

Ruffell Breaks THS Record; Samohi Wins



SPORT TROPHY . . . Tartar cage co-captains Rich Ruffell, right, and Mike Kendall admire consolation trophy taken by locals at recent Beverly Hills Tournament. THS cage coach Fanny Markham, left, looks on. Ruffell broke school scoring record in title game, hitting 366 points as Tartars waxed Antelope Valley, 67-45.

Ruffell Scores 36 To Smash THS Mark

Firing away at a torrid 51 per cent clip, the Tartars ran up their season's high-scoring effort Saturday afternoon in the Beverly Hills Tournament as they grabbed off the consolation trophy with a 67-45 win over Antelope Valley.

Fanny Markham's boys hit 15 of 30 field goal shots in the first two periods, then had 10 for 19 in the second half as they roared from behind an 18-16 first quarter deficit to break the tussle wide open.

Contributing heavily to the THS win again was Center Rich Ruffell. He tallied 36 points on 14 for 21 from the floor and eight charity tosses without a miss to set a new school single game scoring record. The old mark of 35 was established last year by Dennis Hester.

Trail Early In Game Both teams hit consistently in the initial period, with the Valley five holding an 18-16 edge at the quarter. But then Torrance's red-hot shooting overcame the losers and the locals left the floor at intermission with a 35-23 lead.

It was 47-37 at the end of the third quarter, then the Tartars pulled away by having their best eight minutes of the season.

Ruffell's teammates fed him continually and he tallied the record-shattering digit with a minute and a half left. The Tartars banged in 20 points in the final period.

Mike Kendall followed Ruffell in the scoring column. He had 14 and hit his first four shots before missing. Mike Bertollet had eight, Kent Jackson had four, Toby Venable had two and Ron Waller tallied three to wrap up the Tartar scoring.

The losers were paced by Center Jerry Murray, who rammed home 14 points, eight of them from the foul line.

Ruffell capped a superb tournament performance by running his four-game total to 88. He easily was named to the All-Tournament team.

The locals lost to Ventura, then beat their cross-town neighbors, North Torrance High, Hawthorne and Antelope Valley on the road to the championship.

It was the final non-league participation for the Tartars.

Vike Jayvees In 51-39 Win

Mike Babbitt connected for 16 points, but the THS Jayvees couldn't match the scoring output of Santa Monica as they were beaten, 51-39, in a preliminary to the Varsity game here Tuesday.

Bead, a forward, led Samohi with 13.

Dave Dana's JV's tackle Redondo for the first time this season tomorrow night in the Seahawk Gym. Game time for the prelim is 7 p.m.

Torrance, 39; Mead, f. 0; Vanderpool, f. 0; Lovelady, f. 2; Gonta, f. 0; Crenshaw, c. 6; Lambrigger, c. 2; Babbitt, g. 16; Taylor, g. 4; LaDuke, g. 4; O'Kein, g. 5.

Santa Monica, 51; Shirley, f. 16; Madrid, f. 7; Beard, f. 13; Van Rissen, c. 2; Mills, g. 4; Cullen, g. 4.

Bees Blitzed, 62-23 Jim Ralston's Tartarbees fell behind all the way Tuesday afternoon as they dropped their Bay League lid lifter, 62-23, to Santa Monica at the bay city.

The Bees and Cees met Redondo here tomorrow afternoon in a loop double bill. Cee game starts at 2:45 p.m.

Tartars Fall To Vikings

Santa Monica's Vikings shot hot in the second half Tuesday to take their Bay League opener with the Tartars by a 63-53 tally. The teams were deadlocked, 21-21, at the half but the Samohi five rammed in 42 points in the final 16 minutes.

The winners didn't substitute once as they connected on their first four shots in the third quarter to go ahead, 29-21, after a minute was gone. They kept building the lead and led by 20 points at one time.

Fanny Markham's Tartars came through with some fine outside shooting to close the final 16 to 10 points.

Tomorrow night the locals go after their first league win at Redondo. The Seahawks hold a pair of non-league decisions, over the THS five, but are 0-1 in league play. Tip off time is 8 p.m.

