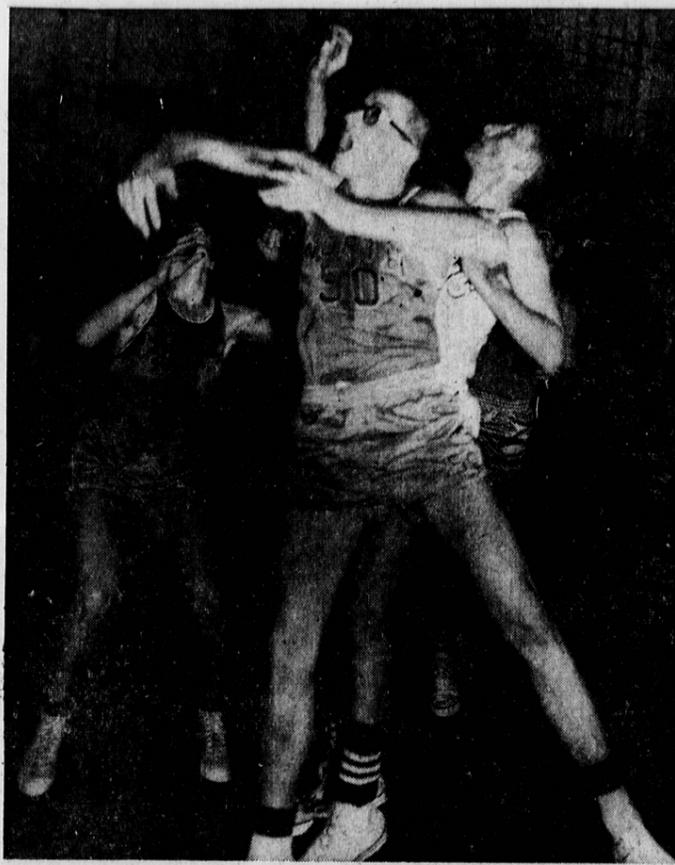


THS Thumps North in Tourney



MAD SCRAMBLE . . . North High's Ron Davidson (50) and Ron Jacobs (40) scramble for rebound with Torrance's Lynn Keller in first quarter of Friday's game at Beverly Hills Invitational Basketball Tournament. Tartars scored impressive 82-58 victory to advance to consolation finals. (Herald photo).

Weister, Reinert Spark 72-58 Win

Torrance High scored a series tie with cross-town foe North High Friday when the Tartars rammed the nets at a 46 per cent field goal clip, and had four starters hit for double figures in a lopsided 72-58 triumph in a Beverly Hills Tournament consolation game.

The victory, Torrance's second straight in the tourney, enabled Coach Will Boerger's club to return for a consolation championship match against Culver City yesterday. Results of the game were not known at press time.

Friday's triumph over North gave the Tartars a 2-2 tie in a "series" that has included only "chance" meetings in various tournaments. North took last year's fray at the Pacific Shores tourney.

Sparked by the red hot shooting efforts of guard Bill Weister and forward Bob Reinert, plus a yeoman job on the boards by center Lynn Keller, Torrance set the nets afire in the first half in pulling to a stunning 41-29 lead.

THE TARTARS had a 13-0 edge before North hit the scoreboard.

Reinert, who wound up with 22 points, plunked in 15 in the opening two quarters to pace the fast-breaking, dead-eye attack. He had nine buckets for 14 attempts, plus four foul shots.

Torrance took only 30 shots in the opening two quarters, but 17 found the range for a 56 per cent shooting percentage. For the game the victors hit 28 of 61 (46%).

Meanwhile, North couldn't pull the lid off the bucket, and managed only 24 field goals in 80 tries.

THE SAXONS, who played without full benefit of two

starters, Tom Clements and Sam Davidson, both waiting out the flu, rallied back repeatedly after being down and almost out for the 10 count.

North trailed the whole game, but thanks to some timely set shooting by Nik Hanlon, who just broke into the starting lineup, the Saxons were on the verge of overcoming Torrance twice.

Hanlon and Ron Combs, both guards, sparked the team in the first quarter "come-back," which left the team down by five, 20-15.

TORRANCE, wishing the cords on eye-catching long sets and jumps, pulled away again, to a whopping halftime lead, then a 60-47 third quarter edge.

The fourth quarter was error-filled, with both teams throwing away the ball and missing "easy" close-in shots.

Hanlon, a junior, scored 15 for North in an effort lauded by his coaches. Three teammates had 14 points each.

Torrance dominated the rebounding, with Keller pulling off 18. Sub Jim Hester, who played only partially, came off with 11.

WEISTER'S 21 point contribution gave him 67 points for three tourney games, making him an all-tourney candidate.

Torrance qualified for the North meeting after topping Fillmore 63-46. North moved into the third round game after smashing El Segundo, 70-50.

