

It's Bart Johnson's Year

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Almost 150 basketball games were played by the five high school basketball teams in Torrance, but it doesn't make the job of selecting an All-City team easy.

It took a CIF three-year scoring record of 1,917 points for Bart Johnson of Torrance High to repeat as "player of the year."

The 5-man All-City team includes Dick Kreul, a forward, and Robin Fisher, a guard, from Torrance; Chuck Fernandes, a guard from

South; and the two big boys from North — Jim Nielson and Billy Taylor.

Eight others were considered for the All-Torrance team. Ordinarily their ability would have measured up to All-City requirements, but this was no ordinary basketball season. Torrance, North High and Bishop Montgomery, championship teams, combined for a season record of 71 victories and 17 losses.

Johnson and Fisher played for three championship teams themselves. Since their sophomore year the Torrance Tar-

tars were 10-0 in the Pioneer League, 10-0 and 9-1 in the Sky League, and combined for 3-year record of 90-15.

Chuck Fernandes, the jumping-jack from South High, became the school's third highest all-time scorer with 883 points. His 451 this year included 174 field goals, 103 of 131 free throws, and a 24-game average of 18.7. He set school records for goals made and free throws made in one-year. He had 49 assists for another mark.

Ahead of Fernandes in all-time scoring are Joe Austin (1,250) and Steve Kuchenbocker (997).

South Center Jerry Turner's seasonal record is 150 field goals, 84 of 133 free throws, 400 points, 64 steals, and 270 rebounds.

In his third year with the North High varsity, 6-foot, 7-inch Jim Nielson, a junior, scored 406 points in 29 of his team's 32 games. He had 155 field goals and 96 free throws for 406 points and a 14-point average.

Teammate Bill Taylor, 6-8, had 156 field goals and 69 free throws for 381 points and a 11.9 average. He is also a junior.

The Soxans' Bill Albin, whose all-around performance is generally taken for granted, had 149 goals, 89 free

throws and a 12.1 average to show for his 397 points.

Johnson's record 1,917 points are the achievement of 88 games and equate to a 22-point average. His table is: Freshman year (2); Sophomore (492); Junior (660); and Senior (763).

Fisher has three years with the varsity in which he scored 72, 518 and 460 points for a 1,050 total. Krue's two year total is 1,079 (502-577).

Of all the outstanding basketball players in Torrance this year, what combination would seem to be most spectacular? The group influencing the Press-Herald was any five of Bart Johnson, Jim Nielson, Bill Taylor, Dick Kreul, Robin Fisher and Chuck Fernandes.

THOMAS CUP Tournament Set In Badminton

Don Paup, ranking badminton player from Torrance, will compete in the finals of the American Zone Thomas Cup Friday and Saturday at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club.

Paup, 3525 Emerald St., and James Poole of San Diego, are the No. 1 doubles team in the tournament. They also participate in the singles.

Winners of the American Zone finals will qualify for

the Thomas Cup series later at Indonesia.

Competing in the zone play are USA and Canada teams which recently defeated Jamaica and Mexico.

Paup and Poole will leave after the local tournament for a series of matches in Toronto, Canada.

Other ranking players in the Manhattan Beach event are Joe Alston and John Carmichael in the doubles and Stanton Hales and Ray Parks in the singles.

Tickets for the American Zone finals are \$5, \$3 and \$2.

Willie Davis Story Slated For TV Show

A colorful portrait of a baseball player trying to make it in the big leagues, "Biography of a Rookie," will be telecast on KTTV, Channel 11, next Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

The hour-long story of Los Angeles Dodger Willie Davis is narrated by Mike Wallace.

Viewers will get to know Davis behind-the-scenes, including his relationship with family, friends and teammates, his straightforward character, honesty and above all, this burning desire to be a major league ballplayer.

Davis was followed virtually everywhere, from the time he is spotted by a scout for the Los Angeles Dodgers, through his minor league apprenticeship, to his arrival at Dodger spring training camp as the hottest rookie prospect of the year.

Senior-Faculty Game Scheduled At North High

A basketball awards program will take place at North High Friday night in conjunction with the annual Senior-Faculty basketball game.

Gold basketballs will be presented to members of the championship varsity, junior varsity, Class B and C teams, according to Coach Skip Enger.

The evening's activities will start at 6:30 with an all-star game between an elementary school all-star team against the champion Perry School team (11-0). The champion Arlington-Casimir School Vikings will also receive awards.

The games are a benefit to purchase blazer coats for the North High athletic teams.

