

TARTARS MEET MORNINGSIDE IN CIF



CIF BOUND . . . Torrance's high scoring Tartars, who climaxed the school's most successful season last week by earning a berth in the CIF play-offs, pose for the cameras before clashing in the first round with Morningside of the Pioneer League Tuesday night. Front row, left to right, are Tony Venable (22), Mike Bertolet (21), Paul O'Kain (11)

and Jack Taylor (25). Back row, left to right, are Rich Ruffell (13), Jerry Mathews (32), Ray Vanderpool (12), Gene Crenshaw (11), Russ Vanderpool (24), Ron Lovelady (15), Dale Mead (14), and Bob Knapp (31). Not pictured is guard Mike Babbitt.

Site Undecided for Pioneer, Bay League Struggle Tuesday

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Enjoying their strongest and most successful basketball season in the history of the school, Torrance's speedy Tartars invade the CIF play-off ranks Tuesday night, colliding with Morningside in first round action at 8 p.m. Site for the game will be announced tomorrow.

Runner-up to unbeaten Santa Monica in the powerful Bay League, the Tartars bring into the contest a 9-3 league mark and an overall 19 wins in 27 outings. Also in a second team position, the Monarchs finished one length behind Beverly Hills in the Pioneer League with a record of seven wins and three setbacks. On a seasonal basis, the Monarchs broke even in 24 games.

Tops Bay League
With coach Fanny Markham in his second year at the helm with Torrance, the Tartars will be led into CIF play by center Rich Ruffell, who completed the league season with 246 points for a 20.5 average, third best in the CIF. The 6'4" center's mark easily captured Bay League top honors by a wide margin over Santa Monica's Tom Bennett, who finished with 195 points.

Joining Ruffell in the important rebounding task, as well as scoring, are 6'2" forwards Jerry Mathews and Gene Crenshaw. Mathews took third place in Bay Loop scoring with a 15.1 average for 182 points while Crenshaw is a top defensive stalwart.

Davies Big Threat
The player that makes coach Claude Rutherford's Monarch squad go is stellar junior guard Burton Davies, who wound up as the top scorer in Pioneer ranks. Davies, who garnered first team all-league honors last year, accounted for 143 points in 10 games and averaged 14.3 per match.

Morningside's youthful squad features only one senior, center Jan Krc, on its starting quintet. Krc, who averaged 9.3 per game during the league campaign, is the tallest starter at 6'2" although the team com-

EC Hosts Vikes Tuesday; Glad To End Season

El Camino's once proud basketball squad, presently suffering a seven game losing streak, gladly close out the 1957 season Tuesday evening when they host Long Beach City College in the second half of a double-header on the Warrior court. Harbor and San Diego duel for the Metropolitan championship in the first game at 7 p.m.

With Russ Tyler pacing the way with 35 points, the Vikings downed El Camino in overtime 103-100 during the first round to snap an EC win skein and sent them into their disastrous tailspin. Only six players remain on the local roster as the season comes to a close.

The Bill Cowan led Bakersfield Renegades built up an early lead Friday night and coasted to a 72-66 triumph over the Warriors on the Loser's hardwood. Cowan accounted for 22 points while El Camino's stellar center Roy Ruebel swished in 21 tallies.

18 Squads Begin CIF First Round

Torrance and Morningside square off Tuesday in the local feature of the CIF basketball play-offs while 16 other schools will be in first round action. Seven first place squads draw byes and begin competition Friday.

TEAM PAIRINGS
Upper Bracket
Alhambra vs. San Bernardino at San Gabriel.
Holt or Sweetwater vs. San Diego or Mission Bay (to be decided tomorrow).
Millikan vs. Newport Beach at Long Beach Wilton.
Long Beach Jordan vs. Beverly Hills at Beverly Hills.
Pasadena vs. El Rancho (Site undecided).
Lower Bracket
Morningside vs. Torrance (Site undecided).
Orange vs. Colton at Pacific of San Bernardino.
Holt or Sweetwater vs. St. Anthony.
Antelope Valley vs. Burroughs at Burroughs.

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Kenny's, Inglewood Collide For Recreational Loop Lead

Undeclared Kenny's Shoe Repair, victorious in seven appearances, clashes with Inglewood Ithex Tuesday evening in the showdown game of the Torrance Recreation League basketball activities at Torrance High School at 6:50 p.m. In other games, Burchfield Rug Works meets Wright Ambulance and Knolls Drug Store duels Carbide Chemicals.

