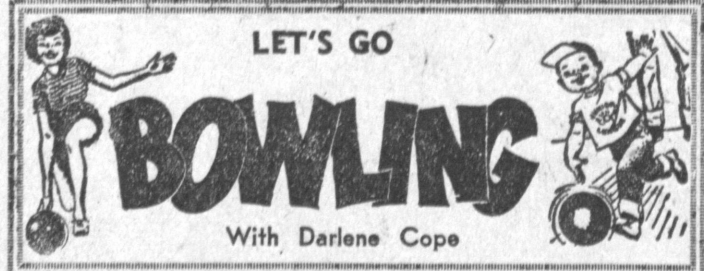


# PRESS Sports



Jerry Homel and this reporter of Gable House would like to salute sportscaster Steve Ellis, who is doing a brilliant job sportscasting the local television shows of the Los Angeles Toros.

## SPORTS CAREER



Steve Ellis began with television station KTTV, channel 11, March 27 of this year. He has a nightly sports program on KTTV from 10:20 to 10:30, or between George Putnam and Paul Coates. He says that he announces between Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig and jokingly states that the audience is there, all he has to do is hold them.

Now 42, Ellis has been announcing for 20 years. Most of his career was spent in New York City. While attending St. John University Law School, Ellis got his first break into the sports world during 1941 by auditioning for an announcing spot. With his exceptional talent, love for sports, and luck which goes with it, Ellis got the job.

Our subject announced the major league New York Giants' games for five years in the early '50's. He announced the Wednesday night fights on television and radio for seven years, which required traveling from coast to coast. During this time he broadcast 40 World Championship fights—three Joe Louis, five Sugar Ray Robinson, and several Rocky Marciano. He also covered the Columbia University football games for six years.

Over the 20 years, Steve has announced golf, basketball, tennis, football, baseball and now bowling—all of the major sports. Ellis won an award in 1958—The Talent Digest TV Sportscasting Award of the Country. He won it for being the most versatile sportscaster.

After the New York Giants left to relocate in San Francisco, Steve went to Miami, Florida, where he broadcast his own bowling show every Saturday night for two years.

His greatest thrill was broadcasting a top bowling match between Eddie Lubanski and Billy Welu. Eddie bowled two perfect 300 games back to back to beat out Welu. It was just an exhibition match, unsanctioned, but it was still a great thrill.

## BEGAN WITH TOROS

In talking with Mr. Ellis, I asked him how he was picked to announce the local Toro games. Ellis replied that it was a combination of Leonard Homel, Frank Bull, Hank Konyak, and Bob Brickner of KTTV.

He believed that he was chosen because he is a colorful announcer, doesn't whisper, and lives the sport while announcing. He also stated that he loves the sport of bowling but is not active in it. His claim to sporting fame is table tennis, where at one time he played in a doubles match with Buddy Blattner. In fact Ellis was broadcasting with the New York Giants when Blattner was playing with them.

Ellis is quite excited over the formation of the National Bowling League. He believes that the Toros have a tremendous chance to be an even greater team once they get started. He has broadcast four of the Toro shows and has 11 more to go—three in December, first one this Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Bowling, in his opinion, has always been a good television attraction and has had good ratings. He feels that the NBL will be bigger than the programs Jackpot Bowling, Championship Bowling and Make That Spare. The Toro broadcast is the only two hour live bowling show.

Ellis does the bowling show by himself but does have some help from an anchor bowler herself, Hope Ricilli. While announcing the Doubles Championship tournament at South Bay, Ellis was lucky to have Don Carter mike side.

Ellis enjoys interviewing the many star bowlers during the TV broadcasts. He likes to talk to the "Hot Guys" of the evening as he feels that this is what the public wants. He hopes that with its colorful announcing, viewers will enjoy bowling as a spectator's sport.

Our sportscaster feels that the way the NBL feature their event—man to man, five against five, is a great thing from a competitive standpoint. It should interest both bowlers and non bowlers.

Ellis classifies the five team men thusly: 1. Lead off man—2. Pressure man—3. Pivot man—4. Clean up man—and 5. Anchor man.

We all hope that the Los Angeles Toros do real well this year, but even if they don't come out on top, they have helped to pave the way for another major league sport.

