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PRESS Sports

THIS at Culver City; Saxons at Redondo, South Hosts LHS

KASTEN AND TARTARS MAKE FOR WINNING COMBINATION

Most professional football coaches, along with college mentors, get their material from high schools all over the country. They, the coaches, know that the prepster is no 100% greenhorn. He comes to them with usually three to four years of experience and if anything he's learned the fundamentals of the gridiron sport.



It's the high school mentor who has the tough job. He gets the boys green, generally with no experience except maybe a little touch football "when I was a kid." At Torrance High this year a young coach is attempting to lead his squad to their first Pioneer League title and the job requires all the abilities at his command.

What kind of a coach is Irwin Kasten? Curious, this reporter garnered the 26-year-old mentor just after a Tartar scrimmage earlier in the week and asked the following questions:

Played at THS

Coach, what previous experience qualified you for the job of head coach here at Torrance High?

I played end with the Tartars in '49, '50 and '51 under Coach Cliff Graybill. I lettered in football at El Camino and was on the squad at UCLA.

What was your playing height and weight? Same as it is now, almost. Six feet one and around one hundred eighty pounds.

How does it feel teaching, the game of football to youngsters? I like every phase of it. I'm happy coaching at Torrance High. How does your wife feel about it? Is she up or down depending on a win like you?

Jean is as enthusiastic as I about coaching and football. She never misses a game. However, she gave birth to our third child and missed the Lawndale game.

This is your second year as head coach. How do you compare this year's squad to last?

We had a good team in '59, but this '60 aggregation is much better.

Why? It's a much more coordinated outfit. No outstanding star. The players are happy with one another. They work better together as a unit. There is a lot of spirit on this year's contingent of Tartars. And I am very elated over the way Clyde Christensen, my back coach, has developed the backs into a strong offensive unit.

Culver City Tough

You've won four and have not lost a game in league play this year. However, the Tartars face Culver City Thursday night (tonight). Is your team up to full strength and what are your chances in winning this one?

We are ready physically and mentally. In fact the Tartars have been this way all year. But I'm worried a defeat here would give Culver City the title. We've got to work twice as hard for this one as any of our other games this season. Our opponent is tough and is the stiffest competition thus far.

Would you say Torrance High is in the right league?

Oh yes. The Pioneer League is where we belong.

Would you like to see the Tartars play North or South in a pre-season game?

Yes. Inter-city rivalry always sharpens the boys for games to come. It's healthy competition.

Kasten has done a tremendous job with the Tartars this year. He is considerate of his players and holds the admiration of his team to the man. Desire and conscientious will are always present. I envision nothing but success for the man who will carry the Tartars to a Pioneer League Championship.

Top Ranking Golfers Will Compete at 7th Annual Gardena Tourney

Golfers competing in the Seventh Annual Gardena Valley Western Avenue Golf Tournament this month will have to top sharp-shooting Los Angeles golfer Charlie Clifford who won last year's tournament with a score of 200 for 54 holes.

The tourney will be held November 10 through 13 at Los Angeles County's Western Avenue Golf Course (12009 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles) and will feature more than 300 Southern California amateur and professional golfers.

Par score for the course is 213 which was bested by Sifford's average last year of 66.4 for 18 holes. Sifford's title as champion of last years tournament will be on the block in this year's intense competition.

Sifford will defend his title against a collection of Southern land golfers which includes such names as Eric Monti, Jerry Barber, Chet and Fay Coleman, Mike Austin, Grable Duvall, Jimmie Thompson, Emil Scodeller, Ralph Blomquist, and Bill Spiller.

More than 200 entries have been received by Western Avenue golf pro, Earl Martin, who sent out 800 invitations to golfers throughout Southern California.

A tradition in the Los Angeles area, the annual tournament was first played in 1954.

The tournament is sponsored by the Gardena Valley Kiwanis Club in conjunction with the Western Avenue Men's Club and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to promote various programs and undertakings for the general overall community welfare, according to tournament officials, with much of the money going to establish and further youth programs, activities, and scholarships.

