

# Loyola Graduate

"Can you imagine a seventh-round draft choice playing like a five-year veteran? It's the steal of the century."

A little strong and perhaps a little early, but those were the comments by fans watching rookie Rick Adelman's first full season in a San Diego Rocket uniform.

Coach Jack McMahon was just as enthusiastic, but more cautious, as he said, "The kid could be our answer."

It's no secret McMahon's reference alludes to San Diego's search for a play-maker who can put the club together.

"My size was against me," explains Adelman in speculating why he was passed over until the seventh round of the college draft, "but I was just happy to be taken."

Even then Adelman came close to missing his opportunity. The second day of rookie camp he was hurt and didn't play the rest of the time.

McMahon brought him back to training camp with the veterans because "you can't cut a boy without looking at him."

Rick was sharp in practices and gave indications of better things to come. But in the second pre-season game he was hurt again and missed the rest of the pre-season schedule.

With eight minutes of playing time, four days of practice and plenty of uncertainty, Adelman came into the Rocket line-up during the second game of the regular season. Here's how it went:

It was early in the second quarter and the Rockets were six points behind San Francisco. Adelman hit for 11 points in eight minutes, made numerous assists and outstanding defensive plays to propel the Rockets into a six-point lead at half time.

His coolness with the ball gave the San Diego offense proper control in the second half and the Rocket offense never let the opposition back into the game.

Adelman finished the night with 14 points, eight rebounds and eight assists as the Rockets beat the Warriors, 123-108, at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

Statistics on stolen balls, position defense and any of the numerous other things a smart player does are not found in a box score, but Adelman did them all.

What is the explanation of a player like this being passed over until the seventh round of the college draft?

For Rick it wasn't anything new. As a senior in high school he didn't make the all-league team. "I was the fourth highest scorer in our club (a championship team)," Rick said, "and the coaches who pick the all-star teams didn't want four boys from the same school to make all-league."

Rick didn't receive an offer for college until his team made a strong showing in the Southern California prep play-offs and then "I only had three or four inquiries," he says.

Adelman chose Loyola because his older brother Cleve ("who helped more than anybody because he was my first critic") was there.

As a sophomore, Rick was a starting guard with his brother, a 6-3, 200-pounder who was hurt and didn't see much action that year.

As a senior, Adelman's improvement was great enough to win most valuable player honors in the West Coast Athletic Conference, which has such famous NBA alums as Bill Russell, K. C. Jones, Tom Meschery, Joe Ellis, Bobby Warlick, and Ken Sears.

## Lakers' Little Old Elgin

On the L.A. Lakers' recent trip to Milwaukee, Coach Bill Van Breda Kolff, Rod Hundley, Elgin Baylor and Jerry West were riding in a cab to their hotel. Baylor has taken some ribbing this year about Elvin Hayes being named the "Big E."

Elgin was reading the Sport Magazine article which dealt with the NBA coaches' selection of the top players. Van Breda Kolff knew that Baylor was reading about himself and said, "Elgin, what are you reading?"

Baylor replied, "I'm reading about the 'Little E.'"

## Gun Control Business

It appears that Californians, in fact all Americans, have gun control whether they like it or not, despite the heavy vote against gun registration rejected by Congress.

Consider, for instance, the actions by the Internal Revenue Service, at the direction of the U.S. Treasury Department, which requires that all sales of guns, and ammunition, must be registered with the sales outlet to "prove" these sales are not made to out-of-state residents or minors.

