

UNUSUAL POSITION . . . On his back for one of the rare times during the season, South matman Dave Birmingham battles against heavyweight foe in CIF wrestling finals, Bir-mingham quickly reversed the position and emerged with a 17-4 decision and the CIF erown. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

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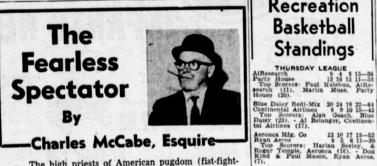
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The high priests of American pugdom (fist-fighting, that is) have again mounted their puissant chargers and are tilting away mightily in behalf of faith and morals and American youth, which appears to be in some kind of trouble.

Seems the only guy who can give the high priests the first \$1 million gate in a long time is a character who smells so high that even these hard-shelled souls cannot clothes-pin their noses wholly against him.

It's felt this boy, Sonny Liston, might be a tight fit in a Pantheon crowded with the Rover Boys, Tom Swift, Frank Merriwell, and Silent Roger Maris.

The fight public, which swallowed Jess Willard and Primo Carnera in the past, and continues to swallow an aging thespian named Archie Moore, is having some difficulty downing Mr. Liston.

Liston is a mean-looking subhuman with a formidable criminal record. At 28, he has been booked 10 times on charges ranging from suspicion of gambling to armed robbery.

He made the bucket twice. In 1950, for five years in the Missouri State Penitentiary for first degree robbery. In 1957, after his release, he served nine months for assaulting a policeman with a dangerous weapon.

I'm almost never in agreement with Mr. Avery

Brundage, but it's hard to fault him when he says: "With the tendency of the American public to make heroes out of their sports champions it would be a flagrant mistake to permit a man with a record of this kind to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world."

But Liston will fight Mr. Floyd Patterson, the incumbent. Probably in New York in June. Faith and morals and children's welfare are at stake, to be sure; but there is a larger consideration: the buck.

We are now in the midst of a wholly unconvincing public laundering of Mr. Liston, a Negro who is about as representative of his people as Willie Sutton was of the free, white American Protestants.

Mr. Liston as a hero, one fears, will be as sadly miscast as Casanova in a cassock. Not all the Negroes who reach pre-eminence in sports are going to be Joe Louises or Jackie Robinsons. Just because they are no better or worse than the rest of us, the Negro people will throw up a plater once in a while.

Mr. Patterson once had little good to say of his foe. But under the benificent pressures of accounts receivable, the champ has learned that to understand rgive all all is to

"He's had a pretty tough life," says Floyd. "I think Liston will realize the responsibility he has to the boys of America if he wins the championship."

Liston's new manager is an Irish-Catholic businessman, whose brother is a Jesuit priest. The new manager says, engagingly, he wouldn't touch Sonny with a pike except that he's No. 1 Challenger to the title.

Roman Catholicism figures heavily in Sonny's "rehabilitation." He wears a holy medal in his build-up pictures, and there is a sort of house priest in his camp, Father Edward Murphy of Denver. In view of the image-makers who are holying up Mr. Liston: One Father Murphy equals one criminal record.

It's unfortunate so much money will be tied up in a Patterson-Liston fight. Otherwise, everybody could be moral as all hell.

A nice exemplary nothing from the YMCA could be set up before the champ like a bowling pin. And American youth could go along with a hero who wasn't hip with wisdom of The Big House.

Ah. money.

Spartan Grapplers Win Three Crowns

Putting extra topping on an already well-frosted cake, South High finished an undefeated wrestling campaign Friday by taking the CIF mat championship at Hawthorne High

Chalking up 48 points, the Spartans easily out-distanced Simi and Upland, who tied for second place with 29 points. Bit was the perfect ending for It was the perfect ending for

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a storybook season. South s. ept through the dual meet year undefeated, and in the Bay League qualifying meet, 10 Spartans earned the right scoring all of his points in the first period on a take down, an escape and a take down. Tied 4.4 at the end of regulation time, the match was quick-ly decided when Salas earned two points for a take down and to go on into the CIF prelims.