Lakers End Home Stand With 76ers

Closing out their 1966-67 home season by hosting the winningest team in the history of professional basketball, the Los Angeles Lakers will be at the Sport Arena tonight to face the Philadelphia 76ers.

When the 76ers scored an overtime win over Boston last Wednesday night for their 63rd victory of the season they became the all-time NBA record-holder for most games won.

Wilt Chamberlain and his high scoring mates, currently averaging nearly 125 points a game to pace both divisions of the NBA, also sewed up their second straight Eastern Division title with that win.

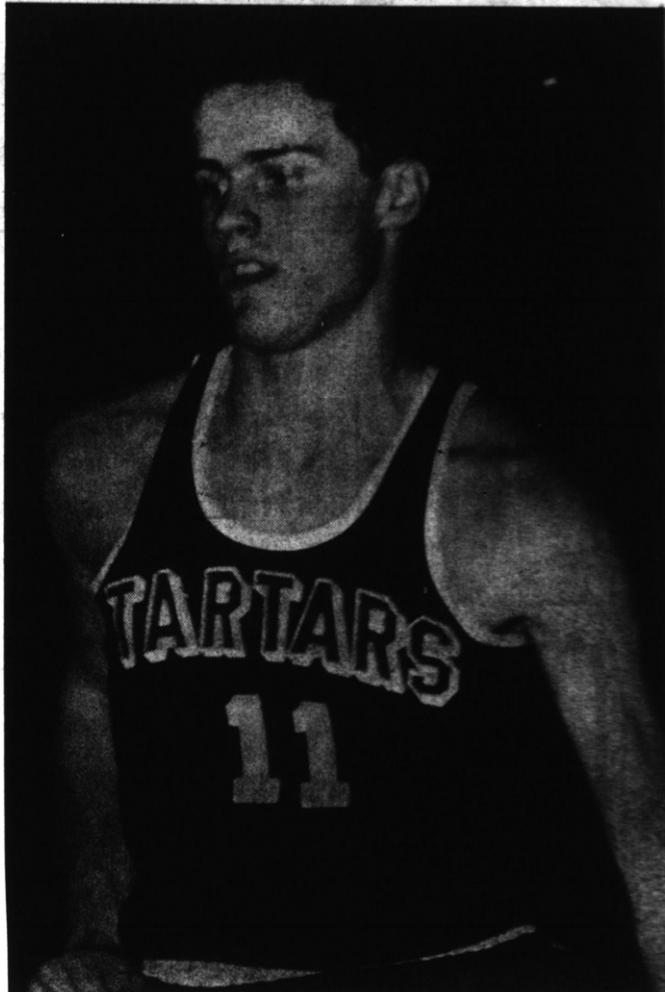
Philly has won seven of the eight games with the Lakers this season, but has had to overcome some of LA's top efforts of the year for their victories.

Last week's 119-117 76er win was a typical example. Los Angeles outscored the victors 94 to 84 from the floor, but lost it when Philly converted 35 of 45 freethrow attempts while the Lakers were going 23-for-27 at the line.

The rugged and towering front three of Chamberlain, Walker and Lucious Jackson has given the 76ers an average of 71 rebounds per game.

Babe Ruth Tryouts End

Final tryouts for Torrance Babe Ruth League will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Del Amo Field, according to president Joe Saldana.



BART JOHNSON
1967 Basketball Player of Year

Little Leaguers To Hold Congress

The Little League Baseball biennial Congress will be held next week in Houston, Texas. More than 500 field directors will participate in the event.

Preceding the regular Congress Sunday is a California state director's meeting for the state's 57 district administrators. Ed Martins of Hayward is state director.

Representing District 26 and 27 of the Torrance area are District Administrators Henry Burke and Red Machen and their assistants Ralph Avakian and Floyd Cole.

Machen has replaced Bob Rambo as District 27 administrator. Rambo is moving to Riverside.

Burke, District 26 administrator since 1960, will serve at the Congress as sergeant-at-arms and panel secretary on Senior Division of Little League. Burke is sports editor at the Press-Herald.

Ed Peterson, an educator from Portland, Oregon, and a Little League state director, will be chairman of the Congress.

The Congress serves as an indoctrination program for Little League field directors and is the sounding ground for legislation of the youth baseball program.

Basketball Stars Will Be Honored

Outstanding high school basketball players will be honored Friday by the South Bay Athletic Club at its weekly meeting in the Banbury Room of the Plush Horse Restaurant.

