

# TARTARS WIN, 84-71; GRAB CIF BERTH

## SPORTS

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### Warriors Travel To Santa Monica This Afternoon

Nearing the close of a disastrous second round of Metropolitan Conference action, the El Camino Warriors travel to Santa Monica this afternoon to encounter the Corsairs on the John Adams Junior High School floor at 4 p.m.

Santa Monica was the last team to fall before the first round Warrior powerhouse before eligibility problems and five losses set in.

This time, however, the Ron Bora led Corsairs will be favored to reverse the earlier 70-67 score and probably by a considerably larger margin. Bora was the top SMCC scorer in the last meeting with 24 digits.

It was the scoring abilities of 6'5" center Bill Davis and forward Roy Ruelbel who paced the last victory as the pair contributed 27 and 23 points, respectively.

Davis is now lost to the squad with scholastic difficulties along with Dennis Carroll, Tony Navarro and John Bernards. However, Ruelbel has moved into the center spot and has become one of the deadliest shots in the Metro circuit.

### Saxons Journey to Hawthorne To Close Pioneer Schedule

Still searching for their initial Pioneer League triumph, the North High Saxons bring to a close an unsuccessful basketball campaign tonight, meeting a strong Hawthorne squad on the Cougar hardwood. Junior varsity tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

The Saxons came the closest to notching their first win in their earlier meeting with Hawthorne only to drop a heartbreaker, 52-48. With center Don Marlin and forward Mike Gillespie pacing the attack, the Cougars built up a 15-11 margin after one stanza. This stood as the margin of victory as both teams battled on even terms from then on.

Guard Don Prather took high point honors in the clash by recording 20 digits with Ken Simpson adding 10 and Dave Campbell tallying 9 in a losing cause.

In the junior varsity match, the Saxon JV's will seek to gain revenge on their Cougar counterparts who drubbed them in their first meeting, 46-31.

With one clash remaining, Prather is the top point producer for the Saxons with 84 points and a 9.3 average. Campbell is in the runner-up spot with a 7.2 per game mark and 65 points. Closely on his heels is Simpson at 61 points with a 6.7 average.

Rounding out Coach Bill Wood's starting quintet which will face the dangerous Cou-

gars are guard Dave Boyd and center Ron Tremain.

Hawthorne, although out of Pioneer League title contention, is riding high after knocking Culver City out of first place last week with a resounding 63-51 triumph. The Cougars led all the way in upsetting the high-flying Senturs and dropping them behind Beverly Hills in the standings.

Probable starters

North High	Hawthorne
Campbell	Gillespie
Boyd	Marlin
Tremain	Prather
Simpson	Simpson
Trasher	Ottler

### CIF Announce Team Pairing In Play-Offs

Seven first place teams draw byes in the first round of the CIF basketball play-offs which get under way Tuesday evening. Sites for play-off games have not yet been determined.

Taking a breather and getting a jump on the field of 25 teams entered with one less game to play are the top quintets in the Bay Coast, Pacific, Catholic, San Diego, San Gabriel, and Ventura Leagues.

CENTRAL GROUP PAIRINGS

Upper Bracket

Pacific League No. 2 vs. Citrus League No. 2

Metro League No. 1 vs. San Diego League No. 2

Muliken High vs. Sunset League No. 2

Coast League No. 2 vs. Pioneer League No. 1

Lower Bracket

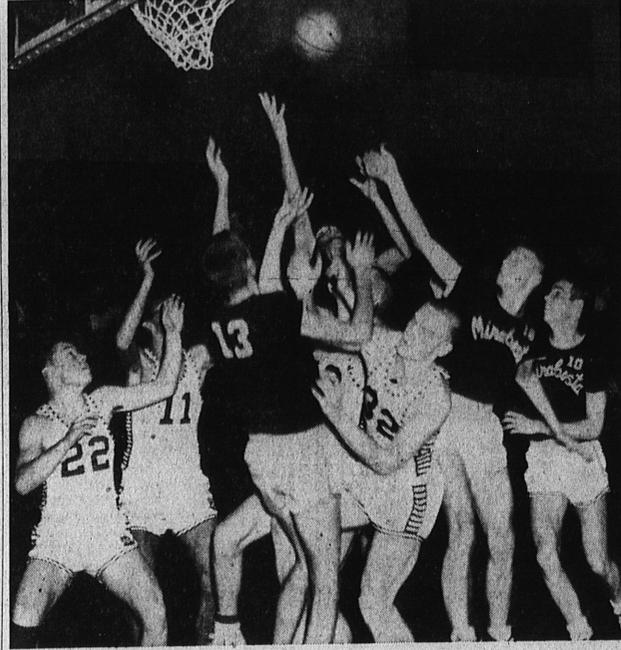
Foothill League No. 2 vs. San Gabriel League No. 2

