

# Revamped Saxons Top Leuzinger

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**FROM THE BRIDGE**  
**'Birddog, Andrews Tough on Averages**  
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After watching Friday afternoon's Torrance-South High wrestling match, I couldn't help but disagree with Jack, the shop apprentice, on the merits of the mat sport.

"It's a very uninteresting sport," he said. "All you do is sit there watching two guys go at it. It's very silly."

He couldn't have been more wrong, in my book. Although the score was as lopsided as it possibly could have been, the spectators at Friday's cross-town match stayed with it, and it was a pretty good sized crowd, too.

The 38-8 win for Torrance not only sewed up another mythical "city championship," but it symbolized a four year growth from the ground floor to the "penthouse," and a threatening position on the CIF level.

Wrestling was unknown in Torrance half a dozen years ago, but in the past four years the sport has taken a strong hold at the three local high schools.

Despite the seeming complexities of the sport, Torrance mat coach Bill Hoag says he now draws about as many spectators for a wrestling match as the varsity basketball team does for an afternoon game.

"Wrestling is getting pretty popular at our school," 115 pound Adolph Duran offered.

And while folks at home probably have quite a distorted view of high school wrestling—after watching the televised actors' guild version—one thing's for sure, it's no picnic.

**Wrestling Tougher**

I asked Don Dobrick, who played some quarterback for Torrance, which was tougher—the gridiron or the mat. "For getting in shape, it's wrestling," he said, just after scoring his eighth straight win of the season over a South opponent.

"What is more tiring? Wrestling," he added.

Wrestlers have to go three rounds—two minutes each—and it's probably the longest six minutes of the day. Try rolling around on your back for six minutes. Besides this, coaches and wrestlers will tell you that their sport—along with cross-country—are the toughest conditioners in high school.

Yep, wrestling is on the rise in this city, and watch out for the wrecking crew out at Torrance High!

I bumped into Toby Venable—recent Torrance graduate and formerly basketball teammate for two years, of Rich Ruffell. Toby claims that "Nobody'll ever be as good as Ruffell, I don't care who it is."

**'Birddog'**

South High basketball boss Jim Hanny has pinned a label on stellar defensive center Mike Andrews, who forthwith shall be known as "Birddog."

Mike, a junior, must have a magic touch or something. But whatever it is, it's killing off the whopping scoring averages of the league's top point manufacturers.

Hanny has assigned Mike to Torrance's Bill Reinert, Culver City's Tom McPerson, and Beverly Hills' Dave Mohs. Only seven field-goals have been plunked off him in three games, and he held Mohs to just two free throws from the middle of the second quarter on in the Beverly Hills game. Mike didn't play the first period, for he was attending his sister's wedding.

Beverly Hills players revealed why flashy Randy Wright didn't see any action during the South game. He's been shooting so much, not hustling, and just plain loafing that the coach got fed off and benched him," they chimed.

However, they couldn't explain Mohs' ineffectiveness against Andrews.

Speaking of Andrews, Mike says Bill Reinert is the best of the men he's guarded so far.

**Quit Modesto**

El Camino basketball coach George Stanich says he's dropping the Warriors from the 1960 Modesto state JC tournament. "That trip is just too much for us," Stanich explains. They have good teams up there, and I like to play 'em, but the conference is most important."

Stanich's squad is down to nine players, and if guard Jack Runyan doesn't cut the mustard Tuesday on an English exam, the Warriors will really be hurting.

As it is, first string forward Joe Cattivera is out with an injured ankle.

Back to wrestling—Perhaps the highlight of the Torrance-South match was Adolph Duran's pin of previously unbeaten Ernie Iwata of South. Adolph had been defeated twice.

"I thought I could beat him, but I wasn't sure about pinning him," Adolph said after the match. Both boys are seniors and will probably meet again, possibly in the El Camino Tournament Friday.

A "return bout" would be quite interesting.

Torrance's JV's just keep rolling along. The team upped its record to 12-1 with a 57-27 win over Lennox Friday. One senior, three sophomores and four juniors make up the club.

