# Cancelled Pioneer Prelims Reset Tomorrow --

**Bay Cindermen Qualify Tuesday** 



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When the big news of the early baseball season is the hipster caterwauling of a long-haired tomcat named Bo Belinsky, who may or may not marry a super annuated blonde starlet, and who may or may not be able to play baseball, then it's time perhaps to reflect on the role of the nut in the Nat'l Pastime.

The game owes an enormous debt to its eccentrics. Nobody remembers who the first guy was who slud. into third, but who can forget the coinage? And the coiner-the artistic Dizzy Dean, who has enriched English almost as much as the Reverend Spooner.

When Mr. Walter O'Malley is running the First Celestial Bank in Heaven (with his law firm acting as legal counsel), the fans below will have forgotten him, hard adobe infield and all-but they will still be talking about that other banker, Mr. Casey Stengel.

More than any other sport, baseball seems to attract the deviants, the shortstops and southpaws who march to the music of a different drummer.

A connoisseur of the type is Mr. Harold Rosenthal, a drily witty chap who writes baseball for the New York Herald-Tribune. He has put together for Christmas publication a lively tome entitled, "They Did It Differently."

\* It deals with the off-oxen of sports. The likes of Hack Wilson, Dizzy Dean, Billy Loes, Bobo Holloman, Art Shires, Babe Ruth, Chilly Doyle, Jorge Pasquel (the Mexican who almost ruined baseball), Moe Berg and Casey Stengel. And others, in and out of baseball. He will also treat of a special, fascinating genre-

dames who are impelled to shoot ballplayers. Sluggerphobia, I think it's called.

One reason the oddballs cling to our memory like stale bubble gum to a movie seat is the effectiveness of the backdrop against which they operate. Organized baseball could be called organized

hypocrisy. The owners are in it for precisely the same honorable reason the sausage makers make sausage: To collect pesos and send Bridget to Smith.

Yet they ain't about to admit it. As gamblers on horses claim they want to improve the breed, and as lads who kill birds with guns claim to be conservationists, the baseball owners-with rare exceptionslike to pretend that mony is a dirty, five-letter word.

They're in the game, they imply, to save it for the kids of America, and to place before them a gallery of exemplars who will teach 'em how to go to bed early and earn lotsa scratch when they grow up.

Player-owner labor relations are so primitive in baseball that the American Civil Liberties Union, not to speak of the district attorney, should have been on the clubs' backs these past decades. But the owners' con is so formidably convincing

that most people accord them the respect given by a greengrocer to the cop on the beat as he steals an apple. (Do cops steal apples anymore?)

But the character is real, from Rube Marquard to Bo Belinsky. He's just what he seems to be. Most of them, curiously, have not been notably interested in money. And nearly all of them liked baseball, or whatever their game was, for its own sake.

Against the background of mealy-mouthed owners, and colorless college men who cram on the Kiplinger Letter and worry about their income property, the nutsies shine like a good deed in a naughty world.

In the preposterous climate of baseball, the nuts are almost growing real. They say the first thing that comes into their heads, and thereby violate the first law of organized (or owner-type) baseball.

They drink and use naughty words and chase girls. Just like other people, excepting baseball owners, of course.

## **Beverly Hosts** Tartars, West

With rain suddenly an added opponent, track teams from Torrance and West will return to Beverly Hills High School tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. for the Pioneer League pre liminaries. The prelims were originally set for last Friday, but rain forced cancellation. Field events will begin at 12:30

p.m. with running events starting 15 minutes later. Hawthorne Torrance's main strength will come in the varsity dis-Nods SHS tance events. Dennis Dyer, who snared the league mile championship last year, has elected **On Shutout** to drop down to the 880 where he will battle Aviation's Leroy

Remaining one game ahead Timm in a scalding duel. in the tight Bay League horse-hide chase, Hawthorne blanked South, 4-0, on Thursday. Bill Morris twirled his sec-TIMM RAN a 1:57 half last year compared to Dyer's best of 2:01, but the Aviation ace

ond straight shutout and John has yet to approach the mark this season. When Dyer was out of condition earlier this year, Green bashed a pair of doubles as the Cougars boosted their record to 10-2. Timm barely edged the Tartar

(2-10)

an diamond.

Challenging Redondo is sec-ond at 9-3 with Leuzinger third star ina duel meet. Ivor Sampson, who ran away at 8-4. Following are Santa Monica (7-6), Mira Costa (6-6), Morningside (5-6), South (5-8), North (2-9), and Inglewood from the field in the Bee 1320 last year, will take his best of 4:31.8 into the mile.

