

South High Appoints New Pigskin Mentor

Kasten Resigns THS Position For Santa Monica Grid Job



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Speaking of baseball, as it were, I have been following with my accustomed avidity the utterances of Mr. Bobo Belinsky, a sage of shorts, who pitches for the Los Angeles Angels.

Our text for today is one of The Master's niftier summations of the human condition:

"Pitching hurts your pool" says the Nat'l Pastime guru.

I suggest there is more pith and moment in this little motto than in the entire collected works of Schopenhauer. With Norman Vincent Peale thrown in.

Bobo, as the world well knows, is a hustler and a lover who is in baseball with the utmost reluctance. His prowess at the pool table is so considerable, and his fame so great, that he has trouble finding marks, even in places like Kansas City.

Pitching hurts your pool. Is it not true, too true? I like girls and I like the sauce, for example, and these things play the very devil with the old Muse. I would much rather have a couple of Dewar's White Labels with a pretty thing just the right age to be my daughter than spend five hours in the company of Mickey Mantle.

In point of fact, I would be willing to pay someone a considerable sum of money to sit in for me with Mantle, much in the way the Union rich paid for substitutes to serve out their army stretch in the Civil War.

This is a patently unsuitable attitude for a distinguished scholar in the field of sports. But there it is. Pitching hurts your pool.

I suppose there are those lucky folk who find their work is their pleasure. The laddies who say cockily, "I would be glad to pay someone for the privilege of tuning pianos." But I ain't met many of these.

Pleasure seems to require a different set of muscles from the acquisition of pelf. When the two aims are pursued concomitantly, we English speakers have a rather nasty word for it: prostitution.

A man can, if he is adroit, acquire a kind of numbness toward his life's work, getting it done under water, as it were. This is a high and blessed amenity, and there are days when I have achieved it.

But you can never get around the fact that fun is fun. And that it works against that high moral seriousness that is supposed to move the civilized man.

There is a wryly guilty satisfaction, however, in knowing that doing the things you really like somehow hurts your capacity to do the things you have to do. There is added satisfaction in persisting in your folly.

More, it can be argued that the pleasures of doing what you really want would actually be lessened if they could not be weighed against the heavy moral responsibility of getting the world's work done.

There is a school of barroom theologians who argue that Catholics, and especially Irish Catholics, get more fun out of sex than anyone else does, because practicing it, even within the bonds of Holy Matrimony, is thought to be one of those sins that cry to Heaven for vengeance. Ergo, more fun.

I think Mr. Belinsky, a cogent shap, would be the first to agree that pool would be far less fun, really, if it did not hurt his pitching.

LaRoche One-Hits Lancers

The Southland's two top major league pitching prospects will meet headon this afternoon and the Pioneer League horsehide lead will hang in the balance.

West High, with John Marsden on the hill, will host league leading El Segundo and its flame-throwing sophomore, Ker Brett.

El Segundo currently heads the circuit with a 7-1 mark while West is just a notch back at 6-2 following a 4-1 triumph over Lennox on Tuesday.

WHEN MARSDEN and Brett tangled in the first round of action, the young Eagle led his club to a 3-2 victory over West. Brett is 4-0 against circuit opposition while Marsden is 3-2.

It was not Marsden but a sophomore, Dave LaRoche, who sparked on the mound Tuesday for the Warriors. LaRoche, coming in for Marsden in the second inning, allowed only one hit and one walk while chalking up 11 strikeouts to nab his third win.

In four of the six innings he worked, LaRoche faced only three men as he ran his circuit record to 3-0.

Marsden had trouble finding the plate in his one inning of toil and walked four and gave up one unearned tally. He did not allow a hit.

West opened its scoring in the first frame as Jim Barnes singled, moved to second on a sacrifice by Dick Buchanan, and scored on Tim Speak's single, his first hit of the year.

