

# RICH RUFFELL NAMED TO CIF FIRST TEAM

## Tallies 507 Points To Lead Division

Torrance basketball ace Rich Ruffell, who led the Tartars to the most impressive season in the history of the school, capped his stellar high school career this week with appointment to the All-CIF first team, it was announced by Helms Hall.

Ruffell, who topped the Bay League in scoring this season with 246 points and a 20.5 per game average, was one of only two repeaters from last year's CIF honorary squad. Both Ruffell and Tony Salas of Notre Dame were second team choices in 1956.

The selections, named by the All-Southern California Board of Basketball, in conjunction with Helms Hall, released two teams with 10 players on each. Whittier's George VanVliet, who topped the CIF in league scoring with 292 points for a 14 game period, and giant 6'8" Mt. Carmel center Alvin Claviborne were selected co-players of the year.

Among the first team selections was Dave Haynes, a 5'8" El Monte sparkplug who led his team to the CIF Central Group championship earlier in the month. Claviborne represented the runner-up Crusaders on the balloting.

Ruffell on top in final season CIF point rankings. Ruffell emerged in front of VanVliet by a small margin to cop top honors. The Tartar center accounted for 507 points over a 27 game schedule for a 18.7 average.

VanVliet, who came out late due to football chores, only participated in 19 outings and recorded an 18.2 mark with 347 digits. Ranking number three was Salas, who tallied 455 points in 28 games, good enough for a 16.2 clip.

The only other Bay Leaguer to make All-CIF acclaim was Santa Monica guard Tom Bennett, who was ranked on the first team. Bennett also made first team All-Bay League honors.

The board selected 10 seniors on the first team this year. All-CIF basketball players will receive awards at the Twentieth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball program March 30 at a 10:30 a.m. ceremony in Helms Hall. Coaches of honored players, as well as All-City stars, will also attend.

All players honored will receive Helms scroll awards and miniature basketballs, presented by the Voit Rubber Co. Championship coaches, Don Carlson, Manual Arts; Eugene Victor, El Monte; Frank Burke, Banning; and Bob McCutcheon, Santa Maria will also receive awards.

### 1957 All-CIF Squads

FIRST TEAM		Pos.	Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Games	Pts.
F	George VanVliet	Whittier	6-2	190	Sr.	19	347		
F	Alan Simila	Glendale	6-5	184	Sr.	27	355		
F	Ed Pope	Newport	6-1	172	Sr.	29	407		
F	<b>RICH RUFFELL</b>	<b>TORRANCE</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>507</b>		
C	Alvin Claviborne	Mt. Carmel	6-8	190	Sr.	26	416		
C	Tony Salas	Notre Dame	6-6	180	Sr.	28	455		
G	Dave Haynes	El Monte	5-8	145	Sr.	27	291		
G	Tom Bennett	Santa Monica	5-8	150	Sr.	28	420		
G	Dick DeMans	Excelsior	6-3	170	Sr.	26	327		
G	Don Roarty	Covina	6-0	172	Sr.	26	329		

Forwards—Dick Johnson (Oxnard), Stan Andersen (Millikan), Dave Mielke (San Bernardino), Wayne Adams (SD Hoover).  
Centers—Bill Engesser (El Monte), Marty Vedova (San Joaquin).  
Guards—Bob Jordan (Sweetwater), Kent Pembroke (Fullerton), Bill Gregory (Notre Dame), Bill Parson (Mt. Carmel).

### El Camino '9' Meets Harbor In Met Clash

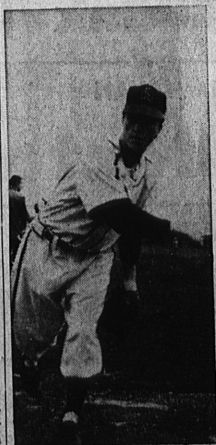
El Camino College's baseball team will play Los Angeles Harbor on the Seahawks' field in the third baseball game of the Metro-season tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Camino is enduring one of the poorer seasons in its history and is striving to break into the win column. With little offensive power and a shaky defense, the Warriors base their hopes on a strong pitching staff that has thrown relatively good ball thus far this season.

In the first conference game of the year, the Warriors hit the ball well but pitching finally gave way, and they lost a tough one, 14-8, to East L.A. Against Long Beach, they led until a L.B. seventh inning upsurge which led to a 6-1 defeat.

Going on the hill for the Warriors tomorrow will be Jim "Pinkie" Lynn, son of Pacific Coast League great, Red Lynn. Lynn is a young hard-throwing right hander with a lot of savvy acquired from his father.

So far this season Lynn has been the Camino big gun, hitting with the best of them as well as standing out on the mound. Camino's record for the year is no wins, nine losses and one tie. However, only a couple of hits in the last couple of games could have been the difference between victory and defeat.



SEEKS FIRST... Warrior hurler Bob Asprey seeks first EC win against Harbor tomorrow.

### Pac-Am Babe Ruth Team Sets New Tryout Date

The Pacific American Babe Ruth Little League tryouts originally scheduled last Saturday will be held this Saturday at the league field, 247th and Crenshaw Blvd., starting at 9:30 a.m.

Despite a large turnout last week, rain and a muddy field prevented the tryouts. President Pierce Venable requested the help of more parents in helping to complete work on the new field.

