

The Fearless Spectator

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We all know that boxing is moribund and that the ultimate rattle is not far away.

To avert this dread fate a group of far-sighted legislators and other respectables have seized on the only possible mode of survival open to this branch office of the Mafia:

The New York and Illinois state legislators have bills before them to outlaw the former sport, and California Governor Pat Brown has uttered his annual prunes-and-prismy incantation against it.

And the last outpost of rectitude, The New York Times, has urged the New York State Legislature "to strike a blow for human decency by outlawing prize-fighting."

(This is unlikely to make any deep imprint on the Albany salons. Because of the New York City newspaper strike, the Times' noble sentiments were read only in the paper's foreign editions.)

Opposing the respectables is the Boxing Writers Assn., which recently told a New York legislative committee, and I quote their exact words—"We have over the years divined a goodness in boxing."

Over the years I have failed to divine any goodness in boxing (Walter Pater must be writing their stuff), but I'm against its abolition. Largely on the grounds that it's more fun than a barrel of monkeys. But I can see that there are cogent arguments for the abolition case.

Between the goons and the masterminds of television, there is virtually no connection between the thing called boxing nowadays and contests of skill and strength with feet and fists.

Our present heavyweights do all their fighting with their mouths, and a championship contest more closely resembles one of the Lincoln-Douglas debates than a Kilrain-Sullivan contretemps.

Make it illegal once more, and I predict that even with the ludicrous, loudmouth talent around now, the game will become almost as popular as sex. Even if the New York Times thinks otherwise.

EC Gymnasts Travel South

After an encouraging performance in Saturday's UCLA Invitational, El Camino College gymnasts travel south tomorrow to participate in a triangular meet on the San Diego State campus.

Besides the hosts, the Tribe will go up against the untested L. A. State Diablo squad.

Coach Don Jark expects a rugged battle from both squads but he looks to San Diego for especially tough competition.

"DESPITE the fact that our oppositions have already gone through two or three meets each, I expect to see the point totals split fairly even," coach Jark explains.

The Warrior gymnasts have looked exceptionally well in practice but need more meet experience before any rash crystal-gazing can be made.

COACH JURK's top prospects should be Joe Lopez, an all-round star from Gardena; John Kulluk, a freshman from Gardena, and Ronnie Kelson, a first-year gymnast from North High in Torrance.

Others on the squad are Dick Eubank, an inexperienced freshman who will concentrate on free exercise and long horse; Tom Gorman, a non-letterman from the '62 squad, who improved greatly over the summer, and Mini Inouye, a '62 letterman who specializes on the rings and long horse.

Boys must be eight years old by July 31, 1963, but not over 12 years old by that date. Participants must be accompanied by a parent and proof of age.

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ALSO ON the team are Pete Russell, a returning letterman who excels at tumbling and free exercise and Dave Wall, a frosh from Gardena, who will

Ruth Loop Will Hold Tryouts

Tryouts for the Pacific American Babe Ruth League will be held on Saturday and Sunday on the South Torrance High School varsity baseball diamond.

On Saturday, the trials will begin at 9 a.m., and Sunday the session will start at 1 p.m.

All boys aged 13, 14 and 15 who live within the Torrance city limits are invited to attend. Boys living in south Redondo Beach are also eligible.

A final tryout will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Archibald Eyes Title For Point Production

Out to maintain his position as the Pioneer League's leading gunner, Lynn Archibald will lead his Torrance High teammates against El Segundo tomorrow at 8 p.m. in a circuit basketball fray. Archibald, a 6-2 senior forward, is averaging upwards to 20 points a contest and leads his closest competitor for the point crown, Aviation's Jim Loyd, by almost two points per game. The all league cager has two 31-point contests to his credit this season, the top digit production of the season in the Pioneer League.

Harbor Eyes Circuit Lead

By virtue of a pair of two-point victories last week, Harbor College has climbed from third place into a tie for second in the Western State Conference basketball chase. The Seahawks now trail league leading Pierce by one game and the Harbor cage crew is tied for second with Glendale.

Both clubs boast 7-2 marks. Harbor will face Compton tomorrow at 8 p.m. on its own floor. The Tartars gave HC a big boost on Friday with an upset victory over Glendale. Compton is currently on a three game winning streak.

THE HAWKS were also helped by Trade Tech as the Beavers surprised Pasadena, a quintet formerly tied for second with Harbor.

Pierce maintained its lead against LACC as the Cub bus became lost on the way to the game and the San Fernando Valley college won on a forfeit.

In the rugged Ventura contest, Ed Briscoe, the conference's top gunner, came through with 27 points to pace

Mustangs Will Host Spartans

Steadily improving South High will test its basketball wares at 8 p.m. tomorrow night against the best the Bay League has to offer.

Powerful Mira Costa, co-leading the circuit with Inglewood, will beckon the Spartans.

Three tall men have led the fast-breaking Mustangs to their current elevated position. Joe Ellison, Neville Saner, and Rob Stidham have been the main force behind Micohi.

