

Outcome of Basketball Games Predicted

Bay League

The Bay League has two basketball teams which won two pre-season tournaments and a third which has been runner-up three times.

Redondo, Palos Verdes and Mira Costa are strong enough to provide the best 3-team Bay League basketball race in several years. Outside of them, Santa Monica, South, Hawthorne and Rolling Hills, yes Rolling Hills, cannot figure better than fourth place.

Redondo, with Coach Rex Hughes at the helm, moves into league action with a 10-0 record as the result of four Pacific Shores tournament victories, a practice win over Inglewood, and four more in the Beverly Hills classic. Yesterday the Seahawks stumbled past El Segundo, 55-42.

Five returning regulars—Paul Hoffman, Bob Clemo, Jeff Sims, Dave Druliner and Ray Woodfin, ranging rather evenly between 6-1 and 6-6 in height, and a good bench, furnishes the Seahawks with a small edge in experience.

Mira Costa, two-time loser to Redondo in tournament finals, has compiled a 9-5 seasonal record. Toby Erlinger's Mustangs beat Ventura in the Beverly semi-finals, but lost a repeat duel to the Cougars in the Ventura tourney finals.

Jeff White, one of the two best players in the Bay League, is Mira Costa's chief scoring weapon. The Mustangs' Tom Egerer, John Stimpfig, Dick Mielkey and Stan Stoezel are also experienced men.

Mira Costa holds a 64-62 win over Palos Verdes in the Pacific Shores semi-finals. The Sea Kings also lost to Glendale in the same series, but have not been beaten in seven outings since then. Palos Verdes holds a "revenge" win over Glendale, winning the Dominguez and Crescenta tournaments in the process.

Guard Doug Eckert of P.V. is another high scorer who will be considered notably when the all-Bay Leaguers are selected.

Santa Monica has come through with some strong individual performances, mostly against inept opposition. The Vikings, along with Hawthorne and Rolling Hills, do not possess a great deal of experience.

South, with Steve and Dave Kuchenbecker returning from last year, and a hard playing sophomore, Chuck Fernandes, leading the Spartans, primarily lacks speed as a team.

Sky League

Count on North High as the most logical repeat champion in the high school ranks this season.

The Saxons won 12 of 16 pre-season games, including the Covina Tournament, a record which far outclasses the performances of Sky League counterparts Beverly Hills, Inglewood, Morningside, Culver City and Leuzinger.

Any of the remaining five opponents is capable of taking second and surprise North on a given night.

For the time being Beverly Hills offers the biggest first division threat.

The Normans have two steady lettermen—Sandy Marks and Warren Tetley—threats at potting field goals and scoring "from underneath." Two spunky sophomore guards—Ralph Punaro and Irv Zakheim relinquished a "sure" trip with a championship "B" season to bolster the varsity. Beverly, however, is inexperienced at center where

Freshman Alex Gamble and Senior Jim Hughes alternate.

North, on the other hand, has a 6-11 center, Ron Taylor, averaging 20 points a game to date. Veterans Jess Jacobs, Don Albin, Greg Shearer, Stan Workman, Bruce Troglin, Charlie Richardson and Freshman Jim Neilson (6-5) give Coach Skip Enger a strong unit.

Morningside lists all seniors except Sophomore Nat Baumer (6-2) on its squad. He is a reserve. The Monarchs have any number of players who can score 10 points or better. The team as a whole has been averaging 60 to 70 points a game.

Inglewood likes to play a slow deliberate game and does not have an articular "star" among its top nine or 10 players.

Culver City, once a powerhouse in prep basketball, has been unable to put together the proper combination of height, speed and consistency to wage much of a challenge, and the Centaurs will have to be at their best to resist last place against an inexperienced Leuzinger quint. Footballer Randy McMichael is the Olympians' leading scorer.

Pioneer League

If you're planning to place a bet on the outcome of the Pioneer League basketball chase this year, wait until after Friday's games!

The trio of contests which get the season officially under way Friday hold the key to a lot of what will happen in the fight for the title. The pairings for Friday send West to Torrance, Aviation to Lennox, and El Segundo to Lawndale.

Torrance High will be the team to watch—both

Friday and during the rest of the season. A Torrance victory against West will put the Tartars in the driver's seat for the campaign. The Tartars have good experience, good spirit—a factor that does count—and a talent for performing in the clutch.

Carrying an 8-3 record and consolation titles from the Pacific Shores and Beverly Hills tournaments into the contest, Torrance will provide plenty of stiff competition throughout the season.

All-league candidates from Torrance are Bob Brennan and Walt Hale, a pair of returning first stringers. Add heighty Rich Davies (6-6) at center, Sophomore scoring whiz Bart Johnson, and Junior Guard Fred Carpenter and the Tartars present a formidable attack.

