

North Surprises in Cage Classic

The Fearless Spectator



By Charles McCabe, Esquire

A huge crane was swinging and ramming a tear-shaped globoid of concrete against the innocent surface of an old brick building. This was the other day, and it marked the beginning of a formidable demolition job. Standing on the street were perhaps a hundred intent men, watching the ball thump, thump, thump against the bricks. And the bricks falling slowly and sadly to the street.

The men all wore the same expression. It was one of unalloyed quiet delight as the jolly work of destruction went on. They gained an abstracted, rather sweet smile, as if they had just been given gold, or had consummated a rewarding act of love. There's nothing that gladdens men's hearts more than systematic and violent ruination. The reduction to rubble of something forbidding and recalcitrant. Or important and pretentious. (There were no women visible among the spectators. They satisfy the old death wish in more sinuous ways.)

I'm certain my expression mirrored theirs, as I watched these enchanted chaps. And I thought of various sweet-minded souls who write me from time to time to protest that I'm a sort of bad fella, always knocking, never a good word for anyone. —Did somebody do something to you when you were a kid? And that most marvellous bit of cant: 'We don't mind criticism, but would like it to be constructive. (I think anything worth criticizing is often worth tearing down.)

The great admirers of constructive criticism, I find, are usually the victims of same. Politicians and actors who cry for c.e. the way children used to cry for Castoria. dislike it just as much as any other kind when they get it. For what they mean by constructive criticism is purblind praise.

To be sure, there's a great deal that's all right with the world, though perhaps not so resonantly right as Mr. Browning, and Doctor Pangloss, and Miss Pollyanna would have us believe. But why write about it? The world is full of positive-thinking clerics and bedside-manner medicos who can tell us we're pure as unfoaled babes and righteous as retired admirals.

What we have a shortage of (though surely not in your favorite newspaper) are those rude boys who think breaking an icon can be as much fun as a caramel sundae, or a spot of bundling.

If you have a certain curious curvature of the vision, as the late Mr. James Thurber supremely had, you can find that even such sainted figures as bishops and baseball players have moles in their makeup. The icon-dropper compiles these catalogues of the unadmirable. And when they are unfolded before a reader, I like to think there comes into his eye (and maybe even hers) that quiet glint of joy those fellas had as the building went down for a kayo. We're all human, which doesn't mean we're all admirable, eh?



GRIDDERS TAKE SECOND... St. Catherine Labouré School placed second in the Archdiocesan CYO touch football competition. Left to right, front, Michael Cooper, Dennis Keith, Joseph Andrade, Stephen Copenhaver; center, Denny Graham, Craig Thomas, Marty Morris, captain; Sean Keane, Jim Egnatuk; third row, Erick Wilhite, Cal Miska, John Pilek, Tom Villano; back, Al Egnatuk, coach; Rev. William Hollinger, and Art Bordley, coach.

South Quintet Edges Cubs In Overtime Tilt, 76-68

Phil de la Porte canned six points in an overtime period as South High took Loyola down to defeat, 76 to 68, in a wild and woolly practice contest Friday night.

De la Porte, led all scorers with 22 points as he paced the Spartans to the tension-packed victory.

Jumping off to an early lead, South maneuvered into a 19 to 8 first quarter advantage, dunking almost every shot attempted. For the Cubs, it was just the opposite — they could not buy a bucket.

AT THE HALF, it appeared the Spartans were in for an easy win, even though Loyola had found the range in the second quarter to outscore South, 20 to 19.

Battling back from the 38 to 28 half-time deficit, Loyola kept pace with its second quarter showing, dropping in 21 points while South frittered away the lead by notching only 11 points.

Both clubs chucked in 17 points in the final period, but it was all South High in the

overtime as the Spartans dropped in 10 points to Loyola's two.

THE VICTORY gave the Spartans a 3-1 mark for the season. South has now downed Aviation, Torrance and Loyola, falling only to last season's CIF champ Compton in a bitterly contested struggle.

South will not take to the hardwood again until after Christmas vacation when play begins in the Bay League.

RESULTS OF practice games indicate the Bay League will once again be rugged. Mira Costa, always a casaba power, advanced to the semi-finals of the Beverly Hills Invitational before getting the axe at the hands of Anaheim.