### Former El Camino Athlete Joins Chicago Cubs Mar. 31

An opportunity to play major league baseball, the dream of most young men, may soon become reality to former El Camino College student Jack Evans who will report to Mesa, Ariz., to begin spring training with the Chicago Cubs on March 31.

Evans, former third-sacker for the Warrior baseball team, attends El Camino each fall and has completed 31 units as a physical education major. In 1955 he graduated from Morningside High School, where he gained a first string berth on the All-Pioneer League baseball team three times and received honorable mention for his accomplishments with the basketball squad.

Originally from Paducah, Ky., Evans has been in California from the age of five and now resides in Inglewood with his parents.

In 1955 Evans was named the most valuable player in the Southern California Junior College Tournament at Azusa. As a member of Morningside's basketball team, he participated in the CIF playoffs, where the Monarchs won the championship.

At the age of 18, Evans was chosen as a member of the All-American Baseball team consisting of 15 top amateur players who were selected to go on a good will tour to South Africa. The tour, sponsored by the United States Amateur Baseball Assn., left New York in November, 1955, returning the following February.

Coached by Terry Barton of Rosemead High School, the American team took 38 consecutive victories, while playing the various South African all-star teams. The squad also won the John Moore Trophy, valued at \$35,000, in a seven-game series. Moore, a prominent English amateur backer, presented the squad a trophy now displayed in Helms Athletic Hall.

### March 23 Tryout Slated by Coast Little Leaguers

Tryouts for the Pacific Coast Little League will start Saturday, March 23, it was announced at the Little League meeting at Newton School this week. Over 300 boys and parents were present at the overflow meeting at which the managers and coaches for the coming season were introduced.

President Truman Adkins presided and opened the meeting with a talk on the advantages of Little League in the development of moral character and good sportsmanship. Volunteers were asked for, to get Kissel Field in shape for opening day, April 28. Fathers will be called upon to work on the field, grandstands and snack bar.

Major league managers and coaches introduced were Henry Veltmann and George Halland, Seals; George McBurney and Jim Cooley, Stars; Carl Vedborg, Padres; Jack Rice, Solons; Ed Kline, Beavers; and Bruce Richardson, Angels.

Minor league officials are Grant-Von Zandt, Stars; Don Dutwiler, Beavers; Claude Englehart, Padres; William Miller, Angels, and George Creighton, Solons.

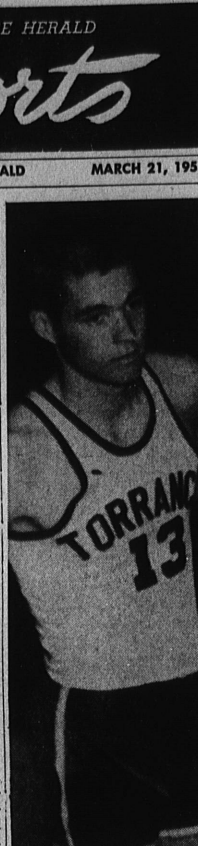
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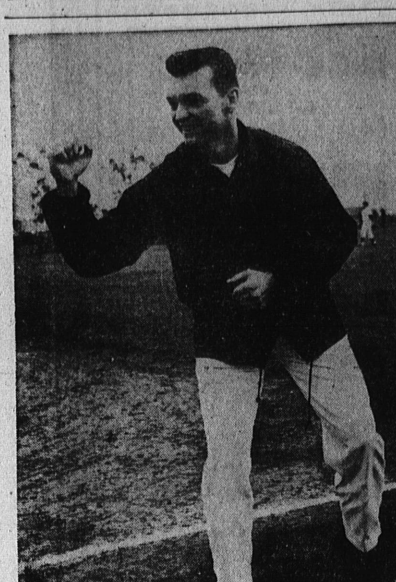
Culver City made North High's 1957 Pioneer League baseball debut a nightmare Tuesday as the Centaurs pounded three helpless Saxon hurlers for a convincing 13-0 victory on the loser's field.

Coach Del Nuzem's North squad was never in the contest as the run-happy Culver squad scored twice in their initial time at bat. A big six run fifth inning completely broke the Saxons' back.

The Saxons hope to get into the win column this afternoon when they travel to Beverly Hills to encounter a powerful Norman squad.



ALL CIF... Torrance forward Rich Ruffell achieved first team ranking and tallied 507 points.



"YER OUT" . . . Jack Evans signals the call at a practice game of the El Camino College Warriors. The former Warrior third-sacker will start training with the Chicago Cubs on March 31. "I'd rather be playing," he comments regarding his temporary job as umpire. Evans, who played for El Camino last year, received All-American and Metropolitan Conference honors. He was also chosen the most valuable player in the Azusa Tournament.

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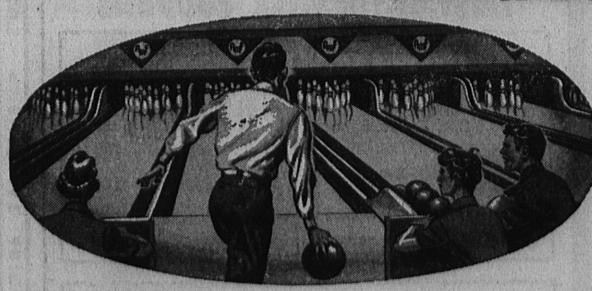
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