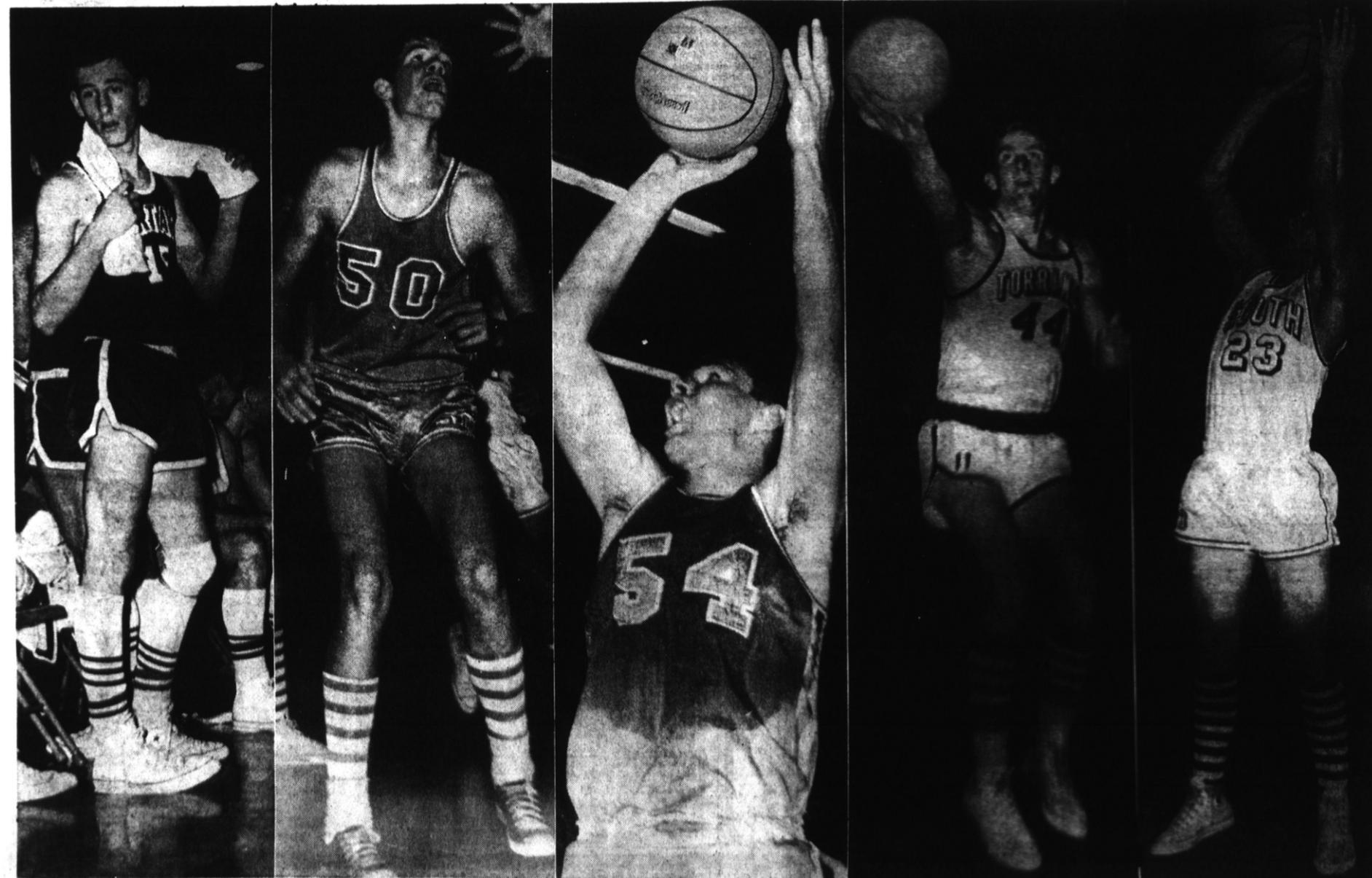
Guest speaker for the luncheon meeting will be John Arndt, University of Loyola athletic director and basketball coach.

Trophies will be presented to the first three teams as determined by a committee of the SBAC. A "Player of the Year" and the "Coach of the Year" will also be selected.

Races Reset

Favorable weather indicates the Automobile Racers Assn. will get the Figure 8 show back on the road Sunday afternoon at Whiteman Stadium.

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Torrance Guard

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North High Forward

JIM NIELSON
North High Center

RICH KREUL
Torrance Forward

CHUCK FERNANDES
South High Guard