

Bishop Montgomery Wins Championship

IN CIF

Progress at Montgomery

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Basketball was an unattractive sport at Bishop Montgomery High School as late as four years ago. Varsity practice was held on asphalt pavement outside of the school convent. It was such an inconvenience that "superstar" John Pleick switched from Montgomery to El Segundo High as a junior and Bruce Gerhardt, whose brother Mark was an outstanding baseball player at Montgomery was baited to Redondo.



DAVE BENEDARET

Winter is an unlikely time to play basketball outdoors, and at best, the Knights went indoors at Alondra Park, Serra, West, and Chadwick High for home games.

Having their games publicized was such a problem, the players even searched the church page for the box scores.

Since the high school's own gymnasium was completed in 1966, Bishop Montgomery has won three Camino Real League basketball titles and last Saturday night won the CIF "AA" championship before almost 10,000 people at Long Beach Sports Arena. Bishop beat former champion San Marino, 70-54, in the finals.

Winning the CIF crown is almost incredible. The feat was accomplished against 31 league champions and runners up among schools in the medium size range.

Bishop Montgomery's enrollment is at capacity at 1,230.

An entrance examination is required to enroll. Boundaries of the school are essentially Torrance, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan Beach and Lawndale.

In a time when parents flock to school board meetings to squawk about students going a half mile more to one school than another, it does not lend to the argument that Bishop Montgomery High is in favorable position recruiting athletes.

Three members of the basketball team's first string were key players in football. Greg Collins was the quarterback, Steve Patterson an all-league end, and Jim Roach was the school's best defensive end last fall.

Larry Wiggins and Bob Jamison, who sat on the bench most of their junior year, round out the first team. A year ago they played behind forwards Steve Sabosky and Jon Yarmolovich who were All-Camino Real League. Danny Graham, Steve Sciarra and Bob Garbanati were other starters. The '67 team had a 10-0 league record, but lost its first CIF game.

Despite the belated turnout of footballers Collins, Patterson and Roach, Bishop Montgomery got into the Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament and upset Aviation, 76-67, and Beverly Hills, 65-62.

Redondo crushed the Knights, 69-38, but they came back to beat Mira Costa for third place in the tournament.

The only other losses in a 33-game campaign were to South, 60-49, in the Montgomery Tournament, 81-74 to Verbum Dei in the Compton Tournament, and 72-71 to Fermin Lasuen in league play.

It took five victories to win the CIF "AA" title. Scores were 73-57 over Saddleback, 68-61 over Bassett, 73-64 over San Luis Obispo, 88-65 over Indio and 70-54 over San Marino.

Wiggins has been superb. In games Montgomery lost this year, the opposition managed to "gang up" on him.

In the CIF playoffs it was not so easy because Collins developed so much scoring punch he was just as effective as Wiggins.

Rebounding, so vital in basketball, became the specialty of Patterson, Jamison and Wiggins.

Roach, whose sports career was once threatened by an asthmatic allergy, has a fine knack for the game.

Dave Benedaret became head basketball coach three years ago when he switched from St. Monica's. He was All-CIF at Loyola High and Loyola University.

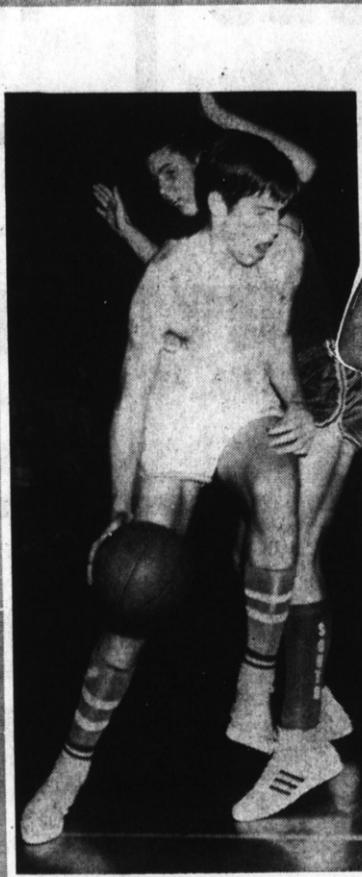
Coach Benedaret is accustomed to "5-man" basketball. He does not go in much for substitution. "I can only think of going with the best five players," said the coach. When the game is in the bag, that's a different story. He has used as many as 17 boys in one game this season.

When a player fouled out, Forward Greg Reams and Guard Steve Connors were the usual replacements. Both are juniors.

Next year is not a big problem, although the Knights may lack height. Mike Brown, a junior, and sophomores Rick Constantino and Jim Dessert are impressive. Collins is the only first stringer returning.

