

# North Cagers to Meet Leuzinger With Sky League Lead at Stake

## Saxon Five Rips Weak Hawthorne

Warming up for its Sky League crucial with Leuzinger tomorrow night, North High turned on the pressure in the second half to rout Hawthorne, 70-33, Tuesday afternoon in a non-loop cage engagement.

Inexperienced Hawthorne held the ball on North and it was semi-successful for two periods. North exited at half-time with a 26-16 lead but quickly secured the decision in the third period.

## Ice Arena Will Lure Curlers

Five Torrance curling teams will meet three Burlingame squads this weekend at the Olympic Ice Arena, 238th and Western Avenue in the State Playdowns.

The eight teams will be competing for a trip to Utica, N.Y., where the national curling championship will be decided in March.

The newly-formed Granite Curling Club of California will sponsor the event, which will run Saturday through Monday.

HARVEY CARSON, of the sponsoring club, said, "There are almost 20,000 curlers now in the United States and it is the fastest growing game in North America."

Curling is currently a major Canadian sport, where it has flourished since the beginning of the 19th century. The Royal Montreal Curling Club, formed in 1807, is the oldest club for any kind of sport on the North American Continent.

THE UNITED STATES Curling Handbook mentions that the sport is also popular in New Zealand, Austria, Italy, China, Norway, France and Sweden.

Indicative of the growth of curling is the fact that the final games of the New York championships will be videotaped by NBC.

## King's Men Drop Thin Nod To First Lutheran Church

Manager Jim Batema fired in 11 points in the final quarter recently to pace Torrance First Lutheran in a 37-29 Church League cage triumph over the King's Men.

Batema wound up with 22 points to top all scorers. Don Peterson canned 13 points and manager Bob Huber added 12 more for the King's Men.

Eight men hit the scorebook for Torrance First Baptist in a 45-17 win over an inept Redondo First Baptist quintet. Randy Hester and Larry Fenske Jr., flipped in eight points each for the winners. Ed Burke contributed an equal number for Redondo.

Resurrection Lutheran survived a final quarter Walteria Assembly of God rally to post a 43-39 win. Phillip Nelson topped the winners with 11 points and manager Tom Tapp

popped in 12 markers for Walteria.

Grag Halberg poured 21 points through the cords, the highest Recreation Department total of the year, to lead the Hughes Basket Bombers to an 80-41 win over Magnavox Research Laboratory.

Gary Bunn added 18 points and Bill Green contributed 13 for the high-scoring winners. Marshall Young led the losers with 13 markers while Arvol Gentry and manager Bob Gentry clicked for 12 digits each.

Four El Camino Real Realty players hit in double figures to help El Camino Realty hand the Llama Room a 79-21 licking. Rick Acres (21), Mitch Malpee (17), Jack Cameron (12) and Jim Smith (12) were high point men for El Camino.

## Coates Pulls Hat-Trick In Maple Leaf Triumph

Greg Coates pulled a hat-trick last weekend to pace the Torrance Maple Leafs in a 7-1 Olympic Minor Hockey Assn. triumph over West Covina.

Rick Maxted, with assists by Tim Kastrop and Marty Monreal, knocked in the first Maple Leaf goal. John Gale then scored, assisted by Kastrop and Coates, and Coates, with assists from Gale and Kastrop, connected for the next goal.

Kastrop claimed the next goal unassisted. A pass from



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## RALLY SUCCESSFUL

# Rich Hall Leads Warriors In Win Over St. Bernards

Forward Rich Hall pumped in 5 points in a 20-second span Tuesday afternoon as West High rallied to dump St. Bernards, 47-45, in a non-league casaba clash at Loyola University.

West trailed, 45-42 when Hall went to work. First he connected on a free throw and

seconds later hit a short jump shot to tie the contest.

St. Bernards threw a long, down-court pass that Warrior center John Cochran picked off and flipped back to Hall, who connected just as the final buzzer sounded.

Hall wound up with 13 points as West picked up its

fourth win in its last five starts.

Junior guard Danny Thomas, continuing his phenomenal improvement, topped West with 20 points and was totally unstoppable in the last half.

Thomas connected on 8 of 10 shots from the floor after intermission and hit on 10 of 19 shots throughout the game. All of Thomas' points came on long, outside jumpers.

## City Council Approves Guenser Park Baseball

Sunday baseball games at Guenser Park were approved by the City Council Tuesday evening, despite protests from the Guenser Park Homeowners Assn.

Councilmen voted to allow the Sunday afternoon games after hearing homeowners protest against what they called a monopoly of the park by the North Torrance Babe Ruth League. The park, used by the league for several years, is partially developed.

