Ruffell Unanimous League Choice

PCLL Sets Tryouts Saturday

Tryouts are scheduled Saturday at Walteria Park for potential Pacific Coast Little League players, Arlen Charter, league president, said this week.

Saturday's session will be the second of three tryout periods for youngsters 9-12, who aspire to play Little League ball this season in the league. The final session is set for March 10.

In order to be eligible to play, Charter pointed out, youngsters must attend at least two of the three practices. He said those missing the first tryout, on Feb. 25, must attend the remaining two to fulfill requirements.

Boys residing in the Hollywood Riviera, Ellinwood, Walteria, Pacific Hills and Victoria Knolls sections are eligible for Pacific Coast Little League play.

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MORNINGSIDE TIPS SAXONS

Morningside's Monarchs wrote finis to the cage season for the Saxons Saturday night, blasting the locals, 69-40, in the Inglewood High School Gym.

The winners went on a scoring spree at the start and they were really hot. They had a 55-20 lead at the half. The Monarch reserves took over in the final two periods.

Butenschoen, a forward, led the scoring parade, dumping in 18 points for Morningside. Roger Snell, Saxon center, who was in the grips of a bad cold, managed to dump in 13 points to be the North Torrance five's high scorer. Ron Anderson, with eight, and Steve Beckett, with seven, helped out.

The Saxons in their first cage season posted a 4-18 record, playing with only one experienced cager. They won two practice affairs and posted a 3-8 Pioneer League mark, good for fifth place. El Segundo, which provided the Saxons with two loop wins, finished in the cellar, with a 0-10 mark.

Morningside took the Jayvee affair, too, scoring a 65-26 victory. The Saxon Jayvees finished their season with a 1-17 record.

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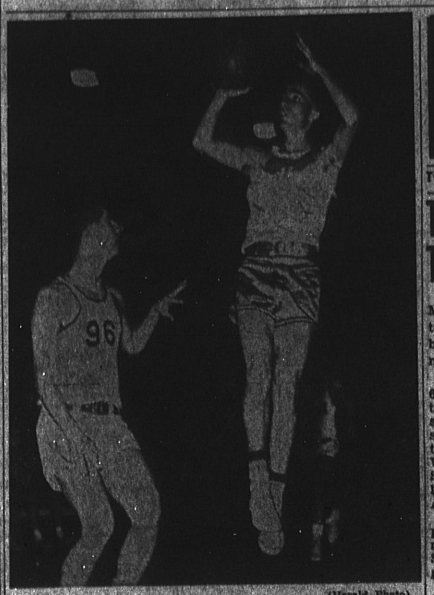

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SETS SIGHTS . . . Steve Beckett, Saxon guard, takes jump shot in North Torrance-Morningside game Saturday. Monarchs took Saxons into camp in final game of season, 69-40, running away to a 33 point lead at the half.

TORRANCE HERALD

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Torkells, Newman Head Metro Team; Post-Season Game Set

The 1956 edition of the All-Metropolitan Conference cage team was announced Tuesday by Cecil G. Zaun, league commissioner.

El Camino's Wally Torkells, 6'4" center, and Jim Newman, the Metro League's leading scorer from Harbor JC, led the selections. Others rounding out the first team included Harry Wilson, San Diego JC; Jim Smith, of Long Beach City College, and Bill Wallace, of Los Angeles Valley JC.

Newman and Wilson were picked as forwards on the mythical allstar team, while Smith and Wallace won the guard berths.

The second team included Bill Cowan, Bakersfield, and Bill White, Santa Monica, forwards; George Padovan, Harbor, center; and Jim Hasgrove, Valley, and Yosieo Inouye, East LAJC, guards.

Carey Black, Harbor, and Charlie Davis and Frank Consiglio, both of El Camino, landed honorable mention berths.

The All-Metro team will meet Harbor JC Saturday night in a first annual game for charity at Bakersfield. The Harbor crew swept through its 55-56 loop slate and posted a 12-win; two-loss mark in romping home the winner. On March 8, the Seahawks will represent the league in the California State Jaycee Championship tour tourney at Fullerton. Tomorrow night, Harbor meets the UCLA Frosh in a preliminary to the UCLA-California PCC contest, at Venice High School.

Don Blemker, of Santa Monica, and Gil Bishop, Bakersfield coach, will tutor the Metro All-Stars Saturday. Tip off in the Renegade Gym, will be at 8 p.m.

Quartet Of Sluggers Pace Tartar Nine

Toby Venable, Bob Clifford, John Emery and Bobby Grajeda were the big stickers Tuesday afternoon at Culver City, blasting out nine hits between them to pace the Tartar Varsity to an 8-6 diamond win over the host Centaurs.

Clifford's booming homer was the big blow of the game. He, Venable and Emery all hit safely twice, while Grajeda got three for three before he retired with a split finger.

Coach Dave Dana's Tartars tallied twice in the first and three times in the third inning to go out ahead. Clifford and Tom Mills handled the pitching chores for the locals, with Mills getting credit for the win.

Mike Bertolet, Gene Crenshaw and Dick Custer all had a hit apiece to boost the Tart's output to an even dozen.

