

# Big Basketball Hurdles Face Torrance

## SPORTS

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### Race Figured In Bay League

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There are two ways to figure a basketball race. Bet the team with the most "horses" or the best jockey.

The Bay League will be decided by the jockey. In the saddle again are Skip Enger of North, Rex Hughes of Redondo, Toby Erlinger of Mira Costa, Ernie Woods of Hawthorne, Vern Chick of Inglewood, Dick Beebe of Santa Monica. Dave Corman of South is serving his apprenticeship, filling in for Jim Hanny, who has taken the reins at Stanislaus State College in Turlock.

This is not exactly the most thrilling basketball season in the annals of the Bay League, but when it comes to matching the mastery of the gentlemen on the sidelines, a game will never be real dull.

Coch Enger of North has a knack for winning the big ones. When he took up the art of coaching basketball, the first thing he did was invent 7-foot basketball players. A kid doesn't make his team hardly unless he's 6-foot tall. Enger can talk a 6-5 spastic into going out for basketball and the punk is likely to make All-CIF by his senior year.

North High's current ace is Jim Nielson, a 6-foot, 7-inch junior. Nielson stopped growing when he was a freshman. He has been outgrown by classmate Billy Taylor who has taken over "high point" honors by a margin of 6-foot, 8-inches.

If Nielson and Taylor can put their height to advantage, and Enger is an expert on this subject, the Saxons should roar home to the finish line in first place.

Rex Hughes, a products of his own Redondo High stables, is training his thoroughbreds for another upset. He outsmarted Mira Costa for the sweepstakes last year and went undefeated in 1964-65. He's not ready to be turned out to pasture by a longshot!

The worst thing that could have happened to Redondo Seahawks finally happened this week. The school lost its marvelous basketball gymnasium. This must be compared with an act of treason. The Seahawks will be lucky to finish out the year at the Pier Avenue gym.

Other handicaps Coach Hughes must overcome are his team's youthfulness and lack of height. Steve Sims is the only senior among the regulars. He is probably the best player in the league. Anthony Chaffins, Alan Oddi are juniors and Bruce Gerhardt and Rick Shaw are sophomores.

The next two or three places in the Bay standings are almost unpredictable.

South High is going to be troublesome. Coach Corman takes the game of basketball seriously. If he can corral some help for speedster Chuck Fernandes, the Spartans could cash in on show money.

Inglewood is in the same boat with South High. The Sentinels are practically an all-senior squad, but veteran guards Mark Moses and Bill Astor, and forward Gene Grekorian, a football whiz, needed help up front.

Hawthorne has been out of contention for so many basketball seasons that Coach Woods has started a new breed. His Cougars are still a year away, but after winning only a pair of games in '65, they should double it this time.

After being on top for a decade or more, Mira Costa will find itself in the middle of the pack this winter. Center Kent Scanlon is an all-league candidate, but the best coach Toby Erlinger can do after that is be patient about some very promising youngsters.

Santa Monica, the big stallion of the Bay League in so many sports, is having a tough time in basketball. Coach Beebe has tried everything but blinkers. Unless the Vikings get going, however, Beebe will find himself pitching hay one of these days!

