

El Monte Knocks Tartars From Tourney, 56-45

Torrance High School's hoopsters, hot as a pistol for the first two games of the Beverly Hills Basketball Tourney, themselves fell victim to a hot team Friday night as they were knocked out of championship contention by El Monte High, 56-45. Although Rich Ruffell potted 23 points for the Tartars and held El Monte's 7-foot center Gene Engesser to 12 points, it wasn't enough to push the local basketballers to victory. The Lions hit 42 per cent of their shots, while the THS boys got 32.

El Monte and Santa Monica played last night for the title, while Torrance and Santa Ana battled it out for third place honors in games that were played after The HERALD'S deadline.

Tartars Ahead
Trailing narrowly most of the way, the Tartars pulled ahead by one point in the final canto, only to lose their lead again while the El Monte boys stalled themselves into a win. The Lions led at halftime 27-22.

In contrast to their performances the previous two days, the Tartars hit only 19 of 59 shots, for a 32 per cent total, while El Monte's Lions connected on 22 of 53 for a 42 per cent game. High for the Lions was Jim Hempel, who made 19 tallies.

The THS lads out-rebounded the El Monte lads offensively, 10-8, but fell behind defensively, 19-25.

Crenshaw Connects
For the Tartars, Gene Crenshaw connected for 10 points;

Tony Venable had 6; Gene Matthews bagged 5, and Mick Babbitt collected 1.

For the winners, Haynes scored 11, Calabrese got six, Delgado bagged four, and Osterkamp and Arbuckle each connected for two.

In the second game of the tourney, Coach Fanny Markham's boys polished off the pre-tourney favorites, the Notre Dame Knights of Sherman Oaks, by a 60-46 score, in a game that was never completed.

Coach John O'Neill of the Knights took his team from the floor with a minute and a half remaining, because he claimed the officials were treating his team unfairly. A

Notre Dame roofer jumped a Torrance player after the game was over, but they were quickly separated.

Tartars Superior
The Tartars, however, had clearly proved their superiority before the walkout, hitting 21 of 54 shots for a 40 per cent mark, while the Notre Dame boys hit only 13 of 51 efforts for a 29 per cent total.

Tartar Rich Ruffell and 6-foot-7 Knight Tony Salas, the only juniors on last year's CIF team, battled it out for top scoring honors with the nod going to Ruffell, 17 points to Salas' 15. Mike Bertolet hit 11 points for the Tartars, while Gene Matthews and Tony Venable bagged 10, Mick Babbitt bucketed 8, and Gene Crenshaw potted 6. Dale Mead played but failed to score.

The Tartars led all the way, sporting a 25-20 halftime advantage.

Torrance High 12 13 15 20-40
Notre Dame 11 9 15 11-46

Bench Swept
In the first game Coach Markham swept his bench as the Torrance High boys squashed El Segundo's Eagles, 57-41. Rich Ruffell led the Tartars with 15 points, followed by Jerry Matthews with 10; Gene Crenshaw and Babbitt with 8; Venable with 6; VanDerpool and Bertolet with 4, and Jack Taylor with 2. High point man for El Segundo was Griffin with 15 points.

In this game the Torrance hoopsters were boiling hot, making 22 of 43 attempts for a 51 per cent average. The hapless Eagles made 49 shots but bucketed only 16 of them for a 29 per cent total.

Coast to Victory
The Tartars moved from a 6-6 first quarter tie to a 23-12 halftime advantage and a 41-20 third quarter lead. From there they coasted to victory.

In their tiffs with both the Knights and the Eagles the Tartars' defensive play and their rebounding were outstanding. In both games the local lads out-rebounded their opponents offensively, and defensively grabbed the rebounds from their opponents twice as much. The Eagles managed only three buckets from the keyhole spot.

Quarter scores of the games were as follows:
Torrance High 6 17 18 16-57
El Segundo 8 6 8 21-41

The locals now have a 9-5 record for the season and move into league competition this week, traveling to Centennial at 3 p.m., Tuesday, to meet the team which took second in the league last year.

On Friday, the locals meet Santa Monica in the Torrance High gym, at 7 p.m.

Random Ramblings

By ROGER BOEDECKER

Time to say so long to 1956. Its also time for me to say so long to the many people I've been privileged to meet and work with while holding out in this corner. I've been recalled to full-time academic duty.