El Segundo moves in for a practice game next Tuesday on the Torrance diamond. Game time is 3 p.m. The locals also face Mt. Carmel and Serra High Schools next week in their busiest period of the young season.

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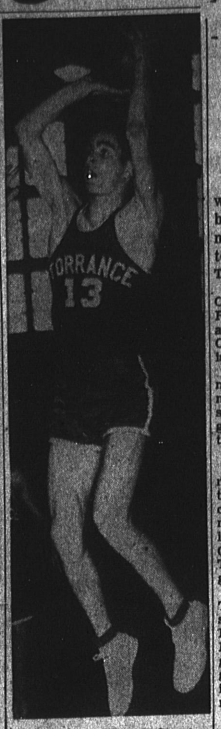
Clifford, Mills and Grajeda; Custer, Ruber, Solomon, Greer and Medaglia.



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RICH RUFFELL
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Sets New Tartar Records

Torrance's Rich Ruffell, who re-wrote the basketball books this season, was unanimously named to a first-team All Bay League berth Tuesday by the league coaches.

Ruffell, Centennial's Chet Clark and Rex Hughes, of Redondo, were the three unanimous picks. Ruffell and Clark are juniors, while Hughes is a senior.

Only other Tartar getting mention was Mike Kendall, who missed the second team by a single vote. He was one of five guards who got honorable mention.

Named Forwards

Ruffell and Clark were named forwards on the all-star team, while Hughes was named center. All three were pivot men this past season. Rounding out the first five were Cliff Warren, Mira Costa, and Ted Bennett, Santa Monica, guards.

Ruffell's 434 points in the 24 Torrance games was a new one-season high. He surpassed Bob Moon's 338 in 1953-54, although Moon participated in only 19 games. He also set a new one-game scoring high of 38 points in the Beverly Hills Tournament.

Record 11-13

As a team, the Tarts won 11, lost 13. Their 1213 points also erased the old team record of 1061 for a season, set in 1952-53.

Ruffell's average was 18-plus per game. He finished second in Bay League scoring. Kendall, with 225, was second to Ruffell in total points.

ALL BAY LEAGUE SELECTIONS

First Team		Second Team	
Clark, Cent.	F	Williams, Cent.	
Ruffell, Torr.	F	Hensley, Samohi	
Hughes, Red.	C	Clockenciver, Red.	
Warren, MC	G	Bates, Samohi	
Bennett, Samohi	G	Combs, Red.	

Saxon, THS Spikers Face Track Foes

Tracksters take over the sportlight tomorrow with both the Tartars and Saxons due for heavy dual meet competition.

North Torrance, under Coach Willard Morgan, climaxes three weeks of intensive drills by opening its season at home against San Gabriel. Varsity, Bee and Cee spikers will join in the events. First event starts on the NTHS track at 2:30 p.m.

Coaches Jack Miller and Don Porter take their Tartar Varsity, Bee and Cee spikers to Redondo tomorrow for a two-way meet. Field events begin at 2:30 p.m., while the track events are slated to commence a half hour later.

Still untested, Morgan's Saxons have shown some good force in the field events, with vaulter Gene Daimler and broad jumper Jimmy Powers the best.

Although they gained a split in their first two meets, the Tarts might be a Bay League power this season if they can come up with some reserve strength. They blasted Hawthorne easily, then were edged by eight points last week by loaded Santa Monica.

Gary Cooke, sprinter; Larry Denning, pole vaulter; Duane Cooke, hurdler; Myron Schmidt, 440; Len Ehlers and John Trenary, distance runners, and Skip Smith, shot, broad jump, hurdles and sprints, head the Tartar Varsity.

George Boscon, a fine sprinter, is one of the top Tartarbees, while Bill Morris, who recently broke the school record in the shot put, spearheads the THS Cee attack.

SHOE TEAM NEARS CITY CAGE TITLE

Roy's Service basketball team defeated the Lutheran Men's Club, 54-50, in the first game of the Torrance Recreation League slate played Tuesday night.

Bill Fraser of the losers scorched the netting for 27 points to grab high point honors. Paul Smith and Bob Moon collected 16 points apiece to pace the winners' scoring attack.

The victory gave Roy's Service second place in the standings and left the Lutheran Men in third spot.

In the second game of the evening Nick Dellan potted 24 points to lead Knolls Drug Store to a narrow 35-34 victory over Longren Aeros. This was Knolls first win of the season. Gerald Balster, tall center for the losers, scored 18 points to boost his season total to 243 in nine games.

Kenny's Shoe Repair vanquished Burchfield Rug Works, 55-45, following a narrow 36-35 halftime lead. Bill Baron of the winners had a hot night picking up 29 points from his forward position.

Next Tuesday winds up league play with Kenny's Shoe Repair meeting Knolls Drug Store five at 6:50 p.m., Burchfield Rug Works and Lutheran Men meet at 7:55, and Longren Aeros meet Roy's Service in the wind up game at 9 p.m.

Anderson Paces Saxon Victory

Ron Anderson, fireballing righthander, was in good early season form Monday afternoon here as he twirled and slugged his North Torrance nine to a 5-4 win over Redondo. The game had been washed out last Thursday, then re-set for Monday.

