

# South, West in Covina Classic

## The Fearless Spectator

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And what of the kid who doesn't make the team? "Why don't you write something about that, one of these days?" the photographer said.

His kid is in high school. He tries out for everything, is loaded with what they call Desire. But he just isn't good enough to make the varsity in the highly competitive world of high school athletics.

His football coach, an ambitious type already bucking for a better-paid coaching job, took one look at him, found him wanting, and with a glance of almost contempt pushed him out of his tight little coach's world forever.

"The kid is disgusted with all sports now," the father said. "He feels nobody wants him."

For every kid who makes the team, hundreds don't. Which of these groups is more important for society in the long run. You scarcely need answer.

School and college sports largely concern themselves with the top dogs: the kids with skills, speed, and physical endowment, all nicely balanced. The kids who can win, in short.

Excellence has become such a fetish with us that the ordinary, which after all is what the world is composed of, is sometimes cruelly neglected.

For we cannot have it two ways. We cannot have a nation of champions, eating the breakfast of champions, and at the same time have a nation of physically fit people with a healthy interest in sports.

Being victory-happy results in wild overemphasis of sports for the elite who make the squad, and wild underemphasis of same for the lads who like sports but aren't redhots.

All this leads to a semantical difficulty. Webster says: "SPORT: That which diverts, and makes mirth; pastime, diversion."

Sports for the many who like them rightly fits within that definition, and leads to that curious national ideal of ours: ubiquitous physical fitness.

Sports for the few, the highly-competitive lads who either play it for money, or play it with the hope of making money as professionals, does not deserve the name, at least as in the dictionary. There should be some other word to describe it, and one of these days I shall think of what it should be.

For the time being, let's call it simply Non-Sports. Each school and college in the Nation should, I submit, divide its athletic department into two branches: Sports, and Non-Sports.

Leave the Non-Sports in the hands of the hungry athletic supporters who exist to fatten the gate and the schools receipts and provide material for professional basketball, baseball and football.

Put the true Sports Department in the hands of some low-pressure gent who believes in sport, and the ideals of amateurism, and preferably was a good player himself at some minor sport, like tennis or swimming.

This would take the blur out of sports as we understand it, or fail to understand it, in our schools today.

The true sports lad, the guys who couldn't make the first team, will be taught what is one of the most important things in life: "There's no law says you gotta win."

There is delight in watching a winner, to be sure, and great emotional satisfaction in doing so, but the winning can be left to the mercenaries, real or intended.

Ideally, Yale or Stanford could have a helluva football team, at the same time that hundreds or thousands of the undergrads were playing sandlot football.

This could happen, if we began to think straight about sports. And remembered that photographer's son, and the millions of kids in this country who are like him and feel like him. No?

## City Ice Hockey Teams To Host Canadian Squad

Players, parents and officials from the Canadian Minor Hockey league will arrive in Los Angeles today for a 10-day visit sponsored by Southland ice hockey leagues.

The Canadian visitors, from Humber Valley, Toronto, will arrive at Los Angeles Airport at 2 p.m. where they will be welcomed by state and local officials.

THIS AFTERNOON, the Torrance Red Wings will be guests of Tom Hatten on the Channel 5 "Popeye" show at 4:45. Tomorrow at 5:30 p.m., the Red Wings will skate against the Humber Valley Pee Wee team at the Olympic Ice Arena in Torrance.

The Red Wings warmed up for tomorrow's contest with a 9-0 win over West Covina on Saturday.

In the first four minutes of the contest, Steve Dorney tallied and Laine Genest banged in a second point. By the end of the first period, Mike Anderson and Dorney had claimed two more goals.

THE SECOND and third periods found Randy Young, Genest and Eddie Feist scoring. Genest and Feist accounted for two goals apiece in the final two periods.

Torrance goaltender Frank Robinson could have played from the stands. His teammates allowed only two shots at the net.

## Ventura Topples Saxons

Foul trouble in the waning minutes of the game cost North High the Beverly Hills Tournament crown Saturday night as a red-hot Ventura quintet roared from behind for a 70-64 triumph.

North center Al Lepper and forward Ron Taylor dominated the boards and Lepper hogged the scoring column until both ran into foul difficulties in the final quarter.

Taylor, a 6-8 sophomore, gave North the strength it needed on the boards until he fouled out with 3:43 left in the game. Lepper, an all-tournament selection, canned 32 points but played almost half of the final quarter with four fouls.

UNDEFEATED Ventura almost had more than it could handle as North threw up a zone defense to take advantage of its height. Saxon coach Skip Enger's strategy worked to perfection for more than three periods, but Enger's planning could not halt the hot-firing Joe Chrisman and his mates.

