

# Basketball Turns to League Action

## Basketball Predictions

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The best high school basketball race this year will be the Sky League. You can go round and round and come up with four or five potential champions.

Torrance, the defending co-champion, is not a prime contender, but the Tartars are going to give everybody fits. They came within 49-45 of upsetting invincible



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Compton Friday night in the Compton Tournament.

Beverly Hills is a threat. The Normans' Alex Gamble is probably the best player in the league. He is always good for 20 points or more.

Morningside, off to a slow start, is building momentum as a slim favorite.

Leuzinger always scores 70 to 80 points a game, but the problem with the Olympians is they cannot stop some of their opponents from scoring 80 or 90 points. The Olympians also

have difficulty with the press defense.

Rolling Hills has a well balanced team, but the Titans are not a big point getter. Neither is Culver City, which lacks the size to win the seven or eight games it will take to win the title.

The Bay League gets under way next Wednesday with North playing at Redondo.

This is a big game for both the No. 1 and No. 2 contenders in the league.

It is particularly big for Redondo, which could become discouraged by defeat and suffer the consequences throughout the first round.

Should Redondo topple, South High could take over as the No. 2 team and make a strong bid for a berth in the CIF playoffs.

But North High, with returning first stringers Bill Taylor, Jim Nielson, Dan Hansen, Dan Anderson, and Bob Jones in the lineup, will be tough to penetrate. They have height and lots of shooting ability.

Redondo has 10 to 12 qualified varsity players. The two boys with most reliability are Forward Anthony Chaffins and Guard Allan Oddi.

South has **Beauty in Forward Jim Owens**. Since Jeff Wang moved into the starting lineup, he has made a difference in the Spartans. The success of the team depends on how much mileage Coach Dave Corman can get out of Center Dennis Rector.

Mira Costa, Santa Monica, and Hawthorne will fight it out in the middle of the pack. Inglewood is out of it.

The Pioneer League would be an even match except for the fact that Aviation High has Paul Westphal. He is an outstanding university prospect. Paul joined the Aviation varsity as a freshman and will probably finish his senior year with a bundle of offensive records.

El Segundo, which won 30 games before losing to Monrovia in the CIF finals last year, is in a rebuilding stage. The Eagles are once again on even terms with West, Palos Verdes, Lawndale and Lennox. There should be sufficient upsets among this quintet to make Aviation a shoo-in for the championship.

In the Camino Real League, Bishop Montgomery has beaten some of the members in non-league games convincingly enough to leave little doubt about the league favorite in basketball. Nevertheless, there is something about league games that brings out the best in everybody.

The Montgomery Knights, therefore, can expect fireworks from Fermin Lasuen, Crespi, St. Bernard's, St. Monica's, and Murphy.

Montgomery's Larry Wiggins emerged as the best prospect in the pre-season go-around. He breaks the 20-point barrier constantly.

The two-time champion Knights have their best team in history. Although last year's ball club had a 10-0 record, the league was much weaker.

But even Murphy, a rare winner in recent years, has its best basketball team since the advent of the Camino Real League and could move out of the cellar.

## Masters Champion Set For Los Angeles Open

Slender Gay Brewer, Jr., has filed his entry for the 42nd annual \$100,000 Los Angeles Open golf tournament.

The tourney will be played Jan. 24-28 over the 7,000-yard Brookside Park Golf Club in Pasadena.

The sponsors expect 45 of the top 50 money winners of 1967 to be in the fold by the entry deadline.

Brewer won the Masters in one of the big golf stories of the year. It put him on the pinnacle of the game after many years of being on the fringe of greatness.

The Masters champion is not a picture swinger, having a loop in his swing. But he got the job done at the Masters, as well as many other places, to rank as one of the "large" people in his sport in 1967.

Brewer will be looking for his first Los Angeles Open win.

Pre-season tickets, priced at \$10 and good for all days of play, will be available until Jan. 17 at all Southland golf courses. After that, the price goes up to its regular tab of \$15.

