Inglewood Loss Drops Torrance To Fourth, Samohi Takes Title

Moon, Farrar, Guerra Play Final Games

Bob Moon bowed out of his high school basketball career in a blaze of glory Friday night, scoring 28 points on 12 field goals and four free throws, but it wasn't enough, and the Tartars succumbed to Inglewood 53-55, to sink to a tie for fourth place with Redondo in final league standings.

Bob Guerra and Jerry Farrar, fortuitous forwards, also played their last games for Torrance Friday and came through with 14 and 11 points to help push the Sentinels all the way to the finish line.

The perennial Bay League Kings, Santa Monica's Vikings, did it again. They pounded second-place Beverly Hills 50-36 to add another trophy to their bulging case. They'll enter the CIF playoffs, as usual.

The Sentinels emerged at half-time with a 33-29 margin, were matched 12-12 in the third frame, but outscored the locals 18-14 in the final set-to to win it.

The victory gave Inglewood third place in the league. Jim Lawrence and Ron Petrilli, with 10 and 11 markers, led the Tartar JVs, who dropped the duke to the Sentinel Juniors 42-34. The Torrance Bees were laced 45-38.

Torrance (55)		(63) Inglewood
Guerra (14)	F	(14) Parker
Farrar (11)	F	(3) Consiglio
Vanderpool (2)	C	(22) Buckelew
Moon (28)	G	(3) Evans
Walker (0)	G	(8) Leddy

Scoring subs: Inglewood—Friant, 1; Torkelia, 10; Welty, 1; Gillespie, 1.

STANDINGS
(Final — Bay League)

	W	L
Santa Monica	9	1
Beverly Hills	7	3
Inglewood	6	4
Torrance	4	6
Redondo	4	6
Leuzinger	0	10

Friday results— Santa Monica 50, Beverly Hills 36. Redondo 63, Leuzinger 44.

(Herald Photo)

IN A NUTSHELL . . . Irony reared its ugly head on the Torrance High School baseball horizon this week. Even while men from the Southern California Fence Co. were putting up a long-needed backstop and fence at Torrance baseball park (above), Park Superintendent Casper Clemmer announced to Tartar Coach Dick Leech that the newly planted outfield grass was too tender to play upon and must be kept unsullied for at least 30 days. This would keep the ball club off the field until the end of March—halfway through the Bay League season. So the Tartars still remain "The Team Without a Home Field."

Nomads Lose to Serra by 15-3

Torrance's nomadic baseball crew traveled to Serra High Thursday, scored three runs in a first inning outbreak, then cooled for six frames and saw Serra pile it on—15-3.

An error, three passes and a bingle gave the Tartars their scores, preventing a shut-out. Serra got two in the first and one in the next to tie it, then exploded for four hits in the fourth for six runs.

The hometowners clash with Centennial Tuesday, Hawthorne Wednesday and Culver City Thursday, all on the road.

	R	H	E
Torrance	3	0	0
Serra	10	6	2

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Hakanson, Mills, Cobrea, and Drazkowski, Ternan. Dufault and Uribe.

Metro Teams Set For Big Horsehide Year

METRO ROUNDUP

It was the sound of horsehide against hickory this week as baseball got under way on all the diamonds in the Metropolitan Conference.

El Camino Coach Doug Essick, former Trojan baseball star, has lined up a 27-game schedule for his Warrior horsehiders this year and is looking for several good pitchers in addition to Ralph Wilkerson to carry the team through the season. Essick will bank on Bill Crawford at shortstop, basketballers Allen Herring, and John Nethercott in the outfield, Ron Cruger at second base, Tom Edwards at the backstop position and former footballer Ken Swearingen. All are lettermen from last year.

Nine Starters Back

Los Angeles Valley Junior College with its new coach Charlie Mann, former Purdue University sports great, hopes to field a first division team with nine returning lettermen as a nucleus. Mann will have All-Metropolitan third baseman Frank Negri and infielder Wayne Packer back in the fold, while Steve Lawhorn, John Elrich, Tom Shiffhauer and Bill Sherman are expected to share the hurling load. Outfielders Herky Sweitzer and Clint Brown will carry the offensive punch at the plate. A full practice schedule has been lined up prior to the opening Conference game in March.