Ventura opened up a 19-17 bulge after the first quarter, but North took back the lead with 4:49 left in the second period on a Lepper tip-in.

BY HALFTIME, North had pushed its lead to 36-31 as Lepper used his 6-5 height to score and kept Chrisman, the tourney's Most Valuable player, away from the basket.

Suddenly it was over for North as Taylor picked up his fourth foul with 7:03 left and fouled out with 3:43 remaining. Seconds later Lepper picked up his fourth.

WITH TAYLOR out and Lepper severely handicapped, Chrisman suddenly found the path to the basket and dumped in eight of his 17 points in the final moments.



CLASSIC PLAYERS . . . West High forward Richard Hall (33) and South High guard Byron Schweigert (11) will pace their teams in the annual Covina Tournament that begins today. Hall holds the West scoring record at 24 points while Schweigert is the back-up man for South's all-Bay League gunner, Don Denson. (Herald Photos)

## Top CIF Teams Fight for Title; Pius X Favored

South and West high schools will compete against 30 of the finest prep cage teams in Southern California this weekend for the Covina Tournament crown.

The 32-team tourney will run today through Tuesday and will feature quintets that range from as far away as San Diego.

West will open first round play against Fullerton at 12:30 p.m. today on the Northview High School court. South's first round contest will begin today at 2 p.m. against San Diego Crawford in the Covina High School gymnasium.

Although West is still without a win, coach Tom Sutherland is optimistic. The Warriors scrimmaged Chadwick, the defending CIF "A" division champ, on Monday and "dominated" the game.

Chadwick has its entire club returning from last year, including an All-CIF 6-7 center, but Sutherland said, "We looked good. We completely dominated the game."

Last year, West played its first cage tilt in history in the Covina Tournament and came out with a 20-point defeat at the hands of West Covina. In the CIF playoffs, West Covina emerged as the fourth best quintet in Southern Cal.

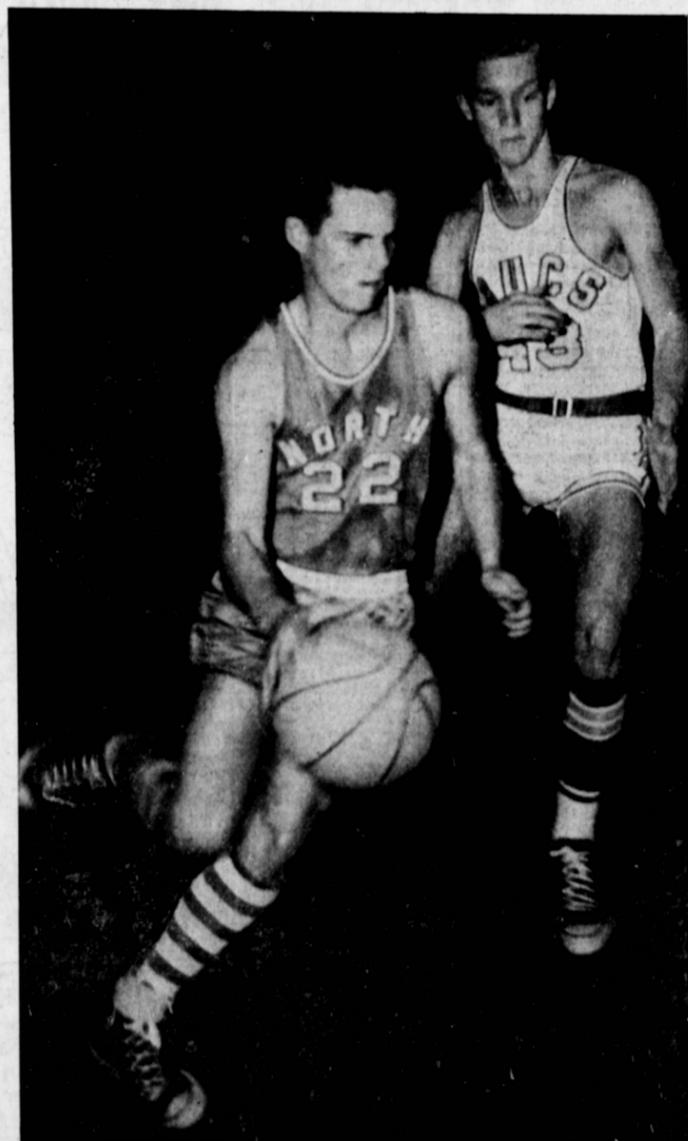
South will go into the tourney without its top-scoring guard, Don Denson, who is in Texas on vacation. Denson is averaging 24 points a game and racked up 68 markers in his last two outings.

