

North Five Journeys to Samohi

Running into its second Bay League basketball giant in a row, North High goes up against loop-leading Santa Monica tomorrow at 8 p.m. on the Viking hardwood. Mira Costa, resurging after a mid-season slump, whipped the Saxons 73 to 55 on Friday. North drew a bye on Wednesday, instead of its usual contest.

Coasting along in front of the Bay League with an 11-1 record, Santa Monica expects little opposition from North. In the first contest between the two clubs, the tall Vikes swept away with a one-sided decision.

Sparky Davidson, currently leading the Bay loop gunners with a 20.2 average, offers North's only hope for an upset. Davidson has made a strong bid for all-league honors by never hitting under double figures, and dropping in over 20 points on five different occasions. The fiery red-head slipped in 17 points last week, and if he is hot, can be a pain to Samohi.

Santa Monica is not without its big scorer either, as Tom Dunlap continues to push Davidson for high-scoring honors with a 19.6 average. Jack

Connelly backs Dunlap in the scoring department for the Vikes, averaging 16.0 points per contest.

The Vikings have posted their claim to the loop title by whipping 11 out of 12 foes, dropping only an upset duke to Inglewood.

North, loser of three of its last four games, occupies seventh spot in the league. Samohi took advantage of a lean second quarter by North to take a 19-8 scoring bulge in its drive for second place in the league. Mitch Malpee and Rob Stidman each threw in 19 points to pace the Mustangs.

Davidson canned 22 digits for the Saxons, while Dan Mooney hit 11 markers and Carey Hubert contributed 10 more points in the losing cause.

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Stumbling Camino Cagers Trek to Long Beach CC

Eliminated from the Metropolitan Conference basketball title chase following consecutive losses to Bakersfield and East Los Angeles, El Camino College battles to remain in the upper echelon tomorrow against Long Beach City College.

Long Beach will host the fray against the steadily sinking Tribe five at 8 p.m.

Dropping to a 6-5 conference marking following a 75-63 defeat by Bakersfield and an 81-65 whipping from East LA, the Warriors still stubbornly hang on to third place behind Valley (9-1) and Bakersfield (8-2).

SMARTING from an early-season defeat by ECC, Bakersfield came back with a vengeance behind guard Pat Wenian's 27 points and the tremendous rebounding of its forward wall, to hold off a second half Camino rally and eliminate the Warriors from title contention.

Behind the sensational gunning of Felix Patterson (23 points), East LA jumped off to a 43-33 halftime lead and held off a strong second half surge by the Indians to notch its second win of the season over the southlanders.

EL CAMINO had four men hitting in double figures — Mike Schrader (18), Dan Karavas (17), Keith Erickson (16), and substitute Ron Dinnel (11) but it was not enough to halt the Huskies who also had four men in twi ndigits.

In Long Beach, El Camino will encounter a ball club it has already beaten twice this season.

SENTS HOST

Disappointing South Engages Sentinels

Struggling to remain out of the Bay League basketball cellar, South High invades Inglewood tomorrow at 8 p.m. in an effort to pull out of the eighth place position in the loop.

Although the Spartans earned a 49-44 win in the first round of play against the Sentinels, Inglewood has taken three of its last five games to move into the sixth place spot, while South has been steadily slipping since the opening of league action.

As always, if South is to take home the bacon, it must depend on Phil de la Porte. Currently in fourth place in the Bay scoring race with an 18.5 average, De la Porte tied with Jim Harris for top-gunner honors in the two clubs' first meeting with 14 points.

Harris is shooting at an 11.8

rate for the season, slightly ahead of Inglewood's top man, Dave Kaiser, hitting at an 11.4 rate.

It was a close in the earlier game as Inglewood ran up an 11-7 first quarter lead, only to see South come back to outscore it 17-3 in the second period. Throughout the second half, the two squads battled on even terms.

In their last outings, the Spartans received the short end of a 65-48 count against Santa Monica, while Inglewood came out on the winning end of a 57-45 decision over Leuzinger.

"Our ancestors thought nothing of getting up at 4 a.m. I'm the same way. I don't think much of it either." — Albert McCarter, Talbotton (Ga.) New Era.



TURNING CORNER . . . Dribbling around diminutive Santa Monica guard Ed Cadis, El Camino cager Vern Holte drives for basket in recent Tribe win. ECC tangles with host Long Beach tomorrow at 8 p.m. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

PLAY SPOILER

Middle-of-Road Seahawks Host Mighty Bakersfield

Right in the middle of the league standings is where Harbor College's cagers find themselves as they approach the last two weeks of basketball competition.

