

# City Nines to Attempt Comeback

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### SIX MISCUES

## Errors Ruin North Against Beverly Hills Horsehidiers

North High turned in its worst horsehide performance of the year Thursday afternoon and dropped out of undisputed first place in the Sky League as Beverly Hills racked up a 9-5 upset.

Beverly Hills, North and Leuinger are currently deadlocked for the top spot with 2-1 records.

The Saxons committed six errors against Beverly Hills as

the Normans rebounded from a 5-0 first inning deficit.

It was almost a one-man show for Beverly as winning pitcher Tim Robinson banded four safeties in four trips to the plate. Beverly Hills got only eight hits.

Saxons mentor Jim O'Brien praised the defensive work of third sacker Brent Nickoloff and rightfielder Mark O'Connor, although he felt it was the

worst game his club has played.

O'Connor made two catches while flat on his back in a spectacular display of fielding on the cluttered Beverly diamond. But later, he injured his foot and may miss several weeks.

Three North hurlers attempted to halt the Beverly offensive. Ron Olguin opened and lasted only 1 2/3 innings. He gave up five hits, one earned run and fanned one while walking one.

PAUL ROMERO then took over and also lasted 1 2/3 frames. He allowed one earned run and three hits. Romero walked four.

Daryl Masuyama was the third Saxon hurler, and although he did not allow an earned run, he picked up the loss. Masuyama fanned two, walked two and allowed two hits in 2 2/3 innings.

North also made a rout of the game in the opening frame as it pushed over five runs.

NICKOLOFF opened with a walk, Jeff Osborn bunted and Bill Cunerty was safe on a fielder's choice that removed Nickoloff.

Joe DeLuca then tripled for two runs and came home on a double by Rudy Suarez. Andy Carter singled, moving Suarez to third and promptly attempted to steal second.

The throw went into center field and Suarez scored, and the return throw was wild at third base, allowing Carter to tally.

DeLUCA FINISHED with a triple and two RBIs and Suarez banded out two safeties.

Beverly pushed over one run in the opening stanza, two more in the fourth. The Normans then added three tallies in the fifth frame and iced the cake with one run in the sixth.

## Pitching Propells Knights

Bishop Montgomery continued as the surprise team in the Camino Real League horsehide chase Friday afternoon by hanging a 3-0 defeat on Pater Noster.

Montgomery now owns a 2-0 record and a share of first place.

John Wojcik started and went all the way for Montgomery. Wojcik allowed only four hits while striking out nine and walking five. It was the second straight shutout for the Knights.

IN THE league opener, Irl Davis spun a no-hit win against St. Bernards. Davis will be the probable Montgomery starter on Tuesday when the Knights host Crespi at 3 p.m. in a league contest.

Everything worked for the Knights against Pater Noster. Montgomery bashed only five hits, but managed to bunch them effectively.

The game was scoreless into the fourth inning when Dave Hunt walked and Tony Guggiana singled. Hunt was thrown out trying to steal third but Guggiana advanced to second on the play.

DOUG DEDEAUX then walked and both baserunners advanced on a wild pitch. Guggiana scored on a single by Dennis Blackburn.

Montgomery tallied again in the fifth stanza as Pete Maccarrone was safe on an error, stole second, went to third on an error and came home on a fly ball by Jerry Leininger.

Continuing their scoring streak, the Knights pushed over their final tally in the sixth as Guggiana opened with a triple to right field and scored on Dedeaux's one-bagger.

The Knights pilfered three bases and pulled off one double play. The twin-out effort went from Guggiana to Dedeaux and ended the game.

PRIOR TO the league campaign, Montgomery's supposed strength, pitching, was its weakness. But things have come around and Wojcik, Davis and Tom Jamison currently appear to be the league's sharpest mound trio.

Experience also appears to be a key factor in the Knight success. Maccarrone, Guggiana, Blackburn and Dedeaux, who have provided most of the hitting power, are all veterans.



