

# CENTENNIAL DUMPS TARTARS, 56-50; SANTA MONICA NEXT BAY LEAGUE FOE

TORRANCE HERALD

## Sports

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### Three Squads Tied For City Cage Lead

Three teams sport identical four-win, one-loss records to tie up the top spot, as play in the Torrance Recreation Department's Men's League reached the half-way point Tuesday evening in the Torrance High Boys' gym.

Roy's Service Station five rang up an easy, 76-20, win over Longren Aeros in the first game, to remain in the select circle.

Bob Moon, Norm Chambers and Jack Turner paced the winner's scoring attack, collecting 22, 15, and 15 points apiece, respectively.

George Wiley picked up nine points to take over high point honors for the losers as center Gerald Balster, the league's leading scorer, was held to a mere six points.

Kenny's Shoe Repair coasted to any easy, 70-34, victory over Knolls Drugstore in the second contest.

Diminutive Avery Bryant sparked the winners with 18 fast breaking points. Dave Ruffell and Bill Baron also hit in double figures for the winners, each potting 14. Dellan dropped in 14 of the Drugstore's total points.

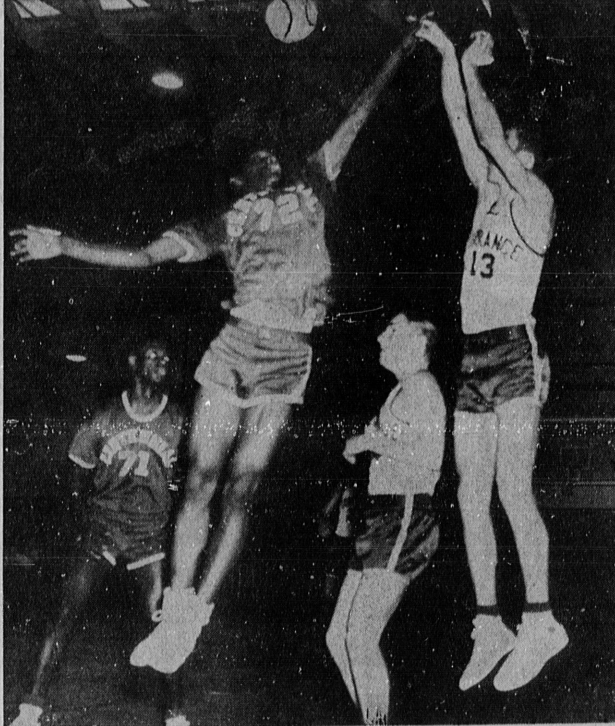
Lutheran Men's Club, without the services of high scoring Bill Fraser, erased a third quarter deficit of four points to barely edge Burchfield's Rug Works, 34-33 in the last game of the evening's program.

Center George Witt sparked for the winners, hitting for 16 counters on seven field goals and two important final period free throws.

Forward Sheldon Madison collected nine, and guard Joe Williams, seven of the total points racked up by the rug layers.

Langren (20) Roy's (78)

Bingham (0)	...	Moon (22)
Balster (0)	...	Chambers (15)
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Castas (0)	...	Bryant (15)
Murray (0)	...	Turner (15)
RESERVE: Longren, Aeros, Lee, Huffaltes, Burch, Roy's, Servis, Smith (7), Nady (4)		



(Herald Photo) TOO LATE NOW... Centennial Forward Bob Williams, 72, leaps high in air to try to block by Tartar Rich Ruffell, 13. Ruffell's jump shot tallied two for Torrance, however. Standing by are Weatherford, 71, of Apaches, and Mick Babbitt, Tartar guard. Apaches took sixth straight league game, 56-50

### Apaches' Accuracy On Free Throws Pays Off

Centennial's amazing Apaches missed their first free throw attempt of the afternoon, then connected for 24 straight charity tosses in downing Torrance, 56-50, in a Bay League game on the Tartars court Tuesday.

The loss dropped the locals deeper into the loop dungeon, where they continued to be tied with Inglewood and Leuzinger. The Apaches grabbed a firmer hold on first place in registering the win.

