

North Evades Beverly Hills' Upset Crusade City Awaits 1,000 LL Officials

Saxons Clinch Crown

North High has become the first team in Torrance's history to win a CIF league basketball championship.

The undefeated Saxons came out of Beverly Hills' pressure cooker Friday night with a 48-46 triumph to clinch at least a tie for the Sky League crown with only two games remaining. Second place Leuzinger is two games back and must win both remaining tilts while North is losing both to tie for the title.

Beverly had served up surprises to Culver City and Leuzinger in its last two starts and the Normans had prepared another for North.

THE SAXONS needed a bit of luck to overcome a cold-shooting night and emerge with the title. With only 1:40 remaining in the game and the count tied at 44-44, North center Al Lepper was fouled by Dave Mann.

Lepper walked away and a confused official awarded two shots to Mike Gratzke. Previously, Lepper had missed on four straight charity tosses while Gratzke had connected on four.

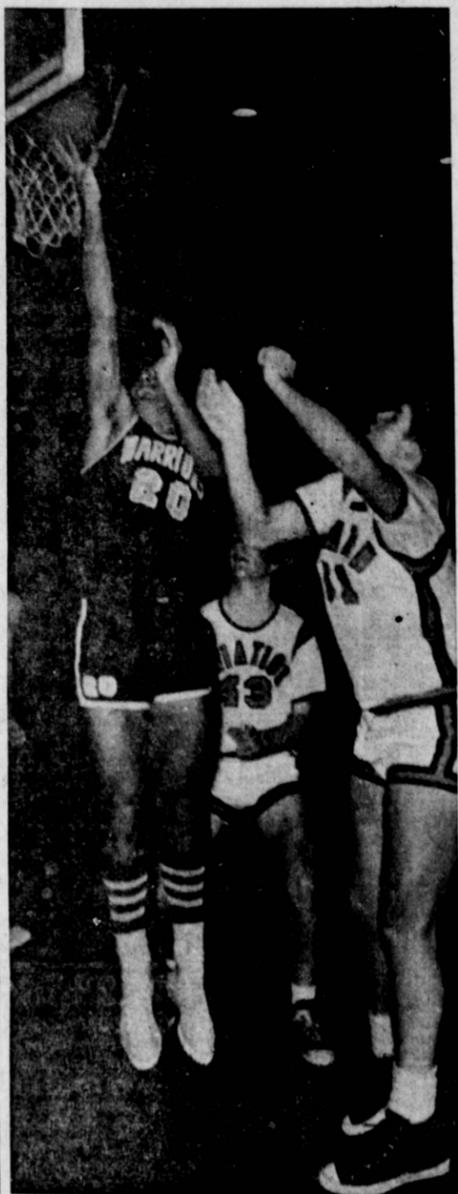
Despite the violent Beverly Hills' objections, Gratzke sank the two shots and gave North a lead it did not relinquish. With just 18 seconds left, Gratzke passed off to Lepper and the 6-5 Saxon center cashed in for two points on a lay-in. With only five seconds left, a Beverly bucket brought the score to 48-46.

GUARD Terry Tierney canned 16 points to top North. Gratzke contributed 14 more and Lepper added 10.

Dave Hochman, who had scored only 17 points previously during the year, came off the bench to dump in 13 and top Beverly. Warren Tetley, one of the league's leading scorers with a 17-plus average, was held to 7 digits.

North was frigid from the floor throughout the night, and in the opening minutes of the third period, the Saxons missed on seven consecutive shots.

Not since Torrance joined the California Interscholastic Federation in 1947 had a team won a league basketball crown.



BACKWARDS . . . West High's John Cochran flips in two points Friday night in a 66-55 loss to Pioneer League-leading Aviation. Defending are Gary Dinnel (31) and Mike Carey (43). Cochran, although only 6-2, dropped in 13 points and hauled down 22 rebounds. He is the second smallest center in the league. (Herald Photo)

Frigid Warriors Lose to Aviation

West High's cagers had one major difficulty Friday night against Pioneer League-leading Aviation — they couldn't get the ball to go through the net. Only 19 of West's shots went through the hoop as the War-

riors absorbed a 66-55 defeat at the hand of unbeaten Aviation.

While West was hitting at only a 29 per cent clip from the field, the situation from the free throw line was even worse. The Redskins potted only 17 of 42 attempts, missing a phenomenal 25 charity tosses.

EXCEPT FOR their inability to score, the Warriors outplayed the impending league champions in every category. West hauled down 24 more offensive rebounds than the Falcons and committed only six turnovers, compared to 17 for Aviation.

Aviation, despite losing starters Gary Dinnel and Jim Haney on personals, was not to be denied its eighth straight win. Tiny guard Steve Willis canned 19 points, Hamery plunked in 16 and Dinnel added 12 for the Falcons. Substitute Mike Carey, with only 10 points to his credit throughout the year, ripped off 12 digits to keep Aviation alive in the second half.

CENTER JOHN Cochran, at 6-2, the second smallest pivotman in the league, topped West with 13 points. Forward Terry Febles and guard Dan Thomas each deposited 12 digits through the bucket.