BACK IN TIME . . . West High first sacker Dave La Roche applies a pickoff tag too late Thursday afternoon to catch a Lennox baserunner. Moments earlier, West hurler John Marsden and LaRoche had teamed to catch an unwary runner. Lennox handed the Warriors a 3-2 defeat, their first of the Pioneer League season. (Herald Photo)

## West Absorbs First Defeat Against Pioneer Loop Foes

The Pioneer League's mystery nine, Lennox High, continued its winning ways Thursday afternoon as West, previously the circuit's top team, absorbed a 3-2 licking.

Coaches and players in the Pioneer loop are befuddled at Lennox's success. But, the Lancers keep on rolling and currently own a 2-1 record, good for a first place tie with West and El Segundo.

EVERYTHING about the league's pennant race is confused. Aviation, the defending CIF "AA" division champ, was ranked as the circuit's best team, but the Falcons have yet to win in three starts.

Easy-throwing Phil Watanabe was the "reason why" for Lennox on Thursday. Watanabe became the first chucker to best West's John Marsden this year as he cut the Warriors down on five hits.

West managed only one scoring frame as Watanabe fanned five and walked only three. Marsden slipped a three-hit

ter past the Lancers and sent 13 men down swimming while walking six. But every Lennox hit was instrumental in a run.

The Lancers pushed over two runs in the fourth inning on a single, a sacrifice, a single, a sacrifice and a walk. Jerry Bowles opened the inning with a single, the first hit off Marsden.

In the fifth, Lennox added what was eventually the winning run as Jerry Keith walked, stole second and came home on a right field single by Ken Applegate.

West's two runs came quickly in the sixth inning. Gary Loyd reached first on a fielder's choice and Marsden clubbed a 365-foot home run into right-centerfield.

Earlier, West muffed a

chance to score. Dennis Dodd uncorked a long triple over the leftfielder's head with two out in the fifth inning. Instead of holding up at third, Dodd was motioned home and he was cut down on a perfect relay.

On Tuesday, West will meet another surprise team in El Segundo. The Eagles are young, but apparently talented. On Thursday, 'Gundo hung a 14-0 loss on Aviation.

Warrior mentor Max Lomas has indicated Marsden will again be his choice to open on the mound. Marsden will be looking for his second circuit win against one loss and his fourth victory of the year.

The second round of circuit competition will begin on Thursday for West when Torrance High visits the Warrior diamond.

### FOUR RECORDS FALL

## West Runners Rout Lennox As Jurco Sets Two Marks

Tom Jurco snapped two West High varsity records Friday afternoon in leading the Warriors to a 76-37 Pioneer League spike triumph over Lennox. Jurco, only a junior, won the 220 in 22.8 seconds and the quarter mile in 52.3 seconds. Both times were new school standards.

Four new West marks were set as Ron Pettigrew ran the mile in 4:41.0 and Tom Johnson toured two miles in 10:54.5. Both times were also new standards.

George Sharp picked up two victories for the Warriors, winning the 120-yard high hurdles in 16.2 seconds and the 180-yard low hurdles in 21.2 seconds. Al St. Cyr finished second in the high hurdles and third in the low timber chase.

DAVE KEMP took a second in the century in 10.6 seconds with Bill Foster third. Foster also finished third behind Jurco in the 220. Kemp was second to Jurco in the quarter mile.

Dave Graham raced to a 2:09.8 time in the 880 with Keith Nestor third. Tom Fraser was second to Pettigrew in the mile while Mike Sellers took a third in the two-mile.

West also won the 880-yard relay with a team of Foster, Kemp, Sharp and Jurco in 1:37.0.

LINDY NUZZO dominated the field events for West, winning the pole vault at 12 feet to finish ahead of Steve McConathy and taking a second in the high jump at 5 ft. 6 in., ahead of Dan Galla.

John Cochran earned a second in the shot put at 45 ft. 6 in. with teammate Scott Steele third. Sharp was second in the long jump at 18 ft. 11 in. with Jurco third.

## Tribe To Test 'Gundo

Four Torrance horsehide squads will attempt to overcome a city-wide baseball slump on Tuesday when league action resumes.

All four squads were bumped off last Thursday. South, which also lost on Friday in a make-up game, will host Hawthorne, while Torrance travels to Lennox, West journeys to El Segundo and North draws Inglewood.