IN MONDAY'S 69-54 decision over Leuzinger, the trio capped 44 points with Stidham depositing 25 markers to lead the way.

Mira Costa now holds a 10-1 record while Inglewood remains with a 12-1 slate. South is seventh in the loop at 3-9.

THE FIRST freshman ever to start for Mira Costa has also been a mainstay in the Mustang's pennant drive. Jeff White, a 5-11 guard, has upset opponent's pressing defenses with his fantastic dribbling to pull Micohi out of several tough situations.

Hot-gunning South forward Don Denson will be Mira Costa's big worry. Denson has hit several 23-point contests in succession this year.

Tordondo Schedules Sign-Ups

Rained-out little leaguers will be given another opportunity to register for Tordondo Little League on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5417 Hallison St. in Torrance.

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West Five To Battle Centaurs

First-year Pioneer League basketball entry, West High, will trek to Culver City tomorrow night at 8 p.m. for a contest with the undefeated circuit leaders.

West has captured three league wins this season, but Culver City has capped all of its loop opponents.

Three of the Pioneer League top scorers, Jack Reilly, Ken Peterson, and Bruce Peters lead the Centaurs.

The Warriors will be paced by the hot-shooting of Richard Hall, with two 23-points scoring outbursts to his credit this year, and the rebounding of sophomore center John Cochran.

QUICK-MOVING DUO... North Hollywood's Clay Robbins leads one-armed veteran Allan Heath, who is driving the potent fuel-injected '63 Torrance Ford automobile, in a recent Ascot Park battle. Both will be entered in the Feb. 24 30-lap California Racing Assn. big car race set for the Gardena oval. The race was previously scheduled for this Sunday, but

the recent rains have forced the postponement. Racing officials found it was impossible to dry the track in time for the scheduled date. Topping the heavy field will be Billy Cantrell, winner of five main events at Ascot last year, and the second-ranking driver in the point totals.



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GOOD HUNTING... One of dozens of sports featured at the International Sports, Vacation and Travel Show beginning tomorrow and lasting through Feb. 24 will be hunting. Show Queen Royan Engel is quite a hunter herself. New guns, loading equipment, antique arms, gun clubs, shooting clubs, and hunting areas are all represented at the show which will be held at the Shrine Exposition Hall.

El Camino Hosts Title Contenders

El Camino's usually glibbed defense crumbled into a tarnished heap Friday night on the Cerritos College hard-court, as the Warrior basketball squad, Cinderella team of the Metro Conference was out-pointed, 95-78.

With their win-loss record now standing 6-4, the Warriors will host title-contending Bakersfield tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The loss to Cerritos virtually eliminated the Warriors from any possible Metro Conference championship, as the loop's number one and two squads, San Diego and Bakersfield, continued their winning ways.

CONFERENCE kingpin San Diego held back determined (and winless) East Los Angeles, 76-66, while the second place Renegades rolled over Santa Monica, 81-61.

In the other loop contest, Long Beach received strong front line scoring from John Rambo (27), Frank Roy (22) and Mike Waldie (22) to dump Valley, 104-69. Stan Swinger topped the Monarchs with 28 points.

LEADING the Cerritos offense were forward Joe Jennum with 24 points, Steve Figura, who tallied 21, and Chuck Hagen, who hit for 20.

The Falcon's top scorer, guard Gary McCoy, was "held" to 11 points.

BOBBY GARCIA continued his blistering path toward a possible All-Star berth by pacing the Warriors with 23 points.

Garcia was followed by sub guard Gary Nist, who poured in 17, guard Jim Brennan with 15, and Bob Pier, who mashed 10 points.

EL CAMINO took the upper-hand during the entire first half and held a slim 42-36 lead at the intermission.

Cerritos then began to flood the cords with sharp outside jumpers and gradually pulled away from the helpless Redskins, with a torrid second half spurt that netted 59 points and the overall triumph.

Camino's Trackmen Open Year

Hosting Harbor spikemen, an untried El Camino cinder squad will participate in its first track meet of the season tomorrow on the ECC oval.

Field events will begin at 2:30 p.m. and running events will start at 3 p.m.

The loss of 19 lettermen from his track squad leaves coach Ray Southstone with only four returning lettermen this year.

DENNIS JET, Richard Moore, Rich Fernandez and Floyd Schmidt are the veteran spikers returning. Fernandez is the Metropolitan conference record holder in the two-mile run. Jett holds the ECC record in the 100-yard dash.

Jet may also be called upon to participate in the 60-yard low hurdles.

SCHMIDT's specialty is the broad jump; he won the event with a jump of 23' 10 1/2" at the Metro conference meet last year.

The meet with Harbor is not a conference contest. The Warrior loop opener will occur at Santa Monica, March 8.

WARRIOR thinclads will meet Citrus trackmen, Feb. 26 at Citrus and travel to East Los Angeles for the E.L.A. Relays, March 1, before they begin regular league action.

"Conditioning is the important thing at the present time," coach Southstone said.

