

North in CIF Quarter-Finals

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El Camino Ends Metro Campaign

Closing out its Metropolitan Conference cage campaign, El Camino College handed East Los Angeles an 81-75 defeat Friday night and moved into a tie for fifth place with the Huskies.

Potent Bob Garcia, enjoying his fourth straight high-scoring game, poured in 26 points as Camino romped to its sixth win in fourteen conference starts.

West Nine To Battle At North

High school baseball will get into full-swing this week with four local contests on tap.

On Tuesday, cross-town rivals North and West will meet in a non-league battle on the Saxon diamond. Torrance will journey to Mira Costa on the same date for another practice struggle.

Friday, Torrance and South will tangle at Torrance Park while North is hosting Lennox.

SOUTH COACH Jerry McIvaine will probably open with a lineup composed of outfielders Randy McKay, Dave Farber and John Minech, with Phil Hertzog, catcher; Craig Moore, shortstop; Gordon Mahon, third base; Richard White, first base; and Larry Ropke, second base, also set to start.

Torrance's starting lineup should include Jeff Kruger, third base; Rene Ponce, second base; Rod White, first base; Lloyd Gilstrap, catcher; and Les Dutcher, John Ziemke and Keith Patton in the outfield.

OPENING FOR North will be Sam Elliott, catcher; Ron Dauer, first base; Rudy Suarez, second base; Dave Rance, shortstop; Brent Nickloff, third base; and outfielders Mark O'Connor and Andy Carter.

Ascot Will Host Cycle Champions

National, state and district motorcycle champions go whirling and jumping for 100 laps Sunday in the fourth annual Grand Prix Steeplechase at Ascot Park, Gardena.

Racing, directed by J. C. Agajanian, starts at 2 p.m. following qualifying time trials that open a 11 a.m. The 100-lapper, sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Assn., is the longest dirt track race in the country this year for the two-wheelers.

Thirty-three amateur and expert riders make up the starting field led by the "Big Three" of Dick Mann of San Francisco, the AMA's Grand National champion; Skip Van Leeuwen of Lakewood, defending champ and Grand Prix record holder, and Sid Payne of Bakersfield, unbeaten this

year over the Ascot course. Others highly regarded include Clark White and Dave Palmer of Bakersfield, Jack Simmons of Long Beach, Eddie Mulder of Burbank, Bob Bailey of Torrance, Ralph White of San Diego and Dick Hammer of Lakewood.

Van Leeuwen is confident of scoring a repeat victory and just as confident that he'll cut a couple of minutes off his record of 1 hr., 26m., 47s.

More than 180 riders are expected for qualifying tests, including amateur, expert and novice contestants. The novices will be battling he clock for 20 starting berths in a special 15-lap race for this AMA class. Novices ride 250cc machines in accordance with a 1964 AMA rule.

LEPPER barely eased out plenty of support as forward Jim Brennan carded 15 markers and guard Gary Galiger delivered 12 more. Dan Caton, Camino's 6-10 center, controlled both boards and finished with 8 points and 19 rebounds.

East Los Angeles almost stole the game in the waning moments, closing to three points with three minutes left on the clock. Camino then pulled away behind Garcia's steady gunning.

Rick Harkey edged Garcia for high-point honors, pouring in 27 markers. Dan Rodriguez chipped in with 15 points and Kenji Takai added 13 for the Huskies.

CAMINO CARTED a 40-29 lead into the locker room, and with 10 minutes left in the second half, the Warriors held an 18-point bulge before East L. A. started to click.