North High has also shown considerable strength, making impressive showings in the Pacific Shores tournament and the Beverly Hills classic where they battled for the fifth position against some of the top quintets in the Southland.

LBCF FOE

Santa Ana Tourney Lures EC Cagers

Almost pulling the impossible, El Camino College cagers tuned up for the Santa Ana Tournament on Tuesday by forcing the undefeated UCLA Frosh into a double-overtime contest before succumbing, 92 to 89.

Long Beach City College will be the opening round foe for the Warriors in the holiday classic. Game time will be at 5 p.m. at Santa Ana JC.

It should be a tight contest, for EC head mentor George Stanich says, "I have seen them

play, and our two clubs are about equal. They have a fine team despite their mediocre record."

ECC will be vying with seven other quintets for the top spot in the tourney.

STAR - SPANGLED UCLA brought in everything but the kitchen sink in order to subdue the pesky Warriors. In front from the gun until the final eight minutes of the second half, the Indians displayed, a hot-shooting hustling five.

Saxons Surprise Favorites In Beverly Hills Tourney

More and more it appears you just cannot count the North High Saxons out.

In football, the Saxons upset Hawthorne to grab second place in the league and advance to the CIF playoffs where they scared the living daylight out of El Rancho before losing to the clubs which eventually advanced to the CIF finals.

Now in basketball, North was lightly regarded in the Pacific Shores Tournament, but rattled some pretty fair ball clubs before finally being eliminated in the semi-finals.

EVEN IN THE Beverly Hills Invitation the past week, NHS was not considered seriously, but the Saxons pasted defending tournament champion El Monte, 65 to 54, in the opening game, then gave Santa Monica a rough go before being eased out, 67 to 54. The Vikings went all the way to the final round where they met Anaheim.

North was not eliminated from the tourney yet, though, and came back to put the skids to Bellflower, 69 to 55, and advance one more round where they met Ventura to argue over the fifth place slot in the cage classic.

TORRANCE HIGH did not fare as well as North, losing a rough contest to Ventura, 60 to 51, in the opening round and then being eliminated the following evening, 53 to 50, by Montebello.

Sparky Davidson pushed in 27 points against El Monte to pace the Saxons. Carey Huber chipped in with 22 points as North jumped into a 16-point first quarter lead. The Saxons managed to set the pace the rest of the game and destroy the powerful Lions.

DAVIDSON canned four baskets — all from 20 feet out, to pace the Saxons opening period surge. At one time in the third quarter, NHS built up a 20-point lead.

Next time out, North ran in to too much height, as Santa Monica, playing with four taller men than the Saxons' tallest athlete, ground out a 67 to 54 win. Sparky Davidson, held to 13 points, was the largest Saxon at 6'3", but was just a midget compared to Samo's Tom Dunlap, 6'8"; Dick Hallett, 6'6"; Jack Guercio, 6'5"; and Tim McMahon, 6'3".

IN THE Pacific Shores classic, the Vikes belted North in a battle for third place. It was much the same story as before, as Santa Monica led in every period, gradually pulling away until it was out of reach.

Three men cracked double figures for SMHS — Dunlap, 19; Hallett, 16; and Guercio with 10.

TRAILING 10 to 4 after the first period, Torrance rebounded for 24 points in the second quarter to tie Ventura, 28-28, at the half. But in the third quarter, Ventura resorted to a full court press and

began inching away. Despite good efforts by Lynn Archibald and Steve Waters, Ventura's full court press was the payoff maneuver.

Archibald dunked 14 points for the Tartars, while Waters connected for 11.

Leading throughout all but the final eight minutes against Montebello, the next day Tor-

rance succumbed to a late Oiler rally which brought home a 53 to 50 victory.

Ed Cobb and Steve Wright hit 17 and 16 points respectively as Montebello outscored the Tartars 18 to 10 in the final quarter to earn the win.

Archibald and Jim Brennan each meshed 16 points to guide the Tartars.

VIKINGS WIN

Pop Warner Clubs Close Grid Season

It is all over for another year for Torrance Pop Warner football teams as three games which featured battles between local teams closed out the year for the gridmen.