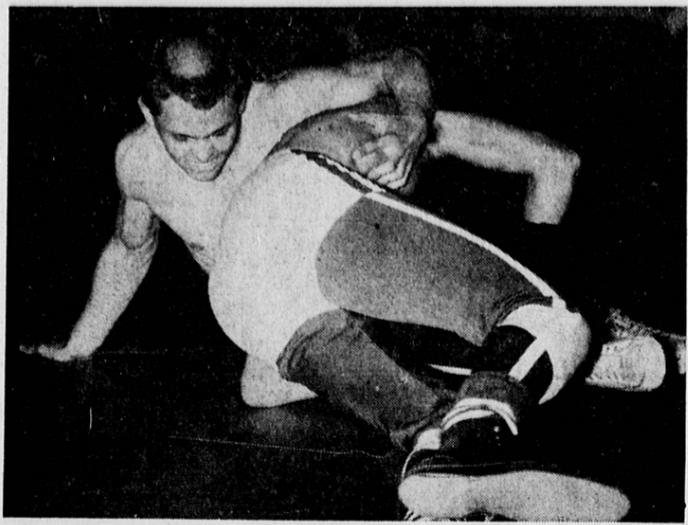
**Like Lennox**

Torrance players must be glad that Lennox appears twice on the schedule. Besides the JV win, the Tartar varsity won by 40 points, 78-38, the Bees took a lopsided 70-32 decision, and the Cees "edged" out, 60-6.

In case you heard the half and final scores of the El Camino-Bakersfield basketball game played Wednesday, Coach Stanich explained it to me and I'll pass along the explanation to you.

The 14-10 halftime count resulted from a 20 minute stall by the Warriors, who were pooped after edging Harbor the night previous in a tough game, then traveling by station wagon to Bakersfield the next day for a night game.

"We stalled the whole first half hoping to bounce back and do a better job than we did in the second," Stanich said. "It would've worked but we missed several free throws and Bakersfield was tough in the second half. Final score—Bakersfield 54, El Camino 38.



**PREDICAMENT . . . Torrance heavyweight Danny Gentis is in a predicament as South's David Birmingham moves in for a pin hold during Friday afternoon's Torrance-South cross-town match at Torrance. Birmingham scored pin with five seconds remaining in bout, but Torrance took 38-8 victory.** (Herald Photo)

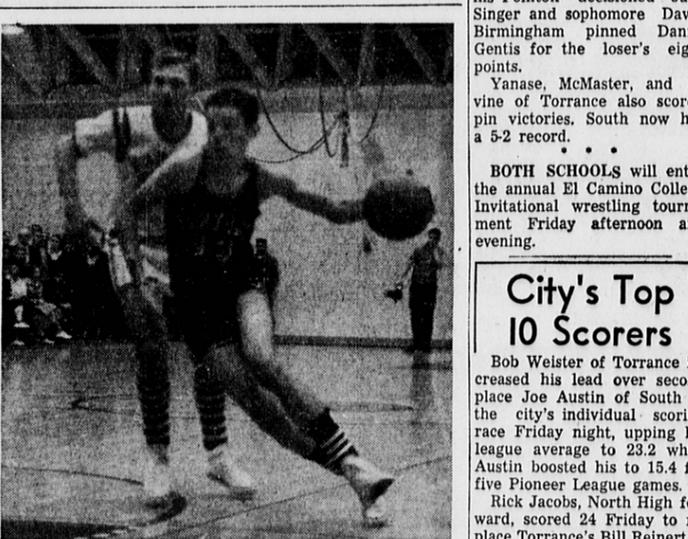
## Torrance Pins 38-8 Mat Defeat on Rival South

What was expected to be an air-tight wrestling struggle resulted in an old-fashioned rout Friday afternoon when Torrance pinned cross-town rival South 38-8 in a Pioneer League practice match.

Torrance took the first 10 bouts—four by pins—and had six matmen remain undefeated in stretching their 7-1 record to include a mythical city championship.

The Tartars now hold wins over both South and North.

