

Stanich Optimistic for Tourney



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FROM THE BRIDGE

Prior Comes Up With Good Idea

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

Bob Prior, a local sports booster, has come up with what he and his backers feel is a good idea for determining a city high school football champion in the future.

Since South High is entering the Bay League in the fall semester, which means that the Spartans will strike up a new rivalry with North, Prior asks the school district to schedule Torrance against Bishop Montgomery High for a pre-league game, with the resulting winner meeting the South-North victor in a post-season "city championship playoff."

Prior says that he has a group backing him, which includes the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The group feels that proceeds from the playoff could go to some charitable youth organization, such as the YMCA, or to the building of a youth center in the city.

Long Way Off

Now, I'm all for the idea of determining a city football champion, but if it comes, it's a long way off.

The plan for the '60 season is practically an impossibility, with the scheduling probably completed in the four high schools. And then, of course, there's the gigantic task of persuading Dr. J. H. Hull to change his "eight game" policy for the three public prep schools.

Regardless of whether the eventual "city championship" develops, the chances of which I feel are thinner than a poker player's prayers at Vegas. I don't see why regular scheduling of intra-city athletic contests should be put off any longer.

There would be no bigger booster for local high school athletics, spectator interest, and city pride and school spirit.

Torrance is supposed to be the "All-American City," yet I feel some of our officials are still leading us around by the nose. What's more, people are letting them do it without even so much as a squawk.

About the only way to really get what the people want is to voice your opinion. We'd be interested in your pros and cons of intra-city scheduling. Send us a postcard.

Compare Dinnel, Reddin

I asked El Camino basketball coach George Stanich—a former all-American from UCLA—to compare Harry Dinnel with Tom Reddin, last year's ace who landed a berth on the all-Southern California junior college basketball team after placing second in the Metropolitan Conference scoring race.

Stanich said "It's pretty hard to compare them because Dinnel is a lot younger. No one could touch Reddin as a jump shooter, and Tom could jump better than Dinnel. But Harry uses his body a lot better than Reddin did, and when he's (Dinnel) got his hands on the ball no one will take it away from him. Harry has unusually strong hands for someone as young as he is (18).

"Actually, the only weakness he has is his speed, and he's not slow either. He can dribble with either hand, and he's a strong rebounder and a real good shooter."

Stanich Optimistic

Stanich is optimistic about his Warrior basketball team. "We're going to be tough to beat. I'm real pleased with the way we're coming," the usually unspoken mentor said.

George rates East L.A., San Diego, and Bakersfield as the three top teams to beat for the conference championship this season.

If the three Warriors on the ineligible block make up their grades by the semester, Camino could be right in there too. George Plante, who is on and off the ineligible list, and Bob Harrick and Ernest Kappen are deficient in grades. Plante and Harrick were alternate first string players.

Whoops, the South High — Torrance Pioneer League basketball games are NOT scheduled for Tuesdays, as "reported" here Sunday. Both games are set for Friday evenings, Jan. 15th and Feb. 16th. I look for overflow crowds, too!

Where to Play?

There are approximately 5000 high school students at Torrance, North and South. At least 40 per cent of these would be boys, meaning about 2000. Say 500 work, and another 500 aren't interested in sports at all. What would the other 1000 do during the Xmas holidays if no gym space were available? Torrance is a pretty dull city at times, and idleness leads to mischief. But fortunately, North High's gym is open for free play during the two week holidays, also on Saturdays (Torrance, too) when school re-opens.

I have no idea how many hundred sports-minded elementary school youngsters will also use the facilities, making the time and money spent keeping the gyms open well spent. Someone ought to see about keeping the gyms open during the summers, too.

Pop Warner Coming

Jim Mathews, one of the coaches of the famed Redondo Yellowjackets which recently played in a bowl game at Disneyland, has announced that he and an associate will attempt to bring the popular and fast-growing Pop Warner boys tackle football program to Torrance for the '60 season.

Mathews and Roy Riley, who also coached one of the teams in the Redondo area this fall, will begin making contacts shortly after the first of the year.