Long Beach City College Vikings, Metropolitan Conference champs last year, will again be coached by Joe Hicks and should be rated very high this season. Hicks is blessed with 10 lettermen, eight of them from last year's Conference, Azusa Tournament and Southern California Championship team. Returning horsehiders include pitchers Jim Lee, Phil Baker, and Allan Johnson; outfielders Don Bloss; infielders Chuck Lehmkuhl, Bob Selsor, Harold Sowers and Dan Stringer. Heavy-hitting outfielder Jerry Mitchell, will join the squad after basketball.

Coach Ching Duhm, East Los Angeles Junior College baseball mentor, has 30 Huskie prospects from which to form a winning team this year. The Huskies finished fourth in the Metropolitan Conference in 1953 and will be fighting to get into the first division. Pitching assignments will be filled by Earl Wilson, Ray Damma, Jim Buckroff, and Joe Gaitan. Catching chores will go to Phil Ziskrout from Huntington Park High School. Other returning lettermen are Clyde Harless and Don Nichols.

The Bakersfield Renegades led by Coach Earl Sargent will be built around All-Conference backstop Bill Schultz. In addition to Schultz, the Renegades boast another strong catcher in Bob Bierlein, star prep player from Bakersfield High. Veteran Larry Pearson at shortstop, Bob Phair at first base, infielders Don Reynolds and Dale Scales round out a strong nucleus for Coach Sargent to work with. Mound candidates include Dick Adams, Don Deering, Don Kirkpatrick and Tom Tucker — all of whom could cop the starting role.

Coach Mike Morrow of San Diego Junior College with only Art Dugan and Walter Fleak as returning lettermen from last year's third-place team has a tremendous task of molding a practically new baseball machine from 22 reporting horsehiders.

All Spots Open

Although Morrow proclaims that all positions are still open at this early date, some of the lads have already begun to show hope of landing berths. Besides Walter Feak, only veteran hurler and 1953 All Metro, Morrow is banking on Earl Jenson and Bob Hanley from Chula Vista High at the mound spot. Lavon Baker at the initial sack, Bill Franklin and Frank Castro at second and short will add spark to the promising Knight aggregation.

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Tartar Thinclads Tear Up Lynwood

Taking firsts in all but two events, the Torrance High track team started its '54 quest in grand style Wednesday afternoon, dumping Lynwood High School 73 5/6 to 30 1/6 on the Lynwood cinders.

The Tartar Bees also triumphed 51-44 but the Cees lost 34-54.

Clayton Mallard ran wild to take three firsts—120 high hurdles, pole vault and 180 low hurdles. Mallard bounced the 120 in 16.8, leaped 10' 6" in the vault and sailed over the low hurdles in 22 flat.

Gary Cooke blazed a 10.7 to take first in the 100 yard dash and Larry Morgan and Bob Brow were right behind him, enabling the Tartars to sweep the event. Torrance also took all three places in the shot put with big Don Kasten heaving the ball 42 feet 11 inches. Harold Philip took second and John Sousa third.

The 880 relay team — Jim Babb, Morgan, Brow and Cooke —turned in an amazing 1:37, five seconds off the school record, 1:32, set in 1941, and 10 seconds over the All-CIF records—1:27.7. The Bay League record for the relay is 1:29.6. This quartet should be tough to beat during the rest of the season.

The Tartars will host Paramount High Monday afternoon in their second meet. Starting time is 2:30 p.m.

VARSITY

High Jump (5' 9 inches) Forth (T), Lucas (L), Fletcher (L) Babb (T) Carlstern (L) (three-way tie).

120 HH (16.8) Mallard (T), Rosendahl (L), Knappenberger (T).

100 yd. dash (10.7) Cooke (T), Morgan (T), Brow (T).

440 (54.3) Kasten (T), Lucas (L), Prescott (L).

880 (2.14.2) Rice (L) Babb (T), Buchholz (T).

Broad Jump (20 feet 6 inches) Rosendahl (L), Morgan (T), Heffler (T).

Pole Vault (10 feet 6 inches) Mallard (T), Christerferson (L) Daimler (T) (two-way tie) Riffel (L) Forth (T) (two-way tie).

Shot Put (42 feet 11 inches) Kasten (T), Philip (T), Sousa (T).

180 low hurdles (22.0) Mallard (T), Webb (L), Knappenberger (T).

220 (25.5) Cooke (T), Edmondson (L), Brow (T) Prescott (L) (two-way tie).

Mile (4:58.5) Waller (T), Stanford (T) Ackley (L).

Relay (1:37) Morgan, Babb, Brow, Cooke (T).