El Segundo had earlier defeated the Saxons, 54-53.

Tourney host Beverly Hills met Anaheim for the championship last night.

Torrance (72)	FG	FT	Pts.	
Weister, f	9	3	21	
Roberts, f	4	3	11	
Hester, f	0	2	2	
Keller, c	5	0	10	
Copeland, c	0	0	0	
Reinert, g	8	6	22	
Taylor, g	2	2	6	
Richardson, g	0	0	0	
North (58)	28	16	72	
Edwards, f	0	0	0	
Mance, f	4	6	14	
Jacobs, f	6	2	14	
Davidson, c	0	1	1	
Merrill, g	0	0	0	
Hanlon, g	7	1	15	
Combs, g	7	0	14	
Golphene, g	0	0	0	
Score by quarters:				
Torrance	20	21	19	12
North	15	14	18	11

St. John (51)	FG	FT	Pts.	
Fuller, f	1	1	3	
Peralta, f	4	5	13	
Castineda, c	7	2	16	
Deeney, g	1	0	2	
Wheeler, g	7	3	17	
South (48)	20	11	51	
Mannix, f	4	0	8	
Wood, g	0	0	0	
Andrews, c	2	0	4	
Mewborn, g	0	0	0	
Wehrhan, g	3	3	9	
Austin, g	7	5	19	
Roy, f	3	2	8	
Score by quarters:				
Vianney	16	11	8	16
South	10	6	19	13

SCRAP RUBBER
Scrap rubber collection during World War II averaged 6.8 pounds per capita.



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St. John Vianney Scores 51-48 Victory Over South

Spartans Edged After Whirlwind 2nd Half Finish

South High's Spartans, at times looking like they were playing their first game, roared back from an 11 point intermission deficit Friday to tie the score, take a lead, then blow it to St. John Vianney, which scored a thrilling 51-48 non-league triumph at South.

South, which tied the count at 35-35 after a whirlwind 30-second third quarter ending, calmly and confidently staked themselves to several one-point leads during the hectic final eight minutes before bowing to the machine-like Vianney quint.

The lead changed hands seven times in the fourth quarter, and the score was tied twice.

VIANNEY HELD a 49-45 advantage with :40 to play. However, South's Joe Austin pulled off a free throw rebound, dribbled the length of the floor and dipped in a two-pointer while being fouled.

Joe sank his charity toss, making it 49-48 with :34 to play. Then teammate Mike Andrews stole a pass but Mannix took a desperation shot and missed, Vianney recovering.

South had three other field goal attempts, but missed 'em all, while St. John was scoring two free throws to pull it out.

SOUTH MISSED about a dozen layups during the course of the 32 minute struggle.

Austin, the team's top shooter, was held to five points in the first half. He totaled 19 after a brilliant second half performance.

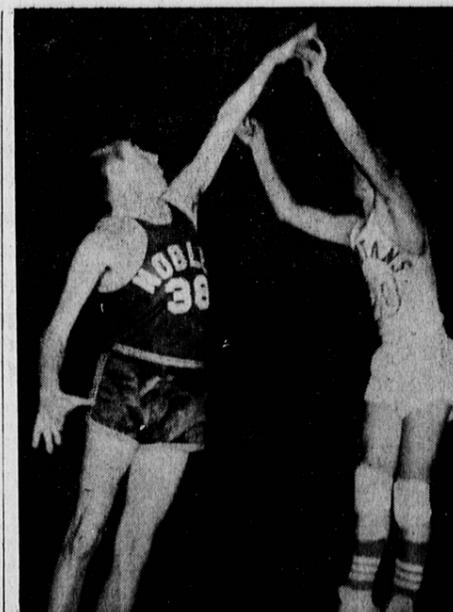
Bob Wehrhan, who was Austin's backfield teammate on the gridiron, had nine points, four coming in a 30 second span at the end of the third period.

He also stole a pass and passed for a layin to Mannix to tie the score at 35 all in that 30 second melee.

St. John (51)	FG	FT	Pts.
Fuller, f	1	1	3
Peralta, f	4	5	13
Castineda, c	7	2	16
Deeney, g	1	0	2
Wheeler, g	7	3	17

South (48)	FG	FT	Pts.	
Mannix, f	4	0	8	
Wood, g	0	0	0	
Andrews, c	2	0	4	
Mewborn, g	0	0	0	
Wehrhan, g	3	3	9	
Austin, g	7	5	19	
Roy, f	3	2	8	
Score by quarters:				
Vianney	16	11	8	16
South	10	6	19	13

Actually, the game was won at the free throw line in the



SPARTAN SHOOTER . . . South High's Jim Mannix (20) shoots over outstretched arms of St. John Vianney's Bill Deeney in hectic court struggle Friday. Vianney won out, 51-48 after wild fourth quarter. (Jim Sena photo)

Win on Foul Shots El Camino Nips Ventura, 77-69

A fast improving El Camino basketball contingent ran away from host Ventura in the second half Friday to post an encouraging 77-69 non-conference victory in the team's final tune-up for the Sam Barry Tournament, next week.