Pop Warner football has also spread into the Gardena area, where three teams have been planned for next season.

LADS Drag Strip Re-Opening Set For Jan. 3

LADS, the big 223rd St. drag strip near Long Beach, is closed down for extensive alterations and improvements, prior to a big re-opening program Jan. 3.

The New Year meet will be an all-day Sunday affair, said Director Mickey Thompson, bringing to action the west's hottest gas-dragsters and a tremendous over-all field of vehicles.

Thompson, America's fastest man on wheels, has set up shop in West Long Beach, where he is doing engine component testing work for manufacturers.

The El Monte drag-racing veteran earned rank as one of the all-time greats of speed in 1959.

Thompson drove his Challenger I, powered by four Pontiac engines, 365-plus miles an hour on Utah's Bonneville Flats, in October.

Though it missed the 396-mph world record of the late John Cobb of England, it set an American record.

Schedule for 1960 Faculty Cage League

Red Moon, Torrance recreation department adult athletics director, has released the schedule for the Torrance-area Faculty basketball league.

The league is composed of six teams of faculty members from schools in the area. Games will be played Monday evenings at 7, 8, and 9 p.m. at the North High School gymnasium, 3620 W. 182nd St.

FIRST ROUND

January 4—North High vs. South High
Peary Junior High vs. Palos Verdes
Torrance High vs. Hawthorne High

January 11—Hawthorne High vs. Peary Junior
Palos Verdes vs. North High
South High vs. Torrance High

January 18—Peary Jr. High vs. South High
North High vs. Torrance High
Palos Verdes vs. Hawthorne High

January 25—Palos Verdes vs. Torrance High
South High vs. Hawthorne High
North High vs. Peary Jr. High

February 1—North High vs. Hawthorne High
Peary Jr. High vs. Torrance High
Palos Verdes vs. South High

SECOND ROUND

February 8—Palos Verdes vs. Peary Jr. High
Hawthorne High vs. Torrance High
South High vs. North High

February 15—North High vs. Palos Verdes
Torrance High vs. South High
Peary Jr. High vs. Hawthorne High

February 22—Torrance High vs. North High
Hawthorne High vs. Palos Verdes
South High vs. Peary Jr. High

February 29—Hawthorne High vs. South High
Peary Jr. High vs. North High
Torrance High vs. Palos Verdes

March 7—Torrance High vs. Peary Jr. High
South High vs. Palos Verdes
Hawthorne High vs. North High



ALL-TOURNAMENT . . . Bill Reinert, Torrance senior guard, was named to the first string all-Beverly Hills Tournament team Saturday after Tartars placed second in consolation division. Reinert scored 65 points in four games.

White Awarded By ABC for Converting 7-10

Dean White, Torrance fireman, was presented with an award from the American Bowling Congress Tuesday for "picking up" a difficult and rare 7-10 split recently at the Palos Verdes Bowl.

White achieved his feat while bowling in the Torrance City League, a loop composed of city policemen and firemen.

Camino's Dave Long On National JC Team Honorably Mentioned

Dave Long, El Camino College quarterback, was one of 20 QBs from across the nation honorably mentioned on the All-American junior college football team, announced yesterday.

Three gridgers from Metropolitan Conference champion Bakersfield College were first team selections.

Santa Anita to Usher in Racing Season on Saturday

Santa Anita Park ushers in its "Silver Jubilee" Thoroughbred racing season Saturday with what is hailed as the greatest opening day program in its 25-year history.

For the first time there will be the double attraction of the \$25,000 California Breeders' Trial Stake at seven furlongs and the \$20,000 Palos Verdes Handicap at six furlongs. Past



PLEASE SANTA . . . Roy Yancey Smith, Torrance heavy-weight boxer, tells Santa Claus that all he wants for Christmas is a main event bout. Old St. Nick, who happens to be Gordon Shaw, Smith's manager, is making the rounds with presents for area school children. Smith feels he is ready to move up from semi-main to the 10-rounders and wants a chance to prove it. (Herald Photo)

Warriors Mix With Ventura

An optimistic George Stanich sends his El Camino College basketball team into the annual Sam Barry Memorial Tournament at Glendale Saturday night against Ventura—a club the Warriors have already defeated in a non-conference game.

