

El Camino Title Hopes Fade After LB Loss

THS Wins Chiller After Moon Hits Half-Court Shot At Gun

Warriors' Two Super Hoopers Top Crop in Scoring Columns

Allen "The Terror" Herring and Bill "Killer" Baron are scoring most of the baskets around El Camino this season. Following are team statistics as of Monday:

EL CAMINO BASKETBALL

SEASON RECORD
 Team Statistics: 25 Games
 W 20 L 5
 Pts 663 FTA 426 FTM 362 FT% 85.0
 Reb 590 F 331 F 259

CONFERENCE RECORD
 Team Statistics: 10 Games
 W 8 L 2
 Pts 253 FTA 173 FTM 146 FT% 84.4
 Reb 259 F 139 F 115

Individual Scoring

Name	Pos.	G	FG	FTA	FTM	PF	Total	Average
Allen Herring	F	24	109	205	147	73	465	19.4
Bill Baron	F	25	173	307	68	62	414	16.6
Donnie Heuser	F	25	79	74	47	27	203	8.2
John Nethercott	F	25	72	84	51	66	195	7.8
Chuck Baker	G	18	61	44	26	36	127	7.1
Tommy Strawa	F-C	22	46	46	35	36	127	5.7
Ed Warner	C	18	25	36	21	15	71	3.9
Toby Erlinger	G	21	23	24	17	7	63	3.0
John Kilvan	F-C	12	18	9	6	7	42	3.5
Bill Board	F	9	4	9	3	3	11	1.2
Fred Myers	F	14	4	6	3	1	14	1.0
Rich Handie	G	6	1	7	3	1	6	.83
Dave Small	F	4	2	0	0	0	4	1.0
Art Sues	G	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

The Torrance-Redondo basketball game Tuesday will probably be remembered for years as the most thrilling game, and the narrowest squeak ever sustained by a Tartar cage team.

With one second to go in the game, trailing by two points, Bob "Miracles" Moon took the ball at half court, spun and lofted a long, two-handed push shot that swished as the final gun sounded and Torrance High School was back in the ballgame. They went on to win in overtime 55-53.

It was the first time in history THS had beaten Redondo on the Seahawk floor.

The Tartars had called time out with one second to go and a two point deficit staring them down, for a desperate huddle to decide what to do. They decided to "Give it To Moon," and a wiser choice could not have been made.

The win gave the hometowners undisputed hold on fourth place in Bay League standings. They meet Beverly Hills on the home floor Friday night.

The thrilling hassle was also a battle between the two leading scorers in the Bay League, Moon and Redondo's Bob Goldstone, and each came out with 17 markers. Goldstone has scored 130 points in league play to 121 for Moon.

Prior to the fourth quarter, the Tartars might as well have stayed home. They trailed by 20 points in the last period, after hitting only one out of 19 shots in the third stanza, a record low.

With a remarkable scoring push, the winners amassed 24 points in the last frame when Moon and Dennis Hester tanked eight apiece, Jerry Farrar meshed four and Bob Guerra came through with six—all in the last quarter, mind you. Dave Ruffell added his two for the night in the last period. Redondo was held to nine in the final go.

It was truly an amazing game. Hollywood couldn't have done better. The Tartars dropped 31-30 game to the Seabees, with Ron Petrilli and Jim Lawrence tanking eight points each.

Torrance (55) (53) Redondo
 Guerra (16) F (17) Goldstone
 Farrar (7) C (11) Mendi
 Ruffell (2) C (13) Hughes
 Moon (17) G (10) Baker
 Hester (12) G (1) Marshall

SPORTS

TORRANCE HERALD FEBRUARY 18, 1954



A. V. KILGAS... Billy Vukovich, Sam Hanks and Jack McGrath, left to right, above, will join an all star field of drivers Sunday at Carrel Speedway, Gardena, in a 50-lap midget auto race, to begin at 2:30 p.m.

Rain Stops ECC Baseball Opener

Wet grounds forced a cancellation of the first baseball game of the season for El Camino College this week.