JOINING DYER in the half-HAWTHORNE managed two mile will be junior Larry Par-ker, who has a 2:02.8 effort to his credit. THS coach Joe Sartallies in both the second and fourth inning to cinch the contest and assure Morris of his fifth league win without a loss. South chucker Phil Voitecky

the season is out. was absorbing his initial defeat of the league campaign against Basketball ace Lynn Archi-bald will compete in two one win. Voitecky struck out only one and gave up but two walks, allowing seven hits. MORRIS was not much more events. Although only out for approximately half the season, Archibald has a best of 20-5 in

the broad jump and a top ef-fort of 5-9 in the high jump. sensational, whiffing eight, walking four and giving up even hits. WEST COACH Bob Holtel Spartan second-sacker Ken

WEST COACH BOD Holtel has elected to put the stress on the Bee and Cee divisions. Hurdler Dave Lee, one of the top men in the league will be the Warriors' sole varsity Farber was the only man to bash two safeties off Morris. Third baseman Dick Rosato, outfielders John Minech, Eric Spelman, and Ed Adams also threat hit safely. Spelman's double

was the only extra-base bingle Morris allowed. Ron Pettigrew has the best chance of snaring a first for West. The sophomore sensation will take a top time of 3:25.5 into the Bee 1320. The clocking SOUTH WILL take on a dis appointed Leuzinger nine on Tuesday at 3 p.m. on the Spars the best yet recorded in the

The Olympians dropped a four-hit, 1-0 nod to Redondo en Thursday to lose sight of a league. WITH THE third fastest 660

ossible league championship Redondo managed only a sixth time to his credit, Tom Jurco will pose a serious threat in his pet event. Jurco has galloped inning score, but it was enough to knock Leuzinger out of the pet event. Jurco has the distance in 1:30.2. itle picture. LEUZINGER HAS two key

Mc Conathy has gone 11-8 in the pole vault, which ties for the league's top height, and will team with Mike McMurray, who has gone 11-3. bullets to throw against South. Dave Rabuse, also the team's top hitter, and Ben Warner with a 5-2 league mark, pace the Olympic

the Olymps. South mentor Jerry Mcllvaine will probably go with his ace, the righthanded Spelman. Despite a tremendously impres

sive earned-run average, Spel-man has been unable to compile a top won-lost mark because of lack of hitting sup-



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**Tartar Nine Out Of 'Show' Battle** 

Unstoppable Culver City knocked Torrance out of a pos-sible second place in the Pio-neer League baseball race, but The Cardinals took a 2-1 nod

over Beverly Hills on Thursday enhanced its own chances for a possible league crown on Thursday. in nine innings, but it was only their second triumph of the season and left them tied with Lennox for the cellar.

Culver City, defending its circuit crown, sewed up its sixth win in the last seven Longden Enters starts with eight runs in the initial two frames. Four-and-Twenty

Converted third-baseman Joe Bogan took care of the Tartar Four- and-Twenty, a leading offensive by spinning a neat two hitter. Park classics as the \$162,100 Hollywood Gold Cup and the

TORRANCE is now 8-5 and resting in fourth place while the triumph moved Culver into third with a 7-4 mark.

A pair of doubles and a two-run single paved the way for five Centaur runs in the ini-Four-and-Twenty, Hollywood the user the season is out. Basketball ace Lynn Archi-on but Culver hit him for three Derby winner of two seasons ago, is joined in the Longden contingent by his Alberta Ranches stablemate Flutterby two more runs in the fourth. TORRANCE will engage states hopefuls.

### YMCA Trackmen Set New Records

Sixteen Torrance YMCA rec-ords fell last weekend when hundreds of boys and their parents came to Narbonne High for the seventh annual Gra-Y and Jr. Hi-Y track meets. Directed and the State State State State State Plancing of the State Stat Ringing up 34½ points, the Jaguars won the championship for the Y clubs serving boys 220-yard relay for a new standard.

for the Y clubs serving boys nine to 12 years old. Next were the Vikings with 32½ points followed by the Big Horns, and the Mustangs in the 16 teams DOUG KELSEY of the Py-thons set two new marks in the Jr. Hi-Y A division, winning the 220 in 26.3 seconds and putting the 10-pound shot 40

entered. The Tornados earned 41 feet. feet. Other A records came in the century, 12.9 seconds by Bill Clayton of the Falcons; 210 feet in the softball throw by Donald Griffen of the Dukes, and a second 59-second effort in the 440-yard relay by the Pythons points to win the 12-14-year-old points to win the 12-14-year-old division. The Dukes were sec-ond with 33½ points followed by the Pythons in third, just one and one-half points back.

who has gone 11-3. West will have a powerful entry in the century and 220. Jim Kelley with a best of 10.4. go with Jurco, who has hit 10.4. In the century. Running in the Cee division will be Howard McVey and Ralph Armstrong in the 630. Jim Marshall in the 1000-yard dash an the 330. NEW RECORDS in the Gray-Y A division came from Jim the 440-yard relay by the Pythons. In the B division, Roger Blackey of the Pythons won the 75-yard dash in 10.7 sec-uars, 26-1 for the eight-pound and Jim Marshall in the 1000-yard dash an the 330. NEW RECORDS in the Gray-Y A division came from Jim Second 50-second effort in the 440-yard relay by the Pythons. In the B division, Roger Blackey of the Pythons won the 75-yard dash in 10.7 sec-Gowdy Mission of the Trojans set a record in the high jump with a 4-1 leap, and Tornado Bruce Douglas won the broad Jump at 13-8.