Amble, Church League Cage Teams Sought

Service clubs and churches interested in forming basketball teams for respective "Amble" and church league play are urged to contact Red Moon, Torrance recreation department adult athletics director, immediately.

Moon says that he has nine teams "signed up" for play in the slow-down "Amble" version of basketball, and hopes for at least three additions to complete two six-team leagues.

Moon also is interested in forming a church league, but needs at least six entries to do so. He said that three "interested" churches already have contacted him.

Teams which have been formed for the Amble program are: Lions Club, Post Office, South Bay Church of God, Tappa Keggas, California Bank, Old Pros, Deputy Sheriffs, Redondo Hawks, and Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen.

Parsons to End Racing Career

Heading the list of entries to honor Johnnie Parsons, who'll retire after this Sunday afternoon's 100-lap USAC National Championship midget auto race at Saugus Stadium, is Rodger Ward, 1959 Indianapolis victor.

Other Indianapolis drivers who'll be on hand at the San Fernando Valley paved oval when Parsons brings down the curtain on a brilliant 20-year career of racing include Jimmy Davies, Cal Niday, Earl Motter, Danny Oakes, Ray Crawford, Johnnie Tolan, Bill Cheesebour, Johnny Baldwin, Bill Homeier, Dempsey Wilson, Shorty Templeman and Johnny Boyd, as well as rookies Wayne Weller, Johnny Moorhouse and Jim Hurtubise.

Cal, West Virginia Co-Favorites of L. A. Cage Classic

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The classic also features Illinois, Northwestern, Michigan, Stanford and the host schools, Southern California and UCLA.

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SC's Charley Dumas Eyes High Jump Title

Charley Dumas of SC, who cleared 7-feet in practice on Thursday, will start his drive for a second straight Olympic Games high jump championship in the new Los Angeles Invitational track meet at the Sports Arena Jan. 22.

Trojan coach Jess Mortensen said Dumas was planning to compete in four indoor meets as he sets his sights on repeating his Melbourne win in 1956.

The lean Dumas was the first jumper ever to top 7-feet, having performed that heralded feat in 1956, before the Olympics.

The local meet will be the

El Camino dumped Ventura 77-69 last week . . . and we should beat 'em again," Stanich said.

The Barry Tournament has been both a jinx and a brick wall for the Warriors, who have rarely gone past the second round. Last year the Caminos were defeated by Torrance, Metropolitan Conference, and state champion Long Beach City College in the last second of play in the second round.

"But I'm really optimistic this year," Stanich told the Herald last week.

"This is the best draw we've gotten since I've been at El Camino, and with a break we could go right into the championship game."

Stanich, a former basketball all-American and Olympic high jumper for UCLA, has been head Warrior coach for five years.

Stanich feels his club should score a repeat win over Ventura Saturday ("We beat 'em on their home floor and should do it again on a neutral floor") and then knock off the winner of the Harbor-Glendale game on Monday.

Glendale should take Harbor. Glendale also holds a one-point win over the Warriors, but "we're real eager to get back at 'em."

If the Tribe makes it past the second round, they'll probably run up against Valley or LACC — the latter holds a previous win over ECC too, but again Stanich feels his club "has a good chance to win" in a return engagement.

The Warriors have a 4-5 non-conference record.

All of the games at the 10th annual tourney will be played at Glendale College.

