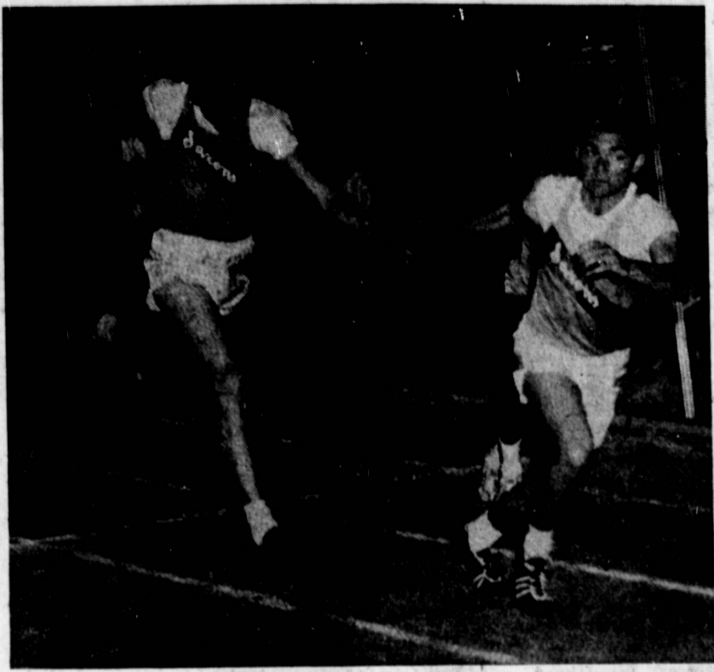


Local Spikers Falter in Relays



IT'S ALL YOURS . . . Kurt Klein hands off baton to North High's Doug Ball to start final leg of four man mile in Mira Costa Relays Friday night. The Saxons finished second to Hawthorne High in 3:33.7. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

Santa Monica Grabs Micohi Relay Title

Unable to match the superior depth of Santa Monica, Leuzinger, Morningside, and Mira Costa, all three Torrance high schools track squads failed to impress, scoring wise, in the Mira Costa Relays Friday night.

Santa Monica copped the varsity and Cee divisions to end Mira Costa's dominance of the relays and walked off with the perpetual relay championship, emblematic of superiority in varsity, bee and cee classifications.

The closest local team could come to taking a division title was in the Bee classification where South wound up with a second place behind Mira Costa.

NORTH WAS impressive in the high jump where a trio of Gary Peters, John Smith, and Ted Reynolds jumped an aggregate total of 17-4 to tie the existing meet record and take first place in the varsity division.

North took fifth in the varsity 480-yard shuttle relay, fourth in the varsity mile relay, first in the high jump, and third in the pole vault competition.

IN THE BEE division, the Saxons could manage only a fifth in the 660-yard relay. South finished fifth in the varsity pole vault, and in the Bee division, took a third place tie in the 480-yard shuttle hurdles, first in the 440 relay, second in the mile relay to finish second over-all in the Bee class.

Although missing their meet record by a long shot, Torrance copped a second place in the varsity distance medley, as Bob Henderson (440), Dennis Dyer (880), Ivor Sampson (1320), and Tony Bareford (mile), streaked to an 11:04.2 clocking. The Tartars finished second to Mira Costa who clocked a 10:53, way behind the record of 10:29.2.

IN THE varsity broad jump, Torrance nabbed a fourth with Larry Ascolesi, Pete Rucker, and Lynn Archibald going a total of 58-10.

Next on the docket for North will be a battle against South on Tuesday on the Spartan oval. Torrance will not take to the track until Friday when the Pioneer League opener finds the Tartars at Beverly Hills.



OFF THE BLOCKS . . . North sprinter Tom Baligad comes roaring off the starting blocks on first leg of 440 relay at annual Mira Costa Relays Friday night. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

North Splits Loop Opener With Redondo Beach '9'

Splitting a pair of horsehide contests with Redondo in the Bay League opener, North High tangles with South Tuesday and Thursday in contests crucial to both teams' hopes of a circuit championship.

