

EC Batmen Rout Harbor In Metro Clash, 22-2

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Behind the booming bats of right fielder Ed Saunders and catcher Steve Nicks, El Camino's baseball squad powerfully snapped out of their batting slump Friday by exploding for a 22-2 triumph over Harbor JC in a Metropolitan Conference clash on the Warrior diamond. The victory was the first in conference competition for the locals and their second straight win since breaking a 10 game losing skid.

Saunders and Nicks each contributed three hits in the El Camino bombardment of the three Seahawk hurlers as the team registered 16 safeties. Saunders' big blow was a three-run round-tripper, which came rather anticlimactically in the seventh frame after the Warriors had constructed a comfortable 18-2 bulge.

Big Inning
Nicks, a freshman backstop from Morningside, scored four tallies and drove in an equal amount, his big blow being a three-run double in big fifth inning when the Warriors scored nine times. Outfielder Ralph Hemp also contributed a three-run four-baser in that stanza.

Also turning in a top performance was second sacker Dave Watt, who tallied three markers. Hard-luck hurler Bob Asprey convincingly scattered seven hits in silencing Harbor bats.

Nine Runs
Coach Doug Essick's charges wasted little time in getting to Seahawk starter Monte Kell and got nine quick runs in the first three innings.

El Camino won its initial triumph of the season Wednesday when ex-Torrance hurler Tom Vanderpool decided the baseball action on the Westwood campus.

Back-to-back triples by Saunders and Hemp, which bounced off the left field wall 385 feet from home plate, paced the Warrior six-hit attack.

Coach Essick relieved Vanderpool in the seventh with Butch Badger and assured the victory by putting Asprey in for the final stanza. The Caminomen tallied lone scores in the first, fourth, fifth, and eighth innings.

Harbor 01 000 000—2 7 4
El Camino 182 090 312—22 16 5
Kell, Shekel (8), Mallo (6) and Moore

Asprey and Nicks
El Camino 100 110 010—4 6 3
UCLA Frosh 010 000 001—2 3 3
Vanderpool, Badger (7), Asprey (8) and Nicks
Thompson and Thomas

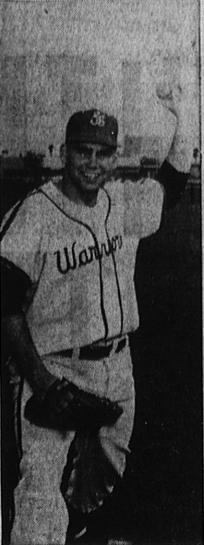
METRO SCORES

Long Beach 210 000 45—12 8 3
East LA 220 230 10—9 10 3
South. Kipp (4) Barnett (7) and Osterhout

San Diego 000 001 002—3 5 1
Valley 000 020 001—4 3 4
Pattney and Wagner

Higgins and Rezo
Bakersfield 001 000 002—9 13 4
Santa Monica 000 000 000—6 8 4
Smith, Warnick (4), Brown (9), Linn (9) and Gunn

Welch, Meier (8), Pagan (8) and Hoy



BREAKS JINX . . . Ex-Torrance performer Tom Vanderpool got credit for El Camino's first win of the season.

THS, Apaches Clash In Bay Loop Opener

Torrance High, who won three out of seven pre-season encounters, opens its 1957 Bay League baseball campaign Tuesday, traveling to Centennial for a 3 p.m. clash. Thursday, the Tartars open their home league slate by entertaining Bay favorite Santa Monica.

San Pedro tallied five times in the third inning Thursday and went on to post a 7-4 win over Torrance in a final warm-up played at City Park.

Although fighting back gamely in the late stages of the game, the Tartars could not overcome the port city lead. Gene Crenshaw unloaded a bases loaded double in the final frame, scoring three runs but the rally abruptly ended.

Bob Clifford and Bobby Grajeda both accounted for two hits in a losing cause. The Tartars amassed a total of nine hits in all.

