

Montgomery Upsets San Luis Obispo

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Game Called Chase Cerritos

"Chase Cerritos" has been the name of the game Metropolitan Conference baseball teams have been playing for the past three years, but it may be time for a change.

The only question is: Who is going to do the chasing, and who is going to be chased?

Cerritos may be too young and too crippled to win the conference title for the fourth year in a row, but there are so many good baseball teams in the conference this season it is hard to determine where the favoritism belongs.

Long Beach has a team full of experienced sophomores. Valley has its richest crop of pitchers in years. El Camino has confidence and experience and good power. Bakersfield is solid all the way around. Santa Monica and East Los Angeles are improved over last year.

And yet, despite their potential, these teams may all wind up chasing Cerritos again. The Falcons are used to winning.

Traditionally, Cerritos is exceedingly sound in fundamentals. At the start of the season Cerritos compiled the best pre-season record in the conference at 7-2. The Falcons have serious problems to overcome, but they figure to make a courageous defense of their title.

A rundown of team prospects has been prepared. Bakersfield (4-1)—The only new coach in the conference, Walter Johnson, has made an impressive start at Bakersfield. His team's only loss was to tough Fresno, 3-2. The Renegades have two fine catchers in Steve Brummer and Kirk Clipper, strength up the middle, solid pitching prospects, and a double play combo in Tony Galindo and Ron Valenti that is probably tops in the conference.

Cerritos (7-2)—The traditional trademark of Wally Kincaid's teams is good defense coupled with steady pitching. This year's edition only lacks power and experience. The pitching corps is headed by lefty Bob Sheehan and Bob Apodaca and Wayne Sinclair.

East Los Angeles (Bob Hertel, 1-4)—Lack of timely hitting has been the Huskies' biggest problem so far this season. Top hurriers for Coach Bob Hertel are Jack Butorak and lefty Dave Burns. The team will be built around catcher-outfielder Tom Williams (a transfer from the University of Santa Clara), catcher Ben Negrete, and power-hitting Bill Eveseff, a freshman shortstop.

El Camino (4-1)—El Camino has been a second-place finisher in the Metropolitan Conference more times than Chuck Freeman like to remember. This may be the year the Warriors will go all the way. Six good-looking pitchers include lefty Steve Sibley, the first draft choice of the San Francisco Giants. Power is supplied by catcher Jerry Filson and outfielders Tony Cira, George Foster, and Jesse Chavez. First base is weak so far.

Long Beach (7-3)—There are only two freshmen in the Vikings' lineup (Gary Beresford at first base and Eddie Crosby at second). The seven leading pitchers on the team have all accounted for one victory each this year. The three returning moundsmen are Lee Hooten and Dave Jones and lefty Darryl Thomas. The best power potential is packed by Crosby and outfielder Rod O'Brien.

Rio Hondo (2-4)—Like last year, it will be tough for Rio Hondo to play in the Metropolitan Conference with established powers. The Roadrunners are in only their second year of competition and are virtually all freshmen. Their biggest loss was pitcher Walt Walters, who signed with the Yankees. A good pitching prospect is southpaw Ed Thomas.

Santa Monica (2-3)—All-City Player of the Year Larry Klein of Venice High School, a pitcher, could carry the Corsairs a long way this season. In the city finals last year he pitched four games and won them all to take the Gondoliers to the championship. He will get mound help from right-handed Dick McKenna and Joe Giffoni. Power at the plate will probably come from Jim Mallon. Del Nuzum says, "This is my best pitching potential in five years."

Valley (4-3)—Pitching figures to be the key to the Monarch's season. Bruno Cicotti has eight prospects on hand, including right-handers Dave Garcia, Sid Lopez, Bill Bonham, and Randy Nichols. Southpaws are Mike Rapkin, Don Thompson, Tom McElroy and Steve Lee.

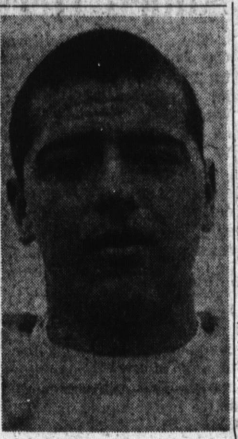
Recreation Basketball

MONDAY NIGHT CHURCH LEAGUE AT NORTH HIGH	
W L Pct. GB	
Walteria Assembly	1 2 33.3
Lutheran	2 1 66.7
Redondo Chapel	3 2 60.0
Boulevard Assembly	3 3 50.0
4 Square	4 2 66.7
First Christian	1 4 20.0
Schedule Monday: Walteria Assembly vs. Redondo Chapel, 7 p.m.	