Routing the Seahawks 14 to 0 on Wednesday, North found itself in a different predicament on Thursday, bowing 3 to 1.

OPENS TUESDAY

Santa Anita Starts Harness Campaign

Major league harness racing returns to the Southland sports scene at Santa Anita Tuesday as Western Harness Racing Association lifts the curtain on its 20-day sulky season.

First post for the opening day card will be 1:30 and this starting time will prevail throughout the four-day meeting. Daily double windows will close five minutes prior to post time for the first race.

A crowd of 10,000 is expected to be on hand for the nine-race opening program, which is highlighted by the eighth edition of the \$5,000 Arcadia Pace and the traditional Girl of the Golden West Pace. Winner of the latter contest will be crowned by lovely Sharon Otis, Western Harness' newly chosen Girl of the Golden West.

PROBABLE STARTERS in the Arcadia are Hark Win, one-time mile and one-eighth world record holder, flashy Ace of Spades, Merrie Adios and Irvin Paul.

Some of the top horses in the country will see action during the 20 days of racing at Santa Anita, including last year's "horse of the meeting"

Lumber Dream, who will be making a comeback after having gone lame early last fall. The 41-year-old son of Knight Dream won four straight races last spring to be acclaimed "horse of the meeting."

SILVER SONG, which captured the 1960 \$75,000 American Trotting Classic at Hollywood Park, will also be on hand, along with his well-regarded stablemate Stormy Dream.

Also slated to see action during the meeting are Duke Rodney, winner of the 1961 Yonkers and Kentucky Futurities; Shady Monitor, victor in the Sophomore Pace at Hollywood Park last fall; Ace of Spades, the ever-improving stablemate of retired champ Adios Butler; Right Time, who set a track record at Hollywood last fall for a mile-and-a-half; Safe Mission, leading money-winning 2-year-old trotter of 1961; and a pair of highly regarded 2-year-old pacers in Leader Pick and Raceway.

ONE OF THE top driver colonies in spring meeting history will be lined up to compete at Santa Ana

It was all North in the opening loop contest as the Saxons jumped off to an early inning lead and gave ample notice that they intend to put up a fight for the league title. Redondo came back the following day behind the hurling and hitting of Bill Graves to put a crimp in the Saxon plans.

GRAVES PUT on a one-man show, tossing a four-hitter and delivering two key raps in the Redondo tallies.

Although North threatened to bomb Graves on several occasions, the Seahawk defense and his strong-armed firing worked him out of trouble. The Saxons managed only four hits, while Redondo was collecting six bingles off of John Baker and Carey Hubert.

Hubert, a returning All-league infielder, was forced to take the mound in the third frame when the Hawks pushed across all of their runs. South started the loop title chase off on the wrong foot, bowing before defending champ Morningside, 4 to 3.

WITH PERHAPS the finest one-two pitching punch in the league, the Spartans are a definite threat to attain the crown. South's dependable hurlers, Eric Spellman, who had a 5-0 and 1.47 ERA last year, and left hander Ken Turner, impressive in summer ball, make the Spartans rough customers.

Also adding to the South strength is All-League catcher Jim Berry who knocked the apple at a 410 clip last year. South hosts the Tuesday contest, with North assuming the home field advantage on Thursday.



Morningside Uses Breaks To Conquer Spartan Nine

Taking advantage of wild pitches and several breaks, Morningside took a big step in defense of its Bay League horsehide title Thursday, earning a 4-3 win over title-contender South.

Parlaying a pair of wild pitches by Spartan chucker Eric Spellman into a pair of tallies, the Monarchs eased past what is considered to be one of their toughest obstacles in their quest for a second straight loop title.

While his two wild throws allowed runs to come in from third base, Spellman showed brilliance in his debut, silencing the usually loud Morningside bats by sending 13 men down swinging. Only four MHS horsehiders found the way down to first base by way of their own efforts.