BEES

100 yd. dash (11.3) Hopkins (L) Richardson (T) Sloane (L).

220 (24.5) Hopkins (L), Sloane (L), Richardson (T).

660 (1:35.1) Lewis (L), Albertson (T), Gilla (L).

1320 (3:43.5) Schmidt (T) Tolman (L) Zensen (L).

70 yd. high hurdles (10.3) Cooke (T), Workaye (L), Cobb (T).

120 yd. slow hurdles (15.0) Gruwer (T) Cooke (T) Hudspeth (L) Empson (L) (two-way tie).

Relay (1:14.3) Homway, Bates, Sloane, Hopkins (L).

Pole vault (9 feet 6 inches) Barber (T) Cobb (T) Empson (L) Bower (L) (two-way tie).

Shot put (39 feet 2 inches) Klein (T) Tanner (L) Corrier (T).

High jump (5 feet 2 inches) Warrhoye (L) Schmidt (T) Smith (T).

Broad jump (17 feet two-and-one-half inches) Powers (T), Thomas (L), Hemenyez (L). Torrance 51, Lynwood 44.

WOMAN DRIVER? . . . No, it's "Stunt Capades," featuring Joie Chitwood's auto daredevils, who will use all new '54 Fords in 30 death defying acts today at Carrell Speedway, Gardena. Gates open at 11:30 a.m. and the stunts start at 2:30 p.m. Included on the list of "fun with autos" tricks will be a) shooting a '54 Ford out of a cannon; b) riding a motorcycle through a wall of fire; c) dynamite blasting, ramp-to-ramp jump and other novelties.

Warriors Topple Compton JC, Lose To Pasadena 8-6

Pasadena CC became the first team to knock off El Camino's rampaging horsehiders Thursday 8-6 after the Warriors had edged Compton 7-6 on Wednesday in a replay of a rained out game.

Pasadena pounded 14 hits off of the slants of Ralph Wilkerson while the Braves managed to rap six—three of them by Jerry "King of Swing" Siegert—who blasted a home run, a triple and a single.

Siegert had a fairly good day against Compton also. He pitched five innings and sent 12 Tartars down via the whiff route—and also garnered two bingles. Jerry Tully and Gary Marks split the rest of the Compton mound duty.

The Warriors hit a rough row this week. They meet the USC Spartans on Tuesday on their diamond, travel to Pasadena on Wednesday, straggle home Thursday for a go with LACC and wind up the week against Orange Coast on Friday.

Against Compton, the Warriors overcame a six-run deficit in the third frame, caught and passed the Tartars in the seventh.

El Camino will travel to San Diego to open the first round of Metropolitan Conference play on March 12.

BOBCAT SIZE

Most bobcats weigh 15 to 25 pounds although some have grown to 40 pounds in the Rocky Mountain districts.

City to Enter National 'Babe Ruth' Ball Loop

Plans to include Torrance in the National "Babe Ruth" baseball league for boys from 13 to 15 got into high gear this week with an announcement that all fathers of boys in that age bracket and other interested persons will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the YMCA to discuss initial steps.

General purpose of the meeting will be to line up officials and obtain coaches and managers for the teams according to Howard Miller, league spokesman.

Bill Deasy is the chairman of the organization, which is trying to form a league for boys who are too old to play in the Little Leagues.

The National Babe Ruth league is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, Miller said.

At the end of the Torrance City League season, an All-Star team will be picked to compete in the Southwest District playoffs. The winners of the District championships go on to the Nationals.

More help is needed from fathers with children in that age bracket, Miller stated. The league, which will be composed of six or more teams, will play in the afternoons and evenings at Torrance baseball park.

El Camino Swimmers Win

El Camino sponged by Orange Coast in a swimming meet held last week by a narrow 38-37 margin.

(Herald Photo)

WINNER'S CIRCLE . . . "All that Glitters . . ." Members of the Torrance Rod and Gun Club gather to display the trophies they were presented by the Southern California Button Award Association Thursday night at the Southwest Angler's Club in Hawthorne. All first place trophy winners, they are (reading clockwise) Anabel Coast (cutthroat trout), Carl Hanni (barred perch), Morris Maloy (leopard shark and blue shark), Kenny Lockman (golden trout) and Al Coast (diamond stinger ray).

Baron Paces EC Win, Hope Of 1st Place Tie Renewed

Rangy Bill Baron scored 25 points on a wide variety of shots to lead his El Camino team to a 67-47 win over Harbor JC Friday in El Camino's last season game. The 25 points practically assured Baron of the conference scoring crown.