COMING AROUND . . . Guard Dan Thomas drives around Aviation's Steve Willis Friday night in a Pioneer League contest. Thomas slipped in 12 points to no avail as Aviation clinched the circuit championship with a 66-55 win over the frigid-shooting Warriors. (Herald Photo)

Pony League Registration Set to Begin

West Torrance Pony League registration will begin tomorrow and run through Saturday Feb. 29, at four Torrance locations.

Registration will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. weekdays and from noon until 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sunday. Boys may register at 5021 Cathann St., 23513 Leyte St., 5410 Ruby St., and 5001 Marion Ave.

Boys must be between 13 and 14 years of age and be accompanied by a birth certificate and a parent or guardian. There will be a \$5 registration fee.

League boundaries are south on Hawthorne Boulevard from Del Amo to Sepulveda, east to Crenshaw, south to Lomita Boulevard, west to Hawthorne, south to Pacific Coast Highway, west to Tulita (which turns into Prospect), north to Del Amo and east to Hawthorne Boulevard.

SPORTS

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METRO SURPRISE

Camino Stuns Long Beach With Hot Shooting Display

All five El Camino College starters responded with double figure performances Friday night as the Warriors handed Long Beach City College a stunning 100-91 Metropolitan Conference casaba setback.

Former Torrance High ace Jim Brennan conquered the cords for 29 points to pace the highest-scoring Warrior attack of the year. Within the opening 13 minutes of the game, Brennan already had 14 points to his credit. All told, the Tribe sophomore connected on

10 of 20 shots, many of them coming off a fast break.

Joining Brennan in the double figure column were Clark Canfield with 24, Dan Caton with 16, Bob Garcia with 12, and Steve Cooke with 10.

Caton, a rapidly developing 6-10 center, enjoyed his finest night ever as he connected on 8 of 10 shots. Cooke was also deadly from the field, plunking in 5 of 7 attempts.

El Camino rocketed off to a 19-10 lead, and by halftime the Warriors enjoyed a 48-31

bulge. Minutes into the second half, Camino owned a 53-33 lead before Long Beach came to life.

SUDDENLY hitting everything in sight, the Vikings cut the Camino bulge to 59-51 with only 4:45 gone in the second half. LBCC trimmed the Warrior bulge to 64-63 minutes later, scoring on three intercepted passes off a full court press.

Jim Lloyd then came off the bench for Camino and triggered the Warriors back into a 69-63 edge.

It was Canfield who finally put the contest out of reach. With the score at 82-74, the Glendale City College transfer connected on three straight buckets to give ECC an insurmountable 88-78 edge.

FOUR LONG BEACH starters, Mike Waldie (21), Lee Markskell (20), George Dearing (16), and Bob John (15), hit in double figures but it was not enough to overcome Camino's 51 per cent shooting average.

Victory left El Camino in fifth place with a 4-6 record while Long Beach remained in third with a 6-4 mark.

Pat Holmes Nabs All-Marine Berth

Carson High forward Pat Holmes, who gunned down opponents at an 18.4 points-per-game clip the past year, has been named to the first-string All-Marine League cage squad by the All-Los Angeles City Board of Basketball.

Holmes, a 6-1, 175-pound senior, was the only Carson player selected to the Marine League squads. Carson compiled a 4-6 record in its second season of competition to tie Gardena for fourth place in the circuit.

Jordan High, led by the Marine League's Player-of-the-Year, forward Arthur Harris, topped the circuit with a 10-0 record. Harris, who tallied at a 23.1 rate during the loop campaign, has also been tabbed on the first-string All-City quintet.

Four Jordan players wound up on the All-Marine teams while Banning filled three positions.

When the City playoff began, Jordan was a heavy favorite for the title. The veteran squad whipped Marshall, 103-44, in the first round, but dropped a 61-60 upset duke to Roosevelt in a stunning semifinal contest.

Injuries kept Narbonne ace Jim Kegley off the Marine League squad, according to the Helms Board of selectors. Kegley played less than half the season and therefore was not selected on either team despite a brilliant half year.

Jordan also placed Willie Wilson, who averaged 10.7 points-per-game, on the All-City third string.

Spartans Outlast Sea King Quintet

Forward Don Denson, the area's leading scorer, bucketed 27 points Friday night to lead South High in a 50-46 Bay League basketball win over Palos Verdes before a packed house of 1,000 spectators in the small Sea King gym.

Denson connected for 15 points in the last half, 9 coming in the closing quarter, as South evened its league record at 4-4 and remained in third place behind Mira Costa and Redondo.

Nine men saw playing time for South as the Spartans led all the way and had the decision in hand until a late Palos Verdes surge threatened to change the result.

South romped into a 16-11 first-quarter lead and held a 25-19 bulge at intermission.

Palos Verdes cut the margin to 37-33 when the final quarter began and eventually trailed by only one point.

With P.V. only one behind, Denson iced the game for South, connecting on a bucket and then slipping in a free throw. The Spartans responded on 20 of 28 charity tosses while the Sea Kings could hit on only 10 of 17.