ACCORDING to new league rules, teams engage each other twice in each week on a home and home basis. The first meeting between the two clubs on Tuesday was called on account of rain. The make-up tilt was scheduled for Friday, but it was called off after only three innings of play and will be held at a later date.

Next on the line for South will be a potent North nine on Tuesday. South hosts the first game, but on Thursday, the Saxons get the home field advantage.

NORTH split its opening Bay League games against Redondo, winning the first 1-0 and losing a tight 3-1 decision in the second encounter.

North mentor Bob Shoup believes his outfit has good balance, speed and defense, with no strong or weak points. Unanimous All-Bay League infield-

er Carey Hubert is the key man for the Saxons.

SOUTH finished last year with seven straight wins, and still maintains what is probably the best one-two pitching staff in the circuit.

South's two dependable throwers are Spellman, who had a 5-0 and 1.47 ERA last year, and left hander Ken Turner, who was 1-2 last season but was impressive during summer league play.

The two will be throwing to all-league first team catcher Jim Berry, who batted .410 last season.

Warrior Swimmers Nab First Victory

Surprising Cerritos and the UCLA Frosh, El Camino swimmers gained their first swimming victory of the season Wednesday as Cappy Sheeley set a pair of new college records to lead the Warriors.

Sheeley clocked a 2:16 in the 200-yard individual medley and a 2:16.4 in the 200-yard butterfly, both new standards, as the Tribe took both ends of the triangular battle.

Jim Graham also picked off a pair of first places for the Indians, taking the 50-yard freestyle in 24.6 and coming back to cop the 100-yard freestyle in 55.0 seconds.

El Camino also earned a first place in the 200-yard freestyle as Tom Viren touched the end of the pool in 2:21.9 to grab the top position. In the 400-yard freestyle relay, ECC finished on top with a combo composed of Jim Graham, Viren, Steve Morgan and Dennis Hoyer.

Next in line for the Brave finnen will be another triangular, non-conference meet on Friday against Orange Coast

RECREATION STANDINGS

MONDAY LEAGUE	
Bryant's	11 15 17-55
Green Bull	18 17 16-50
Top Scorers: Tom Handley, Green Bull (16); John Barber, Bryant's (19); Shell Chemical Jets . . . 7 14 8-38	
P. V. Bombers	15 15 28-55
Top Scorers: Clair Rasmussen, Shell (19); Frank Kingery, P. V. Bombers (38)	
Dave Murphy's	15 8 19 28-71
Bernie's Lawndale	12 17 12-53
Top Scorers: Gary Wright, Murphy's (19); Tony Smith, Bernie's (18)	
TUESDAY LEAGUE	
Harvey Aluminum Co.	14 15 16 25-70
Williamson Plastering	16 10 12 18-57
Top Scorers: Wilbert Milo, Harvey (19); Bill Reinert and Terry Taylor, Williamson Plastering Co. (18)	
Clowns	20 24 16 24-77
Poppy Trail	14 24 14 20-72
Top Scorers: John Steve, Clowns (22); Sparkey Davidson, Poppy Trail (24)	
Torr. 1st Baptist	10 7 11 14-43
Saints	18 12 7 15-52
Top Scorers: Bob Moon, Baptist (19); Russ Vanderpool, Saints (14)	
THURSDAY LEAGUE	
Aerona Mfg. Co.	19 15 15 5-57
Blue Daisy Redi-Mix	20 15 12 12-39
Top Scorers: Ron Temple, Aerona (24); Bob Connick, Blue Daisy (24); Ryan Acres defeated Party House by a 2-0 forfeit score.	
AllResearch defeated Continental Airlines by a 2-0 forfeit score.	

Adult Cage Leagues Begin City Playoffs

Champions of two of the three adult basketball leagues, conducted by the Torrance Recreation Department, will clash at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Torrance High's boys' gymnasium, in the first of a series of games for the Torrance City Championship.

