

Saxons Take Over Bay League

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4-3 Win Over Mustangs Puts Saxons Ahead

North High moved into first place in Bay League baseball action with a come-from-behind 4-3 victory over visiting Mira Costa Thursday. Three hits by catcher Jim Baker and some fine relief pitching by Jon Beck saved the day for the Saxons.

The win gave North a half-game bulge over idle Morningside as the Monarchs were not scheduled. The Saxons are 5-1 in league play and have only a 3-1 loss to Redondo to blemish their record.

On the season the fine North team has been beaten only once in nine games. Tuesday, North begins a two-game series with Morningside.

THE MUSTANGS jumped off to a 1-0 lead on a pair of singles. They added a pair of runs in the third on three hits, an error, and a stolen base.

Coach Bob Shoup relieved starter Carey Hubert with runners on second and third with one out. Big Jim Beck came out of the bull pen and forced Mustang infielder Larry Cox to pop into a double play on a squeeze.

Beck finished strong and picked up his fifth win of the season. Beck was bailed out on Tuesday by lefthander Jon Baker in North's 7-4 victory over Costa.

SENIOR catcher Jim Baker collected two key triples as he scored a run and drove in the winning run in the sixth inning just before the rains came in earnest. The Saxons had rallied back for three big runs on only two hits in the fifth inning to tie the score.

Mira Costa 102 000 0-3 4 2
 North High 000 031 X-4 5 2
 Batteries: Bailey, Woody (5) and Weber; Hubert, Beck (3) and Baker.



CLOSE CALL . . . Attempting to prove that close doesn't count only in horseshoes, Mira Costa catcher Bill Weber comes in for a two point landing to put the Mustangs out in front of North High, 1-0. North rallied late in the contest to net a final 4-3 win on the Saxons' diamond Thursday. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

The Fearless Spectator



By **Charles McCabe, Esquire**

Reality has been making some saucy forays into the world of sports recently.

The World Ski Championships at Chamonix, France, for instance, were torpedoed by an unwelcome intrusion of macht politik.

East German competitors were refused travel documents by NATO, to avenge the halting of travel between East and West Berlin, which has nothing to do with skiing. When the East Germans couldn't come to compete, the other Communist bloc teams went home. The Federation Internationale de Ski refused the meet the right to designate world champions.

The result was a giant bust. It raises again the question of whether international sporting competition, including the Olympic meets, is a thing worth pursuing.

I shall today largely advance the negative, though I am not sold on the case, in the person of two English nonsporting writers whose words on this subject have come to my attention through readers.

"Games are harmless, even when played unfairly, provided they are played privately," said Mr. E. M. Forster in 1940.

"It is international sport that helps to kick the world downhill. Started by foolish athletes, who thought it would promote 'understanding,' it is supported today by the desire for political prestige and by the interests involved in the gatemonies. It is completely harmful."

Even more emphatic is the late George Orwell, speaking after the Russian championship football (soccer) team visited Britain in 1945:

"Sport is an unfulfilling cause of ill will . . . I am always amazed when I hear people saying that sport creates good will among the nations and that if only the common people of the world could meet one another at football or cricket, they would have no inclination to meet on the battlefield. Even if one didn't know from concrete examples (the 1936 Olympic Games, for instance) that international sporting contest lead to orgies of hatred, one could deduce it from general principles.

"On the village green, where you pick up sides and no feeling of local patriotism is involved, it is possible to play simply for fun and exercise, but as soon as the question of prestige arises, as soon as you feel that you and some larger unit will be disgraced if you lose, the most savage combative instincts are aroused.

" . . . At the international level, sport is frankly mimic warfare. But the significant thing is not the behavior of the players, but the attitude of the spectators; and, behind the spectators, of the Nations who work themselves into furies over these absurd contests, and seriously believe—at any rate for short periods—that running, jumping and kicking a ball are tests of national virtue."

Now, Mr. Orwell is right as far as he goes, but it seems to me he does not go far enough. If he did, his conclusion might be less harsh.

I am persuaded that most sports do not so much CREATE ill will as they therapeutically release it.

Lord knows, we have each within us enough hatred to gas a regiment, if the pressures to release it are great enough. Games spend these pressures harmlessly.

The catharsis case, it is true, can be made more cogently for national than international sports. There's a lot difference between a hot Big Ten football title game and an Israeli-Arab soccer match.

A crowd watching a white man fight a Negro for a boxing title is not the most engaging sight in the world. But a lynching is worse. No?

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Over Beverly Hills

Tartars Win Opening Pioneer League Game

Pitcher Irv Palica went the route Thursday to give the Tartars a 4-2 victory over the Beverly Hills Normans in its first Pioneer League appearance of the season.

Palica added a double while at bat to help his Torrance High crew pound out a 4-run inning which spelled defeat for the Beverly Hills nine. On the mound, he struck out nine while limiting the Normans to five hits.

The defeat was the first for Beverly Hills which opened its Pioneer League campaign again Lennox Wednesday with

a no-hitter hurled by Marty Trugman.

Leading the league is Culver City who has taken two wins

in the season, adding El Segundo to its list Thursday by a 11-6 score.

Torrance 000 004 0-4 4 2
 Beverly Hills 000 200 0-2 5 1

Spartans Drop Samohi For First League Win

South High's bad luck baseball nine turned five hits and a Santa Monica error into its first Bay League victory over the Samohi tribe Thursday afternoon. The Spartans took the game with a 5-3 score.

South took the lead in the first inning when Randy McKay singled, and then scored when the next three batters walked.

Glen Jonas converted a single into a tally in the fourth when a Santa Monica outfielder kicked the ball as he bent to field it.

Dick Buchanan then singled and Tom Standley poled a long double to add a second score in the inning.

Two more runs were scored in the sixth inning when Standley drove in a run and Buch-

anan scored on a wild pitch.

Santa Monica 000 010 2-3 3 1
 South High 100 202 X-5 5 2

Celtics Cop City Crown

The Torrance Recreation Department's Boys' Basketball program, high school division, completed play-off games at South High on Tuesday.

Third place was taken by the Walteria Park Mud Hens, who defeated the Pros from North High by a score of 41 to 21.

The city championship was won in overtime by the Celtics from South High, over the inspired Ramblers representing the league from North High School.

The score at the end of regulation time was 39-39, and the final score was 41-39.

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