

Sports

Seahawk Cagers Prepare For Rough Weekend Tilts

Harbor College cagers could end this week of competition in first place in the Metropolitan Conference — or in seventh place. That's how closely bunched all teams are as they reach the halfway mark this week. Valley and El Camino are leading with 4-1 marks, Harbor, East L.A., and surging Bakersfield are tied at 3-2. Long Beach and San Diego follow with 2-3 and luckless Santa Monica trails at 0-5.

A thrilling 77-83 overtime win over Santa Monica and a 48-70 loss to Bakersfield last week put the Seahawks in their present position. This week they travel to East Los Angeles for a game at 8 p.m. tomorrow, and then a Saturday night game against L. A. Valley. Wins over the two tough foes could put the Seahawks at the top of the league, but it won't be easy.

Maturity Kicks Off Hundred Granders

Saturday's 15th running of The Maturity will be the first of the four "hundred grand" racing classics to be presented during the annual winter Thoroughbred season at Santa Anita Park. The Santa Anita Handicap follows on Feb. 24, with the Santa Anita Derby on March 3, and the San Juan Capistrano over the hillside Infield turf course on March 10, closing day.

The Santa Anita Maturity, a unique race exclusively for four-year-olds, promises outstanding attractions. Alberta Ranches' Four-and-Twenty, pre-race favorite, ridden by John Longden, is establishing himself as the No. 1 horse in the west. He has impressively won his last two starts in

major \$50,000 stakes at the meeting. The San Fernando and San Carlos ... after winning the Santa Anita and Hollywood Derbies last year.

THIS SATURDAY the Blue Prince colt has to pick up top weight of 126 pounds. His strong rival, Rex C. Ellsworth's Olden Times, that beat him in The Malibu, gets in with 114 pounds with incomparable Bill Shoemaker his rider. A new contestant will be Louis Wolfson's Garwol that will be flown from Florida with his favorite rider, John L. Rotz. There will be several others figuring on getting big weight concessions from Four-and-Twenty over the classic distance of 1 1/4 miles.

HARBOR HOLDS a 92-78 win over East Los Angeles in the Sam Berry tournament. The Huskies' scoring punch is concentrated in Felix Patterson (18.6 average), Louis Hood (15.4), and Tom Harkey (12.0). In defeating El Camino, five Huskies scored in double figures. Valley boasts the league's top scorer in Stan Swinger who has scored 113 points for a 22.6 average. Larry Williams with 15.2 and Ollie Carter with 18.0 make this a very formidable outfit.

HARBOR HAS no consistently high scorer lately with most of the work being done by Ed Briscoe, Charles Campbell, and Al Windfeldt. Campbell has a 15.0 average, Briscoe, 14.2, and Windfeldt, 12.0.

South Nabs EC Mat Title

Proving it is one of the South Bay area's great wrestling powers, South High walked away with first place in competition with 16 other schools in the annual El Camino Wrestling Tournament on Saturday. Running up 98 points, South held off second place finisher Mira Costa, 73 points; and

North, which finished with 62 digits. Torrance High wound up in 12th place with 13 points. **BUD TAMBLE** started the Spartans off on the right foot by grappling to the 98 pound championship. Stan Fleener earned the 68 pound crown for the eventual winners and Dave

Birmingham pinned his man to walk away with the heavy-weight division title. Wrestling at 130 pounds, Dennis Ashbury dropped a decision to North's Bob Mirabella, and the Spartans' Bob Anderson took the show slot in the 183 pound class.

BEHIND the force of Mirabella's triumph and the 136 pound victory of Joe Garcia, North coasted into the third position, four points ahead of Hawthorne. In the 141 pound classification, North's Mike Hanchett wrestled into second place.

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Ivo, Kolb Battle at Lions For Top National Position

Television star Tommy Ivo has been signed to pilot Ernie's camera special, No. 10 rated dragster in the country, Sunday, in a match race with LeLand Kolb of Buena Park in the No. 1 Howard Cam dragster. The match will take place at Lions Drag Strip at Long Beach and will be a best two-out-of-three affair, with the No. 1 spot in the national ratings going to the winner. Kolb is favored to retain the title on the basis of his stronger showing in the past few months.

Speeds of 190 mph are expected at the Lions Strip, with the return of unlimited fuel dragsters. Leading the fuel field will be national champion Jack Chrisman in a new Pontiac powered car and Don Prudhomme who recently set several strip records in northern California. Prudhomme, a Van Nuys product, has had several runs in the vicinity of 190 mph. Other fuel cars include Art Chrisman, also in a new car, and Frank Cannon. Also on the program will be the top eliminator event, in which all of these drivers will

try to stop Long Beach's Tom McEwen from winning a third week in a row. There will be \$1,000 in purse money offered during Sunday's meet, and it should produce one of the best drag racing programs. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. for time trials, with eliminations starting at 1:30 in the afternoon. The Lions sponsored strip is located on 223rd Street near Alameda in the North Long Beach area.

