

Blue Birds Will Enter Municipal League Playoffs

After beating the Los Angeles Coasters, 5 to 2, last Saturday at Ross Snider play ground the Torrance Blue Birds will meet an unnamed opponent in the first game of the Municipal League's Southern California playoffs. The game will be played at Imperial and Birch in Lynwood and is slated to start at 7:30 Saturday night.

Garry Hinrich and Buck Kuhn were heavy hitters for the Birds with Frank Lucking winning pitcher in their last game.

Probable starting lineup for the Blue Birds will be: Joe Rowell, ss; Buck Kuhn, cf; Jimmy Murphy, 3rd; Marvin Gebhart, lf; Bob Cates,

Physical Examination for High School Football Players Set

An announcement of schedules of physical examinations of prospective players on the football teams of North High School, Torrance High school, and South High school heralds the opening of the 1958 gridiron season for the three schools. The examination schedule is as follows:

North High School
Varsity players, Sept. 9-10 a.m. in the Boys' Gym. "B" players, Sept. 9, 9-10 a.m. in the Boys' Gym. "C" football players and cross-country runners will be examined on Sept. 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boys' Gym.

Torrance High School
Examinations will be held in the Boys' Gym, Varsity on 1st; Frank Lurking, p; Garry Hinrich, lf; George Aldapa, 2nd; and Bill South, c.

The Blue Birds will meet the Aquilas at 2 p.m. Sunday on the Torrance Park diamond.

Horse May Top Money Record

As they measure the winner's share of big stakes today, Round Table has but two to go to displace Nashua at the top of the all-time money-earning roster for Thoroughbreds.

With one victory in Arlington Park's Lawrence Armour Memorial, and a second in the Warren Wright Memorial, Travis M. Kerr's top handicap horse earned \$71,000 in July to move into the leadership for 1958 with a total of \$457,490 for eleven victories and two seconds. His all-time earnings are now \$1,161,614, a "mere" \$127,551 behind Nashua.

Information concerning insurance, team classifications, parents' permission slips, and equipment. Dr. H. Veazie Merkham, the school's physician, will be in charge of the physical examinations.



RAY LANGUERS... Jim Wallace (left) and Bill Gramby of El Camino will be starting in the third annual Optimist sponsored all-star football game. The Ray League eleven will face the Pioneer League team in El Camino Stadium.

Plan Aerial Game In All-Star Classic

In what promises to be strictly a passing game, the Pioneer League is a 1 to 2 touchdown favorite over the Bay League in the 3rd Annual Optimist All-Star football game to be staged Friday night at 8:30 p.m. in the El Camino Stadium. Previous games have seen the Bay League come out on top, 13-0, in 1956 and the Pioneer League victorious, 7-6, a year ago.

Crusaders Name New Head Coach

The Crusaders of the National Pop Warner Conference will go into their 1958 season with a new man at the helm. Frank Pritchard has recently been appointed head football coach of the Crusaders, it was announced by Jim Fobey, former head coach who will serve in the future as Crusader athletic director.

Fobey and Tom Robinson, last year's end coach, have been appointed to head the coaching staff at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance. Pritchard, who handled the Crusader line a season ago, will have a tough rebuilding job this year with the loss of seventeen members of the 1957 conference championship team including two All-Americans, halfback Tim Roettger of Torrance and center Tony Lizza of Hermosa.

Coach Pritchard will continue to employ the tight wing formation the Crusaders have used for the past two seasons.

Returning to the squad this fall will be backs, John Draliner, Steve Fox, "Moose" Pritchard and Fred Zuber, and linemen, Lindsay Hughes, John Joseph, John Kasunic, Ed Moffatt, Jim Moore, Chuck Robles and Wayne Sankay.

Neither team contemplates anything different than a passing attack, but both clubs are well stocked with strong defensive lines and linebackers.

However both Hal Chausney of the Pioneer League and Leon McLaughlin of the Bay League are noted for passing and have a staff of fine tossers.

Mike Gillespie, who was under-rated as a third string All-CIF quarterback, may throw as many as 25 passes for the Pioneer eleven.

McLaughlin, meanwhile, plans to have half of his ball club looking out for Gillespie as a defensive measure.

"Watch out for passes," signposts go to Linebacker Bob Carlson of Redondo, Halves Tony Pallante of Leuzinger and Ken Flowers of Inglewood, and Twin Safeties Dave Brandt of Mira Costa and Gene Williams of Mira Costa.

What should make the game interesting is that the Pioneer League has a hard-hitting crew of backs including Fullbacks Glen Kezer of Morningside and Tom Dodson of El Segundo.

Swift-running halves are Gary Kimbrell of Hawthorne and Tom Mallock of El Segundo.

The Bay League's offensive threat is in the hands of Quarterback Larry Courtney, Inglewood Coach Bill Peters recently termed Courtney "the greatest athlete in Inglewood High's history".

Courtney is adapted to the art of throwing passes and Coach McLaughlin is prepared to furnish him with plenty of receivers. Speed-demons Butch White and Roger Reed of Torrance, a J. Bailer of Santa Monica and Tony Pallante of Leuzinger will alternate in the backfield.

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Sharing the weekend speed spotlight with the sprints will be the colorful Jalopy Derby on Sunday.

Such standouts as Mike Roy Prosser, "Tiger" Nick Valente, One-Armed Allen Heath, Scotty Cam, LeRoy Neumeyer, Young Farnell Jones, Hank Henry, Jack Gardner, Ray Clark and Inger McKinley are listed among the entrants for the sprint car show.

They'll be tooting a wide variety of cars.