# Sports

# 'BLUE' TEAMS FIGHT FOR LEADERSHIP

Herb Curley outdid himself this week for Columbia Steel, breaking the season record he set last week for his team and the Blue division of the City Basketball League by shooting a 22 to help keep his team in the running for the division championship with a 52-36 win over Greater Torrance Market.

Meanwhile the division leading Harbor Docs chalked up a 33-28 win over Walteria to keep their one game advantage over Lovelady and Columbia. Redondo Sea Foods forfeited to Lovelady.

Summaries:

| Harbor Docs, 33 | | Walteria, 28 |
|---|---|---|
| Freeman 4 | F | Hanson 3 |
| Hofferber 12 | F | Barrett 1 |
| | F | Kirkruff 4 |
| Bowman 7 | C | R. Crowshaw 4 |
| McGrade 5 | C | |
| Laycock 1 | C | |
| Tripe 1 | G | Ward 9 |
| Medafind 1 | G | B. Crawshaw 7 |
| Walls 2 | G | |

Halftime score: Docs 17, Walteria 12

| Columbia, 52 | | Torr. Mkt., 36 |
|---|---|---|
| Bell 8 | F | Burchfield 16 |
| Anderson 3 | F | Marshall 0 |
| Meyers 6 | F | |
| Curley 22 | C | Van Valer 14 |
| Ban 4 | G | Avalos 3 |
| Hattrup 2 | G | Martin 3 |
| Theodosis 8 | G | |

Halftime score: Columbia 26, Torrance 16.

Redondo forfeited to Lovelady.

### City Basketball LEAGUE STANDING

"Blue" Wednesday League

| Team | Won | Lost |
|---|---|---|
| Harbor Docs | 3 | 0 |
| Lovelady Hardware | 2 | 1 |
| Columbia | 2 | 1 |
| Walteria | 2 | 1 |
| Redondo Sea Food | 0 | 3 |
| **"Black" Friday League** | | |
| Fenwick's | 4 | 0 |
| Reed's | 3 | 1 |
| Merchants | 2 | 2 |
| Prodan | 1 | 3 |
| National | 1 | 3 |
| Teachers | 0 | 4 |

Final games in the "Black" league will be played Friday as follows:
Fenwick's vs. Merchants, 7 p.m.
Teachers vs. Prodan, 8 p.m.
Reed's vs. National, 9 p.m.

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## Midgets To Meet On Carrell Oval

Because the mighty midgets were rained out last Sunday, the AAA big car races originally scheduled at Carrell Speedway this Sunday will be replaced by the midget card planned last week.

Promoter Bill White said the midgets would use the regular track, not the figure "S" course recently used by jalopies.

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## BAY LEAGUE STANDINGS

METROPOLITAN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pts. | Opp. | *GBL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| East L.A. | 4 | 1 | 267 | 263 | |
| Santa Monica | 3 | 2 | 276 | 237 | 1 |
| El Camino | 3 | 2 | 271 | 229 | 1 |
| San Diego | 3 | 2 | 269 | 242 | 1 |
| Bakersfield | 1 | 4 | 249 | 334 | 3 |
| Harbor | 1 | 4 | 244 | 263 | 3 |

* Games behind leader.

Friday's Results
East L.A. 51, El Camino 48.
San Diego 42, Santa Monica 37.

Friday's Games
El Camino at Harbor JC.
Santa Monica at Bakersfield.
San Diego at East L.A.

BAY LEAGUE VARSITY

| | W | L | Pts. | Opp. | *GBL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Santa Monica | 6 | 0 | 223 | 127 | |
| Inglewood | 4 | 1 | 202 | 175 | 1 |
| Redondo | 4 | 1 | 218 | 205 | 1 |
| Torrance | 2 | 3 | 172 | 161 | 3 |
| L.B. Jordan | 2 | 3 | 157 | 208 | 3 |
| Beverly Hills | 2 | 3 | 151 | 191 | 3 |
| Leuzinger | 1 | 4 | 178 | 210 | 4 |
| El Segundo | 0 | 5 | 139 | 215 | 5 |

* Games behind leader.

