

# TRIBE BATTLES FOR CAGE LEAD

With the Metropolitan Conference basketball lead in the balance, El Camino College hosts LA Valley at 8 p.m. Friday.

Tied for the conference lead with identical 4-1 records, the two cage powers each suffered defeats last week, but still managed to hang on to the top slot. ECC suffered its first Metro defeat of the season to

East Los Angeles on Tuesday, but bounced back to waylay Long Beach on Friday.

Valley shot down San Diego on Tuesday, but then received its first defeat on Saturday as Bakersfield whipped the Monarchs 85 to 78. Earlier in the campaign, Camino nudged the Renegades 56 to 54.

Stan Swinger, currently

paces the conference scorers with a 22.6 average and is the mainstay of a Valley attack which has totaled 411 points in five games. Larry Williams, averaging 15.2 markers per contest, and Ollie Carter, hitting at a 15 rate, give the Monarchs the highest scoring offense in the Metro Conference.

El Camino cannot be counted

out because of lack of high scorers as four of the Warriors' starting five are currently gunning in double figures. Dan Karavas, 17.0; Mike Schrader, 13.6; Ron Dinnel, 12.8, and Keith Erickson, 12.4, give ECC a well-balanced scoring attack.

Following the win over Long Beach, EC now claims a 10-9 season record, while Valley boasts a 15-6 mark.

There will be no rest for the Tribe after the Valley encounter, as East LA beckons on Saturday at 8 p.m. on the Huskies' hardwood. East LA is now tied with Bakersfield and Harbor College for third place in the conference with a 3-2 slate.

Taking advantage of his patented corkscrew layups and his deadly gunning from 15 to 20 feet out, Karavas canned 15 points to lead the Indians to a 70-65 win over Long Beach.

Pushing Karavas for top hon-

ors in the scoring department were EC's Dinnel, 12 points, and Mike Schrader and Gary Nixt with 10 digits apiece.

Camino jumped off to a 35-29 lead at halftime and stretched the margin to 15 points in the second half before sending in the substitutes.

Huge Mike Woodward, 6-5 center, and Chuck Shane droppin in 11 points in a future attempt to stave off the ECC victory. Tim Sweeney, usually a high-scoring guard for the Vikings, was held to eight points by the pressing Tribe defense.

## North Quintet Hosts Hapless Leuzinger

Finally receiving a break in the scoring after meeting the two top teams in the Bay League, Santa Monica and Hawthorne, on consecutive playing dates, North High cagers host doormat Leuzinger tomorrow at 8 p.m.

After feeling the power of Santa Monica to the tune of 75 to 60 on Friday, the Saxons ran into a title-seeking Hawthorne quintet on Wednesday.

It are hoping to have an easier time against the winless Olympians tomorrow.

While North was being man-handled by Samohi, Leuzinger was running into just as rough a foe as Mira Costa sand-bagged the Olymps, 87 to 64.

North trailed, 42 to 22, at intermission and had to depend on outscoring Samohi 26 to 9 in the fourth quarter to make the score respectable.

Dependable Sparky Davidson, as usual, led the Saxons in the scoring column with 19 points. Erratic Carey Huber came off the bench to pummel the nets for 17 points and help Davidson in the attempt to keep North in the contest.

Despite the onslaught of defeats this season, Wayne Gilland, hot-shooting guard, has managed to keep Leuzinger in many of its games this year.

Gilland proved his worth against Mira Costa by popping in 29 points to pace all scorers despite being a marked man on the court.

NORTH CANNOT be too cocky, though, or an upset may pop up as South High, absent from the basketball scene tomorrow with a bye, almost found out earlier in the season.

Over confident South had to depend on a basket with only 15 seconds left by Colvin Kindschi to pull out a 63-62 win over the Olympians. The Spartans have proven them-

## Third-Place THS Treks to Lennox

Solidly entrenched in third place in the Pioneer League basketball scramble, Torrance High attempts to move up a notch tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Lennox.

Moving out of a tie with Beverly Hills for show spot on Friday, the Tartars used a solid three-man performance to carry them to an 81-63 decision over the Normans.

With Lynn Archibald, Steve Waters and Jim Brennan hitting 60 points among them to come within three points of whipping Beverly Hills by

themselves, Torrance boosted its record to 3-2 and kept pace with Culver City, 5-0; Aviation and El Segundo, 4-1.

LENNOX, tied with Lawndale for the league cellar with a 0-5 mark, took a 53-30 licking from the Pioneer loop's top defensive squad, El Segundo, on Friday.

With the absence of Gene Hunter, the team's leading scorer with a 14-point average, not a single Lancer was able to crack into double figures against the stingy Eagle five.

ON THE defensive side of the ledger, Lennox was just as unimpressive as the Eagles' top man, Andy Anderson, sat out a total of 13 minutes during the game and still came away with 21 points.

On the other hand, Torrance manhandled the Normans, but good.

ALTHOUGH the game was close at the half, Torrance boomed out to an impressive lead in the second half as Archibald finished with 23, Brennan hit 21 and Waters plunked in 18 markers.

Equally sharp on defense, Archibald and Waters teamed for 51 rebounds, Archibald grabbing off 30 of them.

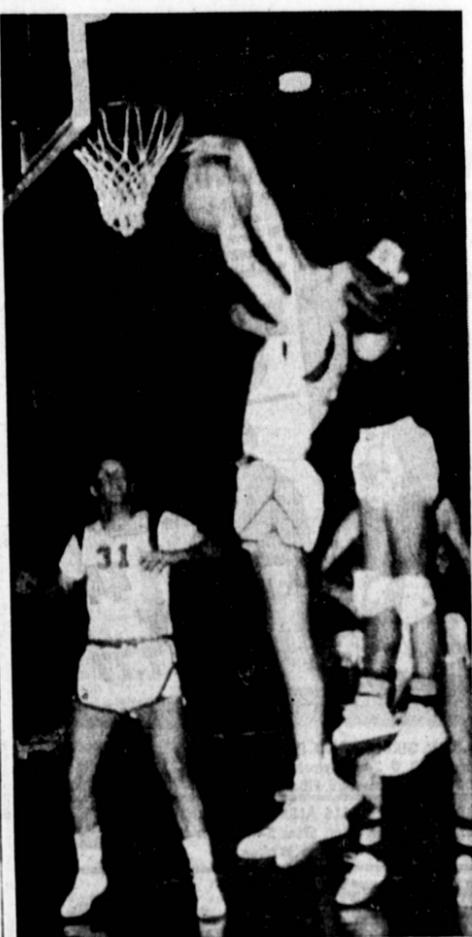
## Work Underway On New Field For Pony Loop

Work got underway at 190th Street and Arlington Avenue on a new ballfield for the North Torrance Pony League.

It is hoped the field, which will be able to accommodate some 150 spectators, will be ready for the opening game on May 5. Land at the site was donated by the Garrett Corp.

The new ball diamond will be located next to two existing fields. The North Torrance Pony League has been playing at El Nido Park but must give up their ball diamond there since the city wants the field for softball games which means the infield would not be grass as required by Pony League regulations.

North Torrance Pony League expects to have eight major teams with 15 boys on a team.



BRINGING IT DOWN... Battling to bring a rebound back down to earth, a Torrance and a Beverly Hills cager tangle in mid air. Torrance moved into third place with a victory over the Normans and will attempt to enhance the position tomorrow night against Lennox on the Lancers' court.

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