## North, South Go at Micohi

Months of gruelling work and skin-tight duel meets will be put on the line Tuesday by North and South track teams in the Bay League preliminaries at Mira Costa High School. Events will begin at 1 p.m. in preparation for Friday night's

finals on the same oval. While South has a top won-lost record, North has com-pleted its finest spike season in years despite lack of victories. The Spartans have time and again come out on the top end of close meets while the Sax-one have here here fortunet ons have been less fortunate.

SOUTH COACH Dick Scully expects his club to make a respectable varsity showing be-hind easy winner Santa Mon-ica, and his undefeated Cee squad to battle Mira Costa for the crown.

North mentor Howard Smith may well lower some of his top variity men down into the candidate for such Hollywood Bee division where he would field a powerful squad,

THE SPARTANS will be \$100,000 added Californian, tops a 13-horse stable which Trainer Vance Longden has ner will form the mile entry. Trainer Vance Longden has checked in for the meeting opening May 9.

In the shot put, Marty Baker will take the second-best mark in the league into action. Bakker's top effort is just one foot shy of the leading put. Doug Hall and Steve Donohue make up a potent 880 entry. Both half-milers are ready to crack two minutes, according

to Scully. One of Scully's major steps has been to lower junior Bruce Hamilton down to the Bee 1320, where he may hit 3:16 or better.

NORTH CAN field a strong Bee sprint force should coach Smith decide to drop down Pete Molina, Allen Johnson, Pete Molina, Allen Johnson, and Bruce Allen, Johnson is considered one of the league's top sprinters, but is suffering from an injured hip.

The broad jump could also be a Saxon stronghold since Johnson has a best of 20-11,

one of the top marks in the league. SOPHOMORE half-miler Bob

start. WEST WILL tangle with red-hot Culver City on Tues-day at 3 p.m. on the Warrior diamond. Battling for a second-place finish, the defending league champs have won six of their last seven games includ. Hansen, who is straining to get under the magical two-minute mark, may be the class of the Bee 880 field. Varsity pole vaulter Dorain Hannah and Gary Barron also

stand good chances of qualify-ing for the finals. Hannah has cleared 12-6, but Barron is consistent around 12 feet. their last seven games, includ-

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stand good chances of qualify-ing for the finals. Hannah has cleared 12-6, but Barron is consistent around 12 feet. Should Smith drop his sprint-ers down, the Saxons will have a top relay team with Johnson, Molina, Allen, and Stan Ferris or John Rance doing the honors. Hande Saxons will able to the second state of the seco softball throw. In the C division, Robert jump at 13-8.

Grossman **Tops West** 

In Victory It would be hard to say that Richard Grossman is not the driving force behind West High's baseball success.

When the senior catcher was

injured in a home-plate col-lision, the Warriors lost all hope of the Pioneer League championship and went into a terrible tailspin. Suddenly Grossman is back in the lineum and once again

in the lineup and once again West is a diamond terror.

ON THURSDAY, Grossman personally ripped two home runs, accounting for four RBIs to pace the Warriors to an 8-6

to pace the warriors to an 8-6 triumph over Lennox. Before he suffered the con-cussion in the Culver City game, Grossman was hitting 444, but lost his touch upon returning and went 0-7 before Thursdee Thursday.

NOW PLAYING in the outfield so he will stand much less of a chance of suffering another concussion, Grossman was the driving force in West's victory over the cellar-dwelling Lancers. When Lennox had moved

out to a 2-0 lead, Grossman belted a two-run homer to knot the count. Again in the fourth frame, with the Lancers ahead, 4-2, Grossman dupli-cated the feat and sparked a rally which led to the win.

JERRY COLEN, Dick Buch-anan, and Dave LaRoche also accounted for West runs.

Although he had to have re-lief help from LaRoche, Tim Sparks chalked up his first mound win of the season for the Warriors in his initial

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### **North Snares Diamond** Tie

When the breaks finally fell zell was just that for five to North on Thursday, the Sax-frames, but blew up in the on horsehiders took full ad-sixth and the eight-place Saxvantage of them to tie Morn-ingside, 6-6, in a Bay League ons took full advantage of the situation.

The previous inning, Morntussle North, behind 6-0 going into the sixth innings, took advan-tage of errors, walks, wild of its runs off Jim Jensen. The other Monarch tally came in itches, and a hit batter to the third frame.

orce six runs across and knot the count.

DON IRELAND led North The game was called after with two RBIs while Joe De-Luca, John Rance and relief hurler Jay Baker accounted eight innings due to darkness, but will not be replayed since it will not affect the standings for single tallies. USUALLY classy Bob Delfor a CIF berth.



. YMCA leader Richard Grossman shows Tommy Basen of the Diamond's Gra-Y Club the proper form for putting the shot. The demonstration was part of last week's track meet in which 16 Torrance YMCA spike marks were shattered at Nar-bonne High School. HERE IS HOW



TAKE IT QUICK . Members of the Torrance Diamond's Gra-Y Club pass the baton in one of the relay races held at Narbonne High last weekend under the sponsorship of the Torrance Family YMCA. More than 100 people witnessed the youths go through their paces