Baron's 25 markers gave him a league leading total of 290, compared to Herring's 283. Herring had lead Baron by one point going into the game, 266-265.

In the meanwhile, Santa Monica was busily knocking off first place Long Beach and, if the San Diego team did the same last night, El Camino backed into a tie with the Beach boys for first place. If Bakersfield won last night over pistol-hot Santa Monica, the league is in a three way tie for first between Long Beach, El Camino and Bakersfield.

Allen Herring, Baron, John Nethercott and Ron Heusser were playing the last game of their JC careers against Harbor (unless the league ends in a tie) but the glory went mostly to Herring and Baron, the unstoppable duo, who gave the assembled fans in the Torrance High School gym a lesson in "how to score from anywhere on the floor."

Herring netted 17 points after a frigid first half in which the Warriors could take only a 23-21 lead. But the Braves got hot in the second half and began pouring it on. They bucketed 26 points in the third period and 18 in the last, swamping the Harbor.

El Camino (67)		(47) Harbor JC
Herring (17)	F	(1) Lomack
Baron (25)	F	(12) Farish
Baker (7)	C	(3) Ogle
Nethercott (5)	G	(17) Weir
Heusser (8)	G	(8) Demaggio

Scoring subs: El Camino—Warner, 1; Erlinger, 2; Becker, 1; Sues, 1; Harbor—Ponder, 6.

STANDINGS
(as of Saturday Morning)

	W	L
Long Beach	10	3
El Camino	10	4
Bakersfield	9	4
Santa Monica	8	5
San Diego	7	6
East Los Angeles	7	9
Valley Junior College	5	9
Harbor Junior College	0	14

Games Friday—San Diego 74, Valley 58. Santa Monica 61, Long Beach 58. Bakersfield 77, East Los Angeles 71.

Games Saturday—San Diego at Long Beach, Santa Monica at Bakersfield.

Eagles Fly Into Tie By Dumping Fenwick

Brows were knitted and faces were long around the Fenwick's Shoes camp today after a high flying Redondo Eagle quintet rudely unlaced the former Tuesday league leaders 52-29 Tuesday eve to fly into a tie for first place.

Previously unbeaten Fenwick's faces the tough, third place Banner Drug squad this week while the Eagles have a softie against fourth spot Linch Auto Sales.

Forward Martin Dietrich helped in the general clawing by tanking 17 points for the Eagles and Center Grant Harline potted 10 for the cause. Fenwick's couldn't hit the floor with both feet. Herb Curley and Don Snavely were high pointers for the vanquished, each meshing nine markers.

Burgers Win

Contrarywise, things went along quite as usual in the Wednesday league, with Brian McBride and Ivan Keys' 13 and 10 points pacing first place Allen's Bugers to a 49-39 victory over the Harbor Hornets.

The Hornets made it rough for the undefeated Burgers up to the third quarter. They led all the way, then dropped to a measly four point output in the third period to sink out of sight.

Forward Robert Rucker provided most of the losers' spark with 20 points while teammate Cris Taylor got seven.

Elsewhere Tuesday

In an exhibition game, the powerful San Pedro Dolphins ground out a 71-54 win over Banner Drugs in place of Treskes Men's Shop, which has dropped from the league, according to Ron Huisenga, manager.

Other teams will be booked to fill in for Treskes for the rest of the season. This week, Torrance High School will meet the Big Five at 8:15 p.m., in place of Treskes.

Former Torrance High star Paul Smith looped 27 pointers for the Dolphins and Forward Eddie Stewart got 18. For the Drug team, Harlan Geach roped 12 and Ben Huffman and Bob Weiss got 10 each.

Linch Forfeits, Wins

Hampered by lack of five men, Linch Auto Sales forfeited to the Big Five Tuesday then, in an exhibition affair, crushed the Quint 74-58.

High octane was provided by Linch-man Jim Parkinson who scored 26 points. Don Merrell socked 18 for the Five.

On Wednesday, the Torrance Teachers clung to fourth place by edging a hard-fighting City Workers team 39-32. Center Bill Moore found his shooting eye and hit for 15 points for the Instructors and Harry Theodosis tanked 14 for the Workers.

Harvey Coasts

After a 10-10 first quarter tie, Harvey Canteen turned on the steam and coasted to 52-31 victory over Al's Knolls Drugs to retain second place in the Wednesday League. Dick Cowlishaw provided 21 of the Canteeners points and Larry Bryant got eight for Al.