Tomorrow night the Tartars tangle with Santa Monica in a Bay League game at the bay city. The Samohi five surprised everyone by smashing Mira Costa Tuesday, 78-52. Game time is 7 o'clock.

Centennial jumped off to an early lead and, with Chet Clark leading the way, the winners coasted. Clark, who is up with the best of the league scorers, pumped in 22 points.

Ruffell Gets 17

Tartar Rich Ruffell had 17 to top the Torrance scoring. He was followed by Kent Jackson, senior forward with 14, who slipped past the Apache defenders time and again to tally on driving lay-ups.

The Apaches worked the boards like a crew of jumping jacks. All five of the Apache team members would converge on rebounds and all showed uncut jumping ability.

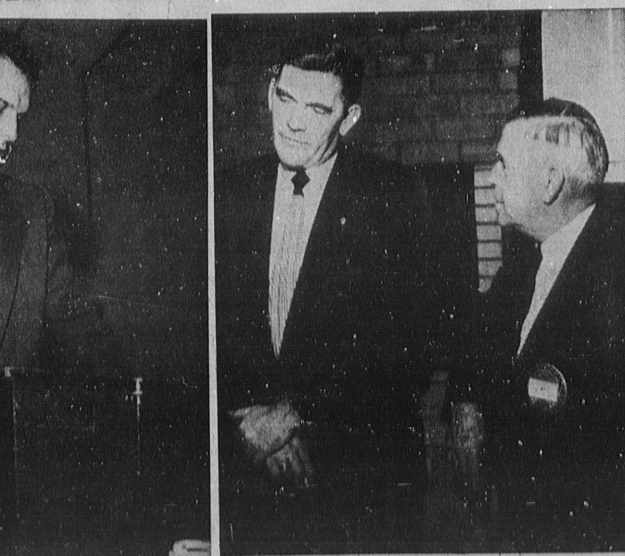
But it was the winners' accuracy from the foul line that really told the story. It was a tremendous performance for any cage team, and even more impressive for a high school team.

Jayvees Lose, Too

Centennial also took the Jayvee game, but it was closer. The Apache JV's took the Tartars, 45-42. Jack Taylor led THS, with 12 points.

TORRANCE (56)	FG	FT	TP
Williams, B.	8	17	10
Ruffell, R.	10	17	10
Clark, C.	10	17	10
Weatherford, W.	10	17	10
Thompson, T.	10	17	10
Love, L.	10	17	10
TOTALS	56	100	56

### BASEBALL PUSHES INTO SPOTLIGHT



(Herald Photo) LET'S TALK BASEBALL... Baseball big-wigs had a time of it here Monday night. Bob Scheffing, left picture, speaks to members of local Kiwanis Club at meeting in Legion Hall. Scheffing, who begins his first full year at the helm of the Los Angeles Angels in 1956, told of the prospects for the LA crew in the coming Pacific Coast League race. Bob said he fears Seattle, San Francisco and Portland most in PCL this year. At right, John Lindell ponders question shot at him by Al Turner during Optimists meeting at a local restaurant. Lindell, former major and Coast League great, spoke chiefly of Little League baseball. He now is sports director of 7-Up Youth Foundation, which is backer of Little League movement.



(Herald Photo) AT DINNER... Ernie Maloy, left, new prexy of Torrance Rod and Gun Club, talks over fish and game situation with Jack Pluth, representative of Button Awards group, at annual Rod and Gun installation dinner here last Saturday. Maloy was installed president of the local group at the affair, succeeding Ray Hawkes.

### ROD & GUN Chatter

After weeks of preparation, in a matter of a couple of hours it's all over. We're speaking of the Torrance Rod and Gun's annual award and installation banquet held last Saturday night. Al Coast, who presented earned trophies and gimmicks to members for their outstanding fetes, really out-did himself. In fact, he was good. Continues to amaze me with his talents.

One of the most important trophies went to junior member Johnny Anderson, who was awarded the perpetual achievement and good sportsman award set up by Al last year. Guess it was a toss-up among all the young fry of the club, but Johnny was the chosen one, winding up with something to really be proud of.