Bruce Keith plunked in 13 points and Eric Carlson added 12 more for the losers.

Denson's only scoring support came from sophomore Steve Kuckenbecker (9) and senior center John Thomas (8). Kuckenbecker, who had been averaging 14-plus points per game, missed parts of each quarter. He has been ill with the flu.

TUESDAY GAMES

NHS After Sole Possession Of Loop Championship

With undisputed possession of the Sky League cage championship at stake, North High will invade the Inglewood gymnasium Tuesday at 3 p.m. for the next-to-last loop contest of the year.

A 48-46 win over Beverly Hills on Friday pushed North into a certain tie for the title, and the Saxons need win only one of two remaining games to clinch the crown.

Leuzinger, two games behind North, will visit the Saxons on Friday in the final Sky League contest of the year. North must lose to both Inglewood and Leuzinger while the Olympians down Culver City on Tuesday if Leuzinger are to tie for the championship.

Torrance will don the costume of spoiler on Tuesday

against El Segundo, the second-place quintet in the Pioneer League. Aviation has already clinched the circuit crown and 'Gundo is bidding for a CIF playoff berth. The Eagles will host Torrance at 3 p.m.

West High must regain its shooting touch against Lennox Tuesday afternoon if it intends to halt its losing streak. The Warriors went stone-cold against Aviation Friday night and dropped a 66-55 decision.

The Warriors could hit at only a 29 per cent clip from the floor and missed 25 free shots out of 42 attempts.

South will get a breather after three consecutive toughies, meeting hapless Hawthorne at 3 p.m. Tuesday on

the Spartan floor. SHS slipped by Palos Verdes in its last start after dropping contests to Mira Costa and Redondo, the two top quintets in the Bay League.

The Spartans currently own a 4-4 league record and stand in third place.

Bishop Montgomery, with a win over St. John Vianney under its belt, will tangle with Camino Real League-leading Fermin Lasuen on Tuesday at the San Pedro YMCA.

El Camino College will tangle with Santa Monica Tuesday night on the Corsair court in a Metropolitan Conference engagement. The Warriors own an upset over third-place Long Beach, but must go against the conference's top scorer in Tom Dunlap.

Little Leaguers Meet Wednesday

Little League baseball's 25th anniversary will be commemorated in Torrance on Wednesday when over 1,000 Southern California representatives convene for a Jubilee Convocation.

Ten Southern California districts will be represented at the day-long convocation that will feature talks by two distinguished Little League experts Wednesday night at Torrance High School.

Albert E. Houghton, Western Regional Director and a member of the staff of Little League Headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., and child psychologist Dr. Ernest Vandeweghe will review the first quarter century of Little League and relate its importance to today's youth.

IN ADDITION to his duties as secretary of Little League, Houghton is International Tournament Director and is a member of the Franchises Committee.

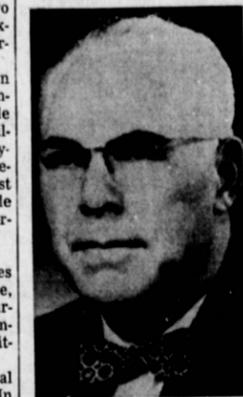
Houghton will serve a dual purpose while in Torrance. In addition to speaking, he will also inspect the City's Little League facilities in preparation for determining the site of the Western Regional Playoffs to be held in August.

Currently, Torrance and Portland are the two outstanding candidates to host the regionals.

Dr. Vandeweghe, who will speak on the "Affects of Athletic Competition on the Adolescent Age Group," is a former member of President Eisenhower's Council on Physical Fitness and is currently conducting extensive research on physical fitness.

AN ALL-AMERICAN basketball player at Colgate University, Dr. Vandeweghe is a reserve major in the Air Force and a consultant in pediatrics for the Air Force.

The public is invited to the 8 p.m. meeting.



ALBERT E. HOUGHTON Will Speak Wednesday

THS Five Slips Past Lawndale

Torrance High came on with a rush in the second half Friday night to overcome a six-point deficit and hand upset-minded Lawndale a 67-56 Pioneer League casaba licking.

The "H" boys, Walt Hale and Mike Hatter, clicked for 18 points each as Torrance came up with 36 points after intermission to run its league record to 4-4 and pull into undisputed possession of third place.

Unbeaten Aviation continues to lead the circuit and has clinched the championship. El Segundo remains in second place with Torrance in third, West in fourth and Lennox and Lawndale deadlocked for fifth.

BOB BRENNAN plunked in 13 markers and Bob Romero added 10 more to back up Hale and Hatter.

Lawndale streaked into a 21-18 lead after eight minutes of play, and by halftime the Cardinals held a 37-31 bulge. The Tartars changed the picture drastically in the third period, ringing up 20 points to take a 51-49 lead.

Jack Cone, who carried a 12-point average into the game, almost leveled Torrance in the first half. Cone connected on his first four shots from the floor and went into the locker room with 12 points to his credit.

IN THE second half, Brennan handled Cone on a man-to-man basis and the Cardinal ace was limited to two points.