

Basketball Leagues Begin



BAY LEAGUE THREAT . . . Coach Dave Corman, in his third year as head basketball coach at South High, is eyeing the school's first Bay League title. The Spartans won the Christmas Tournament and have a solid starting unit.

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The Bay League basketball race starts this afternoon with West High and North High tangling in a crosstown game in the Saxon gym.

Hawthorne invades South to round out the "home" competition.

A couple traditional rivalries help launch the campaign on this date. Inglewood plays at Santa Monica in a day game while Redondo goes to Mira Costa for a night engagement.

Even by the end of game time Friday night there are no apparent indications how the league

standings will lean.

North could run into trouble against West or Redondo, but it would take a double jolt to thwart the Saxons' attempt at a repeat championship.

South is sailing into the Bay League campaign with a victory over North for the Torrance Christmas Tournament title.

The Spartans face both Hawthorne and Inglewood in games that could help them set an early pace for the lead.

Coach Dave Corman of South has been getting a lot of use of the height his team is noted for, including 6-5 Mike Cloyd, 6-3 Jack Peterson, 6-5 Dennis Rec-

tor, 5-11 Barry Simon, and 6-0 Brent Barron. Any one of the fivesome is capable of scoring 20 points a game.

North has had the reputation for height in past years, but the Saxons are smaller and rely on a quick fastbreak attack this season. North has two-year letterman Dan Anderson (6-2) who could well be the best player in the Bay League. He is backed by Jim Thomas (5-10), Harlen Peet (6-2), Art Frasier (6-2) and Jim Jones (6-2).

Russ Bierley of North is one of the new coaches in the league. He replaces Skip Enger who moved up to the junior college

coaching ranks this year.

West High had the fortune of winning the football championship during its debut in the Bay League in the fall, but the basketball team may not be as fortunate.

Coach Tom Sutherland, who has been at the helm since the opening of West High, has been optimistic about his current ball club. The Warriors have good shooting ability, but the rebounding is not overwhelming. Turnovers are a fault of the club.

None of the starters has molded into a team leader needed by West. The height is balanced

and so is the combination of Bill Moberley, Tom Sandowich, Bill Kolodziejczak, Harold Smalley, Mike Neal and Ron Wood. Smalley (5-10) is the only player under 6 feet.

In the Sky League, Morningside is expected to rule over Beverly Hills, Torrance, Culver City, Leuzinger and Rolling Hills in about that order.

Morningside plays Torrance Saturday night at North High. The Tartars could play a bigger part in the championship by upsetting the Monarchs in this one.

Coach Will Boerger has the experience to cause trouble for his opponents and he is employ-

ing Bill Souza (6-2), Bruce Baker (6-6), Greg Jasper (6-2), Jim Fox (6-0) and Bob Fernley (5-11).

Eight teams are battling for the Camino Real League crown. The trend of the pennant race was established yesterday in an opener between Fermin Lasuen and Bishop Montgomery in a game at San Pedro.

Bishop Montgomery, whose Greg Collins and Greg Reams are holdovers from last year's championship team and members of the football team, are carrying the load for the varsity at present. The Knights are host to Mt. Carmel Friday night.

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Compton Tarbabes

Compton's undefeated Tarbabes, only nine games away from a new CIF, Southern Section, winning streak record, and Garden Grove's highly-touted Argonauts commanded top spots in their respective divisions in the first weekly prep poll.

Coach Bill Armstrong's Compton five, defending CIF, SS, champion, needs only nine more victories to snap the 53-game win streak record set by the Compton clubs of 1950-52, which were coached by CIF, SS, Commissioner of Athletics Ken Fagans.

The Tarbabes, enroute to their 12-0 mark this season, have taken the toll of many of the clubs ranked in the initial "AAAA" division "Top Ten." Compton claimed tournament titles at Huntington Beach and Villa Park while compiling its outstanding record.

Garden Grove, meanwhile, has rolled to a 12-0 standard, with tournament championships at Westminster-Marina, Orange and in its own classic to the Argonauts' credit.

Second-rated on the "AAAA" level is Chaffey, which has only one loss marring its 14-game schedule. Pasadena, Sunny Hills and Muir round out the top five "AAAA" division teams.

On the "AAA" level, Claremont's undefeated Wolfpack gave the Argonauts a battle for the top spot.

Coach Jack Smith's five annexed titles in the Upland-Montclair Tournament, the Azusa Tournament and the Chino Tournament enroute to its 13-0 season record.

Santa Maria, Beverly Hills and Morningside rounded out the top five clubs in initial "AAA" division voting.

League races in many seven-and eight-team leagues get under way this weekend, with six-team circuits opening league play on the weekend of Jan. 17.

