

# North Cagers Surprise in Tourney

## EC Goalie Selected On So. Calif. Team

El Camino College water poloist Mike Nollan will be honored on campus at the annual athletic banquet in January after being named to the first string All-Southern California squad as goalie.

In addition to placing one of their members on the Southern California club, the Tribe poloists landed three members on the first string All-Metropolitan Conference team. Forward Seldon Clair, guard Mark Witt and Nollan were honored with first-string berths on the conference seven. Long Beach City College, finishing first in the conference ahead of El Camino, dominated the remaining four positions.

Ron Casey, Warrior guard, was given a position on the second team, while forward Jim Graham was given honorable mention on the mythical Metro selections.

Casey also earned a spot on the second string All-Southern California squad, and Witt at guard and Clair at forward were also given honorable mention on the team.

For the third consecutive year, Camino wound up in fourth place in the Southern California Tournament at Cerritos knocked over the Warriors by a 3-1 count to move into the third place slot behind Fullerton and Long Beach.

## Don Gridders Upset Muir, Advance to CIF Playoffs

As the weeks roll by, it appears North High really caught a tiger by the tail when it tangled with El Rancho in the first round of the CIF football playoffs.

El Rancho conquered the Saxons, 16 to 0 and since then has come on to beat Long Beach Poly and Muir to gain a spot in the CIF finals against Redlands.

Usually resorting to a bruising ground game, the Dons took to the air to roll past a stunned Muir eleven 27 to 7 previously and favored to grab the CIF crown.

El Rancho will meet Redlands, winner in a 35-0 contest over defending champion Santa Barbara in the Los Angeles Coliseum next weekend.

Letting go of their ground-hugging offense, the Dons' quarterback Ynez Carcia pitched for eight completions in 10 attempts for 120 yards. In the first half, Zaby of the Dons strengthened his bid for CIF honors by racing 54 yards

with a screen pass from Garcia for one TD and bolting across from the Muir four-yard line for another.

Tremendously powerful on defense, El Rancho completely muffled Muir's triple-threat quarterback, Rod Sherman, and intercepted three of his passes. The Mustangs, who used razzle-dazzle offense to smother previous opponents, crossed mid-field only once prior to the final play of the game when Sherman put Muir on the scoreboard with a 75-yard runback with an intercepted pass.

### DRESSY CASUALS

If you know your man well enough to select a suit for him, look into the new country suits. These usually consist of a coat, vest and trousers, some with two pairs of slacks—one to match and one to harmonize.

These smart suits may be in a solid color with a patterned vest, or vice versa.

## The Fearless Spectator

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I have always felt a mite sad that our nation does not boast a secular saint devoted to light-hearted living who could be a unifying symbol to all of us in these thrilling days of keeping the old Christian neighbor at gunpoint as he tries to sneak into the fallout shelter to use the water closet, or something. A subject of proper adoration for a people who seem almost to have moved from treetops to treetops in three generations.

After mooting the matter from stem to stern, I feel I have come up with the candidate for our first National Saint. Lydia Pinkham, the lady whose kindly visage appeared on millions of bottles of Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a darling elixir of days gone by, the most formidable and beloved patent medicine of the time.

Lydia, who would, of course, have to be beatified and all that jazz before becoming sanctified by an elite chosen from B'nai B'rith, the Knights of Columbus, and the Masons, has ample qualifications for the post of St. Lydia. She embodies several of the salient characteristics of our nation. Which is as it should be, as saints generally project the firmest moral qualities of their devotees.

In the first place Lydia's mixture was 20 per cent alcohol, before a busybody Food and Drug Administration moved in to louse it up. This made it far stronger than ale, about as strong as a fortified wine or an authoritative bourbon highball.

Yet it was never considered an alcoholic beverage. Pities, no! Lydia's liquor was an especial favorite among the ladies who thought the sun shone out of the bustles of those heroines who belabored innocent saloons with axes. In the bone-dry states, sales of the Vegetable Compound were always gratifyingly high.

Lydia's trouble, like that of so many innovators, was that her product was too good for her own good. Temperance ladies with the vapors suddenly became bouncy as billygoats. Brahmin females from Brookline forgot their Emerson long enough to speculate about that big, good-looking Irish cop on the corner. Such conditions could not continue to obtain. The doctors were sore because they were losing trade. The Feds were sore because they weren't getting any excise taxes. And the spirit of the times was kinda against spirits.