Anderson, bulwark of the Torrance Varsity last season, pitched four innings. He gave up three hits to the Redondans, who had slapped Del Nunum's nine, 13-0, in the season opener behind Bob Carlson's no-hitter last week.

Redondo got off to a fast start, scoring a run in the second frame. A single by Jack Beattie and Bob Cecconi's long fly ball that was misjudged by Saxon flyhawk Bob Walker and went for a double, brought in the run.

Locals Come Back

But the locals came right back in their half of the second to score three times. A single by Steve Beckett, double by Anderson, three walks, an error and a passed ball brought the trio of counters home.

The winners counted twice in the fourth inning, with Anderson's single doing the damage. All told, the big fellow drove home four runs. He finished the game at first base, after his stint on the mound.

The win for the Saxons put them at 1-1 for early season play. Ernie Thomsen, right fielder, and Center Fielder Becket came up with some fine running catches during the fray. Nunum's nine looked good then ragged at times, but he has a good young ball club.

Additions Help

Anderson, of course, is the big wheel, both on the mound and at the plate. Addition of basketballers Ray Grieshaber an Ken Simpson will give the locals more batting power and good glove work. Neither saw much action Monday.

Tuesday the Saxons travel to Centennial for a non-league affair. The North Torrance Jayvees meet the Apaches here the same day. Both games start at 3 p.m.

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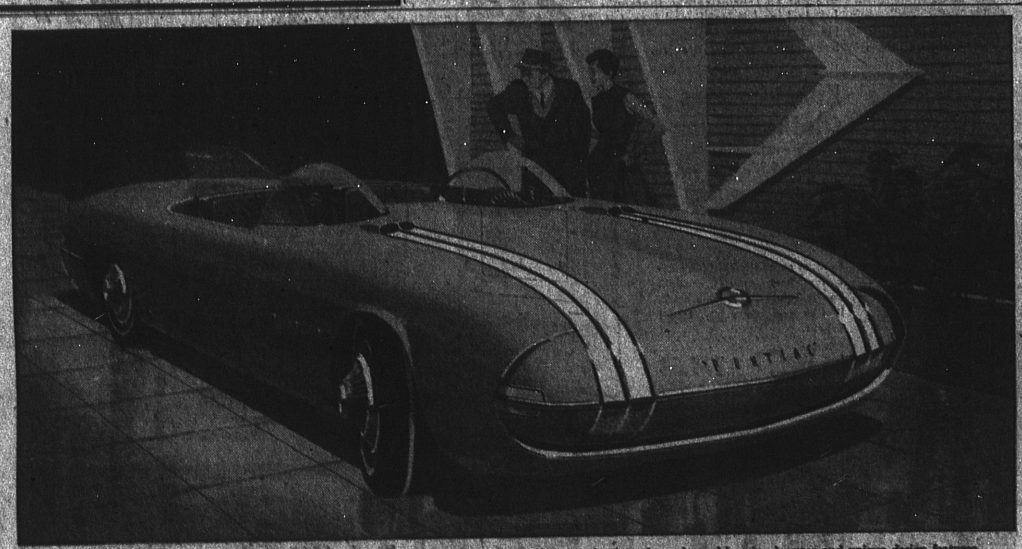

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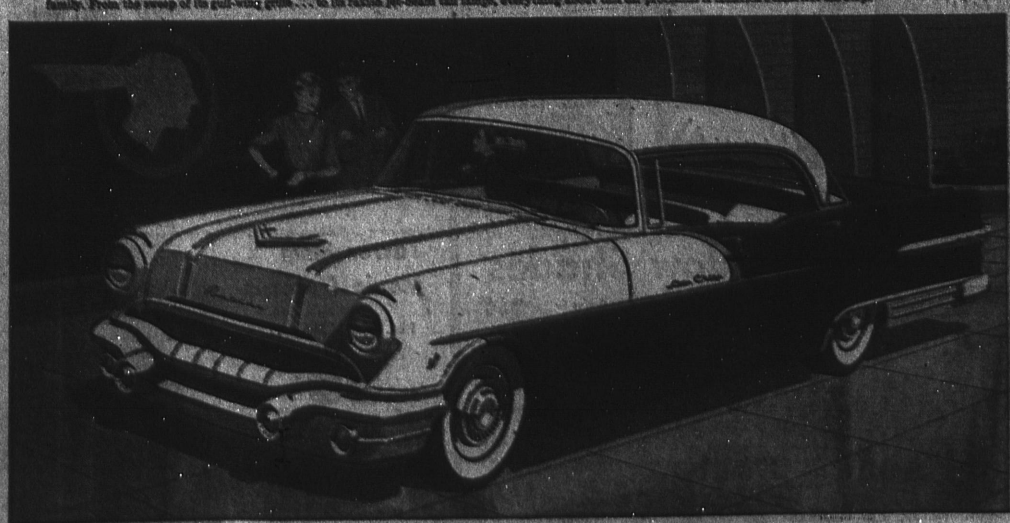

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