Youth Baseball Leagues

This is the time of year when youngsters are invited to take part in the spring and summer youth baseball program.

Boys between the ages of 8 and 16 will be provided with sufficient team competition in Little League, Senior Division Little League, Pony League, Colt League and Babe Ruth League to handle more than 3,500 youngsters.

The Press-Herald will make an effort to publish data concerning the registration, tryouts and business of the leagues during the season. Officials are invited to file the information with the Press-Herald for publication on Wednesdays and Fridays.

North Torrance Pony-Colt

Sign ups for Pony League in the North Torrance area will be held Saturday and Jan. 18 for the Colt League. Tryouts will be in the middle of February.

Boys 13, 14, 15, and 16 are invited to participate in these programs. Sign ups will be at Manahan Field, 190th and Van Ness.

Elected to serve as the 1968-1969 officers for the league are President Bill Cairns, First Vice President Jim Randall, Second Vice President Roy Shimazu, Secretary Bill Rose, Treasurer Betty Cairns, Players Agent Mike Cimarusti, Official Scorekeeper Anne Enge, Equipment Manager Walt Yurak, Field Maintenance Dutch Dykstra, Ralph Manahan, Virgil Beach and Chick Patrick.

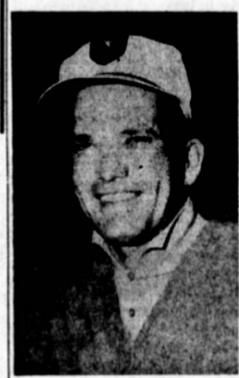
Women's officers are President Barbara Rednerski, First Vice President Angie Cimarusti, Second Vice President Carolyn Rose, Secretary Mary Lou Dykstra, Treasurer Betty Cairns, Publicity Bev Humphry, Concession Stand, Lois Patrick and Mary Lou Ehrlich Ways and Means, Charlotte Bowen, Marilyn Meyers and Pat Ayer.

Men interested in managing a team this year are asked to write to Mr. Bill Cairns, 4318 W. 176th St., with a list of qualifications.

North Torrance East LL

Player registration for the North Torrance Little League East will be this Saturday, and Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ball field located south of 190th Street on Van Ness.

Participation in the league will be for boys 8 to 12 years old by Aug. 1. A parent must accompany each boy desiring to register. The boy's birth certificate must be brought at this time, a official said.



BOB GOALBY

Golfers Play at Rancho

The venerable Los Angeles Open, back to its old, accustomed position of first on the tour, opens the 1969 golfing rounds at Rancho Park in West Los Angeles Thursday. There is a pro-amateur prelude to the 43rd edition of the \$100,000 tourney today.

The Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the tourney. Last year the PGA juggled its schedule and put the Crosby Tournament ahead of the L.A. Open, but it is back at its long-time home, the 6800 yard Rancho course.

Bill Casper, Jr. is the defending champion. He won his first L.A. Open last winter and went on from there to capture a remarkable total of six tournaments during 1968 and accumulated earnings of more than \$200,000.

A large share of the other big names of golf, including Open king Lee Trevino, Masters champion Bob Goalby, George Archer, Dan Sikes, Bob Lunn, Bob Murphy, Dave Stockton, Frank Beard, Miller Barber, Bruce Crampton, Gardner Dickinson, Kermit Zarley, Al Geiberger, Don January, Gene Littler, Chi-Chi Rodriguez, Dale Douglass, Bob Nichols, Doug Sanders, Art Wall and R. H. Sikes will try to dethrone Casper.

Arnold Palmer announced yesterday he will compete. Jack Nicklaus, an infrequent starter at Los Angeles, and Julius Boros, the PGA king, are notables missing from the event.

The pros made the decision to move the L.A. Open away from Brookside in Pasadena and back to Rancho. The Westside layout is a superior course and is rated one of the finest public layouts in the West.

The touring stars will find the Rancho greens in as good a shape as they've been for years. The fairway grass is a little thin and the recent cold weather has kept the rough from growing to where it could be much of a factor.

Rancho plays par-71 at 6,800 yards and its fairways are very wide. The course record of 268 was set by Phil Rodgers several years ago and Palmer came within one shot of that when he won the last time the event was played there in 1967.

HOLE-IN-ONE

Joe Fantore shot a hole-in-one on the No. 9 150-yard hole at Hackers Haven. He had a 1-und-par for the round.

Battle Looms In Metro Race

The 1969 Metropolitan Conference basketball campaign will be a battle this season.

One noteworthy indication of the quality of the teams that will be contending for the title is this: Last year the finalists in the state junior college basketball tournament were Cerritos and Pasadena City College. This year, due to a re-alignment of conference teams throughout California, PCC still formidable on the court — has joined the Metropolitan Conference.