With a 5-5 mark in league play, the Seahawks are not league race as they meet the league leaders.

In the past week they beat Long Beach 80-68, but lost to San Diego 64-81 in the border city to remain where they started at the 500 mark. The Seahawks meet Bakersfield tomorrow night at home. Bakersfield currently is in second place, one game behind league leading L.A. Valley.

In their first meeting the Bakersfield Renegades defeated the Hawks decisively.

Against Long Beach it was the 25-point effort of Briscoe and the 24 points of Hollis Lee that made the difference. The 27 points Windfeldt scored against San Diego were not enough to overcome the 28 of Dell plus the 23 of Mathis and the 16 of Catlin. A hot second half in which the Knights scored 45 points to the Hawks' 30 gave them the victory.

Don Prudhomme Tries for New World Drag Record

Don Prudhomme of Van Nuys will attempt to set a new world drag record Sunday at Lions' Drag Strip in Long Beach.

Prudhomme has been thwarted three times in as many weeks in his efforts to make a run at the record which is held by Florida's Don Garlits at 189.48 mph. Earlier this year Prudhomme came within .02 mph of the record with a run of 189.46 mph. In the last three weeks he has been unable to run because of a blown engine, unavailable parts and rain — in that order.

ANOTHER WORLD mark

will face a serious challenge when Pasadena's Clem Johnson brings his English made Vincent motorcycle out in an effort to break his own record of 149.75 mph.

Two weeks ago Johnson made several tries at the record but his best time was 149.25 mph.

AN EXCEPTIONALLY fast field of fuel dragsters led by the team of Chuck Gireth and Keith Black of South Gate have entered the featured top eliminator event at the Long Beach Strip. Gireth and Black hold the world drag boat record of 157 mph and are making a serious bid for the land mark.

Other drivers entered in top eliminator are Frank Cannon of Compton, Zane Shubert of Santa Ana and, of course, Prudhomme.

SHUBERT WILL have two dragsters in action, both dual engine, one running on gasoline, the other on fuel.

Sunday's meet will be the last prep before the big Fuel and Gas Championships, Saturday night, Feb. 24. Several thousand dollars have been put up for the meet; and the country's finest will be out after the top money of \$1,000.

THE TOP two drivers in both the fuel and gasoline classes have already entered. They are: No. 1 fuel, Don Garlits; No. 2 fuel, Rod Stuckey; No. 1 gas, Jack Chrisman; No. 2 gas, Tom McEwen.

Since this big meet is under the lights, eliminations will start at 6 p.m.

This Sunday's meet will start with time trials at 9:30 a.m., eliminations getting underway at 1:30 p.m.

"Romance is disappearing. A winter muff now being shown has an electric hand-warmer inside." — Kenny Bennett, Greencastle (Ind.), Putnam County Graphic.

Baseball Info Released by Little League

Sign-up time for Tordondo Little League will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the little league ball park at 5417 Halfson St. on Sunday and Feb. 24. All boys from 8 to 12 years living in the Tordondo franchised area are eligible.

Voluntary parent membership cards will be on sale at \$1 each. This membership in no way affects any boy's opportunity to play. It does give the parent an opportunity to join the fun.

Tryouts will be held on March 3 and March 10 at the ballpark.

THIS YEAR, all boys will be able to have a physical check-up to assure their fitness to play ball. This examination is voluntary and free. It will be given at the South Redondo Fire Station at 401 South Broadway in Redondo.

This exam is made possible by the volunteer services of doctors of the Southwest California Chiropractic Association and the Redondo Beach Fire Department.

THE CHECKUPS will be on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and March 3 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional information, call Mrs. Margaret Johnston, players agent, at FR 1-5095 or Al Pearson, President, at FR 1-3774.



GOOD INVESTMENT . . . The Torrance Lions Club, represented by board of directors member William King, accepted a \$5,000 check from the Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach recently to be used in support of its favorite charities. The strip is a non-profit organization sponsored by nine harbor area Lions Clubs. According to Rich Harrell, president of the board of directors of the strip, "The success of the strip in 1961, our most successful year, has made it possible to take \$45,000 out of the operating fund to divide among the sponsoring clubs."

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