Before bowing out, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to some of the persons, and personalities, I've been working with over the past months.

Starting right here in the HERALD, I'd like to say many thanks to Sam, Don and Davy, in the composing room, for helping overcome the perils of types and make up; to Evelyn for catching some of my more obvious errors in spelling; to Mike for his patience and wisdom in guiding me through the mysteries of press photography; to Reid for constant sympathy; to Glenn, my worthy conqueror in football predicting; and to Donna, with her "waterfowl" and the yards of Rod and Gun copy.

When you wind up a year, and a job, you can always look back and pick out certain things and events that stand out in the normal flow of occurrences.

Probably the main such thing is the North High varsity football team, the outfit that has never given up a game, but has never given up trying.

Along the same line was the Little League Tournament play last summer, as handled by Joe Setting and the North Torrance Little League organization. A really professional set-up and operation.

I won't be able to see South High field its first teams, football, basketball or otherwise, or be on hand when Ray Pickering guns his MGA to a first in an under 1500 cc. production sports car race.

As they say, C'est la vie, or "Old scholars never die, they just flunk out."

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Hoop Scores

Tourney Results
First Round (Wednesday)
Notre Dame, 92; North High, 49.
Torrance High, 57; El Segundo, 41.
El Monte, 57; Morningside, 54.
Mira Costa, 61; Ventura, 41.
Santa Monica, 67; Hawthorne, 49.
Montebello, 54; Culver City, 48.
Santa Ana, 53; Alhambra, 41.
Beverly Hills, 51; Fillmore, 41.
Second Round (Thursday)
Torrance High, 60; Notre Dame, 46.
El Monte, 60; Mira Costa, 50.
Santa Monica, 72; Montebello, 62.
Culver City, 50; Hawthorne, 42.
Fillmore, 45; Alhambra, 45.
Third Round (Friday)
El Segundo, 51; North High, 31.
Ventura, 57; Morningside, 35.
Culver City, 50; Hawthorne, 42.
Fillmore, 45; Alhambra, 45.
Championship (Friday)
El Monte, 56; Torrance High, 45.
Santa Monica, 67; Santa Ana, 38.
Third Round (Friday)
Ventura, 46; El Segundo, 39.
Culver City, 48; Fillmore, 42.

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Scrappy North Hoopsters Eliminated From Tourney

A scrappy but outmanned band of North High Saxons were eliminated from the 15th annual Beverly Hills Basketball Tournament as they dropped their second tourney game Thursday to El Segundo by a 55-to-31 decision.

North High's basketballers lost a 92-to-49 decision to a lofty group of hoopsters from Notre Dame High School in the first tourney action on Wednesday, although Saxon Bud Ritter was high point man for the game with 17 points.

Coach Wood Ill
Baseball Coach Del Nuzum handled the coaching chores for the Saxons, since Coach Bill Wood had fallen victim to the flu bug.

The Notre Dame team, which averaged about 6 feet 3 inches, put forth a good team effort with Gregory, their high pointer, connecting for 15 points. Four men scored more than 10 points.

Ken Simpson was second high man for the local team, with 11 points. Dropped From Tourney
The Saxons were eliminated from the tourney on Thursday as they dropped a 55-to-31 decision to El Segundo. A lapse

in scoring in the second quarter in which they were outscored 19-4 spelled curtains for the local aggregation, although El Segundo led all the way.

Simpson was high pointer for the locals with nine points, followed by Ritter with eight. Dave Campbell was a stalwart on defense for the North-erners.

Quarter scores for the two games were as follows:
Notre Dame 23 20 20-63
El Segundo 17 19 9 45-55
North High 14 4 8 31-55

Jimmie Bales Back After Far East Trip

Jimmie A. Bales, fireman apprentice, USN, 2015 Plaza Del Amo, arrived at San Diego, last month aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Lexington after seven-months in the Far East.

During the cruise the ship visited Pearl Harbor, Japan, Okinawa and Hong Kong.

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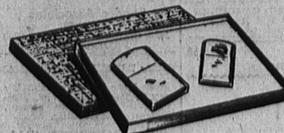
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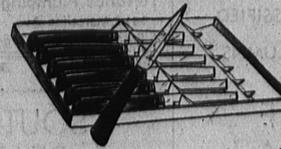
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