Homeowners said the chief objections were based on traffic conditions and "continual harassment of the neighborhood." One homeowner added "my objection is the undesir-

able element that comes along with the baseball games."

Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle, in his motion to approve the Sunday games, said it had long been a practice of the league, and he added, "Boy Scouts, Little League, and Babe Ruth Leagues have done more for the children of Torrance without a dime of the taxpayers' money than anything in the city."

Mrs. Barbara Ruth, secretary of the league, said every effort was being made to find another place to play. She said the league was asking for a change in a schedule which homeowners had accepted.

The old schedule called for games each evening through the week and all day on Saturdays. The league asked for a modification to permit games on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, with a double-header on Sunday.

The city is now developing Guenser Park. Babe Ruth operations are being carried on under a year-to-year basis.

THE CONTEST was snail-slow in the first half at St. Bernards walked into the locker room with a 19-13 bulge.

By the end of the third period, West cut the St. Bernards bulge to three points as Thomas repeatedly connected.

A 22-point final quarter cinched the Warrior triumph. Dave LaRoche, starting in place of injured Terry Febles, dropped in eight points. Cochran managed only 2 markers, but hauled down 16 rebounds against the taller St. Bernards quintet.

ALTHOUGH West coach Tom Sutherland claimed his team was "not up" for the contest, the Warriors committed only six turnovers.

West has now beaten El Segundo, Torrance, Culver City and St. Bernards, losing only to Pioneer League-leading Aviation last Friday.

Much of West's recent success can be laid to Thomas' improvement. The tiny star, who at 5-9 has grown five inches from last year, is the Pioneer League's best guard, according to Sutherland.

## Olymps To Host Crucial

It is apparently destined that North and Leuzinger high schools will dominate the Sky League athletic picture this year.

The two schools earlier met to decide the football championship, and tomorrow at 8 p.m., North will travel to Leuzinger with the basketball crown hanging in the balance.

Both quintets are unbeaten in league action and the contest should go a long way toward deciding the eventual champion.

NORTH WILL go with forwards Mike Gratzke and Ron Taylor, center Al Lepper and guards Dennis Ireland and Terry Tierney. Taylor, at 6-9, and Lepper, at 6-5, offer North rebounding strength.

Tierney and Gratzke both average in double figures and shoulder the Saxon scoring load.

Leuzinger's main threat will be center John Hiles, who is ranked as the finest offensive center in the area. Hiles plunked in 21 points in a 66-55 win over Torrance on Tuesday.

REVENGE WILL be the keyword at Torrance tomorrow night when the Tartars run up against angry Lennox.

Last year Torrance rang up 115 points on the hapless Lennox, but this time around, a much-improved Lennox squad will attempt to register its first win in history over the Tartars.

THIS coach Will Boerger said, "We have heard for three weeks how Lennox is going to beat us. We will be up for the game, but we'll have to produce."

WEST HIGH, temporarily derailed from title contention by Pioneer League-leading Aviation last week, will tangle with Lawndale tomorrow on the Cardinal court.

The Warriors have won four of their last five starts and will be battling to remain in second place behind Aviation.

## Sports Car Race Will Lure Wells To Riverside

Cecil Wells, 26, of 2314 W. 236th Pl., will compete in the Pacific Coast divisional championship sports car races this weekend at Riverside International Raceway.

Wells will drive his Lotus in Class 2 competition for formula juniors.

Nearly 300 leading drivers are expected to take part Saturday and Sunday over the 2.6-mile circuit length short course.

## Area Hot Rodder Set to Compete In Winternationals

Robert C. Mueller, 17520 Glenburn Ave., Torrance, will challenge current world drag records Feb. 14-16 in the 1964 Winternationals Championship Drag Races at Pomona.

Mueller will compete with 500 of the nation's top cars and approximately 2,500 hot rodders for nearly \$20,000 in trophy and equipment awards.

## Golf Course Holds Weekly Ladies Day

Wednesdays have been earmarked as Ladies Day at the Dominguez three par golf course, 19800 S. Main St. in Gardena.

On Wednesdays, ladies will play at a reduced rate of \$1.25 for 18 holes.



TWO TO TANGO . . . Torrance High guard Gary White drives past a Leuzinger defender Tuesday afternoon in a non-league contest. The Olympians broke the game open in the second and third periods to gain a 66-55 triumph. White finished with five points. (Herald Photo)

## Leuzinger Whips Torrance Quintet

Sluggish Leuzinger overcame a seven-point first quarter deficit Tuesday afternoon and posted a 66-55 non-league basketball win over Torrance High.

## Hawks Eye Upset Win At Ventura

Harbor College will complete the first half of the Western State Conference cage season tomorrow night against Ventura College.

