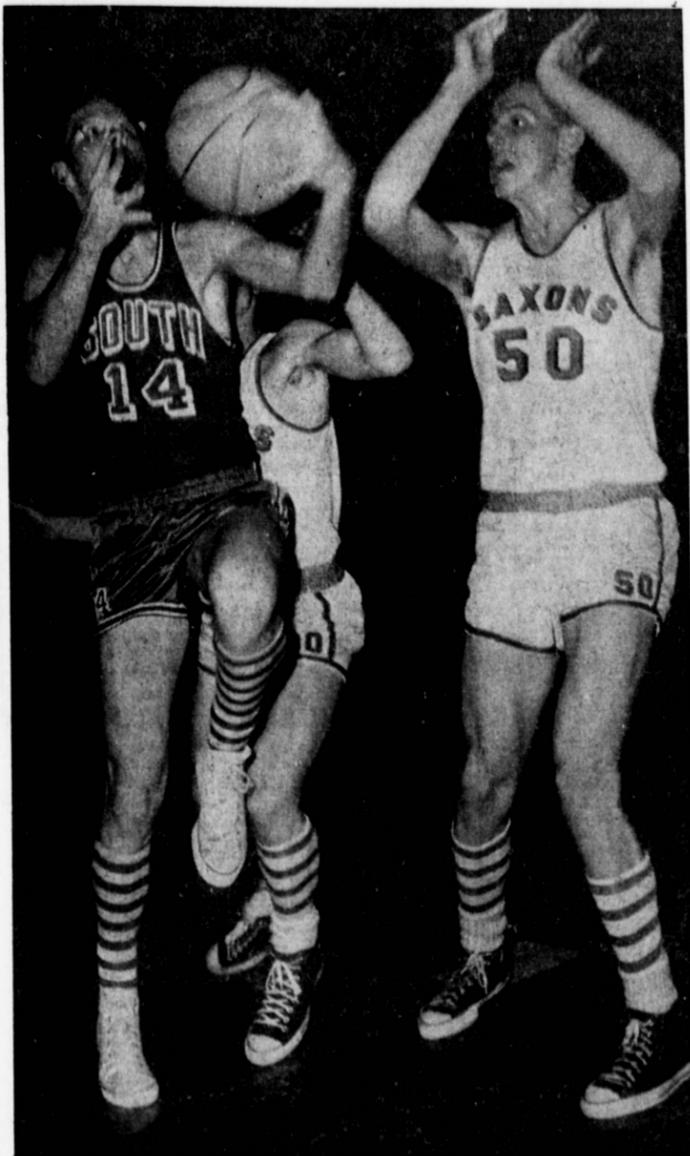


# West to Face Cage Showdown



GO AWAY . . . North High center Al Lepper appears to be shoeing South's Don Denson away as the high-scoring Spartan forward drives in for a two-point layup Tuesday afternoon. Denson led all gunners with 30 points but North picked up the City cage crown with a 79-62 triumph.

## Aviation to Host Warrior Quintet In Crucial Game

West High's Pioneer League title hopes will receive their stiffest test of the season tomorrow at 8 p.m. when Aviation entertains the high-flying Warriors in an early cage showdown.

Behind the emergence of gunner Rich Hall and rebounder John Cochran, the Warriors have picked up three consecutive triumphs including two league victories.

Hall plunked in 27 points and Cochran pulled down 27 rebounds on Tuesday when West hung a 73-69, triple overtime defeat on Culver City.

BOTH EL Segundo and Culver will testify that the Warriors do not melt under pressure. West best 'Gundo by two points on free throws by Dan Thomas in the final six seconds, and came from 10 points back to upset the Centaurs.

South High will run into its fourth straight powerhouse tomorrow at 8 p.m. in its own gym as Palos Verdes comes to town. South is still looking for its first Bay League win after losses to Redondo and Mira Costa, the circuit's two top quintets.

Don Denson, who is tied with Redondo's Bob Clemo for high-point honors in the league with a 21.0 average, will head the Spartan delegation. Much of South's trouble has been finding scoring support for Denson. In a loss to North on Tuesday, only Byron Schweigert, with 16 points, gave much scoring help to Denson.

NORTH WILL continue to prepare for a showdown with Leuzinger when the Saxons host Beverly Hills tomorrow at 8 p.m. in a Sky League clash.

As yet undefeated in circuit competition, North can expect stiff opposition from Beverly

and its high-scoring forward Warren Tetley.

A letterman, Tetley is a consistent double-figure gunner and shoulders most of Beverly's scoring load.

STILL WITH only one win to its credit in Camino Real League competition, a potentially good Bishop Montgomery quintet will face St. Monica tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Lawndale High gym.

Torrance will attempt to pick up its first Pioneer League win of the year against an upset-minded Lawndale team at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Tartar gym.

Tartar mentor Will Boerger promises a shake-up in starting assignments for a Lawndale club that still harbors hopes of a circuit crown.