Bishop Montgomery won its first CIF "AA" championship during the baseball season last year by sweeping its final 15 games. The '66 football team lost to Morningside in the CIF "AAA" semi-finals after winning 11 games.

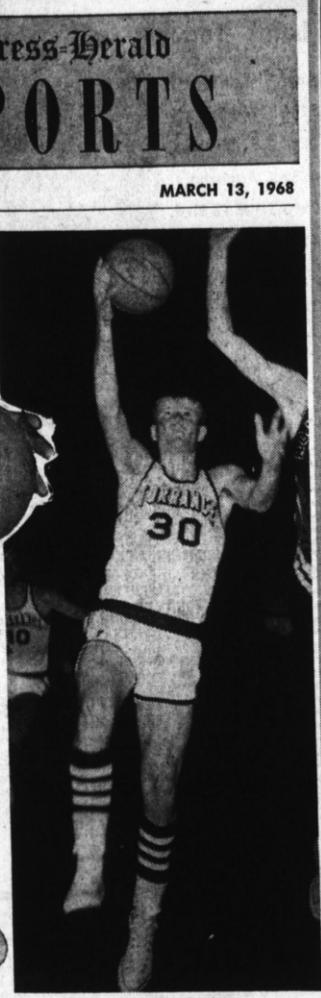
It wasn't so long ago that the biggest news around Bishop Montgomery was its first championship in the 8-team Chadwick Basketball Tournament.



BILL TAYLOR
North High



LARRY WIGGINS
Bishop Montgomery



STEVE JASPER
Torrance High



JIM OWENS
South High



JIM NIELSON
North High



DAN ANDERSON
North High

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Player of the Year

Tournament Won by Skyliners

Torrance's 5th and 6th grade Skyline all-star basketball team, with consecutive victories over Hermosa Beach, Santa Monica and Manhattan Beach, captured the 8th annual El Segundo Basketball Tournament.

Barry Newman, 6-1 center, scored 27 points in the three games to lead the Torrance Recreation Department team. Kris Pollock (19), Bill King (15) and Vince Flores (14) rounded out the scoring attack.

The remainder of the team included Dick Walter, Mike Mapes, Bill Waters, Brad Smith, Mike Cattivera, Jeff Keehn and Steve Becker.

Larry Wiggins Player of the Year

Larry Wiggins, a senior at Bishop Montgomery High School, is the Press-Herald "Player of the Year" for the 1967-68 prep basketball season.

Wiggins scored 729 points in 33 games for Montgomery. He led the Knights to a 29-4 record and the Camino Real League and CIF "AA" championships.

The Press-Herald's All-Torrance prep team also includes Bill Taylor, Dan Anderson, and Jim Nielson of North High, Jim Owens of South High, and Steve Jasper of Torrance.

Wiggins was named to the

Tartars Edge Culver City

Torrance scored three runs in the fourth inning to edge Culver City, 3-2, in a Sky League baseball game yesterday. The two teams play again tomorrow at Culver City.

Bob Fornley hurled the victory. Singles by Chuck O'Brien and Keith Klein contributed to the 3-run Tartar rally.

Culver City.....101 000 0-2 3 2
Torrance.....000 300 X-3 5 4
Angel and Buice; Fennley and Klein.

249 field goals and 119 free throws. His 340 rebounds erased a record held by Steve Kuckenbecker of Stanford.

Wiggins has gone through a winning season with not only a high scoring average, but he has been able to avoid turnovers and foul trouble.

Montgomery Blanked, 1-0

Crespi scored a run on a pickoff play in the fourth inning yesterday to score a 1-0 win over Bishop Montgomery in their Camino Real League baseball game. The game was at Bishop.

World Series Little League hero Dave Sehnm pitched the victory. He allowed the Knights two hits and fanned 13 batters. He walked none.

Crespi.....000 010 0-1 7 0
Montgomery.....000 000 0-0 2 2
Sehnm and Giebel; Ramirez and Giebel.

Babe Ruth Tryouts Set

Tryouts for North Torrance Babe Ruth League will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Alondra Park.

Boundaries are Compton Blvd. on the north and 190th St. on the south.

Knights Beat Titans

By defeating San Marino of the Rio Hondo League, 70-54, Bishop Montgomery High won the CIF SS "AA" basketball championship Saturday night at the Long Beach Sports Arena.

A crowd of 9,315 was on hand for the championship game. Compton won the "AAA" crown with its 32nd victory. The victim was Huntington Beach, 64-52. The Oilers beat North High in the semi-finals, 72-71.

The championship by Montgomery follows the baseball team's CIF "AA" title in June.

The victory over the San Marino basketball team began to show up in the second quarter when Bishop turned a 14-14 first quarter score into a 36-23 halftime lead.

Montgomery kept pace with the Titans the remainder of the game to win convincingly.