Surfing Club

Organization of an all-girls surfing club is being completed here and a third meeting of the group has been called for next Wednesday evening at 7 in the Civil Defense room of the Torrance City Hall. Organized by the Torrance Police Officers Assn. and a surfboard manufacturer, the club is believed to be the first whose membership is limited to girls in this area. Information on the group may be obtained by calling Pamela Maloche, president, at FR 2-1522.

Five-Mile Marathon-Run Features San Jose Star

The 10th Annual Hermosa Beach Five-Mile Marathon Run and 2nd Annual High School Two-Mile Marathon Run will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, 1 p.m., Clack Stadium, Hermosa Beach. According to all indications and entries, this should prove to be the most successful race run thus far, according to Don Renner, of the Hermosa Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

The beach run is in commemoration of the "New March of Dimes" with the theme being "Strong Legs Run So Others May Walk." Local Chairman, Dr. Edward Spingeld, is currently making arrangements to have new March of Dimes committee members along the route of the race. Among the outstanding entries thus far is former Mira Costa High School star runner, Danny Murphy. Murphy's records are: San Jose Freshman record of 20:27.0 over 4.3 course; Frosh record on 4.0 mile course at Cal of 19:42.0; course record on 2.1 mile course at Stanford of 9:23. This is fastest time ever recorded on course; Frosh record on 4.2 mile course at Stanford of 20:26.8; Frosh record of 5000 meter course at Fresno of 15:42 and Frosh 2-mile record for an American, at 9:14.4.

event are: Chuck Patrick, Ed Levinson, David Bogdanyi, Joe Quackenbush, Gary Quackenbush, George Wright, Bill Wells, Patrick Connelly, Mike Kish, Philip Clark, Andre Riou, Stephen Tilney, William Tilney, Paul Fisher, Jerry Smartt, Cliff Stolba and Ron West. The entries in the high school two-mile run are: Bill Osborn, Clifford Denholm, Bruce Hamilton, Steve Lawson, Joaquin G. Hernandez, Pat D. Hall and Wayne Young.

THE LIST of previous winners looks like "Who's Who" in American track circles. In 1953, Russell Bonham was winner from Whittier College; 1954, Daniel R. Schweikart, Whittier; 1955, Gordon McClenathan, Santa Barbara College; 1956, Robert Cons, Culver City Athletic Club; 1957, J. Thomas Sturak, unattached; 1958, Malcolm R. Robertson, U. of S. C.; 1959, Larry Ward, U. of Redlands; 1960, Peter B. Mundle, So. Calif. Striders; 1961, Jerry Smartt, unattached. Those wishing to see the event may either observe at Clark stadium or along the ocean front at Hermosa Beach. The route of the runners travels from Clark Stadium, down to the beach and to the North and South ends of the City limits and returns to Clark stadium.

Western Speedway Slates Year's First Doubleheader

The first doubleheader, CJA stock car and super-modified race of the year, is set for this Sunday afternoon at Gardena's Western Speedway, the popular one-third mile track located at 139th Street at S. Western Avenue. Racing will begin at 2:30 p.m.

A full nine event program is slated, featuring more than 125 laps of racing, highlighted by two 30-lap main events. Also on the program will be two 15-lap semi-mains, two 10-lap consolation and two 6-lap trophy dashes. Time trials are set for 12:30 p.m. Gene Davis of Venice and Frank Deiny of Los Angeles rate as the choices in the stock car races; both will handle Oldsmobiles. Davis captured the opening race of the season, two weeks ago, with Deiny taking second just a car length behind.

CHUCK TOWNSEN of Gardena, and Valle Engelauf of Riverside hold the limelight in the super-modified division. Townsen took the opening race, and Engelauf, who finished second, now holds the point lead. Townsen will steer a Corvette engine machine while Engelauf goes to the post aboard a Mercury powered speedster.

Dark horses are Marvin Heinis of Sylmar and "Wild" Bill Foster of Newhall in the stock car races; and Jack Austin of Downey in the super-modified events. Heinis led the opening stock car feature until the final lap when a broken front wheel put him out of action. Foster set a new one lap track record of 17.07 during time trials, but was forced out of the main in an accident. Austin is second in modified points and will gun a Buick powered car in these events.

OTHER DRIVING favorites entered include: Jim Cook, Norwalk; Ron Garriott, Jerry Plotts, Bill St. James, Ernie Swift, and Chuck Guevera, all

of Gardena; Clem Proctor, Audie Madron, Arley Scranton, Eddie Kusch, and Charlie Chapman from Compton; Freddie Thompson and Jasper Lopicolo of Downey; Billy Cantrell, Bucky Stoner, and Junior Breckbuhler, all of Ontario; Dee Harty and Steve Kennick of Temple City; Dallas Harrison, and Hank Millwee of Hermosa Beach; Art Atkinson, S. Pasadena; Art Hayes, Azusa; Ron Adams, Torrance; Harry Prouty, Buena Park; "Sad" Sam Stanley of Newhall; Giff Runkle, Moorpark; Walt Price, Sylmar; Ed Van Eyk, Bellflower; Jim Roessler, San Bernardino; Cliff Garner, Culver City; Bob Simmons, South Gate; Lowell Pratt, Montrose; and Duke Parsons.

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