San Pedro 005 010*1—7 9 3
Torrance 000 100 3—4 9 0

Sent Trackmen Top Torrance, Olympos; Culver Drops North

Track contingents from Torrance and North High found the going rough Friday as neither squad was able to post a victory in league competition. The Tartars garnered second honors in a triangular spikefest with Inglewood and Leuzinger, tallying 43 points as compared to 57½ for the host Inglewood and 28½ for the third place Olympians. Culver City shut the door on the Saxons, winning 65-39 on the loser's oval.

Powerful Inglewood roared past its opposition by grabbing nine of 12 first place honors. Miler Bill Ehlers and pole vaulter Tom Denning took top honors for Torrance with respective efforts of 4:43.9 and 12'8¼". Leuzinger's Tony Palante rounded out top winners by tossing the shot 50'7¾".

Depth proved the deciding factor in the Saxon defeat as both squads accounted for six first places, North dominating the track events and the Centaurs shining in field endeavors.

Only double winner of the afternoon was Saxon Dave Campbell, who recorded victories in the 100 and 10.5 and the 880. Other local winners included Bob Carvajal, who dashed to a 57 flat 440; miler Jim Richardson, who turned in a 5:08.1 mark; Bill Whitley, who covered the 120 high hurdles in 17.3; and broad jumper Bob Bubinski, who earned top honors with a 19'7" jump.

BAY LEAGUE

100—Lundquist (1), Lock (1), Ripley (1) 10.4
220—Lock (1), Brown (7), Lundquist (1) 22.8
440—Miller (1), Teat (1), Mitchell (1) 13.4
880—Arnold (1), Smith (1), Hinko (1) 2:38.6
Mile—Ehlers (7), Howard (1), Lawrence (1) 4:43.9
120 HI—Cullough (1), Cooke (7), Rubee (7) 18.0
120 HI—Cullough (1), Cooke (7), Rubee (7) 18.7
1½—Cullough (1), Clack (1), Woodring (1) 5:10
3½—Hester (1), Ripley (1), Ruffell (1) 20:54
5V—Denning (7), McDougald (7), the between (1) Clack (1) 12:24
5P—Palante (1), Galloway (7), Curtis (1) 50:7¾
880 relay—Inglewood

PIONEER LEAGUE

100—Campbell (1), Birdwell (1), Anderson (1) 10.5
220—Vierck (1), Nall (1), Carvajal (1) 23.1
440—Carvajal (1), Garrett (1), Walker (1) 17.0
880—Campbell (1), Stuart (1), Nielsen (1)
Mile—Richardson (1), Dorn (1), Elliott (1) 5:08.1
120 HI—Whitley (1), Faust (1), Sasele (1) 17.3
180 HI—Riley (1), Birdwell (1), Lane (1) 23.3
1½—Riley (1), Riley (1), McCoullough (1) 5:10
3½—Bubinski (1), Elliott (1), McCoullough (1) 20:54
5V—Riley (1), Anderson (1), Eschmies (1) 12:24
5P—Waston (1), McKiernan (1), Carrico (1) 41:7½
880 relay—Culver City 1:40.0



TORRANCE HERALD MARCH 24, 1957 Five



CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD . . . Kenny Ruffell, left, sponsor of Kenny's Shoe Repair adult basketball squad, happily accepts championship trophies from Red Moon of the Torrance Recreation Department. The team won the adult recreational basketball league for the second consecutive season, compiling a 9-1 record. The crown earned them a bid to the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Championships in Alhambra.

Saxons Drubbed Again, Beverly Coasts In, 14-1

North High's baseball squad absorbed its second consecutive 13 run defeat Thursday as hosting Beverly Hills put on the pressure early and coasted to a 14-1 decision.

Norman hurler Mike Weiner held the Saxons to only one safety while his Beverly Hills teammates, tabbed as the team to beat in the Pioneer League, pounded the visitors for 12 base blows.

North High will attempt to notch their initial win Tuesday afternoon when El Segundo's Eagles invade the Saxon confines for a 3 p.m. clash.

