

# THE HOSTS MUSTANGS IN 'MUST' GAME

## CIF Berth At Stake In Tuesday Crucial

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With second place in the Bay League and a CIF berth at stake, Torrance's successful Tartars return home to close out their regular season Tuesday when they encounter the equally dangerous Mira Costa Mustangs, who are seeking the same league position. Coach Fanny Markham's charges

## NHS Drubbed Friday 52-35 By Monarchs

Morningside's Robert Davies assaulted the baskets for 19 points Friday night to lead the second place Monarchs to a decisive 52-35 triumph over winless North High in a Pioneer League clash on the Sax-on floor.

The victory left the Monarchs one game behind the league leading Beverly Hills Normans with only one match remaining on the 1957 slate. Morningside is deadlocked with Culver City for the second spot.

Hot from the beginning, the winners had no trouble with the cellar dwelling Saxons and scored at will after gliding to a 13-8 lead after one quarter of play. Holding the North quint to five points in the second period, the Monarchs built a 10 point 23-13 halftime lead.

Earl Kather of the Saxons took runner-up scoring honors with 13 digits and was closely followed by Morningside's Tom Ticker and Jim Cottle with 12 and 10 tallies, respectively.

The Saxons take a breather Tuesday and close their unsuccessful season Thursday night against Hawthorne on the Cougar floor. In their first meeting on the North hardwood, the locals lost a real heartbreaker to Hawthorne, 52-48.

The Cougars pulled one of the top upsets in the Pioneer League Friday night by trouncing Culver City 63-51 and dropping Centaurs into a second place tie. Hawthorne used only five men throughout the game and all five tallied in double figures.

One of the big factors in the Hawthorne win was that the Cougars got 23 points from the free throw line.

Beverly Hills took over undisputed possession of first place in the league by edging El Segundo 43-42 on Dan Walker's deciding basket in the final minute of play.

CIF SCORING

Morningside (52)	North (35)
Ticker (12)	F..... Boyd (2)
Cottle (10)	F..... Campbell (2)
Kr (6)	F..... C. Tramsine (2)
Davies (19)	F..... G..... Simpson (15)
12 (1)	F..... H..... (13)
Morningside	12 10 18 13 52
North	5 10 15 35
Scoring Subs: Morningside - Des- sen, 4; North - Little, 3; Reder, 6.	
JV Score: Morningside 55, North 51.	

## North Sophs Take Title in Intramurals

Senior Chuck Richardson ran to victory in two distance events in this week's first annual North High School intramural track meet on the North oval.

Competition in the meet was divided among class years, and into two divisions consisting of novice ranks for students with B and C exponents and the open division for varsity and junior varsity members.

Richardson blazed to victory in the 880 yard and one mile events in times of 2:15.9 and 4:58.8 without spikes. Both times bettered the listed school record.

Final team standings showed a decisive triumph for the sophomores with 69 points, followed by the juniors, 44; seniors, 22; and freshmen, 15.

Open Results  
100-Constance (So), Rubinsk (So), Turner (Sr)-10.9  
200-Li-Jayregul (So), Jonas (So), Wright (Sr)-15.5  
400-Richardson (Sr), Begando (Sr) Laid (Fr)-2:15.9  
800-Richardson (Sr), Reeves (So), Hitchcock (Fr)-4:58.8  
Shot - McKlerman (Sr), Whitley (Fr), Christianson (So)-47.84  
100-1/2 Mile - Garcia (Fr), Scott (So), R. Garcia (Sr)-5:48  
1/2-Mile - McKlerman (Sr), Stinger (Sr), Jarkola (Fr)-13:37  
800 Relay - Sophomores - 1:42.2  
Girls 80-Rosa (So), Busch (Fr), Hayakawa (Sr)-7.0

