

# Thinclads Prepare for Track Season

## Mud Slows Up Practice for First Meeting

Coach Willard Morgan's Torrance High tracksters finally have put away their galoshes and started sharpening their spikes for the 1955 track season which opens Feb. 24.

A wet track handicapped the Tartars in their early workouts, necessitating running on the grass infield.

Between the wet ground and the Air Force, the varsity edition of the Tartar track squad has been slowed down somewhat, but Morgan, in true coaches fashion, has hopes for a prosperous season.

Three former stalwarts in the Torrance ranks, Jim Stanford, Charles Edmunds and Tom Walker, all traded in their red track pants for one of Uncle Sam's free Air Force uniforms, and will be missed in the season-to-come.

Stanford was a sharpie on the cross-country squad, snapping several local marks in the varsity division. He was to run the varsity mile this season.

Walker breezed to fifth place in the Bay League finals in the four-lapper last year, and Edmunds galloped the 440.

**Tartar Prospects**  
High on Morgan's list this year are Myron Schmidt, a miler; Denny Hester, who zipped a speedy 1 min., 58.9 sec., 880 last season to come within .9 second of making the All-America High School track team; and Jim Powers, 1954 Bee Bay League broad jump champ.

In the sprints, the Tartars will be counting on Al Ruffell, who with a 10.2 sec. best in the century; Gary Cooke, with clockings of 10.1 and 22 flat for the 100 and 220, respectively.

Double furlong candidates include Larry Lippincott, a newcomer to track this season; Dick Dawson, 1954 letter winner; Don Kelly, from the Bees, and Bill Meacham, who Morgan says should work into a top rate runner.

Biggest threat to the local's success is in the hurdles, where Jerry Dallendorfer may be counted on to carry the big load.

In the field events will be Bob Boss, with a 6 ft. 1 in., 1954 high jump mark to better this season; Gene Daimler, a 12 ft. pole vaulter; and Sid Smith, shot put.

The Tartars copped Bay co-honors with Inglewood last year, after Santa Monica was ordered to forfeit all meets because of an ineligible performer.

**Bee Hopefuls**  
Morgan's Bee squad will be built around Jim Haworth, sprinter; Duane Cooke, high hurdler; Bob Walker, 660; Don Mitchell, Bob McIntyre, Bill LaDuke and Tom Hammack, 1320; and Mike Gonta, high jump.

In the Cees, the Tartars have Carlos Acosta, a ninth grader who trips a fast 60, plus a host of freshman prospects.

Included in the frosh ranks are Ray Beadle, Al Tucker, Gary Brimley, George Boscom, brothers Mike and Bill Wright, Mike Walker, Sanford Smith and Dave Ladd.

**Schedule**  
Thurs., Feb. 24—Tri-way meet with El Rancho, Monrovia, at El Rancho.  
Tues., Mar. 1—Montbello at Torrance.  
Fri., Mar. 4—Loyola at Torrance.  
Fri., Mar. 11—at Santa Monica.  
Fri., Mar. 18—at Redondo.  
Fri., Mar. 25—Leuzinger at Torrance.  
Wed., Mar. 30—at Inglewood.  
Thurs., Apr. 14—Inglewood Relay.  
Fri., Apr. 15—Inglewood Relays.

Tues., Apr. 19—Tri-way meet with Pomona and Excelsior at Excelsior.  
Fri., Apr. 22—at Centennial.  
Fri., Apr. 29—Bay League preliminaries at El Camino College.  
Fri., May 6—Bay League finals at El Camino College.

## Apache Bees Rout Tartars

A final half rally gave the Centennial Bees a 47-42 win over the Tartar Bees, Friday afternoon, in a League fray in the local gymnasium.

Ahead 22-16 at halftime, the Tartars were unable to pour on the coal in the remaining period, and lost out.

Jim Schmidt popped in 11 points for Tartar high point honors.