So they emasculated Lydia (though martyred might be the better word) and took the booze out of the ameliorating essence. And hypocrisy, our leading national virtue, took another beating. The ladies who were having their booze and hating it too, never quite recovered from the blow.

The canonization of Lydia would remind us sentimentally of those old-fashioned and almost forgotten virtues of trickery and dissimulation. The cause would be aided by the Lydian hymn, so popular once, which starts.

"So we sing, we sing, we sing to Lydia Pinkham  
And her love for the human race.  
She makes her Vegetable Compound  
And the papers publish her face."

## NHS Reaches Semis, Loses to Glendale

Lightning never strikes twice in the same place, or so they say, but it has for North High in the annual Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament.

North, for the second straight year, has been the surprise of the tournament.

BEATEN TWICE prior to beginning the tourney, the Saxons rebounded in the classic to upset Redondo, 44 to 43, and then toppled favored Loyola, 50 to 47 to move into the semi-finals where North fell before determined Glendale.

North also upset two early round foes last year before meeting the same Glendale five and bowing out.

Torrance and South high were both eliminated in the first two rounds of the tournament. Culver City edged the Tartars 55-54 in the opening round, and El Segundo romped to a 52-41 win to knock Torrance out of the classic.

SOUTH FELL before Loyola, 77 to 63 and then absorbed a 56-49 licking at the hands of Redondo.

With only 43 seconds left and North trailing 43 to 42, Ron Stemel dunked a 10-foot jump shot to put the Saxons into the second round of the tourney. Sparky Davidson connected for 16 straight points in the second quarter to lead the Saxons, while Stemel was runner-up in the points scored division with 13 digits.

For Torrance, the situation was just the opposite, leading 54 to 53 with 30 seconds left. Centaur guard Gary Warburton hit on a 20-foot jump shot to put the Cents ahead to stay. It was a close battle all the way as quarter scores of 12-11, 31-29 and 42-41 indicate.

With 27 seconds left in the game, the Tartars had control of the ball, and took three shots, all to no avail, and Culver City was in the second round.

Cold in the first quarter, going 4-28 before hitting a field goal by which time they were behind 13 to 1. South caught fire in the second per-

iod and took a 35 to 30 lead over Loyola into the locker room at intermission.

AFTER HALF TIME, things changed quickly as Loyola wound up with a three point lead to begin the final quarter. The Cubs then poured in 29 points to pull away to their 77 to 63 win.

North advanced to the finals even though they blew a 22 to 6 lead over Loyola. The Saxons assured the huge lead shortly after the start of the second quarter, but by the beginning of the final period, the Cubs had bounced back to earn a 41 to 35 lead.

THE SAXONS would not be counted out though, and came back with a rally of their own, culminated when Cary Hubert, high man for the game with 15 points, hit on a pair of free throws to give North the contest.

TEN-POINT underdog El Segundo made Torrance walk the plank in the second game, outscoring the Tartars in every period behind the 28-point performance of Andy Anderson, to hand THS a 52 to 41 wallop.

Behind only six points going into the final period, Torrance seemed very much in the game, but every time the Tartars started to whittle the margin, the Eagles opened up again to maintain their lead.

HELD TO four points in the second quarter and faced with a record breaking 34-point showing by Jim Stroot, South fell before Redondo, 59 to 49. Stroot tied a mark set by Santa Monica's Tom Bennett in 1955 by sinking 13 field goals and eight free throws.

COMFORTABLY AHEAD, 19 to 12 at the end of the first period, South was limited to just four points in the second quarter as Redondo chalked up 10 to shave the Spartans half time margin to a single point. In the third quarter, Redondo completely broke the game open, canning 22 points to Souths 14.

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### SB FROSH FALLS

## Tribe Cagers Win In Overtime Battle

Leveling its season basketball record at 3-3, El Camino College earned a toupee-raising 62 to 58 overtime victory over host University of California at Santa Barbara Frosh Friday night.

All even at 53-apiece when the end of regular play rolled around, the Tribe bucketed nine points to Santa Barbara's five to walk away with the decision.

Dependable guard Dan Karavas canned 13 points to lead the Warrior cagers. Right behind were forward Ron Dinel and center Keith Erickson with 12 digits apiece.

