



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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NEW FOOTBALL FIELD AND TRACK MOVING FORWARD TO SPRING COMPLETION

- ▣ Excellent progress is being made on the installation of the new AstroTurf football field and eight-lane, all-weather track at Uni. This L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD) project, being built by Ohno Construction, is expected to be completed in late May.

When completed, several new elements will be added to the complex. One will be a new scoreboard to be mounted on the Westgate Avenue (west side), which will have 23-foot-long panels available for corporate or personal sponsorship. Would you like your name, or your company's name (and message) on the Uni scoreboard? Let us know your interest at Connect@UHEF.org, and we can walk you through the proposal process. It's not complicated, but – this is LAUSD – there is a process.

In addition, an announcer's booth will be placed on the north side of the field, opposite the stands, allowing accurate statistics to be kept, as well as for public address and press use. This facility is being sponsored by alumnus **Scott Kivel**, who will name it for a revered former Uni administrator at a future ceremony.

Many inquiries have come in concerning the post-renovation impact on the Uni baseball program, which for decades played from the southeast corner of the football field. That will not be possible in the future. In 2015, the baseball team will play its home games at West Los Angeles College.

In view of the LAUSD regulations for baseball and softball, it will be possible to place softball on the football field, as there is no requirement for a permanent outfield fence. Because baseball has this requirement, the plan is to move baseball to the upper field (previously known for many years as the Girl's Field). This will create an excellent location for most purposes, but will create a very short porch in right field, similar (but on a smaller scale) to left field at Boston's famed Fenway Park. The solution will be installation of Uni's own "Blue Monster," a tall fence which will require home runs to reach the wall above a painted line.

Yes, you can sponsor the Blue Monster, too. Just let us know if you're interested.

SENSATIONAL TURNOUT FOR COACH K'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

- ▣ A full house of more than 220 alumni, co-coaches and friends came out to salute a very surprised **Dick Kampmann** (yes, he was surprised!) for his 90th birthday on February 7 at Pepperdine University.

Uni alumni dating back to Kampmann's first team in 1960 (!) were on hand to speak, with Western League 880 yards champion **Harvey Stein** getting the biggest roar:

*"When I spoke to [Coach K's son] **Bill [Stimming]** a few weeks ago, he said 'This is a roast; I'd like you to roast Coach K.' I'm thinking, 'Roast Coach K? I mean, that's like, roasting Moses! What do you say?'"*

Kampmann himself took the microphone for a new minutes in the middle of the program to reflect on reaching 90, the event and reflections on the journey:

"You know, it's usually when the kids got tired running or they wanted to rest, they'd say 'Coach, tell us a story,' and that would take another 30-40 minutes and after a period of time, I finally caught on that 'You don't want to hear my story, you just want to sit here and rest.'

"I have been probably, as I guess Lou Gehrig said, the luckiest man on this earth, to have done what I was able to do and to be with the people that came out to me, and you can see that they still carried on and still have thoughts, and I think the memories that they have – that's the reward for me, more than anything else, is that I gave these young people an opportunity to experience a little, miniature part of life and that they had to rely on each other in order to reach an objective.

"I have been very blessed in the fact that I taught at schools that gave me the opportunity to do what I feel I do best, and that is to coach and teach young people how to achieve.

"I can't believe that all you people [can] still stand around, and you must be long-distance runners in order to hang in there that long.

"I normally speak for hours, but I am not going to do it because it's late and I understand that some of you got other appointments, but I want to thank you very, very, very much for

allowing me to coach you as a student, and the parents who turned their young people over to me for a period of time. And as you heard the talk, the kids – they're not kids now – they're all very strong professionals – they got out what athletics is supposed to be for, and that makes me feel good.

“Those are the memories I have and I will carry them with me.

“When I reached 90, I thought, 'hey, maybe I can get to 100.' (cheers) But my role model happened to be a fellow who lived to be 104, in **Jim Pursell**, the former USC and Uni guy. He's been my idol [who] I followed myself [as Uni coach]. And to tell you the kind of person he was, when I was at Dorsey High School, we had a contest against Uni, and they had had a winning streak of, I think it was like 33 or 37 in a row in dual meets, and I took this group of young people, and they had never really won anything, and went over to University High School and we beat 'em, snapping their thing. And the thing that impressed me most was that after the meet was over, I was talking to Jim Pursell and he said, 'Coach, could I get on the bus and talk to your kids for a few minutes?' And I thought, 'Wow, of course you can.'