Lois of gorgeous trophies given to deserving souls, besides all the funny business, like giving me a cork. Said it was for the hole in my head. Humph! Al kept the marbles for himself. Always knew he had lost his marbles, can't see much difference now that he has them back. Besides awarding Helen Smith her much deserved trophy for her 4 pound barred perch taken last year, all the 100 and more present were given a Lomita News (pardon me) with big headlines and the complete story on all that can get back to competing for next year awards.

Have a couple of members going up to the Button Award Assn. banquet in February. That's where you are really in the big time. Over-all trophies for the tops out of all the rod and gun clubs in Southern California.

Banquet was no sooner over and the team representing them consisting of Fred Bickar, Barry Barnette, Lloyd Fullerton and Paul Smith took off for the first annual crowd shoot sponsored by the Compton Rod and Gun. (would have sent more, but they weren't needed).

As foretold by all the commotion late Sunday night and all day Monday, probably lasted all week, they won. Yep, now we not only have top fishermen, who win all sorts of derbies, but hunters added to the fame of our fair ol' city. This was awarded to the fishing and hunting talent. Each was awarded an individual trophy besides a large one to go to the clubhouse, when the club acquires one, besides a whole batch of prizes.

Prizes and trophies are nice, but just the fact that they won is enough. Most of the credit may be attributed to Freddy. He's the only one in the club who has done much in the way

### Harbor JC, El Camino Leading Metro Cage Play

Metropolitan JC Conference basketballers took a day off from the regular schedule Tuesday in preparation for the first games in the second round tomorrow night.

Coach Norm Kettering's Harbor JC quintet retained first spot in the Conference standings after seven games with a 6-1 record and now tops second place El Camino by a single game.

The two hottest teams in the Conference, as the second round gets under way, are Coach Don Blemker's Santa Monica City College Corsairs and Coach George Stanich's El Camino College Warriors. Santa Monica has won its last four games, including a 94-93 win over Harbor and a 101-88 victory over second place El Camino.

El Camino, on the other hand, has lost only to Harbor and Santa Monica. Stanich's high scoring outfit leads the Conference in offense with 604 points. The two teams' performance is a tribute to their new coaches — both Blemker and Stanich are serving their first year in the Metro circuit.

Big games of the week will bring together Valley and Harbor in the latter's gym, and Bakersfield at Santa Monica tomorrow. Harbor took Valley 74-64 in their first game of the season while Bakersfield eked out a close 76-74 victory over Santa Monica in their initial of the year.

Other games to be played in this week's abbreviated schedule are El Camino at East Los Angeles JC tomorrow night and Long Beach at San Diego on the same night.

All games start at 8 p.m.

FIRST ROUND STANDINGS

	W	L
Los Angeles Harbor JC	7	6
El Camino College	7	5
Los Angeles Valley JC	7	4
Bakersfield College	7	4
Long Beach City College	7	4
Sta. Monica City College	7	4
San Diego Jr. College	7	1
East Los Angeles JC	7	0

### Saxons Meet Hawthorne in Pioneer Contest

North High's cage team tangled with Morningside last night in the THS Gym, but results were too late to be included in this issue of the HERALD.

The Saxons host Hawthorne tomorrow night to begin their second round of Pioneer League play. Hawthorne took the locals into camp in the first league game of the season, edging Bill Wood's cage team, 37-28.

The Saxon will be and see squads will travel to Hawthorne for games tomorrow.

### Won the honors with a hefty 4-pounder. This year's derby extends until April 30, but already this Pete fellow is hard to beat. Checked in another 4-pounder Sunday morning, might hold up, might not. But if anyone beats it, it will probably be himself. He's so consistent, it's maddening! Last week it was 3 pounds 3 ounces; 3 pounds, 7 ounces; 3 pounds, 9 ounces; 3 pounds, 12 ounces. No one is sure of just where his hot spot is, just that it's in the vicinity of 2nd St. in Hermosa or off the rocks of Redondo. All seem to agree he uses mostly Pismo clams for bait. Don't believe he is affiliated with any club, but he sure is setting the perch mark high. Hope he doesn't take all the big ones before I find out where he fishes so he can swipe some of his bait and cast over his shoulder.

