

Tournaments Add Spice To Basketball Season

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

Any basketball minded sports fan worth his salt will tell you that the best way to get a new season off with a roar is to open with a colorful tournament.

And you have them on all levels all across the country—from the elementary school stage to the college level of competition, characterized by the fast-growing Holiday Classic in the Sports Arena.

But this year, local basketball boosters may get their first chance to see the four Torrance high schools in an "exclusive" tourney proposed for late in December.

If the student councils at Bishop Montgomery, Torrance, North and South get behind a steady-moving snowball, and if Superintendent of Torrance Schools Dr. J. H. Hull recommends a proposal made by Chamber of Commerce Manager Dick Fitzgerald, a precedent-setting Christmas tournament will soon be off the planning boards and in the offing.

Up to now it's come along without any fanfare.

The School Board, which has the final say-so on the matter, meets Tuesday evening and may decide on the proposal then.

If it passes, the tourney for the city's four high schools would be the biggest community-spirit booster since Torrance was awarded entry of a float in the Pasadena Rose Parade.

Any profits made from a two-day or single-day round robin tourney could be turned over to the Chamber to help pay for the city's float, or defray expenses of sending an all-star band to the Rose Parade.

Everyone's for some type of tournament involving the four local prep basketball teams, which has been in the wind for several years.

But it's especially ripe for this season, what with the facilities, teams and need at a bursting state.

This corner would predict a sellout house, regardless of which gymnasium hosts the affair, if it goes on . . . as it should.

Everything's set, all it needs now is to be passed by the respective student councils, gain Dr. Hull's blessing, and be approved by the honorable School Board.

How about it? ☆ ☆ ☆

Pacific Shores Time Again

SPEAKING OF TOURNAMENTS, the annual Pacific Shores is just around the corner. And, as usual, it has all the earmarks of being another "put up" job for the sponsoring South Bay Union High Schools, Redondo, Mira Costa, and Aviation.

According to the host coaches, the tourney bracket is supposed to be "drawn from a hat," so to speak, but you can't sell this corner on that—nor the peeved Torrance, North and South High coaches.

The way the brackets have been made up — Mira Costa High has really been "set up."

One year may be a coincidence, but several years of early-round patsy competition indicate phony intentions. And you need only look at the bracket pairings to draw your own conclusions.

Mira Costa — three-time Bay League champion — will play Beverly Hills when the tourney opens Dec. 7. And Beverly doesn't have much personnel back this season. Redondo was lucky enough to "draw" Lawndale, a school now in its second year.

Last year it was the same story for the host schools, who drew patsies in the early games, while powers were matched . . . er, drawn . . . against powers.

By the way, Torrance and North meet in the first round with the winner or loser scheduled to go up against South High — so there'll be plenty of Torrance color the first couple of days.

But it's liable to be the last year that Torrance "color" will be offered.

It wouldn't surprise me a bit to hear a year from now that at least two of the Torrance high schools simply declined to accept bids to the Invitational tourney.

I hear that the casaba bosses are still burned over the "method" of all-tourney team selecting. Last year, three Mira Costa boys were picked to the 10-man team, while two of the most colorful and highest scoring players in the tournament were overlooked, or forgotten. Or maybe there just wasn't enough room.

One was Bill Reinert from Torrance, who was among the tourney's leading point makers.

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Foyt, Jones Head Ascot Race Field

Houston's A. J. Foyt, who steered his midget auto to victory in Thursday's 20th annual Thanksgiving Night Grand Prix race at Ascot Stadium, has signed to enter Sunday's USAC sanctioned sprint cad program at the Gardena speedway.

Foyt's entry completes a "big four" in a field of the nation's top ranked drivers who'll be gunning for the 40-lap main event win.

TORRANCE'S Parnelli Jones, along with Jim Hurtubise and Don Branson, fill out the "big name" quartet.

Foyt took the lead on the 66th lap Thursday and held it all the way in crossing the finish line first in the abbreviated 122 lap Turkey Night feature.

Heavy fog forced the scheduled 150-lap race to be cut short.

Promoter J. C. Agajanian has posted a guaranteed purse of \$5000 against 40 per cent of the gate to attract a brilliant field for Sunday's program.

Foyt, who wheels the potent A. J. Watson 220 Offy, enters the race as the national driving champion and the Eastern sprint car winner of 1960.

Hurtubise, of Lennox, was the fastest qualifier in Indianapolis history this year and Jones, of Torrance, ran away with the Midwest championship by winning seven of 13 races.