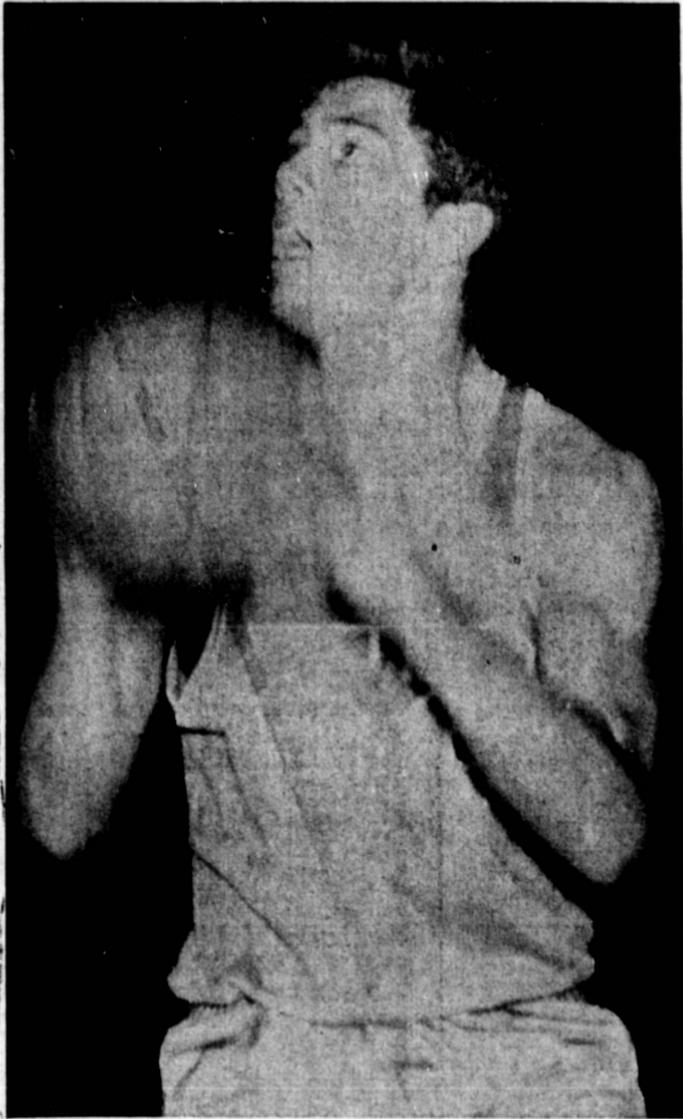
State Senator Fred W. Marler Jr., of Redding, an opponent of gun registration, has written to David Kennedy, new secretary of the U.S. Treasury to seek repeal of regulations adopted under the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968.

Under HR 17735, as interpreted by the Internal Revenue Service, residents who purchase a new gun, or ammunition, must give the dealer their names, addresses, age, the type of weapon, serial number and caliber of the weapon. For the ammunition, the same information must be submitted, with the exception of the serial number and type of weapon.

The buyer must supply "proof," in the form of a driver's license or other acceptable registrations, that he is a resident of the state, and the dealer will copy down his driver's license number.

Another part of the law, which apparently has not as yet been implemented, is a tax on the sale of weapons, including a high tax on collectors guns.

The Redding senator also plans to write to President Richard Nixon on the subject.



**UNSUNG HERO . . .** Playing a key role in North High School's championship basketball season is Harlen Peet, a 6-2 junior who holds down the center position. Peet is a steady rebounder and a clutch pointmaker.

## Cerritos, Pasadena To Tangle

The Metropolitan Conference basketball championship and the right to represent the conference in the California junior college tournament will be at stake Friday night when Cerritos plays Pasadena.

Each team has an 11-1 record in conference play. On the year, Cerritos is 25-2 and Pasadena is 21-5. Earlier in the season Cerritos defeated the Lancers, 52-50. Last year, Cerritos won the state crown by defeating Pasadena.

Before their confrontation on Friday, Cerritos and Pasadena had assignments against Pierce and El Camino last night.

Other Friday Metro dates are Santa Monica at Valley, El Camino at Bakersfield, and Pierce at Long Beach.

In last week's games, Cerritos eliminated Long Beach from title contention by beating the Vikings on Tuesday, 58-50. In other Tuesday matches Pasadena shaded Valley, 65-64; Santa Monica slugged El Camino, 88-70; and Bakersfield nipped Pierce, 73-72.

On Saturday Cerritos outscored Valley, 103-96; Pasadena beat Pierce, 65-60; Long Beach belted El Camino, 78-60; and Santa Monica topped Bakersfield, 82-60.

Valley's Al Shumate continued to pace the Metro scoring derby with 314 points in 12 games for a 26.1 average. He was the top scorer of the week with two 25-point efforts.

	W	L	PP	PA
Cerritos	11	1	871	728
Pasadena	11	1	818	702
Long Beach	9	3	863	784
Pierce	9	3	829	716
Santa Monica	5	7	891	908
Bakersfield	4	8	758	868
Valley	3	9	1040	983
El Camino	0	12	767	1027

## Prep Scores 66 For Notre Dame

In a week of record-breaking basketball performances, Notre Dame (Sherman Oaks) forward Bud Fagian (6-5) tallied 66 points in a Del Rey League game against Cathedral. The Knights won the game, 116-52. Fagian's 66-point effort is fourth-best in the history of the CIF, SS, surpassed only by Nick Tenneriello of Colbert (74 in 1968), Vince Mannino of Crespi (70 in 1965) and Tony Dean of Upland Academy (70 in 1963).

Fagian will join Bob Weister of Torrance (66 in 1960) in the CIF Record Book.

