

Poly Clobbers North; Title Escapes Torrance

Tartars Lose to Servite

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Nine-year-old Jeff Boerger clenched his teeth and slammed his small fist into the dressing room wall.

With that gesture, young Jeff symbolized the disappointment of a whole school—disappointment which was most evident in the silence of the Torrance High basketball team's dressing room at the Long Beach Arena.

Monday before, in front of a record arena crowd of 12,532, the Tartars had lost the CIF "AA" championship by a slim two-point margin. Now, the season was ended, but the memory lingered in the silence—and the tears.

Servite High of Anaheim defeated the Tartars, 62-60, ending a 19-game win streak which carried the Torrance squad through an undefeated Pioneer League season and four CIF playoff games.

The winning basket was scored by Greg Banks with 3 seconds left on the clock. He fired from 10 feet out to break a 60-50 tie.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Tartars were back under their own basket, vainly trying to get one more shot.

But the game was not without its bright spots. Senior forward Walt Hale, who—with Bob Brennan, Richard Davies and reserve John Osborne—was wearing the maroon and grey for the last time, played the most brilliant game of his career.

Hale hit seven of 12 free throws and sank 11 of 14 free throws for 25 points. He snared 15 rebounds and intercepted the ball four times, once in the final minute to knot the score at 58-58 with 1:31 left.

After a hurried meeting with Will Boerger, the Tartars went into their famed stall and ran the clock to :51. Then, as Brennan started his drive to the basket, he was fouled.

But Brennan, still showing the effects of a bout with the flu, missed the free throw and Servite got the rebound. Dennis Ricketts then scored for the Friars, and Torrance came back down court to tie things up again on a layin by Davies.

Banks then hit his game-winning shot with all 12,532 fans on their feet.

"We've won some close ones with the stall," Will Boerger said after the game. "and I guess we've got to expect to lose a close one."

"We had a fine season and I'm proud of these boys," he added.

The silence told the rest of the story.

The less gaudy Torrance 24-4 season record, the best the Tartars have ever recorded, they finished as the runner-up in the CIF "AA" bracket after five years as the third-place team in the Pioneer League.

Their honors for the season, in addition to the Pioneer League title, include consolation titles in both the Pacific Shores and Beverly Hills tournaments. Three of the starters were named to the all-league teams, including Brennan's unanimous choice as the league's most valuable player.

Hale was a first-string all-league selection, along with Tom Duncan of Lawndale, Henrick Baars of Lennox, Jim Hamey of Aviation, Dani Thomas of West, and sophomore Dana Paggett of El Segundo.

Next year, Boerger will have six returning lettermen, including Johnson and Fred Carpenter, this year's fifth starter, and a pair of ace jayvees.



JEFF BOERGER
Servite, 62-60

TEAM	FG	FT	PF	TP
SERVITE (62)	25	10	20	62
TORRANCE (60)	21	15	15	60

High School Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
Bay League Baseball
Redondo at Rolling Hills
Santa Monica at Hawthorne
Palms Verdes at Mira Costa
Pioneer League Baseball
El Segundo at Torrance
Aviation at West
Lawndale at Lawndale
Marine League Baseball
Los Angeles at Carson (practice)

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
Bay League Track & Field
Santa Monica at South
Hawthorne at Redondo
Palms Verdes at Palms Verdes
Bay League Track & Field
Cerritos at Long Beach
Huntington at Long Beach
Pioneer League Track & Field
Aviation at Torrance
Lawndale at West
Lawndale at El Segundo
Marine League Track & Field
San Pedro at Narbonne

Softball Sign-ups Announced

The Torrance Recreation Department invites grade school boys living in Torrance to contact McMaster, El Retiro, Walters, Torrance, La Romeria, or Paradise Parks and register with the Recreation Department for 10-inch softball program.

Parent permits are required before a boy is permitted to play. Leagues will be formed in three divisions: Ivy League—boys, grades 3-4; Skyline—boys, grades 5-6; Rocky Mountain League—boys, grades 7-8. Youngsters may sign up as an individual or with a complete team.

League play will start Saturday, May 15, and continue through the month of July. Fathers interested in working with the youngsters are requested to contact the park in their area.

To get the boys in shape for league play, 10" softball skill days have been planned at Walters and McMaster Parks, Saturday, May 8, at 10 a.m. Boys will participate in the following events: bunting, running the bases, and throw for distance. Points will be given for successful attempts, and boys gaining top points will receive player certificates.

