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Baldwin Park Edges North Hoop Squad

The basketballers from Baldwin Park edged North High School's Tartars 53-43 in a game played Tuesday afternoon, at the local gym.

Coach Bill Wood's boys trailed all the way, but put up a good fight. They trailed 27-22 at half-time. Top man for the Saxons was Bud Ritter, who tossed in 12 points, followed by Don Prather with 11.

Other North scoring was done by Ken Simpson with seven; Dave Campbell, six; Gary Little, five; and Ron Tremain, two. Dave Boyd, Bill Claxton, and F. Theroux played, but didn't score.

High point man for Baldwin Park was Jim Williams, while Fred McFarland got 15 points.

The Saxons start league competition away from home tomorrow night against Culver City. Jaycee action starts at 8:45 and varsity play begins at 8.

Next week, the Saxons will meet Beverly Hills on Tuesday at 3 in the Beverly Hills gym. El Segundo's hoopsters will be here on Friday for an encounter which starts at 6:45 p.m.

Quarter scores for the Baldwin Park game were:
 North High . . . 13 7 14—43
 Baldwin Park 12 15 12 14—53

The North High Jaycee fared better than their big brothers, trimming Baldwin Park by a 53-30 score. They led 30-14 at half-time. Chuck Richardson with 14, and Bill Nissen with 11 led the Saxon basketball squad to victory.

The Saxons Bees, however, were edged by the BP Bees by a 44-32 tally. Baldwin Park led all the way and were ahead 19-11 at the half. Hedgecock with seven and Hayden with six led the local hoopsters.

INJURIES IN FALL FATAL TO MAN, 38

A fall to the concrete floor of a laundry at 1872 W. Carson St., resulted in the death Tuesday of Walter Elmore, 38, of Los Angeles, according to police.

He succumbed at Harbor General Hospital to a head injury suffered Jan. 4.

Witnesses said that Elmore, an employee, apparently fell while in the grip of a steamer. They said he was subject to convulsions.

Cart Wheels Stolen

Thieves made off with the wheels and pneumatic tires from a car at Narbonne High School, 25423 Walnut St., Noel Britton reported to sheriff's deputies Wednesday.

Gunman Breaks Window

A gunman put a bullet hole through the roof of his car, William West Gedson, 2438 W. Glenn Aubrey, 244 Lomita Blvd., told sheriff's deputies Sunday. The vehicle was almost completely ruined, he said.

Torrance Dumps Centennial By 49-10-36 Count

Torrance High School's basketballers, tabbed as a top team in the Bay League this year, took their first league victory of the season Tuesday afternoon, as they coasted to a relatively easy win over Centennial High, 49-36.

The Tartars, fresh from winning third place in the Beverly Hills tourney last week, ran over Centennial, as Rich Ruffell continued his rampage on the courts, tossing in 29 points. Currently, he has a 20 point per game average.

Tartars Hot

Leading 30-18 at half-time, the Torrance lads hit 52 per cent of their shots during the first two quarters. They settled down to a holding game in the last half, to end up with a 49 per cent mark for the game. The Centennial boys hits only 28 per cent of their shots.

For the winners, Gene Matthews tossed in 11 points, Toby Venable got four, Jack Taylor spotted three, and Gene Crenshaw and Mick Babbitt each garnered one. Big gun for Centennial was E. Hall, with 10.

Noting that the experts had tabbed Torrance and Santa Monica as the favorites in the chase for the league title, Coach Fanny Markham said, "If we can continue to play good ball, we should be right up at the top. I don't know about being favorites, though."

Home Game Set

The Tartars play their second league game of the season against tough Santa Monica tomorrow night in the IHS gymnasium, with Jaycee action slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Quarter scores in the IHS-Centennial hookup were:
 Torrance . . . 13 17 11 8—49
 Centennial . . . 6 12 8 10—36

Skylancer Production Curtailed

Production of the supersonic F5D Skylancer will be suspended after Douglas Aircraft has built the limited number provided for by fiscal 1954 and 1955 funds, the Department of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics announced today.

The Bureau explained the action had been taken in order to obtain maximum utilization of existing funds. This will be accomplished by complete development of the F5D to a production-ready status so that manufacture can be resumed at any time if an emergency should arise.

Two of the Skylancers, designed and built at the Douglas El Segundo Division, are now undergoing development test flights at Edwards Air Force Base in California. The remainder of those now on order will be manufactured, tested and delivered to the Navy before production is suspended.

The F5D, powered by a Pratt and Whitney J57 turbojet engine with thrust-augmenting afterburner, is an all-weather, carrier-based fighter which made its first flight last April 21. It bears a close resemblance to its predecessor, the delta-winged F4D Skyray, but has increased speed, range and performance.

Never in trouble as they led 23-11 at half-time, the Tartars were sparked by Rich Ruffell, who dropped in 17 markers, followed by Gene Crenshaw with 13.

Tourney victors were El Monte High School's aggregation, which Friday night had knocked Torrance out of the title race by a 56-45 score. The Lions ran away from Torrance's big rival for the Bay League crown, Santa Monica, by an 84-68 count.

Tartar Cees Win, 35-20

The Torrance Cee basketball team was the only one to join their big brothers, the varsity, in beating the Centennial Vikings in games played Tuesday afternoon. The Jayvees and Bees both lost in close contests.

The Cees, led by Jim Hester with 13 points, moved to a 19-9 halftime lead and coasted to a 35-20 victory.

The Junior Varsity lost a close 52-47 decision to the Centennial Jayvees, although Center Lee Day tossed in 20 points for the Tartars. Centennial led at halftime 22-19.

The Bees dropped a 30-27 decision to the Centennial Bees. Ray Beadle led the Tartars with 10 points.

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