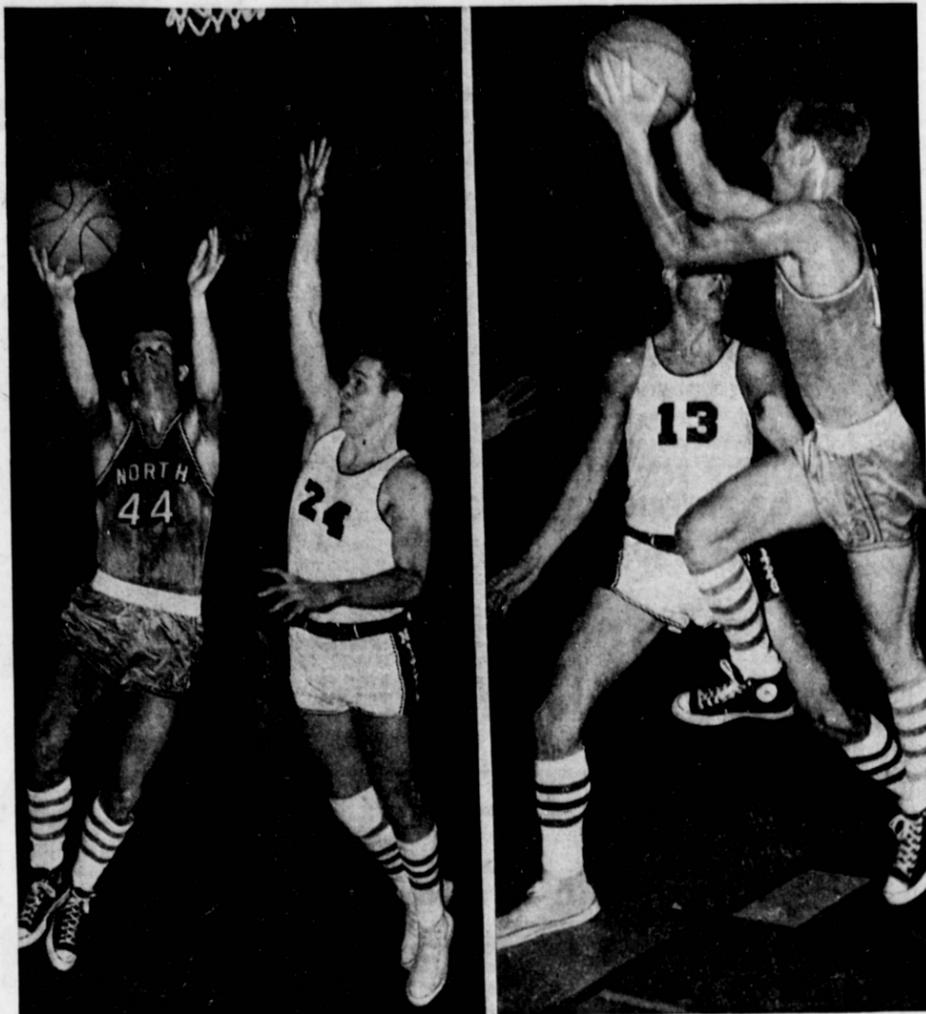
On Tuesday, Camino missed a chance to spring a major conference upset when Ceritos eeked out a 72-60 victory. At halftime, ECC trailed the potent Falcons by only three points, 31-29.

Garcia was again the top Warrior scorer, pumping in 19 markers. While Garcia was the only Camino starter to hit in double figures, three Falcons notched above the 10-point mark.

Joe Jennum carded 26 markers while Chuck Hagen added 16 and deadly Gary McCoy flipped up 13 more.

The Warriors ended the casaba season with a 12-15 mark. Everything went sour for Camino in practice games until the Sam Barry Tournament got under way.

SUDDENLY ECC jelled and the Warriors upended three straight foes before losing to defending state champ Fresno in the final round. From that point on Camino's fortunes again went downhill as the Warriors only sporadically regained their tournament form.



STORY OF AN UPSET . . . Forward Mike Gratzke (44) and guard Dennis Irelan drive in for layups Friday night in North's CIF playoff upset over Glendale. Gratzke poured in 16 points while Irelan collected 4 and helped break Glendale's full-court press as North ran up a 58-47 triumph. The Saxons whipped Mayfair in the opening round of the playoffs and will host Oxnard at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the quarter-finals. On the line for NHS will be a 16-game winning streak and advancement into the semi-finals on Friday at Long Beach. After the game, Glendale coach Dick Davies described North as "by far the finest team we have played all year." The Dynamiters have met all of Southern California's top quintets. (Herald Photos)

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ALL-LEAGUE PICKS

Ten City Cagers Honored

Prolific scoring Don Denson of South High and rebounding terror Al Lepper of North High today reign as the Most Valuable Players from the Bay and Sky leagues.

Denson poured in points at a 22.8 clip during 10 league games to clinch a first-team forward slot on the Bay League squad and join Mira Costa's Neville Saner as the most valuable choice of the six circuit coaches.

Lepper, a 6-5 senior center, was named to the Sky League's top squad for his 15.5 point average, his brilliant rebounding, and his stingy defensive play. He paced North to the circuit crown and has currently led the Saxons into the CIF quarter-finals.

Aviation's Gary Dinnell was named the Pioneer League's Most Valuable Player. Dinnell was named the top Falcon rebounder and scored at a 14.2 clip in leading Aviation to the Pioneer championship.

North completely dominated the Sky League selections, placing three men on the first string. In addition to Lepper, forward Ron Taylor was presented with a second-team berth.

Forward John Hiles from Leuzinger and guard Warren Tetley from Beverly Hills also earned All-Sky League recognition.

