

El Camino, Long Beach Loom As Metro Contenders After Wins

Gauchos to Meet Jordan in Last Game of Season

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Gaucha Sports Editor

Narbonne plays at Jordan for the last basketball classic of the season tomorrow evening. The Gauchos will be seriously handicapped by the ineligibility of big Frank "Spook" Burton, leading Gaucha scorer, and Forward Don Minson.

Bob Raine, Banning's All-City guard last year, led his team to a 56-43 victory over Narbonne Tuesday with 26 points. The first half was close with a score of 14-11 in favor of the Pilots.

Aiding the Narbonne cause were Jimmy Williams and Jerry Moore with 14 and 12 digits apiece.

Banning's lightweights also elobbered the Narbonne Bees 68-38 in the preliminary game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Narbonne	9	11	11	12	43
Banning	10	14	17	15	56

BY QUARTERS

Narbonne (43)	(38) Banning
Moore (12)	F (1) Precourt
Hiltz (8)	F (6) Hoziel
Hale	C (2) Just
Biggins (1)	G (26) Raine
Williams (14)	G (14) Ball

Scoring subs: Banning—Banks, 2; Giardena, 5. Narbonne—Tango, 8.

The same two protagonists who fought it out for the championship of the Sam Barry cage tourney—El Camino and Long Beach—were in a tie for first place in Metropolitan Conference standings today after El Camino dumped Valley Junior College 58-51 Tuesday and Long Beach raked East Los Angeles Junior College 72-60.

Long Beach topped El Camino in the Barry affair and won it. So the big game of the year in the Metro loop looks like the Jan. 19 tussle between the Beach boys and the Warriors.

The joker in this deck is potent Bakerfield, which comes to town tomorrow night loaded with aces to meet El Camino in the Warrior gym at 8 o'clock. The Renegades lost their opening conference game to Long Beach 67-59, and will be growling for revenge.

If the Camine eagles can clean the Renegades and the Beach boys in succession, they're going to have the No. 1 ball club around these parts. And they'll be in first place, too.

In Tuesday's fray, Allen Fleming blitzed 22 points through the ropes to lead the Warrior scoring parade. Bill Baron did not start the game, but put it enough time to score 10 points for second high-point honors. The Warriors led all the way, jumping off to a 14-12 first quarter lead and holding the two-point bulge at half time.

The outscored the Valleyites: 16-15 in the third and 14-10 in the fourth quarters. Valley's touted Art Lipschultz was handcuffed, being held to 10 points.

Little League To Double in Size in 1954

The Little Leagues, which began here in '53, are expected to double in size during the '54 season, it was brought out at the first meeting of the year of the Torrance Little League Board of Directors, held recently.

The Board met to discuss the program and formulate plans for the coming season. Provision for the addition of two new teams to the league for summer '54 have been made already and efforts are being put forth to accommodate all boys who want to play this season.

The problem of providing facilities for the rapidly expanding program was discussed following an election of additional officers.

Board members Doug Mohr, Norm Hawkins, Ken Roberts, Phil Humphries and Sam Harris selected John Stoddard vice-president and Al Gates treasurer of the group.

This season the Little League will be split into two leagues composed of boys living north and south of Carson St.

BY QUARTERS

El Camino	14	14	16	14	58
Valley	12	14	15	10	51

BY QUARTERS

El Camino (58)	(51) Valley
Baker (7)	F (10) Lipschultz
Herring (23)	F (16) Morse
Kivlen (7)	C (6) Milton
Nethercott (1)	G (1) Sutton
Heusser (6)	G (2) Pickup

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SPORTS by Mel Lester

ELMER LACH

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Tartars To Clash With Vikings In Game of the Year

Although the season is yet a babe, the game of the year for Torrance High hits the hardwoods tomorrow afternoon when the Tartar hoopers enter into a struggle with Santa Monica in the Viking gym.

The Tartar Bees and Cees will play at home in the afternoon, and the VJs will play a prelin to the varsity game which starts at about 4:30 p.m. JV game starts at 3 p.m. The varsity game, originally slated for 8:15 at night, was changed to an afternoon affair because of a conflict with a Samohi senior play. Coach Rex Welch said Tuesday.

Santa Monica gave indications of its hoop prowess last week by knocking Inglewood 49-37 in its first league tussle. Redondo sent pre-season prognosticators scurrying for the aspirin bottle by upsetting highly favored Beverly Hills 48-40 to start off in a three way tie for first place with Samohi and Torrance.

For the Tartars, it will be the second last chance to chop the Vikings in the cage sport. Samohi bids farewell to the Bay League next year to set up shop in a strange, new, unknown group. The Tartars and Vikings will clash again on Jan. 29 in the second round of play.

As per usual, a win over Samohi would give the Tartars a host of awed admirers and a halo of great potential, not to be sniffed at. A win would put the locals into definite contention for the league championship, which they have never won. The Tartars finished last season on the bottom of the pile.

"Santa Monica is the team to beat," Coach Welch said this week. "This will be the game of the year, to determine who's who."

Douglas Big Gun
Jackie Douglas, the All-CIF quarterback from the Vike gridiron group, is one of the big guns in the Santa Monica floor attack. He and a pair of youngsters named Leonard Bourget and Tom Gutman are first stringers from last year's Viking team.

