

TORRANCE WINS, 51-45; COMPTON NEXT

Tartars Outlast Morningside In First Round of CIF Play

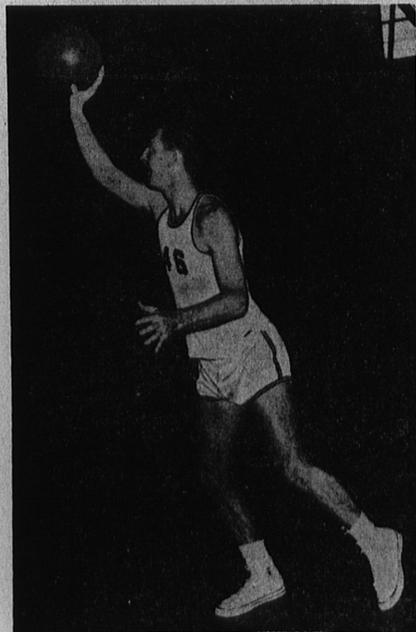
Amplifying the first CIF bid in the history of the school, a defense-minded Torrance basketball squad roared to a 51-45 triumph over Morningside Tuesday night in the first round of the Central Division play-offs before a near-capacity crowd at the Redondo High gym. Center Rich Ruffell and forward Gene Crenshaw led the scoring onslaught for the victors who had to point into a two and a half minute stall early in the final

Registration For Babe Ruth Loop Saturday

Registration for players in the Pacific American Babe Ruth League will be held from 10 to 12 Saturday at Seaside, Newton, Riviera Schools. All boys between 13 and 15 who live south and west of Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. and south and west of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvd. are eligible to play in this league. Tryouts for the eight teams in the league will be on March 9, 16, and 23, with the season scheduled to start about May 1. Sponsors lined up for the teams so far include the Riviera Rotary, Kohler Construction Co., Missionary Enterprises, Vegas Airways, Joe Bellante Realty, and Seven-Up.

EC Swimmers Open Year in Calif. Relays

Fifteen men constitute the 1957 El Camino College swimming team which will open its season tomorrow night in the Southern California Relays at Long Beach and host Pasadena College Tuesday at 3 in the El Camino pools. Under the guidance of Coach Harry Perry, four lettermen are returning this year. Chick McElroy, the team's all-around swimmer, will be aided by Wally Gillies in the butterfly division, Brent Lake in the 220 and 440 distance swim, and Don Delaney, a strong contender in the back-stroke field. The other home events for the Warriors will be against Orange Coast on March 20, Bakersfield on March 22, and Santa Monica on April 5. A special event will be held with the University of Southern California on March 15. All the events will start at 3:00 p.m. in the ECC pool.



ALL-METRO PERFORMER . . . El Camino center Roy Ruebel, one of the top five scorers in the conference with 261 points and an 18.5 average, was selected yesterday to first team All-Metropolitan honors. The award also carried an invitation to participate in the Metro All-Star game at Bakersfield Saturday night. Ruebel was El Camino's most valuable player last year and is a graduate of Narbonne High School.

Kenny's Stays In First With 78-51 Victory

Kenny's Shoe Repair moved closer to a bid to the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Championships as they rolled to a convincing 78-51 triumph over Inglewood Ibox Tuesday night to remain unbeaten in the Torrance Recreational League. Forward Bill Frazier paced the victors with 25 points as Kenny's built up an early lead and were never headed by Ibox, who were only one game back in the standings prior to the game. Dave Ruffell took runner-up honors with 14 although Frank Consiglio topped Ibox scorers with 15 tallies. Two games ahead with only three to play, Kenny's seems to be a good bet to advance to the state play-offs, which are slated to begin March 22 in Alhambra. In other Tuesday encounters, Wright Ambulance won over Burchfield Rug Works 2-0 via a forfeit to remain in third place with a 5-3 record. Knolls Drug Store was forced to come from behind to edge a determined Carbide Chemical squad, 52-45, in the third game of the evening, Carbide, in exhibiting their best performance of the season, deadlocked the contest, 31-31, after three periods and led early in the final quarter before Knolls pulled away to win.

