

North to Begin CIF Playoffs

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One of the great anachronisms of our time is Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee. Like Stonehenge, Brundage at age 77 is impressive; but also, like Stonehenge, he serves no discernible useful function at the minute.

Mr. Brundage is a professional amateur, a man who believes sports should be played for the love of the game, and not for gold. He is of that old British school which distinguished between the gents and the players, a distinction that even the British abolished in cricket last year.

Besides being a lover, Mr. Brundage is a fellow who rattles on without pause about how politics has nothing to do with sports, and should not be allowed to influence the conduct of the Olympic games.

So passionately does he believe this that he supported the claim of Hitler's Germany that it be the site of the 1936 Olympics on the grounds that "the politics of a nation is no concern to the IOC."

Recently at Innsbruck, site of the Winter Olympics, Mr. Brundage was sounding the same old note, in attacking state-supported athletes among the Communist nations.

Said he, "So-called sports events are politically inspired, politically organized, and politically conducted. . . a victory in sports becomes synonymous with national prestige, or with the superiority of one political system over another."

Unexceptionable sentiments, to be sure. But like a lot of us here idealists, Mr. Brundage does not always practice what he preaches.

The day after the above stirring affirmations, Mr. Brundage's IOC booted South Africa out of participation in this year's Olympics in Tokyo because the South Africans practice racial segregation in sports.

This lordly and highly political beau geste was received with less than acclaim by some members of the 111-nation IOC, who resent with some reason being pushed around by Mr. Brundage, who runs his committee like it was a crank-up walking doll.

It is hard to see what the racial policies of South Africa, no matter how repugnant they are to men of reason everywhere, have to do with that Nation's right to send amateur athletes to an Olympiad. This kind of moral fervor is not too far removed from burning witches at Salem.

If we banned every Nation whose policies we disliked—or Mr. Brundage disliked—it would be hard to have Olympic games at all. The Communists, besides giving State support to their tigers, are Communists. Lotsa people don't like Nasser, lotsa people don't like Israel, lotsa people don't like the partition of Ireland. Throw 'em out!

But the heart of the matter, which is not lost on many foreign observers, is that the Big Idealist who threw South Africa out represents a Nation which treats the Negro a little better than it did when he came off the boat from Africa in the 18th century, but not much.

It is not so long ago that no Negro was allowed to play on a major league baseball team in this country. That there are so many Negroes in the game now is not due to any philanthropy on this Nation's part, but to the discovery that Negroes are good athletes, and that white men, moving up the economic ladder, no longer go in for pro sports with the fervor they once showed.

Mr. Brundage is a righteous man, and they're the worst kind.

El Camino Earns Wrestling Crown

With a perfect 4-0 conference record and a near perfect .1 overall slate, the El Camino college wrestling team will enter the Metropolitan Conference wrestling tournament at erritos Feb. 29 as the favorite.

Already Metro dual meet hamp by virtue of a 38-0 win over the defending champion aversfield, the Warriors will out the Southern District State qualifying Tournament March

and Dennis Albright of Torrance, gained pins in the third round, while Terry Hansen, Leuzinger High grad, won in the second and Ron Hampton, former Centennial High heavyweight, won in the first round.

Decisions were garnered by Rich Tumble, from South, in the 115 lb. class, Allan Nakamura, Torrance, in the 123 lb. class and Tom McCann, Aviation High, in the 130 lb. division.

Also winning by decision were Paul Steinel, 137 pounder from Hawthorne, Bob Anderson, 167 lb. class, and Larry Wolfe, 177 pound class.

The State Wrestling Championships will be held at Diablo College at Concord, Calif., March 13 and 14.

Horsehide Campaign Will Open

Power-packed West High will open its 1964 horsehide campaign Tuesday afternoon at Inglewood High in a non-league contest. Warrior coach Max Lomas has tabbed either Tim Speaks or sophomore Ron Sells to open on the mound.

Lomas is expected to start with Dennis Dodd as catcher, Dave La Roche at first, Gary Loyd at second, Dick Buchanan at shortstop, and John Marsden at third. In the outfield will be Roy Hubecek and either Jim Barnes, Earl Foster or Mike Donahue.

LOYD WAS West's leading slugger last year with a .365 mark while Marsden hit at a .348 average.

North will begin its campaign on Friday against Bishop Montgomery. The Saxons will field a young squad with a new coach, Jim O'Brien.

Torrance and South will not open their seasons until March 5 when they meet at Torrance Park. South has only three lettermen returning while Torrance must adjust to a flock of transfers and new coach Dale Walker.