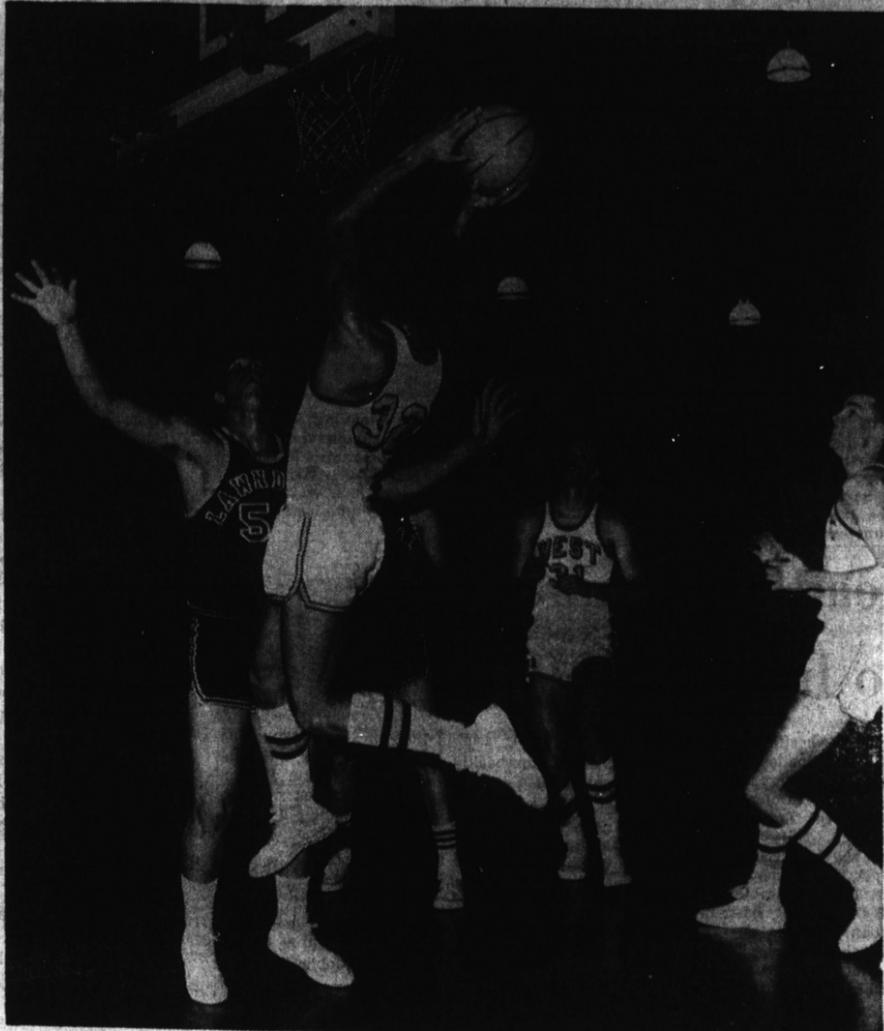
### Tennis Offered at El Retiro Park

Beginning tennis lessons for boys and girls ages 8-18 are under way at El Retiro Park, 126 Vista del Parque. This is a Torrance Recreation Department program.

### Lakers Edge Celtics Again

Although both are out of contention for their division championships, the Los Angeles Lakers scored a 102-99 win over the Boston Celtics at the Sports Arena Friday night.

The Lakers hold a 3-2 season edge over the defending world champions.



UP AND IN . . . West High forward Glenn Marks goes up and over Lawndale's Doug Willard for the score. Moving in on the play for West are Barry Hyde (31) and Ken Thrapp (55). Hyde led the Warriors' 33 point fourth quarter as the Warriors beat Lawndale, 68-57. The win gave the Warriors a 1-0 Pioneer record and an even 7-7 season mark. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

### Knights Edged by Loyola

Left unguarded to avoid a foul with four seconds to play, Loyola High's Charles Curtis scored an easy layup to beat Bishop Montgomery in a non-league basketball game in the loser's gym Friday night, 55-53.

With 24 seconds to play Steve Sciarra tallied the tying field goal on a 25-foot-er. The Knights scored five points to overcome a 53-47 deficit with two minutes to go.

Rick Sabosky of Montgomery and Greg Young of Loyola both had 19 points. Sabosky missed eight minutes of third and fourth quarters with four fouls. He scored three goals in the final four minutes.

Coach Dave Benedaret of Montgomery was beaten by his alma mater, but in defeat Dave may have discovered his best combination. Sabosky, Jon Yarmolovich, Steve Patterson, Dan Graham and Sciarra spurred at the finish with an effective press defense. Except for Curtis' winning bucket, the Cubs scored only on a layup, short jumpshot, tipin, and 6-of-11 free throws in the fourth quarter.

Both teams scored 15 in the first quarter, but Loyola went ahead 25-20 at halftime and had as much as a 10-point lead in the third period.

The Knights open their Camino Real League season Tuesday night at home against Murphy.

Loyola (55) Montgomery (53)  
Young (19) Sabosky (19)  
Curtis (8) Yarmolovich (15)  
Duncan (10) Garbasiati (6)  
Kelly (7) Sciarra (7)  
Orellando (5) Graham (4)  
Loyola 15 10 14 16-35  
Montgomery 15 5 14 18-33  
Scoring subs: Loyola - Jorgenson (4), Prieto (2); Montgomery - Patterson (3).

### West Bees Win Twice

The West High Bees opened their Pioneer League basketball season with an 81-45 victory over Lawndale. Jim Parton scored 15 points and Tom Fischer 14 points in the win.

Gary Kendrick scored 17 points on eight field goals and a free throw to give West High's Bees a 75-35 non-league basketball win over Leuzinger Tuesday.

The West Bees coached by Dan McGee have a 10-2 record.