Pfau Hurls 3-Hit Win

Ken Pfau pitched a 3-hitter as El Camino blanked East L.A., 6-0, in a Metropolitan Conference baseball game Friday.

East LA 000 000 0-0 3
El Camino 100 200 00-0 3
Burrin Warren and Williams
Lavee; Pfau and Pilsco.



MIKE RAMIREZ

West Nine Shut Out By Ramirez

Mike Ramirez pitched a one-hit shutout as Bishop Montgomery beat West, 4-0, in a nonleague baseball game Friday at West High.

Montgomery scored a run in the fourth and sixth and two in the seventh inning. Catcher Ed Gilles collected two of his team's five hits.

The only hit for West was a triple by Farrah. Ramirez gave up four walks and had 11 strikeouts against the Warriors.

Mullins went the distance on the mound for West. He was touched for one walk to go with five hits. He fanned eight batters. Two runs were unearned.

Montgomery 000 101 2-4 5 0
West 000 000 0-0 1 2
Ramirez and Gilles; Mullins and Gobaon.

Knights Collect Third CIF Win

By HENRY BURKE
Press-Herald Sports Editor

A capacity crowd of 1,800 saw Bishop Montgomery High upset San Luis Obispo in the quarter-final round of the CIF "AA" basketball playoffs Friday night at South High, 73-64.

Coach Dave Benedaret's Camino Real League champions will play Indio Tuesday night. Site of the game was not known at press time. Indio reached the semi-finals with a 56-52 win over Garden Grove.

San Luis Obispo brought a 28-1 record to Torrance to match Montgomery's 26-4 effort.

Both teams had their moments of superiority, but a second period rally that brought Montgomery from a 20-15 deficit to a 32-22 half-time lead was the difference.

At one time in the fourth quarter Bishop led by 15 points, 43-28, but a 3-point play quickly reduced the margin.

A 62-47 lead with five minutes to go in the game evaporated as the Tigers scored three field goals in 15 seconds.

The score got to 65-60 with 4:40 to play when the Knights took timeout to study the back court press worked by the visitors.

During the next four minutes Montgomery picked up 6 of 12 free throws, including a second technical foul shot, to build a monumental 71-63 lead. Pat Rusco's free throw made it 71-64 with three seconds to go and Bishop's Greg Reams got into the game just long enough to take a full

court pass from Bob Jamison to score a layup shot. Greg was fouled on the play, but when a mob of celebrants swarmed onto the court, it was impossible for him to get a free throw. Steve Patterson ran off the court with the treasured basketball.

Patterson did a superb job of rebounding against a recognized big team. He was particularly successful under the defensive basket. Steve scored 12 points.

Both teams got into foul trouble. In the final two minutes hardly a player had less than four fouls.

Mark Bailey of San Luis fouled out with 2:18 to go and teammate Rusty Blair (24 points) exited with 40 seconds to play.

Bob Jamison was the only Montgomery player to foul out, but the game was on ice with 0:03 to go. Jamison had 13 points.

The high scorer for Montgomery again was Larry Wiggins with 24 points. He made an assortment of baskets.

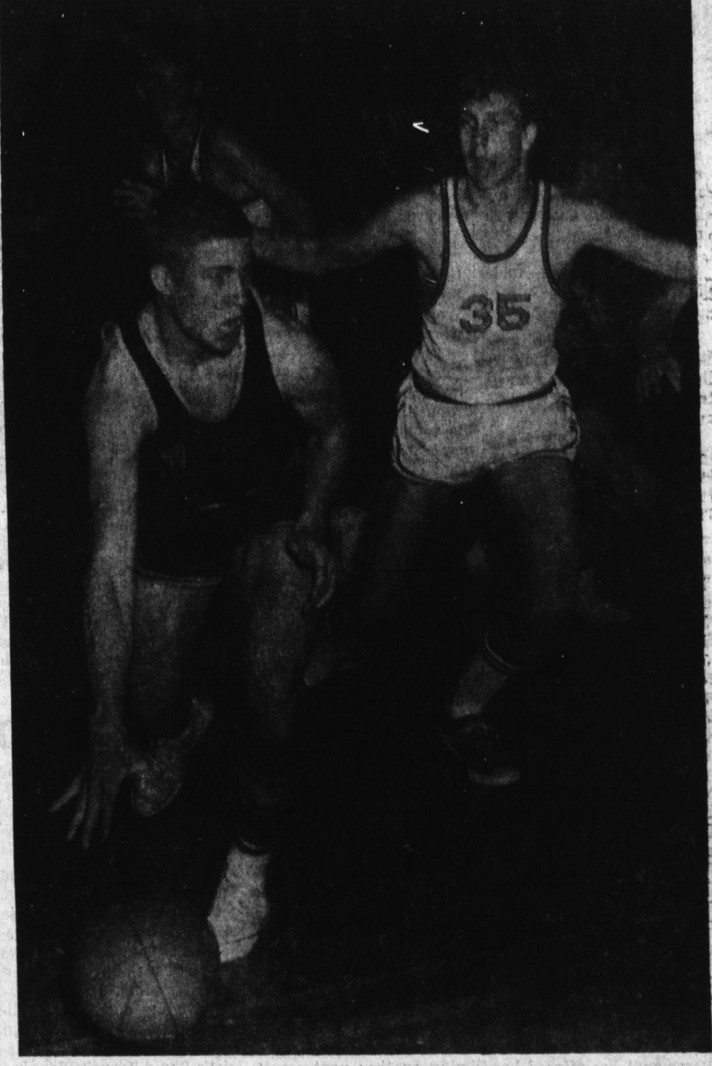
Greg Collins, making key driving shots, had 17 points. Playing a steady game and directing traffic against the press was Jim Roach with five points.

