# Gurney Wins '300'



Captain Baylor

When was Elgin Baylor appointed captain of the Lakers?" a man asked

"About five minutes after I met him," was the reply from Fred Schaus, then coach and now general manager of the Los Angeles Lakers

That is the kind of answer one usually gets when inquiring about Baylor, the all-time Laker great from Seattle University who has passed the 20,000 point scoring barrier.

"Baylor is not only a superb athlete," Schaus contends, "but he is a natural leader in a quiet way. He has a tre-rendous knowledge of the game and the other players respect him so much that naming him captain was the easiest thing I ever did as a coach.'

Baylor comes off a great 1967-68 season in which he second in the NBA in scoring with 2002 points for a 26.0 aver-age and was named to the all-NBA first team for the ninth time in his career. He was the Lakers top scorer and also led the team in rebounding and assists. With Jerry West out of the lineup for 31 games with injuries last season, Elgin carried the Lakers to a second place regular season finish and a brilliant 35-10 mark the last half of the campaign.

All this one might normally expect of a superstar, but it takes on added meaning when one considers the fact only three years ago many people were insisting that Baylor was finished.

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"I always thought Elgin would play again," says Schaus, "but I never thought he'd be able to play like he did last year. What the man went through is truly amazing. He bought a bicycle and he rode it. He ran and he worked with weights. ner he pushed himself." Every day throughout that entire summ

"What he went through is a lot of work for anyone," Schaus continues, "but when you consider that Baylor was 31 at the time and had been all-pro for seven straight years, you ve to admire him even more.

Elgin came back that following year and immediately in-jured his "good knee." But the man's great pride would not let him give up and he steadily made the climb back to the top.

Now, for the first time in his carer, Baylor will be playing on the same team with an outstanding center. The acquisition of Wilt Chamberl: n from Philadelphia is expected to add several years to E'c a's playing time

With Wilt in the middle, a lot of rebounding pressure has been taken ' Baylor's shoulders. He can be rested more often and will r t have to pace himself in games as he had to do during t' last three years.

Later this season the Lakers will hold an "Elgin Baylor Night" at The Forum and all of Los Angeles will pay homage to this great Laker — the man who made NBA basketball in to this great Laker — the man who made NBA basketball in Los Angeles the great success that it is—the man who Cham-berlain calls "the most exciting basketball player in history" — and the man sho Schaus calls, "Pound for pound and inch for inch, the greatest all-around player in the history of basket-ball."

### UCLA Five Look Tough

The final year of Lew Alcindor's basketball reign at UCLA off the ground Saturday with a 94-82 conquest of Purdue.

There are some new faces at Ucland, but the central figure is still the 7-1½ center who led the bruins to two consecutive national titles in basketball.

Rick Mount; the pride and joy of Purdue, scored 33 points against UCLA. Saturday, but the Bollermakers failed to press Coach John Wooden's varsity as much as last year when the game was decided on Bill Sweek's last-second shot.

The Bruins' only other starter is 6-5 Lynn Shackelford, a

Rounding out the starting five are 6-8 forward Sidn Wicks, Metropolitan Conference player of the year from Santa Monica, Sweek, switched to guard after two years at forward, and Orange Coast transfer John Vallely, 6-2½ converted guard.

Alcindor has put on about five pounds and is much stron-and more agile, according to Wooden.

Wooden has placed heavy emphasis on the develoards Sweek, Vallely, Ken Heitz and Don Saffer.

"I don't know if our guards will be ready early in the season," said Wooden, "but I am sure the situation will be settled by the time we open our Pacific-8 schedule in Janu-

Can-Am and USAC driver from Costa Mesa, ran away from a field of 30 starters in winning the second Rex Mays "300" **Riverside** Sunday

The 37-year-old tousle-haired Gurney led all but five of the 116-lap race over the 2.6-mile road course. He set a course record of 11.689 mph for the 300

miles, breaking the old mark of 108.391 he set last year. Mario Andretti, the 5-foo-6 ver-eran from Nazareth, Pa., fin-ished third behind Bobby Unser of Albuquerque, N.M. Andretti lost his bid to capture a third national driving championship. Shores Mario Andretti, the 5-foo-6 vet