Rich Ruffell, who came up with a bad back in the Beverly Hills Tournament, didn't get his usual number of shots around the bucket. But he still hit consistently on jump shots from the key to take game scoring honors with 24 points.

Mike Kendall aided the Tartar attack by backing up the high-scoring Ruffell. He had 18.

The run and shoot tactics of Guards Bennett and Bates were the strong point for the Santa Monicans. Bates led the winners with 16, while the scrappy little Bennett was a point behind at 15.

The Vikes' tall center, 6'5" Bob Reams, was held to 12 by Ruffell.

TORRANCE (67)

Ruffell, f.	36	14	21	8	0	0
Watson, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waller, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathews, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mead, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruffell, f.	14	8	38	0	0	0
Waller, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kendall, g.	18	10	14	0	0	0
Bennett, g.	2	4	8	0	0	0
Jackson, f.	4	2	4	0	0	0
Venable, g.	1	0	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	67	26	15	67	0	0

ANTELOPE VALLEY (45)

Puckett, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barton, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hicks, f.	3	2	8	0	0	0
Murray, c.	8	8	14	0	0	0
Dawell, g.	5	8	10	0	0	0
Burt, f.	1	0	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	14	48	0	0	0

ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

Enthusiasm for the monstrous 2nd St. in Hermosa barred perch picking up considerably as noted by the increasing number of anglers working the popular hole. Bakes are actually still pretty spotty for the number of fishermen, only a small per cent are connecting. Ones landed are the big ones—most push the three pound mark, several going over. Surf addicts seem willing to stand on the cold beach all night just for one whopper. Anyway it's started and it's sponges gone when the run will be on and the beach will be crowded as a hot dog stand during high time at a football game. Big paper or soft shelled sand crabs reaping the most but a little later hard shells will work just as good.

When the others don't. Fishing was bad all right, but the conventional users picked up the first, most, largest and last fish for the day. Really pulverized them!

Actually nothing but junk fish was taken, most off the bottom. Spinners say that it wasn't a true test of the spinner gear's ability. Very true, but thought they could do everything that conventional rigs accomplish. Anyway, mark up one for the old timers, next will be in the surf. That, they say, will be different—if it is, hope I can think of a way to back down gracefully. Am thinking of some, hope they don't have to be put to use.

Pan fisherman Jack Booz stepped somewhat out of line Monday night by reeling in a three pound eight ounce barred perch from 2nd St. Most anglers are after the big ones, but not ole Jack. He wants them to fit just right in the frying pan, said he would have thrown it back except he just happened to have a big electric one.

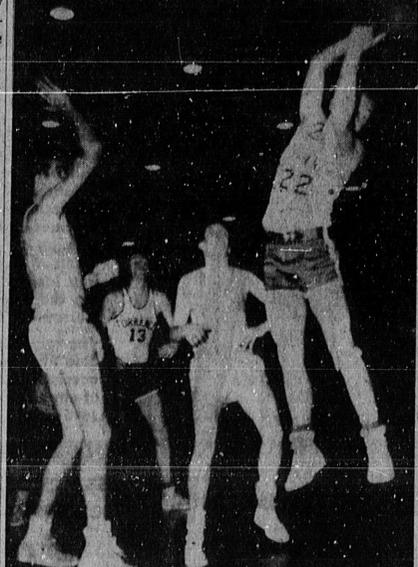
Same night Carl Hanni broke the ice by latching on to his first perch of the year topping three pounds, six ounces. George Maxrud scooped his second over three pounds, three pounds, seven ounces, top of three taken the same eve. Dave Hyle scored with one hitting three pounds, four one-half ounces. Dean Baskuld still aiming, keeping for the week were two pounds, eight ounces; two pounds, seven ounces; two pounds, four ounces, and two pounds, nine ounces.

Torrance Rod and Gun takes on the Playa Del Rey fishing club in a surf perch derby Jan. 22, at Torrance Beach. Trophy donated by the Torrance Cycle and Sports Shop goes to the winning club. Also big perch derby at Zuma Beach on Jan. 29. Will have more info later.

Torrance Rod and Gun's annual awards and installation banquet coming up also, yet the date hasn't been set, but will be by next week.