“And he proceeded to tell my Dorsey kids what a fantastic job they had done in snapping a seven-year streak of whatever [number] it was. And that to me is, I said [to myself], 'That's the kind of coach I want to be. I want to do that.' And that's what I thought.

“Anyway, I thank you and appreciate everything that you have said. And we still may try for 100, but I'm not sure.”

Everyone who was in attendance is hoping he does.

ON CAMPUS

▣ Uni Winter sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](#)*

- Boys/Basketball: 17-13 overall (5-7 Western League)

The Wildcats finished fourth in the tough Western League with a 5-7 record, a game behind Palisades (6-6). That earned Uni a no. 4 seeding and a first-round bye in the City Division I playoffs (click [here](#) for the complete bracket); Steve Ackerman's team will face the winner of Wednesday's game between Kennedy (10-19) and Washington (11-12) in a home game on February 20 at 7 p.m. in the quarterfinals.

Senior 6-1 forward **Cushan Allen** and senior 5-8 guard **Nicholas Brooks** finished the regular season as Uni's top scorers with averages of 18.4 and 11.7 points per game, respectively. Senior forward **Keijon Hickman** led in rebounding at 9.4 a game, while Brooks averaged 2.7 assists a game, just ahead of soph **Rudy Eugenio** at 2.6 a game.

Nov. 24	Franklin	Won, 85-48	(Alhambra Moor Classic)
Nov. 25	Roybal	Won, 73-42	(Alhambra Moor Classic)
Nov. 26	Alhambra	Won, 72-55	(Alhambra Moor Classic)
Nov. 28	Yeshiva	Won, 57-45	(Alhambra Moor Classic)

Dec. 01	Salesian	Won, 72-45	(St. Monica Tournament)
Dec. 02	Verbum Dei	Won, 81-66	(St. Monica Tournament)
Dec. 03	Chaminade	Lost, 58-68	(St. Monica Tournament)
Dec. 04	St. Monica	Lost, 61-81	(St. Monica Tournament)
Dec. 08	El Segundo	Won, 63-56	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
Dec. 11	St. Bernard	Won, 73-59	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
Dec. 12	Windward	Lost, 53-67	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
Dec. 13	Harvard-Westlake	Lost, 71-90	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
Jan. 03	Trinity Classical	Lost, 41-64	(Clash at the Canyons Showcase)
Jan. 05	Van Nuys	Won, 54-52	(Kennedy Cougar Classic)
Jan. 06	Grant	Won, 61-40	(Kennedy Cougar Classic)
Jan. 07	Cleveland	Lost, 62-64	(Kennedy Cougar Classic)
Jan. 08	Verdugo Hills	Won, 52-42	(Kennedy Cougar Classic)
Jan. 14	@ Venice	Lost, 68-73	
Jan. 16	@ Palisades	Won, 77-68	
Jan. 19	Fremont	Won, 67-44	(Martin Luther King, Jr. Showcase)
Jan. 21	Fairfax	Lost, 40-90	
Jan. 23	@ Westchester	Lost, 49-68	
Jan. 26	Hamilton	Won, 62-50	
Jan. 28	@ Los Angeles CES	Lost, 64-71	
Jan. 30	Venice	Won, 81-78	
Feb. 04	Palisades	Lost, 40-80	
Feb. 06	@ Fairfax	Lost, 52-100	
Feb. 09	Westchester	Lost, 40-60	
Feb. 11	@ Hamilton	Won, 56-54	
Feb. 13	Los Angeles CES	Won, 76-73	
Feb. 20	Kennedy or Washington	7 p.m.	(City Div. I quarterfinals: at Uni)

- Girls /Basketball: 18-9 overall (7-5 Western League)

Uni's fine regular season concluded with three wins in a row and seven in its last nine games to earn third place in the Western League. *Good news:* that earned the Wildcats the final spot in the City Open Division quarterfinals, essentially a no. 8 ranking in the City. *Bad news:* the no. 8 spot means the Wildcats have to face top-seeded Narbonne (21-5 and 7-0 at home) on the road on February 20 at 7 p.m. ([bracket](#)).

Precious Nwaba, Uni's star 5-9 senior guard, finished the regular season as Uni's top player, averaging 22.4 points, 7.8 rebounds and 4.4 steals per game. Junior 6-4 center **Jada Gambah** is also averaging in double figures at 12.5 points a game, a team-high 9.7 rebounds and 1.3 blocks.