TRACK, which got underway last week, will continue on Tuesday when North High hosts perennially powerful Santa Monica. The Saxons are expected to put up their best battle ever against the defending Bay League champs.

Allan Johnson is the key Saxon. Johnson set a new broad jump mark and tied the North century record on Friday as the Saxons recorded their first track win in history over an unexpectedly tough South High squad.



ALL-STAR LINEUP . . . John Mangliagli, president of North Torrance Little League East, prepares to pitch to John Schnepf, district 27 administrator, while Albert E. Houghton, Little League secretary, catches and Robert Thornton, district 28 administrator, umpires. The quartet were touring Torrance little league fields on Wednesday as part of a Jubilee Convocation in the city. (Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)

North Nudges South Spikers

Despite the absence of several top-flight sprinters, North High recorded its first track victory in history over cross-town rival South High Friday afternoon.

Allan Johnson broke the North broad jump record and tied the school's century mark to lead the Saxon's in a 53-1/3 to 50-2/3 triumph over South.

JOHNSON enjoyed one of the best days of his career as he rambled the 100-yard dash in 10.1 seconds, broad jumped 21-feet 8 1/4 inches and clocked 22.1 seconds in winning the 220. He also anchored an 880 relay team that gave North the meet win.

South started off with a bang as Bob Palmer and Steve Jones placed first and third in the 120 high hurdles. Palmer edged Dave Hubert in 15.7 on the wind-swept course.

Johnson came back in the century to tie the Pat Linger's record and give North its first win. Dave Rance edged South's Ron Marra for second.

In the best varsity race of the afternoon, junior Bob Hansen flashed the 880 in 2:02.9 to defeat South's Doug Hall, the defending Bay League half-mile champ. North's John Mizler was third.

Marra came through in the quarter mile, finishing in 52.9 seconds to edge teammate Wes Fox and North's Allen Kimbel. Fox had been out of school for a week and doctors thought he had rheumatic fever. It turned out to be toncillitis.

In the 180-yard low hurdles, Palmer picked up his second win in 20.6 with Hubert and Rance from North trailing.

Randy Siler from South and Bruce Allen from North followed Johnson to the tape in the 220.

South's Dave Ledford won the mile in 4:43.1 followed by teammate Mike Mooring and Saxon Dave Ramsey.

Norm Sanwo of North and Harry Leonard from South finished behind Johnson in the broad jump.

HUBERT, who broke the North pole vault record at 12-6 on Wednesday in a meet against West High, vaulted South. Spartan sophomore 12-0 to grab first against Dave Kronk was second at 11-6 with Tim Fitzpatrick of South third.

Dale Foth, went over at 5-10 in the high jump for North to garner a first followed by Hansen and Gary Snellgrove and Rae Mills of South. Hansen, Snellgrove and Mills tied for second.

South completely swept the shot put as Harry Ruitterman flipped the iron ball 52 feet

and teammates John Daugherty and Scott Christiansen trailed.

The day was not a total loss for the Spartans as they won the Bee division, 67-28, and captured the Cee classification, 45-41. Sophomore Ted Pettipiece won the century in 10.5 seconds and the 220 in 23.1 seconds for South in the Bee division.

LEAGUE FINALE

Hale, Hatter Pace Tartars In Cage Win Over Lennox

Walt Hale and Mike Hatter poured in 45 points between them Friday night as Torrance High closed out its Pioneer League cage campaign with a 68-61 triumph over Lennox.

Hale popped in 27 points and hauled down 18 rebounds while Hatter clocked for 18 points and 12 carries as Torrance secured undisputed possession of third place.

Aviation reigns as league champ with El Segundo second, Torrance third and West fourth. If Torrance had lost Friday, it would have moved into a third-place tie with West.

HALE AND Hatter made sure Torrance would not lose, propelling the Tartars into a 20-9 first quarter lead. The Tartars could not be stopped in the opening stanza, constantly breaking Lennox's 2-2-1 zone press for easy layups and continuously stealing the ball from the Lancers.

Lennox improved as the game got older and Torrance out-scored the Lancers only 14-13 in the second period. The second half belonged to the host Lancers as they clipped Torrance, 17-14, in the third period and 22-20 in the final quarter.

Accuracy from the free throw line and the ability to ramble through Lennox's press were instrumental in the THS win. Torrance flipped 18 of 25 attempts from the charity line and potted 25 field goals.