Tuesday opponents will be the Saints, winners of the Tuesday Night League, and Party House, victors of the Thursday Night League.

The Saints, under the leadership of playing manager Lee Day, lost but one game, in a 10-game schedule, to cop the Tuesday championship. The lone loss was a 56-53 first round setback at the hands of a red hot Williamson Plastering Company quintet.

THE PARTY HOUSE five, under player-manager Jerry McIlvaine, have nailed down the Thursday title with an eight win-one loss record, although they still have one more game to play. All other teams

have lost at least three games. The winner of this contest will meet the Monday League champ at a date to be announced later.

THE MONDAY League, with one more night of play scheduled, has Avery Bryant's team leading with an 8-1 record over second place Palos Verdes Bombers, who boast a 7-2 mark.

A win by Lorin Smith's P. V. Bombers over Tony Navarro's Green Bull team, coupled with a Bryant loss to Cal Clark's Ernie's of Lawndale Five in Monday's program, will result in a tie between Bryant's and the Bombers, and would require a playoff between the two before the City Championship playoffs can be resumed.

Jones Heads Field At Ascot Speedway

Heading up an Indianapolis Speedway-veteran cast at Ascot Park today will be Indy co-rookie of the year, Parnelli Jones. The Torrance driver will oppose 500 champion and record holder A. J. Foyt and several other renowned brickyard pilots in a 40-lap USAC national championship midjet car race.



PARNELLI JONES Ascot Favorite

Racing director J. C. Agajanian and USAC zone supervisor Joe Petrali predict an Indianapolis flavored field of more than 50 drivers.

Jones signed to drive the 98 Jr. Agajanian Willard Battery Special, the car in which he shot to a new Ascot 40-lap record of 15:37.37 last Dec. 31.

Foyt of Houston, Tex., held the former Ascot midjet record of 15:42.43, and is expected to be among Jones' top rivals. Foyt, of course, will be gunning his 110 Offy in a revenge effort to regain the record.

Along with the 40-lap main event, the program will include a 15-lap semi-main, four eight-lap heat races, and an opening three-lap trophy dash between the four fastest qualifiers.

First race is at 2:30 p.m., qualifying at 1 p.m.

Blades Host Vancouver, Fight for Playoff Berth

Fighting for their playoff "lives," the Los Angeles Blades return to their home Sports Arena ice Friday and Saturday for a Western Hockey League series against the Vancouver Canucks.

Both games begin at 8 p.m. Coach George Agar and his Blades have been on the road since Friday, Feb. 23, when they opened a nine-game tour with Vancouver.

The Blades have five games left to play — the two with Vancouver, a pair with Portland at the Sports Arena March 20 and 23, and one at San Francisco March 21.

High spot on the recent nine-game safari were victories over Edmonton (2-1) and Calgary (7-5) in a last-minute 6-6 tie with the Flyers. The five points gained in these prairie contests kept the Blades' playoff hopes alive.

Should the Blades collect the third position in the playoff

ladder, they would meet the second position finisher, probably Spokane, in a best two of three series with the first game being played at the Sports Arena and the next two, if necessary, at Spokane.

The winner of that series would then engage in a best of seven duel with the first place club, probably Portland.

LITTLE LEAGUE SETS TRYOUTS, ASKS FOR HELP

Riviera Little League will hold its tryouts for boys from 11 to 12 years of age on March 24 and March 31 at 9 a.m. at South High.

More fathers of players are still needed to spare a few hours of their time in readying the new field, located at 25340 Crenshaw Blvd., for opening day on April 28.

ECC Gymnasts Dump 'Gades For Loop Win

With Oliver Carter taking three first places and earning the first place slot in the All-Round division, El Camino gymnasts started the Metropolitan Conference season off with a bang on Thursday, whipping Bakersfield, 88½ to 72½.

Next on the ECC gymnastic schedule will be powerful Santa Monica City College, in the ECC gymnasium, at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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