BOERGER MUST pin his hopes on Walt Hale, who came off the bench Tuesday afternoon to pop in 15 points and lead a win over Hawthorne.

## Tartars End Three-Game Loss Skein

Walt Hale came off the bench to flip in 15 points Tuesday afternoon as Torrance High snapped a three-game losing streak with a 47-37 non-league basketball win over Hawthorne.

Hale, who was benched following a poor performance in Friday's loss to West, played only the final three periods, but still topped all scorers in the slow-moving contest.

Junior sparkplug Bob Brennan, turning in his second consecutive outstanding effort, responded with 12 points for the Tartars.

"WE NEEDED a victory to restore our confidence," Tartar mentor Will Boerger commented after the game. Torrance had opened the Pioneer League season with successive losses to Aviation and West. A defeat at the hands of North was sandwiched in between.

Both quintets were cold from the floor, and if Torrance had not used a full court press during the entire game, the score would have been even lower.

Torrance built up a 9-6 lead in the first quarter and carried a 27-19 edge into the locker room at halftime. Hawthorne rallied slightly in the third stanza and cut Torrance's margin to 33-27 as the final quarter opened.

IN THE third period, Torrance hit its coldest streak, going almost four minutes without scoring.

Gary White accounted for eight Torrance points and Mike Hatter added another seven markers.

Diminutive guard Bob Romero, who tore up the opposition in the Compton Tournament when Torrance snagged the consolation championship, was held scoreless.

## CULVER CITY FALLS

# Warriors Win in Overtime

When West High gets rolling on a basketball court, its Katie bar the door.

It took the Warriors a triple overtime to turn the trick, but Tom Sutherland's quintet chalked up their third straight triumph on Tuesday with a 73-69 upset over Culver City.

THREE WEST school records tumbled as the Warriors came roaring back from a 10-point deficit that occurred in the opening quarter when Sutherland started his second string.

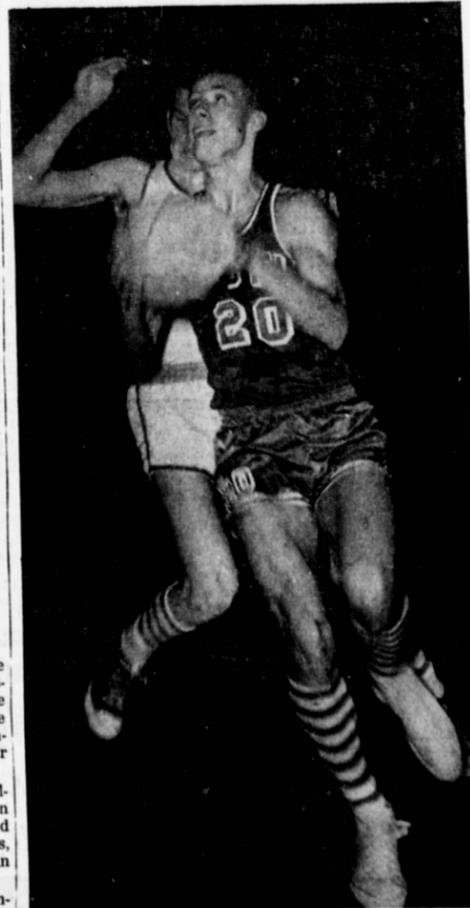
Deadly Richard Hall plunked in 27 points and rebounding genius John Cochran pulled



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DRIVING UP . . . Junior forward Dave Kuckenbecker will be a key man in South's bid to achieve its first Bay League triumph of the year against Palos Verdes tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Spartan gym. Dave and his 6-5 sophomore brother, Steve, are both starters. (Herald Photo)

## BMHS Five Drops Nod To Lasuen

Camino Real League cage losses continued to haunt Bishop Montgomery Tuesday night when circuit-leading Fermin Lasuen came up with a 79-65 triumph.

Four Montgomery players finished in double figures, but it was not enough to overcome twin 22-point performances by Jack Hailey and Randy Melinon of Lasuen.

Bob Brown continued his red-hot shooting for Montgomery, dropping in 23 points to top all scorers. Tony Guggiana added 12 points, Pete Maccarone contributed 11 and freshman center John Pleick deposited 10 more for the Knights.

CONTROLLING the boards with its rugged style of play, Lasuen outscored the Knights in every quarter. After one period of play Lasuen held a 19-16 edge, and by halftime the Padres built up a 38-27 margin.

In the third quarter, Lasuen managed an 18-16 scoring edge and the Padres cinched the win by outscoring Montgomery, 23-22, in the closing stanza.

ONLY A win over a weak Crespi quintet has saved Montgomery from a shutout in the win column after four league tilts. The losses are a bitter disappointment to second-year coach Roger Folsom who expected the Knights to be in championship contention.

In his first year at Montgomery, Folsom led the Knights to 13 victories, a second-place finish in the Camino Real League, and their best season in history.