In other Pioneer action, rival Hawthorne and Morningside opened their 1957 league campaigns in a thrill-packed style with the Cougars garnering a 4-3 extra inning affair.

Culver City exploded for seven runs in the first inning and had to fight to survive various El Segundo rallies in posting an 8-7 verdict on their diamond.

North High 000 001 0—1 1 3
Beverly Hills 022 254 8—14 12 1
Kemp and Pittinger
Weiner, Holapp (6) and Mills
Morningside 000 101 10—3 6 4
Hawthorne 111 000 01—4 9 2
Anderson, Moore (7) and Gravier
Long, Curtis (7) and Sheets
El Segundo 400 300 0—7 7 1
Culver City 700 100 0—8 7 3
Flynn, Larson (1) and Long
Harrington, Solomon (4) and Me-

Kenny's Stops Mercast Five In Play-Off Opener, 78-52

Kenny's Shoe Repair, Torrance's No. 1 adult basketball squad, roared past Mercast Manufacturing Company of LaVerne 78-52 Friday night in the opening round of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation championship at Alhambra's Mark Keppel High School. Kenny's was scheduled to play games yesterday afternoon and evening at Alhambra High to gain a berth in Saturday's final play-offs.

Center Dean White and guard Dave Dana sparked the victor's attack, scoring 27 and 20 digits, respectively. Kenny's opened its basket barrage early and before Mercast was able to start moving the score was 37-19 at halftime.

Both squads battled on even terms in the second half with Mercast outscoring Kenny's 43-41. High point man for the Mercast quint, which only used five men throughout the game, was center Dale Wright, who got 26 digits. Jim Bollinger followed with 20 points.

The first half scoring of White and forward Dave Ruffell got Kenny's on the right track and they were never headed. Ruffell wound up with 11 points.

Kenny's earned the right to compete in California competition by rolling to their second consecutive Torrance Recreational League championship, compiling a 9-1 record. Inglewood Ithex ended in the second spot and also competed. The only Shoe Repair loss occurred in the final game of the season when Wright Ambulance upset the champs 48-46.

At a dinner last week, Red Moon, athletic director of the Torrance Recreation Department presented the perpetual trophy to sponsor Kenny Ruffell. Permanent trophies were also awarded to Ruffell and each member of the squad.

In addition to White, Dana, and Ruffell, those receiving awards included Wayne Burnham, Richard Garcia, Jerry Farrar, Charles Schillmeyer, Bill Fraser, Bob Ezell, and Frank Hardy. Ruffell was chosen as team captain.

Kenny's (78) Mercast (52)
Ruffell (11) Aabridge (2)
Garcia (8) Walker
White (27) Wright (25)
Hardy (20) Bollinger (20)
Dana (20) Jordan (4)
Score by halves:
Kenny's 37 41—78
Mercast 19 33—52
Scoring Subs: Kenny's—Burnham, 2; Farrar, 8; Schillmeyer, 4.

Rich Ruffell Eligible For Top Athletic Award
Torrance basketballer Rich Ruffell received another honor this week when the Los Angeles Examiner Scholastic Sports Assn. selected him as the top performer in the Bay League, a distinction which places him in competition for the Seth F. Van Patten Memorial Field of Sports Trophy.

The trophy, which is awarded for excellence in sports and sportsmanship, will be presented to the outstanding CIF and City athlete of the past year at a June awards program. The association selected 39 basketball nominees from leagues throughout California and Arizona.

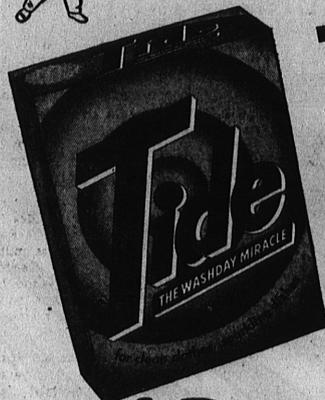
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