SWITCHING to a different starting line-up than he had been using in the first five contests, ECC coach George Stanich watched his boys walk into the locker room at intermission with a 26 to 23 lead. It was the first time this season Camino had been ahead at the half.

Up and down El Camino caught fire in the second half but could not quite catch Santa Ana Tuesday as the Dons slipped to a 42 to 39 victory in a basketball encounter on the Tribe court.

BEHIND 21 to 14 at the half in a dull, slow-paced tilt, ECC came sizzling back to knot the count at 27 to 27 with 11:42 left on a free throw by Dan Karavas.

Finally, with 9:51 left to play, Dick Jones canned one of his straightline set shots to shove Camino into a 31 to 29 lead. It was the first time during the game that the Tribe had been ahead.

IT WAS A short-lived lead, though, as barely two minutes later Santa Ana went in front to stay on a tip in.

From then on out it was all Santa Ana as the Dons boosted into a six-point lead and staved off the Warrior's bid for victory.

EL CAMINO could not buy a field goal during the first half, going almost nine minutes before connecting from the floor. Santa Ana went into an eight-point lead, 11 to 3 at one point in the first period. Dennis Channing, 6 ft. 5 in. center from Santa Ana, was high scorer with 12 points. Keith Erickson, Indian center, led ECC on the scoreboard with 10 digits.

FOR EL CAMINO, the loss dropped its record to 2-3 while defending Eastern Conference champion Santa Ana was earning its first win against three lickings.

Los Angeles City College will offer the next competition for the EC cagers as the always rugged Cubs host the El Cam ball club on Tuesday. Coach George Stanich's club will warm-up for the holiday tournaments when the casaba squad duals the UCLA Frosh on Friday.

ON DEC 19-21, Camino will take part in the Santa Ana Tournament, and from Dec. 28-29, the scene will switch to Glendale for the Sam Barry Memorial Tournament.

Not until Tuesday, Jan. 16, will El Camino return to its home courts, then to tangle with East Los Angeles in its first home Metropolitan Conference engagement of the 1962 season.

Here are a few Christmas safety tips:

- A small tree can be just as pretty as a large one and is less of a hazard.
- Stand the tree in water to retard drying and set it up in the coolest part of the room.
- Use fireproof decoration of glass and metal.
- Check lights for defective wiring.
- Discard gift wrapping immediately.
- Don't leave lights burning on the tree when away from home and inspect it often to see whether it is drying out.
- Discard the tree when the needles start to fall.

### SEASON FINALE

## Camino Leather Lungers Take Third in Relay Race

El Camino College cross country runners closed out their season in taking third in the Two Man-Ten Mile Relay at Orange Coast College on a cold, wet day Friday. Glendale College and Santa Ana finished first and second respectively.

El Camino was plagued not only by bad weather, but by bad health. Richard Fernandez, Southern California State Champion, fell ill and a last-minute change in the team ensued.

MIKE THORNTON and Ron Butterfield ran on the first team, with the second team composed of Ron Bolton and Gene Blankenship. The latter placed second to Santa Ana's number two team.

Thornton averaged 66 seconds in the running of the ten one-fourth miles. El Camino's 3 B's, Butterfield, Bolton and Blankenship, each averaged 70 seconds.

THE REGULAR cross country team of seven remained undefeated again this year in dual meet competition bringing it record to 17 consecutive dual meet victories. It also

copped the Metropolitan Conference Meet Championship, the Metropolitan Dual Meet Championship and the Southern California Championship. Those who last donned the El Camino cross country colors are ace runners Richard Fernandez, Ron Bolton, Gene Blankenship, John Petersen and Richard Redfield.

Expected to return next year to Coach Ray Southstone's El Camino team will be Mike Thornton, Ron Butterfield, Tom Byrd, John Evans, Gilbert Enriquez, Ron Jacobs and Doug Anderson.



WITH LUNGS OF LEATHER... Above seven cross country runners brought home Southern California honors for El Camino College and Coach Ray Southstone, right. The winning Warriors are (kneeling, from left) Mike Thornton, Torrance; Gene Blankenship, Leuzinger, and Ron Butterfield, Redondo Beach. Standing, from left, are Ron Bolton, Aviation; Richard Redfield, Mira Costa; Johnny Peterson, Mira Costa, and Richard Fernandez, Mira Costa.



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