### DAN GRAHAM IS CIF PLAYER OF THE YEAR

"Player of the year" honors for the CIF (Southern Section and Los Angeles City) have been announced by Helms Foundation. They are Mickey Cureton of Centennial (AAAA), Danny Graham of Bishop Montgomery (AAAA), Randy Tyler of Neff (A), and Charley Evans of Gardena, Bob Bartlett of Carson and Bill Susa of Redondo (L.A. City).

Graham is the first athlete in the history of Torrance named "player of the year" for excellence in major sports competition.

During his senior year Graham threw 27 touchdown passes (record is 32), ran for 15 touchdowns and 467 yards, completed 115 of 201 passes for 1,878 yards. His lifetime total of 47 touchdown passes and 3,751 yards passing are CIF records.

Montgomery, eliminated from the CIF "AAA" playoffs in the semi-finals by Morningside, also placed Center-Linebacker Pat Kealey, a junior, on the second string All-CIF team.

### Field Grows For Riverside 500-Miler

Entries are mounting for the 5th annual Motor Trend-Riverside 500 mile stock car road race, scheduled for Riverside International Raceway Jan. 22.

Latest to file were veteran drivers Jerry Grant of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Jim Paschal of High Point, N.C., who will team up in a pair of Plymouths entered by Friedkin Racing Enterprises of Escondido, Calif.

This will be Grant's third appearance in the rich classic which has been dominated since its inception by four-time winner Dan Gurney, with whom Grant has teamed at Riverside as well as Indianapolis and on the nation's sports car circuits. Grant placed 11th in the 1966 Classic, driving a '65 Chevy.

A veteran sports car and Indianapolis driver, he will be making his first bid for the Friedkin team and plans to campaign the 1967 circuit, following the 500.

Paschal drove in the inaugural 500 in 1963 and was involved in a spectacular accident when his Plymouth went end over end on the approach to turn nine and vaulted over the guard rail. The car was demolished but Paschal was unhurt.

### AIKIDO CLASS

An Aikido class, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, will begin Monday at West High School, 20401 Victor Street, for persons 12 years and over.

### BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

**BAY LEAGUE**  
Redondo 73, Hawthorne 59.  
Games Wednesday  
South vs. Redondo at Mira Costa.  
North at Hawthorne.

**PIONEER LEAGUE**  
El Segundo 63, Aviation 45.  
West 59, Lawndale 52.  
Palos Verdes 52, Lennox 41.  
Games Tuesday  
Long Beach Wilson at West (non-league).

**SKY LEAGUE**  
Beverly Hills 73, Leuzinger 72.  
Culver City 49, Rolling Hills 44.  
Games Tuesday  
Morningside at Torrance.

**CATHEDRAL**  
Cathedral (71) vs. West High (68) at Torrance.  
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**CAMINO REAL LEAGUE**  
Montgomery (8-2)  
St. Bernard's (7-3)  
Fermin Lasuen (6-4)  
St. Monica's (4-6)  
Crespi (3-7)  
Murphy (2-8)

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Lennox (0-10)

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Rolling Hills (1-9)

### Bay League Season Is Under Way

Evicted from its own gym, Redondo High opened the Bay League basketball season Friday night by dumping Hawthorne, 73-59, at neighboring Mira Costa High.

The remainder of the Bay League season commences next Wednesday with North traveling to Hawthorne and South going against Redondo at Mira Costa at 3 p.m.

North, idle this past week, has been without the services of Jim Nielson for three weeks. He had mononucleosis. Jim returned to school during the week. He was down 20 pounds.

South meets Redondo after splitting a pair of games in the Compton Tournament. Chuck Fernandes scored 30 points in a 74-71 win over Cathedral, but the Spartans were eliminated by Compton.

West High (68) vs. Lawndale (65)  
Hyde (20) vs. Osha (3)  
Curtis (8) vs. Coleman (8)  
Rothwell (0) vs. Vivas (2)  
Bramhall (13) vs. Willard (22)  
Thrapp (6) vs. Cox (18)  
West High 10 14 13 28-55  
Lawndale 10 22 12 14-58  
Scoring subs: West - Sauro (12), Thomas (10), Rees (2); Lawndale - Leuzinger (8), Lolley (20), Martines (5), Robledo (7), Terrell (15), C. Vukadavich (20), Uvas (42), Leuzinger (2), 17 23 19 12-51  
West 10 14 11 30-71  
Cathedral sub: Cathedral - Navas (5), Ramirez (6); South - Sauro (4).

### Monarchs Visit Here on Tuesday

Two-time champion Torrance is about to undergo its toughest basketball season in three years. The Tartars launch the Sky League campaign at home Tuesday against the Morningside Monarchs who beat them twice in the Pacific Shores and Beverly Hills tournaments.