**AND WHILE** Earl Yanase (98) Gilbert Griego (106), Yu-



**DRIVING . . . Torrance High guard Bill Reinert is shown here driving toward basket for an attempted shot in a recent Pioneer League game. Reinert recovered from the flu this week to help spark Tartars lopsided 78-38 triumph over Lennox with a 21 point effort.** (David Ranns Photo)

## Tartars Blast Lennox, 78-38

Bob Weister rammed in 27 points and teammate Bill Reinert hit for 21 Friday night as Torrance clobbered hapless Lennox, 78-38 in a Pioneer League runaway, at Torrance.

The Tartars ran up an 18-7 lead at the first quarter mark, then boosted the difference to 43-22 at halftime in scoring their second league win against three losses.

## Finsterwald Heads Entries For 'Classic

**PALM SPRINGS**—Dow Finsterwald, 30-year-old winner of the Los Angeles Open, and the Open's three runners up have filed entries for the new \$100,000 Palm Springs Desert Classic to be held Feb. 3-7.

The young Ohio pro and his golf tour companions—Dave Ragan, Jay Hebert and Bill Collins—us thus form a key portion of the professional field of 150 golfers who will compete over the 90-hole route at four spa courses, Thunderbird, Bermuda Dunes, Indian Wells and Tamarisk.

**FINSTERWALD**, one of the steadiest PGA stars who established a record of 72 consecutive finishes "in the money," won the Los Angeles event by catching Eric Monti on the final day of the tournament. His score of 280 was two strokes ahead of the trio of second placers.

Monti has already accepted an invitation to compete.

**ROBERTS WAS** moved to center from his usual forward position when Lynn Keller was unable to play due to illness.

Rusty Roberts scored 14 points in Keller's absence.

## North Juggles Line-up; Pays off in 60-56 Win

Operation big switch paid off in big dividends for North High Friday night—a 60-56 win over Leuzinger—and the Saxons are eyeing 2 lucrative upset chances this week as the Bay League basketball season completes its first round of play.

Coach Bill Wood elevated two junior varsity guards—Dave Murphy and Gary Wright—to the varsity in a surprise move last week, and sent three down to the JV's in a shake-up that resulted in "the best single game we've ever played," according to Wood.

**STANDINGS**

**METROPOLITAN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	Pct.
Long Beach	6	0	1.000
*Bakersfield	4	0	1.000
*San Diego	3	1	.750
*East L. A.	3	1	.750
El Camino	2	4	.333
*Valley	1	4	.200
Harbor	1	5	.167
Santa Monica	1	5	.167

**Friday Scores**  
Valley 79, El Camino 71  
Long Beach 94, East LA 79  
Santa Monica 76, Harbor 74  
\*Excluding games played last night.

**BAY LEAGUE**

	W	L	Pct.
Santa Monica	5	1	.833
Mira Costa	5	1	.833
Inglewood	4	2	.667
Redondo	4	2	.667
North	2	4	.333
Leuzinger	2	4	.333
Hawthorne	2	4	.333
Morningside	0	6	.000

**Friday Scores**  
Samohi 73, Hawthorne 47  
Redondo 52, Morningside 44  
Mira Costa 67, Inglewood 54  
North 60, Leuzinger 56

**PIONEER LEAGUE**

	W	L	Pct.
Culver City	5	0	1.000
Beverly Hills	5	1	.833
El Segundo	3	2	.600
Aviation	3	2	.600
Torrance	2	3	.500
South	1	5	.200
Lennox	0	5	.000

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Austin, South	5	77	15.4
Jacobs, North	5	89	17.8
Reinert, Torrance	5	73	14.6
Murphy, North	1	12	12.0
Edwards, North	3	33	11.0
Mannix, South	5	47	9.4
Wright, North	1	9	9.0
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**Cal Club Slates Sports Car Race**

The California Sports Car Club today announced that the next local sports car races will be held on Feb. 13-14 at the Willow Springs course near Lancaster. The Willow Springs circuit, nine turns of blacktop stretching over a 2.0 mile up-and-down road, is located nine miles west of Rosamond in the booming Antelope Valley.

