

Department A Takes 4-1 Win From B Shift Team

FIRE TEAMS SPLIT GAMES

Fire Department B tasted defeat for the first time this season, breaking a 25 game win skin over a two year period, when their A shift compatriots downed them by a 4-1 margin in the second game of their double header for the City Slo-pitch title at Torrance Park Thursday evening. The B team opened the championship play-offs with an 11-1 win in the first game.

Bob Moffitt pitched the opening game win for the B shift club, allowing seven hits, with strong hitting support from Stan Sellers, a home run, Roy Holloman and Jerry Loy, doubles, and Harlan Whitacre, a triple.

Department B took a 2-1 lead in the first inning, then broke loose with eight runs on eight hits in the second to swing the win.

Runs Rush
The rush of runs came on Bob Ward, doubles by Holloman, Loy and John Agapito;



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one aboard in the third, and Frank Tuttle poked another in the seventh.

Sam Dial took the pitching win, limiting the Department B sluggers to five hits, Loy coming across with the sole run after singling in the third. Ed Polston receipted for the B shift mound loss.

Take Lead
Department A took a 2-1 lead in the third inning, after the first two frames went scoreless for both clubs, on Wass's homer, stretched it to 3-1 in the fourth, as Steve Obradovich came home after doubling, and added the insurance tally in the seventh on Tuttle's four sacker.

Spirited Torrance High Varsity Looking Toward Better Season

A total of 50 varsity grid hopefuls, including nine lettermen, turned out for practice when Torrance High's head coach, Jack Miller, started the Tartars on a two-day pre-school workout routine.

Three of the returning veterans reported to backfield coach Dick Turner, who is shaping up the Tartar offense based on variation of the split "T."

One problem facing Turner will be the filling of the quarterback slot, with Nick Babbitt and Steve Wingard, up from the Bees, and Bob Cosby all in the running for first call. Another prospect for quarterback, Larry Denning, is temporarily out of action due to injuries.

Halfback hopefuls are headed by lettermen Duane Cooke and Tom Holmes, with additional support and competition coming from Bobby Grajaeda, Roger Reid, Joe Erbe, and Bob Putnam.

SAXONS WORK IN DOUBLE DRILLS

Head Coach Cliff Graybehl and backfield coach Bill Ellings have started moding the 1956 North High Varsity football team from a total of 44 players now engaged in twice daily practices.

Included in the 44-man Saxon roster are nine returning letterman, the nucleus around which the North High grid hopes will be constructed.

According to Graybehl the present strength seems to be found in the backfield, a theory supported by Ellings who reports that five of the nine letter winners are backs.

Letter Backs
The letter backs are Ray Geishaber, second string all-league quarterback last season, Jim Whitley, fullback, Bob Walker, halfback; Paul Carrico, halfback; and Lomen Jones, quarterback.

In addition to these returnees Ellings is looking for Dave Boyd, halfback transfer from Oklahoma; Bob Romera, halfback with Bee experience, and Tom Arzoian, an improving halfback, to provide additional depth in the backfield.



THREE DEEP... Strongest spot in the North High line will be the guard posts where, front left to right, Harold Becker and Tom Koehn, middle left to right, John Swortfiguer and Ron Haws, back left to right, and Stan Fittenger and Dick Bybee line up three deep.

Up Front
Prospects up front aren't nearly so bright. Graybehl states that it "will be necessary to build a line to carry the backs."

At the present time the strongest spots in the forward wall are at center, with team captain Al Bledsoe returning, and the guard positions.

Lettermen Tom Koehn and Hal Becker are back to bolster the right and left of center, with additional support coming Stan Fittenger, up from the Bees, John Swortfiguer, Bee letterman and the "best form in blocking," and Dick Bybee.

Ken Knott, a former guard and Bee captain, has been moved into the backfield, while Dennis Berry, former halfback, has been shifted to end.

Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERFEY, JR.
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Random Ramblings

By ROGER BOEDECKER

Latest football word out of North High is that Bee team candidates will report for physical examinations on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 8 a.m. to 12 noon instead of tomorrow.

Most recent rumbling on the collegiate grid front concerns Torrance area players at the four-year schools. To date the only local players that I have heard of and from are Jack Hawley and Jim Mays, ex-Narbonne High, are drilling with the Long Beach State varsity, while Doug Dick, former Redondo Beach back, is slated to see varsity action with the Stanford varsity.

Any readers knowing who, and where, other local footballers are now working out might give me a ring and pass on the word.

What has happened to Skip Smith?

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Big Tackles
The Saxon tackles are big, but few. Dan Hayes, only letter-holding tackle, Bob Morgan, at 220 pounds, John Bowman, 285 pounds, and Steve Harper, 180 pounds, are waging a four-way war for the two starting spots.

Presently the weakest segment of the North High line is at end. Dave Campbell, Saxon track captain in 1956, is handling the right flank chores, while former Bee letterman, Bruce Stinger and Chuck Richardson, are alternating at the left end spot.

Flanks Bolstered
Graybehl hopes that, with the shift of Berry to the end position, the flanks will be bolstered for the season opener against Artesia on Sept. 28.

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