On the other side of the ledger, Welch has the perennially high-scoring Bob "Harvest" Moon, who has reaped an 18 point per game average this year; and Jerry Farrar, who, with Moon, has shone on the hardwoods since his sophomore days. Moon and Farrar have been tempered in the crucible of experience, having been first-stringers for two years, through thick and thin.

Other Starters
They are joined by Bob Guerra, to make the Tartars predominantly a senior ball club, wise in the ways of the court. Two juniors, skyscraping Bob Boss and Dennis "The Menace" Hester, fill out the starting five. Hester earned his starting shoes by impressing in Torrance's win over Leuzinger last week. Behind Hester is Don "Back and" Forth, who was sidelined by a strep throat in the Leuzinger fray.

The Tartars have the experience, in Farrar and Moon, the scoring punch, in Moon-Farrar-Guerra, and the height, with Boss to overcome the Vikes. Tomorrow afternoon will tell the tale.

Standings

Team	W	L
Torrance	1	0
Santa Monica	1	0
Redondo	1	0
Leuzinger	0	1
Inglewood	0	1
Beverly Hills	0	1

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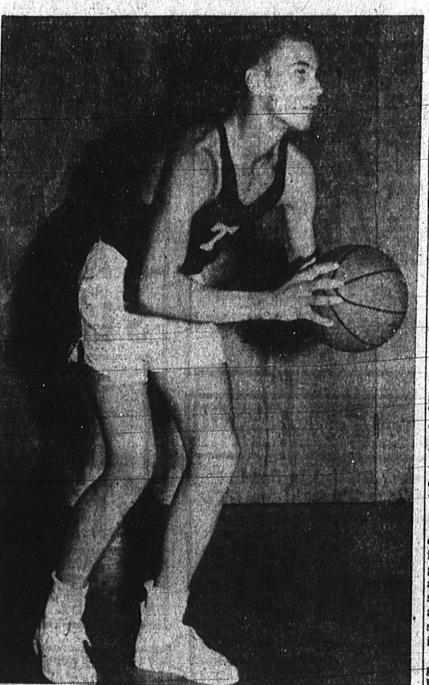
The first AAA-sanctioned 100-mile National Championship stock car race of 1954 is scheduled for Carrol Speedway on Sunday, Jan. 31. It will be announced this week by Managing Director J. C. Agajanian.

The San Pedro sportsman is posting a guaranteed purse of \$5000 to attract top-flight drivers and their nearly-new passenger autos. He pointed out that so-called "export" kits of dual carburetors and similar souping-up equipment have been banned by AAA.

Only those alterations in the interest of safety may be made on cars—including strengthening of wheels and steering gears, extra shock absorbers and the installation of overhead roll bars.

Interested parties may obtain fuller information from Agajanian at Terminal 2-6714, or Zone Supervisor Gordon Betz, ARIZONA 5-2624. There is a slight entry fee to cover insurance and registration.

Meet The Tartars '54 Basketball Team



DAVE RUFFELL . . . Known as "Dashing Dave" on the cross-country route, Dave is another Tartar athlete that shows versatility in two sports. Dave is a senior and ran his last year of cross-country for the Tartars this year, showing the greatest improvement of any runner on the squad over last year's time, and he is now engaged in the court sport with success. (Herald photo)

IN THIS CORNER . . . Controversies Aired

(In Sunday's issue, we asked readers for their opinion of a statement by George Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, who told the Los Angeles press that he thinks football has replaced baseball as the national pastime, and that television has shown up baseball "for what it is." Marshall also said that kids the country over are turning to football and away from baseball. Following are some of the replies we received, both pro and con.)

Con

Sports Editor
Dear Sir:

In reference to your story in Sunday, Jan. 19, about George Marshall saying football is now the national pastime and that baseball I would like to say that Marshall has rocks in his head.

Yours hopefully,
IRATE

Pro

Sports Editor
Dear Sir:

It seems obvious that George Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins football team, is railing at windmills when he says that football has replaced baseball as the national pastime.

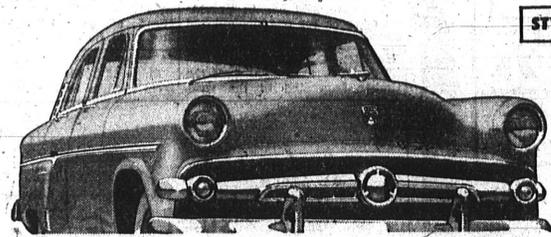
In the first place, football is played only for about 10 weeks out of the year, while baseball is played every day or night all during the summer and into the fall. Organized baseball, from the "D" leagues up through the majors, is the backbone of sports in America. Television has served to increase the fans interested in baseball by giving some of us here on the coast, who have never seen a big league game, a chance to watch the cream of the crop in action during the World Series.

And if kids have turned from baseball to football, as Marshall says, how do you account for the overwhelming success of the little leagues?

Yours sincerely,
BEMUSED

Sports Editor
Dear Sir:

Any stupid slob with a lot of (Readers can send ideas on the above subject to "Sports Editor," Torrance Herald, 1616-Currency Ave., Torrance. Letters should be less than 300 words in length and must be signed, although names will be withheld on request. Next edition next week.)



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