Though Willow Springs was the first special-built road racing circuit in California, it has not been the site of major event racing since 1954. The Antelope Valley has more than quadrupled in population since that time and the Cal Club is planning a major promotion in that area.

**HUNTING LICENSE SALES LEVEL OFF**

A levelling off in the downward trend of hunting license sales and a continued steady increase of angling license sales was announced this week by the Department of Fish and Game.

"For the first time in three years we may even see a slight increase in hunting license revenues by the end of the current license year," Director Walter T. Shannon said.

For the first six months of the 1959-60 hunting license year, a total of 501,931 hunting licenses of all classifications were sold.

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## Beverly Drubs South Hi, 57-41

Beverly Hills remained on the heels of unbeaten Culver City in the Pioneer League's basketball race Friday night by tacking a 57-41 defeat on lowly South Hi.

The victorious Normans were never headed after running up a 30-17 halftime lead, despite an 18 point showing by South's Joe Austin.

**IN A WHISTLE-BLOWN** affair, South committed 19 fouls, and Beverly converted 17 free throws. In contrast, South had only five free throws made, four by Austin.

Beverly has a 5-1 record, and South dropped to 1-4.

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Einstein, c	5	2	3	12
Kaufman, f	5	5	0	15
Leonard, g	5	3	1	13
Wilson, g	2	3	1	7
Joyce, g	1	0	0	2
	20	17	7	57

**South (41) fg ft pf pts**

Mannix, g	3	0	5	6
Austin, g	7	4	2	18
Andrews, c	1	0	2	2
Roy, f	3	0	2	6
Wehrhan, g	0	0	3	0
Schipper, f	3	1	4	7
Davis, g	1	0	1	2
Wood, c, f	0	0	0	0
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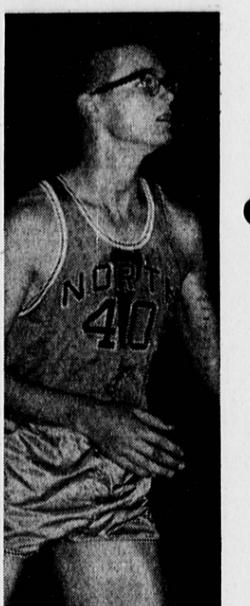
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**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

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**CAMINO REAL LEAGUE**  
St. John Vianny at Alemany  
St. Monica vs Mary Star  
**CATHOLIC LEAGUE**  
Plus X at Cathedral  
Notre Dame at Mt. Carmel  
Serra at St. Anthony  
**COAST LEAGUE**  
Dominguez vs Lynwood  
Compton vs Centennial  
Paramount at Warren  
**PREP LEAGUE**  
Flintbridge vs Pasadena Acad  
Spanish Amer. at Chadwick  
Valley Chris. at Black Foxe  
Wednesday  
**BAY LEAGUE**  
Inglewood at Morningside  
Leuzinger at Hawthorne  
Redondo at Mira Costa  
**HARRY J. MOORE LEAGUE**  
Downey at Wilson  
Millikan at Jordan  
Poly at Lakewood



**RICK JACOBS . . . Scores 24**

## El Camino Loses to Valley JC

El Camino fell behind by 13 points at halftime Friday night and couldn't pick up the difference at Valley JC scored a mild Metropolitan Conference upset, 79-71, in the El Camino gym.

**THE WARRIORS**, worn and weary from a three game week and a road trip to Bakersfield, lacked any scoring zip in the first 20 minutes in falling behind, 41-28.

The Tribe, sparked by center Harry Dinnel and guard Jack Runyon, along with a fine scoring effort by John Breslin, narrowed the gap to eight points in the second half but dropped its fourth conference contest.

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Krc, f	3	0	1	6
Dinnel, c	5	6	3	16
Runyon, g	5	5	2	16
Boyd, g	4	2	2	10
Kocalis, f	2	0	3	4
Kingery, c	1	0	2	2
Erhard, g	0	2	2	2
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Buhcanan, f	5	2	3	12
Higgins, c	6	1	3	13
Carter, g	4	2	0	10
Avants, g	5	2	2	12
Jensen, f	2	0	3	4
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