Prior to Thursday, West topped the Pioneer circuit, North led the Sky League and South headed the Bay loop. Now West is tied with Lennox and El Segundo, North is tied with Leuinger and Beverly Hills, and South is in third place.

WEST COACH Max Lomas will open with John Marsden on the hill against El Segundo. Marsden threw a three-hitter and fanned 13 on Thursday but lost to Lennox.

North mentor Jim O'Brien has scheduled either Dave McCormick or Daryl Masuyama to start against Inglewood. Masuyama picked up the loss against Beverly Hills Thursday.

Either Mike Blankenship or Bob Battaglia will face Lennox for Torrance. Battaglia drew the defeat against Lawndale Thursday.

South boss Jerry McInaine is troubled with the miseries. He used his top-flight hurlers yesterday in the delayed Hawthorne Tournament and is undecided about Tuesday's start.

In addition, McInaine lost his top outfielder Thursday afternoon. John Minech, an all-league choice as a junior and a 300 hitter, stumbled and fell in a small hole, twisting his ankle and pulling ligaments below the ankle and on top of his foot.

THE SPARTANS dropped a 3-1 decision to Santa Monica in addition to losing Minech.

Glen DeCamp shut the Spartans off with two hits in a pitcher's duel with Dale St. John. DeCamp struck out 12 but walked 11. St. John gave up six hits, three walks and fanned five.

## Johnson Paces NHS Cindermen

Versatile Alan Johnson won three events Friday as North High walloped Beverly Hills, 64 1/2-39 1/2, in a Sky League track encounter.

Johnson won the 100-yard dash in 10.1 seconds, took the 220 in 22.0 seconds and went 21 ft. 6 in. to win the long jump. He also ran on the Saxon's winning 880-yard relay team.

JUNIOR Dave Hubert was a second key man in the North triumph. Hubert went 10 ft 6 in. to win the pole vault, won the 150-yard low hurdles in 20.6 seconds and finished third behind teammate Joe Scheliga in the 120-yard low hurdles.

Scheliga finished third behind Hubert in the low timber chase and tied for third behind Hubert in the pole vault. Tom Foley, a sophomore, gave North a win in the half mile, turning the two laps in 2:05.5 to edge John Mizer.

Bob Hansen switched from

the 880 to the quarter mile and won in 52.8 seconds, ahead of Bruce Allen. Hansen also gave North a third in the high jump.

Alan Kimbel, finally returning to form after several assorted injuries, took a third in the 220 and ran with Jonson, John Rance, and Allen on the 880-yard relay which won in 1:34.0. Gordon McBeath finished second in the mile, ahead of Dave Ramsey.

In the field events, Len Damerow and Craig Dearden finished one-two in the shot put as Damerow went 44 ft. 9 1/2 in. Dale Foth took a third behind Johnson in the long jump.

NORTH PICKED up a 69-26 win in the Bee division as Jim Tesko won the century in 10.5 and the 220 in 22.7. Gary McDonald snared the 660 in 1:33.3 and Norm Sanwo jumped 20 ft. 6 in. in the long jump.

The Saxons Cee squad ripped the weak Normans, 82-7.

## Mira Costa Nips Spartan Spikers

Team depth propelled Mira Costa to a 59-45 win over South High Friday afternoon in a Bay League cinderfest.

Injuries as usual hampered South. Sophomore sprinter Ted Pettipiece was out with an injured foot while junior Wes Fox saw limited competition due to a strained back.

Senior Doug Hall turned in the biggest upset of the league track campaign when he hand-

## Jordan Succumbs To Carson

Nick Van Lue threw 5 2/3 innings of no-hit ball and slammed a 420-foot home run Thursday afternoon as Carson nudged Jordan, 5-4, in a Mariposa League horsehide tilt.

Van Lue did not allow a Jordan hit until the sixth stanza, and then he was touched for three runs.

Earlier, Van Lue slammed his long homer to give Carson a quick lead. The Colts carried a 4-0 edge into the sixth inning before Jordan came alive to pick up three runs in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Carson pulled out the dejection in the seventh as Tom Pickle singled to right, Cub Muse walked, Van Lue drew an intentional walk, and Vic Cisneros, pinch hitting for Doug Iseninger, singled to right.