Friday's Results
Redondo 39, Beverly Hills 29.
Santa Monica 41, Inglewood 34.
Torrance 27, El Segundo 27.
L.B. Jordan 43, Leuzinger 32.

Friday's Games
Torrance at Redondo.
Leuzinger at Santa Monica.
L.B. Jordan at Beverly Hills.
El Segundo at Inglewood.

BAY LEAGUE LIGHTWEIGHTS

| | W | L | Pts. | Opp. | *GBL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Santa Monica | 5 | 0 | 222 | 150 | |
| Redondo | 4 | 1 | 183 | 154 | 1 |
| Torrance | 3 | 2 | 196 | 149 | 2 |
| Beverly Hills | 3 | 2 | 158 | 144 | 2 |
| Inglewood | 2 | 3 | 139 | 167 | 3 |
| El Segundo | 1 | 4 | 140 | 212 | 4 |
| L.B. Jordan | 1 | 4 | 132 | 190 | 4 |
| Leuzinger | 1 | 4 | 119 | 151 | 4 |

* Games behind leader.

Friday's Results
Redondo 32, Beverly Hills 23.
Santa Monica 38, Inglewood 13.
Torrance 47, El Segundo 22.
L.B. Jordan 29, Leuzinger 23.

Friday's Games
Torrance at Redondo.
Leuzinger at Santa Monica.
L.B. Jordan at Beverly Hills.
El Segundo at Inglewood.

BAY LEAGUE CEES

| | W | L | Pts. | Opp. | *GBL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Redondo | 4 | 1 | 167 | 113 | |
| Inglewood | 3 | 1 | 107 | 80 | ½ |
| Santa Monica | 3 | 1 | 90 | 77 | ½ |
| Torrance | 3 | 3 | 157 | 141 | 1½ |
| Leuzinger | 2 | 2 | 83 | 107 | 1½ |
| Beverly Hills | 1 | 4 | 109 | 115 | 3 |
| El Segundo | 0 | 4 | 58 | 128 | 3½ |

* Games behind leader.

Friday's Results
Redondo 35, Beverly Hills 24.
Inglewood 24, Santa Monica 14.
Torrance 30, El Segundo 12.

Friday's Games
Santa Monica at Leuzinger.
Inglewood at El Segundo.

BAY LEAGUE DEES

| | W | L | Pts. | Opp. | *GBL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Redondo | 5 | 0 | 184 | 80 | |
| Inglewood | 3 | 1 | 111 | 90 | 1½ |
| Santa Monica | 3 | 1 | 108 | 72 | 1½ |
| Leuzinger | 2 | 2 | 82 | 96 | 2½ |
| Torrance | 2 | 4 | 115 | 145 | 3½ |
| El Segundo | 0 | 4 | 46 | 93 | 4½ |

* Games behind leader.

Friday's Results
Redondo 41, Beverly Hills 13.
Inglewood 28, Santa Monica 24.
Torrance 20, El Segundo 17 (o'time)

Friday's Games
Santa Monica at Leuzinger.
Inglewood at El Segundo.

## Pettit's Unique Signing Shakes Baseball World

The case of Paul (Lefty) Pettit, Narbonne's $100,000 rookie, is shaking the principle of major league recruiting at its very foundations.

**Reverberations in the press throughout the country were not stilled completely by Commissioner A. B. Chandler's announcement Monday that the Pittsburgh Pirate hurler rates a clean bill of health in the deal.**

Chandler still has to put the ink to the paper on the tall southpaw's contract before it receives final validity in the eyes of the baseball world, but from his announcement there seems to be little doubt that he will sign.

Most of the prevailing sentiment places no blame on Pettit for being tied up while still in high school by a film producer—something no pro team is allowed to accomplish. But many baseball writers and officials have charged that unique $85,000 athletic-acting deal made by Pettit with Frederick Stephani violates the principle of not signing future stars until they finish school.