### Rally Saves West

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For 25 minutes Friday night, the West High Warriors looked like the West High Clowns.

Then they decided they wanted to win their first Pioneer League basketball game of the season.

Down by eight points as the fourth quarter began, West came back with a 33-point effort and outclassed Lawndale, 68-58. The win moved the Warriors to .500 per cent for the season with a 7-7 mark and left them 1-0 in the Pioneer League.

Barry Hyde, free-throw ace Mike Tomas, and little Eric Bramhall led the fourth quarter spree which was ignited when Bramhall put the Warriors ahead, 48-45, on a four-point play.

Bramhall scored on a jumper from the foul line to put West ahead, 46-45, with 6:12 left and he was fouled as the ball was inbound by Lawndale. Eric added two more on a 1-and-1 and West applied the pressure.

Hyde, who wound up with 20 points for the game, scored nine in the final period and Tomas scored 7 of his 10 - five of them on free throws - in the last quarter. Bramhall also scored 7 in the final period.

Eric had 13 in the game. West coach Tom Sutherland called the victory a "springboard for the rest of the league."

"You looked like you wanted to win," he told the team after it was all over.

Big Doug Willard scored 22 to lead the Cardinals. Kenny Cox, who fouled out of the game with 3:55 left, had 18.

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**ADD - MONARCHS**  
Torrance (32) vs. B. Wilson (70)  
Johnson (34) vs. Knox (28)  
Jasper (11) vs. Sagehorn (14)  
Gasper (8) vs. Beckman (25)  
Fisher (30) vs. Harris (2)  
Kreul (29) vs. Grieh (13)  
Torrance (88) vs. Johnson (30)  
Wilson 18 26 30 33-104  
Scoring subs: Torrance - Baker (2), Farley (6); Wilson - Towner (2), Jordan (66)  
Torrance 23 22 16 27-88  
Johnson 15 12 12 27-68  
Scoring subs: Torrance - Brown (2), Pernley (5), Grim (2), Voeks (6), Albright (2); Jordan - Anderson (30), Mills (1), Olsen (2), Terry (4), Borchert (25), Fisher (21), G. Cowan (6), Galyard (2), G. Hathaway (18), Milliken (8), Torrance (65), Johnson (30)  
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Scoring subs: Milliken - Elgin (2).

Morningside dropped two games to El Segundo in the finals of these two events. The team ended its non-league activities Friday with a convincing 84-73 win over Inglewood. Center Stan Love scored 40 points for the winners.

Torrance, meanwhile, was knocked out of the Compton Tournament by Milliken of Long Beach, 69-65. Milliken ran its season record to 14-1 and left Torrance with its fifth loss.

Bart Johnson scored 30 points, but Rich Kreul and Robin Fisher were held to 12 and 10 points.

This same trio scored 34, 29 and 30 points in a 122-104 win over Long Beach Union to open the tournament. The combined score set a CIF record of 228.

The Tartars also defeated Long Beach Jordan, 88-66, in the second round. Last night's third place opponent for Torrance was Long Beach Poly. Compton met Milliken in the finals.

Besides Morningside, Torrance can expect a rough Sky League schedule against Beverly Hills and Leuzinger. The Normans, a winner over Torrance in tournament, opened its Sky League race Friday with a 73-72 win over Leuzinger. Culver City clubbed Rolling Hills, 49-44.

El Camino Splits Two Metro Games

El Camino College opened its Metropolitan Conference basketball season during the week by splitting two games. The Warriors defeated Bakersfield, 111-92, Tuesday night, but lost to Santa Monica, 87-69, Friday evening.

Bob Brennan scored 26 points and Bruce Troglin had 23 against Bakersfield, but Troglin's 13 was the best anybody could do against the Corsairs. Frank Flack and Terry Schofield both scored 25 points for Santa Monica.

## How They Will Finish

### Burke's Handicap BAY LEAGUE

North (10-2)  
Redondo (10-2)  
Inglewood (6-6)  
Mira Costa (5-7)  
Hawthorne (5-7)  
South (4-8)  
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### Reynolds' Selections BAY LEAGUE

North (11-1)  
Redondo (8-4)  
Mira Costa (7-5)  
South (6-6)  
Hawthorne (4-8)  
Inglewood (4-8)  
Santa Monica (2-10)

### CAMINO REAL LEAGUE

Montgomery (9-1)  
Fermin Lasuen (8-2)  
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### Eggers' Choices BAY LEAGUE

North (10-2)  
Redondo (10-2)  
South (7-5)  
Mira Costa (7-5)  
Hawthorne (4-8)  
Inglewood (4-8)  
Santa Monica (0-12)

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