Meanwhile, such teams as Cerritos and Long Beach City College are outstanding again. And another Metropolitan Conference newcomer—Pierce—has compiled a fine 13-4 record going into the first round of conference competition.

All eight coaches in the conference were canvassed over the weekend for their reaction to the forthcoming race. The typical response was the campaign will probably be the toughest and closest in conference history.

Twelve games are scheduled this week. In the openers yesterday it was Valley at Long Beach, El Camino at Pierce, Pasadena at Bakersfield, and Cerritos at Santa Monica. Friday: Valley at El Camino, Long Beach at Pasadena, Santa Monica at Pierce, Bakersfield at Cerritos. Saturday: Pierce at Valley, Long Beach at Bakersfield, Cerritos at El Camino, Pasadena at Santa Monica.

In alphabetical order, here is the team-by-team outlook for the new season:

Pasadena (10-4): Height, quickness, effective rebounding, good shooting were the hallmarks of Pasadena's team last year—and nothing is changed even though Jerry Tarkanian has moved to Cal State Long Beach and has been succeeded by Mt. San Jacinto College coach Dan Ayala. On the front line will be George Trapp (6-9), Eric McWilliams (6-6) and Willie Flowers (6-5). Dennis Love (6-3) plays guard and forward. Inexperienced guards are a drawback, in addition to lack of depth.

Pierce (13-4): One of the biggest surprises of the pre-conference season has been the showing of the Pierce College Brahmas under Ken Stanley, in the midst of his first season as

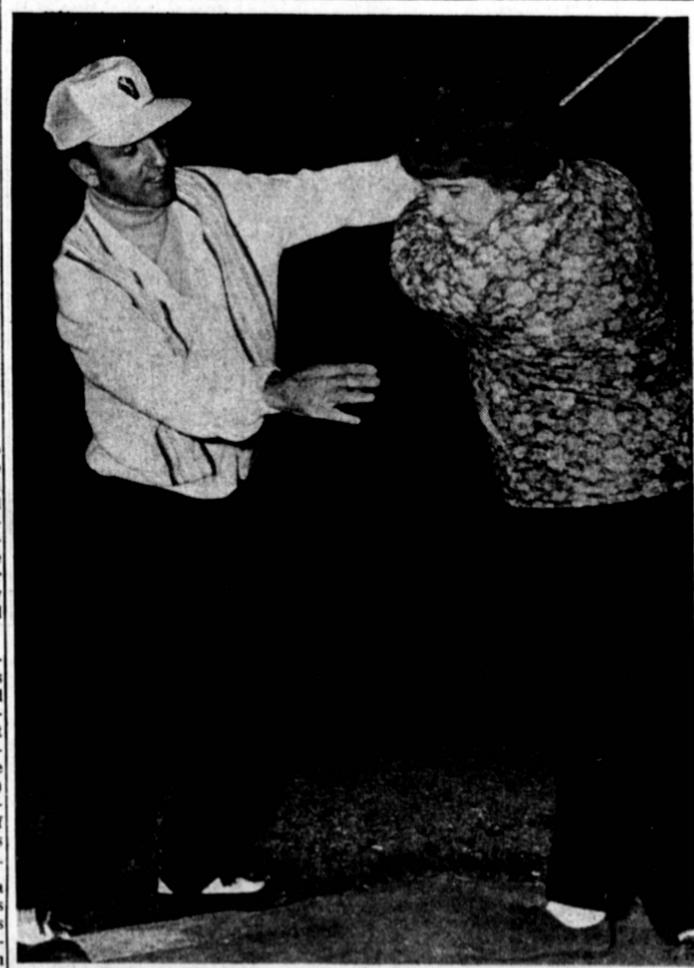
head coach. Stanley hoped to have the height of center Bob Lynn (6-9) back, but Lynn fell under the Tarkanian spell and went to Long Beach State. Tallest Brahma player is Jim Mossel (6-6). The Brahmas have played aggressively and their charged-up offense is usually put in gear by go-go guard Floyd Quirkman (5-9).

Santa Monica (10-4): The Corsairs have gone a long way this season without much height and severe losses through graduation. Coach Bob Dye's tallest man on the team is Tom Chamales (6-4), a freshman. The forwards are Doug Smith (6-3) and Steve Webber (6-2). Rebounding figures to be a chief problem against the big squads in the Metropolitan Conference.

Valley (5-11): Like Santa Monica, the Valley Monarchs are a little bit over their heads in height disadvantage this season. The front line that Dan Means has put together includes Al Shumate (6-4) at center and forwards Larry Harrison (6-3) and Warren Thomas (6-3). The Monarchs have displayed fair speed and shooting ability so far, and surprisingly good rebounding considering their lack of outstanding height.