TORRANCE HERALD Sports

TORRANCE HERALD JAN. 12, 1956 Fifteen



AFTER REBOUND . . . Tony Venable, 23, Tartar guard, battles rebound in Santa Monica game here Tuesday. Others are Viking Bob Reams, left, Rich Ruffell, 13, of Torrance, and Samohi's Gross, center. Vikes won first Bay League game, 63-53.

Saxons Open '56 Pioneer Chase

North High's Saxons launch their 1956 Pioneer League cage schedule tomorrow night against Hawthorne on the Cougars' court. Jayvee teams from the two schools start things off at 6:45 p.m.

The Saxons took it on the chin Tuesday at Huntington Beach as they fell before the Oilers, 79-36. Bill Wood's boys still have only a single win on the season but have improved steadily and were simply outmanned by the Beach five.

Ron Anderson, who was switched from center to a forward slot, led the Saxons change with 19 points. He got five field goals and as many free throws. Roger Snell, at center, tallied 11.

The Oilers were led by Forwards Hurd and Hensley, who ringed in 22 and 19 points respectively.

Huntington Beach also took the Jayvee game, overpowering the Saxons, 53-25. Dave Scott, NHS center, came through with 11 points to top the local Jayvees in scoring.

As for the Pioneer chase, Beverly Hills should be the logical favorite. The Normans have yet to lose a game and hold tournament titles from the Pacific Shores get-together at Redondo and their own prep affair.

Hawthorne relies mostly on the shooting of Center Dick Rector, who stands 6'3".

NORTH HIGH (63)

Richardson, f.	1	0	2	0	0	0
Anderson, f.	19	8	16	0	0	0
Boile, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simpson, f.	1	0	2	0	0	0
Litter, g.	2	0	4	0	0	0
Beckett, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campbell, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	14	8	36	0	0	0

HUNTINGTON BEACH (79)

Hensler, f.	7	5	19	0	0	0
Parham, f.	1	0	8	0	0	0
Hurd, f.	10	2	22	0	0	0
Rector, f.	2	0	8	0	0	0
Turkey, f.	2	0	4	0	0	0
Johnson, g.	3	0	4	0	0	0
Jacobson, g.	2	0	4	0	0	0
Doyle, f.	3	3	9	0	0	0
TOTALS	33	13	79	0	0	0

Cage League Set for Boys

A Saturday basketball league for elementary school boys is being formed now under the supervision of the Torrance Recreation Department.

Play is being held each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following play areas: Cart School, McMaster Park, Walteria School, Walteria Park, El Retiro Park, Seaside School and Pueblo Center.

All eligible boys are requested to contact the playground director at the area closest to them.

The league will be set up into a southern zone and northern zone. A round robin of play will decide each zone champion. Zone titlists will compete for the city title at a later date.

Local Driver In Stock Go

Fred Steinbroner, of Torrance, has filed entry for the 150-mile NASCAR Grand National late model stock car race, slated for the Arizona State Fairgrounds in Phoenix, on Jan. 22, officials of the \$6400 event said this week.

Steinbroner will pilot a 1956 Chevrolet in the grind.

Oscar Maples Ford, of Torrance, will furnish 1956 cars for two well-known Southland drivers in the race, Scotty Cain, of Venice, and Ed Pagan, of Lynwood, will be at the wheel of Maples' cars.

At least 30 of the best drivers in the county are counted on to answer the starter's flag in the event.

Balster Nets 22, But Burchfield Five Edges Longren in Overtime

Roy's Service toppled Knolls Drug, 49-26, Burchfield Ruggers beat Longren, 39-35, and Kenny's Shoes overpowered the Luthernans, 45-28, in City League cage games Tuesday night here.

Bob Moon's 21 points led Roy's five to their win. John Kasser had nine for the losers.

In the second game of the triple header, Gerald Balster, Longren's tall center, got 22 points for the losers and held former UCLA cager Ralph Joe-kel out of the scoring column. His efforts brought the two teams to a 35-35 standstill after the regulation game, but the Burchfield team tossed in four points in overtime to win it.

Bill Baron hit for 18 points to lead Kenny's to its win over the Luthernans squad. Frank Hardy had 10 for the losers.

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