Novice Results  
100-Houck (So), Storch (So), Murphy (Fr)-10.8  
200-Li-Houck (So), Murphy (Fr), Ritchley (Fr)-15.5  
400-Harris (So), Webb (So), Wyte (Fr)-15.5  
800-Hickerson (Fr), Savko (Fr), Comstock (So)-3:55.8  
1/2-Mile - Trutt (Fr), Snel (Fr), Tucker (Fr)-6:42  
1/2-Mile - Shickley (Fr), Birren (So), Geary (So)-19:24  
Shot - Pilon (So), Rome (Sr), Roach (Fr)-38  
440 Relay - Junior-49.5

Probable Starters  
Wira Costa Torrance  
Barron.....F..... Mathews  
Smith.....F..... Crenshaw  
McConnell.....G..... Ruffell  
Rogers.....G..... Venable  
Doods.....G..... Babbitt

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## Last Place Sentinels Pull Upset Over Potent Tartar Quint, 48-40

Cellar-dwelling Inglewood, effectively utilizing a pressing defense all the way, put a temporary stop to Torrance's CIF express Friday night as the Sentinels pulled a major upset over the second place Tartars, 48-40, before a partisan crowd at Morningside High School.

The Tartars, who scored 31 points in one quarter while running up 92 points against Leuzinger Wednesday, had trouble in bettering that mark on a complete game basis as the surprising Sentis led most of the way in notching their second Bay League win.

Rich Ruffell, who carried into the game a CIF leading 21.3 average, was completely bottled up by defender Gary Cunningham and managed to register only 11 points. Cunningham took game high point honors with 19. Guard Toby Venable led the Tartars with 12 digits.

Although deadlocked six times, the Sentinel attack possessed the upper hand throughout the clash as the only Torrance advantage early in the second half was short lived.

Adapting to a special defense devised by Coach Buck Smith to combat the high scoring abilities of Ruffell, Jerry Mathews and Gene Crenshaw (which it successfully did), Inglewood jumped into an early lead and held a 16-11 edge after one stanza, mainly on Cunningham's accuracy.

Torrance bettered the Sentis in the low scoring second period by three points and trailed by a narrow 22-21 score at intermission.

Successive goals by Crenshaw and Mike Babbitt gave

the Tartars a 25-22 lead, their first of the evening. With four minutes to go in the period, Ruffell added three points to increase their margin to four points, 30-26. Coming alive with a surge of power, the Sentinels roared to 16 straight tallies before Torrance could cut the ice again with only 5:01 remaining in the game. Leading the drive that broke the Tartars' back were guard Don Ray and substitutes Jim McPerson and Jim McBe.

In junior varsity competition, the Tartar JV's broke a deadlock in the third period to move ahead and decision the Inglewood outfit, 33-25.

Torrance (40) Inglewood (48)

Mathews (4)	F..... Green
Crenshaw (6)	F..... Chapman (4)
Ruffell (11)	F..... Cunningham (19)
Venable (12)	F..... G..... Ray (18)
Babbitt (7)	F..... G..... Young (12)
Torrance	11 10 3 10-40
Inglewood	15 7 13 14-48
Scoring Subs: Inglewood - Lockwood, 1; McPerson, 4; McBe, 2.	
JV Score: Torrance 33, Inglewood 25.	

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## Torrance Blasts Olympians, 92-37 For Eighth Win

Still clinging to second place in the torrid Bay League basketball race, red-hot Torrance unloaded four big bombs on lowly Leuzinger, Wednesday afternoon, to mercilessly trounce the Olympians 92-37 on the Tartar hardwood.

"The Bombs," in the person of Rich Ruffell, Jerry Mathews, Gene Crenshaw, and Mike Babbitt, contributed a fantastic 74 points in running up the highest Bay Loop score of the season.

Ruffell temporarily took over the scoring leadership in the CIF standings with his high point performance of 25. Forwards Mathews and Crenshaw, and guard Babbitt followed with 19, 16, and 14 digits respectively.

Breezing from the very outset of the game, the Tartars built a comfortable 15-6 lead after one quarter of action and followed through with a blazing 60 points in the ensuing two stanzas.

High point man for the helpless Olympians, whose record stood at 2-6 after the match, was center Terry Birdall who accounted for 11 tallies.

Torrance's potent junior varsity squad added another victory to their impressive record with a convincing 60-29 conquest over Leuzinger.

