Tough League

The Saxons were unfortunate to be in the same league as defending CIF champ Beverly Hills and always tough Morningside. Beverly Hills and Long Beach Wilson are co-favorites to take the prep crown title.

The Saxons have a best team score of 231, a scorching total for a sextet of prep golfers. Led by Bill Wilson, the NHS gang has performed steadily during the season, but two straight losses to Beverly Hills upended their plans for a league title.

Wood will use Wilson, Dick Kimoryi, Dave Scott, Steve Crowell, Nick Urban and Gary Little in the Saxon representation.

Torrance Outdrives RHS, 278-289

Redondo's Dave Walker shot a sterling 40 on the rugged Palos Verdes Golf Course Friday but Torrance outdrove the Seahawks, 278-289, to wind up the Bay League golf schedule for both teams.

The match was a re-scheduled one, a make-up for an April rained-out date.

Walker, one of the best bets to win CIF individual honors, came in five over par. Walker recently proved his mettle by taking the Inglewood Medalist Tournament with a polished 73 at the Inglewood Country Club.

Tops for Torrance were Ron Hase and Doug Mills, who checked in with 44's. Bruce Bielefelt and Randy Mills each had a 46, while Denny Stewart, 48, and Terry Murphy, 50, were the others in the match for Torrance.

Jerry Thrall and Bill LaDuke, stellar THS links performers, weren't in the match. Thrall was with the Torrance seniors at their annual outing at Catalina, while LaDuke was sick. Randy Mills and Murphy substituted.

Wilson's Third Homer Paces Little Leaguers

Ray Wilson set the Cardinals off on the right foot when he blasted a bases-loaded homer in the first inning to lead the Redbirds to a 9-8 win over the Stars in a National Little League game played at Plaza Del Amo Park last Tuesday.

Wilson's four bagger was his third of the season, and puts him at the head of the National loop's home run hitters. Jock Cagaanan was the winning hurler, while Felix Alvillar was tagged for the Stars' loss.

Mike Cicchini and Jimmy Wilson re-inforced the Cards win with additional help at the plate.

Top batsmen for the Stars were Newell Robinson, Frank Bradford and Ernest Clayton.

Coupled with the Stars loss, a 7-5 win over the Braves by the Yankees put the Bombers on top of the National standings.

Clyde Taylor was credited with the Yankee win in the Thursday game, but fancy relief pitching by Bruce Smith, who relieved Taylor in the last inning with the bases full of Braves, saved the day for the Yanks.

Another defensive highlight for the Yankees came when shortstop Mike Hartley combined with second baseman Terry Greeson to work the double play, killing a Brave rally.

Standings

	W	L
Yankees	3	0
Cardinals	2	1
Stars	2	2
Braves	0	3

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Hawthorne Tips Saxons in Finale

Hawthorne tacked the 10th Pioneer League loss of the season on North High Thursday here as the Saxons and Cougars finished out the season on the NHS diamond.

The loss gave the locals a 5-10 league mark and shoved them into a last place tie with Morningside. Hawthorne's win gave them a two-way share of the title with Culver City. Both teams posted 10-5 Pioneer marks.

Coach Del Nuzum's Saxons matched the Cougar nine hit for hit, but the winners blasted out to a seven-run lead after the first two innings. They got two in the first and five more in the second. Each squad rapped out 10 hits.

Ernie Thomsen and George Foutts shared the pitching duties for the North High gang. Thomsen took the loss.

Fall Behind

North High scored once in the second inning and after they had fallen behind, 9-1, at the end of four; they came back with four runs in the fifth to finish their run output.

The Saxons had one of their best hitting days of the season. But they couldn't bunch their hits as well as the winners. Steve Beckett, Ken Simpson, Ron Anderson and Bill Bartleson, all had two hits for the locals. Beckett, Simpson and Anderson were 1-2-3 in the batting order but still their able hitting failed to chase as many runs home as would be expected.

Top Frosh

Using as many as five freshmen in the line-up at one time, Nuzum's club posted a 7-15 mark for the season. Several times they came off the deck to post outstanding wins and the potential power of the club in the next two years is tremendous.

The Saxons lose only two first stringers, Anderson and Beckett. The valuable game experience gained by the freshmen ought to put the North High kids right at the top in a couple of years, if not next year.

North High (5)	AB	R	H
Beckett, cf	4	1	2
Simpson, ss	3	1	2
Anderson, 1b	3	1	2
Thomsen, p, 3b	4	1	1
Bledsoe, c	3	0	1
Foutts, 3b, rf	3	1	0
Bartleson, 2b	3	1	2

North High	200	731—13	6
Hawthorne	430	001 0— 8	5

Romero, Kemp and Walker; Long, Johnson and Sheets.

Saxon Jayvees Beat Hawthorne In Final Game

Coach Bill Ellings' North High Jayvees pushed over seven runs in a big fourth inning rally at Hawthorne Thursday in topping the Cougars, 13-8, in the final Pioneer League game of the season.

Bob Romero and Pete Kemp twirled a five-hitter for the Saxon JV nine. Dave Gilbert led the locals at the plate, blasting out two hits in four trips to the dish.

The NHS Jayvees tallied twice in the top of the first, then fell behind, 4-2, when the Cougars scored a quartet of runs in the home half of the frame. Hawthorne went into a 7-2 lead in the second when they got three more tallies.

But the seven-run fourth and three more scores in the fifth gave the Saxonmen all the runs they needed.

Kemp picked up the pitching win.