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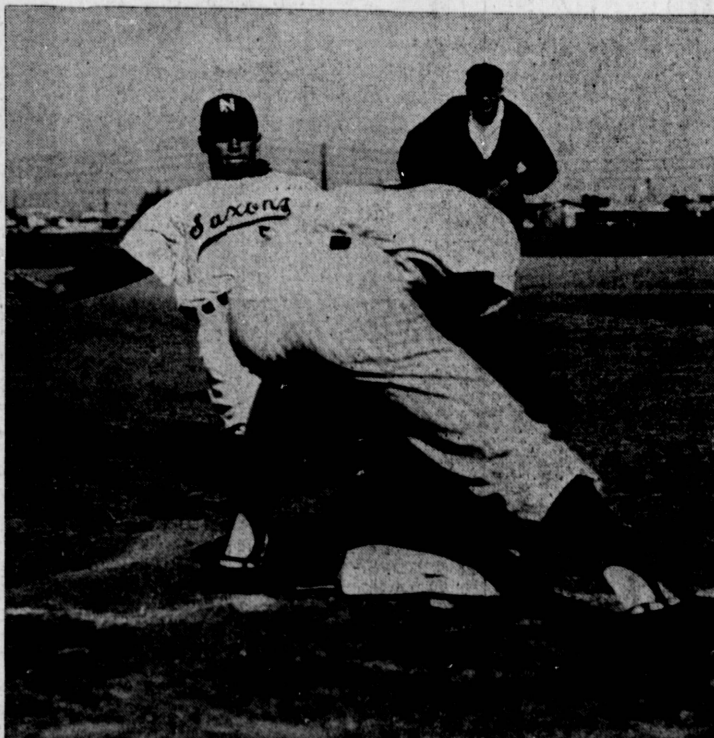
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WAY LATE . . . Beverly Hills third sacker Larry Murphy applies a tag to North High runner Jeff Osborn during their Sky League meeting Tuesday. Osborn went 2 for 4 at the dish and drove in one run as North earned a 12-11 decision in extra innings to tie for the circuit lead.

INGLEWOOD BECKONS

North Sluggers in Crucial Sky League Contest Today

Deadlocked in a three-way tie for second place in the Sky League baseball chase, North High will travel to Inglewood this afternoon for a circuit crucial.

North, Inglewood and Leuzinger are mired in second with 5-4 records. Saxon mentor Jim O'Brien is expected to send sophomore chucker Dave McCormick to the mound against Inglewood.

IT TOOK eight innings to turn the trick on Tuesday, but North rallied from a three-run deficit to post a 12-11 triumph over Beverly Hills.

Beverly forced the contest into extra innings with a two-run outburst in the seventh frame and then went three

ahead in the top half of the eighth.

The Saxons came back to push four runs over in the bottom of the eighth and move into a first place tie. Sam Elliott walked to open the inning. Butch Nickloff singled on a 0-2 count, and Rudy Suarez singled for North's first run in the eighth.

Then, with two out, Andy Carter walked to load the bases and Dennis Irelan, who earlier had fanned for the first time this year, belted a two-run single to tie the score.

Carter went to third on the play and rolled home on a wild pitch by losing hurler Tim Robinson.

Robinson, who beat North earlier in the season, threw only two-thirds of an inning and gave up three hits and two earned runs. He relieved Stu Sandler, who started and al-

lowed eight hits and seven earned runs while walking seven.

Freshman Daryl Masuyama started for North and lasted seven innings although he was tagged for 12 hits and four earned runs.

Olguin, although he allowed three earned runs in his only inning of work, picked up the victory.

Nickloff, who accounted for one RBI, continued his assault on the base paths as he pilfered two more bags. All told, the Saxons stole five bases.

Beverly Hills . . . 004 200 23 — 11 15 0
North 310 301 04 — 12 11 2

2B—Osborn, Murphy, 3B—Hughes, RBI—Nickloff, Suarez (2), Conerty, DeLuca (2), Irelan (2), Osborn, Hochman, Sandler (2), Fader, Hughes (2), Robinson.

IP H R ER BB SO
Sandler 7 8 8 7 7 6
Robinson L. (2-1) 1 2 2 2 1 1
Masuyama 7 12 3 2 1 1
Olguin W. (2-0) 1 3 3 2 1 1

Torrance Coach To Join Turner

By GREGG PETERSON
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Two major changes in the Torrance prep coaching ranks were revealed to The HERALD yesterday.

Irwin Kasten, head football coach at Torrance High for the past five years, has resigned his position for an assistant coaching post at Santa Monica High.

The second change involves the head football job at South High where South Pasadena High backfield coach Ken Swift has been named to succeed Dave Tollefson.

Kasten, who also coached varsity baseball for four years at Torrance, will serve under an old friend and former Torrance High grid coach at Santa Monica.

DICK TURNER, who coached the Tartars in 1956-58, recently accepted the head position at Samohi. Kasten was an assistant coach under Turner during the 1957-58 seasons at THS.

During Kasten's tenure at Torrance, the Tartars won two league football championships and finished second in 1961. The 1963 edition of the Tartars won only one Pioneer League game and finished in fifth place, the lowest a THS team wound up under Kasten.

A Torrance High graduate, Kasten guided the Tartars to a total 22-8-1 league mark. In 1962, his team became the first THS eleven ever to go into the CIF playoffs. That club went undefeated through the Pioneer League season.

Swift, 28, who has served as assistant varsity football coach and head varsity track mentor at South Pasadena, faces a rebuilding job at South. Tollefson, the only football coach SHS has employed since it opened in 1957, resigned after his team failed to win a game in 1963.