Branson was runner-up in both the midwest and the East.

Burleson, Hester Among Top Metro Scorers

El Camino ends Paul Burleson and Jim Hester were 6th and 16th among the Metropolitan Conference's leading scorers, according to statistics compiled and released by the commissioner's office.

Player	College	Pts.	TP
Burleson	El Camino	66	10
Hester	El Camino	57	9
Reinert	El Camino	52	8
Carson	San Diego	42	7
McClendon	San Diego	34	10

TEST 'BIG 3' THIS WEEK

Warriors Fastbreak Past Oceanside in Basketball Opener

El Camino goes after the heads of three traditionally tough junior college basketball powers this week after opening the 1960-61 season with a 78 to 41 conquest of Oceanside Friday evening.

Despite a "home court" advantage, Oceanside proved little more than a scrimmage for the fast-breaking Warriors, who had a comfortable 23-point cushion at half time.

The losers managed only five field goals in the first half, four in the second. Oceanside sank 23 foul shots, however.

This week, Coach George Stanich's 17-man squad will test Ventura, Orange Coast, and Glendale in the El Camino gym on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, respectively.

STANICH rotated his squad in groups of five Friday, hoping to find the right combination before tackling the meat of the JC schedule.

EC has three returning lettermen, not including guard Jack Runyan who was ineligible after the first semester last year, back to form the nucleus of a raw-boned club.

Freshman Ernie Pritchard, from Leuzinger High, led the scoring against Oceanside by sinking five floor shots and one from the free throw line for 11 points.

JIM SMITH, an Aviation High product, was next on the scoring ladder with nine points.

Oceanside's only bright spots came at the charity line, where the losers hit on 14 of 14 in the first half, and nine of 14 in the second half.

EL CAMINO				OCEANSIDE			
Player	FG	FT	PTS	Player	FG	FT	PTS
Cattivera, f.	3	1	7	Becker, f.	2	9	13
Boyd, g.	4	0	8	Theftford, f.	1	0	2
Wey, c.	1	1	3	Bertrand, c.	1	0	2
Schrader, f.	1	2	4	Herman, g.	2	7	11
Smith, f.	4	1	11	Dash, f.	1	0	2
Rodriguez, g.	1	0	2	Rush, g.	1	0	2
Karavas, g.	0	0	0				
Brown, f.	1	0	2				
Reinert, g.	1	0	2				
Lent, g.	0	2	2				
Combe, g.	0	1	1				
Sprague, g.	1	0	2				
Kingery, f.	1	0	4				
Pritchard, f.	5	2	12				
Roth, c.	2	1	7				
Runyan, f.	3	1	7				
Delcastillo, f.	3	0	6				
	34	10	78				

HALFTIME SCORE: El Camino 47, Oceanside 24.

Chamberlain Overtakes Baylor in Exciting NBA Scoring Race

NEW YORK—Despite creating a new individual scoring record for one game with 71 points, and scoring 52 points in a second game during the week, Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles yielded the league scoring race to Wilt Chamberlain of Philadelphia who scored 196 points in five consecutive contests to 158 tallies for Baylor who appeared in three tilts.

For 9 Games Rams Trail Opponents in Season Stats

The Los Angeles Rams take a day-off from the regular NFL schedule today as the Lakers and Chargers take over the L.A. sports limelight.

In nine season games, the Rams trail in virtually every major statistical department with their opponents.

RAMS	OPPONENTS
1197 Yards gained rushing	1632
138 Yards lost rushing	129
1069 Net yards rushing	1383
250 Passes attempted	273
128 Passes completed	131
60 First downs rushing	68
1563 Yards gained passing	1923
2338 Total net yards gained	3188
13 First downs passing	174
68 First downs passing	91
15 First downs penalties	15
143 Total first downs	42
690 Total scrimmage plays	657
42 Number of punts	33
42.7 Average length punt	42.3
4.80 Ave. length punt return	8.55
50 Penalties against	59
515 Yards lost penalties	419
16 Number of fumbles	20
8 Ball lost on fumbles	11
27 Touchdowns	28

National Little League Elects Cole; Sends Out Call for Six Managers

George Cole, recently re-elected president of the Torrance National Little League, has sent out a call to all persons interested in managing a baseball team, to submit an application by Dec. 1.

Cole says that besides six managerial positions, applications will also be taken for equipment manager, minor league representative, two field managers, and a publicity director.

