

FRENCH LEAVES JOB AS BLUEBIRD MANAGER

Tornadoes to Invade Torrance Tomorrow

Injuries Hurt Hoover's Team

Torrance High's chances of scoring a season opener win against Glendale Hoover tomorrow night were brightened when it was reported that the invaders will operate minus the services of three of their top backfield players.

First string tailback, Tony Rubino, second string tailback, Lee Hartwell, and first string right half, Mike Cassidy, are all on the Tornadoes injured list and will not see action.

LEAVING TO ENGAGE IN NEW BUSINESS INTERESTS

Culmination of the Torrance Bluebird's 1956 baseball season was marked by the announcement of the retirement of Jack French as Bluebird general manager, field manager and player.

French announced that his retirement is necessitated by increased business responsibilities in a new enterprise in Los Angeles.

Under French's tutelage the Bluebirds came up with a three year record of 52 wins and 30 losses, including two Harbor League titles and a consistently high ranking in Southern California Municipal League circles.

Bluebirds Start

The Bluebird team was a direct result of French's interest in baseball and Torrance. After coming to Torrance in 1950, and playing with Swayne Johnson's Torrance Police nine, he became concerned with the fact that upon Johnson's entry in the Navy the city was not represented in municipal baseball circles.

With Hal "Tex" Roberts and Harry Theodosios, French took on the responsibility of field-

ing a Torrance team. The resultant Bluebird organization first took the field in 1954.

Diamond Career

French's diamond activities began on the sand lots of Los Angeles. After playing at Glendale High, with the 1938 CIF champions, he entered the ranks of professional baseball.

He attended spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and played on teams in Hutchinson, Kans., London, Ont., Selma, Ala., Albuquerque, N. M., and Albany, N. Y., before assuming his role as founding father of the Bluebirds.

French will be replaced as Bluebird field manager by Bucky Kuhn, this season's regular center fielder, and as business manager by Bob Cater, top Torrance batter this season with a .438 average.

Spawning Shad Seen

Spawning shad have been observed for the first time in the Salmon River, Siskiyou County, a major tributary of the Klamath. The fall run of king salmon has been extremely late in the latter stream.



1956 PREP GRIDS KICK OFF . . . Representing the two Torrance high schools, Claudia Smith of Torrance High prepares to kick off the 1956 football season as Sharyn Rich, North High coed, holds the pigskin ball for the boot.

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Tartar Varsity Meets Glendale

The local grid season gets under way tomorrow night when the Torrance High Tartars take the field in their first game against Glendale Hoover High's varsity eleven. Game time for the Torrance field contest has been set at 8 p.m.

Torrance will be out to start their 1956 season off on the right foot, and at the same time, reverse the 31-7 defeat suffered at the hands of the invaders last year.

Glendale will rule as pregame favorites, primarily on the basis of their recent win over Mark Keppel and the fact that the local club will be initiating their season.

The Tartar's "T" attack will operate under the direction of quarterback Mick Babbitt, with the rest of the backfield being filled out by Duane Cook, left half, Tom Holmes, right half, and John Emery, fullback.

Curran Out

Local line play will be hampered by the absence of Bob Curran, number one left guard, who will be lost to the Tartars for a couple of weeks. Curran was sidelined by a strep throat. Steve Pulvers will step into Curran's spot in the left wall.

Tartar flank posts will be filled by Joe Rubco and Tom Brown while Steve Foster and Harold Dills will take over at the tackle roles.

Wallace at Center

Jim Wallace has been named as the starting center, while the right guard hole will be filled by Bill Montgomery, Torrance varsity captain.

Head coach Jack Miller's main aim this week will be to get his charges set for the opener with a minimum of contact work.

Tartar personnel, as a team, is in good shape according to Miller's last estimate of the situation.

Tentative starting line-ups:

TORRANCE	GLENDALE
Rubco DE	Roethlisberger QB
Foster RT	Shaffer RB
Pulvers LG	Voloshen LG
Wallace C	Haynes RB
Montgomery RG	Bellin RB
Dills RT	Bell RB
Brown BE	Duncan RB
Babbitt QB	O'Leary RB
Cook LH	Robbins RB
Holmes RH	Cassidy RB
Emery FB	Murphy RB

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Modesto opened its season with a 34-25 defeat at the hands of the Long Beach City College Vikings last week while El Camino edged the Cubs from Los Angeles City College 20-13.

Top Pirate talent to watch will be end Dick Miller and guard Bob Moore. The invaders scoring punch will be provided by left halfback Tom Young and quarterback Phil Peterson.

The Warriors will counter with quarterback Larry Manly and left half Bob Dehlinger on offense while standout defenders include Gus Milgas, J. W. Abel, Tony Leon, and Gary Malloy.

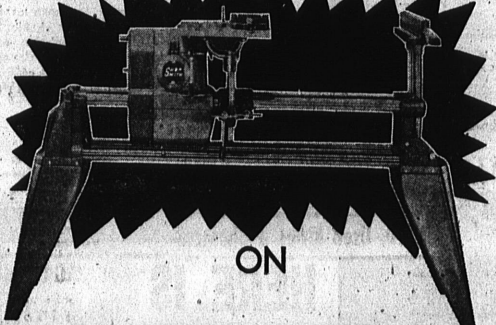
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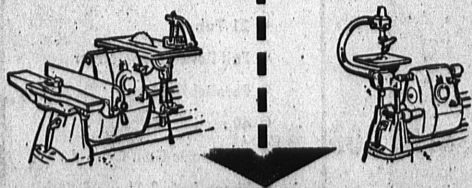
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