For everyone else, besides "Pete the Perch Pro," angling slowed down somewhat due to the storm. Light rains are all right, but anything more and they go out to deep water until things simmer down. Even so, beaches were lined over the week end, most competing in the derby backed by the Gardena Sportsmen's Club. Never did hear who won or where the winning fish was taken.

Johnson Commissioned

William R. Johnson, 23211 Huber St., Torrance, recently completed four years of study at UCLA under the Air Science Program.

He received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve on Jan. 27.

### Smith Tallies 18 for 49ers in Boys Play

Gary Smith had himself a big night Tuesday hitting for 18 points to lead the 49ers to an easy 60-27 win over the Chasers in a Boys' League cage contest at THS.

Smith's teammate, Jerry Thrall, had 17 for the winners.

Bill LaDuke tallied 14 counters to top the Chasers' scoring attack for the night.

In other games the Pterodactyls downed the Hurricanes, 29-23. Terrors smothered the Dunkers, 68-14, and Studs squeaked by the Gremelins, 30-8.

Jim Bald led the Pterodactyl win, nabbing nine points. Bob Turner and Gene Dalmier each had eight to lend support to Bald's output.

Four cagers — Tom Cain, Al Harrison, Duane Coover and Ed Crain — all had four points apiece for the losers.

Jack Johnston tallied 17 points to lead the Terrors to their win. He was aided by Sherwood Tierman's 14 point effort. The Dunkers got their 14 points from the efforts of four players, Charley Valencia, Rich Nanney and Harold Mathews, all of whom got four points, and Bill Montgomery, who had two points.

Jesse Hanon rammed in 18 points to pace the Studs to their victory.

### Year-Round Trout Fishing Season May Be Voted by Fish, Game Commission

The California Fish and Game Commission has announced it has accepted the proposal for a year-around trout season in eight Southern California counties as it issued its preliminary list of fishing seasons, bag limits and regulations for 1956.

Commission President Harley Knox invited public discussion of this and other tentative determinations at the Commission's Feb. 24 meeting in Los Angeles, at which all fishing seasons, bag limits and regulations will be finally adopted.

Another proposed major change tentatively accepted by the Commission was the reduction of the striped bass bag from four to three fish, with a minimum size of 16 inches instead of 12 inches.

Limit of 10

A recommended trout bag limit of 10 fish was accepted by the Commission to apply state-wide except in the six northern coastal counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, Sonoma, and the western half of Siskiyou west of Highways 99 and 97, where the bag would remain 15.

San Diego County would be given a March 31 trout season opening and Imperial, Riverside San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties would have an April 28 opening, if the Commission makes no changes on Feb. 24.

For these Southern California counties, the Commission also tentatively accepted a winter trout bag limit of five fish or 10 pounds and one fish between Nov. 1, 1956 and May 3, 1957.

For the north central Sierra counties of Alpine, Calaveras, Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Yuba, Butte, and Plumas, the Commission would

open the trout season on May 10 and close on Oct. 31. All other counties were set for a season between April 28 and Oct. 31.

Deep Sea Regulations

With the exception of local closures, other fishing regulations for 1956 would be substantially the same as 1955.

The Commission rejected the recommendation that the Kern River between Isabella Reservoir and Borel Powerhouse have no closed season on trout or salmon.

A proposed size limit of 28 inches was accepted on barracuda, white sea bass and yellowtail and four pounds for California halibut. Anglers would be permitted to possess five undersize fish of these species.

The minimum size limit for sturgeon would be increased from 40 to 50 inches, the Commission determined.

Pine Flat Reservoir, Fresno County, would be closed to trout fishing except during the regular trout season, and open to warm water species the year around.

It was proposed that the bag limit on mullet be reduced from six to four fish, and that bow and arrow and spear fishing for mullet be prohibited in the tributaries of Sealton Sea. Spear fishing for carp in the same tributaries would also be prohibited.

The determinations would remove the bag limit on sunfish in Moreno Reservoir, San Diego County, and remove the bag limit on crappie in Barrett Reservoir in the same county.

Also tentatively approved was the use of breathing tubes (snorkels) for taking of mollusks and crustaceans.