The Warriors were to have met Compton JC on the home field Tuesday afternoon but Coach Doug Essick announced that the diamond had not dried off sufficiently after the week-end rain to permit play.

When the game will be held was not decided.

The Warriors are to meet Los Angeles City College today on the LACC diamond, if playing conditions permit.

Essick will field a team made up predominantly of "Rookies." Only four returning lettermen are expected to be in the starting lineup for the first fray. Other first stringers are still busy playing basketball.

Midgets Will Go Sunday at Track Unless It Rains

Barring further downpour, the 50-lap midget contest that was rained out at Carrel Speedway Sunday will be held this Sunday at the same time.

Time trials will start at 1 p.m. and three heat races will follow the trophy dash, which begins at 2:30 p.m. After the trophy dash comes a 15-lap semi and then the 50-lap main event.

A field of 26 drivers are competing at their bits and rain in to dig for the \$2000 guarantee purse against 40 per cent of the gate put up by Racing Director J. C. Agajanian.

Troy Ruttman and Billy Vukovich, both Indianapolis winners; Sam Hanks, 1953 big car champ; Jack McGrath, runner-up to Hanks; Bill Homeier, winner of the first doodlebug feature at Carrel a few weeks ago, and several other Indianapolis and local chauffeurs are included in the lineup.

Vukovich, making one of his few racing appearances since winning the last Indianapolis 500-miler, has his mighty midget set for action again. He chalked up a new qualifying lap of 21.94 last time out—then washed out his go-fast buggy when he skidded into the crash wall.

Homeier, driving the Lysal Greenman Office, will be after his second feature victory. He was third in national AAA midget point standing last year and is seeking more championship points before hitting the mid-western and eastern circuits this summer.

Ruttman will be back in action in the Murphy Motors Special which didn't do much in its first 1954 appearance.

First String Down One Point On Tartar Cage Stock Report

Most of the first-string Tartar hoop group watched their point per game averages drop a notch after the Beverly Hills Tourney and the Leuzinger game, first in the second round of Bay League play.

Not including the Redondo game Tuesday, the Tartar scoring spread stacked up as before, with Bob "How High The" Moon leading the field with 273 points and dropping to a 16.1 point per game average. Bob Guerra and Jerry Farrar, the forceful forwards, trailed Moon and were just about even in point per game with 11.6 and 11.3 averages, dropping from 12.2 and 12, respectively.

Farrar leads Guerra in total points 181 to 151, but has played in three more games.

Totals for the first 17 games of the season:

Name	G	FG	FTM	FTA	TP	Ave.
Bob Moon	17	96	81	109	273	16.1
Bob Guerra	13	56	37	55	151	11.6
Jerry Farrar	16	77	27	36	181	11.3
Bob Boss	15	18	21	44	58	4
Dennis Hester	16	17	20	47	54	3.4
Dave Ruffell	12	7	14	23	28	2.3

G—Games; FG—field goals; FTM—free throws made; FTA—free throws attempted; TP—total points; Ave.—Average points per game.

Tartars Hold Rivals Hitless, Lose 6-3

Just as "practice makes perfect," "no practice makes imperfect," and the THS baseball team fell victim to this truth in the opening practice game of the season Tuesday at Paramount High School.

Even though Tartar twinklers Gary Hakanson and Tom Mills held Paramount hitless for the five-inning game, the locals dropped a 6-3 decision by committing six errors at the wrong times. The locals have been unable to practice sufficiently because of lack of a field.

The Tartars garnered five hits, two by Shortstop Jim Hawthorn, but all was to no avail. The locals bunched three hits and two walks in the second frame to score their three runs.

After Dave Drakowski and Sherwood Tierman walked, Hawthorn and Jim Moulton rapped singles and Butch Hazel came through with a double to push the runs across.

Paramount had scored three runs in their half of the first on four bases on balls and three errors. They picked up two more in the second on two walks and two miscues and got their final score in the fourth on a walk and an overthrow at second.

Hakanson, the loser, faced 21, whiffed five, gave up seven walks and four runs. Mills faced eight, fanned two, and was taken for two runs and two passes.

