

# Torrance Quintets Initiate Bay, Pioneer Loop Years

## Torrance, Normans Vie Today

Torrance High's chances in the Pioneer League basketball campaign will be quickly decided today and tomorrow.

This afternoon, the Tartars will go up against strong Beverly Hills and tomorrow night will meet league favorite Culver City.

Host Beverly Hills was expected to field its finest quintet in many years, but has been disappointing in early season tournaments. The Normans' main claim to fame this season comes from their two 6-5 forwards Alan and Barry Fay.

BEVERLY HAS six letter men returning to bolster a squad which has recently been the doormat of the Pioneer League.

Culver City has four starters, including two all-leaguers, back from last year's team which finished second in the league. Center Ken Peterson and guard Jack Reilly, the two all-league returnees, paced the Centaurs to an upset win in the Pacific Shores Tournament.

THE CENT'S ran roughshod over highly regarded Bay League powerhouse Mira Costa in the final round. In the semifinals of that tourney, Culver handily defeated Torrance.

Since that time, the Tartars have impressed in both the Beverly Hills and Covina tournaments. Steve Waters, second team selection in the Beverly classic, and all-league Lynn Archibald and tiny guard Ernie Clayton pace the Torrance five.

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### Narbonne Boasts Scoring Leader

Although Narbonne has the city's leading basketball scorer in Jim Kegley, the Gauchos are fighting to keep out of the Marine League cellar. Narbonne will not have to worry about its league standing tomorrow as it hosts Western League foe Hamilton in a non-league tilt. Hamilton boasts a 3-5 record and fourth place in its league.

Kegley tops the City in scoring for Narbonne with a 29.50 average per game. The Gaucho hot-shot is barely ahead of Jefferson's great Edgar Lacey who is gunning at a 28.00 average.

ANOTHER Narbonne cager, John Bunch, is the eleventh top scorer in the City with a 20.25 average. The average for Kegley and Bunch were compiled after four Marine League frays.

Bunch was supposed to be the top Gaucho gunner at the start of the season. Kegley, just a Bee last season, started slowly in practice, then suddenly got hot.

THE LOWLY Narbonne standing in the league comes mainly from its lack of good-shooting forwards, the same problem that has plagued the Gauchos for the past six years.

The starting line-up for NHS against Hamilton will be Kegley at center, John Bunch and Steve Tidland at forwards, and Joe Axton and Jim Bunch at the guards.

Narbonne currently has a 1-3 loop record and is tied with Gardena for the cellar.

## Two Tilts On Slate For North

Two crucial Bay League basketball tilts are on tap for North High this weekend as the Saxons begin the treacherous circuit championship hunt.

Tomorrow, North will oppose Leuzinger on the Olympian hardwood, and Saturday night, the Saxons tangle with league co-favorite Mira Costa on the Mustang floor.

North is considered at best a darkhorse for the Bay crown, and at worst a spoiler. Mira Costa and Hawthorne are regarded as rival coaches as the two quintets who will battle it out for the title.

ALTHOUGH Leuzinger is not an apparent threat for the title, the Olymps put forth a strong showing in the Dominguez tournament before bowing in the quarter-finals.

On the other hand, Mira Costa has been slightly disappointing so far, losing in the final round of the Pacific Shores tournament to Culver City in an upset, and falling early in the Beverly Hills classic.

MICOHI WILL throw a big front line at North. Lettermen Joe Ellison, 6-7, and 6-6 Nevil Sauer are the big men, but the player to watch is All-League forward Rob Stidman.

Last year, the Mustangs wound up with a 20-7 mark and second place in the league. The Saxons have been a pleasant surprise to coach Skip Enger. North upset Beverly Hills in the opening round of the Beverly Invitational and whipped a strong Arroyo team in the opening round of the Covina Tournament before bowing to Azusa.

## Anglers May Begin Buying New Licenses

Fishing licenses for 1963 are now on sale at license agents and Department of Fish and Game offices throughout the state, the DFG announced this week.

The 1962 license expired Monday and it is not valid after that date. A 1963 license remains valid throughout the whole of the calendar year.

The fishing license, for \$3, entitles the purchaser to fish in ocean waters or to take frogs. To take all species of fish other than trout, but including steelhead trout, anywhere in the state, a \$1 stamp must be purchased in addition to the \$3 license.

To take fish, including trout, anywhere in the state, two \$1 stamps must be permanently affixed to the fishing license.

## Spartans Open Play Tomorrow

Three young, inexperienced Bay League quintets will start the battle for the cellar this weekend as South High hosts Morningside and Santa Monica.

South, winner in only one game so far, lures Morningside tomorrow and Samohi on Saturday.

All three clubs are green. Both the Spartans and Santa Monica lack a single returning letterman. MHS is slightly better off with two men back.

BACK FROM last year for the Monarchs are 6-3 Ron Lofgren and Rick Ganulin. The duo combined to tally 37 of Morningside's 46 points against Serra in the battle for third place in the Inglewood tournament. Serra earned a 58-46 nod.

In that game, Lofgren dropped in 21 markers and Ganulin ripped the cords for an additional 16 digits.

SANTA MONICA won the Bay crown last season, but lacks the height and experience to repeat this season. The Vikings have not impressed so far this season.

WHEN SOUTH garnered its lone victory, in the consolation round of the Covina Tournament, the Spartans were tremendously impressive as four men connected in double figures.

South showed it has promise in the future as Dick Strieg poured in 21 points, Chuck Robinson hit 17, Mike Berry dropped in 15 and Rich Jensen collected 10. The four stars paced the Spartans past Baldwin Park, 77-54.

## West Eyes First Pioneer Victory

Determined West High will open its Pioneer League basketball season tomorrow night on a high note, facing suspected loop powerhouse Aviation.

The 8 p.m. contest will be played at the North High gym. While host of the Pioneer quintets begin play today, the Warriors will draw a bye.

In its last outing, in the finals of the Inglewood Tournament over the weekend, Aviation suffered a case of cold-shooting and fell to Inglewood, 56-35.

Leading the Falcons will be All-Tournament player Gary Dinnel, forward Jim Ramey and center Jim Lloyd. Al-

though Aviation did not tally its first field goal until the second quarter was almost over, Dinnel wound up with 11 points and Lloyd hit for nine.

In its last outing, West came within a whisker of winning its first cage game in history, faltering in the fourth quarter and finally dropping a 46-45 nod to Charter Oak.

Up to date, guard Steve Cooke, forward Dick Hall and Terry Febles and Bob Hebert have been pacing the Warriors Cooke hit for 13 points, Hall canned 11 and Febles and Hebert both collected six against Charter Oak.

## Recreation Fives Begin Organizing

Approximately 500 boys will begin the initial stages of the Torrance Recreation Department's basketball program on Saturday.

Team rosters and individual sign-ups will be accepted at North, South, and Torrance high schools as the boys gather to view a Los Angeles Laker film.

The programs is open to all boys, ages 10-18, who are not already playing in another organized basketball program. The boys play in competition against others of their own age in one of three classifications.

Tip-off for the basketball

program has been moved up to Saturday, Jan. 12, for Skyline and Rocky Mountain teams, while Big Ten teams will begin league play the week of Jan. 14.

The delay was made to give late-comers an opportunity to sign up for league play. Boys who visit the gyms on Saturday will have a chance to sign up and scrimmage with their team in practice play as well as seeing the Laker film.

Interested parents or boys may obtain permission slips and further information at any of the three gyms Saturday or by calling the Torrance Recreation Department at FA 8-5310

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