"The first meet will be a trial evaluation for the track squad," Southstone added.

Knights Seek First Division

Seeking a first division finish against Camino Real League basketball foes, Bishop Montgomery will tangle with St. John Vianney today at 8 p.m. in the Serra High gymnasium. Following a close victory over Pater Noster on Friday, the Knights are still very much in the race for a first division berth.

League-leading Alemany, St. Bernards, St. Monica, and Fermin Lasuen are the major Montgomery obstacles.

IN THE Pater Noster triumph, Paul Deyden responded with 18 markers, Dennis Blackburn canned 12 points, Tony Guggina added 11 digits and Bob Brown finished with nine points for the Knights.

Many of Montgomery's points came after Deyden, from his center slot, fed the ball to either Brown or Blackburn for easy scoring up the middle.

ALTHOUGH bothered by three fouls before halftime, the 6-6 Deyden still managed to dominate the boards in his usual fashion.

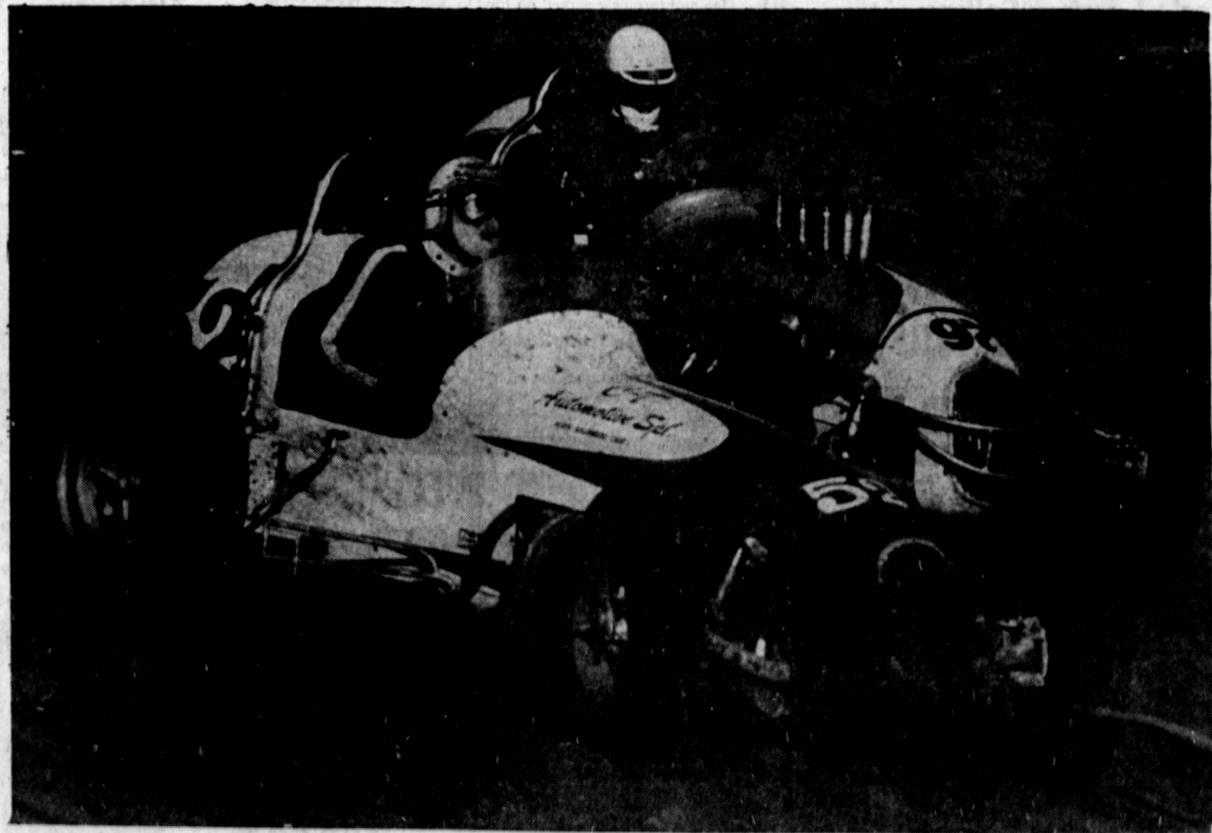
Before the month is over, Fermin Lasuen on cmfwypaoin Montgomery will meet Fermin Lasuen on Feb. 19 and St. Monica on Feb. 22. Both quintets hold victories over the Knights and the outcome of the two contests will have a direct bearing on the final BMHS standing.

Torrance should be primed for a big final effort tomorrow, for only weak Lennox, with one win to its credit against league foes, is left before the Pioneer schedule comes to an end.

roared out to a 20-15 first period lead and increased the margin to 35-28 by intermission.

IN A bitterly fought second half, Redondo complied tallies of 20 and 11 points while North was able to put 18 and nine points on the scoreboard.

Big Saxon center Al Lepper was unable to contribute much to the cause due to an injured knee. Lepper canned but two points and was an ineffective rebounder.



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