## Leuzinger Alumni Meet Varsity at Dec. 1 Session

Leuzinger High School Alumni Association will sponsor an alumni vs. varsity basketball game at the school, Friday, December 1 at 8 p.m.

Playing for the alumni will be: Greg Halberg '52, Mike Stellino '51, Tom Wadman '53, Dick Lester '51, Jack Jones '52, Hank Bojorquez '53, Dave Howard '56, Fred Oakley '56, Joe Brandenburg '59, Ron Schneider '61, Jim McFarlin '69 and Carl Barnes '53.

Leading cheers for the "oldsters" will be former cheerleaders, Barbara Ward Allee '53 and Freda Fosdick Barnes '54. The LHS Band will be on hand also.

## Lakers Will Clash With Philly Team

The league-leading Los Angeles Lakers return from an eight-game road trip to meet Wilt Chamberlain and his Philadelphia Warriors in a pair of games at the Sports Arena Friday and Saturday evenings, December 1 and 2.

The series brings together the two most prolific scorers in all of basketball—Chamberlain and the Lakers' great Elgin Baylor. They were the one-two scorers of the league last season and are at it again this fall.

Chamberlain, the 7-2 superman, started off the season with an amazing average of more than 50 points per game. He has slowed just a little in recent starts but still threatens to become the first point-a-minute player in pro history.

## 56 POINTS

The last time the Lakers and Warriors tangled, Wilt stuffed in 56 points in a losing cause. Laker Coach Fred Schaus says there simply is no way to halt the giant, so "we'll try the other Warrior players."

Baylor is averaging around 35 points per game to be Wilt's closest rival in the point-producing chase. And sparked by Baylor, the Lakers are off to a great start in quest of the Western Division chase.

The Lakers have won two out of three meetings with Philly.

Laker General Manager Lou Mohr reports Gardner McKay's Hollywood Leading Men will meet disc jockeys from KHJ Radio and TV in a preliminary to the Laker-Syracuse game at the Sports Arena Monday night, Dec. 4. McKay has already lined up James Garner, Don Murray, Pat Boone and Rafer Johnson for his team.

## Bowling Series Opens Friday

A National Bowling League series between the Los Angeles Toros and Twin Cities of Minnesota, previously scheduled to open Nov. 22 at Jefferson Arena in Culver City, was postponed because of the World Invitational Championships at Chicago, it was announced today by Toros president Leonard Homel.

Players from both squads currently were competing in the Chicago tournament. Teams instead will launch a 3-match series Friday night, when the Toros make their next home appearance.



READY FOR ACTION in the forthcoming Metropolitan Conference title chase are members of El Camino College's basketball squad. Front, left to right, Bob Withers (54), Dick Jones (58), Dave Brown (59), Dave Yane (56), Gary Gonnerman (34), Dan

Karavas (55) and Verne Holte (57). Back, left to right: Ed Turner (76), Ron Dinnel (32), Paul Bush (78), Keith Erickson (42), Ron Lewis (77), Mike Schrader (44), Paul Ingelman (43) and Gary Nix (33).

## Jay East and Jack Austin Head Field of Entries in Next Sunday's Hot Rod Races

Jay East, Colton, and Jack Austin, Downey, head a field of fifty cars next Sunday afternoon, in the nine event CJA hot rod racing program at Gardena's Western Speedway, 139th St. at South Western Ave.

East took his first main event win of the year at Western two weeks ago, although he has taken two wins at other tracks this

season. Austin made his first start in three months two weeks ago after injuring his knee in a sprint car accident. He captured the semi-main.

Austin's and East's chief adversaries will be a trio of popular favorites. Heading the list is number two man in the point chase, Art Atkinson, South Pasadena. He will team with Chuck Townsend, Gardena, and Billy Can-

trell, Colton, as they try to stop their rival.

## FOUR MAINS

Atkinson has four main events to his credit this year at Western, while Cantrell has taken four mains at Western and San Bernardino, and Townsend has tasted victory three times this season.

Other top drivers who will rate watching include: Bob Simmons, South Gate; Jim Roessler, Barstow; Jasper Lopiccio, Downey; Vallie Engelauf, Riverside; Steve Kennick, El Monte; Art Hayes, Temple City; Audie Madron, Compton; Harry Prouty, Buena Park; Lowell Pratt, Glendale; Jim Lorry, Long Beach; Cliff Garner, North Hollywood; Jack Drake, Long Beach; Ron Garriott, Gardena; Mel Armstrong, Lakewood; Dee Hart, Temple City; Dallas Harrison, Hermosa Beach; Duke Parsons, Downey; Ed Van Eyk, Bellflower; and Bob Hawley, Norwalk.

