

EC Quintet Upsets Valley

Once a basketball team starts going downhill, it's mighty hard to reverse directions as Valley College has been finding out in recent games.

After leading the Metropolitan Conference for better than half of the season, the Monarchs have dropped three of their last four contests. El Ca-

mino put the finishing touches on the losing streak Friday night when the Warriors took a 98-94 upset duke.

Bakersfield, after losing two of its first three games, won 10 in a row and was the newly crowned Metro champ Friday after a 53-44 win over Long Beach.

GAINING REVENGE for an earlier defeat, El Camino kept pace with the high-scoring Monarchs to gain a 51-51 deadlock at halftime, and then eked ahead after intermission, as four men hit in double figures for the Tribe.

Keith Erickson came off the bench to lead the Warriors in scoring with 23 points. Dan Karavas canned 20 points and substitute Ron Dinnel added 17 more markers. Surprise starter Paul Ingleman backed up Coach George Stanich's judgment by dropping in 12 digits.

DESPITE Erickson's high-gunning performance, he failed to grab the game's top-scoring position, as Oliver Carter, leading the Valley attack with 30 points, took the honor. Larry Williams (23), Stan Swinger (15) and Lester Smith (10) almost combined to pull the game out for the Monarchs, but deadly shooting by EC subs proved the difference.

Spartans Finish Cage Campaign

It is all over for South High, the Bay League basketball season, that is.

But before exiting for the season, the Spartans put a kink in Redondo's CIF hopes, upsetting the Seahawks 75-64 in a wild encounter on Wednesday.

Overcoming a 37-33 halftime deficit, South came roaring back, took the lead with five minutes left, and went into a freeze. Frantic Redondo was socked with a pair of technicals, and the story had been told.

ONE OF THE technicals was on Seahawk coach Jon Kincannon, the other on Redondo's stands.

Phil de la Porte was high man for South with 21 points. Jim Harris added 18 markers and Colvin Kindschi slipped in 10 more as the Spartans raced to one of their most satisfying wins of the season in boosting their loop mark to 5-11.

WHILE DE LA PORTE was the key man, keeping South in the game with his deadly set shots, Jim Berry was responsible for 16 points, coming off the bench to give the Spartans the lift they needed to carry them over the top.

Redondo's Jim Stroot was high man with 23 points. Rich Manczarek had 20 and Jon Fowler and Milt Cunningham wound up with 10 apiece.

MANCZAREK was the guiding force. South had to hit on its shots, or the big Seahawk center was up with the rebound.

South jumped into a 21-17 halftime lead, but Redondo came back to go ahead at halftime.



GOING UP . . . North High gunner leaves the ground for a two-handed jump shot in the Saxon's win over Leuzinger on Friday. The contest marked the end of the basketball season for the North combo. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

North Closes Year With Two Victories

Better late than never for North High, as the Saxons finally hit their stride, winning

the final two games on the Bay League basketball schedule.

Friday night, North blew Leuzinger off the hardwood, 85-57, and earlier in the week, upset third-place Hawthorne, 70-64.

It was no contest against Leuzinger in the final cage games of the season for North. Ahead all the way, the Saxons got a 30-point scoring performance from Sparky Davidson as North outscored the Olympians in all but the final period.

RON STREMEL and Larry Cox each canned 11 markers and Dan Claxton added 10 more as North took its sixth victory against 10 Bay League defeats. Leuzinger finished at 1-15 for loop play.

On Wednesday, the Saxons had all five starters gunning in double figures, and overcame a 29-point effort by Hawthorne's Gary Mykkanen to record one of their biggest wins of the season.

It was just a case of Mykkanen against the North combo, as no other Caugiar hit over seven points. Davidson canned 18 for North, followed by Carey Hugert, 14; Cox, 13; Stremel, 12; and Dan Mooney, 11.

Fermin Lausen First Opponent For North Nine

Opening the baseball season, North High hosts Fermin Lausen on Tuesday. The Saxons will trek across town on Thursday to take on rugged city foe, Manual Arts.

Handling the coaches chores for the fourth straight year at North will be dynamic Bob Shoup. For the past three years, Shoup-coached nines have finished first or second in the Bay League.

Pitching will comprise the main strength of the Saxon horseholders this time around. Hurlers Jon Beck and Bill Kehoe will anchor a fine pitching crew.

BECK AND KEHOE have demonstrated good stuff in practice. If the duo should falter, Jon Baker, a lefty up from a great JV year, and Sparky Davidson stand ready to pick up the slack.

All-Bay League returnee Carey Hubert provides the hitting power for the Saxons. Last year Hubert hit 438 and pitched several fine games.

JIM BAKER, a returnee from last year, dons the tools of ignorance and will handle the offerings of Beck, Kehoe and company. Skip Mooney, Gerald Colen and Bob Martin will offer experience in their out-fielding capacity. Hubert and Davidson are returnees at shortstop and first base, respectively.

North cannot waste any time getting warmed up, for the Bay League kicks off its schedule on March 6, when the Saxons host Redondo.