**In future years, it has been argued in the press, "agents" may sign up any prospect before baseball representatives have a chance to deal with the boy directly, then sell him to highest bidding club—at a neat profit.**

Commissioner Chandler, in okehing the Pettit deal, said that he had received direct information on the case and contemplated no further action.

However, Fred Saigh, owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, told newspapermen that he planned to file a formal protest to the commissioner's office charging "outrageous evasion."

Chandler's special agent, Dick Butler, spent two weeks in Los Angeles investigating the case and then approved the signing.

**Stephani received nothing but the movie rights out of the Pettit deal, according to reliable information. He agreed to pay Pettit $85,450 and when he sold the baseball rights for $95,450, he wrote a check out to the ex-Narbonne hurler for the difference.**

The major league executive council which met in New York last Sunday, didn't even discuss the matter, according to the press reports.

However, the council recommended an amendment to the high school rule to permit a high school or college coach to act as a pro scout.

According to the provisions, the coach would have a special contract on file in the commissioner's office and wouldn't be able to sign one of his own athletes until a year after he had left school.

NATIONAL FIGURE . . . Paul Pettit is shown here in the process of becoming a national figure people all over the country will be seeing on movie screens all over the nation—and everywhere else baseball is played. —Herald photo.

## Warriors' Fate Hangs On Friday's Game

Coach John Morrow's El Camino cagers will endeavor to move back into competition in the torrid Metropolitan Conference race when they meet lowly Harbor Friday night on the Harbor floor.

Last round found El Camino tallying a 42-38 win over Harbor. Since then Harbor stopped a powerful Santa Monica five and smashed Valley in a non-conference tilt.

Jack Norton, and Bill Madison will carry the load for Harbor since the loss of ace center Les O'Hara has hampered the scoring punch.

Harbor shows a record of 1-4 in league play and the cellar-dwellers will definitely enter the tussle a big underdog.

The important tilt will begin at 8 p.m. A Warrior win will keep the locals in contention for the title while a loss would drop El Camino out of the race.

Hugh Corrigan, sporting a scoring total of 331 points, will team up with Hap Jacobs (271) at the forwards. Len Erickson (230) will open at center, and Ed Kennedy (132) will work with Dick Zwainz (119) at the guard posts.

Paul Held, Ken Kesson, Jim Cline, George Naumann, and Paul Smith will see action in reserve for the Morrowmen.

## Cees Mop Up El Segundo

The Torrance Cees were hot all through the game with El Segundo last Friday when they mopped up the visitors with a 30-12 score.

Captain Jack O'Cain led the home team with eight buckets with strong support from Duane Mittan, who tallied six. El Segundo's Peterson was high for them with six counters.

Summary:

| Torrance, 30 | | El Segundo, 12 |
|---|---|---|
| O'Cain 8 | F | La Franchi |
| Turner 4 | F | Crafton |
| Mittan 6 | F | Fitzgerald 2 |
| Bennett | F | Young |
| Cox 2 | C | Peterson 6 |
| Wolford 2 | C | Thompson |
| Fees | C | |
| Nady 4 | G | Burnell |
| Miller | G | Ray 2 |
| McNary | G | Judd |
| Kobayashi 4 | G | Matthews 2 |
| Garcia | G | Gildewell |

Halftime score: Torrance 22; El Segundo 2.

## Recreation Head To Be Named

Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Henrich Hull said this week that an early decision on a new Director of Recreation is in the offing. He said he has been interviewing applicants with City Manager and only one applicant remains to be interviewed.

The job has been vacant since Dale Riley, former director, failed a civil service examination for the job several weeks ago.

## New Tartar Guard Good Ball Handler In First Game

"Wimpy" Chambers showed good promise last Friday of filling in the hole left by the graduation of Dick Carrow when Chambers played his first "starting" game with the Tartar Varsity in a contest with El Segundo that ended in the Tartars' favor 47-27.

The Tartars showed Carrow's loss early in the game, but by the half the team had found their new pace and played good ball the last half.

