

# Tartars Score in Cage Tournament

## Lose To Poly In Semi-Finals

The percentages caught up with Torrance High's varsity basketballers in the Long Beach tournament Friday night as the locals lost their semi-final match to Long Beach Poly, 45-42. The Tartar hoopmen were able to hit for only 11 field goals in 51 attempts for a 21 per cent team average as they clinched at least a fourth place finish.

In their first two tournament games, Torrance beat Long Beach Wilson 69-60 and Compton 56-50, averaging 52 and 45 per cent respectively to gain a place in the semi-finals and cinch fourth place in tournament standings. On Saturday night the Tartars met Alhambra to determine which club would annex third place honors.

Jerry Mathews led the locals in the losing effort against Wilson, bucketing 23 points, as the winners concentrated their defensive interest on Torrance's Rich Ruffell. Ruffell had the second best total for the Tartars with 10 tallies.

In the tourney opener on Wednesday Torrance romped over Long Beach Wilson, running up a 37-20 halftime advantage.

Wilson's skyscraping center, 6'8" Hallmore, gave the Tartars trouble with 25 points, but Ruffell nabbed high game honors for the locals with 35 digits swishing through the hoop. Mathews was second high for Torrance with 11, while Gene Crenshaw hit for 10 points.



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In the quarter-final win over Compton the Tartars were forced to come from behind a 11-19 deficit in the first quarter to take a 25-17 halftime, advantage. Compton closed the gap to 41-37 in the third period but the locals moved on and in front in the final quarter to take what Coach Fanny Markham termed a "steady scoring team win."

Crenshaw hit for 13, Ruffell 12, Mike Bertolet 10, while Toby Venable and Mathews came through with 8 points apiece.

### Important Ruth Meet Tomorrow

Ray Griff, Torrance Babe Ruth League president, announced that an all-league meeting will be held tomorrow night at the local CIO Hall. Purpose of the meeting will be the election of league officers for the 1957 season.

Griff urges that all interested parents of local Babe Ruthers be on hand for this important meeting.

## Saxons At Artesia

After receiving for a pair of losses in their last two games, North High's varsity basketballers head out of town tomorrow afternoon for a match with Artesia.

The Saxon five dropped one to Paramount on Wednesday by a 43-37 score, and lost a close re-match with Leuzinger Friday afternoon, 46-42.

North High's chances against Artesia are expected to be bolstered with the return of Bill Gipson and Ron Petrilli to the local lineup, both hoopmen out of action for the Leuzinger loss.

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## Tartar Cross Countrymen In Final CIF Meet

With a second place finish in their heat of the Inglewood CIF Regionals Friday, and a tie for third in over-all standings, the Torrance Tartars qualified to compete in the CIF finals at Mount San Antonio College next Friday.

Mira Costa took first place in the first heat, with Cathedral High second, while Morningside grabbed top spot in the locals' division. Morningside edged Torrance for top honors by a score of 39-43.

Morningside Jack McGowan was the first runner to cross the finish line in 9:00.3, fastest time of the day, and a new course record. Len Ehlers led the Tartar team to the wire, finishing third in 9:22.

Tom Hammock was seventh, Joe Gilstrap ninth, Jack Tippin 11th and Bill LaDuke 13th.

The closest race of the day was the one coming on paper after the running was over, with meet officials comparing the times of the best five runners on the two second place teams, Torrance and Cathedral, to determine which would qualify for the big chase next week.

Times were so close that the officials finally termed the third place finish a draw, qualifying both outfits for the finals.



TARTAR LEADER... Crack Torrance High harrrier, Len Ehlers, led his Tartar cross country mates across the finish line in the CIF Regional qualifying meet at Inglewood Friday afternoon.

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### Random Ramblings

By ROGER BOEDECKER

Who said Stanford and Michigan would be playing in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day? Oh well, maybe next year.

Gridiron history will be in the making at Pasadena for this year's classic, when Iowa and Oregon State meet, it will be the first time in the Rose played.

It should be a real humdinger, the results of the two teams' early engagement was not what you could call decisive, 14-13 in favor of the Hawkeys.

Pity poor Stanford. Or at least the editors of the "Stanford Review." In the October issue of the "Review," an article was published stating that this, possibly the best Stanford team ever coached by Chuck Taylor, would wind up with nothing worse than season record of eight wins and two losses, and at least a conference mark of six wins and one loss.

First the powerful Tribe ran into Michigan State and Ohio State in a pair of intersectionals, losing to the Spartans by a 21-7 count and to Ohio 32-20.

The real disillusionment came when the Palo Alto Furians started to lose in league play. Weak, and unrighteous UCLA triumphed, 14-13, while the Rose Bowl bid was lost to Oregon State, 20-19. The holy, meek and

mid-Stanford took it big the following week and when another, unclear club, namely Washington, pounded the hapless Big Red machine by a 34-13 score. Then, in the final match of the season California, not overly wicked but certainly winding up a terrible season, came out on the right end of a 20-18 count.

Could it be that these results are indicative of the fact that cheaters, sometimes prosper? Or would the Leahy "no fighting spirit" comments be better leveled at the docile Stanford grid crew?

All things considered though, that Stanford mark against the Big 10 was about par for the Pacific Coast this year. Coast Conference teams clashed with the Big Ten eight times this season, with USC beating Wisconsin and Washington trouncing Illinois for the only decisions going to the west.

This season's meetings with the Big 10 just about match up with the West's recent Rose Bowl record. Since the closed bid arrangement the local clubs have carded one win against nine losses, starting with Illinois' massacre of UCLA, 45-14, in 1947.

## Torrance High Wrestling Meet

A total of 11 Bay and Pioneer League wrestling teams will meet in the annual Bay Loop Novice Wrestling Tournament at Torrance High, Friday afternoon, Dec. 7.

Bill Hoag, wrestling coach at the host school, estimates that from 300-400 young matmen will compete in the 12 weight classifications. Awards will be presented to the first and second place winners in divisions ranging from 95-215 pounds with a trophy going to the outstanding novice of the meet.

North High's Saxon team will be one of the six Pioneer League schools in the tourney, while all of the Bay League school, except Centennial and Santa Monica, will be represented.

Hoag states that four wrestling areas will be set up in the Torrance High gym for the competition which is expected to run from early afternoon through the evening. All local wrestling enthusiasts are invited to turn out and take a look at the young grapplers.

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FIFTH PLACE FINISH... Nativity School's South Bay championship girls' volleyball team would up in fifth place in the Los Angeles area championship tournament Friday night. The Torrance girls were eliminated from tourney play by St. Agnes School of Los Angeles. Members of the South Bay title-holding team are (sitting, left to right) Anne Eagar, co-captain Nina Lally, captain Sara Jane Sargent, and Barbara Nicksich; (standing, left to right) Sharon Trahan, Karen Penn, Charlotte Schmidt and Martha Cooper.