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## HOW THEY SHOULD FINISH

Bay League		Camino Real	
1. NORTH HIGH	12-0	1. MONTGOMERY	10-0
2. REDONDO	8-4	2. ST. BERNARD'S	7-3
3. SOUTH HIGH	7-5	3. FERMIN LASUEN	6-4
4. MIRA COSTA	6-6	4. CRESPI	4-6
5. HAWTHORNE	4-8	5. ST. MONICA'S	2-8
6. SANTA MONICA	4-8	6. MURPHY	1-9
7. INGLEWOOD	1-11		

  

Pioneer League		Sky League	
1. AVIATION	10-0	1. BEVERLY HILLS	7-3
2. PALOS VERDES	7-3	2. MORNINGSIDE	7-3
3. WEST HIGH	7-3	3. LEUZINGER	6-4
4. LAWDALE	3-7	4. TORRANCE	6-4
5. EL SEGUNDO	3-7	5. ROLLING HILLS	2-8
6. LENNOX	0-10	6. CULVER CITY	2-8

## College TV Schedule Is Improved

The American Broadcasting Company has guaranteed expanded coverage of college football for the next two seasons by signing a two-year contract with the National Collegiate Athletic Association valued at approximately \$10 million.

The new pact enables the network to increase its telecasts from 16 to 18 games, including two night games in prime time. The contract also gave ABC approval to telecast, exclusive of NCAA appearance regulations, one major game per season with only five days prior notice.

The new clause will allow the network to televise a game of national importance rather than the one previously scheduled.

Permission was also granted, allowing ABC to select a given conference game rather than a particular team for telecast in late November. The move permits the network to telecast the key conference clash rather than a game which might have no effect on the conference outcome.

## Cub Scouts Honored At Meeting

Cub Scout Pack 785C, sponsored by St. Catherine Laboure recently met in the Parish Hall to present awards to members.

In Den 4, Chris McNeil received the Wolf Badge, and Tim Ittner and Steven Smith were awarded Recruiter Stripes.

Raymond Gonzales, Den 7, won the gold arrow and two arrows of the Wolf rank, and a Recruiter Stripe.

Webeles receiving awards were Paul Ondell, Athlete, Sportsman; Mike Ingles, Athlete, Sportsman, Naturalist; Paul Reis, Athlete; Eddie Rhoads, Outdoorsman; Dennis Roberts, Craftsman, Sportsman; and Mike Marino, Aquanaut.

Raymond Gonzales was named Cub of the Month for December.

The following boys were named as outstanding Webeles and graduated into Boy Scouts: Daniel Conaty, Richard Dean, Daniel Harrigan, Robert Smith, Robert Cook, Michael Chabot, Mark Garbe, and Richard Burke.

## USC Picked

The University of Southern California took first-place as the nation's top college football team in final balloting by the Football Writers Association of America.

Oklahoma, was second and Tennessee, which lost to the Sooners in the Orange Bowl, ranked third.

## RAMS PLAY RUNNER UP

Twenty long weeks and 3,000 miles away from their first meeting of the season, the Rams and the Cleveland Browns will battle Sunday in the National Football League's annual Playoff Bowl.

Site of the Rams-Browns rematch is Miami's famed Orange Bowl. A crowd of 50,000 is expected to witness the 2 p.m. (EST) kickoff and the game also will be carried on national television (CBS).

It was August 19 and midway in the pre-season schedule when the Rams overcame a 14-7 halftime disadvantage to score a 24-14 win over the Browns at the Coliseum.

Both teams went from that game to championships in their respective divisions. The Rams posted an 11-1-2 record to win the Coastal crown and the Browns won the Century Division title with a 9-5 mark. The Rams then lost to Green Bay, 28-7, and the Browns to Dallas, 52-14, in conference playoff games.

Rams head coach George Allen views Sunday's game as matching "two of the finest teams in all of football."

Prior to Tuesday's departure for Miami, Allen lauded the Browns as "one of the two best offensive clubs in the National League."

"Leroy Kelly ranks with the greatest runners in the game today, Ernie Green is topnotch, and Cleveland has a strong passing game to go with them."

The Browns led all NFL in rushing with 152.8 yards a game and an amazing 4.8 average. Kelly is the newly-crowned league rushing champ, having netted, 1,205 yards in 235 carries for a 5.1 average. Green ranked ninth in the league with 710 net yards.

While the Browns were not among the league's leaders in passing in 1967, they still have a potent arsenal of aerial weapons headed by quarterback Frank Ryan.

