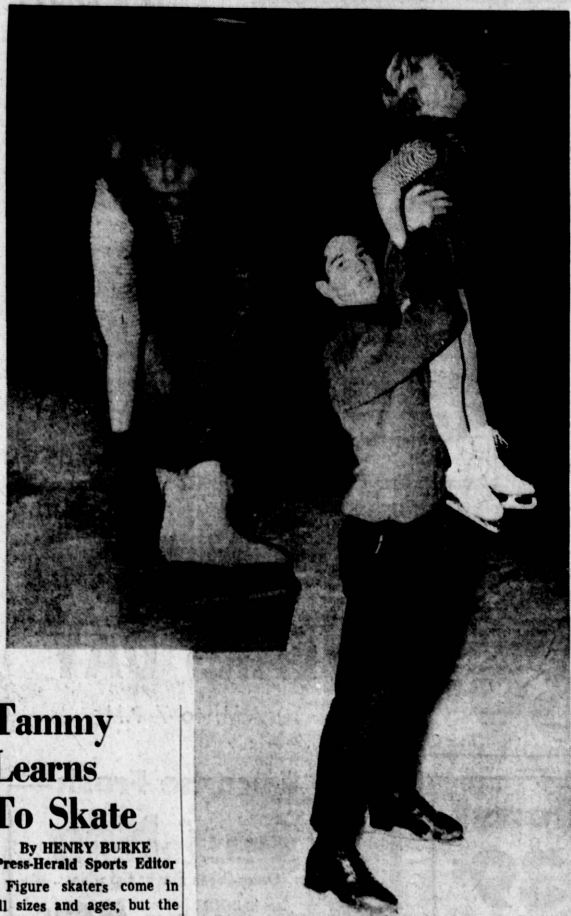


'Vacation on Ice'



Tammy Learns To Skate

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Figure skaters come in all sizes and ages, but the darling of the South Bay Figure Skating Club is Tammy Draper, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Draper of Torrance.

Each day of the Christmas holidays Tammy and her sister, Rhonda, 12, frequent the Olympic Ice Arena in Torrance to develop their skills as figure skaters. They are among some 150 junior members of the South Bay Club whose first big love is figure skating.

Tammy is simply an all-around "cutie," but when she is on ice nobody else could be more charming than this tiny 3-foot 8-inch first grader.

The little blonde, a replica of Shirley Temple of another era, began her ice skating career in July. By September she was able to perform in the annual "Holiday Ice Revue," a spectacular amateur ice show sponsored by the South Bay Figure Skating Club.

FIRST GRADER . . . Tammy Draper, 6, who began figure skating last summer, already can skate on one foot and has John Kimmitt for a "leading man." Almost 150 youngsters are active in the South Bay Figure Skating Club.

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Tonight Tammy will compete for her first ribbon in the first in a series of four figure skating tests. By May she hopes to perform in the club figure skating championships. Progress is rapid.

Shirley Alexander, Tammy's instructor, speaks highly of the talented youngster. She said Tammy has natural ability, a wonderful personality, and great potential as a figure skater.

Skating has become a household word around the Draper residence. It was only a year before Tammy's debut that Dad invited

Rhonda to take lessons. Tammy got into the act a couple of times on "Family Night" and three months before her 6th birthday in October she was ready for regular classes.

Mrs. Draper said Tammy is a very determined and stubborn individual. It was not known whether the tot would resist advanced lessons at her age or make a big production out of it.

Students (all ages) are put through five class steps before qualifying for club membership and Tammy breezed through the course.

Ice skating was probably introduced to the Drapers through a niece, Starla Gobel of Fresno, third place winner in the junior ladies division.

The Draper girls' father also enjoys ice skating, but mother spends most of her time as a spectator.

She estimates the family spends about \$100 a month on ice skating, but she said it is worth it to give the girls something to do. "It is most important for them to be happy and to be given an opportunity to be successful at something," Mrs. Draper stressed.