In Denson's place, coach Jim Hanny will go with John Thomas, who usually opens at a center slot. Teaming with Thomas will be Steve and Dave Kuckenbecker at the center posts, Byron Schweigert at guard and Steve French at forward.

"We will be just as good on the boards, but of course we will miss Denson's scoring," Hanny commented.

Both Sutherland and Hanny feel Pius X is the best team in the tournament. Pius X finished third in the CIF last year and has its whole team returning, including 6-7 center Jim LaCour, who Sutherland describes as "possibly the finest player in Southern California."

West Covina, San Diego Crawford, Glendale and Edgewood should also be in contention for the title, according to the two coaches. Covina is the defending titlist.



CAREFUL DRIVER . . . North High guard Terry Tierney barrels past a Bellflower defender Friday night in the semi-finals of the Beverly Hills Tournament for an attempted layup. Tierney was fouled during the second quarter play. With only seconds left in the contest and the score tied at 48-48, Tierney stole a pass and raced more than half the length of the court for the game-winning two points. (Herald Photo)

## DFG Warns State Anglers To Renew Fishing Licenses

California sport fishing licenses for 1964 are now on sale at license agents and Department of Fish and Game offices, the DFG announced this week.

Anglers planning an early-year fishing trip, or who expect to be on a trip when the new year arrives, are urged to buy their 1964 license before heading for places where a new license may not be readily available.

THE 1963 license expires Dec. 31 and the new license is need to fish the following day.

The 1964 license will be self-issuing, similar to the type of hunting license now in use. When anglers complete the application, a validating stamp will be affixed, making the application a valid sport fishing license for 1964.

THE PRICE of the \$3 license and the \$1 stamps is unchanged. A \$1 stamp must be purchased to fish in the inland waters of the state for all species except trout, but including steelhead trout. To fish for trout, two \$1 stamps are necessary.

Shipping tags will not be attached to 1964 licenses. Instead, license buyers may obtain three non-transferable tags from license agents or DFG offices upon request.

EACH TAG permits the licensee to ship by common carrier one legal daily possession limit of trout. Anglers who may desire to ship a limit of trout during the season should request these tags when they purchase their licenses. However, the three tags may be obtained by the license buyer at any time during the year.

## Camino, Harbor Compete In Sam Barry Tournament

Sixteen of the top college basketball squads in California will converge on Glendale today to begin the 14th annual Sam Barry Tournament.

El Camino and Harbor colleges will compete against a field that includes last year's tourney champion and the two top-ranked casaba squads in the state. Camino will open competition today at 10:30 a.m. against Trade Tech, a team that hung a last-second, one-point defeat on the Warriors two weeks ago.

Defending Sam Barry titlist Glendale City College, and the second-place team last year, Fresno City College, are top-seeded in the event which will run today through Monday.

JOHN BLOCK, a 6-9 pivot now starting for USC, led Glendale to a 66-59 win over Fresno in the finals last year. The lone Metropolitan Conference finisher last year, Long Beach City College, won the consolation round with an 80-70 triumph over Harbor.

Also entered in the classic are Los Angeles City College, Pasadena, East Los Angeles, Pierce, Santa Monica, Compton, Cerritos, Valley, Bakersfield, and San Diego.

The Glendale Kiwanis Club, Glendale College and the Glendale Parks and Recreation department sponsor the tournament. All proceeds go to the Kiwanis Youth Activity Fund.

EL CAMINO mentor George Stanich will probably open with a starting lineup that includes Clark Canfield (6-2) and Jim Lloyd (6-10) at forwards, Kirk Brown (6-2) and Bob Garcia (5-9) at guards, and Dan Caton (6-10) at center.

Stanich's club will be looking for its fourth win against five defeats. The Warriors are coming off a one-point victory over Citrus.

Last year, Stanich picked up the second round of the tournament to install his slow-down offense. Following an opening-round loss to Los Angeles City College, Stanich went to a pattern offense in an attempt to minimize his club's lack-of-height disadvantage.

## Stock Cars Race At Ascot Sunday

Ascot Park will stage a doubleheader program Sunday afternoon that will feature a 50-lap Grand Prix for late model stock cars and a complete card of California Jalopy Assn. super stock racing.

Some of the nation's top drivers have entered the NASCAR-sponsored Grand Prix. Lloyd Dane will be favored against a field that includes Eddie Gray, Don Noel, Gene Davis, Jim Cook, Clem

Proctor and Jim Blomgren. Proctor is a former NASCAR champ and Noel has been one of the three top NASCAR drivers in each of the past three years.

More than 100 cars are expected to enter the twin bill, the final program of the 1963 season over the one-half mile Ascot clay track.

Qualifying will start at 12:30 p.m. with the first race set for 2 p.m.