The Ithex quintet, with only a first round loss to Kenny's blemishing their record, remained in contention this week by walloping Carbide, 64-24, as Phil Graf paced the victory with 24 points. Al Johnson took runner-up honors for Inglewood with 15 while Dave Evans and Frank Consiglio each donated 14.

Kenny's downed Burchfield, 20, on a forfeit and then defeated the Ruggers in an exhibition game, 65-50, with Dave Ruffell and Richard Garcia each hitting for 18 digits. However, Bob Moon of Buchfield tallied 20 points.

Should Inglewood defeat Kenny's Tuesday and both teams go unbeaten through their remaining three games, a play-off game would be held to determine the Torrance representative in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Championships which begin in Alhambra March 22.

In the other clash last week, Gerald Balstar's 27 points were of no avail as Wright Ambulance came from behind to defeat Knolls, 57-44, with Dave Gall tallying 17 points for the victors.

Boys between the ages of 13 and 15 are eligible to register for the try-outs which will be held at the Torrance Park. Ages will be figured as how old he will be on Sept. 1.

Since there are two Babe Ruth Leagues, only boys living on the north side of the boundaries are eligible to play on the Torrance team. The boundaries are north on Crenshaw Blvd. to Sepulveda Blvd., west on Sepulveda to Hawthorne Blvd., north on Hawthorne to Torrance Blvd., and west on Torrance to the city limits.

THS Tracksters Edge Hawthorne In Opener, 54-52
Although Hawthorne smashed three school records, the Torrance High track team opened their spring schedule with a close 54-52 triumph over the Cougars in a non-league meet on the Hawthorne oval.

Gary Cooke sparked the Tartar victory by blazing to first place honors in the 120 high hurdles and 180 low hurdles in times of 15.7 and 20 flat, respectively. However, Hawthorne's Bill Gordon was the top performer of the meet with firsts in the 100, 220 and broad jump.

The Cougars captured seven out of 12 top medals but the Tartar depth was the deciding factor in the final decision. Hawthorne records were bettered in the 440, high jump and shot put.

Torrance 54 at Hawthorne (52)
100—Gordon (H), Keith (T), Brown (T) 10.6.
220—Gordon (H), Keith (T), Hyde (H) 21.7.
440—Slate (H), Mitchell (T), Rubio (T) 54.5.
800—Babbitt (H), Ryan (T), LaDuke (T) 2:17.
1,600—Babbitt (H), Moor (H), Hanson (T) 4:48.1.
3,200—Cooke (T), Rubio (T), Malherba (H) 10:27.
5,000—Cooke (T), Cooper (H), Rubio (T) 20.
800 Relay—Torrance (Cooke, Mitchell, LaDuke, Keith).
1,600 Relay—Torrance (Cooke, Mitchell, Babbitt, Robinson (T), Nicholson (T), Galaway (T), 6:29.4.
3,200 Relay—Torrance (H), Nicholson (H), Galaway (T), McDougall (T), Malherba (H) 12:8.
4,800 Relay—Torrance 50, Torrance 47, O Score—Hawthorne 52, Torrance 59.

Baron Scores 28, Paces L.B. State Victory
Ex-Torrance star Bill Baron, currently the top small college scorer in California, helped Long Beach State snap a seven game losing streak as he poured in 28 points in the 72-69 Forty-Niner win over Chapman.

Baron's 30 foot field goal as the final buzzer sounded knotted the count at 59-all and sent the game into an overtime period. With the score tied again, 67-67, Baron stole the ball and drove in for a lay in to put Long Beach ahead to stay.

His game output raised his 25 game total to 565 points for a stellar 22.6 per game average. Baron's mark is also high ranking in national statistics on a small college basis.

Saxons Fade Out To Cougars, Bow 64-47 in Finale

North High blew a five point first period lead Thursday night and Hawthorne's dangerous Cougars took full command to down the hapless Saxons 64-47 in the Pioneer League finale at the victor's school.

Substitute forward Mike Gillespie came off the bench for Hawthorne to tally 17 points in leading the Cougar onslaught which overcame the 15-10 deficit. A big 28 point second period smashed all Saxons' hopes as they could garner only six points during that span. The Saxons' Dave Campbell took runner-up scoring laurels with 15, three ahead of Hawthorne's Norm Kappen.

The staggering second period turned the tide as both team scored 28 points during the second half. Hawthorne's triumph left them in fourth place in the final league standings with an even 5-5 record. In the first meeting of the two squad, the Cougars annexed a thriller at the North Gym, 52-48.