Ventura, currently sharing the conference lead with Pierce, will host the 8 p.m. encounter.

An 84-81 triumph over Los Angeles City College last week end gave Harbor its second conference win of the year.

The Seahawks trailed 44-41 at halftime but outscored the Cubs, 43-37, in the second half to pull out the win. Big center Willie Montgomery popped in 19 points to top Harbor.

Montgomery was backed up by Jim Splittgerber with 17 points and two other Seahawks who also got into double figures.

elect to run with the taller Olympians, and it worked to perfection in the opening period as THS raced to an 18-11 lead.

Matters changed abruptly before halftime as Torrance lost control of the game's tempo and Leuzinger outscored the visitors, 21-10, to exit at intermission with a 32-28 lead.

Leuzinger completely broke the game open in the third quarter. Torrance kept up its steady press, but failed to get back quick enough and the Olympians tallied repeatedly on cripple shots to enter the last quarter with a 49-36 lead.

Both clubs had three men in double figures, but Leuzinger had John Hiles and his 21 points, and it made the difference. Hiles is considered by some Sky League coaches as the finest offensive center in the area.

Wait Hale, who played the final half handicapped by four fouls, topped Torrance with 16 points. Mike Hatter and Bob Romero added 12 markers each for the Tartars.

Already weak on the boards, Torrance suffered a severe loss on Monday when 6-5 center Richard Davies, the tallest man on the squad, suffered a dislocated knee in practice. The knee is currently in a cast and Davies may be out for the season.



ICE PERFORMERS . . . Members of the Torrance Maple Leafs pose happily after gaining their first Olympic Minor Hockey Assn. win in history last weekend. The Maple Leafs will join 400 other Los Angeles youths Saturday as guests of the Blades at the Sports Arena.

John Atkins to Monreal to Coates set up the fifth Torrance goal. Monreal then scored unassisted. The final Maple Leaf goal came from Coates with an assist by Frank Payne.

The Torrance success faded against Paramount and the Maple Leafs went down to a 10-1 defeat. Maxted pushed in the lone Torrance goal.

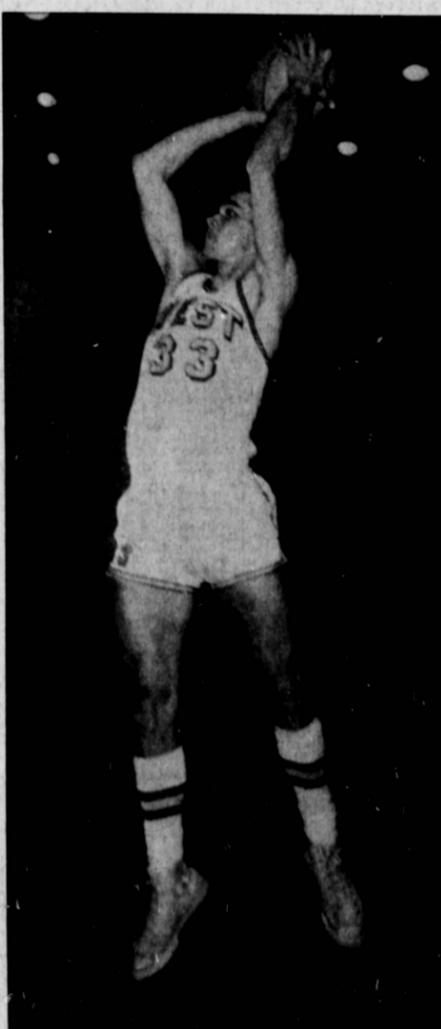
Highly proficient Burbank handed the Torrance Bantam team a 21-0 licking on Saturday.

## Long Beach Sets Clinic

Coaches, managers and players from area high schools and youth baseball teams are invited to attend a free baseball clinic on Saturday, Feb. 1, sponsored by the Long Beach Unified School District.

Ten major league experts will speak at Long Beach City College on the fundamental skills of baseball from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Speakers will include Dodger scout Tom Lasorda on pitching, Cal Poly coach John Scolinos on drills, Birmingham High coach Bob Zuber and Roosevelt High coach Conrad Munatones on catching, Dodger players Dick Nen and John Werhas and San Francisco's Arlo Engel on hitting, Angel player Bob Knoop and USC Frosh coach Buddy Pritchard on infielding, and Claremont College coach Dr. Bill Arce on base running and coaching.



CLUTCH PERFORMER . . . Rich Hall flipped in 5 points in 20 seconds Tuesday afternoon as West High rallied from a 3-point deficit to post a 47-45 non-league win over St. Bernards. (Herald Photo)