Nine events are on the days racing slate, topped by a 30-lap feature. Other happenings include, a four lap trophy dash, four 8-lap heat races, an 8-lap handicap dash and a 15-lap semi-feature. Altogether, the over 85 laps of action and thrills at Sunday's race will be the final tune-up for next Sunday's open competition speed carnival at Western.

Speed fans are holding onto their admission tickets these days as the time for the drawing for a free 1961 Ford Falcon is Sunday, December 24.

## El Camino Grabs Fourth Place in Metro FB Ranks

Completing a carbon copy of last year's season, El Camino College gridgers clinched fourth place in the Metropolitan Conference by executing host East Los Angeles, 34 to 6 last weekend.

In duplicating the 5-4 mark of 1960, the Tribe dropped its first game of the season to Boise, Idaho, but came back to down Weber, Utah; San Diego, Valley Harbor and the Huskies. As they did last year, the Indians fell before grid might Bakersfield—Junior Rose Bowl representatives for the West Coast, Long Beach and Santa Monica.

Stymied by 145 yards worth of penalties, El Camino allowed East Los Angeles to light up the scoreboard first, but then came back to lynch the Huskies behind the passing of John Torok.

Torok had perhaps his fin-

est night as a Warrior, throwing one TD pass, and eating up huge chunks of yardage through the aerial lanes.

## ELA SCORE

Midway through the first period, East LA turned a short Camino punt into a 38-yard touchdown drive with Jerry Cohill blasting over from six yards out for the first and last Huskie score of the night.

Camino bounced right back, going 78 yards to score. Torok's passes devoured 53 yards during the march and the EL Cam quarterback handled the scoring chores himself, sneaking over from one-yard out.

Jim Allison hauled the pigskin 36 yards and a dazzling 13-yard pass play from Torok to Mike Andrews, who lateraled to Lou Rizzo moved ECC into scoring position.

## Angels Film Now Available for Local Showings

The first film about the Angels—"The Los Angeles Angels Story"—is now available for bookings by service clubs, youth groups and other interested organizations seeking a baseball program. The 22-minute film—a 16 mm sound production in black and white—can be booked by calling the Angels at ADams 2-4761. Groups must have own 16 mm sound projector and screen.

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## Pop Warner Leaguers

Torrance Pop Warner Vikings crushed the Hawthorne Scorpions 33 to 0 in week-end games as the first Viking TD came on a 42 yard run by John Reynolds. PAT by Dan Pritchett.

George Ray scored on an 18 yard run while Jack Hase grabbed a Scorpion fumble and raced 30 yards for a score. John Reynolds threw to Terry Smith for a 26 yard TD and Dan Pritchett grabbed another Reynolds pass for 21 yards and a tally. Skip Hogue tackled Gary Beard behind the Scorpion goal line for a safety.

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## Tordondo Little League To Start Senior Division

Much interest has been shown in the recent Little League announcement that a senior division has been authorized by league headquarters to provide organized baseball for boys 13, 14, and 15 years old. This senior group would be under the direct control of the local Little League, and would be headed by a director and a senior group player agent. Four to eight teams would play under modified big league playing rules, on a diamond larger than that used by Little League players.

There will be a general meeting for adults on Tuesday, December 5 at Carl Steele School at 8 p.m. Meeting will be open to the public. Tordondo board of directors have selected the major little league managers for the 1962 season. All teams will have their 1961 managers returning except for the Tigers and Indians. Boyd Good was selected to manage the Tigers and Marion Heath will take over the Indians.

Al Pierson, president of Tordondo Little League, has wired league headquarters for additional information, in line with determining the probability of putting a sen-

## Toro Steve Nagy Heads Team, 211 Average

Captain Steve Nagy continues to lead the Los Angeles Toros in individual performance as the team gets ready to open a three-game series in New York this weekend.

Steve has high average, 211, and is high point man with 94. Don Ginski has the honors for high game and series, with a 266 and 489. Fred Ricilli has scored the most match points, 26, and Nagy the most bonus points, 72.

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