

# West, South Bid for CIF Spike Crowns

## Cagers Enter 'Shores' Classic

### Tribe Cindermen Have Top Record

Varsity runners from South and West high schools will compete in the CIF cross country finals at Long Beach State College tomorrow afternoon.

South will be pitted against teams in the "AA" division while West will run in the small schools classification.

Nine schools will bid for the championship in each division.

Although it is only competing in its second season, West appears to have the best crack at a CIF crown. In the preliminaries at Centinela Park, West qualified second behind Crespi.

**THE SPARTANS** qualified third, placing behind San Marcos and Mira Costa.

During the season, West has been the most successful of the two schools. A largely junior team, the Warriors finished second to Salesian in the Long Beach State Invitational.

**SCULLY SAYS** his team has beaten all of the teams that ran at Mt. SAC. The South mentor also feels his club is due to beat perennial Bay League powerhouse, Mira Costa. Week by week the Spartans have been closing the gap on Micchi and they lost by only three points in the preliminaries.

West coach Bob Holtel was equally optimistic. "We have an excellent chance to place among the top five," Holtel predicted.

### Lawndale Shocks Second CIF Foe

It was a long time coming, but since gaining a CIF football berth, Lawndale has made the very best of the situation.

Friday night, Lawndale continued its season-long string of upsets with a 25-14 triumph over Magnolia in the CIF quarterfinals at Sentinel Field in Inglewood.

The surprise co-champions of the Pioneer League, Lawndale dominated the second half of play on Friday to qualify for a semi-final engagement with La Mirada next weekend.

**DURING** the league campaign, Lawndale tied Aviation, 13-13, and the two elevens wound up deadlocked for the circuit championship. Aviation was eliminated by Santa Maria in the opening round of the playoffs.

Sensational end Mike Leitzell sparked Lawndale over Magnolia. Leitzell wound up with eight pass receptions for the evening and scored twice. In the first quarter, Leitzell tallied on a 46-yard pass reception to put the Cardinals ahead.

**IN THE LAST** period Leitzell led a two touchdown Lawndale outburst with a 22-yard touchdown return of a blocked punt.

While Lawndale was enjoying a pleasant evening, Fermin Lasuen's night was marred by Santa Ana Valley.

**LAST WEEK**, Lasuen bopped top-ranked Leuzinger in the first round of the playoffs, but Friday night Santa Ana Valley put the clamps on the Padres.

Santa Ana Valley scored at least once in each of the last three periods to hang a 29-6 defeat on the defending "AA" division champs and Camino Real League titlists.

**LASUEN COUNTERED** only once, on a 17-yard run by Haven Moses in the second quarter. Even that touchdown left the Padres trailing, 7-6.

From there on out it was no contest as Lasuen errors and a tough Santa Ana defense left no doubt as to the outcome.

In "AAAA" competition, Loyola rang up its 22nd consecutive win with a 27-14 licking of Pasadena. Tailback Mike Bergdahl, only a junior but already an adequate replacement for departed CIF Player-of-the-Year Steve Grady, ran for 140 yards and added 42 more through the air.

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**WELCOME DONATION . . .** Blue Devil coach Ralph Hoague accepts a \$300 check from Charlie Oates, president of the Torrance Police Officers Assn., that was used to send the Pop Warner football champions to San Diego for a televised bowl game over the weekend. Kneeling (L to R) are Blue Devil stars Bill Perez, Greg Briner and John Reynolds. The trio led Torrance to an undefeated campaign in the South Bay Conference.

### Torrance Blue Devils Nab Pop Warner Championship

No doubt exists in the mind of Gardena's Pop Warner football team as to who is the South Bay Conference Bantam Division champions.

Remaining undefeated against conference opposition, the Torrance Blue Devils posted a convincing 27-0 triumph over Gardena last Sunday to clinch the championship. Earlier in the year, the Blue Devils had managed a slim 7-6 win over Gardena.

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### High School Squads To Start Campaigns

Four Torrance high school basketball squads will open their 1963-64 season Wednesday in the annual Pacific Shores Tournament sponsored by the South Bay Unified School District.

North, South, Torrance and West will initiate their campaigns Wednesday afternoon in the first round of the 16-team tournament.

Perennial Bay League title contender Hawthorne will offer North its first opposition. Torrance will start its season against Loyola while West will meet Mira Costa and South will tangle with Leuzinger.

