

Saxons Slap El Segundo Again

Season-long determination to evade the Pioneer League cellar paid off here Tuesday afternoon for the Saxon Varsity as the NHS cagers walloped El Segundo, 62-50, in their next to last outing of the schedule.

El Segundo thus lost their final chance to grab a loop win. The victory for Bill Wood's Saxons gave them a 2-7 mark in Pioneer play and left the losing Eagles with a win-less, 0-8 record.

The Saxons tangled with Morningside High of Inglewood Saturday night in the MHS gym in the season finale, but results were not available at press time.

With Roger Snell, Ron Anderson and Bud Ritter leading the way, the Saxons poured in 20 points in the second period to register a halftime bulge of 28-9 over the Eagles. The locals lost ground in the second half, as they were outscored, 41-34, but the damage had been done.

Snell and Les Hutton, El Segundo forward, wound up in a deadlock for game scoring honors, both with 18. But Roger got lots of help from his Saxon

teammates to give the locals the edge.

Anderson got 13 points. He was especially effective from the free throw line. He had nine points on charity tosses and two field goals. Ritter wound up with 12 counters, before he fouled out late in the final period.

Steve Beckett, with 10, and Ron Petrilli, with nine, completed Saxon scoring.

North Torrance (62)	
	FG FT TP
Anderson, f	3 9 18
Bolde, f	0 0 0
Petrilli, f	4 1 2
Richardson, f	0 0 0
Snell, c	6 6 18
Ritter, g	3 6 12
Beckett, g	3 4 10
TOTALS	18 28 62

El Segundo (50)	
	FG FT TP
Hutton, f	5 8 18
Blanchard, f	0 1 1
Clark, f	1 1 3
Larson, f	4 0 8
Jennings, c	4 2 10
Bailey, g	3 0 6
Wood, g	1 2 4
TOTALS	18 14 50

Eagle JV's Roll, 48-36

El Segundo proved too tough for the Saxon Jayvees Tuesday as the NHS five was dumped, 48-36, in the Tartar gym. The locals finished their Pioneer League slate Saturday night at Morningside, but the score was not available for publication.

Dave Campbell poured in 18 points from his guard spot to pace the Saxons, but he didn't get enough help from his mates. Al Bledsoe contributed seven counters for the locals.

Morache, Eagle Jayvee center, had 15 to pace the winners.

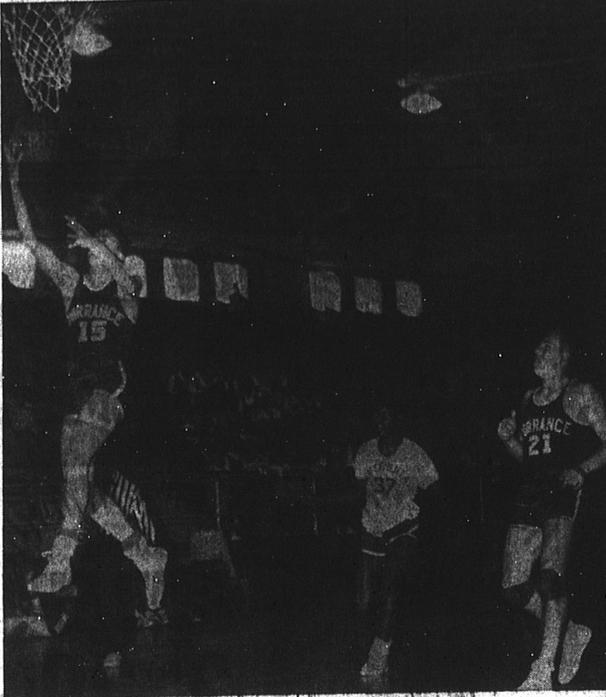
North High (48): Nissen, f. 2; Bledsoe, f. 7; Scott, f. 4; Whitehead, c. 2; Theroux, c. 8; Grieshaber, g. 5; Stinger, g. 0; Campbell, g. 18.

El Segundo (36): Cook, f. 8; Smith, f. 13; Morache, c. 15; Woolley, g. 5; Owen, g. 4; Mallock, g. 5.

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(Herald Photo) RUNNING UP SCORE... Mike Kendall, Tartar guard, speeds in for crippler during Tartar-Centennial action Friday at Compton. Mike Bertolet, 21, Torrance guard, right, and Apache defender trail play. Torrance won fourth straight Bay League game in the season finale 82-72, setting new high single game scoring record for Tartar cage teams.

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Crack Centennial Jinx In Final Go

Basketball's finest hour came for the Torrance Tartars Friday afternoon as the locals walloped power-house Centennial, 82-72, to take their fourth straight Bay League game. Fittingly enough, it was the final game of the season for the two squads.

Centennial has held a two-year hex over the Tartars in all sports, winning handily in past varsity contests. Torrance previously had beaten an Apache team only once, in a Bay League baseball game last year.

But this time Coach Fanny Markham's youngsters, who were ignited with the victory spark a month ago and haven't lost since, wouldn't go for taking a back seat to the Apaches.

The run and shoot Centennial five wilted for just three minutes under the constant pressure of the Tartars' pressing defense and that was enough. The Tartars kept right on bombarding the hoop in running up 82 points—the highest in regular competition for any Tartar cage team.

The old high of 73 was set in January of 1954 when the locals bounced Redondo, 73-64.