Ex-Ram Ryan, who was traded to Cleveland in 1962, will match moves with Maxie Baughan's Rams defensive unit and Frank has such pawns as flanker Gary Collins, split end Paul Warfield and tight end Milt Morin.

Sunday's game will be the eighth in the playoff Bowl series.

The Browns played (and lost) in the first one back in 1961 when the Detroit Lions posted a 17-16 victory. The Browns lost to Green Bay, 40-23, in the 1964 renewal.

This will be the Rams' first appearance in the Miami bowl and they will have a special incentive for victory.

A triumph over Cleveland would give the Rams a seasonal total of 18 victories, 2 defeats and 2 ties. This mark (which includes six pre-season wins) would be the best overall record compiled by any NFL club since play began last August 2.

The Rams will be in top physical shape for the contest. Allen has announced he will go with the same 22 starters who opened the conference playoff game at Milwaukee two weeks ago.

## Dan Gurney To Drive Ford Again

While tradition may not have a thing to do with winning the sixth annual Motor Trend/Riverside 500 on Jan. 21, four-time winner Dan Gurney isn't taking any chances.

After changing stables for the first time last January and failing in his bid to win the annual classic for the fifth time, Gurney is returning to a Ford prepared by his old crew... the Wood brothers of Stuart, Va., who groomed his winning Fords in 1963-64-65-66.

The popular brothers, who have a reputation for being the fastest pit crew in racing, have a perfect record at Riverside. In addition to preparing four winners for Gurney they were behind Parnelli Jones' Ford which captured the 1967 event.

## El Camino Loses, 72-67

Cerritos dumped El Camino, 72-67, in the first round of the Metropolitan Conference basketball race Friday. The score was 31-all at halftime.

Unbeaten Long Beach was upset by Bakersfield, 88-77. Santa Monica beat East L.A., 62-55, and Valley walloped Rio Hondo, 79-67.

## Al Unser Enters Race

Veteran race driver Al Unser, who finished second in the 1967 Indianapolis 500 and went on to earn a fifth place ranking in USAC national ratings, has been assigned to a 1967 Dodge Charger for the 6th annual Motor Trend/Riverside 500 stock car road race at Riverside Raceway January 21.

## Torrance Preps Star at Compton

Double round basketball schedules await the five high schools in Torrance. They compete in four conferences. North High, winner of 13 of its first 14 non-league games, is expected to win the Bay League for the second straight time. Bishop Montgomery seeks its

third straight Camino Real League title after compiling a 14-3 record in its first 17 games.

While Montgomery, North, South, and Torrance finished out the non-league campaign by getting into the championship, third place and consolation round games at the Compton Tournament, West

### Montgomery, 63-61

Montgomery (63) Centennial (61)  
Roach (7) F McDougal (8)  
Collins (14) F Charles (8)  
Wiggins (18) C Crawford (11)  
Patterson (18) G Patterson (22)  
Jamison (4) G Cain (8)  
Montgomery ... 19 7 15 20-63  
Centennial ... 13 16 16-61  
Montgomery subs: Conors (2)  
Centennial sub: Jones (4), Tatum (2).

### Compton, 49-45

Torrance (45) Compton (49)  
S. Jasper (6) F Campbell (8)  
Baker (8) F Hollyfield (14)  
Gostich (9) C Hopwood (11)  
Floyd (9) F Taylor (10)  
Hase (12) G Morris (6)  
Compton ... 10 9 17-45  
Torrance ... 9 18 12 10-49

### North, 83-68

North (83) South (68)  
Nielson (23) F Barron (8)  
Taylor (23) F Wang (10)  
Hansen (9) C Owens (19)  
Jones (10) F Miller (8)  
Anderson (16) G Rector (19)  
North ... 17 20 23 23-68  
South ... 9 14 22-68  
South sub: Peterson (9).

### North, 83-57

North (83) L. B. Poly (57)  
Taylor (12) F L. Watkins (11)  
Hansen (11) F Hanson (21)  
Nielson (14) C Tillman (16)  
West (6) G Neal (4)  
Score by Quarters  
North Torrance ... 22 17 22-63  
L. B. Poly ... 16 14 8 21-57

Scoring subs - North Torrance: Jones 11, Cronin 4, Frasquillo 1, Thomas 13, L. E. Poly, Banks 2, Coons 6, Grabyan 2.

