

Torrance Defeats Compton To Gain CIF Semi-Finals

Fisher, Carpenter Ignite 81-68 Win

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Torrance High's two outstanding guards threw Compton off guard with a driving scoring thrust and won themselves a berth in the CIF AAA semi-finals playoffs next Friday night. Robin Fisher scored 24 points and Fred Carpenter had 22 points in an 81-68 win at Long Beach City College last night.

The only thing that kept the Tartabes in the game against the Tartars was Bobby Watkins' sizzling 32-point effort. He had 14 swishers and four free throws.

Compton put a fence around Bart Johnson and held him to 13 points. The Torrance dandy went scoreless in the first and third quarters, but his eight points in the final period helped make a run away of the game. Only one of his five goals had much range however.

But the Tartars, who always have somebody score in the clutch, have won 30 of 31 games and move into the downtown Long Beach Arena for the semi-finals Friday night.

The pairings are Long Beach Poly versus Crescenta Valley, Torrance versus Sierra.

The finals are Saturday night at Long Beach, one of the two preliminary games Saturday is between Santa Maria and Antelope Valley which qualified for the finals of the CIF AA division by disposing of El Segundo and Palos Verdes last night.

Scores of the AAA quarter-finals were: Long Beach Poly 85, Pacific 59; Crescenta Valley 61, Redondo 48; Sierra 78, Millikan 69; Torrance 81, Compton 68.

El Segundo lost to Santa Maria, 82-64, and Palos Verdes lost to Antelope Valley, 59-55, in overtime.

Torrance practically led from the start to the finish of its game with Compton.

After Robin Fisher's opening 3-point play on a layup and foul shot made it 3-0. Compton came back for its only lead, 10-6, midway through the period. Soon Torrance got going again and Compton was never closer than four points.

Fisher scored 11 points in the first quarter and eight in the second period for a 19-point halftime. He had 5-for-6 at the free throw line in the first quarter and 10-for-11 for the game. He went to the free throw line three times in the first quarter on personals by Jim Dunn. After Dunn sat it out for a while, he came back to hold Fisher to five points in the second half and did not foul again.

Fisher explained the difference in the first and second half by saying, "Dunn became more adapted to my moves as the game progressed."

When Compton was forced into a game of catching up, the Tartabes went into a tight man-to-man defense. Torrance thus went into a fast weave offense and when the bucket was left unattended, Fred Carpenter and Bill Doyle zoomed in for the layup.

Torrance had as much as a 17-point lead with a half minute to go as practically everyone took turns scoring in the final two minutes.

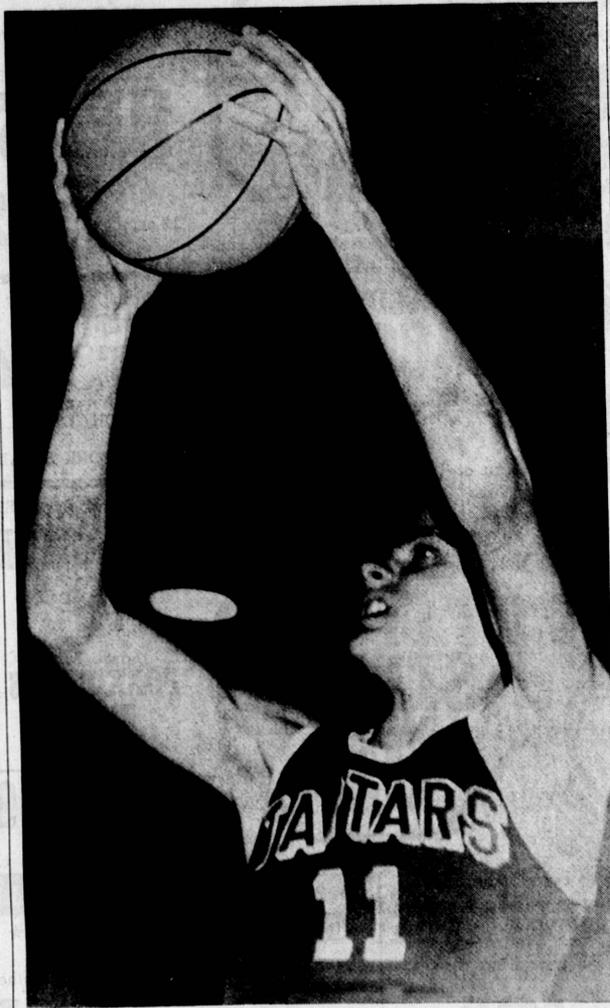
Carpenter was effective with a number of set shots early in the third period to preserve a 7-point lead.

There was nothing "big" about the rebounding, although Johnson batted down four Compton shots. Doyle had four steals in the first half.

Coach Will Boerger of Torrance was particularly pleased with his guards. He said Fisher came back real well after a lack luster Pasadena performance.

Carpenter simply went by his usual accelerated rebounding attack to a scoring kick of 10 field goals.

Torrance takes its 30-1 record into Long Beach Arena to meet Suburban League champion Sierra which has a 26-1 record.