Glen Kezer and Jan Krc took over the scoring punch from the closely-guarded Davies in the third period as the Monarchs stormed back to outscore the Tartars 15-8 with a fast break and close the gap to 38-35 going into the show-down quarter. As Morningside guard John Boyd sank a 20-footer only 22 seconds into the canto, Torrance mentor Fanny Markham sent his squad into a "fancy dan" stall to protect their meager one point margin. After romping successfully for close to three minutes, Mathews added two charity tosses and Ruffell contributed six digits to ice matters for the Tartars.

Player	G	F	P	T
Kezer, G	2	4	0	2
Cottle, F	0	2	3	2
Krc, C	0	2	3	2
Boyd, G	0	2	3	2
Davies, G	1	0	1	2
Balitt, G	0	0	0	0
Hodge, F	0	0	0	0
Delletsen, F	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	11	9	45

Player	G	F	P	T
Mathews, F	4	2	3	10
Crenshaw, F	6	4	2	16
Ruffell, C	6	4	1	16
Mead, C	0	0	0	0
Babbitt, G	0	0	0	0
Venable, G	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	20	11	10	27

Score by quarters:
Morningside . . . 12 10 15 10-45

El Camino's Ruebel Named To All-Metropolitan Team

El Camino's stellar center Roy Ruebel, received near unanimous acclaim this week when he was voted to a berth on the first team All-Metropolitan Conference selections. Based on a coaches' poll, the appointment also carried a bid to participate in the Metro All-Star game Saturday night in Bakersfield.

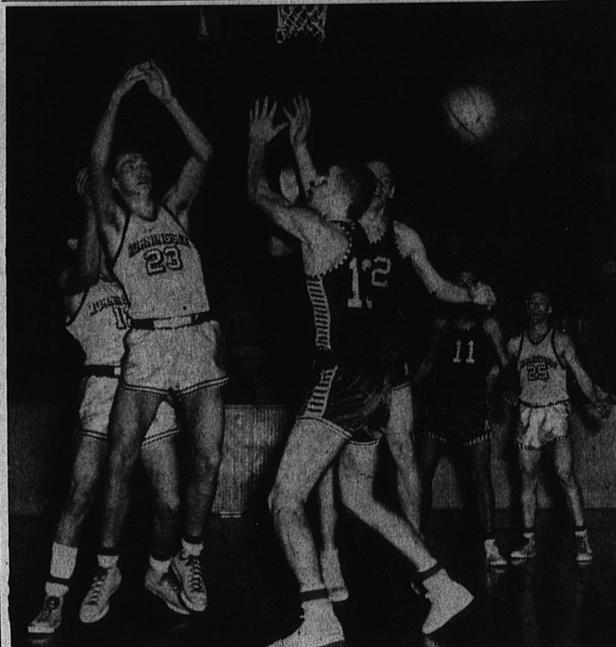
According to Conference Commissioner Cecil G. Zaun, two squads were selected consisting of seven players in each group. The top ten will clash with Metro champion San Diego in the all-star event, the second of its type which is jointly sponsored by Bakersfield College and the conference.

Bakersfield's pint-sized forward Bill Cowan was selected as the Metro player of the year when he received a unanimous 38 votes in the coaches' poll. Other first team members were Long Beach's Russ Tyler, Elisco Nino of East Los Angeles, Henry Salcido of Harbor, Santa Monica's Ron Bora, and Bill Tellous of San Diego.

Ruebel, who was voted the most valuable El Camino basketball last season but failed to notch All-Metro honors, moved over to the center spot at mid-season from forward and turned into one of the sharpest shots in the circuit with his torrid scoring pace.



