

# Vikings Sew Up Metro Title Warriors in Race for Second

The Metropolitan Conference basketball race is all but over. About the only thing remaining is the presentation of the championship trophy to the Long Beach Vikings—who are now busy mapping a strategy for the State Jaycee playoffs scheduled for March 5-7 in Long Beach.

Charley Church's smooth-working Vikes, unbeaten in league play with an 11-0 record, make a walkway of the Metro race. They're currently five games on top of second-place El Camino, and have only three league frays remaining.

Most experts think the Vikes will be one of the teams to beat in the State Jaycee play-off next month.

The champs lost a key man in veteran Guard Clarence Smith at mid-season, but picked-up Center Art Hendricksen, former All-CIF star at Long Beach Poly High. Hendricksen played fresh ball at Oregon State last season.

Long Beach's first foe in the State Playoffs will be the winner of the Central Conference. Games this week-end will bring the conference play down to the final games which will be played on Friday, Feb. 27.

Games tomorrow night will see Harbor at Bakersfield, San Diego at East Los Angeles, Santa Monica at El Camino, and Valley at Long Beach.

Saturday night San Diego will be at Bakersfield, Harbor at Santa Monica, Long Beach at East Los Angeles, and El Camino at Valley.

El Camino's chances of hang-

## Amich Roars To Victory At Carrell

Wildman George Amich lived up to his advance billing and came from the pack to capture the 30-lap man for the mighty midgits at Carrell Speedway Sunday afternoon. Amich made the 15-mile run in the fast time of 12:14.40.

Temporarily belted up during a few late laps was Lead-foot Johnny Moo-house, who was second to receive the checkered flag. Johnny Garrett, with his flashy, yellow No. 3 midgit, roared across the finish line third.

Amich had set the pattern for the afternoon by winning the three-lap trophy dash in 1:11.70. He beat out Johnny Garrett, Don Cameron, and Danny Letner in that order.

Howard Kelley, driving a V-8, took the 15-lap semi-main by turning in a 5:16.77 race. He crossed the line ahead of John Coghlan, Bruce Howie, Ed Anderson, and Jerry Curry.

## Sign-up for Trout Boats Set March 16

Once again, a total of 63 city-owned inboard motorboats and rowboats will be available for rental to eager Crowley Lake anglers when the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department opens its reservation office on Monday, March 7 at 8 a.m.

George Marks, who manages the huge man-made reservoir for the Recreation and Park Department, reminded sportsmen that the Crowley Lake reservation office is located in Room 225, Los Angeles City Hall, and that the 1953 "big-fish parade" at the lair of the "tackle-busters" will get under way on Saturday, May 2.

To insure that all anglers have an equal opportunity to obtain one of the city's inboards or rowboats to use for opening-week-end angling, reservations will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to those in line in the City Hall's second-floor hallway on March 16.

## R. W. Mathis Second in Amateur Trapshoot

R. W. Mathis, of 2020 W. 283rd St., tied for second in the Class A division of the Sacramento Mid-Winter Amateur Trapshoot in the northern city this week.

Mathis tied with Harry Dart of Colma with a score of 99x100. Winner of the meet was Arnold Riegler of Seattle, three times national champion, who cracked 100 straight targets at 16 yards.

## Kegling At Torrance Bowl

Service Clubs	21st Week	W	L
Moong	66	30	36
Lions No. 1	54	30	30
Lions No. 2	53	31	29
American Legion	48	36	26
H. H. Sportman	37	47	13
Jaycees	23	61	1
Lutheran Men	28	28	28
Walteria Businessmen	27	57	1

## Standings

METROPOLITAN			
W	L	Pct.	P. A.
Long Beach	11	0	1000 747 654
Bakersfield	6	6	545 684 662
El Camino	6	6	545 681 652
San Diego	6	5	545 738 721
Santa Monica	6	5	545 682 638
Harbor	5	6	465 685 685
Valley	2	9	182 678 808
East L. A.	2	9	182 685 830

A LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	P. A.
Banner Drugs	5	1	833 833 833
Fenwick's Shoes	5	1	833 833 833
Redondo Eagles	5	1	833 833 833
All-Stars	3	3	833 833 833
National Supply	3	3	833 833 833
Hot 'N' Tof Cafe	0	6	833 833 833

GRADE LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	P. A.
Bruna	5	0	833 833 833
Wildcats	5	0	833 833 833
Pathfinders	5	0	833 833 833
Streaks	5	0	833 833 833
Front	5	0	833 833 833
Nativity	1	1	833 833 833
Cubs	1	1	833 833 833
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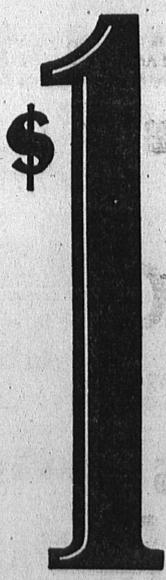


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