A SMALL quintet, Lennox received balanced scoring from Steve Smith (21), Hendrik

Mayfair to Host High-Flying NHS

North High will place a 14-game winning streak on the line Tuesday at 8 p.m. against Mayfair High in the opening round of the 32-team CIF Southern Section basketball playoffs.

Mayfair, winners of the Suburban League, will host the CIF contest in its gymnasium at 6,000 N. Woodruff St., Bellflower. Tickets may be arranged by contacting the North student activities office.

Head North coach Skip Enger analyzes Mayfair as a small, good shooting team that "reminds me of Leuzinger." Mayfair uses a 3-2 zone defense and constantly presses.

IF MAYFAIR is indeed like Leuzinger, it could prove disastrous to North. Friday night, Leuzinger almost ended the Saxon winning streak before dropping a 57-53 Sky League decision.

North was forced to overcome a five-point deficit in the final three minutes to register its tenth consecutive league triumph. The Saxons had already clinched an undisputed championship and finished with a three-game bulge over Leuzinger.

After leading most of the game, North suddenly found itself trailing by five points. To make matters worse, Leuzinger went into a stall.

The Saxons broke out of their customary zone defense and went into a pressing man-to-man. The tactic ruined the Olympians. First, forward Mike Gratake stole the ball from Leuzinger's Randy McMichaels and roared in for a layup.

AFTER A free throw, guard Terry Tierney again stole a Leuzinger pass and North tied the count at 53-53.

Leuzinger missed an attempted shot and North came down with the ball and went into a stall offense. With only 37 seconds remaining, substitute Dave Hempel was fouled and hit on both charity tosses in a 1 and 1 situation to give North the victory.

With just four seconds left, Saxon center Al Lepper canned two more free throws to ice the decision.

Gratzke wound up as North's top gunner with 22 points, 13 coming after intermission. Lepper dunked 13 points, 11 coming before the halftime break. Tierney contributed 11 makers,

South Nabs Easy Win Over Samo

Ending its finest basketball campaign since 1961, South High closed out the Bay League season Friday night with a 62-49 win over hapless Santa Monica.

South brought its league record to 6-4 and its season slate to 16-11 via the easy victory. The Spartans finished the year behind Mira Costa and Redondo in the circuit chase.

Redondo reversed an early-season loss to Mira Costa Friday night to tie the Mustangs for the circuit championship. Both quintets finished with only one league loss.

IN 1961, South also finished third in the Bay League.

Don Denson, the area's top scorer and a certain All-League selection for forward, carded 22 points to pace the Spartans. Center John Thomas contributed 10 markers and reserve Steve Boggs added 9.

South never trailed in the contest, picking up a 13-10 lead after one quarter and a 30-21 margin by halftime. The Spartans still held a 44-36 edge when the final stanza opened.

Santa Monica, with a pair of five-point wins over Hawthorne to its credit this season, was led by Carl Pawl's 18 points. Pawl had been averaging under 10 points per contest.

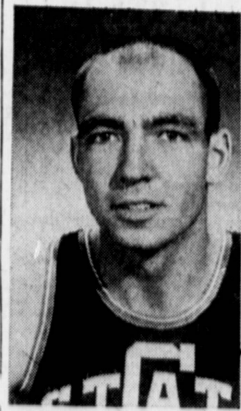
SPARTAN MENTOR Jim Hanny played all of his varsity men and 10 cagers wound up in the scoring column. Sophomore forward Steve Kuckenbecker, who carries a double-figure average, could manage only two points.

Kuckenbecker was saddled with three fouls after the first quarter and drew his fourth personal early in the third stanza.



TIGHT FINISH . . . Junior Bob Hansen of North High edges defending Bay League half mile champ Doug Hall of South High Friday afternoon in a dual meet between the two schools. Hansen also ran a leg on North's 880-yard relay team that secured the Saxon's first win in history over a Spartan track squad. (Herald Photo)

Ed Briscoe Aids Colorado Quintet



ED BRISCOE Successful Cager

Former Harbor College cager Ed Briscoe, son of Mrs. Maria Briscoe, 22124 Avalon, is currently a starting forward for the Colorado State College Bears in Greeley.

Briscoe, who is averaging 7.8 points per game and is the team's third leading rebounder, has helped guide Colorado State to a 14-4 record and a 15th ranking on United Press International's small college poll.

A junior, Briscoe graduated from Buena Park High School and attended Harbor, where he was Player of the Year in 1963.

He is majoring in physical education. Colorado State is coached by Dr. George Sage, who last year guided the Pomona College quintet.