

High School Elevens Open Practice Sessions

TORRANCE HIGH

Hoping to improve last year's 6-2-1 finish, 43 pigskinners began working out at Torrance High Tuesday.

Coach Irv Kasten's hopes for a powerful defense crew came alive as Willie Baker, Bruce Hendrix, Doug Saunders, Junior Gomez and Pete Rucker returned to fortify the Tartar line.

Although Clyde Taylor and Mike Cicchini return to the backfield, a lack of a dependable quarterback and good ends will hamper the Torrance attack.

The Tartars are rated in a darkhorse role as Culver City once again earns the favorite's nod in the Pioneer League race.

Sept. 21 will mark the opening of the grid schedule for the Tartars when they face expected Bay League powerhouse Redondo on the Seahawks' field.

The first league competition for the Tartars will come on Oct. 5 when Beverly Hills steps into town.

WEST HIGH

Everything at West High is new, including the football team and its coaches.

Twenty-eight men reported to coach William Parton Tuesday as the Warriors began preparation for their initial football season.

Although it is in its first year of operation, West will meet an eight-game varsity schedule, competing against many northern teams, and even one out-of-state eleven.

Little is known of the Warrior personnel so far.

Two players, Marty Kehoe, guard, and end John Cochran, both former North High prospects, will bolster the line.

Kehoe was a first-string lineman for North, and Cochran, although only a sophomore, has the talent to develop into a real ballplayer according to new North head coach Ed Levy.

Levy, a former line boss for the Saxons, said that West had several men who will develop into outstanding gridgers within the next two seasons.

NORTH HIGH

New North High grid boss Ed Levy greeted 40 varsity candidates when practice opened Tuesday.

Levy, a former line coach for the Saxons, moved up to replace Bob Shoup, who has assumed a head coaching job in the college ranks.

Boasting a powerful first team, Levy expects talent to falter quickly after the top 11 men.

North will field an average sized line anchored by returning lettermen Rich Parker, guard; Ed Estrada, left end,

and Paul Harmon, left tackle. Veteran quarterback Norm Dow will have unexpected assistance in the backfield with the return of Carey Hubert. Hubert was out most of last year with a leg injury.

Assisting Levy are end coach Mel Nygren and back boss Jerry Nicholson.

Nicholson will look to Doug Ball and John Rance to provide much of the fullback power. Rance has the experience, and Ball lacks the size, but still supplies a lot of push, according to Levy.

SOUTH HIGH

Promising reports have drifted off the South High practice field where 38 gridgers reported to coach Dave Tollefson on Tuesday.

The Spartans are expected by Tollefson to field a powerful backfield, but as yet the forward wall is a question mark.

Halfbacks Boo Woodrum and Jerry Mann, quarterback Jim Retor, and veteran fullback Dan Ely will furnish the Spartans' backfield.

Woodrum is described as a

good runner while Mann is up from the Bee team.

Tollefson has had a pleasant surprise in the line where center John Butterfield, and guards, Ken Blight and Earl Sheperd have been impressive.

Steve Jongma and Phil Dowsing, holding down the end spots, have also given the Spartans good cause for hope.

Long Beach Jordan will offer South High its first grid competition in a Sept. 22 contest on the Jordan field.

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Tribe Pigskinners Begin Workouts

Facing an even more formidable task than last year, 80 El Camino football hopefuls have reported for workouts. Under new head coach Ken Swearingen, the Warriors must face competition in the roughest junior college conference in the nation.

Bakersfield went to the Junior Rose Bowl last year, Long Beach went in 1960, Santa Monica in 1959 and new conference entry Cerritos, played in the bowl in 1957.

CERRITOS will replace Harbor in the Metropolitan Conference ranks while the Seahawks join the Western States Conference.

Defensive plans for the Tribe are in the hands of new coach Vince McCullough from Redondo High and Bill Vincent, formerly of Aviation.

VINCENT has a "heavy" potential up front. Jim James, 200-pound center, guard Jim West at 220 pounds; Ernie Reid, 225 pounds; Kendall Rusket, 200 pounds, and John Sibley, 200 pounds, all tackles, will anchor the Warrior front wall.

Swearingen's backfield will also be classy. John Torok, an honorable

mention member of last year's Metro eleven, will handle the quarterbacking chores.