Guard Don Prather, who accounted for nine points in the game, wound up as the top Saxon scorer in Pioneer League play with 93 points and a 9.3 average. Campbell took second place with an eight point mark for 80 points and Kensempson registered 66 digits and a 6.6 average.

In the junior varsity encounter, the two evenly matched clubs played one of the thrillers of the season with the Cougar JV's edging the locals, 50-40.

Beverly Hills won their third consecutive Pioneer Loop championship by coming from behind to subdue Culver City 44-34 in a low scoring affair on the Norman hardwood.

Sandy Schulhofer and Bud Lapin sparked the titlits with 12 points apiece. In overcoming a five point edge, the Normans scored 12 of their 14 second half points from the free throw line. They duel Long Beach Jordan in the play-offs.

Morningside earned the right to meet Torrance in CIF with a 65-45 victory over El Segundo on the Eagle floor. North High (47) vs. Hawthorne (64) Boyd (7) vs. Davis (11) Campbell (10) vs. Kappen (12) Freeman (3) vs. Hobson (12) Prather (9) vs. Pritchett (11) Bitter (7) vs. Short (3) North (10) vs. 8 12-47 Hawthorne 42, 10 28 14-44 Scoring Subs: North—Little, 3; Simpson, 8; Hawthorne—Gillespie, 37; Tuf, 3; Oeller, 12; Soltes, 5.

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The Standings

BAY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Final)

School	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Santa Monica	12	0	1.000	705	635
Torrance	9	3	.750	794	635
Mira Costa	7	5	.583	622	645
Centennial	6	6	.500	628	678
Redondo	4	8	.333	645	690
Inglewood	3	9	.250	600	634
Leuzinger	2	10	.167	476	710

BAY LEAGUE SCORERS (Final)

School	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Avg.
Ruffell, Torrance	12	0	1.000	246	20.5
Bennett, S.M.	12	0	1.000	195	16.3
Mathews, Torrance	12	0	1.000	182	15.2
Herman, Redondo	12	0	1.000	152	12.7
Rates, S.M.	12	0	1.000	135	11.3
Leuzinger	2	10	.167	476	23.8

PIONEER LEAGUE STANDINGS (Final)

School	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Avg.
Beverly Hills	5	2	.700	513	41.8
Morningside	7	3	.700	513	42.0
Culver City	5	5	.500	517	40.3
Hawthorne	5	5	.500	511	32.2
El Segundo	4	6	.400	471	49.1
North High	0	10	.000	463	46.6

PIONEER LEAGUE SCORERS (Final)

School	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Avg.
Davies, Morningside	10	0	1.000	143	14.3
Walker, Bev. Hills	10	0	1.000	134	13.4
Ryan, Culver City	10	0	1.000	124	12.4
Lapin, Bev. Hills	10	0	1.000	117	11.7
Hutton, ES	10	0	1.000	107	10.7

Torrance-Monarch Seasonal Records Show Local Edge

TORRANCE TARTARS		MORNINGSIDE MONARCHS	
Won 19, Lost 8		Won 12, Lost 12	
59 Serra	38	39 Oxnard	55
52 Downey	56	65 Fillmore	56
69 Long Beach Wilson	60	72 Lynwood	41
56 Compton	50	58 Inglewood	61
42 Long Beach Poly.	45	43 Long Beach Wilson	66
72 Alhambra	54	42 Alumni	71
48 Compton	40	59 El Cajon	40
49 Santa Monica	54	56 Mission Bay	58
72 Compton	65	64 San Diego	68
56 Newport Harbor	62	61 Serra	37
35 Culver City	29	73 Santa Maria	76
57 El Segundo	41	38 Montebello	66
60 Notre Dame	46	54 El Monte	57
45 El Monte	56	35 Ventura	41
56 Santa Ana	30	42 Beverly Hills (*)	55
49 Centennial (*)	36	40 Hawthorne (*)	41
69 Santa Monica (*)	77	45 Culver City (*)	41
61 Redondo (*)	43	85 North High (*)	26
56 Leuzinger (*)	35	51 El Segundo (*)	37
56 Inglewood (*)	44	41 Beverly Hills (*)	52
54 Mira Costa (*)	50	57 Hawthorne (*)	56
61 Centennial (*)	57	46 Culver City (*)	40
68 Santa Monica (*)	75	52 North High (*)	35
67 Redondo (*)	56	65 El Segundo (*)	45
92 Leuzinger (*)	39		
42 Inglewood (*)	48		
84 Mira Costa (*)	71		

1585	1307
58.7 Season Average	50.2 Season Average
63.0 League Average	52.4 League Average
(*) denotes league game	(*) denotes league game

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