Montgomery (73)		San Luis Obispo (64)	
Wiggins (24)	F	Bailey (18)	F
Jamison (13)	F	Blair (2)	F
Patterson (12)	C	Rees (1)	C
Collins (17)	G	Rusco (12)	G
Roach (5)	G	Boyle (3)	G
San Luis Obispo	16 8 24-44	Montgomery	15 17 19-22-73

Scoring subs: Montgomery — Reams (2); San Luis Obispo — Peterson (2), Lee (2).

Four Reach Semi-Finals In Tourney

MONTGOMERY		INDIO		SAN MARINO		SANTA CLARA	
73	San Luis Obispo	64	Bassett	52	Glendon	75	Kennedy
68	Bassett	67	Sedleback	56	Katella	62	Vatum Del
73	San Luis Obispo	67	Indio	56	Garey	77	San Marcos



DRIVING THE BASELINE... Greg Collins (13) of Bishop Montgomery decided to dribble on and not take a shot at the basket when San Luis Obispo's Len Peterson (35) was in position to defend the play. In the background is Rusty Blair of the Tigers. Action took place Friday in the third round of the CIF "AA" playoffs won by Montgomery, 73-64. Collins had 17 points. (Press-Herald Photo)

North Scores Rout Over Morningside

The field competing in the CIF "AAA" basketball playoffs has been trimmed from 32 to 8 teams. North High ran all over Morningside of the Sky League Friday to stay among the survivors in the playoffs. The score at the El Camino gym was 95-71.

The quarter-finals match North against Notre Dame of the Catholic League. Unbeaten Compton goes against Aviation of the Pioneer League. Huntington Beach will play Sunny Hills, and Corona del Mar opposes Marina. Compton has a 29-0 record. The Tarbabs handed North its only two losses in a 28-2 season.

North is an improved team since Christmas time when both losses occurred. Friday night, for example, the five starting players scored in double figures. Bill Taylor had 30 points, followed by Dan Anderson with 19, Jim Nielson 18, Dan Hansen 17 and Jim Thomas 10.

Thomas has become an outstanding guard. Coupled with Anderson, the guards have made the back court press a futile tactic against the Saxons.

North took an early 10-point lead and never trailed. After Morningside closed to within 32-31 in the second

period, North gradually created a spread that ran to 25 points in the fourth quarter. Taylor scored 21 of North's 50 points in the first half. Coach Skip Enger of North was pleased with the victory. He thought Morningside was at its peak and his own team handled the Monarchs without a great deal of flaws.

The primary threat for Morningside was Phil Dannaker who scored 25 points. Notre Dame, the next opponent, scored a 75-54 win over defending champion Monrovia. It was Monrovia which knocked North out of the tournament a year ago.

Baseball Team at North Is Young, Inexperienced

second base will be Steve Bruecker, a sophomore, and Scott Bee, a junior.

Backing Skaggs behind the plate is senior Gabe Lindsay who may be used as a prime pinch hitter.

Serra transfer Charley Cannizzaro, an infielder, Roger Harris, a shortstop, and outfielders Tom Zuchero and Paul Masuyama round out the ball club.

Inasmuch as the Bay League plays an 18-game schedule and most teams compete in the Hawthorne Tournament, the CIF rule limiting a school to 20 games prevents teams such as North High from playing pre-season games.

around to their first game on March 18, they will face Hawthorne in a pair of games the first week of the season.

O'Brien has the type of team that could probably use a few advance games to prepare for the fireworks in the Bay League.



JIM O'BRIEN

The three youngsters who will man the outfield are solid hitting Royal Stillman, a junior; Gary Gonzales, a junior, and Greg Taylor, a converted trackman.

Gary Takaki, a senior, is the shortstop. Alternating at



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