BART JOHNSON . . . Torrance High's heralded junior basketball player will lead the Tartars against Sierra High Friday night at the Long Beach Arena in the semi-finals of the CIF AAA basketball playoffs. (Press-Herald Photo)

Torrance, 81-68

Torrance (81)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Johnson	5	3	2	13
Carpenter	10	2	4	22
Doyle	4	2	3	10
Fisher	7	10	2	24
Kreul	2	1	2	5
Crockett	2	1	0	0
Thompson	1	0	0	0
Whitney	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	19	13	81

Compton (68)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Campbell	4	1	2	15
Hopwood	3	1	2	10
Dunn	14	4	4	32
Watkins	14	4	4	32
Reid	0	1	4	4
Graves	0	1	0	0
Curtis	1	0	0	0
Henderson	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	10	18	68

Score by Quarters

Torrance	18	22	18	23	81
Compton	14	19	16	17	68

Technical fouls—none.



ROBIN FISHER . . . of Torrance High scored 24 points in his school's 81-68 CIF playoff win over Compton last night at Long Beach.

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SIX MONTHS TO GO, BUT

Uncle Sam Worries Harbor Football Coach

It's a little early to start talking football, but Harbor College football coach Scruppy Rhea can think of nothing else at this point.

Rhea is worried about the draft . . . and not the pro football one either. "Uncle Sam will play a big part in our season," Rhea said while sipping a cup of coffee in his office the other day.

"If we aren't hit hard by the draft we'll be in pretty good shape for next season. With the group we have coming back and the players we expect to enroll in school I think we'll be a chief contender for the Western State Conference championship."

It's no secret that Rhea and his coaching staff have their eyes set on the Junior Rose Bowl this year. In 1964, the Hawks went unbeaten with a 9-0 record, but were nosed out by Long Beach City College for the nomination. Last year the team was 8-2 and won the Lions Bowl, 52-14 over Reedley in Santa Maria.

"That win over Reedley helped us plenty," Rhea continues. "Everyone thought we'd be a soft touch even though our record was good. But we're not the patsy's we used to be."

"I think we can stand up to any junior college team in the country. This season will tell the tale. I don't plan on losing a game."

Actually since Rhea has taken over as head Harbor coach he's produced nothing but winners.

In '63 the Hawks were 6-3, in '64 they were 9-0 and last year 8-2. The 23-5 record posted by Rhea is one of the best in the nation over a three-year period.

Returning to Harbor next year will be what the Hawk coaching staff calls the top backfield in the state.

Two quarterbacks, John Burke and Tom Williams, are rated as the best in the southland according to backfield coach Ernie Simon. Williams is an outstanding passer while Burke excels in roll-outs.

The rest of the backfield gets better everytime you look at it. At fullback is hard charging Tim Foley, letterman last year who also doubled at linebacker. Foley is another that the Hawk staff feels has no equal in J. C. ball.

He was an alternate first stringer at fullback and averaged better than four yards per carry. In 1963 Foley was

an All-CIF selection at Ferris Lasuen High School in San Pedro.

Jim Lewis, ex-Gardena All-City star, will be at one half back slot with either Sam Gipson or Ron Barber at the other spot.

Barber is perhaps the greatest running back ever to come out of the Harbor area. He was L.A. City Player of the Year at San Pedro High in 1962 and played one year at Arizona State where coaches called him one of the greatest freshman runners they'd ever seen.

One spot Rhea is concerned about is the defensive line. The year Harbor went un-

feated, Rhea had a foursome that averaged 265 pounds. Last year there was a dip to 210, but Rhea plans to do something about it.

Already enrolled in school are Nick Dragich, 225, and Willie Henderson, 260. Dragich was an All-City pick at San Pedro last year while Henderson was a first team All-Marine League pick in 1964. He was injured most of last season at Jordan High.

The Hawks open against tough San Diego City, September 17. San Diego has suffered only three losses in two years. Two of those defeats have been at the hands of Harbor.

LAKER PROFILE

Jerry West Has Scoring Touch

There are two ways to sum up Jerry West—with an adding machine and a word.

The machine will reveal that Jerry West, at last count, has scored 2,200 points for the Los Angeles Lakers in the National Basketball Association this season.

For those who haven't already guessed, the word is "level-headed."

A handsome, crew-cut product of Cabin Creek, W. Va., Jerry is in his sixth NBA season. It is a particularly exciting one, because for the first time since seven-foot Wilt Chamberlain came into professional basketball, the league has an individual scoring race. And, the really exciting thing about it, is that Jerry, at just 6-3, has been leading most of the way.

"Actually I don't give it much thought," says Jerry in tones that attest to his sincerity. "Anything you do individually doesn't mean much unless you win. When I'm on the court I just don't keep track of my point totals."

There are only two explanations for such forgetfulness. Jerry offers one: "I do know, of course, when I'm playing well. You can tell that, when things are going right, the passes connecting, the shots going in. But playing well in pro basketball doesn't always have a direct relation with the amount of points you score."