"WE WILL be trying to win. I don't believe in rebuilding," Swift says about his new job.

During his stay at South Pasadena, the Tigers ran up a 54-3 record, winning the CIF "AA" division crown in 1959 and the CIF "AAA" division title in 1962.

Enroute to its 1962 championship, South Pasadena battered Torrance High in the opening round of the CIF playoffs.

Athletic success is not foreign to Swift. His track teams have won two Rio Hondo League championships and a victory this afternoon would account for a third.



IRV KASTEN Resigns at THS



DAVE TOLLEFSON Replacement Named

THS Nine Ends Long Loss Skein

A seven-game Pioneer League baseball losing streak came to an abrupt end for Torrance High Tuesday afternoon when senior Bob Battaglia bested Lawndale's Don Swenson in a fine mound duel.

Battaglia gave up only four hits as Torrance snared a 2-1 victory in eight innings. Battaglia struck out seven, walked three and allowed one earned run.

Swenson was great for 4 1/2 innings. He struck out 10, walked five and gave up only two hits before allowing Torrance its first run.

TOM SLACK then took over and eventually picked up the defeat. Slack struck out four, walked on and gave up three hits.

Larry Snyder, who is hitting .400, doubled down the left field line with two out in the eighth frame to give Torrance its first league victory.

Snyder's double came after Jon Hadley reached first on an error and moved to second on Lloyd Gilstrap's sacrifice bunt.

Torrance's other run came in the fifth inning on a single by Gilstrap and consecutive walks to Dan Kling, Keith Patton and Phil Hull.

THE TARTARS will attempt to keep their win streak alive today against Lennox. Torrance coach Dale Walker will send either Les Dutcher or Mike Blankenship to the mound against the Lancers.

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Torrance 000 010 01 — 2 5 1
2B—Snyder, Sitterly, RBI—Hull, Snyder, Dozier.
IP H R ER BB SO
Swenson 4 1/2 2 1 1 5 9
Slack L. (2-2) 3 3 2 0 1 4
Battaglia W. (1-3) 8 4 1 1 2 2

St. John Twirls South Over Mico

Still hoping for a crack at the Bay League baseball pennant, South High will host Mira Costa this afternoon at 3 p.m.

Spartan coach Jerry McIlvaine has indicated he will go with Ron Johnston on the hill. McIlvaine realized a sparkling seven-inning performance from senior Dale St. John Tuesday afternoon as South nabbed a 2-1 victory over Mira Costa.

St. John gave up only four hits while striking out eight and walking one to even his league record at 3-3. Earlier in the year, St. John threw 6 1/2 innings of no-hit relief ball at the Mustangs.

Dale Dupperon, who was 3-0 going into Tuesday's game,

allowed only five hits while fanning nine and walking two.

South scored both its runs in the opening frame as Lanny Ropke singled, Dave Farber doubled for an RBI, and Phil Hertzog singled up the middle.

Palos Verdes knocked off league-leading Redondo Tuesday afternoon to keep South alive in the circuit chase. P.V. and Redondo now own 7-3 league records while South is 4-5 with one makeup game scheduled for the end of the year.

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St. John W. (3-3) 7 4 1 1 1 8
Dupperon L. (3-1) 7 6 2 2 2 9

Tartars Host West Runners

Cross-town rivals West and Torrance high schools will tangle tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 on the Tartar oval in a Pioneer League dual meet.

Neither team has given an indication it is a world-beater, but several top individual performances should be on tap and the meet might go down to the final relay.

West's chances depend on the condition of sprinter Tom

Jurco, who injured his foot last week in a meet with El Segundo. If Jurco is unable to run, THS should pull through with a narrow win.

North High will have its hands full against Inglewood tomorrow as the Saxons attempt to remain in contention for the Sky League crown. North is currently in second place behind Morningside.

Inglewood could overpower North. The Sentinels own a

relay-meet victory over Santa Monica, the Bay League track king. North will host the 2:30 p.m. struggles.

South will be a heavy underdog tomorrow when Santa Monica invades the Spartan oval.

Although the varsity competition will easily go to Samohi, the Cee division may provide one of the top meets of the season.

South's Cee team has won

both the Mira Costa and Inglewood relay championships, but Santa Monica is unbeaten in circuit competition while the Spartans have been tied twice.

Ted Pettipiece has run the century in 10.3 seconds and he will also run in the 220 and on the relay.

Both of South's ties came when Pettipiece was competing in the varsity division. Redondo and Palos Verdes have deadlocked with the Spartans.



JUST IN TIME . . . North High runner Andy Carter barely eludes a tag from Beverly Hills first baseman Randy Huchman Tuesday afternoon. Beverly chucker Stu Sandler, who was belted for eight hits and seven earned runs, vainly attempted four times to pick off Carter.

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