

Cagers Ready to Roll

Ranns Round-Up

1960 Big Year

by David Ranns, Sports Editor

Looking back over 1960 it's been quite a memorable year in the Sports world. It's actually been a sports year all year long and things have been popping like firecrackers everywhere. The Olympics in Rome surely won't be forgotten and especially the winter Olympics in Squaw Valley up north.

The World Series was one of the most thrilling ones especially for the Pirate fans back in Pittsburgh. Talking to a man in Erie, Pa. last summer he predicted Pittsburgh would go all the way; then they were in third place. I guess some fans know what they are talking about wouldn't it be nice if we all did, prediction wise that is. Any way I'm sure my friend I met on the shores of Lake Erie was overjoyed with the Series. I hear they are still celebrating!

L.A. Sports Capital

It's been a real year for the city of angeles also; Three new professional teams not to mention the fine ones we have already.

I think the biggest news is that L.A. has got a new American League team WOW!—just thing now you can see big league ball every night of the baseball season with top teams as the Yankees, White Sox, Indians, Red Sox, Orioles, Athletics, Senators, Twins, and the Tigers.

The people back home in Minneapolis probably feel the same way about their new team, the Twins, but why in the world did they have to get Washington's team and make them start a new. They are having a hard enough time as it was; well I'll let them worry about that problem. Any how L.A. has a new team; too bad that it has to play in Wrigley field. It's a better playing field but the Coliseum brings the big gate.

Another first is the chargers. A first place team that's on the verge to go south to San Diego. After the first season here I wouldn't blame them if they do decide to move. At least a select few like them including myself.

For basketball L.A.'s even got that, the new Lakers imported from the Twin Cities of Minnesota is here to stay. The Lakers play real basketball and top notch pro teams visit the Sports Arena regularly. These are all firsts for Los Angeles in the sensational year of 1960.

On the Local Front

This year has been full of joys and sorrows for the local front also. South High moved to the Bay League with North Hi. It was the first year for an all-city basketball tournament. South won the consolation championship in the Pacific Shores Tourney. Norts came close but died twice in the Pacific Shores and Beverly Hills tournaments.

The football race was close and exciting. North and South ending in a 13-13 tie. What a disappointment! Torrance High won the co-championship with Culver City but 14 years trying to get a CIF berth was wrecked with the simple flip of the old coin. North finished in an impressive fourth place and South falling in the sixth place diget.

Not That

As the year draws to a close people begin to make resolutions. It's hard to keep them so that's why I don't make them.

I hope everyone has a dandy New Year and they drove safely last night.

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Basketball season gets under way this week for the city's four high school teams. North and South will go for the bacon in the Bay Loop with Torrance shooting for stardom in the Pioneer League. Bishop Montgomery will vie for fame in the El Camino Real League. North and South have both been impressive in the Pacific Shores Classic. North didn't do bad in the Beverly Hills tussle. All teams fought hard together in the first Torrance Basketball city-wide tournament.

The first week's action has El Segundo at Torrance Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 2:30 or 3 p.m. North High travels to Mira Costa to play the Mustangs at 8 p.m. on the away court. The Spartans will host Morningside on their court, also on Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. Bishop Montgomery will invite Mary Star over for a little action on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the Alondra Park gym. Other action find:

Pioneer League — Wednesday Beverly Hills at Culver City

Bay League — Friday Hawthorne at Inglewood Redondo at Luezing Pioneer League — Friday Torrance at Beverly Hills Lawndale at Lennox Culver-City at El Segundo

Camino Real League Tuesday, Jan. 10 St. John Vianney at St. Monica's Mary Star at Bishop Montgomery Alemany at St. Bernard's at Loyola U (Jan. 11)



ABRA KADABRA . . . Big Jim Portis tries to put the old magic spell on Phil Herman of the Saints. Bobby Combs tries to encourage the spell but all failed. Portis and Combs both play for Kinney's Shoe Repair in the Open League Basketball League. (Photo by Carl D. Lindstrom III)

City Wide Action to Start Next Week

First round play will get under way this week with action in all leagues. In the Open League, six teams will be participating — The Cavaliers, Williamson Plastering Co., Redondo Ward, Kenny's Shoe Repair, Mehan's Mobilgas Saints, and Palos Verdes Bombers.

The Church League pits action with the South Bay Church of God, Torrance First Lutheran, Community Baptist, Rolling Hills Covenant, St. James Church, and Hermosa Nazarene.

Moving to the Industrial League we find Aeronca Mfg Co., Ryan Aeros, Harvey Aluminum Co., AirResearch, Foods Co., and Border Markets.

The Combo League has North, South, and Hawthorne high schools (faculty), General Telephone, Bostonians, and Shell Oil Co.

First week's action includes:

First game 7 p.m. South Hi's gym. January 3

Mehan's Mobilgas Saints vs. Redondo Ward, Palos Verdes Bombers vs. Cavaliers, Kenny's Shoe Repair vs. Williamson Plastering Co.

First game 7 p.m. North Hi's gym. January 3

Aeronca Mfg. Co. vs. Ryan Aeros, Border Markets vs. AirResearch, Foods Co. vs. Harvey Aluminum Co.

First game 7 p.m. Torrance Hi's gym. January 5

South Bay Church of God vs. Torrance First Lutheran, Rolling Hills Covenant vs. Hermosa Nazarene Church, St. James Church vs. Community Baptist Church.

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BAYLOR TOP SCORER

New York, N.Y.—Elgin Baylor, Los Angeles Lakers' high flying scoring ace, and Bob Cousy, Boston Celtic veteran backcourt leader, received the highest number of votes for the Western and Eastern squads in the writers and sports-casters ballots for the 11th annual N.B.A. All-Star game, to be played at the Onodaga County War Memorial in Syracuse on Tuesday, January 17, 1961, it was announced today by Maurice Podoloff, President of the Association. For the third consecutive year in the history of the annual inter-sectional

fracas, there were no unanimous choices for team berths.

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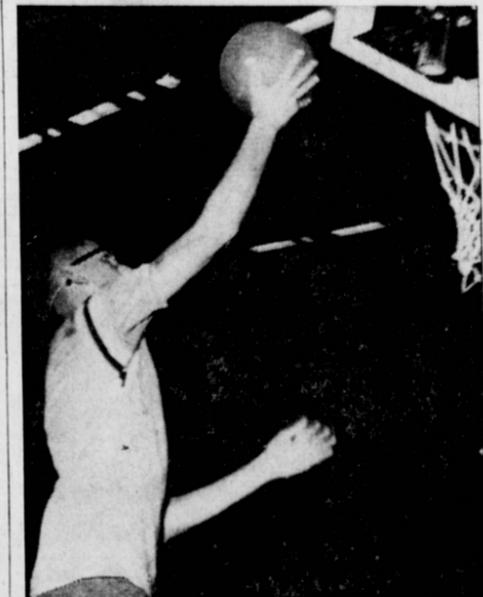
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WILLIE WHEELS . . . Big Gun Willie Schipper of Mehan's Mobilgas Saints trots up and dunks two points in practice game last week. League play starts this week and there are games galore. (Carl D. Lindstrom III photo)

Ocean Fish Catching Set New Records

Ocean sport fishermen set new bag records for barracuda, bonito, and yellowtail. The future of the Pismo clam looked brighter, with reports of the first good set of these clams since 1944.

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