Colt League Sets Sign-ups

Torrance Colt League will hold sign-ups Saturday at North High School. Registration may be completed between noon and 3 p.m. A second registration day will be held March 27, also from noon until 3.

Proof of age is required for 15- and 16-year old boys who are eligible for the league.

Injury Hampers Saxons

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Although the main event ended in a first round knock-out, the preliminary bouts kept a record crowd of 12,532 from demanding their money back Saturday night in the CIF basketball finals.

North High, substitute entry in the finals when Redondo came up lame, took it on the chin by a 90-48 margin against the defending, and still champion Long Beach Poly Jackrabbits.

There was no doubt of the outcome after the first three minutes as the hobbling Saxons fell behind, 11-1.

Coach Skip Enger of North may have thought about throwing in the towels during the hectic first period when his varsity fell behind, 23-6, but instead he resorted to a series of rotating player substitutions in an effort to give his starters smelling salts.

Enger could have insisted, during that first quarter, they had no business marking the score during the pre-game practice routine. The Jackrabbits started running and never quit.

Poly coach Bill Foerster took the game more seriously than a television wrestling debate. He gave one of his players "oil" for missing a play when the score was 73-32 in their favor.

North's Ron Taylor was so well bandaged, all he needed was a pair of blinkers and he would have been a sure bet in the Santa Anita Trot. But as far as basketball was concerned, Taylor, with his bum ankle, had no more business in the ring than "Flash" Sorrenson!

Some of the spectators stayed around until the half-time, remembering the make believe basketball show put on by the male cheerleaders from Poly and the South High song queens two weeks ago in a Poly-South contest.

But this did not take place, for Poly cheerleaders went out to suit up for the second half!

TEAM	FG	FT	PF	TP
LONG BEACH POLY (90)	35	14	20	90
NORTH TORRANCE (48)	16	17	48	48

Cerritos Bows

Metropolitan Conference basketball champion Cerritos disbanded for the season today after losing two games last week in the annual California junior college basketball tournament.

FIRST GAME OF PLAYOFFS SET THURSDAY

Kahlo Realty and Branch Office begin the first in a series of playoff games to decide the Thursday night Open League basketball title. The game will be at Torrance High tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

They tied with Vaughn Realty with 7-3 records, necessitating the runoff. Vaughn will meet the winner of tomorrow's game at a later date.

SPORTS

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LONG STRETCH . . . Of his sprained leg required a section of seats for Ron Taylor Saturday night at the Long Beach Arena. Taylor played a limited amount against Long Beach Poly because of the injury as North High was beaten, 90-48, in the final of the CIF "AAA" basketball playoff. Taylor was named to the all-tournament team. (Press-Herald Photo)

Track Crown on Line for Long Beach, Bakersfield

The Metropolitan Conference track and field dual meet championship probably will be decided when Long Beach invades Bakersfield this Friday.

After two meets, both powerhouses are undefeated with both possessing enough to bring the meet right down to the wire.

Two other Metro meets are scheduled. El Camino travels to Santa Monica and East Los Angeles hosts Cerritos.

Last Friday, Long Beach trimmed Valley, 86-49; Bakersfield routed East Los Angeles, 101-35; and Cerritos took Santa Monica, 113-23.

Wind, rain and low temperatures held down the marks at Bakersfield, but the Renegades' Carl Heier soared 14-0 for one of the top marks in the meet.

At Long Beach, Earl McCullough paced the win over Valley by winning the 220 in 21.6 and the high hurdles in 14.8. Top marks in Metro meets:

100—Ray (V), 9.7; Kasey (U), 9.4; Tucker (LB), 9.8; Pitts (LB), 9.9
50—McCullough (LB), 21.4
200—(LB), 1.58.5
Highs—McCullough (LB), 14.8; Copeland (ELA), 14.8.

Players Sought For 5'10" League

Basketball players, 5'10" or smaller, are needed to fill teams in a 6-team league sponsored by the Torrance Recreation and Parks Department.

Charles Watkins, teams organizer, said prospective players can reach him at 747-9319.

Santa Monica Senior Enters Economy Run

A 17-year-old Santa Monica High School senior, Marty Payne, has won a driver's position on the 1955 Dodge Mobilgas Economy Run team.

Payne, 912 Hill Street, Santa Monica, was the winner in a driver education contest conducted at the school.

While Payne has been driving for the past year and one-half, he has never participated in auto competition.

During his school years he has participated in football, basketball, and track. A better than "B average" student, he will be required to make up all school work missed during the six-and-one-half day trek that starts in Los Angeles on April 5 and ends in New York City on April 11.