Pioneer League No. 2 vs. Bay League No. 2

Sunset League No. 2 vs. Citrus League No. 1

Metro League No. 2 vs. Catholic League No. 2

Ventura League No. 2 vs. Foothill League No. 1



WILD SCRAMBLE . . . Action aplenty was the theme of Tuesday's Mira Costa-Torrance clash for second place and a CIF play-off berth. Going up to rebound the valuable sphere are, left to right, Tartars Toby Venable (22) and Gene Crenshaw (11), Mustang center Mike McConnell (13), Torrance's Jerry Mathews (32), and Micohi's Ernie Woods (16) and Jim Withers (10). Torrance triumphed 84-71 and enter play-offs Tuesday.

### Vikings Take Bay League Crown, 71-41

Although deadlocked 12-12 after one quarter, Santa Monica's powerful Vikings clinched the Bay League championship Tuesday with a 71-41 triumph over a surprisingly rough Leuzinger squad.

The Vikings, who draw a bye in the first round of CIF play-offs, outhit the Olympians 21-4 in the second period to pace their victory.

Led by the 28 point performance of center Gary Cunningham, Ingwood blasted Centennial 66-46 for their third win of the year on the loser's court. The Sentinals led from the outset and freely substituted throughout the second half.

### THS GOLF TEAM WINS

Coach Joe Stuart's Torrance High golf team successfully opened their 1957 season Monday with a 280-274 triumph over Downey on the Palos Verdes course. Next on the link agenda for the Tartars is a match with Ingwood Monday at Ingwood Country Club.

Tartar Ronnie Hase was top man in the Downey meet as he carded a 39. Next on the list for Torrance were Gary Desmond and Terry Murphy with scores of 44 and 45, respectively. Rounding out the Torrance team were Bruce Bielefeld, 47; Doug Mills, 48; and Jim Smith, 51. Low man for the Knights was Don Chamberlain who fired a 43.

### Road Runners Take EC Meet In Intramurals

An unheralded El Camino intramural group known as the Road Runners rolled up 109 points and garnered 10 of 11 first place medals to run away with the college's annual intramural track meet last week end.

Sprinter Gary Cook, distance runner Jim Bevin and Frank Olson in the field events paced the victors as Cook racked up three wins and the latter two each collected two firsts.

Cook registered in the 220 yard dash, 120 yard low hurdles, and the 100 yard dash. Bevin successfully subdued his foes in the 880 yard run and mile, while Olson triumphed in the shot put and discus events.

## Mustangs Downed In Bay Loop Finale

By STEVE LESCHER  
Herald Sports Editor

Dominating play throughout the contest, Torrance's come-through Tartars annexed their first CIF play-off berth in 'many a moon' Tuesday afternoon by soundly drubbing Mira Costa, 84-71, in the Bay League finale in the victor's pavilion. The triumph also assured Torrance of undisputed second place.

By trouncing the Mustangs by more comparative ease than the 18 point edge indicates, the victory earned the Tartars a crack at the second place squad in the Pioneer League in next Tuesday's CIF opener. Beverly Hills leads Culver City by one length in the standings with the final order to be determined following today's closing Pioneer Loop clashes. A site has not yet been announced.

Ruffell Hits 21

Five Tartars hit in double figures as the locals were posting win number nine against three setbacks. Center R. Ruffell, the league's top point producer, topped the scoring with 21 points and wound up with a 12 game total of 248 points and a 20.5 average. However, high point man of the game was Mustang Mike Rogers, a 5'8" guard, who accounted for 22 points.

Tartars Jerry Mathews and Mike Babbitt ranked next in scoring with 16 digits apiece while Tony Venable contributed 11 points in the second half and Gene Crenshaw registered 10.

Tartars in Charge

Rogers got the Mustangs off to a quick 2-0 edge on a jump shot — and brother, that was that for Mira Costa! Behind the consistent shooting of Babbitt and Mathews, Torrance compiled a healthy 19-7 first period bulge and were never in danger.