John Kulp and Ronnie Higgins were top scorers with 10 points each. Bob Van Hosen was high man for the losers with 8 points.

Summary:

| Torrance, 47 | | El Segundo, 27 |
|---|---|---|
| Kulp 10 | F | Van Hosen 8 |
| Ruth | F | Spenser 3 |
| Costa | F | |
| Higgins 10 | F | Clark 7 |
| Vaughn | F | Traverse 4 |
| Wernett 9 | C | Moore 3 |
| Taylor | C | Randall |
| Chambers 4 | G | Felocr |
| Lilley 2 | G | Ramsey 1 |
| Smith 1 | G | Meeker |
| Dandoy 9 | G | Cravens 1 |
| Irwin 2 | G | Langsley |

## Cees To Play First San Juan Game Friday

The Torrance Cees will play Corona at San Juan Capistrano Friday at 5 p.m. in the second leg of the second San Juan Capistrano Double Elimination Tournament which Torrance won last year.

Duane Mittan, scouting the first game, said, in a long-distance call to the sports editor, that Torrance got a win bye for the first leg and will face the winner of yesterday's first game between Corona and Fallbrook which Corona won 23-20.

The team is counting heavily on Jack O'Cain and his basketwork in the tourney.

## Hope to Enter Three Torrance Teams In Meet

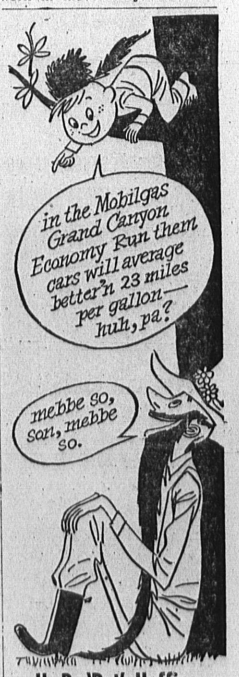
Red Moon, sports director for the City Recreation Department, said this week he hopes to have at least three teams entered in the First Annual Harbor Area Boys' Invitational Basketball Tournament to be held at San Pedro February 18, 22 and 25.

Although, he said, he does not have larger boys available, he hopes to place teams in other classifications. Five divisions will be set up with large boys of unlimited size under 18 in the A division, with boys of specific ages and weights delegated to divisions B, C, D, and E. Team rosters will be limited to 10 players.

Play will be held at Anderson Memorial playground in San Pedro, the San Pedro Boys' Club and the San Pedro YMCA.

The tournament is being sponsored by the "Y" Men's Club, The Los Angeles City Recreation Department, the San Pedro Boys' Club, San Pedro YMCA and the Golden State Foundation.

Trophies for the winning teams in each division and individual players awards for first and second place players in each division will be given by the Golden State Foundation.



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## Sommers Makes Loooong Shot; Dees Win 20-17

The Torrace Dees wound up their 20-17 vctory over the El Segundo Dees with an overtime thriller last Friday when Torrance Captain Bill Sommers made a long, long shot from the center of the floor and made it to top out his total of seven points for the game.

Chamberland was top man with 9 points for the losers.

Summary:

| Torrance, 20 | | El Segundo, 17 |
|---|---|---|
| Sommers 7 | F | Cocke |
| Scholl 1 | F | Chamberland 9 |
| Fees | F | Cole |
| Turner 1 | F | |
| Sues | F | |
| Reid | F | |
| Rojas 2 | C | Koren 6 |
| Kulp | C | |
| Lemaster 2 | C | |
| Munsterman 3 | G | Ramsey 2 |
| Davis | G | Fitzgerald |
| Chlanda | G | |
| Bryant 4 | G | |
| White | G | |
| Stassin | G | |

Halftime score: Torrance 8; El Segundo 6.

## Warriors Tie For Second After Loss To East L.A.

East Los Angeles dropped the El Camino Warriors into a three-way tie for second place by edging out a 51-48 victory last Friday night at Garfield High School.