Bakersfield (9-6 record to date): An injury on the court to center Steve Smith (6-8) in the first round of the Modesto Tournament has severely dimmed Bakersfield's prospects this year. Smith will be lost for the season and this fact drastically reduces Bakersfield's rebounding potential. Mike Vaughn (6-4) will fill the center vacancy. The three players who will alternate at forward for coach Bill Nelson are Charles Anderson (6-4), Dennis Pratt (6-4), and Don Parrish (6-3).

Cerritos (14-1): Defending state champion Cerritos has put together one of the best jaycee records in the state so far, reflecting its potential for putting state titles back to back in its trophy case. Coach Jim Killingsworth retained plenty of experienced hands. In most games an all-sophomore five will start: forwards Fred Zitar (6-6) and John Van Vliet (6-6), center Bob Horn (6-7), and guards Tony Rodriguez (6-4) and Charles Beecher (5-11). Special strong points are rebounding and shooting.



LEARNING TO PLAY GOLF . . . Tony Masciola, PGA Golf Professional, shows student Helen Carter a proper swing. Masciola will head classes in beginning, intermediate and advanced golf sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department on Tuesday and Thursday for intermediate and advanced students. Classes are at Hackers Haven Golf Course, 2236 Sepulveda, at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and 6 and 7 p.m.

Sufficient Drivers Enter Stock Car 500

Although he's expecting many more entries, Les Richter, has already accepted enough to be assured of the required 44-car starting field for the 7th annual Motor Trend 500, Jan. 19, at Riverside.

James Hylton and Bobby Isaac, the National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) Grand National division point runners-up of the last three years filed entries today. They will drive battle-proven '68 Dodge Chargers.

The official starting positions will be determined from an expected 55-60 entries when qualifying begins Thursday, Jan. 16.

Hylton from Inman, S.C., is the lithe and likeable 31-year-old chief mechanic for now retired Grand National champion Ned Jarrett. He was rookie-of-the-year in his first season, finishing

second to David Pearson in the point standings and repeated the next year behind Richard Petty.

Isaac, NASCAR's "hippie," who wears his sideburns long and has the word "love" etched on his knuckles, finished second to defending Grand National champion David Pearson last season.

Isaac, from Catawba, N.C., is considered a "charger" in racing lingo, while the more-conservative, and more successful, Hylton is considered a "pacer."

The 41-name entry list does not include the names Richard Petty, Dan Gurney or Cale Yarborough. However, Richter has been assured by FoMoCo brass

that the three will be on the premises when qualifying begins.

Add 41 and three, you've got yourself a starting field.

Hurdler To Run At Arena

Veteran hurdler Brian Polkinghorne of Torrance has entered the 10th annual Los Angeles Invitational "Champions" indoor track meet Friday night, Jan. 17, at the Sports Arena.

Polkinghorne was a competitor in the final U.S. Olympic Games trials at Lake Tahoe last summer.

The 6-4 former USC standout will oppose the man who won the Olympic Games gold medal, Willie Davenport, in the 60-yard high hurdles.

The track meet has drawn more than 25 competitors from the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City.

Angling Club Set For Area

Organization of the Redondo Angling Club will get under way at the Lobster House, Redondo Beach, in a luncheon meeting next Saturday.

The first meeting of interested fishermen took place Dec. 7 with the election of a committee to draw up by-laws.

Elected to the steering committee were Keith Carlson, Frank Eckert, Jack Baker, Dr. Richard Carlson, and Dudley (Hap) Jacobs. The committee has met twice in the interim and has compiled tentative by-laws, received an offer by the Shell Oil Co. to install a weighing-in station, and sent out over 150 invitations to fishermen throughout the area to attend the meeting.

"Anyone interested in sport fishing," Carlson, spokesman for the group stated, "is eligible and welcome to attend our meeting. One of our first projects will be to set up the first Spring fishing derby."



GOING FISHING . . . The newly formed Redondo Angling Club will hold its second meeting next Saturday noon at the Lobster House in Redondo Beach. All interested in sport fishing are invited. The steering committee has prepared organizational plans for presentation. They are Fred Eckert, Jack Baker, Dr. Richard Carlson, Keith Carlson, and Dudley (Hap) Jacobs.

New Ideas Asked for Olympics

Olympic Games of the future could see higher pole vaults and the addition of baseball.

Track coaches attending the annual National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting in Los Angeles voiced approval of the International Track and Field Federation's new rule that will allow the pole to fall under the bar after a jump.

Meanwhile, baseball coaches combined efforts to have the sport added as an Olympic event and set 1978 as the target date, since the United States may host the Games that year.