Robert J. Cahill, Chrysler Corporation engineer, and team captain for Dodge in the run, said that Payne will drive a 1955 Dodge Dart Six in the 3293-mile journey.

Payne will be unable to take his musical instruments on the run. They are the bass, violin and piano.



ON THE RUN . . . Against Servite is Torrance dribbler Rob Brennan who races out in front of Teammate Walt Hale (24) and Bill Halligan (31) of Servite in the finals of the CIF "AA" basketball playoffs. The Friars scored in the final eight seconds to beat Torrance, 62-60. Hale was named to the all-tournament team. (Press-Herald Photo)

BAY LEAGUE BASEBALL

South Building Pitching Staff

A gap between South High and the remaining baseball teams in the Bay League will probably widen this week while the Spartans sit idle. South is 2-0.

Redondo won its first game from Rolling Hills yesterday, 2-1, after losing twice to South last week, 9-3, and 4-1. Another game yesterday saw Mira Costa edge Palms Verdes, 4-2.

Coach Jerry McElvaine of South is spending his week off from league play by working with his pitching staff. Steve French and Steve Kuchenbecker who reported to the team late from basketball will be used on the mound.

The Spartans got an excellent pitching effort from Glen Thompson last Thursday when he spun a two-hitter against Redondo.

Catcher Phil Hertzog hit a home run with Dick White on in the fourth inning and Chick James tripled with White and Hertzog on in the seventh for the win over Redondo. White had three hits for four trips in the game.

The standings show the Panthers (3-0) with six points; Firefighters (2-1) with four points; Hornets (1-2) with two points; and Bulldogs (0-3).

The Firefighters have scored 12 goals to one for their opposition. The Panthers' three victories have each been by 1-0 scores.

Warrior Nine Rips Corsairs For Third Win

After picking up their third Metropolitan Conference baseball victory at the expense of Santa Monica City College last week, 12-0, El Camino College will be host to Cerritos College, Friday at 2:30 p.m. The Warriors travel to Bakersfield College Saturday.

Jumping off to a six-run lead in the first two innings, the Warriors, behind the strong right arm of Dave Rabuse, blanked the Corsairs on eight scattered hits.

In the first inning Steve Woody hit a three-run home run to left field. In the second Larry McWhirter sent a 390-foot, 3-run clout to right center.

The Caminitos coasted to an easy victory, collected 14 hits and committing one error.

CIF Results

AAA Championships
L E Poly 80, North 45
AA Championships
Servite 62, Torrance 60
A Championships
Valley Christian 44, Hemet 30



NORM DEAN
Best Jaycee Wrestler

El Camino Repeats in Wrestling

El Camino, making a superb defense of its California junior college wrestling championship, won the title by 59 points in a two-day rout last Friday and Saturday at Orange Coast College.

The Warriors scored 94 points to far out-distance an out-classed field. Second place went to Diablo Valley with 44 points.

In winning, El Camino wrestlers grabbed five championships and 130-pound winner Norm Dean was named outstanding wrestler in the tournament.

Other El Camino victors on coach Dave Hengstler's team were Rich Tumble (115 pounds), Don McCann (123 pounds), Kent Wyatt (147 pounds), and Nick Carollo (heavyweight).

Tumble was so invincible he didn't allow a point to be scored against him. And in winning, McCann successfully defended the championship he won last year.

Dodger Rookies Learn Hitting from Snider

Duke Snider, returning to the Los Angeles Dodgers as a scout and minor league batting instructor, will pay several visits to each of the Dodger clubs to follow up on instructions he is handling at Vero Beach spring training.

During the season Snider will serve as a scout in the area from Oceanside to the Mexican border.

Snider's return to the Dodgers follows a two-year absence in which he played for the New York Mets and the San Francisco Giants. A veteran of 18 major league campaigns, Snider had, during his career, led the National League in homers (43 in 1956), runs batted in (136 in 1955) in runs scored (three times) and hits (199 in 1950). He had a lifetime batting average of .295, appeared in Six World Series and was the only player in history to hit four home runs in two different October Classics. From 1953-1957, five straight seasons, Duke hit forty or more homers to tie Ralph Kiner's N.L. record for most consecutive seasons.

Snider is 38 years old and played his first professional baseball in Montreal, Canada, 1944. After military service and a brief minor league career, he became a Dodger in the latter half of 1947. His first full N.L. campaign was in 1949 when he hit 23 homers, drove in 92 runs and batted .292 on the ways to his first World Series.