## North Five Nabs Torrance Crown

Deadly first-half foul shooting rocketed North High to a 79-62 non-league triumph over South High on Tuesday and gave the Saxons possession of the Torrance cage championship.

Although both quintets sank 14 baskets in the first half, North clicked in 16 of 17 charity attempts and carted a 44-35 bulge into the locker room.

FROM THERE ON out it was all North as South ran into four trouble against the rugged Saxons.

It was North's third win against an opposing Torrance Unified School District quintet. Previously the Saxons had laced Torrance and upended West in a pre-season scrimmage.

West has improved tremendously since the year began, but when North and West first met, Warrior coach Tom Sutherland said, "They have the potential to contend for a CIF championship."

Don Denson, one of the Bay League's leading scorers, kept South in the contest by plunking in 20 first-half points. The 6-3 forward sank 8 of 15 shots in the opening two periods and wound up with 30 points.

North's 6-8 center, Roy Taylor, finished with 20 points to trail Denson in the scoring column.

Mike Gratzke canned 18 markers, Al Lepper added 14 more and Terry Tierney contributed 13 for the evenly-balanced Saxons. Byron Schweigert popped in 16 markers for South.

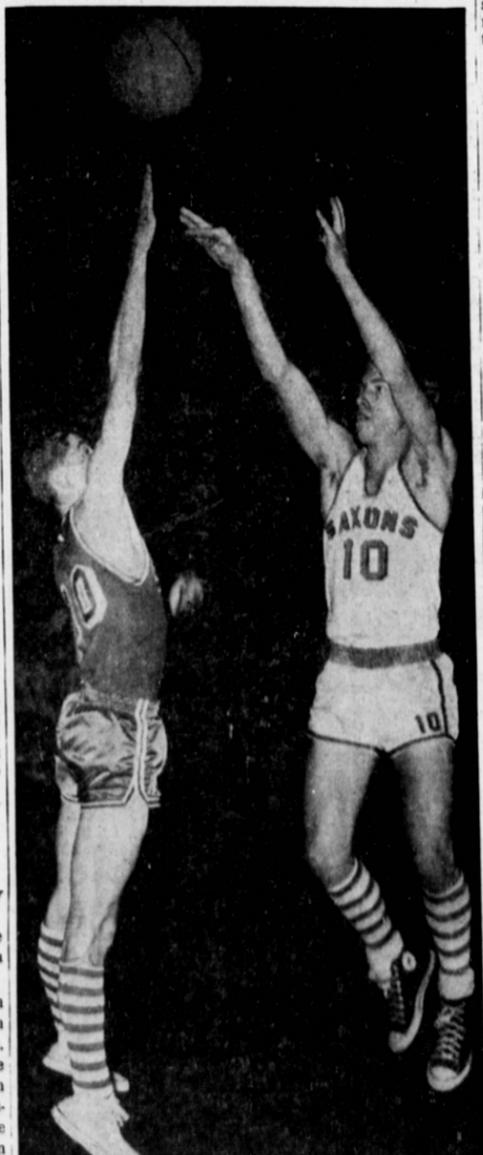
South hit on only 6 of 13 free throw attempts in the first half and was never able to overcome the deficit.

Much of South's rebounding strength was lost midway through the third period when 6-5 sophomore Steve Kuckenbecker picked up his fifth personal.

The inability of forward John Thomas to score also hurt the Spartans. Thomas finished with six points and only hit on 1 of 7 shots in the first half.

WHILE THOMAS was cold for South, Lepper was red-hot for the Saxons, canning 11 markers before halftime.

North coach Skip Enger attributed the win to his team's "more balanced attack." He added, "They tried to play us in a zone, and it is hard to do with our height."



VAIN ATTEMPT . . . Steve French futilely tries to block Dennis Irelan's shot in the closing minutes of Tuesday's game between North and South high schools for the City cage crown. Irelan was quickly saddled with four fouls as he attempted to guard South's Don Denson, but the North guard saw enough action to plunk in eight points.

## Red Wings Clip Culver For Only Hockey Victory

Torrance teams gained one win in three attempts the past weekend in Olympic Minor Hockey Assn. competition.

The Red Wings, a Pee Wee Division team, captured the lone win for Torrance. Eddie Feist, unassisted, rang up the winning goal late in the third period to give the Red Wings a 3-2 win over Culver City.

Feist, with an assist by Steve Dorney from Bobby Burnett, was also responsible for the first Torrance goal. The second Red Wing goal came from Burnett with an assist by Feist.

In a penalty-marred contest, the Torrance Maple Leafs absorbed a 5-3 defeat at the hands of Culver City in a Juvenile Division clash.

Greg Coates slammed in the first Maple Leaf goal with an assist from Keith Wells.

Late-season recruit John Gale rang up the second goal with a pass from Tim Kastrop. Kastrop came on to claim the third Torrance tally with an assist by Gale from Coates.

Only a late goal by Doug Dorney, with an assist from Bill Ford, kept the Torrance Bruins from a shutout in a 15-1 loss to a Pasadena Bantam Division squad.