OF THESE 10 grapplers, four ended in the CIF Finals, with three South matmen end-ing up as champions in their weight divisions. one for an escape in the first period and wound up with a 7-4 win. Wrestling against Redondo's

Bob Corollo, a man who had beaten him in an overtime per-iod in the CIF qualifying round, Anderson scored one Wrestling before a jam-packed audience in the Haw-thorne gymnasium, Rich Tam-ble (98 pounds), Bob Anderson (183), and heavyweight D a v e

thorne gymnasium, Rich Tam-ble (98 pounds), Bob Anderson (183), and heavyweight D a ve Birmingham each took the top slot in their classification. *** DENNIS ASBURY, grappling at 130 pounds, dropped an overtime decision to Barney Salas from Oxnard, but fin-ished second in his class. Tamble started South off on the right foot by earning a 40 decision. Tamble scored a pair of points in the first and third

TESTING FOE . . . South grappler Bob Anderson (stand-ing) manuevers around foe Bob Carollo in 183-pound class, Anderson took 3-0 decision for the CIF champion-ship. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

Spike Teams Open League Campaigns

High school athletic enthusiasts have an other sport to attract their attention with the advent of the track season

Even though many of the other leagues in Southern California are still practicing. the Bay and Lioneer loops kicked off their s chedules on Friday.

Although losing in every case, Torrance schools came through with impressive show-

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ings on Friday. Torrance dropped a 54-48 Pioneer League contest to Aviation, and South was tripped up by Bay League foe Morningside . . .

IT WAS a big win for Avia-tion, as defending champ, Cul-ver City, the Falcons and the

ver City, the Falcons and the Tartars are picked to battle it out for the top spot in the circuit. Although Torrance suffered a big loss with the graduation of miler Mike Thornton, the distance r a c es are still the Tartar's forte. Tony Bareford, (10.7 and 23.2) is also one of Tartar's forte. Tony Bareford. Tartar's forte. Tony Barelord, surprise third place finisher in the CIF 880 last year; is back for another season. The junior half-miler improved with every race at the end of last season, and should be really rugged to heat this time around.

beat this time around. is king-pin in the sprints, and the mile, low hurdles, shot put, ALSO bolstering Torrance

spike hopes is league quarter-miler champ Bob Roy. Roy has a 50.6 clocking to his credit in the quarter, and he is also SOUTH 100 - Jeff Fleener (10.7), Ken Klempen (10.8), Phil Fish (10.5), 220 - Lance Bennert (23.4), Jim Christian (23.8), Fleener (23.0), 440 - Steve Donohue (54.6), Chris-ian (53.9). the top Tartar in the century and furlong.

TORRANCE

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Terry Ascolesi (15.7).
Roy (21.0).
George Olard (50.9).
Robin Moffitt (11.0).
Ascolesi (5-8).

Much the same problem is evident at North where letter-men are few and far between. Gary Parks (48-6 in the shot put) and high jumper Gary Peters (6-0) seem to be the top the key men in the Centaur's Saxon spikers. title ambitions. North will d North will depend on Peters

Leuzinger is once again in in thr a powerful position to come out top-dog in the Bay League. The defending champions are load to horce again. Bob Archibald League Costa in three events — the high hur-dles, low hurdles, and high Next in line for the Bay

League spiker will be the Mira Costa Relays over the weeker.d. Torrance returns to action on Friday against Lennox, and North and South duel March 13 on the Spartan oval.

NORTH

100 — Mike Tubbs (10.8). Joe Castorena (10.5). Pete Molina (10.8). 220 — Dick O'Neal (22.9), Tubbs (23.4), Milina (23.4). 440 — Doug Ball (bad leg), Milina (no time)

Aviation is paced by five and pole vault are all Olympian returning lettermen, including 50-foot shot putter Bob Evans and all-around man Ron Hahn. Hahn is the top man in four events for the Falcons, while Dennis Kaho gets the top slot

and pole vault are all Olympian strong points. SOUTH faces a tremendous rebuilding task, and only high hurdler Chuck Hanson and sho putter Dave Birmingham fil ure to be consistent point get-ters for the Spartans. Hanson clocked a 15.7 last year and Birmingham has put the shot 50 feet. Much the same problem is

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