Nov. 24	King/Drew	Won, 72-22	(Carson Tournament)
Nov. 25	Huntington Park	Won, 56-18	(Carson Tournament)
Nov. 26	Amino South L.A.	Won, 47-40	(Carson Tournament)
Nov. 28	Carson	Lost, 47-32	(Carson Tournament)
Dec. 15	Taft	Won, 51-42	
Dec. 19	Cleveland	Won, 49-29	
Dec. 26	Indio	Won, 54-34	(MaxPreps Holiday Tourn. @ Shadow Hills)
Dec. 27	Valencia	Lost, 54-61	(MaxPreps Holiday Tourn. @ Shadow Hills)
Dec. 29	Alta	Lost, 54-64	(MaxPreps Holiday Tourn. @ Shadow Hills)
Dec. 30	San Dimas	Won, 61-24	(MaxPreps Holiday Tourn. @ Shadow Hills)
Jan. 06	Marshall	Won, 56-26	(L.A. City Showcase @ Fairfax)
Jan. 07	Granada Hills	Lost, 43-50	(L.A. City Showcase @ Fairfax)

Jan. 08	Cleveland	Won, 58-37	(L.A. City Showcase @ Fairfax)
Jan. 10	Garfield	Won, 48-39	(L.A. City Showcase @ Fairfax)
Jan. 14	Venice	Won, 62-37	
Jan. 16	Palisades	Lost, 59-71	
Jan. 21	@ Fairfax	Lost, 28-39	
Jan. 23	Westchester	Lost, 41-46	
Jan. 24	Mount Miguel	Won, 46-39	
Jan. 26	@ Hamilton	Won, 87-26	
Jan. 28	Los Angeles CES	Won, 46-31	
Jan. 30	@ Venice	Won, 54-51	
Feb. 04	@ Palisades	Lost, 52-64	
Feb. 06	Fairfax	Lost, 45-58	
Feb. 09	@ Westchester	Won, 53-32	
Feb. 11	Hamilton	Won, 66-25	
Feb. 13	@ Los Angeles CES	Won, 43-35	
Feb. 20	@ Narbonne	7 p.m.	(City Div. I quarterfinals)

- Boys/Soccer: 8-5-1 overall (8-4-0 Western League)

Uni completed a strong season with four wins in its last five matches, and will compete in the City Division II championships as the no. 15 seed, playing at no. 2 Sylmar on February 19 at 3 p.m. ([bracket](#)).

(Home games at Webster Middle School)

Dec. 01	@ Van Nuys	Tie, 1-1	Jan. 23	@ Westchester	Won, 5-2
Dec. 08	@ San Pedro	Lost, 1-4	Jan. 26	Fairfax	Lost, 1-2
Dec. 10	@ Fairfax	Won, 3-2	Jan. 28	@ Los Angeles CES	Won, 2-0
Dec. 12	Los Angeles CES	Won, 4-1	Feb. 04	Venice	Won, 3-0
Jan. 14	@ Venice	Won, 3-0	Feb. 06	@ Palisades	Lost, 0-3
Jan. 16	Palisades	Lost, 0-3	Feb. 11	@ Hamilton	Won, 3-2
Jan. 21	Hamilton	Lost, 1-3	Feb. 13	Westchester	Won, 6-0

- Girls/Soccer: 2-6-6 overall (2-6-4 Western League)

A tough regular season ended on a high note as the Wildcats won their final game against Westchester, 3-2, to break a nine-game winless streak. Uni was placed into the City Division II playoffs as the no. 10 seed and will play at no. 7 Angelou on February 20 at 3 p.m. ([bracket](#)).

(Home games at Webster Middle School)

Dec. 01	@ Van Nuys	Tie, 2-2	Jan. 26	@ Fairfax	Tie, 0-0
Dec. 05	@ Roosevelt	Tie, 1-1	Jan. 28	Los Angeles CES	Lost, 1-3
Dec. 10	Fairfax	Won, 2-1	Feb. 04	@ Venice	Tie, 2-2
Jan. 14	Venice	Tie, 1-1	Feb. 06	Palisades	Lost, 0-6
Jan. 16	@ Palisades	Lost, 1-4	Feb. 09	@ Los Angeles CES	Lost, 0-2
Jan. 21	@ Hamilton	Lost, 0-4	Feb. 11	Hamilton	Tie, 2-2
Jan. 23	Westchester	Lost, 1-2	Feb. 13	@ Westchester	Won, 3-2