Lepper barely eased out

Hiles for Most Valuable Player consideration. Hiles averaged 19.7 points per game in winning the circuit scoring title. But, in two games against North and Lepper, he managed only 21 points.

Selected on the second string squad at forwards were Ernie Williamson, Culver City; Mike Mayfield, Leuzinger, and Taylor. Jeff Eckmeier of Culver City was tabbed at center while Dennis Berryhill of Morningside and Charlie Louden of Inglewood filled the guard slots.

Joining Denson on the first

string Bay League team were forward Bob Clemo, Redondo; Saner at center; guard Jeff White, Mira Costa; and guard Harry Jenkins, Redondo.

Tabbed for the second string were forward Jeff Sims, Redondo; forward Steve Kuckenbecker, South; center Bruce Keith, Palos Verdes; guard Terry McLaughlin, Mira Costa; and guard Paul Hoffman, Redondo.

Named to the third squad were forwards Eric Carlson of Palos Verdes and Bill Simpson of Santa Monica; center Mike Johnson of Hawthorne and

guard Dave Druliner of Redondo and Byron Schweigert of South.

Forward Walt Hale of Torrance joined Dinnell, center Tom Duncan of Lawndale, and guards Dan Thomas of West and Ralph Spargo of El Segundo on the first string Pioneer League quintet.

Center John Cochran of West and forward Mike Hatter of Torrance were given second team berths in addition to forward Rod Finch, Lennox; center Jim Haney, Aviation; guard Jack Cone, Lawndale; and guard Steve Willis, Aviation.

Several oddities occurred in the all-league selections. Dinnell, in nabbing the Pioneer loop's top award, was following in his brother's footsteps. Three years ago Ron Dinnell also pulled down the Most Valuable tag.

White, Micohi's stunning guard, was the only sophomore given a first-string berth among the three leagues. White is the only player ever to start for Mira Costa as a freshman, as he did last season.

Denson also earned the area scoring crown in addition to his Bay League accolades. The steady senior was only under the 20-point level in three league games. The high point of Denson's year came in a 40-point performance against Centennial.



AL LEPPER North Great



DON DENSON South Gunner

Saxons to Seek Upset Triumph Against Oxnard

Oxnard High and its high-scoring forward Dave Lawyer will stand trial at North High Tuesday night in the quarter-final of the CIF basketball playoffs.

North will serve as judge, jury and possibly executioner in the 8 p.m. struggle as the Saxons seek their 17th consecutive triumph and advancement into the semi-finals of the playoffs.

Lawyer, a 6-2 senior, pushed in 32 points Friday night as Oxnard advanced into the quarter-finals with an 89-74 upset triumph over highly-rated Mark Keppel.

Al Lepper, a 6-5 senior center, tallied 24 points on Friday to lead North's Sky League champions in a stunning 58-47 upset of Glendale's fourth-ranked Dynamiters.

Lepper came alive in the second half to dominate both backboards against the taller Glendale quintet and lead a tremendous final-quarter surge by the Saxons.

DEADLY Mike Gratzke, consistently hitting from the outside, plunked in 16 points for North while driving guard Terry Tierney contributed 12 markers.

Glendale was rated as a superior defensive ball club, but the Nitros' full-court press failed to take effect against the calm Saxons.

North led almost all the way after Gratzke got things started with six points in the opening period. Glendale trailed 16-15

after one quarter of play and 28-25 at intermission.

After three quarters, North held a 40-37 edge and in the final period, the Saxons broke the game open, out-scoring the visitors, 18-10.

LENDALE came within one point of North in the opening moments of the third period, but the Dynamiters could never tie the count or move ahead.

North pulled into a 38-32 edge late in the third period before Glendale again cut the gap to one point, 38-37. But then Lepper took matters in hand and gave the Saxons a 40-37 edge as the final period began.

With North holding a precarious 44-40 lead, Lepper plunked in a short jumper, was fouled, and converted to give the Saxons an impenetrable 47-40 bulge.

The Saxons were well prepared for the Glendale press after facing a similar, possibly better press, on Tuesday against Mayfair. North whipped the Monsoons, 73-66, in the opening round of competition.

Redondo, Micohi Fall in Playoffs

Bay League co-champions Mira Costa and Redondo were both knocked out of the CIF basketball playoffs Friday night.

Mira Costa absorbed a 69-64 defeat from second-seeded Pius X while Redondo succumbed to Ventura, 66-53.

Neville Saner, Mico's 6-7 center, flipped in 21 points and out-dued highly-touted Pius X center Jim La Cour on the boards but Mira Costa frittered away a final-quarter chance for its second big upset.

THE MUSTANGS humbled defending CIF champ Compton in the opening round of the tournament, but superior Pius X balance proved the difference Friday.