Van Lue wound up going 2 for 4 and Pickle, an All-League selection last year, stole one base.

ed Micholi's Steve Dunlap his first defeat of the year in the 880.

Hall toured the two daps in 1:58.2, his top time of the season, while Dunlap was clocked at 1:59.5. Dunlap had been considered the Southland's premier distance man.

Bob Palmer came up with two wins for South, taking the 120-yard high hurdles in 15.8 seconds and the 180-yard high timber chase in 20.3 seconds. Steve Jones took a second in the high hurdles.

RON MARRA failed to come up with a win although he turned in two of his finest performances. Marra finished second in the century in 10.1 seconds and second in the 440 in 51.3 seconds.

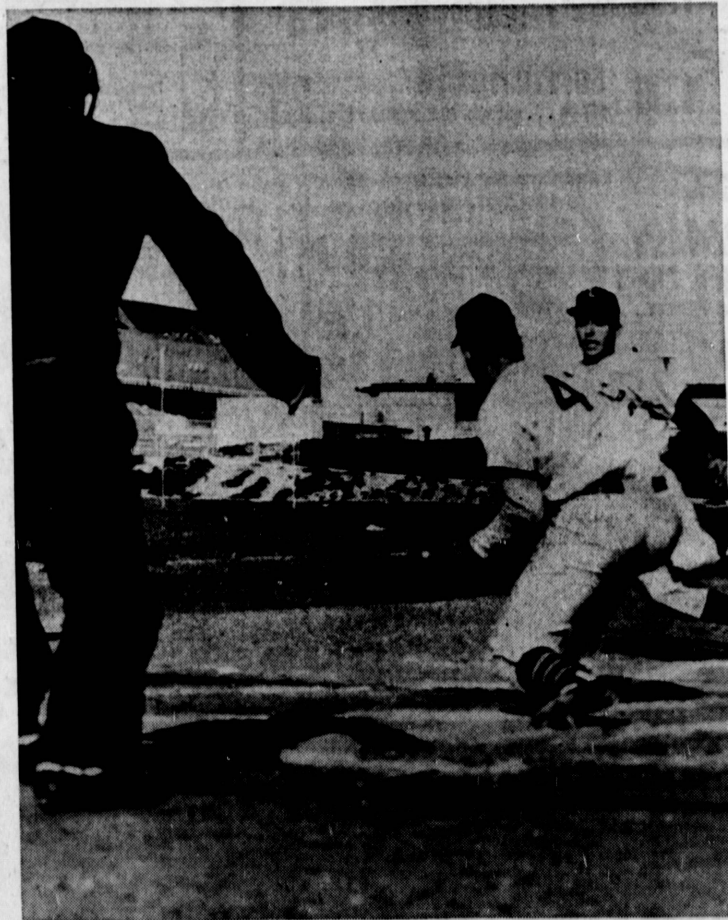
Randy Siller took a third in the century in 10.3 seconds. Fox finished third in the 440 in 51.7 seconds.

Dave Ledford loafed to a 4:40.4 clocking in the mile for a first place and John Daugherty and Harry Rutterman went one-two in the shot put. Daugherty pushed the 12-pound ball 51 feet 1 1/2 in.

Steve Boggs picked up a second in the high jump at 5 ft. 6 in. and Dave Cronk went 11 ft. 6 in. for a second in the pole vault.

MIRA COSTA swept both the 220 and broad jump. Fox and Pettipiece were both scheduled to run in the 220.

The Mustangs also won the Bee division but South earned a 63-22 triumph in the Cee classification. Bob McCausland turned in South's top Bee effort, clearing 11 feet in the pole vault.



HE'S OUT . . . Lennox High's Lee Voyles is cut down at the plate by West High pitcher John Marsden Thursday. Voyles attempted to come home from third base on a passed ball, but Marsden moved in to cover the plate and apply the tag. Marsden allowed only three hits and fanned 13, but he was saddled with his first loss of the year against three wins. (Herald Photo)