The Warriors—who had five players score in double figures—meet Ventura again in the first round of the annual Barry tourney.

Coach George Stanich was overly pleased with his club's showing Friday night, and said "It was a good win for us to get. We needed it, and it was our first away from home."

El Camino's consistent scoring ace, Harry Dinnel, plunked in 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the team in those two departments.

Stanich was also pleased with the play of forward Joe Cattivera, who was Dinnel's high school teammate two years ago at Mira Costa.

Joe "loosened up and hit on his first three shots he took," Stanich revealed. He totaled 14 points for the evening.

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El Camino (77)	FG	FT	Pts.
Cattivera, f	4	6	14
Krc, f	6	1	13
Dinnel, c	7	6	20
Erhard, g	0	0	0
Boyd, g	3	6	12
Runyon, g	3	7	13
Kingery, f	0	1	1
Brandenburg, g	0	2	0
Kovalis, f	0	2	0
Plante, c	0	0	0
Score by quarters:			
Vianney	23	31	77
South	10	6	19

HALFTIME SCORE: El Camino 36, Ventura 35.

Catfish Sets New At-Liberty Record

A white catfish caught in Clear Lake, Lake County, has set a new at-liberty record for fish tagged in California's inland waters.

The catfish was tagged in August, 1952 and hooked by an unidentified angler in October, 1959. It had been at liberty slightly over seven years and one month.

FROM THE BRIDGE Dry Spell May End For Tartars

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

Start squeezin the grapes pappy, prohibition is about to end—for Torrance High rooters, that is.

For 13 years followers of Torrance's fortunes and misfortunes, mostly the latter have been waiting to celebrate the school's first major varsity sport athletic championship — they're still waiting, but I've a feeling Will Boerger's fancy shooting Tartar basketballers will soon bring an end to the "long dry spell".

Since the Torrance school district jumped the old Marine League of the Los Angeles City Schools System, in 1947, Torrance High has laid goose eggs in all varsity sport divisions.

In fact the last championship trophy was won by the 1946 football team.

Closest the Tartars have come since was the '57 basketball team, headed by Rich Ruffell, Jerry Mathews, and Gene Crenshaw. That edition had a 9-3 league record for second place and entered the CIF playoffs, first and only major varsity sport team to do so.

After watching the Tartars treat their cross-town rival, North High, rather shabbily Friday, whipping the Saxons with incredible ease 72-58, I have to rate Boerger's clan as one of the three top teams in what promises to be a rugged and well balanced race for the 1960 Pioneer league championship.

The others are Beverly Hills, and Culver City.

The last two weeks have been tremendous for Torrance, first the Tartars reversed a tournament loss to Leuzinger, then they burst Mira Costa's bubble with a red hot shooting spree, and finally the locals wound up in another battle for a tournament consolation championship. Last night they went against Culver City for Beverly Hills consolation honors.

In Torrance's run-away from North, several of the coaches from Bay League and Pioneer League basketball teams were witnesses for a portion of the game. All were amazed with the skill and monotonous repetition with which the Maroon and White quint plunked the roundball into the nets.

Torrance had a 46 per cent shooting percentage against North, after a blazing 56 per cent barrage in the first half.

Against Mira Costa, the Tartars had a 58 per cent first half missile bombardment, which is almost phenomenal.

The two big scoring guns on Boerger's team have been senior returning letterman Bill Reinert, a guard, and junior Bob Weister.

When Torrance went into the consolation finals of the local Pacific Shores Tourney two weeks ago, I wrote here the Reinert was a cinch to make the all-tourney team. He didn't make it, he should have, but he didn't, and Mira Costa later wished he had.

Again, I'll go out on a "limb", this time in saying that Weister is a cinch for all-tourney honors.

The blond jump shot ace had been the team leader up to yesterday's finale, which was played a day after this piece was pecked. In consecutive games Weister canned 20, 26, and 21 points for a 67 point three game total and a 22.3 game average.

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BOB WEISTER . . . Drives around defender for two pointer.

DFG Stocking No Trout This Week

The Department of Fish and Game will not stock any catchable-size trout this week in Southern California. In fact, with winter weather overdue in most Southland trout areas, very little stocking will be done between now and late winter or early spring.



IS IT IN, OR ISN'T IT? . . . South High bench watches action during anxious moments of fourth quarter struggle with St. John Vianney. Attention is centered on Vianney free throw shooter, who happened to pop in a one-pointer. Vianney scored 51-48 triumph in South's gym. (Jim Sena photo).