

# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL IN FINAL WEEKS OF PLAY



## "Ol' No. 50"

By Dick Daugherty

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### Losing Isn't Fun

This week's column is the most difficult I've had to write to date. My boys have lost their fifth game, and their third in a row. Makes reporting rather difficult from my viewpoint.

Possibly it may be timely if I gave what my feelings were when playing on a losing team.

First of all, I might say it isn't much fun for anyone when the team is losing. The players become temperamental, wives and children suffer strained relations, coaches become jittery (their jobs are at stake) and the knees of their trousers become threadbare from kneeling in church attempting to obtain some spiritual help. Generally speaking, all they want to do now is get the season over with and wait until next year.



CLARKE

### Mathematical Chance Left

Football is a religion, though, and I'll bet each boy on our Ram team is considering the mathematical chances which they still have. With five games remaining before championship play-off time, here is what I think could possibly happen.

First lets' consider the two top teams in the Western League: San Francisco 49ers, 6-1; Baltimore Colts, 4-3.

1—San Francisco—The 49ers will probably play the three toughest teams possible on this road trip, the Chicago Bears, Cleveland Browns and Baltimore Colts.

A—It is very possible they could lose all these games, and if this should happen, they would return home for their final two games with a 6 win, 4 loss record.

2—Baltimore—The Colts will play the Packers, 49ers and Rams consecutively at home. Assuming they beat the Packers and 49ers, and our Rams can muster a win, the Colts will either have a 6-4 or 7-3 record when they come to the West Coast in December.

### Ryan Will Shine

This race for the championship is definitely not over by any means. And if I were to call a long-shot possibility, I believe the Chicago Bears would receive my selection.

This week's game in Detroit will give the Rams a good test, but I think our boys will relax for the first time this year and turn in a good game. I believe Frank Ryan will demonstrate his natural ability and give the television audience something to cheer about, especially with Del Shofner and Leon Clarke available.

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### Today's GOLF TIP

BY DON WILLIS

### "The Putting Stroke"

Many golfers of championship caliber have missed true greatness by an incapacity for sound putting. Half of ones' score is putting. On learning to putt, the first thing is the grip. I personally use the reverse overlap Vardox grip. This is where the forefinger of the left hand encircles the little finger of the right hand. Because putting is to feel, the grip lies mostly into the fingers and not the palm of the hand. The thumbs of both hands point directly down the shaft of your putter. The theory of this is to get both hands working as one. Some of you may use a lot of wrist action or you may not, with the reverse Vardox grip, either of the two are favorable.

About the arms and elbows: The left elbow pointing in the direction of the cup and right elbow hugging the body. For those of you who pull putts to the left, this should correct a lot of trouble for you.

The position of the ball should be 6 to 8 inches inside of the left heel. The weight of the body mostly on the left leg. Feet may spread to where it will be comfortable for you.

Probably the hardest thing for a person to learn in putting is how hard to hit the ball for certain distances. On a generally flat green, per each inch, the putter is moved on the back swing, measures one foot the ball rolls forward. Always in putting, keep the head down. Don't look up. This has caused many fine players extra strokes on the green.

In finishing, I would like to say this, no matter how you grip

### Famous Trio Heads 100-Lap USAC Race

A trio of Indianapolis winners... Rodger Ward, Jimmy Bryan and Johnnie Parsons... head one of the finest entry lists ever assembled for a stock car race... J. C. Agajanian's 100-lap USAC late model stock car race, this Sunday afternoon, at new Ascot Stadium.

More than 30 cars will start qualifying at 1 o'clock at the 183rd and Vermont Avenue half-mile dirt oval seeking the 24 starting berths in the 100-lap feature. The 3-lap trophy dash for the four fastest cars gets the green flag at 2:30 o'clock. There will be two 10-lap heat races as well as the 100-lap feature.

Besides the trio of 500-mile winners, other Indianapolis drivers who'll be shooting for the big end of the guaranteed purse of \$4,000 against 40 per cent of the gate include Dick Rathmann, the fastest qualifier in Indianapolis history; Johnnie Tolan, 1952 National Mid-gate Champion; Johnny Mantz, 1956 National Stock Car Champion; Bill Cheesbourg, Dempsey Wilson, Wayne Weiler and Bill Homeier.

Also set are the first six in the current National stock car point standings, Fred Lorenzen, the 1958 National Stock Car Champion (1950); Nelson Stacy (1170), Mike Klapak (1160), Elmer Musgrave (985), Rathmann (735), and Ward (700). As well as Don White (11th), Les Snow (12th), Bryan (13th), John Rostek (14th), Don Oldenburg (15th), Bill Lutz (16th), and Les Scott (20th).

### Pheasant Limits

Pheasant bag limits this year are two cocks per day for the first two days of the season, and four per day thereafter, with a 10 bird total limit for the entire season. Hunters must purchase pheasant tags and birds killed must be tagged immediately.

the putter or how you stand, the putter blade must and should move on a straight line on the back stroke and the follow through. Don't open or close the blade.