This Week

Tuesday, March 2

7 p.m.—Linch Auto Sales vs. Redondo Eagles.

8:05 p.m. — Torrance High School vs. Big Five.

9:10 p.m.—Fenwick's Shoes vs. Banner Drugs.

Wednesday, March 3

7 p.m.—Harvey Canteen vs. Allen's Burgers.

8:05 p.m.—Local No. 1135 vs. Al's Knolls Drugs.

9:10 p.m.—Harbor Hornets vs. Torrance Teachers.

All games played in Torrance High School boys gym.

BOX SCORES

TUESDAY LEAGUE

Fenwicks Shoes (29)		Redondo Eagles (52)
Snavely (9)	F	Acosta (5)
Harwold (6)	F	Dietrich (17)
Curley (9)	C	Harline (10)
Stack (3)	G	Stark (4)
Miller (3)	G	Brey (6)

RESERVES: Fenwicks Shoes: Ruebel (0) Hawley (0), Shankman (0), York (0), Newland (0), Rothwell (0). Redondo Eagles: Kinncannon (9), Welton (2), McClelland (0).

Fenwick's Shoes	6	5	13	5	29
Redondo Eagles	13	16	7	16	52

Big Five (58)		Linch Auto Sales (74)
Janicich (12)	F	Torres (12)
Moore (17)	F	Davis (9)
Merrell (18)	C	Parkinson (26)
Carmona (10)	G	Espinosa (9)
Blalck (0)	G	Murphy (18)

RESERVES: Big Five: Hill (0), Yetman (6), Yeargin (2). Auto Sales: None.

Big Five	13	8	17	20	58
Linch Auto	13	20	17	24	74

San Pedro Dolphins (71)		Banner Drugs (54)
Stewart (18)	F	Huffman (10)
Williams (8)	F	Weiss (10)
Smith (27)	C	Abram (9)
Vieulin (11)	G	Becker (8)
Smith (7)	G	Ott (0)

RESERVES: S. P. Dolphins: Peterson (0); Banner Drugs: Smith (5), Geach (12).

S. P. Dolphins	15	19	11	26	71
Banner Drugs	13	15	9	17	54

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE

Local No. 1135 (32)		Torrance Teachers (39)
Giatras (12)	F	Dellan (9)
Theodosis (14)	F	Haile (11)
Brookes (2)	C	Moore (15)
Bennett (0)	G	Petrat (4)
Ordaz (2)	G	Higgins (0)

RESERVES: Local No. 1135: Camou (2); Torrance Teachers: Behrens (0).

Local No. 1135	7	8	10	7	32
Torrance Teachers	5	10	7	17	39

Harbor Hornets (39)		Allen's Burgers (49)
Rucker (20)	F	Keys (10)
Mullin (0)	F	Chambers (3)
Taylor (7)	C	McBride (13)
King (4)	G	Nady (0)
Arbet (8)	G	Montgomery (8)

RESERVES: Harbor Hornets: Withson (0), Cormia (0), Garrison (0), Zimmerman (0); Allen Burgers: Dandoy (2), LeBlanc (6), Scherer (2).

Harbor Hornets	3	12	4	14	39
Allen's Burgers	8	14	12	15	49

Al's Knolls Drugs (31)		Harvey Canteen (52)
Sommers (4)	F	Vaughn (6)
Valencia (7)	F	Crable (6)
Smith (4)	C	Cowlishaw (21)
Bryant (8)	G	Satterthwaite (6)
Roberts (0)	G	Meusborn (4)

RESERVES: Al's Knolls Drugs: Mortenson (4), Laddy (0), Kulp (0). Harvey Canteen: Johnson (0), Johnson (0), Hutcherson (8), Bullock (1).

Al's Knolls Drugs	10	8	5	8	31
Harvey Canteen	10	13	7	22	52

STANDINGS

TUESDAY LEAGUE

	W	L
Fenwick's Shoes	7	1
Redondo Eagles	7	1
Banner Drugs	5	3
Linch Auto Sales	3	5
Big Five	2	6
Treskes Men's Shop	0	8

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE

	W	L
Allen's Burgers	8	0
Harvey Canteen	6	2
Al's Knolls Drugs	4	4
Torrance Teachers	3	5
Harbor Hornets	2	6
Local No. 1135	1	7

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