**Scoring**  
Torrance (42): Centennial (47): Vertolet (10) F. Lewis (4) Mansans (2) F. Thompson (12) Veneable (4) C. Rutledge (14) Hanon (9) G. Scott (6) Thrall (4) G. Wheaton (9)  
**Scoring Subs:** Torrance—Mead 2, Schmidt 11. Centennial—Harris 2.

# Cagers Nipped in Tourney



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## Allen's Sweep Into Cage Lead

Allen's Burgers basketball team appears to be the most likely to succeed in the race for the Recreation Department's adult league city championship following its 53-43 win over the Cityworkers last week.

Prior to the contest, both teams sported a four win and no loss record in the first round.

Forwards Bill Baron and Jerry Farrar paced the winners attack in an unusual scoring manner. Baron collected 16 points without a chance from the free throw line and Farrar made 15 points on a single field goal and 13 conversions out of 15 free throw tries.

Without the services of big Darl Mead, Treske's player-coach, Bob Chambers was kept busy on rebounds and had to rely upon his smaller boys to do the scoring. Guard LeRoy Golden garnered 14 points and Norm Chambers picked up 12.

**STANDINGS**  
Team W L  
Allen's Burgers 5 0  
Local 1135 4 1  
Blue Devils 3 2  
Treske's Men's Shop 2 3  
Al's Knolls Drugs 1 4  
Frank's Furniture 1 4

Forwards Chuck Hawley and Bob Graf of the winners, and John Sousa of the losers, scored ten points each to tie for high point honors. Graf, former Redondo High star, signed up Tuesday and should be a valuable addition to Frank's squad.

The National Blue Devils again set some kind of a local record in defeating Treske's Men's Shop 46-40 after trailing 24-16 at halftime. Two of their

**Summaries**  
Allen's (53) 1135 (43)  
Baron (16) F. Keys (6)  
Farrar (15) F. Harvold (7)  
White (10) C. Carley  
George (2) G. Chambers (8)  
Ruffell (10) G. Montgomery (2)  
Reserves: Allen's—Garcia, Schwenk. Local 1135—McBride 4, Merrell, Dietlin, Nady 1, Bailey, LeBlanc, Scherer, Smith 13 Bennett.

**Al's Drugs (29) Frank's (32)**  
Sousa (10) F. Halle (2)  
Sommers (6) F. Dellan (4)  
Mortenson (4) C. Petrat (3)  
Phillips G. Luddy  
Kulp (4) G. Bynum (2)  
Reserves: Al's—Smith, Cope 5, Frank's—Hawley 10, Graf 10, Higgins 1, McGee.  
Devils (48) Treske's (40)  
Massey F.N. Chambers (12)

**Powell (32) F. Lindberg (6)**  
Payne C.B. Chambers (4)  
Sutton (16) G. Babbitt (4)  
Smith G. Golden (14)  
Reserves: Devils—Williams, Burnette, Treske's—Walker.

## Metro Roundup

**Four Teams Tie At Start of Second Round**  
The Metropolitan Conference basketball race is tied up tighter than the freeway traffic at 5 p.m. on a smoggy day.

Valley, Long Beach, San Diego, and Bakersfield, half of the Metro teams, find themselves at the top of the heap with identical 5-2 marks.

**First Round Team Highlights**  
Coach Gil Bishop's Bakersfield Renegades hung up the highest winning score of 96 points against El Camino. Long Beach CC was next with 90 tallied against Harbor. LBCC scored the top points for a losing team in one game, having lost to L.A. Valley 76 to 88.

Harbor claims the title for "near misses," having scored 70 points or more on three different occasions, only to lose all three games—their record—72 ELAJC 82, 70-Long Beach 80, 70-Santa Monica 71. The Seahawks at Harbor provided the upset win of the first round with a 73-68 triumph over Valley last week. Valley's 520 points is tops in the team scoring department—an average of 74 points per game.

## Cees Clobber Centennial

Coach Bill Anderson's Cee Tartar cagers stomped through with a 38-24 win over Centennial in a Bay League mix on the home court, Friday afternoon.

Mick Babbitt swished through eight points for local high scoring honors. Buck Lehis hit for 14 for the Apaches.

