

Torrance Topples Opening Foe in Covina Tournament



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If you're hooked on gracious living, there's nothing like Madison Avenue to keep you in the current. As in that ravishing advertisement the other day for a "Discreet Personal Bar."

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There's a bit of prose that surely covers all bases. It promises everything except marriage to a maharajah who looks like Kim Novak.

This addition to our daily table of pleasures also betokens a new dimension in Dick-Smithing.

This fine old American custom, said to have been named after a gent of pre-possessing alcoholic attainments, consists in sneaking a slug periodically to give one the spiritual strength to get on with the job.

Dick Smiths are to be found everywhere, even in the world of daily journalism.

The premier specimen of the breed known to me was a sports columnist for a Hearst morning wire service whom we shall call Dave, because that was his name.

Dave's devotion to the grape was so intimate and embracing that he was sent every so often to dry out in a sanitarium outside Philly, which was owned and operated by his brother, a distinguished physician.

The time came, regrettably, when the columnist oozed Old Popskull from every pore, despite his brother's ministrations. His usefulness to the Hearst organization was coming to an end, he was advised. It was either mount the wagon, or Throughville.

Dave, who could write good when he had to, swallowed his last drink, and his pride, and settled down to a daily eight-hour stint on the sports rewrite desk. So devoted to his work did he become that he never left his seat, even for lunch.

He developed a new eccentricity. Like Heywood Brown, Dave generally dressed like an unmade bed. All of a sudden he started wearing a huge red carnation daily.

Too, he worked with his suit jacket on, which is not the uniform of the day for a New York rewrite man. At least not since George Buchanan Fyfe, a Lucius Beebe type who worked on the old New York World.

Dave's disposition improved after he went on the wagon, contrary to all reason and historical precedent. He was all nods and becks and wretched smiles.

During this period Dave let a Hollywood producer in on the secret that he knew a guy who lived 10 feet underground in a cave in the Mojave Desert, lived exclusively off goat's milk and peanut butter, and had a MANUSCRIPT. Dave made quite a few thou representing this unlikely genius.

Only a few copy boys knew that when Dave was smelling devotedly the aroma of his carnation, between filing bulletins on soccer matches for Buenos Aires, he was really sucking, like a baby with a pacifier, on a pint of Mother's Milk, as he called his favorite tipple.

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Tartars Swamp Pomona Catholic Five, 71 to 45

Torrance's red hot Tartars scored an impressive 71-to-45 win over the Pomona Catholic quintet in opening rounds of the five-day Covina Tournament yesterday and won the doubtful privilege of facing the strong Crescenta Valley five at 3 p.m. today.

Led by Lynn Archibald's 21-point scoring spree, the Tartars moved steadily through the game against the Pomona team yesterday, leading 37 to 19 at the midway mark.

Joining Archibald on the scoring front were Ernie Clayton with 15 points, Steve Waters with 14, and John Ricci with nine. Waters, Archibald and Ricci controlled the backboards for the locals, taking a total of 33 rebounds between them. Waters led with 13.

TODAY'S opponent, Crescenta Valley, comes into the tournament with the memory of a 27-point margin of victory over Hawthorne to annex the Hawthorne Tournament title

before Christmas. Hawthorne is the Bay League co-favorite. The Crescenta Valley team beat Rosemead 48 to 41, to open their tournament play yesterday.

Games scheduled later yesterday included North against Arroyo, South against Glendale, and West against West Covina.

SOUTH WAS looking for its first basketball foe when it went on the floor against the undefeated West Covina squad late yesterday.

First round losers play a consolation bracket at Covina and first round winners are eliminated with their first defeat.

YOUTHS COMPETE

Now Organizing Hockey Leagues

Along with Little League Baseball and Pop Warner Football has come the Olympic Minor Hockey Assn.

Stressing that "Irrespective of who the boy is, he will never be turned away," several Canadians are now organizing a youth hockey league.

One of the organizers, Bill Moat, says that currently 117 boys are signed to play and 47 of them are already on the ice. Registration is \$3 and includes insurance. An additional \$1 is required weekly for time on the ice arena.

THE ASSOCIATION will be divided into three groups. The leagues will be the Junies, 14-18 years; the Bantams, 10-14 years, and the Peewees, 8-10 years.

Practices will be held this Saturday and Sunday at 7 a.m. at the Olympic Ice Arena on Western.

NINE COACHES will be available. Two coaches spend all of their time teaching boys to skate and another two devote the hour and one-half to teaching players how to stick-handle.

A boy must not necessarily have a knowledge of the game to sign up, for the coaches are instructing in the hockey basics.

THE ONLY equipment a boy must furnish are his skates and padding. The league will furnish headgear, which is mandatory, and is in the process of lining up sponsors.

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