**ALL FOUR** Torrance coaches appear optimistic and give indications they expect good seasons. Their optimism will be put to the test in the four-day classic.

Each of the top Southland fives will make an appearance in addition to the top quintets in the CIF. Bay League powers Mira Costa and Redondo, Pioneer League favorite Aviation, and Sky League picks Leuzinger and North will all be title contenders.

**FROM OUTSIDE** the immediate vicinity, a big Glendale quintet and a veteran Loyola combo appear capable of taking the tournament crown.

Of the four Torrance clubs, North is equipped for the best year. Saxon coach Skip Enger will go with four lettermen and a 225-pound junior. Experience and height will be in evidence with lettermen Al Lepper, a 6-5 center; Mike Gratzke, a 6-0 forward; Terry Tierney, a 5-10 guard, and Dennis Ireland, a 5-10 guard.

**THE ONLY** non-letterman North starter will be Ron Taylor, a 6-8½, 225-pound junior, who is up from the junior varsity.

Traditionally a small team, South will finally get the height it has long needed and coach Jim Hanny expects one of his best seasons.

South will field its biggest team ever and Hanny expects "good shooting and a greatly improved defense." Starting for South will be Don Denson, a 6-3 forward; Byron Schweigert, a 5-11 guard; John Thomas, a 6-5 center, and Steve Kuckenbecker, a 6-5 center.

**HANNY HAS** yet to decide on his fifth starter.

Four starters will return for West coach Tom Sutherland as the Warriors launch their second year of competition. Height will be the main West obstacle, but enough experience abounds so that Sutherland should see the Tribe better its 4-14 record of last season.

Back for Sutherland are 6-2 center John Cochran, 6-2 forward Terry Febles, 6-0 forward Richard Hall, and 6-0 guard John Marsden.

**GRADUATION** eliminated four starters from the Torrance squad and left coach Will Boerger with a small, inexperienced team. Gone are all-league center Steve Waters and all-league forward Lynn Archibald.

### Lions Drag Strip Offers Big Prize

Speed fans will have their choice of three Southland programs to pick from today.

At Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach, over 200 gas coupes and sedans are expected to compete for the \$1,000 pot.

The top stock car drivers on the West Coast will be after first place money this afternoon in the 30-lap California Jalopy Assn. super stock main event on the one-quarter-mile Ascot Park oval.

**BILL FOSTER**, 1962 CJA champ; and two-time Pacific Racing Assn. titlist Walt Price are pre-race favorites. Current CJA point leader Gene Davis is also highly regarded.

A field of more than 50 cars is expected for the seven-event program which starts with qualifying at 11:30 p.m. First race is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Tonight, Leon Garrett, Ben

Steele and Ed Sauer will lead a large Figure 8 stock car field over the Ascot Park oval. Over 60 cars are expected to compete.

**QUALIFYING LAPS** will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the first race at 7:15.

A 15-lap main event for the 20 fastest qualifiers will top the action. Also on tap is a 10-lap semi-main, five 8-lap heat races, and a 6-lap trophy dash, and an 8-lap "Powder Puff Derby" for women drivers.

Steele, with six main event wins already to his credit, will be the pre-race favorite. He has already sewn up the 1963 Figure 8 championship. Garrett won his fifth main event of the year two weeks ago and will attempt to bolster his runner-up position in the point standings.

### Late Hawk Rally Nudges Compton

Harbor College tallied with one minute left in the game Saturday to bring out a 27-26 gridiron triumph over Compton and clinch a second place finish in the Western State Conference.

With less than two minutes remaining, Harbor moved from its own 20-yard line to the Compton 5 on runs by Charlie Shaw, John Blakemore, Ray Jones and a pass from Jones to Theopolis Lesure.

Jones finally put Harbor in a deadlock with a one-yard plunge. John Bjazevich booted the conversion and the Seahawks went ahead, 27-26, with one minute still left.

Compton almost pulled the game out as rifle passes from left-handed Ed Vargas moved the ball down to the Harbor 13. As the final gun sounded, Bob Lowery picked off a Vargas throw to preserve the triumph.

Off to a racehorse start, Compton grabbed a quick 12-0 lead on a two-yard push by Sam Abajian and a 63-yard ramble by Bill Nelson.