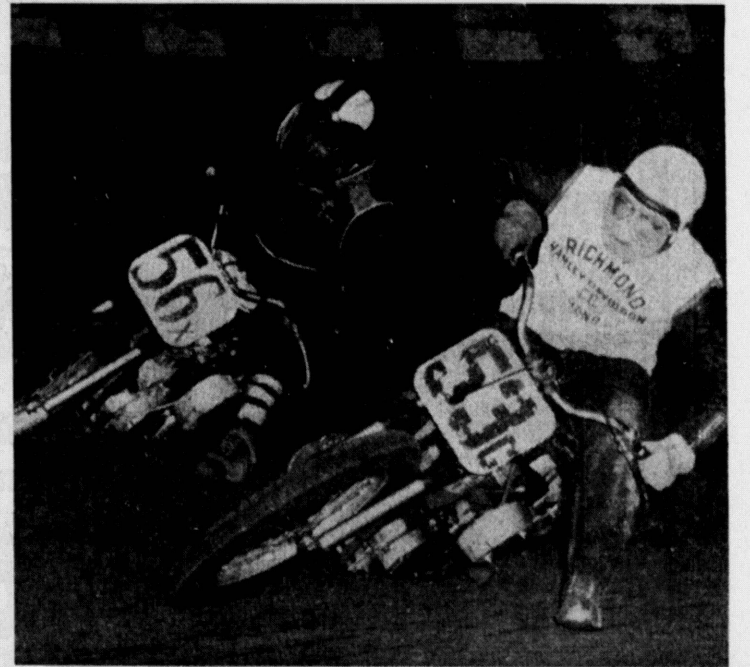
Grabbing Torok's fullback handoffs will be Bill Kelley, described as "strong and rough."

JIM ALLISON is the key the key halfback. Allison, named to the first team defensive unit of the national All-American team last year, and an All-Metropolitan Conference back, is returning as a "two-way" man for the Redskins.

A possible partner for Allison is Howard Taylor. A 5-11, 150 pounder, the Torrance High grad can go at half or quarterback.

END POSITIONS are open to all comers and the problem of selection falls on five-year coaching veteran Don Jurk.

Gone from the Tribe flank is former South High end and All-American flanker for ECC, Mike Andrews.



HEADING FOR HOME . . . Jerry Sequin, number 56, from Torrance, leads Marshall Lamm into a turn in an amateur battle at Ascot Park. The cyclist will again take to the track tomorrow night in preparation for the 50-lap national steeplechase event which will be held on the local oval, Oct. 7.

Bombers Meet San Pedro In Los Angeles Tournament

Attempting to live up to the reputation of another Torrance team, the Tappa Keggas, the Bombers will oppose San Pedro tomorrow night in the opening game of the county 10-pitch tournament.

The Bombers, champs of the Torrance Recreation League, will play in the 7:30 p.m. contest at Rosecrans playground, 149th Street and Vermont Avenue.

San Pedro came out on the top end of a league in its home city. The Patriots are coached by Los Angeles Laker field general Fred Schaus.

NINETEEN TEAMS bid for the top spot in the third annual tournament. The classic is conducted the municipal sports division of Los Angeles. Of the 19 teams entered, 13 drew byes in the first round.

The other six teams are playing qualifying games to fill the 16-team tournament bracket.

ONE OF THE teams drawing a bye was the defending champion Tappa Keggas.

On the only other two occasions the tourney has been played, the Kegs have won both crowns. In 1960, the local team whipped the Daynights, 7-3, in the championship game.

The Los Angeles Oldtimers dropped a 5-1 decision to the Kegs in the 1961 championship tilt.

Prudhomme, Ivo Meet In Lions Match Race

Drag racing reaches its seasonal high Saturday at Lions Drag Strip when Don Prudhomme and Tommy Ivo tangle in a match race.

Ivo has a string of top performance in his own fuel dragster, but the unbeaten Prudhomme is slightly favored to take the contest. No dragster has come close to Prudhomme, but the two drivers have never raced.

A few weeks ago, Ivo, a television star, set a top speed record of 188.66 miles per hour, and just prior to that, won the World's Fair Championships in Seattle.

THE VERY next week, Prudhomme set an elapsed time record of 8.27 seconds in reaching 186.72 mph. He has

also won both the spring and summer championships at the Long Beach strip.

On the regular program, a strong field of drivers will be out to grab the gas eliminator event.

JOHN PETERS, Don Moody, Tom McEwen and Jack Christian have all filed entries. Two weeks ago, Peters upset Moody's bid for a sixth straight title.

Competing with Prudhomme and Ivo in the fuel eliminator event will be Hank Clark and Leland Kolb.

Time trials begin at 2:30 p.m. and final eliminations get under way at 7:30 p.m.

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