Compton's Tarbases, rolling toward a top-seeded berth in the

## CLAY HODGES FIGHTS JIM ELDER SATURDAY

Popular 1967 National Golden Gloves Champion Clay Hodges and "Big" Jim Elder will headline a lineup of bouts in the 1969 Golden Gloves quarterfinals at El Monte Legion Stadium Saturday night.

On the Golden Gloves card will be the younger brother of heavyweight contender Jerry Quarry, young Mike Quarry, who will battle Whittiers' Chester Bennett for the right to advance toward the 178-pound Golden Gloves title.

Promoter Sammy Sanders has 15 bouts lined up for the Golden Gloves quarterfinals, with all the Southland's finest amateur fighters on the card.

Hodges, a name which has become familiar in Golden Gloves competition, will be against an equally hard puncher in Elder when the two heavyweights square off.

Elder, a member of the United States Navy, is the 1968 All-Service champion and lost out in the finals of the national Golden Gloves competition last year.

He also holds a win over Hodges, which makes for an exciting rematch during the quarterfinal action at the El Monte Legion.

## Prep Cage Standings

BAY LEAGUE			
North	W	L	Pct. GB
South	12	0	1.000 -
West	9	3	.750 3
Redondo	6	6	.500 5
Mira Costa	6	6	.500 5
Hawthorne	5	7	.417 7
Santa Monica	2	10	.166 10
Inglewood	2	10	.166 10

CAMINO REAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct. GB
Fernin Lasuen	11	1	.917 -
Serra	10	2	.834 4
Daniel Murphy	6	6	.500 5
St. Bernard	6	6	.500 5
Bishop Montgomery	4	8	.333 7
St. Monica	3	9	.250 8
Crespi	1	11	.083 10

Friday's Results			
St. Bernard 75, Crespi 70			
Montgomery 60, St. Monica 56			
Lasuen 70, Murphy 61			
Serra 71, Mt. Carmel 54			

SKY LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct. GB
Morningside	7	1	.875 -
Palos Verdes	6	2	.750 1
Torrance	6	2	.750 1
Rolling Hills	3	5	.375 4
Culver City	2	6	.250 5
Leuzinger	1	7	.125 6

Friday's Results			
Palos Verdes 66, Torrance 54			
Morningside 73, Leuzinger 59			
Rolling Hills 62, Culver City 52			

CIF, SS, "AAAA" division basketball play-offs and a defense of their 1968 crown, added another accomplishment to their long list of records when they defeated Dominguez, 64-55, in a Coast League game Tuesday afternoon at Compton.

The victory was Compton's 22nd this season, and coupled with their 32 wins in 1968, broke the consecutive win streak record of 53 games which had stood for 16 years.

# South Has Spot In CIF Playoffs

Despite a 92-75 loss to champion North High yesterday afternoon, the South Spartans will enter the 32-team CIF "AAAA" basketball playoffs next week. South clinched second place in the Bay League last Friday, but failed to hand North its first league loss.

In defeat, Spartan Dennis Recker scored 26 points. He had 12 field goals. Dan Anderson tallied 22 points for the victors.

North has a 13-0 record and will complete the Bay season tomorrow night at Santa Monica. South plays at Mira Costa on the final night of play.

The Saxons led the entire game against South. After running up a 13-point lead in the second quarter, North almost lost command when the score went to 52-50 in the third quarter. The Saxons pulled away again with a 7-point spurge.

The North Saxons ran their string of Bay League victories to 12 games Friday with a 91-51 rout of Inglewood. A 49-29 half-time lead prompted Coach Russ

Bierley to use his subs early in the contest.

South assured itself of the No. 2 Bay League berth in the CIF playoffs by silencing Santa Monica, 93-79. The outcome kept the Spartans three games out of range of North, but three games in front of third place Redondo, Mira Costa and West High. Brent Barron had 24 points and Jack Peterson 20 points for South.

## Thursday Schedule

**BAY LEAGUE**  
South at Mira Costa.  
West at Redondo.  
North at Santa Monica.  
Inglewood at Hawthorne.

**CAMINO REAL LEAGUE**  
Crespi at Montgomery.  
Murphy at Serra.  
Lasuen at St. Bernard's.  
St. Monica at Mt. Carmel.

**SKY LEAGUE**  
Rolling Hills at Torrance.  
Morningside at Culver City.  
Leuzinger at Palos Verdes.

Santa Monica and Inglewood have won two of 12 games.

West (6-6) evened its season record by beating Mira Costa, 64-56. The Mustangs never got within four points of West after the second quarter got under way.

Although he scored only six points, Bill Kolodziejczak had 25 rebounds. Tom Sanowich chipped in 20 points for the victors.

Redondo's record went to 6-6 for the season as Hawthorne ended a 6-game losing streak, 73-60.