**HARBOR EARNED** its first tally when Bjazevich intercepted a Vargas throw and went 25 yards for the TD. It was the second time this year that Bjazevich, a linebacker, turned an interception into a touchdown.

Just before intermission, Harbor moved into a 14-12 lead

on a 31-yard scoring pass from Jones to John Cvitanich. Jones threw to Del Bennes for the conversion.

**REGAINING** the lead shortly after halftime, Compton moved into a 20-14 bulge on the basis of a six-yard plunge by Abajian and a two-point conversion pass from Vargas to Abajian.

The Seahawks then caught up on a 6-yard TD pass from Jones to Steve Cox. The conversion failed. Nelson set up Compton's final touchdown with a 55-yard return of an intercepted pass. Abajian boomed over from the one for the TD.

### Speed Show Lures Three City Entries

Three Torrance residents will have entries in Mickey Thompson's 4th Annual Auto-Boat and Speed Show which will run Dec. 4-8 at Shrine Exposition Hall.

Gordon Potter will enter his 1955 T-Bird that runs a turbo-charged Chrysler engine. A 1927 custom Ford roadster will be entered by Rolane Hill. Jim Morris will display a 1925 Buick with a competition, blown engine.

# El Camino Whips Santa Monica in Finale

Nabbing a first division Metropolitan Conference pigskin berth for the fifth consecutive year, El Camino College closed out its season on Wednesday with a 26-7 triumph over Santa Monica.

Key plays at crucial moments gave Camino its fourth Metro win of the year against three defeats and a fourth place finish behind Long Beach, Bakersfield and Cerritos.

The Warriors wound up the season with a 6-3 mark.

Over 5,000 Homecoming spectators watched Wednesday night at Murdock Stadium as Camino tallied the first time it got the pigskin and never relinquished the lead.

On the first scrimmage play of the game, quarterback Bob Johnson wound up with the ball after a double reverse and fired a 51-yard pass to Pat Lininger for a first down on the Santa Monica 30.

Eight plays later former North High fullback

Daryl Wilson slanted over right tackle from three yards out for the touchdown. Soccer kicker Otto Reiger converted.

A 3-yard pass from Doug Campbell to Shelly Novack capped a 75-yard Samo march that consumed 12 plays and left El Camino ahead by only one point, 7-6.

Quarterback Pat Pagett accounted for the second Warrior score on the first play of the second quarter. On a fourth down situation, Pagett dove over left guard for two yards and the TD.

The drive almost stalled on the Camino 44. On a third and 5-yards to go situation, Pagett kept the drive alive with a toss to John Hough on a tackle eligible play that moved the pigskin down to the SMCC 40.

Attempting to level the score, Santa Monica put together a drive that reached the Camino 31, but

Herb Hinsche hauled down a Campbell aerial on the Warrior 8 to halt the threat.

Marching right back down the field, Camino went ahead 20-6 at the half when Paul Carmichael capped the 92-yard march with a 51 yard scoring burst.

Possibly the key play of the contest came just seconds before halftime with Santa Monica facing a fourth and 6 situation on the El Camino 6-yard line. Campbell completed a TD pass to Novack but officials ruled the receiver had caught the ball out of bounds.

Camino's only score in the second half came on a short plunge by Wilson.

Alert play by El Camino's defensive unit staved off four Santa Monica scoring bids in the final two quarters. Taking the kickoff to begin the third period, Samo reached its own 40, and on a fourth down situation, gambled on making the needed one yard.

Safetyman Ralph Hughes, a tiny 140-pounder, and linebacker Terry Hansen stopped fullback Bob Boozell short of the needed yardage and ECC took over.

Late in the third period, following Camino's final score of the game, a Santa Monica drive reached the Warrior 45 but Campbell was dumped for a 9-yard loss and the march expired.

Hughes picked off his sixth pass of the year in the opening seconds of the last period to halt another Samo threat. He snared Campbell pass in the end zone that looked like a sure Corsair touchdown.

Santa Monica almost scored three minutes later when Campbell completed a short pass to halfback Mell Farr, who made a great catch between two Warrior defenders. Farr rambled 20 yards to the ECC two-yard line before a jarring tackle by the Camino secondary forced him to fumble and El Camino's Gary Wetzel recovered.

In defeat, Santa Monica picked up 12 first downs to match El Camino and gained 267 net yards to 303 for the Warriors. Defeat dropped the Corsairs to fifth place in the conference and left them with a 3-4 record.