The Warriors now show a 3-2 record in Metropolitan Conference play, and are currently tied with San Diego and Santa Monica for second place in the loop. San Diego's surprising upset win over the Corsairs last weekend threw the conference into the odd situation.

Coach John Morrow's five didn't find the neutral court to its liking and found themselves on a short end of a 27-21 count at intermission.

The Huskies, paced by John Bogdanov and Mount Carmel ace Norm Witte, took a commanding lead late in the second half and had to withstand a late Warrior rally to capture the tilt. El Camino pulled within two points with minutes remaining, but Witte dropped in a free toss for the margin of victory.

Fouls proved costly again for El Camio. Len Erickson fouled out late in the final half.

Hugh Corrigan maintained his scoring leadership as the Camino forward plunked in 17 points. Erickson caged 9 for the Warriors.

Bogdanov and Witte tallied 18 and 15 points respectively for the victors.

| El Camino, 48 | | East L.A., 51 |
|---|---|---|
| Corrigan 17 | F | Helmer 10 |
| Jacobs 6 | F | Schwarz 0 |
| Erickson 9 | C | Bogandov 18 |
| Zwainz 5 | G | Witte 15 |
| Kennedy 3 | G | Bruno 5 |

Halftime: East L.A. 27; El Camino 21.

Scoring subs: El Camino—Held 6, Kesson 2; East L.A.—Marguia 3.

## Torrance Girls Brave Experts; Lose 62-10

Torrance's untried team of high school girls ran into a blizzard of baskets Tuesday night when they took the place of another team in mid-season in the Long Beach Recreation League.

The Torrance girls, who had not played before this year, could count up only 10 points against 62 for Smitty's team, who, they later learned, usually outscores opponents by at least 70 points.

Future play in the league should be more equal, Red Moon, their coach and mentor for the game predicted. The Torrance girls are being sponsored in the league by the Torrance Recreation Department.

The league games are played at Stephens Junior High School at Santa Fe avenue and Columbia street in Long Beach each Tuesday. The Torrance girls will meet Billie's Team next Tuesday at 8 p.m. Next on their schedule are the Atlantic Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on February 21; the Westsiders at 9 p.m. on February 28; and the Telephone Belles at 9 p.m. on March 7.

Championship in the league will be decided in a tournament on a point basis.

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## PANTHERS DOWN OLYMPIANS

Paced by Neil Peek and Joe Handley, who conspired for a total of 23 points, the Jordan High Panthers defeated Leuzinger, 44-34, in a Bay League contest at Inglewood last Friday night.

Torrance meets Jordan on February 17 in the final tilt of the current season for both teams.

| Jordan, 44 | | Leuzinger, 34 |
|---|---|---|
| Peek 12 | F | Johnson 2 |
| Embley 6 | F | Hill |
| Handley 11 | C | Rose 6 |
| Knoth 3 | G | Smelser |
| Hathaway 4 | G | Kubo 11 |

Halftime scores: Jordan 13, Leuzinger 9.

Scoring subs: Jordan—Powers 2, Carpenter 3, Lewis 3; Leuzinger—Locke 2, Whitney 13.

| Jordan B's, 29 | | Leuzinger B's, 23 |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas 12 | F | Leater 3 |
| Fairley 2 | F | Barr 5 |
| Rogers 1 | C | Siegrist |
| Garner 6 | G | Jones 9 |
| Hunter 5 | G | Neal |

Scoring subs: Jordan—Hal 3; Leuzinger—Holder 1, Bevans 3, Fundall 2

## Seahawks Nip Beverly

| Beverly Hills, 29 | | Redondo, 39 |
|---|---|---|
| Liggitt 8 | F | Eberhard 15 |
| Wittenburg 8 | F | Sherrod |
| O'Brien 5 | C | Kidman 7 |
| Sharplees 2 | G | Paine 6 |
| Cottiar 6 | G | Duhm 9 |

Halftime score: Redondo 18, Beverly Hills 18.

Redondo scoring sub: Drew 2.

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