In the wildest game of the season finale, the Torrance Vikings earned a second place spot in the South Bay Conference with a record of 7-1-1 by outclassing the Torrance Oilers, 58 to 0.

Stalwart Viking back, John Reynolds, led the onslaught by tacking on three touchdowns on a recovered fumble which he ran 30 yards with, and scoring on juries of two and 35 yards.

GEORGE RAY and Marty Erickson each scored a TD on runs of 11 yards. Jack Hase and John Cook picked off Oiler passes and went 36 and 31 yards for pay-dirt.

Only score of the night to come through the air was a Reynolds to Gary Masseau aerial which covered 45 yards. Dan Pritchett galloped 36 yards for the final Viking touchdown. Taking a turn at converting were Randy Carter, Tommy Conry, Dick Weiser and Lee Evestone.

IN ANOTHER one-sided encounter, the Torrance Steelers copped a Midget Division win over the Chargers, 26 to 0.

The first Steeler TD came on a fumble recovered by David Goslin behind the Charger goal line. Danny Kling pushed the second six-pointer across on a two-yard quarterback sneak. Kling also had a hand in the third score, pitching 35 yards to Bob Cano. Paul Gaddois, responsible for both conversions, tallied the final score, sweeping end for six yards.

CONVERSIONS proved the difference in a Bantam Division struggle where the Torrance Blue Devils took a hard-earned 21-18 decision over Redondo Beach.

Mike Kimpel unleashed a 30-yard pass to Gary Fulton for the first Torrance tally. Fred Schwanbeck bulled across from two yards out for the second blue Devil TD. Another short run, three yards by Gary Musick, provided Torrance with its final score of the contest.

RESPONSIBLE for the game winning conversions were Frank Cludman, Gary Fulton and Bob Pina on a pass from Bob Pina.

Following the final games, the Torrance Pop Warner boys and families were treated to a banquet. Guests of honor were Marlin McKeever of the Rams and Michelle Sloboda, leader of the Ramettes.

Mike Ferragamo Honored At Harbor JC Banquet

Mike Ferragamo, outstanding center and linebacker of the Harbor College football team, was named most inspirational and most valuable player at the annual football banquet held at Sand's Roundup in Los Angeles Monday night.

Ferragamo, a freshman from Banning High School, previously had been selected on the first string All Metropolitan Conference team.

LETTERS, jackets and blanket were awarded to members of the Harbor squad which has just completed one of its best seasons. Receiving the Harbor monogram were Gene Adams, manager; Sam Bates; Gus Bouza, Nolan Bowie, Charles

Cunnigan, Richard Dick, Fred Diocson, Ferragamo, Allen Fiske, manager, and Jim Frazer.

Also receiving letters were Mark Galindo, Bill Habermehl, Mathew Jasprica, Bob Johnson, manager, Hugh Justice, Ike Mack, Tom Martin, George Mitchell, Bob Moss, Oscar Perez, Mel Thomas, Bill Van Wey, and Sam Wicks.

Receiving jackets were Harry Quinn, Clem Robles, Irvin Wnuck, and Bill Wray.

BLANKETS were awarded to David Edwards and Robert Van Drew.

Guest speaker was Charlie Hall, backfield coach at USC.

Public Notice

Introduced, approved and adopted this 12th day of December, 1961.

Albert Isen Mayor

ATTEST: A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk

John A. Bramhall, Deputy City Clerk

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I, John A. Bramhall, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of December, 1961, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bentzen, Vico and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford and Driscoll.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

John A. Bramhall Deputy City Clerk of the City of Torrance

8-Dec. 17, 1961.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

In the Matter of the Estate of ANN GREGG DAUGRE, also known as ANN GREGG DAUGRE, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, BALDO M. KRISTOVICH, Public Administrator of the Estate of Ann Gregg Daugre, deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the said decedent, to present them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator at his office at 427 South Hill St., Los Angeles 12, California, which said office the undersigned selects as a place of business in all matters connected with said estate, or to file them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated: Nov. 21, 1961.

BALDO M. KRISTOVICH Public Administrator

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