North Out to Upset 'Hawks

By BRUCE ALLYSON Press Football Writer

Just what does a fifth place team do when they go up against one of the three league leading teams? It comes right back, after a disastrous defeat by Hawthorne, and tries to push a victory across. The Saxons from North High will be trying to do just that tomorrow night when they journey to Seahawk Stadium and take on the rejuvenated 'Hawks from Redondo High.

Currently the Bay League spots three teams tied for first place. Besides Redondo, the 'Hawks rose from an Inglewood defeat and walloped the daylights out of Morning-side 25-6. This forced the latter eleven in the tie and in the event Redondo goes on and takes its next two games. Morningside would have to concede first place regardless of their efforts in their two games to come.

Not especially going anywhere this season the Saxons want to stop Redondo. Humiliated by Hawthorne last week, 25-6, the Canxons are due for an upset.

Carey Hubert was way off target in the Cougar game and so was the entire defensive unit of the North squad. On many occasions a good tackle here and there would have stopped Hawthorne runners before the damage was done.

Jeff Bell generated the only touchdown for the Saxons last week when he threw successive passes to Dan Claxton and Ray Dohner late in the second quarter.

North High will have to play a 100% better all-round game if they hope to upset the Hawks tomorrow night.

South Choice in Home Tilt

By JOE DIXON Press Football Writer

After whipping Mira Costa in a close one 12-6 last week the Spartans from South High play host to a hapless Leuzinger eleven tomorrow night at Torrance High Stadium.

Leuzinger, the not so proud Bay League team has not won one game in five league starts this year, was walloped by a high-stepping Inglewood grid machine 33-0 in its last effort. While South, not boasting a much better record, has won one and lost three and was tied by cross-city rival North 13-13.

The Spartans came close to another tie game last week against Mira Costa. With the score even up at 6-6 Joe Austin rolled out and heaved a 21 yard aerial to Harvey Segal for the winning TD game. The win was the first since South defeated Dominguez in a pre-season game.

At long last the line came through for Coach Dave Tolleson. The Spartans held Mustang drives and forced their Bay League opponent to settle for six points.

Austin not only was a figure on offense with his true passes but sparked the defense with his brilliant tackling—in numerous instances bringing Mira Costa back down on the line of scrimmage.



SLOT-BACK Mike Challis of Tartars goes for 12 yards after attempt to get punt off failed during Torrance-El Segundo gridiron affair last week. Tartars got scare but won 18-13. Team plays Culver City tonight.

TARTARS NEED CULVER WIN

By JOHN WHITACRE Press Football Writer

Coach Irv Kasten's Torrance Tartars travel to Culver City tonight to meet the once beaten Centuars in a do or die game for both teams.

Tonight's game will decide who will represent the Pioneer League as champions in the CIF playoffs beginning two weeks from tomorrow night.

Culver City is in the same boat as THS, they have never competed in the post games. Aviation is out of the playoffs because of their loss to Torrance.

The Tartar varsity is tabbed as a 1 point favorite over the Centuars who have only lost one game this season to Aviation. Torrance will have to be at their best against Culver like they were against Aviation and Inglewood in earlier games this year.

In the Tartar-El Segundo homecoming clash last Friday night, in which THS won 18-13 Coach Kasten's crew did not play their best game of the year.

The title bound locals were missing key blocks, Jerry McLean the Tartars top ball carrier

in prior games; was held to 32 yards in 15 carries, bothered by a bad ankle.

Two other Tartars were on the sidelines. John Carlson, THS's top tackle, was ineligible and Mike Irvine, halfback, was confined to defensive assignments because of torn tendons.

Rick Bradford was used for Irvine at halfback, and was the Tartars main offensive threat all evening. He gained 57 yards in 11 carries with the pigskin.

Culver City is a team which features big linemen, and two of the league's top

backs in Doug Campbell and Alan Curr.