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### SOUTH

By Joe Dixon  
Press Scholastic Reporter

Tied with El Segundo as top leader in the Pioneer League, the Spartans from South High, will journey north to meet Aviation in a night game tomorrow.

Perhaps the most improved team in the league, South showed its might last week when the Spartans defeated a hapless Beverly Hills team 37-7. Sparked by tailback Joe Austin the league leaders scored in every period to hand the Normans their fourth loss.

Against Aviation tomorrow night the Spartans will have to work a bit harder for victory for the Falcons displayed a tough defense when they beat Torrance High last week. In hard running Dennis Hearn, Aviation has a halfback worth setting up a defense for. In Pat Coizer the Falcons sport a defensive back that could wreak havoc with Pat Duffy's passes.

Coach Dave Tollefson's gridders are rated by one touchdown to get by Aviation before they tangle with El Segundo here one week from tomorrow. If El Segundo can come up with a win tomorrow then brother reserve your tickets for the Nov. 21 meeting of these titans of the Pioneer League.

### TORRANCE

By John Whitacre  
Press Scholastic Reporter

Upset last week by Aviation, Coach Irwin Kasten's Torrance High Tartars shove off tomorrow for a night game against league leading El Segundo.

Held to only four first downs by Aviation the Tartars will try and bring life into their offense in hopes of upsetting an El Segundo eleven that is favored to stay on top for Pioneer League laurels.

This week in practice Kasten had his boys work on holding onto the pigskin. Against Aviation the Tartars committed five fumbles in the second half that stopped scoring drives. No sooner had Howard Taylor's passes bought them within striking distance when up squirted the football from the hands of Torrance backs.

In six games played to date the Tartars sport a four and two record having defeated two Bay League teams, Redondo and Inglewood. Besides their loss to the Falcons the Tartars were manhandled by their neighbors South High.

Torrance has been hot and cold during the current season, however, this reporter feels that they have two more good games in them, the one tomorrow and then Culver City next week to close the season.

### NORTH

By Bruce Allyson  
Press Scholastic Reporter

Sporting the most miserable record of Torrance high schools, North High will try and reorganize in hopes of salvaging tomorrow night's game against lowly Mira Costa at North High Stadium.

Last week Shoup's young and inexperienced gridders dropped their fourth game in Bay League competition when they lost to Redondo 13-0. The game was the dullist, most trying game ever witnessed by this reporter. North never threatened to score against a Redondo eleven that seemed to want to collapse at any moment.

Affable North High coach Bob Shoup, perhaps making like a Sid Gilman, tried to instill some drive in his boys when he alternated quarterbacks Carothers and McCall. However, this bit of gridiron logic failed as did his offensive line. Redondo tacklers were in on the ball carriers before they could generate a bit of steam.

Against Mira Costa tomorrow night the Saxons should feel even terms with their opponents. Neither squad has won more than one game and both have dropped four.

Being the only game to be played locally, city fans will have little to see. Regardless of North High's enrollment it seems as if the Saxons should return to the Pioneer League. This action is a might too fast for them.

## OUTDOORS WITH MEL

BY MEL SALTZMAN

We had a great time in the Opaleye Derby last weekend and although we didn't get a fish big enough to qualify it was sure fun.

The weather was as good as I have ever seen it with the ocean as calm as a select of glass for most of the morning. The only problem was bait at some of the landings but we had made reservations for bait in advance and we had all the bait we needed. The Federal Breakwater got a heavy play from small boaters and although I didn't see too many Opaleye taken the Catalina Blue Perch and Buttermouth Perch gave us all the action that we could handle. We used 6 pound line and light rods with fresh water reels. This kind of fishing makes it seem kind of silly, to travel hundreds of miles to catch fresh water crappie and bass when good sport and good eating fish are so close to home. I don't know what the winning fish was but 3 pounds 3 oz. was

the leader when I left. The only oddity that I saw was a needle fish which is not usually caught in these waters.

Quail and pheasant season along with Chukar opens this weekend. Best area for Quail is expected to be Imperial Valley along the drain ditches, canals, and desert edges. Good rabbit hunting is expected in the same areas so don't forget your No. 4 or No. 6 shot shells. Riverside County also expects good hunting near Blyth, along the desert washes bordering the river, north of the Weir to Lost Lake. I have a complete list of southern areas and their prospects and will be glad to give you the information on all areas. Just call Mel at FA 8-2173.

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## SCHOLASTIC STANDINGS

Pioneer League

Team	W	L
South High	4	0
El Segundo	4	0
Aviation	3	1
Torrance High	2	2
Culver City	1	3
Beverly Hills	1	4
Lennox	0	5

Bay League

Team	W	L
Santa Monica	5	0
Hawthorne	5	0
Redondo	4	1
Inglewood	3	2
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