THS Five Rallies, Subdues Lennox

Winding up the Pioneer League basketball season in a grand manner, Torrance High practically ran Lennox off the hardwood, winning 90-66 on Friday.

Cinching a third place finish in the tightly packed loop scramble, the Tartars put on one of their most devastating offensive displays of the year in coming away with the win.

Falling behind 16-11, Torrance took advantage of the fast break and long accurate passes to come back and hold a 33-25 halftime lead.

From there on it was all downhill for Torrance. At one point in the final quarter, 20 points went through the hoop in a matter of three minutes.

An all-time school record for rebounds was broken by Lynn Archibald when he picked off 32.

The Tartars' high scorer for the season, Jim Brennan, tallied 23 markers to end the season with a 15.7 average.

Besides his fantastic rebounding, Archibald chipped in with 18 markers. Dick Sawtell (14) and Steve Waters (12), also contributed heavily to the Tartar victory.

The win gave Torrance a 10-4 loop record and left them in the third place slot. El Segundo, demolished by Culver City 58-21 Friday night, is in first place, with Culver City and Aviation tied for the runner-up position.

Throughout the season, the

Tartars have beaten all but El Segundo. On Tuesday, Torrance humbled Culver City, 56-51, in a bitter encounter.

Hawks Rout Huskie Five In Last Tilt

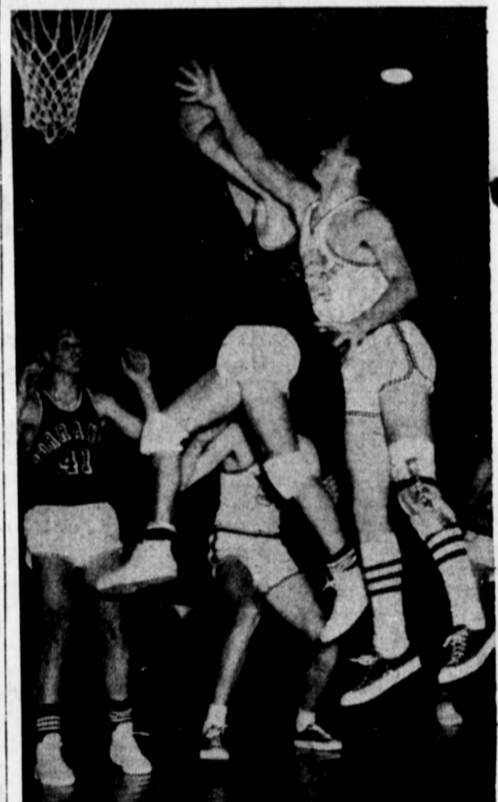
Securing its hopes for a first division Metropolitan Conference basketball berth, surprising Harbor decked East Los Angeles Friday night, 95-78 behind a well-balanced scoring attack.

Led by Al Windfeldt's markers, the Seahawks moved into a 48-43 halftime lead, and poured on the pressure in the second half to earn their second win of the season over the Huskies.

Windfeldt did not have the spotlight to himself, as Ed Briscoe (22), Charles Lee (12) and Charles Campbell (11) all contributed heavily to the win.

East L. A. had four men in double figures, led by Felix Patterson's 24 points, but the Huskies could not match Windfeldt's accurate gunning.

The contest finished the season for the Seahawks, leaving their loop record at 7-7, the finest a Harbor quintet has done in recent years. The Hawks ended up in a fourth-place tie.



BRING IT DOWN . . . Unidentified Torrance cager retrieves rebound in the Tartar's decisive win over Lennox Friday night. Displaying one of their finest offensive showings of the season, Torrance finished its Pioneer League basketball campaign by almost blowing the out-manned Lancers off of the court. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

Slo-Pitch Softball League Decides on Opening Date

Slo-Pitch softball leagues will get underway on May 4, it was decided recently by the Board of Directors of the Western League of the West Coast Slo-Pitch Softball Assn.

So far, seven teams have made definite commitments to participate during the initial season, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, executive secretary and treasurer of the newly organized group.

TEAMS LINED UP so far are the Orange County Bombers from Santa Ana, under the management of Ted Kaminsky; El Monte Blackhawks, "Speed" Burch; Torrance Tappa Keggas, Chuck Ryan; South Torrance Knight Owls, Larry Bomke; Hawthorne's Heseas, Bill Mitchell; Gardena T. Meats, Max Costa; and Torrance Beach, Mel Nolen and Noel Smith.

The eighth team needed to complete the loop is expected to be named prior to the next meeting, which will be held on March 16.

THE WEST COAST Slo-Pitch Softball Assn. has been organized by interested lay people, team managers and officials from Municipal recreation departments to fill a growing need for a Major League caliber of competition for the superior teams in this rapidly expanding sports activity.

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CINDER BATTLE . . . El Camino College sprinter Glenn Oelassen battles Orange Coast College spiker Jeff Hollen for the top spot in the 100-yard dash. Hollen won the century, but the Warriors came out in the top spot in their first meet of the season, taking a sweeping 76 1/2 to 45 1/2 victory. (Herald Photo)