Besides Cole, officers elected recently were Roy Holomon, vice-president; Dora Heinlein, secretary; Clara Hines, treasurer, and Ralph Shafer, players' agent.

Further information regarding the open positions in the league may be obtained by calling Cole at FA 8-5079.

Southland Trout Plantings Listed

This week the Department of Fish and Game has scheduled plants of catchable-size rainbow trout in Crystal Lake, the East Fork of the San Gabriel River and Legg Lake in Los Angeles County, Fulmor Lake in Riverside County, the North Fork of Lytle Creek in San Bernardino County and Matilija Lake in Ventura County.

College's Wooing ECC's Ron Veres

Two Sport Star Still Undecided

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The 1960 football season is virtually over, but the mad scramble for player talent for next year is just beginning for most of the nation's college coaches.

And one of the biggest scrambles is expected to be centered around El Camino's rifle-arm quarterback, Ronnie Veres.

Veres, who threw at least one touchdown pass against each of ECC's opponents, hasn't yet made up his mind about his footballing future—as far as singling out one institution goes.

"It's a big problem — I just don't know what to do," Ron says as he considers scholarship offers.

Compounding Veres' "problem" is the fact that he's the top pitcher on El Camino's baseball team, as well as the top football tosser in the Metropolitan Conference.

AND IF RON — last year's "Athlete of the Year" — does pack his bags for a four-year institution at mid-semester — he may have to give up his baseball time for spring football practice.

"I'm still undecided, but if I leave I should leave in February so I can go to spring practice," he says.

A 1959 graduate of Torrance High School, where he was senior athlete of the year after lettering in three varsity sports—Ron conceivably could try to make a go of it in either of two professional fields — football or baseball.

In leading El Camino to its 5-4 football record, Veres pitched the pigskin for 1833 yards, and had 18 TD tosses to his credit, including four in the season ender against San Diego.

It was the second time this season that Ron threw for four TDs in one game.

He completed 139 of 242 passes for a 58 per cent completion record.

Billy Wade, the Rams' best passer, is averaging 59 per cent completions for half the total passes thrown by Veres.

Pennsylvania born, Ron's record is just as good — or better on the baseball diamond.

Last year he compiled a phenomenal 1.00 earned run average in recording an 8-3 record.

AS THINGS now stand, Washington State and UC at Santa Barbara stand the best chances of landing Veres.

Washington State is also trying to grab dandy end Paul Burleson, which may have an influential effect in wooing Veres, who'd like to hear from COP and Pitt, before making a decision.

But Ron is biding his time, weighing advice, offers and his future.

One thing's for sure. And that's that he'll be one of the biggest "double bonuses" in recent athletic history — wherever he decides to go to school.

Watch for him in '61 and '62.



GOLDEN ARM . . . Ron Veres, El Camino's "man with the golden arm" gets final look at Junior college football season on sidelines with Coach Norm Veres as Warriors wound up season with 62-22 triumph over San Diego recently. Ron threw four TDs in game and is one of most sought after athletes in El Camino history.

Utah, Ruffell Meet Loyola in 'Arena

Rich Ruffell, first team forward on the University of Utah basketball team and a '57 graduate of Torrance High, will be back in town Thursday for the fifth renewal of the Utah-Loyola basketball series, in the Sports Arena.

Ruffell and his Rocky Mountain champion teammates, will cavort against Loyola in the second half of a double header.

Pepperdine College will take on the always-tough Seattle Chieftains in the preliminary contest.

Ruffell played on Torrance's second place team which went to the CIF playoffs in 1957. He was the top Bay League's scorer, racking up a 19-point plus average, which earned the flossy forward berths on both the All-Bay League first team and the All-CIF first team.

As a Redskin starter last year, Ruffell scored 273 points in 29 games for a 9.4 average, fourth highest on Utah's 28-3 record squad. Against Loyola a year ago, he sank 16 points in sparking an 88-81 Ute triumph.

Utah also boast such other standouts as tall (6-9) Billy "The Hill" McGill, former City Player of the Year and a third team All-American, and Jim Rhead, a 6-4 forward who is one of the outstanding board men in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Utah should have its hands full with Loyola in spite of McGill, Ruffell, and Rhead. The Lions, co-champs of the West Coast Athletic Conference in '59, have all five starters back from last year's squad which compiled a 19-8 record, including All-WCAC Player of the Year, Jerry Grote.



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