Home runs by Wally Williams and Bob Galden, and a triple by James Cicchini gave the Blues the scoring punch they needed for the season opener. Williams went to the plate three times and scored on each trip, on two hits and an error.

LIONS, LEGION IN SERVICE LOOP WINS

With a homerun for his first at bat, centerfielder Ruel, led his Lions Club team mate to an 11-7 opening win against the Walteria BMC in Service Club Slo-Pitch softball last Wednesday night.

Tops for Torrance's slo-pitch double header was won by the American Legion, edging the Rotary team by a 4-2 margin.

Apaches Upset Tarter Nine, 8-2

The Tartars blew an 8-2 ball game to last place Centennial Thursday in Compton and in doing so blew their own chances of winding up in a tie for third in the final Bay League standings. It was the wind-up tilt for both teams.

The Apaches were just up for the game and probably could have beaten any league team on that day. The loss squared Torrance's record at 6-6 for league, good for fourth place.

Young Paul Moir, the string bean sophomore with the modest on the ball, finally got tagged for a loss. After being brought up from the Jayvees late in the season, Moir won two straight ball games and allowed only three earned runs in 22 innings.

Quick Lead

But the Apache nine had the goods on him Thursday. They roared out into a quick one-run lead in the first inning, then added two in the second and a trio of tallies in their third to stand ahead at 6-0.

Bill Carey's home run in the second frame was the big blow for the Apaches.

Torrance got its two runs in singles, one in the fifth, the other in the sixth frame. The locals could only get three hits off Centennial hurler Hatter.

Top Hitters

Hanon, Mike Bertolet and Toby Venable each got one hit for the locals.

Second sacker Dick Hays got two of the Centennial club nine hits to lead the pack hitters.

The Tartars previously had clobbered the Apaches, 12-3, their first Bay League meeting in April. Hanon and Moir twirled in that one, too, but the locals didn't fare as well Thursday.

Torrance (2)	AB	R	H
Venable, cf, lf	4	0	1
Grajeda, c	4	0	0
Ray Vanderpool, c	1	0	0
Clifford, cf, 1b	3	0	0
Mills, lf	3	0	0
Emery, lf	3	0	0
Watkins, 1b	0	0	1
Bertolet, 3b	3	0	1
Ray Vanderpool, ss	3	0	0
Smith, 2b	1	0	0
Tiernan, 2b	1	0	0
Moir, p	1	0	0
Hanon, p	2	0	1

Centennial (8)	AB	R	H
Wheaton, 3b	4	1	1
Wilson, rf	2	1	0
Fowler, cf	4	1	0
Skelton, lf	4	0	1
Guiterrez, c	2	1	0
Hays, 2b	3	0	2
Ramos, 2b	3	1	0
Ruiz, 3b	3	1	0
Carey, ss	2	2	1
Cleveland, ss	3	0	0
Hatter, p	3	0	0

Torrance	.000	011 0—2	3	5
Centennial	123	002 x—8	9	2

Moir, Hanon and Grajeda; Ray Vanderpool; Hatter and McQuarn, Guiterrez, LP: Moir.

Lutherans, National Win 'Streak' Games

With pitcher Wayne Branum allowing only two runs, but keeping the hits against him well scattered, the Lutheran Men started their Blue Streak Slo-pitch season in fine fashion, downing the Torrance Garden Plaza nine by a 13-2 count, at Torrance Park, Thursday night.

A perfect night at the plate gave Al Chambers for the Lutheran batting lead, as he had four hits and four runs in four at bats. Al Chambers was another star at the plate with four hits and two runs in four trips. Other .500 hitters for the winners were George Lutz, Joe James, Chuck Schildmeyer, Ed Brown, Ray Rurrey, and Wayne Branum.

Big bats for the Gardens were carried by Burt Belser, with two for three, and Ken Collins, another two for three.

Second half of Thursday's double header found the National Blues teeing off on the Elks Club by an 8-2 count.

Mel Swanson took the win for the Nationals, while Bob Cosgrays was tabbed for the Elks' loss.

Lutheran Men	030	154 0	13	24
Tor. Gardens	010	010 0 — 2	9

Elks Club	010	100 0	2	14
Nationals			8	11

Narbonne Banquet Set

Narbonne's Spring Father-and-Son banquet, sponsored by the Lettermen's Club, will be held Thursday evening.

Athletes lettering in baseball, gymnastics, tennis, track, swimming will be given the awards at the banquet.

Presentation of the Optimist-Scholastic Award, Schwartz Athlete of the Year Award, and a new Letterman Award will highlight the evening.

This year the Lettermen have initiated the point system in the club. Points are given for outstanding service to the school. The winner will be announced at the banquet.

Prep track and relay meet are now being held. Finals will be held Thursday at 3. Tickets for the Father-and-Son event are still available from Narbonne High coaches at $1.75 per pair.

CROP AVERAGE

The U.S. wheat crop has averaged 1075 million bushels a year the past five years.

New Stars

The 139th St. and Western Ave. oval is now developing many new stars and is varying its programs to give them all the opportunity of rounding out their experience in various types of equipment.

Time trials open at 7, racing at 8:30 p.m. for each of the 3 night shows, with the Sunday Jalopy Derby being green-flagged at 2:30 p.m. Saturday night's vehicles are souped-up "hard-tops" using 1937 to 1941 engines and bodies as compared to the brand new late model

Elks' Ladies Meet

Ladies of the Elks will hold a social meeting tomorrow evening at the Elks hall, 1951 Carson St. Admission will be white elephants, which will be used as prizes in the games. There will also be door prizes and refreshments.

All local Elks' wives and their friends are invited to attend.