### Torrance, 68-50

Jordan (50) Torrance (68)  
Wells (6) F S. Jasper (31)  
Darrow (7) F Baker (8)  
Terry (13) C Gostich (5)  
Henderson (17) G Floyd (7)  
Olson (4) G Hase (16)  
Jordan ... 17 14 31-68  
Torrance subs: Souza (2), Smoot (3), G. Jasper (1).

### South, 89-74

South (89) Millikan (74)  
Rector (21) F Bays (16)  
Owens (26) F Pinola (7)  
Peterson (6) C Ferguson (17)  
Barron (11) G Elgin (8)  
Wang (21) G Engel (14)  
Score by Quarters  
South Torrance ... 14 22 28-66  
Millikan ... 17 18 13 27-74

Scoring subs: South - Peterson 2, Nelson 2, Green 2, Gmur 4, Coltrane 2.

## West Gets 107 Points

West High scored 26 points in each of the first three quarters and 29 in the fourth period to wallop Lennox, 107-60, in the first game of the Pioneer League basketball season Friday evening.

### West, 107-60

West (107) Lennox (60)  
Fischer (18) F Davison (4)  
Smalley (8) F Smiley (1)  
Kidjicak (17) C Moreland (32)  
Sandovich (6) G Johnson (1)  
Moberly (16) G Cecil (10)

Score by Quarters  
West ... 26 26 26 29-107  
Lennox ... 20 18 10-60

Scoring subs: West - Parton 11, Gest 14, Blair 18, Heinzen 2; Lennox - Wilson 4, Finch 4, Wrightstone 4.

## Tourney Results

FIRST ROUND  
Torrance 76, Centennial 75.  
Jordan 72, Cathedral 71.  
Verbum Dei 81, Montgomery 74.  
Compton 106, No. 2 Compton 84.  
Millikan 86, Bellflower 58.  
South 83, Wilson 69.  
Poly 68, St. Bernard's 61.  
North 87, Mt. Carmel 79.

SECOND ROUND  
Championship Bracket  
Torrance 68, Jordan 51.  
Compton 92, Verbum Dei 52.  
South 83, Millikan 74.  
North 83, Poly 57.

Consolation Bracket  
Centennial 72, Cathedral 65.  
Montgomery 70, No. 2 Compton 52.  
Bellflower 66, Wilson 61.  
Mt. Carmel 59, St. Bernard's 53.

THIRD ROUND  
Championship Bracket  
Compton 49, Torrance 45.  
North 83, South 68.

Consolation Bracket  
Montgomery 83, Centennial 61.  
Mt. Carmel 74, Bellflower 55.



DAN HANSEN



DAVE BOYD

## Dave Boyd, Dan Hansen Make 'CIF'

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The high school football campaign was all but forgotten when the Helms Foundation got around to naming its All-CIF selections for 1967 this week.

By the time key personnel from champion Anaheim and other powerhouse "teams" got their recognition, there wasn't much left for the outstanding individual players with lesser team fanfare.

North High, the Bay League champion, placed Dan Hansen in the CIF "AAAA" second string backfield and Dave Boyd of Pioneer champion West High made the CIF "AAA" second team backfield.

South High's Jeff Wang, who scored 18 touchdowns and ran for a CIF record 349 yards against North, was overlooked.

Among the big schools, Santa Monica tackle Ron Lefhart was a third team selection.

The 3-A ranks picked Rolling Hills' John Papadakis, Morningside's Everett Marshall, Crespi's Bob Barber, and St. Bernard's John Bain on the first unit.

The number of players honored was increased by naming two linebackers to a 14-man lineup.

Players of the year were Anaheim's Tom Fitzpatrick in the "AAAA" division; Bail Brick of Mayfair and Bob Davidson of Santa Ynez in the "AAA" and "AA" groups.

## Jones, Sauer Finish 1-2

Jerry Jones of Hawthorne and Eddie Sauer of Torrance one-two finishers in last week's Figure 8 stock car racing feature at Gardena's Airport Park, are set to lead a 100-car field in this afternoon's doubleheader program of modified-stock car racing.



EL CAMINO FORWARD... Jerry Turner scored 21 points against Cerritos Friday night, but the Warriors lost, 72-67, in Metro Conference opener.