The Tartars will face Lynwood in the second game of the season next Tuesday at Lynwood.

Tight Vike Defense Holds Herring To 4

Fred Claire
Warwhoop Sports Editor

It's all over, almost. Before the largest JayCee basketball crowd of the season—3000—Long Beach City College set back El Camino 81-63 Tuesday night almost assuring themselves of the Metropolitan championship.

And it was the Long Beach El Camino's scoring star Allen Herring, which can be credited for the win, Herring was held to four points, after scoring an average of 21.5 in every other game this season. He fouled out in the third period.

The Vikings jumped off to a flying start and never let down on their point scoring spurt. A 22-10 first-quarter lead gave the Lakewood Village hosts a safe feeling which became even safer as the second period closed at 35-25.

"The Big Three" from Beaumont—Bob Cook, Jerry Lanier and Jerry Mitchell—couldn't be halted by the Warriors throughout the first three quarters.

At the end of the third period, the Vikings were well hidden behind an avalanche of points, 61-44.

Shine in Fourth
Following the 20-point third quarter outburst by Long Beach, the Warriors came back in the fourth quarter to outscore the

Lakewooders—the only time in four quarters in which they did so—but it was against the Viking benchers as the scoreboard showed a run-away.

Torrance High graduate Bill Baron led all EC scorers with his customary 23 digits. Baron's 23 gave the ace forward the inside track in the Metro scoring (individual) rate. He now has a pace-setting total of 228 followed by Al Herring's 219.

Both Long Beach and El Camino have three games remaining. The Warriors would have to knock off tonight's foe—Santa Monica—and either East Los Angeles or Harbor, while the Vikings dropped two of their final three, to end in a tie.

Cook, Lanier, Hit
In the final scoring of Tuesday's battle, Bob Cook and Jerry Lanier hit for 14 apiece as Jerry Mitchell marked up 15 to lead the Vikings.

So, it will be a "must-do" for El Camino tonight as they travel to Santa Monica in an 8 p.m. battle and then meet East Los Angeles and Harbor next week.

Backstop at City Ballpark on Top Of Council List

Allocation of \$3075 to build a new backstop and fence at Torrance baseball park has been set up as the "Number One Project" on the Recreation Department agenda by the City Council, City Manager George Stevens said Tuesday.

The Council had been waiting for an audit of the city's books to be completed to see if money was available, Stevens said. The auditor's reports are now in and Stevens says: "I think we'll have the funds to install the new backstop."

Approval of the allocation is expected at the next meeting of the Council, to be held Tuesday, Feb. 23.

This will be none too soon for Torrance High School baseball coach Dick Leech, who was forced to cancel the JV opening game Tuesday to give his varsity a chance to use the only diamond available for their game—at Paramount High School.

Formerly used as a practice and game field for the high school team, which has no diamond on the school grounds on which to workout, Torrance Baseball park fell out of use recently when the bleachers and fence were torn down because of dry rot.

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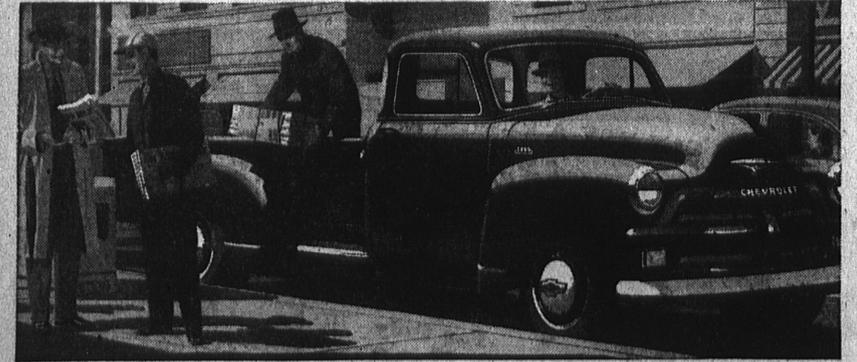
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