Larry Wiggins scored 21 points and Steve Patterson had 20 for the champions.

Greg Collins, the hero of the playoffs, had 13 points.

Bob Jamison had 12 points, but he fouled out with two minutes to go in the third quarter. Steve Connors filled in the remainder of the game for Jamison.

Wiggins was 8-for-18 from the field and 5-for-7 from the free throw line. Patterson was 7-for-12 and 6-for-8.

The Knights ended their most successful season with a 29-4 record.

In three years Coach Dave Benedaret's varsity teams have compiled a record of 70 victories and 20 losses.

San Marino won the "AA" title in 1959.

Montgomery (70)	San Marino (54)
Jamison (12)	Murley (16)
Wiggins (21)	Proctor (10)
Patterson (20)	Stewart (12)
Collins (13)	G. Sommers (10)
Roach (2)	Bowman (2)
Montgomery.....14 25 17 20	
San Marino.....14 9 18 13-54	

Scoring subs: Montgomery—Connors (2); San Marino—Jordan (4).

CAMINO REAL BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player—Larry Wiggins (Bishop Montgomery) 6-2, Sr.

FIRST TEAM (10 Players)

F—Larry Wiggins (B.M.) 6-2, Sr.
F—Skip Laurie (S.B.) 6-4, Sr.
F—Bob Hallett (F.L.) 6-3, Sr.
F—Jeff Pedersen (T.L.) 5-10, Sr.
C—Steve Patterson (B.M.) 6-4, Sr.
C—Jim Sullivan (S.B.) 6-0, Sr.
G—Manuel Guerrero (F.L.) 6-0, Sr.
G—Greg Collins (B.M.) 6-1, Jr.
G—Noel Sherrod (Murphy) 6-5, Sr.
G—John Mukri (S.M.) 5-11, Sr.

ALL-PIONEER BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player—Paul Westphal (Aviation) Sr., 22 point average

FIRST TEAM

F—Robbie Gira (P.V.) Sr., 13.0
F—Dick Frauenberger (K.S.) Sr., 19.6
C—Bob Brett (E.S.) Sr., 18.8
C—Garrick Barr (Av.) Jr., 21.0
G—Doug Willard (Law.) Sr., 16.1
G—Dave Demarest (P.V.) Sr., 12.3

SECOND TEAM

F—Bill Kolozijczak (West) Fr., 13.7
F—Ron Moreland (Lenz.) Sr., 21.6
C—Brooks Rodden (P.V.) Sr., 8.1
G—Jeff Boyer (Av.) Sr., 7.8
G—Fred Coker (Av.) Fr., 8.9

SKY LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Player of the year—DUANE WILLIAMSON (Culver City), Senior.

FIRST TEAM

F—Alex Gamble (B.L.) 6-2 Sr.
F—Bill Ingram (Mora.) 6-0 Soph.
F—Clinton Terrell (Leuz.) 6-3 Sr.
C—Phil Dannaker (Mora.) 6-1 Sr.
G—Steve Jasper (Torrance), 6-1 Sr.
G—Eion Lolley (Leuz.) 6-0 Sr.

SECOND TEAM

F—Bruce Baker (Torrance), 6-2 Jr.
F—Jason Newman (B.H.) 6-0 Jr.
F—Barry Sullivan (R.H.) 5-11 Jr.
C—Glenn Larson (C.C.) 6-2 Sr.
C—Scott Garland (C.C.) 6-9 Sr.
G—Don Petrick (Leuz.) 6-1 Sr.

Selected for All-CIF recognition:
1. Phil Dannaker, 2. Alex Gamble, 3. Clinton Terrell, 4. Duane Williamson.

BAY LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player—Jim Nielson (North), 6-8 Sr. and Bill Taylor (North), 6-9 Sr.

FIRST TEAM

F—Jim Owens (South), 6-5 Sr.
F—Anthony Chaffins (R.), 6-1 Sr.
C—Dave Wright (S.M.), 6-2 Sr.
C—Dan Anderson (No.), 6-1 Jr.
G—Paul Crowell (Haw.), 6-5 Jr.

SECOND TEAM

F—Tom Chamales (S.M.), 6-3 Sr.
F—Dan Hansen (North), 6-3 Sr.
C—Mark Lawlor (M.C.), 6-2 Sr.
G—Rob Fowler (Red.), 6-10 Jr.
G—Alan Oddi (Red.), 6-0 Sr.

THIRD TEAM

F—Brent Barron (So.), 6-0 Jr.
F—Dennis Rector (So.), 6-4 Jr.
C—Tom Engel (Haw.), 6-4 Jr.
G—George Martin (Haw.), 6-0 Sr.
G—Bill Fisher (M.C.), 6-1 Sr.
G—John Buhn (M.C.), 5-5 Jr.