A number of youngsters from the South Bay Figure Skating Club are engaged in competition. Among the successful is Mark Rehfield, 11, runner-up in this year's Pacific Coast Novice Men's Division. Mark's father, Jerry Rehfield, is head professional at the Olympic Arena.

Shirley Alexander said some youngsters try skating at 3 years of age, but she believes it is a little too young.

Students skate with the instructors to start with, but Miss Alexander said they make a point to get away from them almost immediately.

It doesn't take long before students are skating forward and backward. The biggest lesson for youngsters to learn is to get up and keep moving after they fall. Tammy Draper has become pretty accustomed to it already.

BUNNY HOPPING ON SKATES . . . Members of the South Bay Figure Skating Club are spending most of their vacation on ice. Here 6-year-old Tammy Draper leads Vicki Martin, Lynn Stewart, Rhonda Draper, Lyndee Boyvin, Janet Campbell, Bonnie Clarke, Tina Palica and Lynn Bolmer around the rink. (Press-Herald Photo)

Torrance Wins 11th Game Against South

SPORTS

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North Wins Two In Covina Series

North High, defending champion in the 32-team Covina Invitational Basketball Tournament, reached the quarter-final round again this year by beating Charter Oak and Rosemead in two rounds of games Monday and Tuesday.

Coach Skip Enger's Saxons meet the winner of the Cathedral-Millikan game today at 3 p.m.

North beat Rosemead, 74-72, yesterday. The game was won at the free throw line where North got 24 of 30 compared to 12-for-26 for the losers, Jim Nielson, 6-6 sophomore, got 11 free throws in a 25-point game.

North was down by five points with 2:08 remaining in the game, but the Saxons used a press defense to forge ahead by four in the final seconds. The tie was broken when Steve Sibley intercepted a pass and fed the ball to Craig Wennstrom for a 72-70 lead.

North was not the astute free-throwing team against Charter Oak, getting only five points against 17 fouls. North, however, collared 30 field goals and dominated the game after taking a 15-6 first quarter lead.

Gymnastics classes, offering instructions in stunts and tumbling, will be conducted from 4 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 4 through Jan. 27 at El Retiro Park, 126 Vista del Parque, Torrance.

This free instructional gymnastics class, sponsored by the Torrance Recreational Department, is to help boys and girls gain coordination, strength and flexibility.

Registration will be during the first class meeting at El Retiro Park. All participants must be 7 or older.

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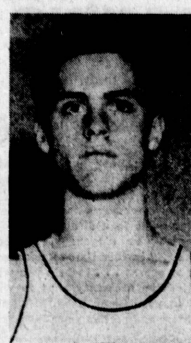
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BART JOHNSON Returns to Form



DAVE LAROCHE Scores 41 Points

LaRoche Hits 41 for West

Bart Johnson returned to form last night as the Torrance Tartars massacred South, 80-57 in a feature game of the Bishop Montgomery Invitational Basketball Tournament.

West earned a chance to meet Torrance in the semi-finals at 8:30 tonight by beating the host Knights, 82-74, in overtime.

The other semi-main event pits St. Anthony's against Rolling Hills at 7 p.m. St. Anthony's rolled over Pater Noster, 76-60, while Rolling Hills upset Fermin Lasuen, 61-59.

Pater Noster meets Fermin at 4 p.m. today with Bishop Montgomery going against South at 5:30.

Johnson displayed the great scoring touch which preceded his recent ankle injury.

There was nothing to the Torrance-South game. Only in Johnson's dazzling field goal artistry, scoring 13 field goals without a free throw, was there much to write about. He did not play the final four minutes.

But in the nightcap Dave LaRoche went a few steps more than Johnson by scoring 41 points for West. He had 17 field goals and seven free throws. He had 21 in the first half, 14 in the second half and six in an overtime period.