West has an all-returning first unit composed of John Barnes, Pat Hall, John Marsden, Dave LaRoche and a sure all-Pioneer League guard candidate, Dan Thomas. He has a 10-game average of 17.8 points.

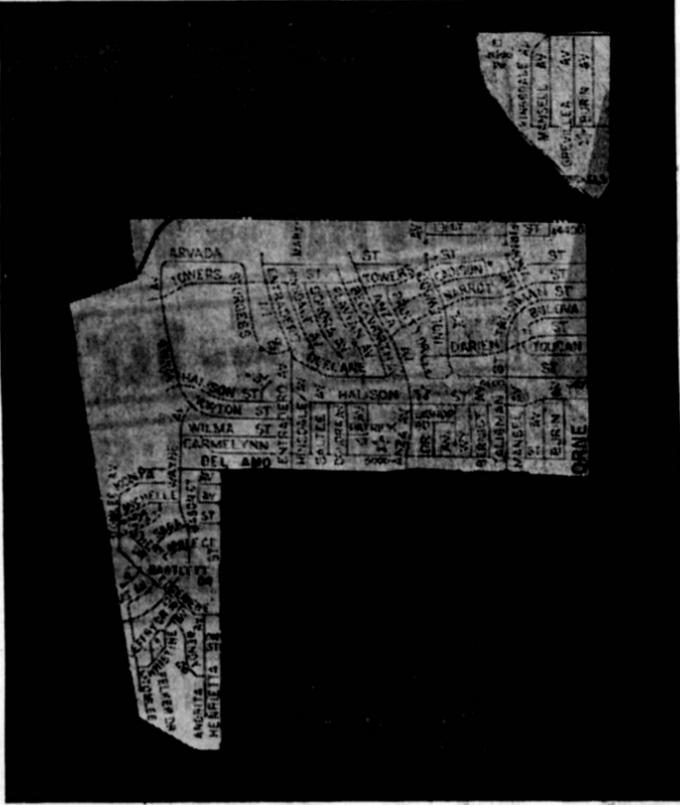
With a 6-4 record in the re-league swing, West will enter the league chase with an edge over El Segundo, the probable second and third place finishers.

El Segundo is capable of flirting with victory anytime it goes out on the basketball court. A junior, Bill Sligar, is the Eagles' best player, and a sophomore letterman Dana Pagett has been scoring 15 points or better regularly.

El Segundo is hurt by the loss of Kimmer Brett who broke his ankle during football.

Aviation is not likely to make a strong defense of its title. Lawndale might make it rough on second division teams and Lennox has been counted out of the race since early December.

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NEW BOUNDARIES . . . For the 1965 Tordondo Little League season will be within the confines of the city of Torrance. Originally composed of territories, the league was named after its combined Torrance-Redondo territories. The league occupies the Entradero sump in Torrance.

Tordondo Little League

Coach of Giants Named President

Ralph Avakian, promoted from minor league coach, is the Tordondo Little League president for 1965.

The league, according to Avakian, is already busy replacing two infields with clay and brick dust, and expanding bleachers for the major field in the Entradero sump area.

Tordondo, having experienced a complete ball park redevelopment program last year, will "take care of the rest of the trimming" in time for the coming season in mid-April.

El Camino

Grapplers

Open Season

Both El Camino and Cerritos will be favored to keep their unbeaten Metro records when they meet Bakersfield and Valley, respectively, in wrestling matches tomorrow.

Before vacation, El Camino whipped Valley, 40-5, and Cerritos disposed of Bakersfield, 27-11.

El Camino, one of the strongest JC aggregations going, recently finished second in the UCLA tournament that had four-year colleges in the competition.

League boundaries have been revamped to include only city limits of Torrance. The Southwood Estates, bounded by Henrietta, Torrance Blvd., and the city limits on the west now adjoin the existing league territory at Del Amo Street.

The board of directors for the coming season are Avakian, president; Morris Belway, vice president; Jerry Senkus, secretary; Ward Hamblin, treasurer; Betty Hirschberg, players agent Ann Bewley, women's auxiliary president.

Fred Jackman, past president, is purchasing agent; Bob Colson, equipment manager; Paul Berwick, insurance agent; Jim Davis, publicity agent; John Gentile, sponsors agent; Glen Tibbits, field engineer; and Red Allen, chief umpire.

Completing the board are Bob Hirschberg, Bill Kalvin, Jack Moore, Robert Nance,



RALPH AVAKIAN

Al Pierson, Lloyd Waggoner, and Mickey Sovaia.

Avakian, his wife, Sue, and son, Randy, 9, live at 4936 Arvada St. Randy played for the minor Giants two years and his father coached the team last year. The league president is employed at Progressive Transportation in Compton.

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