REUNIONS

▣ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

- March 21, 2015: CLASS OF 1985
At Mountain Gate Country Club
Reservations: Visit www.ReunionCommittee.com
- March 28, 2015: CLASS OF 1975
At Mountain Gate Country Club
Reservations: Visit www.ReunionCommittee.com
- June 13, 2015: CLASSES OF 1965
At Riviera Country Club
Information: www.UniHi65.com or <http://UniHi65.wordpress.com>
or send an e-mail to unih65@gmail.com
- October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1954
At the Crowne Plaza Hotel Los Angeles Int'l Airport
Information: **Carla Sampson Lowe**
(916/965-4825 or carladlowe@aol.com)
- October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1955
At The Olympic Collection Conference Center
Information: **Dr. Robert E. Garfield** (310/472-2949 or drrobertgarfield@aol.com), or **Lois B. Golden** (310/472-0198)
(Please [click here](#) for a one-page information sheet)

Please send details of your reunions to Connect@UHEF.org for inclusion in future issues!

- ▣ **Jon Startz** (jonstartz@yahoo.com) writes: “[W]hen is [the next] class of 1980 reunion?”

Jon, if I could see the future that clearly, I'd be on eTrade right now instead of writing this report. Most classes have 20-year and 30-year reunions; some groups that have a core which has remained social together have 25-year reunions. If we hear about a Class of '80 25-year reunion, we'll post it here.

- ▣ The Classes of 1965 (Artesians and Peleans), getting ready for their 50-year reunion at Riviera Country Club on June 13, 2015, has established a “class challenge” goal of \$1 million! More than \$100,000 has already been raised; for more details, check out their Web site at www.UniHi65.com or the class blog at <http://UniHi65.wordpress.com>.

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

- ▣ Visit www.UHEF.org and tell your classmates to sign up for the *Warriors & Wildcats Report* and volunteer for UHEF activities.

The Foundation, now in its 29th year, has raised nearly \$600,000 to support Uni's mission of educational excellence, and to supplement the instructional budget in these lean times. You can donate to the cause by [clicking here!](#)

UNI ALUMNI NOTEBOOK

- ▣ **Lloyd Hurst** (Rhurstjr@aol.com) asks for information about teacher **Edith Provan**: “Music teacher in the 1950s, [any] information please? She was a fine teacher.”

Sorry, Lloyd, we don't, but maybe one of our readers can help you. Neither Uni nor the Uni Hi Education Foundation maintains comprehensive files on former students, faculty or staff.

- ▣ **Ilonka Alexander** (ilonka300@gmail.com) asks “I'm trying to reach my former classmate and BFF **Barbara Waxman**. Do you have a line on her?”

Sorry, Ilonka, no. But we are posting your message here in the hopes that one of our readers may be able to help.

- ▣ **Richard Leib** (hotshock@sbcglobal.net) asks “Are you going to have a link so we can contact other Uni High Alumni that register with the site? I personally would like to see a couple years of alumni have their reunion together. Such as the class of 1970 and 1971. Since LAUSD ended the A/B system, many of my friends were in the class of 1970 even though I graduated in 1971.”

Your idea is a good one, Richard, but not one the Foundation currently envisions. We have some e-mail addresses, some street addresses and some phone numbers, but none are regularly updated and none of our members have been asked to allow their contact information to be publicly posted. To be useful, directory entries would have to be verified annually, and the Foundation does not have a way to continuously update or maintain these listings. Great idea, but not one we can undertake at present.

Perhaps you can start with a group of your friends from those years and spread the word for a combined 45/46-year reunion for the '70 and '71 classes in 2016?

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ February 4 was a big day of college football fans, as the opening of the National Signing Day for football, when high school seniors can sign National Letters of Intent to play for the universities of their choice.

Given their success on the field this past season, Uni held its own Signing Day ceremony, saluting one current and one former star who signed up for athletic scholarships at NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) universities:

- **Cory Butler**, a 5-10 cornerback who completed his work at Uni and is now finishing up at Harbor Community College before heading to the University of Utah.
- **Tyrone Nelson**, the 5-11 running back who was Western League Offensive Player of the Year (1,547 rushing yards, 11 touchdowns), signed with the University of Texas El Paso (UTEP).

Congratulations and continued success to both; you've made us proud.

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