With LaCour getting only 9 points, guard Dean Donnellon

took over the scoring chores and pumped in 20 points.

Pius X moved into a 13-12 first quarter lead and held a 33-31 bulge at intermission. After three quarters, the Warriors owned a 51-48 edge.

Redondo turned in one of its poorest performances of the year in being eliminated by Ventura. Forward Harry Jenkins bucketted 21 points and center Bob Clemo added 14 more but the duo could not stave off second and fourth quarter onslaughts by the Cougars.

Ventura ran into third quarter foul trouble and starters Joe Chrisman and Marty Lythgoe sat out most of the period with four personals. Dick Horne and Jim Stover took control and jumped in 9 and 6 points, respectively, in less than a quarter of play.

Redondo jumped into a 17-9 lead after eight minutes of action, but Ventura rammed into a 32-29 halftime edge with a 23-point outburst in the second period.

A 21-point surge in the closing stanza iced the game for Ventura. Earlier in the year, in the Beverly Hills Tournament, Ventura picked up a 61-60 decision over the Sea Hawks.

Ruth Loop Schedules Sign-Ups

Registration and tryouts for the Pacific American Babe Ruth League will be held March 7, 8, 14 and 15 on the South High varsity baseball diamond.

The March 7 and 14 trials will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. On March 8 and 15, the tryouts will last from 1 to 4 p.m.

Boys 13 to 15 years old are eligible to register. League boundaries include the Torrance city area and South Redondo.

The South Redondo area is encompassed by Pacific Coast Highway on the south, the ocean on the west, Sepulveda Boulevard on the north, and Madrona Avenue, Lomita Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard on the east. The area includes the Hollywood Riviera section.

Additional information may be obtained by calling player's agent Glenn Holzhausen at FR 5-9229 or Lee Trudell at FR 5-8393.

Walteria Fails in Casaba Rally

Torrance First Baptist survived a final-quarter rally by the Walteria Assembly of God the past week to snare a 45-42 Church League basketball triumph.

Fred Willson canned 13 markers and Howard Taylor added 12 more for Torrance. Manager Tom Tapp bucketted 18 points and Ronald Goble contributed 12 for Walteria.

In another close Church League tilt, Torrance First Lutheran pulled down a 39-37 win over Redondo First Baptist, Manager Jim Batema

poured in 22 points for Torrance while Bill Brewer canned 12 and Dan Kerbeg hit 11 for Redondo.

Resurrection Lutheran snared a 45-35 decision over the King's Men as Manager Dick Jensen carded 13 points and Phil Nelson added 11. Don Peterson led the losers with 16 digits while Dick Carlson contributed 10 points.

JOE MOELLER potted 17 field goals and wound up with 38 points to lead the Tolson-

Vaughn Realtors in a 101-48 rout of the South High Teachers in Thursday Open League play.

Moeller was backed up by Ernie Woods (17), Warren Petersen (12), Manager Avery Bryant (10) and Jerry Mathews (10).

George Rangitsen plunked in 18 points and Frank Dougherty added 10 for the out-gunned losers.

Four men finished in double figures for the Hughes Basket Bombers in a 76-29 victory over Magnavox Research Lab-

oratories. Greg Halberg flipped up 24 points and Gary Bunn added 22 while manager Terry Birdsall and Bill Green contributed 11 each.

Manager Bob Gentry was high man for Magnavox with eight points.

Rich Acres (19), manager John Brame (17) and Mitch Malpee (16) combined to lead the El Camino Realty Padres in a 67-29 massacre of the Lama Room. Manager Frosty White hit 10 points for the losers.

In Tuesday Open League

play, the TRW Semi-Conductors hung a 66-55 licking on the Wreck Aides. Topping the winners were Manager Dave Treleven with 19 points, Bob Rossie with 17, Stan Czerwinski and Paul Risinger with 10.

BILLY JO PRICE, delivering his second straight high scoring effort for the losers, wound up with 28 markers, 14 coming after halftime. Price dumped in 14 shots from the field.

Parker Aircraft romped over Redondo Ward, 59-28, in other

Tuesday League play.

Jack Hadley pocketed 16 points and Stylin Gibson added 14 for the winners while Fred Hoopes carded 21 markers for Redondo.

In Amble basketball, the Ball Hogs defeated the Bears, 16-12, 10-13, 16-13. The Dead Heads earned a 16-12, 8-4, 8-11 win over the Tigers and the Torrance POA picked up a 12-8, 14-2, 8-15 triumph over the South Torrance Lions.

The Rat Finks and the Madrona Squares both won by forfeit.

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