

**FROM THE BRIDGE**

**Cousy Greatest Of All Celtics**

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

A huge welcome mat was out when these "rah rah" cage stars made the leap to the Pros. In fact, it was red carpet treatment for such big timers as Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell . . . but, —

What about Mr. Boston Celtic, the nine-time all-pro Bob Cousy?

They almost told him to "get lost." When Cousy was graduated from Holy Cross, he hoped to play with the Celtics. But the Celtics ignored him in the draft (Tri-City, later the Hawks, got him). Then he was shunted to the Chicago Stags (who're they?) for Frankie Brian (who's he?).

The Chicago franchise didn't last and Cousy, Andy Phillip and Max Zaslofsky were tossed into a grab bag for Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Everybody wanted the high scoring Zaslofsky — the Celtics, too, of course.

But they were disappointed. Cousy's name came out of the hat.

Cousy, at least, was happy. That was 10 years ago and the Celtics still are wearing a smile like the cat that swallowed the canary.

Now in his 11th NBA season, Cousy recently led the Celtics to two wins against the Lakers in the Sports Arena. He carries the luster of "all-time player on a world championship team."

The greatest little man in the game (he's 6 ft. 1 in.), Cousy is the game's top playmaker with 5,259 assists in 10 seasons, a thousand more than his nearest rival. In the score-and-when does he wear down?

Well, last season he set an all-time record for assists at 715.

So, at 32 he seems to be far from through, as the Lakers found out at the Memorial Sports Arena. The Lakers' department he's second to Dolph Schayes, only.

**THURSDAY WASHLINE** . . . Wilt Chamberlain may be the greatest scoring star in the history of the NBA before he hangs up his gondola-size shoes, but enemy defenders won't shake in their boots at the sight of him until Wilt learns how to hit free throws.

Last year he missed more than 400 . . . Wonder if that had anything to do with why he was roughed up so much a year ago, as defenders knew he wasn't exactly deadly from the charity line? . . .

Manford Mainer, El Camino linebacker from Torrance High, has been offered a full-ride scholarship to Santa Barbara. He'll probably be transferring at the semester . . .

. . . If there's a maneuver in the pro basketball book that the Lakers' Elgin Baylor can't do and do well, Los Angeles fans just haven't noticed it yet . . .

Ron Veres, the All-American JC passing whiz from El Camino is still undecided about his four-year college plans . . .

Looks like this could be the big year North High basketball followers have been patiently waiting for ever since Coach Bill Wood underwent his "youth movement" three years ago. The '60-'61 Saxon edition could go down in the books as the best to ever come out of Torrance, if things go right.

**Discounts on Sale for City Cage Tourney**

Tickets for the upcoming City Round Robin Basketball Tournament between Torrance's four high school teams are now available at the schools, according to sponsoring officials.

Funds from the Friday, Dec. 23 tourney will go toward supporting the city's float entry in the Jan. 2 Rose Parade. Bishop Montgomery, North, South, and Torrance high schools are cooperating with the Chamber of Commerce to put on the affair in the South High gym.

**EC Wrestlers Even Record**

Seeking their third consecutive victory, El Camino College matmen will journey to Citrus College Friday at 8 p.m. to engage their hosts in a Southern California JC Conference wrestling meet.

The Warrior wrestlers evened their season record at 2-2 while downing Mount San Antonio 25-20 last week. Saturday they upset San Diego State, a four-year college, 15-11 in a non-conference meet.

**December 30 Deadline For Entries in 1961 Tennis Tournament**

Singles entries in the 43rd annual Los Angeles Metropolitan Tennis Championships must be filed by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, it was reported yesterday by the Met-Net's co-sponsors, the City Recreation and Park Department and the Municipal Tennis Association. The Beverly Hills tourney draw:

**TICKETS WILL** be 75c for students and \$1 for adults. The South gym has a seating capacity of 2000.

Games will consist of two eight-minute halves, with each team playing each of the other three quintets. Awards will be made to the outstanding player from each team.

At half-time, the 93-piece Torrance All-Star High School Band, which will march in the Rose Parade, will perform for spectators.

**ACTION WILL** get underway at 7, with a North-South game. At 7:30, Bishop Montgomery plays Torrance at 7:30; South and Torrance follow at 8; North and Bishop Montgomery at 9; North and Torrance at 9:30; and in the 10 p.m. final, Bishop Montgomery and South. Half-time activities will be at 8:30.

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Discount stores must secure their cars from authorized dealers and you have one more middleman to pay.

In most cases your sales tax goes to another community and you have to pay increased taxes in your home community to replace this loss of revenue.

Your hometown merchant pays heavy taxes, has large payroll, supports the necessary civic and charity programs to make your hometown a decent place to live and rear your family.

You may find it costly and inconvenient to take your car to some remote dealer for service.

You will find in the long run it will cost you less to do business with your local dealer; he has a sense of responsibility and obligation to you and wants to keep you as a friend and customer.

Remember—your local dealer has been discounting for a heck-of-a-long time—he pays less for his merchandise than the discount store, so he can give you a better deal.