Leuzinger (27)

Black (10)	F..... Mathews (19)
Unsworth (9)	F..... Crenshaw (18)
Birdall (11)	F..... Ruffell (25)
Jonas (9)	F..... G..... Venable (1)
Oakley (9)	F..... G..... Babbitt (14)
Leuzinger	8 11 12 8-37
Torrance	28 29 29 26-92
Scoring Subs: Torrance - Taylor, 4; Mead, 2; Knapp, 4.	

## CIF Play-Offs Set to Start February 26

Although team pairing and game sites have not been completed, CIF basketball play-offs will get under way Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Central, Southern, and Northern groups, the California Interscholastic Federation office announced recently.

In the top organization, the Central group, 24 teams, two from each of the 12 leagues, will be represented in competition. Subsequent elimination rounds will take place on March 1, 5, 8 and 9.

Top teams in contention for the coveted CIF crown are Mt. Carmel, El Monte, Santa Monica, San Diego Hoover, Notre Dame and Newport Beach.

In the Bay League, the Santa Monica Vikings have all but sewed up the championship with a battle in store for the other berth between second place Torrance and Mira Costa, one game back.

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## San Diego Tops El Camino 84-63 For Fifth Setback

El Camino's diminishing band of Warriors dropped their fifth game in a row Friday night when San Diego knocked them out of third place in the Metropolitan Conference with a 84-63 posting on the Knight hardwood.

Maintaining a six to 10 point advantage throughout the game, the Knights built up a 40-30 halftime bulge and freely substituted in the latter stages.

El Camino (63) San Diego (84)  
Higgins (10) F..... Brandt (12)  
Hoff (2) F..... Krantz (20)  
Ruebel (28) C..... Gibson (12)  
Clayton (15) G..... Nowden (15)  
Ellis (5) G..... Tellous (14)  
Halftime Score: San Diego 40, El Camino 30.

Scoring Subs: El Camino - Karavas, 2; San Diego - Mendoza, 2; Vandervline, 2; Collins, 2; Spooner, 2; Bingham, 2.

## EC Batmen Plan 4 Tilts; Loyola First

El Camino's baseball squad kicks off their first rigid week of practice competition tomorrow when Doug Essick's team hosts Loyola on the Warrior field.

Tuesday, the Warriors travel south to encounter Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. Wednesday, Los Angeles City College invades the local domains while Thursday they complete a busy week with Ventura on the Pirate diamond.

Twenty-nine players greeted Essick on the first day of practice, including lettermen Ralph Hemp, Ed Saunders, Tom Vandervpool, and Dick Thompson from last year and Dick Lindner from the 1954 team.

Among the top high school prospects are All-City pitcher Jim Lynn from Gardena, Leuzinger All-Bay Leaguer Dick Oddy, and John Carbray of Inglewood.

## Ruffell Tops Bay League Scoring; 3rd In CIF Race

Whittier's Bill Van Vleit poured in 20 points against San Gabriel, Friday night, to regain undisputed leadership in the CIF scoring race. Van Vleit was previously tied for the top spot at 21.3 with Torrance center Rich Ruffell.

Tony Salas moved into second place as the Notre Dame ace collected 19 points against Mt. Carmel while Ruffell was held to 11 digits against Inglewood to drop to third spot.

Van Vleit's leading mark stands at 21.2 with Salas and Ruffell possessing 20.8 and 20.2 marks, respectively.

Ruffell continues to dominate the Bay League standings by a wide margin over runner-up Tom Bennett of Santa Monica who is hitting 15.4 per game and Torrance's Jerry Mathews at 15 per.

CIF SCORING

Van Vleit, Whittier	20	Pts. Ave.
Salas, Notre Dame	19	20.5
Ruffell, Torrance	11	20.2
Fernbrook, Fullerton	13	21.1
Engesser, El Monte	13	22.5
BAY LEAGUE SCORING		
Ruffell, Torrance	11	22.4
Bennett, Santa Monica	10	15.4
Mathews, Torrance	11	15.0
Herman, Redondo	11	16.8
Bates, Santa Monica	10	14.3

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