Twenty-two TORRANCE, HERALD FEB. 28, 1957



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BALL? . . . Going up for a rebound during CIF opener between Torrance and Morningside, the Tartars' Rich Ruffell (13) and Jerry Mathews (32) and Larry Ballitt (12) and Jan Krc (32) of Morningside seem to be missing something—the ball, which bounced past them. Looking on are Tartar Gene Crenshaw (11) and Monarch Glen Kezer (25). Torrance won, 51-45, to advance to second round against Compton tomorrow night.

CIF Scores

Upper Bracket	Lower Bracket
Alhambra 62, San Bernardino 50.	Newport Beach 64, Millikan 47.
Sweetwater 57, San Diego 47.	Long Beach Jordan 52, Beverly Hills 47.
El Rancho 60, Pasadena 54.	Lower Bracket
TORRANCE 51, Morningside 45.	Colton 63, Orange 52.
Helix 55, St. Anthony 50.	Burroughs 54, Antelope Valley 52.

Warriors Close Season; Lose to Long Beach CC

Although Roy Ruebel and Dave Higgins accounted for 57 points, El Camino closed its 1957 Metropolitan Conference campaign on a losing note Tuesday night as visiting Long Beach City College grabbed a 93-87 verdict on the Warrior courts.

With 2:10 remaining, the Warriors closed the gap to 85-84 only to have Viking forward Russ Tyler, who tallied 24 points, lock up matters with a jump shot, lay in, and pair of free throws.

All five members of the Long Beach starting five tallied in double figures with Tyler topping their scoring. However, Ruebel with 30 points, and Higgins with 27, were game high point men.

In the first clash of the basketball double header, San Diego pulled a minor upset by edging defending state champion Harbor, 61-58, for the Metropolitan Conference crown and a spot in the California play-offs.

No. Torrance Little League Plans Workout

Try-outs for the North Torrance Little League will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Dominguez Field, 190th St. and Beryl Ave. Boys who have not registered or had verification of birth, must register at 2619 W. 178th St., Torrance, before the try-outs.

Try-outs will be held for 10 year olds and under this weekend while boys 11 and 12 years old will participate at Dominguez Field on March 9. Six major teams, four minor teams and a players pool will be organized by the North Torrance group. Parents are asked to accompany their boy to the tryouts. Following the tryouts, teams will be selected in the near future.

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By STEVE LESCHER
Herald Sports Editor

Two Southland high schools with similar nicknames and outstanding records, Torrance's Tartars and the Tarababes of Compton, seek to end the similarity tomorrow night when they launch lethal doses of baskets at each other in the second round of the CIF Central Division basketball play-offs at 8 p.m. The site will be announced today.

Compton, king pin in the rugged Coast League, drew a breather in Tuesday's initial round and moves into action against Coach Fanny Markham's Torrance charges, fresh from a 51-46 conquest over Morningside of the Pioneer Circuit.

Completing 12-2 record Led by the scoring potential of forward Roger Thrall and guard Bobby Smith, the speedy Tarababes compiled a respectable 12-2 record in besting Long Beach Jordan for the title. Only blemishes on the Compton state were overtime upset losses to seventh place Lynwood, 57-55, and third place Long Beach Wilson, 55-49.

Averaging better than six feet per man, Coach Louis Joseph's aggregation is considered one of the outstanding squads in competition for top CIF laurels.

Thrall, a six foot senior forward, is the top point producer for the Tarababes and ranked number two in Coast League

statistics with a 13.4 average. Third in loop scoring, Smith contributed a 12 point per game mark during the 14 game season. The fleet guard is an outstanding college prospect, also starring on the gridiron and in the broad jump pits.

Torrance Offense
Carrying the offensive burden for the Tartars, center Rich Ruffell and forward Jerry Mathews have established themselves as the two top point getters with respective 20.5 and 15.1 averages, ranking number one and three in Bay League. Also counted on for scoring and defensive chores will be forward Gene Crenshaw and guard Mick Babbitt.

Although Torrance has met and defeated Compton three times during the practice season in November and December, the game is rated a toss-up due to the fact that the Tarababes were without the services of Smith and forward Ray Reed and have improved immensely.

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