

# Torrance Five 'Turns on the Steam'



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The idea of having West in the Pioneer League, Torrance in the Sky League, and North and South in the Bay League is absolutely dull.

If the four public schools, were in the same league, the athletic program would easily pay for itself. Football, basketball, baseball and track and field attendance would swell.

Try to split up those Long Beach schools into separate leagues and watch hell break loose. It's about time we get some decent thinking along these lines. Who can get excited when West and Lennox oppose each other in anything.

And a Torrance-Leuzinger cross-country meet isn't worth the bus trip.

Officiating is in a category all by itself. Unless Torrance schools play El Rancho, Long Beach Poly, or Santa Monica, it is hopeless anything better than "rejects" will be assigned to local athletic events. The guy who brought the football from one side of the field to the other to measure for a first down in one Torrance's game this year must have been out of his mind. That's what the Tartars get for having a losing football team. Real lemons! The student body cannot get excited about competing in the Sky League in most sports.

Why should North and South high school students waste the time out of the classroom traveling to Santa Monica when they could put in a full day at school and practically walk to West or Torrance campuses for a more ideal contest.

If the four Torrance schools, three South Bay schools, and Bishop Montgomery were in the same conference, thousands of taxpayer dollars would be better accounted for. The drawing attractions cannot be dwelled upon enough when it comes to revenue.

Instead of the local press worrying about covering football in four or more leagues, more space could be devoted to the cross-country campaign. The same goes for wrestling during the basketball season and the other minor sports during baseball and track season.

Each football season should wind up the final two or three weeks of the season with capacity crowds watching crucial games at El Camino Stadium. Taxes pay through the nose for that thing, too.

If the schools in Anaheim can fill the baseball stadium with neighborhood rivalries, as do Long Beach schools, why not Torrance and the South Bay?

Enrollment is not at such extremes at our schools that they would be in jeopardy under one pillar.

The favorite chant at a sporting event in the high schools is "We're No. 1!"

Try to convince the CIF office that of Torrance schools!

## All-Star Players Selected

Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia 76ers and Rick Barry of the San Francisco Warriors were the sole unanimous choices for the 17th Annual All-Star contest to be played at the San Francisco Cow Palace Tuesday evening, Jan. 10.

The selectors, covering the NBA day by day, picked eight players for the East and eight for the West. Chamberlain will head the Eastern squad and Barry will lead the Western unit in the annual classic.

The respective divisional coaches are in the process of being polled for an additional forward and guard for each of the two squads.

The Baltimore Bullets did not have a player voted to the Eastern squad and it is mandatory for the coaches to pick at least one Baltimore player out of two performers they will choose.

Arnold "Red" Auerbach, retired coach and now General Manager of the Boston Celtics will lead the Eastern Division while Fred Schaus, of Los Angeles, will head the Western Division.

Boston with Bill Russell, Bailey Howell and John Havlicek and Los Angeles with Elgin Baylor, Jerry West and Darrall Imhoff have gained the maximum number of positions one team can secure on the divisional squads.

Voted to the Eastern and Western squads are:

**EAST**—Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia; Bill Russell, Boston; Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati; Hal Greer, Philadelphia; John Havlicek, Boston.

**WEST**—Rick Barry, San Francisco; Elgin Baylor, Los Angeles; Dave DeBusschere, Detroit; Nate Thurmond, San Francisco; Darrall Imhoff, Los Angeles; Jerry West, Los Angeles; Guy Rodgers, Chicago; Len Wilkens, St. Louis.

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On the agenda for the evening is the naming of 1967 team managers and approving revisions to the by-laws.

Hal Foley will serve as president of the league this year.

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Scoring Subs: West — Rothwell (4), Suro (4), Thrapp (10), Leuzinger — Casanovich (2), Yancy (2), Vukavich (15).

## Hylton Enters Riverside Race

Stock car racing's second ranked driver James Hylton of Roanoke, Va., became the first driver to enter the 5th annual Motor Trend-Riverside 500 slated for Riverside International Raceway Jan. 22.

The 31-year-old former mechanic, who made his debut in the 1966 500 and went on to capture "Rookie of the Year" honors on the rugged NASCAR Grand National circuit, will pilot a 1966 Dodge in the \$80,000 Classic, world's largest and richest stock car road race.

## Speedway Race

Bob Behrens of Downey goes after his second straight main event victory this afternoon when the "Mighty Midgits" open the 1967 racing season at San Gabriel Speedway in Irwindale.

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