Torrance is expected to be at full strength with Irvine and Alan Billings returning to the starting backfield and Carlson returning at right tackle.

MARINE MUSEUM More than 500,000 Southerners and tourists visited Vabrillo Beach Marine Museum last year and more than 40,000 students participated in conducted tours through the facility.

Voting for All-City Team Starts Today

CHOOSE YOUR

ALL-AMERICAN CITY FOOTBALL TEAM

Help the Torrance Press sports staff select its second annual All-American City football team for 1960. It's simple—all you have to do is pick the players you thought played better than anyone else in their respective positions. Use the printed list below of Torrance, North and South High Schools to make your selection.

The football players with the highest number of votes will be presented with individual trophies by the Torrance Press.

So hurry, get your All-American City roster in to us. Bring or mail to Sports Editor, Torrance Press, 3238 W. Sepulveda Blvd., no later than Friday, Nov. 25. Students, faculty and fans are eligible. Your name and address must be on the entry form below.

Announcement of the All-American City football team and date of presentations will be published in the Torrance press edition of Thursday, Dec. 1.

Table with columns for POSITION and SCHOOL, listing various football positions like LE, LT, LG, C, RG, RT, RE, QB, LH, FB, RH.

PICK YOUR TEAM FROM THIS ROSTER

Table listing rosters for SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER and NORTH HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER with player names and positions.

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

Table listing Torrance High School Roster with player names and positions.

NAME ADDRESS

30 Go in Nascar Race at Ascot

The opening afternoon race of the winter at New Ascot Stadium, this Sunday will feature NASCAR Late Model Stock Cars over the speedy half-mile clay oval. Over thirty of the best new car pilots on the coast are entered.

Leading the list of drivers for this championship event, will be Danny Letner, Paramount, who came to the last race after a years retirement, only to drive his 1960 Ford to victory over a field which included, four national champions. Letner will be favorite in Sundays six event program topped by a 50 lap event, the starting 24 fastest cars of the night.

Letner will come up against top competition in the form of Marvin Porter, (59 Ford), the 1959 National NASCAR Short Track champion. Porter, who finished second to Letner last time out, will be ready to gain revenge over his rival, Porter hails from Lakewood.

REMOVE BRIC-A-BRAC

The removal of accumulated bric-a-brac will do much to improve your home's appearance, and perhaps provide room for living that you didn't realize you had. It will make your home a safer place, too.

By ANDY CARTER Press Football Writer

The National Election may be over with and the country satisfied with its new President but in Torrance the major election is yet to come. The second annual Torrance Press All-American City football team has not been chosen. Your balloting will decide what North, South, and Torrance High gridders will receive the valuable and coveted trophy.

Study the roster of players appearing on a ballot on this page. See the rest of the scholastic games on tap in the next two weeks, and decide for yourself what football players merit this acknowledgement. Bring or send your choices to the Torrance Press. You can wait till the season is over or bring them in now. All entries must be in the PRESS offices no later than Friday, Nov. 25, a week after the season is over.

Last year students, football fans, and faculty choose five players from Torrance High, four from South, and two from North to the roster of the All-City team. An aggregation so powerful they could have whipped any junior college unit if given the chance.

The players selected were Cliff Weimer, in his senior year at THS, Vernon Davis, Stan Gonta, Howard Taylor, also in his last year, and Joe Montgomery; all from the Tartar squad. From South High the people chose Mike Czarske, Dennis Higgins, Bob Wehrhan and Joe Austin. The latter two competing for honors this year as seniors. From the Saxon eleven of 1959, the choice was John Sibley and Bill Claxton. The former also in his last year with North High.

Parents Invited to Ruth Meet

There will be a general meeting of parents interested in having their boys play Babe Ruth baseball next year at the YMCA, Plaza del Amo and Arlington Ave., tonight at 7:30 p.m., it was announced this morning by Margaret Heaton, publicity director.

Purpose of the meet is to acquaint the parents with managers and officers of the loop.

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