Ruffell Brilliant Rich Ruffell closed out a brilliant junior year, by hooping 30 points for Torrance. He smashed the school record this season, nabbing 36 tallies against Antelope Valley and wound up second in Bay League scoring, with 217 points in 12 tussles.

The Apaches hit from outside right off the bat and jumped to a 17-12 lead at the quarter. The Tartars peeked away at the lead until, with about three minutes left in the second quarter, they pulled away for good.

Ruffell, Mike Kendall, Mike Bertolet and Jerry Mathews began putting away the lay-ups and the Tartars walked off the court with a 35-29 halftime lead.

Keep Up Pressure And the locals kept the pressure on in the final two periods. At one time, they led by 18, 48-30, but the Apaches, behind Chet Clark and Warrandell Williams, were firing away. It was strictly an offensive game in the last half.

With about four minutes left in the tussle, the Apaches crept to within five points, 75-70, but then the Tartars took a deep breath and pulled away.

Bertolet's free throw with Smith, third in the low hurdles, third in the broad jump and second in the shot.

Torrance (8)	
	AB R H E
Bertolet, ss	3 0 1 0
Williams, 2b	4 0 1 0
Clifford, lf	4 0 2 0
Emery, 3b	3 0 0 1
Crenshaw, 1b	3 0 1 0
Custer, c	3 0 1 0
Venable, cf	2 1 0 0
Kearns, rf	1 0 0 0
Grajeda, rf	2 0 0 0
Hanson, p, lf	2 1 0 0
TOTALS	27 3 4 2

Morningside (2)	
	AB R H E
Mann, cf	3 0 1 0
Mondt, 2b	1 1 0 0
Hamblin, lf	4 0 0 0
Quinn, 3b	4 0 0 0
Nicks, 1b, c	2 0 0 1
Hunt, ss	3 0 1 0
Smith, 1b	2 0 0 0
Crandaal, c	0 0 0 0
Hodges, rf	1 0 0 0
Tromben, 2b	1 0 0 0
Freeman, 2b	2 0 0 0
Garver, rf	1 0 0 0
Rustenhaven, p	2 0 0 0
Jordan, rf	0 1 0 1
TOTALS	25 2 3 3

Varsity Schedule Feb. 28... at Culver City March 5... El Segundo March 8... Mt. Carmel March 9... Serra March 16... Lynwood March 20... at Lynwood April 3... Santa Monica April 5... at Redondo April 10... at Leuzinger April 13... Inglewood April 17... at Mira Costa April 24... Centennial April 26... at Santa Monica May 2... Redondo May 3... Leuzinger

Jayvee Schedule Feb. 28... Culver City March 8... at Mt. Carmel March 9... at Serra March 16... at Lynwood March 20... Lynwood March 21... Centennial April 4... at Mira Costa April 5... Hawthorne April 10... at Hawthorne April 13... at Leuzinger April 15... Santa Monica April 20... at Inglewood May 2... Redondo May 3... Donkey Bay League game. All games start at 3 p.m.

Torrance's Tartar Jayvee ballers face Culver City here tomorrow in the locals' second try of the young season. Tuesday, the Tartarvees smacked Morningside 4-2 on the losers' diamond in their 1956 debut. Herman Cobrea pitched the win, striking out 18 in going the seven-inning route. Big stickers for the THS nine were Ken Fovis, center fielder, and second baseman Tony Castillo. Fovis banged out three hits in four trips plateward, while Castillo posted a single and a home run in two times up.

Samohi Takes Track Win Over Tartars

Reserve strength proved the difference Friday at Santa Monica as Samohi took Torrance in a close dual track at fair, 56-48. It was the second meet of the season for the Tartars and took place on a muddy track.

Torrance's Gary Cooke displayed good form in winning the dashes. He was timed in 10 flat and 22.2 in taking the 100 and 220-yard affairs for the best marks of the day.

Other Tartar winners were Myron Schmidt, 53.9 in the 440; Duane Cooke, 13.7 in the 150 low hurdles; Larry Denning, 11' in the pole vault; and Bill Talbot 5'8" to tie for first in the high jump.

The Tartar relay team won over the 880-yard distance in 1:25.8. Duane and Gary Cooke, Skip Smith and Dick Dawson comprised the winning quartet.

Other Torrance placers included Dawson, third in the 440; Len Ehlers, second in the 880; John Treanary, second in the mile; Duane Cooke, second in the 70 high hurdles; and

Dave Dana's Tartar Varsity tests its second foe of the baseball season tomorrow when the locals trek to Culver City. Game time is 3 p.m. on the Centaur's field.

The Tartars had to come from behind in the final inning here last Tuesday to edge Morningside, 3-2, in the schedule opener. Bob Clifford had two of the locals' four base hits and also got credit for the win on the mound.

Second sacker Chuck Williams tallied the first run for the Tartars in the opening frame. He was safe on an error and then came home when the Cardinal catcher threw the ball into centerfield trying to halt his theft of second.

The game then went scoreless until the top of the seventh when the losers went out in front, 2-1. A single and a pair of Tartar miscues did the damage.

In the last half of the seventh, Toby Venable walked and Bob Grajeda struck out, but Jess Hanon got on base. Mike Bertolet drew a free base and Williams struck out. With two away and the bags jammed, Clifford whistled a liner at the pitcher, which bounced off the hurler's back and the tying and winning runs romped in for Torrance.

Hanon went 5 2/3 innings for the Tartars, striking out eight. Clifford finished up and whiffed two.

The locals open Bay League play here with Santa Monica on April 3. They conclude the schedule May 17 at Centennial.

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