West was down by eight points with two and a half minutes to play, but a tight full court press forced Montgomery into repeated mistakes and Bruce Ostendorf and LaRoche finished out regulation time with a combined 10 points.

With Rick Sabosky and Danny Graham touting out in the final three minutes for the Knights, concentration was put on Jim Garbanati and the Montgomery's offense was put out of commission the rest of the game.

West pulled ahead in overtime on three free throws by Ostendorf and a field goal by Steve Parton.

From there it was easy as LaRoche ran up three goals in the final 30 seconds.

Jon Yarmolovich was high scorer for Montgomery with eight field goals and six free throws for 22 points.

Others in the tournament to get more than 20 were Mark Long and Kirby Gordon of St. Anthony's, each with 25. Tim Miller of Pater Noster with 26, and Geoff Gean of Rolling Hills with 21.

The tournament will culminate Thursday with the seventh place game at 4; consolation finals at 5:30; third place at 7 p.m., and the finals at 8:30.

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North Torrance East Registers Little Leaguers

Player registration for the North Torrance Little League East will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, 1966, at the "old" Garrett Field, corner of 190th and Van Ness Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participation in the league will be limited to boys who become 8 to 12 years old by Aug. 1, 1966. A parent must accompany each boy desiring to register. The boys birth certificate must be brought at this time.

Anyone interested in working with the Little League should contact league president John Mangiagli, DA 4-7266.

Industrial League

Magnavox . . . 13 12 12 3-40
Douglas VIP . . . 5 12 5 2-40
High Scorers: Magnavox - Pat Anderson (15); Douglas - Leo Anderson, John Wilson, Pete Fisher (6)

Computer Sciences over Harbor Hornets (forfeit).
Harbor Medics . . . 15 16 16 25-74
Torrance Police . . . 6 5 5 6-25
High Scorers: Harbor - John Walsh (13); Police - Jim Fopp (10)

Compton Puts Stop To El Camino String

El Camino College had its 11-game win streak in basketball interrupted in the first round of the Glendale Sam Barry Tournament Monday.

The Warriors were beaten by Compton, 83-71. Oliver Taylor tallied 25 points for the Tarbaves. Bob Brennan scored 20 points for El Camino.

Long Beach, the favorite to win the Metropolitan Conference basketball title, remained unbeaten with a 103-65 win over Pasadena.

In other games Cerritos edged Trade Tech, 70-69; Pierce downed East Los Angeles, 83-70; Valley topped Harbor, 91-77; Glendale topped Mira Costa, 106-71; and Riverside handled LACC 102-51.

2-Year-Olds Race at Santa Anita

Three top-level stakes will be decided at Santa Anita the first weekend of the 29th thoroughbred racing meeting — the \$50,000 California Breeders Championship Stakes for 2-year-old California foals on Friday, and the co-favored Malibu Stakes and San Gabriel Handicap on New Year's Day. Both Jan. 1 events are \$25,000-added races.

The traditional Breeders Champion brings together California juveniles on the last day of the year in an effort to settle the 2-year-old title of California. A total of 132 were made advance nom-

Tickets Go On Sale For Dinner

Advance ticket and table reservations for the 9th annual Los Angeles Baseball Writers' Association Dinner — Feb. 12 at the Hollywood Palladium — are priced at \$20 per plate. Tickets may be reserved at the Baseball Writers' headquarters, 1353 Blitzer Hotel, Los Angeles 90013, or by phoning Madison 6-7678.

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George Royal, the come-from-behind Canadian champion who won the \$125,000 San Juan Capistrano Invitational last winter, is scheduled to start in the San Gabriel against such other star grass specialists as Cedar Key, the French-bred Or Et Argent, and Duel.

Cedar Key was a winner of one division of the San Juan Capistrano in 1964, and returned last winter to capture the Arcadia Handicap and equal the track record for the Charles H. Strub 1 1/2 miles in the San Luis Rey Handicap on the grass. Duel Stakes a year ago.