The other explanation, obviously, is that Jerry scores

so often in the course of a game he simply can't keep track. It's understandable, because in his first NBA seasons he averaged 28.8 points a game for 356 contests. Twice he has averaged more than 30 points a game for an entire season (30.8 in 1961-62 and 31 even last year). This year he seems headed for another 30-plus season.

How does he do it? Jerry has a modest, but thoughtful answer.

"I don't think physical talent has as much to do with it as experience," he says. "Fundamentally, I feel I'm about the same as I was in high school and college. But I know more now, and experience has been the teacher. A professional learns and grows. He adapts to changing conditions. He can alter his shots, his style, his entire game to fit the situation."

The situation Jerry found himself in this season was leading the Lakers in their bid to repeat as Western Division champions. It hasn't been easy.

"We felt the absence of Elgin Baylor during the first half of the season," he says, "but not in the way most people think. By that I mean we could get by without his scoring, because every NBA team has more than its share of shooters. Walt Hazzard has helped here a lot. But where we miss Elgin most is off the backboards. You can't lose a great rebounder like Baylor and not feel it."

Blades, Leafs Perform at Sports Arena

Important points in the Western Hockey League race will be at stake at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Sports Arena when the Los Angeles Blades entertain the Victoria Maple Leafs.

The Blades are down to their last chance to start a winning streak and catch fourth place Seattle in their race for the last post-season playoff position.

Victoria is trying to generate another drive to overhaul first place Portland. Center Milan Marceitta and defenseman Fred Hucaal are back with the Leafs after a three-week stint with Tulsa of the Central Professional League.

Harness Season Nears at 'Anita

America's fastest growing spectator sport is available to Southern California residents and visitors in its finest form from mid-March to mid-April at one of the world's most beautiful race tracks—Santa Anita, located in easy-to-reach Arcadia.

Opening on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the Western Harness Racing Association extends through Monday, April 11 and will feature a multitude of the nation's top horses and finest race drivers.

Racing on a Tuesday-through-Saturday basis, with the exception of the Monday closing on April 11, the spring harness racing season at Santa Anita promises to be a sparkling attraction for Southland sports fans.

Featuring the \$20,000 Californian Pace on Saturday, March 26 and the \$20,000 Californian Trot on Saturday, April 9, the spring season will also be highlighted by two \$15,000 features and numerous other races for \$12,500 and \$10,000 purses.

Adding to the galaxy of American trotting and pacing stars that will be performing at Santa Anita will be a half dozen New Zealand pacers, including 1965 Inter-Division champion Jay Ar. Lowry Bay, Great Reveller and Highland Don. They will match strides with American aces Adios Vic, Paper Boy, Adios Marches and Midnight Fire.

The driving ranks will boast such prominent reinmen as Joe O'Brien, defending champion from the last spring season who drove his 2,000th winner at Santa Anita last year, Jim Dennis, Jack Williams, Eddie Wheel, Phil Corley, Russ Valles

Key, Jacques Grenier, Lloyd Daulton, Lou Rapone and Doug Ackerman among others.

Admission prices remain the same as in the past season, \$1.50 for grandstand, \$2.60 for clubhouse and \$4.75 for the restricted Turf Club on Saturdays only.

Junior Soccer Match Set For Sunday

All-star youth soccer teams from Torrance will compete against each other as part of a triple-header at Long Beach Stadium Saturday.

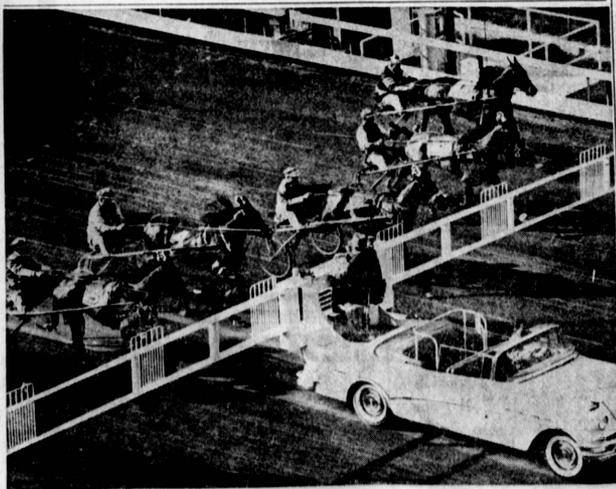
Two teams named the Wanderers and Rovers have gone through extensive training for four weeks in preparation for the game at 1:45 p.m. Saturday.

Other games are 11:30 a.m. between Montebello and the Coast Rangers, and at 2:45 p.m. between Orange County and Seattle, Wash.

El Camino Wins Two Ball Games

Third baseman Harry Jenkins cracked out a three-run home run in the third and that little bit of alliteration earned El Camino's baseball team a 3-1 victory over East Los Angeles College and a 2-0 Metropolitan Conference record.

Now in their second week of conference competition, the Warriors go against Santa Monica City College on Friday in Santa Monica. The East LA win followed a 4-0 victory over Los Angeles Valley College.



OFF AND RUNNING . . . Is the spring Western Harness season at Santa Anita Park. Following the thoroughbred campaign, the trotters begin running St. Patrick's Day, March 17, and will continue through Monday, April 11.