First round pairings for Saturday are:

- 10:30 a.m.—Pasadena vs. Valley
- 12 Noon—East L.A. vs. Cerritos
- 1:30 p.m.—Santa Monica vs. LACC
- 3 p.m.—Long Beach vs. Pierce
- 4:30 p.m.—Bakersfield vs. Compton
- 6 p.m.—Ventura vs. El Camino
- 8 p.m.—Glendale vs. Harbor
- 9:30 p.m.—Fresno vs. San Diego

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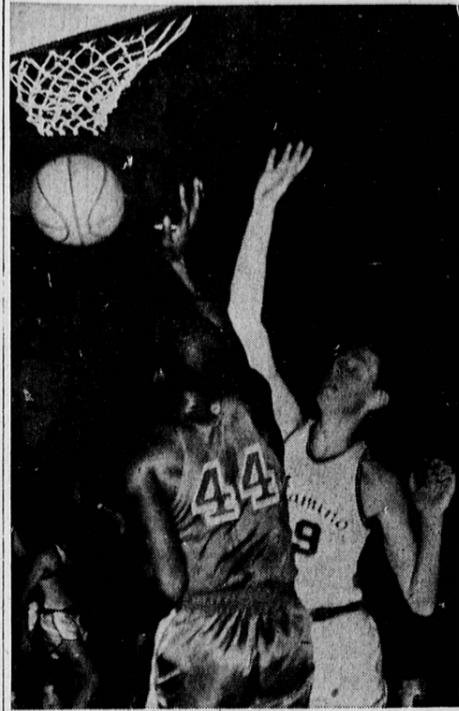
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CARRIES HOPES . . . El Camino's Harry Dinnel, smooth shooting freshman from Mira Costa High, carries hopes of Warrior basketballers, who enter annual Sam Barry Memorial Tournament Saturday with first round game against Ventura. (Herald photo)



By BEN and PAUL SMITH

HOT SPOTS

Here is an optimistic prediction that should fill all local sportsmen's hearts with gladness: during the coming year, we know we will have another wonderful year of fishing and hunting and that one of our Little Leagues will win the pennant in '60!

Mrs. Swigart of Tule Lake called us Friday and reported large numbers of ducks and geese in flight in that area. There were so many, she said, that it looked as if one could catch them with just a net. As soon as we began to pass the word along, several Torrance hunters took to the road and will probably be having nice duck dinners for Christmas.

Evant Brown and Ed Hamilton just got back from Tule Lake a week ago where they had exceptionally good luck by taking an unusually large Honker. Brown is shown here holding the bird that should be a compliment to anyone's Holiday table. Our congratulations, gentlemen.

Ralph Montague and four friends went to the Sea and reported taking 15 pintails. George, who is an excellent caller, said the birds really responded to the call. Having the ability to call ducks properly is really something and requires an "artistic" touch. However, with patience and practice it can be acquired and will really pay off for the hunter who learns the right methods.

Ed Glines recently took the trip to Happy Canyon near Cachuma to run down a rumor that wild pigeons were feeding there. He saw a few flights, he said, but was told by a reliable source there that two days before his arrival, thousands of the elusive birds had been in the area but had departed for parts unknown.

Since we are now receiving some rain, the game warden's may soon open up Mt. Palomar. They will call us when they do and we will pass you the word.

Bruno Adamoli and Fred Rossi journeyed to Walker Pass where they took limits of quail, as well as two chuckers. They said they saw so many chuckers and quail that they could hardly believe it. In their excitement they missed some really good shots. This would be a good place to go for the holidays for this type of shooting.

FISHING

The Mobil Sportsmen recently held a perch derby with Kenny Kuykendall taking first place with his landing of a two-pound, 6½-ounce perch. He was followed by Ed Ando for second place with a one-pound, 12-ouncer. L. K. Dale took third place with a one-pound, 8-ouncer. Altogether, 12 limits were brought in. All fishing in the event was done at either Zuma or Huntington Beaches.

James Reiss just got back from Johnson Lost Lake on Highway 95, some 35 miles from Blythe, where he reported excellent bass and catfish angling. We have been there and can heartily recommend this as a place to take the family for a fishing trip.

CHUCKLE FOR TODAY: One of our ardent fishermen came in the other day and—not knowing beans about hunting—wanted to buy his boy a shotgun for Christmas. He asked if we had an "UP AND DOWN BROWNING?"

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