Torrance is out of the running of the Sky League championship and its bid for a playoff berth is in jeopardy following a 66-54 loss to Palos Verdes. Morningside (7-1) and Palos Verdes (6-2) are ahead of Torrance (5-3) in the standings.

The two playoff spots in the Camino Real League have been resolved, but Fernin Lasuen (11-1) and Serra (10-2) are still waging a battle for the title.

Bishop Montgomery ran its record to 4-8 with a 60-56 win over St. Monica's. Greg Collins tallied 19 points.

## Lions Lose To Waves At Forum

Pepperdine will play University of Pacific at the El Camino College Gym Friday night, and then play St. Mary's at home Saturday. Tip-off each night is set for 8 p.m.

Pepperdine notched a 69-64 conference victory over Loyola University last Saturday at the Forum.

The win moved Pepperdine (3-5) into fourth place in the WCAC standings and one game over the 500 mark on the season, 10-wins, 9-losses. It was also Pep's sixth win in eight starts.

The win over the Lions snapped a five-year losing streak for the Waves, who hadn't defeated their cross town foes since the 1964-65 season when the margin of victory was 78-71. Earlier this year, Loyola dumped the Waves, 71-58 at the L.A. Sports Arena.

In the first half, Pepperdine led by as many as 13 points (26-13) in shooting 59 per cent from the floor (17 of 29). And at one point, the Lions failed to score a field goal for seven minutes contributing to the downfall, while the Waves were tallying 15 points.

Pepperdine College became the first college basketball team to win at the Forum.

In order to accommodate a television crew covering the game on a regional hook-up for the WCAC "Game of the Week," Pepperdine officials made arrangements for the working press section (including TV) to be at court level.

As in the past for Los Angeles Laker games and other special events, the working press section has been located on the first terrace level of the arena. From that position, reporters and broadcasters referred to it as "a bird's eye view, a very unorthodox place to be for such an intimate game as basketball."

As a result, local press has run thousands of inches of copy on the Forum press section.

But when Pepperdine College played last Saturday afternoon, owner Jack Kent Cooke must have been out of town.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1969



**DECK HAND . . .** Gary La Croix of Torrance holds up a big cod he caught off the Pursuit, one of the Redondo Sportfishing Fleet. La Croix, a deck hand on the Pursuit for two years, lives with his wife at 2110 Wood Avenue.

## Baseball Dwells On Negotiations

Major league baseball owners rejected a players' request for arbitration in their pension dispute Monday but added \$200,000 to their offer of a \$1 million increase in the pension plan.

The over-all increase of \$1.2 million would bring the pension monies to \$5.3 million. According to John Gaherin, the owners' negotiator, the players want the pension total raised to \$6.5 million.

Earlier in the day, the Major League Baseball Players Association disclosed it proposed submitting the dispute to arbitration, but Gaherin told a news conference, "We don't see any necessity of the intervention of a third party."

Marvin Miller, executive director of the players association, said he wasn't surprised the owners rejected arbitration. "But I was hoping they would accept it since it would provide the opportunity for the most rapid means of attaining a settlement," he said.

Miller called the proposed \$200,000 increase "minimal" progress and said he would rec-

ommend it be rejected by the player representatives of the two leagues and 24 clubs.

"Our negotiating committee is quite sure the executive board will turn it down," he said. "That would take only a matter of days. But if we present it to the vote of the entire membership, it probably will take some 2 1/2 weeks."

## Lomita Club Wins Three Track Medals

The Lomita Track Club won three medals at the Southern California Championships. Craig Cole of Lomita took third place in the fourth grade 3/4-mile run. Running with a pulled muscle in his right leg, Craig covered the three laps in 4:20.0.

Janice Morrell of Gardena, running for Lomita, took fourth in the 4th grade 880 with a time of 3:05.5. Cathie Buhlart of Lomita took second in the girls 6th grade 1320, with a time of 4:18.5.

Two weeks earlier at Culver City, the Lomita team swept the Bay area championships. In addition to Craig, Jan and Cathy, Dennis Dela Cruz, Pam Robison, Dennis Cruz, Ken Cruz and Jody Robison all won races. Lomita scored 89 points to second place Culver City's 16.

Anyone wishing to join the club may contact Coach Paul LeSage at 326-0140. The Lomita Recreation Center is located at 24428 Eshelman Ave. The club is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 15.



**FLEET'S IN!** — It's H. Warner Buck's armada — the Western National Boat & Marine Show, March 8-16, at Anaheim Convention Center. Queen Cynthia Paden declares: "If it floats — we've got it." One of the Southland's major marine expositions.