During a spirited second quarter, the Mustangs closed the gap to nine points at one time only to have Ruffell and Mathews increase the margin to 37-22 at halftime.

Nine points was the closest the Micohi quintet could get during the second half as

Coach Fanny Markham substituted freely when the Tartars increased their margin to 23 points early in the final stanza.

Numerous Fouls

Key players on both sides played a cautious second half as numerous fouls plagued the first two quarters. Tartars Ruffell and Mathews each garnered four as did Mustangs Rogers, Jim Withers, Pat Barnett, and Ernie Woods.

Mira Costa, who previously dropped a 54-50 decision to the Tartars in the first Bay League round, was also in CIF contention with a 7-3 record before falling before the Torrance onslaught.

Forward Ted Attebury of the Mustang Junior varsity falled a three minute Torrance stall with two seconds remaining to drop in a two-pointer to send the battle into overtime with a 36-second deadlock. Following the first three minute scoreless period, Attebury's free throw accuracy wrapped it up for the Mustangs 39-36, in the sudden death round.

Mira Costa (77) Torrance (84)

Barnett (6) . . . F. Mathews (16)

Withers (14) . . . P. Crenshaw (10)

McConnell (10) . . . Ruffell (21)

Rogers (22) . . . G. . . Mead (4)

Beard . . . Babbitt (16)

Mira Costa . . . 7 15 21 28-71

Torrance . . . 19 37 47 84

Scoring Subs: Mira Costa—Woods, 7; Clay, 7; Smith, 5; Torrance—Venable, 11; Taylor, 5

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El Segundo	4	0.444	426	426
North High	3	0.300	216	524

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## ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

Gardena Rod and Gun Club's five man team checked in five full limits of hefty barred perch including a whopper hitting 3 lbs., 1 oz., late Sunday afternoon to take top honors in the eighth annual Redondo Perch Derby. Winning quintet consisting of Gene "More Buttons" Tolson, Mac "Burry" Mercuriades, Chuck "I Know" Richards, Dave "Junky" Hite, and Bill "Basher" Tolin worked the magic strip of beach just above Santa Barbara known as the patch, pea or tomato, take your pick, to chalk up a second win for Gardena hot-shots in the history of the largest of all perch derbies, a different team from the same group having won about four years back.

Second place trophy went to the ESSOE, Standard Oil Employees, with the Compton Hunting and Fishing Club running third. Second and third spot winners were determined by total weight of limits all around: ESSOE, 71 lbs., 6 oz.; Compton, 62 lbs., 13 oz.

National Supply's entry of young surf addicts Paul Whitacre, Jerry Uzman, Don Fogg, Bal Evans, and Gary Evans reeled in a total of 37 perch over 10 inches to take the number one spot in the Junior division, again proving Torrance harbors all sorts of fishing talent even if they are divided into different clubs. National Rod and Gun Juniors are a terrific bunch of boys, handle firearms as well as they do their fishing rods, and above all are the best of sports. More than deserving of the title of surf champs among all Southern California's young fishermen.

For the second year in a row, five fishing gals of the Rafu Angling Club emerged winner in the woman's division, again scoring with limits and a total weight of 54 lbs., 12 oz.

Torrance Rod and Gun's winning team of last year,

again worked Hollywood Beach reaping only a little more than half of two in a row. One other Torrance squad reported they had their limits, but a big wave washed them back into the water. The truth is hard to believe sometimes, and you can be sure Gardena is saying "ya, sure," with tongue in cheek. Altogether 15 teams checked in with limits all around, most working the beaches of Santa Barbara and beyond.

The Gardena Sporting Club takes over Sunday, sponsoring their third annual barred perch derby. This one is every angler for himself with the largest perch checked in at the deadline of 10 a.m. at Zuma Beach declared winner. Beautiful trophies, rods, reels, and other prizes to be awarded. Registrations will take place from midnight Saturday until 7 a.m. Sunday at the center parking lot at Zuma Beach or the Gardena Sporting Goods Store on Gardena Blvd.



CHAMP ANGLERS . . . Members of the National Supply Co.'s junior rod and gun club look over the perch caught which won them top honors in Sunday's Redondo Beach Perch Derby. For details of the Derby and the outcome, see Donna's "Rod and Gun" column in The HERALD Sports Section today.

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TEAM SCORES

Road Runners, 109; TUI Sigs, 59 1/2; Kappas, 53; Eho Delta, 35; Independents, 28; Veterans, 9 1/2.

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