Tuesday the Cees will meet Inglewood on the Tartar boards at 2:45.

**Scoring**  
Torrance (38) Centennial (24)  
Grajeda (2) F. Shigel (4)  
Haramoto (3) F. Smith (2)  
Werspoon G. Henderson (2)  
Hasso (6) G. Taylor (3)  
Babbitt (8) G. Lehis (14)  
**Scoring Subs:** Torrance—O'Kain 4, McDougal 1, Taylor 6, LaDuke 6, Centennial No. 7, 2.

## Samohi Collects Win

A big first and final scoring push gave the Santa Monica Leuzinger Olympians, Friday night, Doug Franks, Samohi guard, pushed in 21 points for the cause.

## Beat Fillmore In Early Game

Torrance's Tartar cagers were knocked out of a chance at the consolation championship in the Beverly Hills tournament by a few points, Friday, as the Pasadena High five out-scored them, 46-41 in a real cage thriller.

The Tartars gained a crack at the Pasadena squad by downing Fillmore High 42-41 the day before, after taking a loss from Compton, 54-46, on the opening day of the invitational tournament.

Richard Ruffell, regular first stringer on the local junior varsity squad, proved the big man of the Pasadena game, as he rang up six field goals and a pair of free tosses for 14 points.

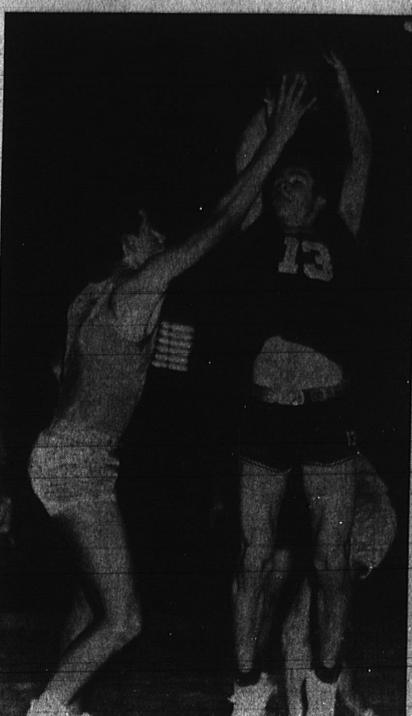
**Good Defensive Play**  
But Coach George Stanich was quick to point out that it was not only his offensive play that put him at the head of the pack, but sterling defensive work which held Pasadena's J. Warnick to a measly six points.

The day before, as Pasadena dumped Santa Ana, Warnick blasted in 27 counters.

Although they outpointed the foes in the closing periods, the Tartars were unable to overcome a 18-point second period scoring surge and lost the melee.

In the earlier game, as Torrance slipped out, Fillmore by one point to gain a ticket to the semi-finals, it was Denny Hester who hit for 15 points to steal the show.

The Fillmore five outpointed Torrance in the first and second periods, then fell apart as Tartar sharpshooters finally found their range and went for



**HIGH POINT-GETTER . . .** Richard Ruffell, shown here in a recent game, blasted for 13 points in the final game for the Tartars in the Beverly Hills tourney Friday, as they fell to Pasadena 46-41 in the consolation semi-finals. Ruffell not only was brilliant on offense, but came through with an outstanding defensive game.

Subtle	2	2	0	2
McCandless	1	0	0	0
Harper	7	2	0	3
Pyle	7	2	1	4
Totals	28	13	14	41
Torrance	6	16	31	42
Fillmore	10	22	28	41

Kendall	0	0	1	2
Hester	9	8	4	16
Ruffell	4	2	1	4
Boos	3	1	0	1
Lee	4	2	5	12
Brown	4	2	2	6
Iwata	1	0	2	4
Totals	25	16	15	45

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**CATALINA CATCH . . .** Paul Smith, left, and Walt Gilliard trekked to Catalina Island last week-end, and brought home the bacon. They bagged three pigs, one of which went 125 pounds, and four wild goats. The two smaller pigs are just right for roasting, they say.