Andretti held a lead of 308 Andreut neur a read of soo points over Unser prior to the race. However, Unser collected 489 points for finishing second in his Rislone Special, a rear en-gine Ford, while Mario scored 165.2 points for third. Comput-ation shows Unser winning the championship by 6.8 points –

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At the start, Mario actually will clash in the first round of led on laps three through seven and then dropped back to jock-ey for second and third position

Leonard in an STP turbine. West High will meet Loyola at Aviation at 5 n m while Bishon Aviation at 5 p.m. while Bishop Then, Andretti blew his engine on the 57th lap and coasted into he pits. He immediately Aviation at 5 p.m. while Bisho Montgomery goes against ho Aviation at 8 p.m.

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to secure another ride. Joe Leonard pitted the Par-nelli Jones STP Turbine Special on lap 60 and was two laps back to labe 60 and was two laps back the host Seahawks tangling with of leader Gurney in seventh place when Mario took over. It didn't last long.

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bine on turn No. 9 dashing any Morningside vs. Santa Monica hope the turbines had of winning the race. "I couldn't avoid him. Pollard went high and then all of a sudden we were together. I was just trying to feel the car out," said Mario, who had only four laps of prior experience in the turbines at Indianapolis. Barbard Santa Santa Maria Santa Santa Santa Santa ad wind up with the champion the turbines at Indianapolis. Barbard Santa Santa Maria Santa Santa Santa Astrona Santa Santa Maria Santa Santa Santa Astrona Santa Santa Astrona Santa Santa Santa Monica The tournament continues and wind up with the champion the turbines at Indianapolis. Barbard Santa Santa Santa Santa Santa Santa Santa Santa Monica and wind up with the champion ship game at 9 p.m.

## Matmen Travel to Yuma May Have

Traveling to Yuma, Ariz., McIntyre, 145; Bob Cobabe, e El Camino College wrestl- 177 and Bob Voeltz,

ing team will compete in the heavyweight. ing team will compete in the neavyweight. sixth annual Western Wrestl-ing Tournament Saturday riors will be Metropolitan against 12 colleges. The first Conference-rival Bakersfield match of the all-day tourna-College, Arizona Western University, Chaffey College, Glendale College, San Diego Mesa College, Southwestern College, San Diego City Col-lege and defending champion Phoenix College. Individual honors last year

match of the all-day tourna-ment begins at 10 a.m. Wrestling coach Dave Hang-steler's squad took second place in last year's tourney. The Warriors have Frank Lucio, 177 pounder; Dan Fe-lix, heavyweight; John Nor-ris, 130 pounds; Matt Harris, 137; Marty Harris, 145; and Bob Mahler, 152 pounds, back from last year. Individual honors last year went to Frank Lucio, who took first place in the 177 pound class by default when his opponent was injured, af-ter building up a 8-3 lead. He a v y w e ight Dan Felix placed second in his division:

rom last year. Newcomers at El Camino are Terry Tamble (115 poun-der), the Bay League wrestl-ing champion from South High; Mike Garrini, 123; Wilplaced second in his division; 130 pounder John Norris also finished second in the tour-Liebig, 137; Michael ney.

**Big Year** some teams this year.

New Era Starts For Pepperdine Pepperdine College's Era" in basketball is under way. The Waves, under first year

El Camino Wins

Giveaway Game

Conference. El Camino won the Metropoli-mino defense

When a football team wins a tan Conference title for the first more attention to fullback Lar-

coach Gary Colson, launched their 1968-69 basketball season on the road at Lamar Tech, Saturday and the University of Houston on Monday.

For Colson it will be a step into major college competition after a highly successful 10-year career in NAIA play.

hasn't had a winning record since 1963 and has just one returning starter off a 9-17 squa

Boyd predicted a couple of weeks ago that 7-1 center Ron Taylor will get 40 points against in the country," says Colson.

Joining Egerer, a 6-4 forward-center, and Joint was and Sands, a 6-3 guard, in the probable starting line-up are three sophomores, Steve Sims, I i r a m Peterson and Jake Sims at guard, will miss from Devis



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cy maneuvering for the final 2 After Jeff Maez raced 8 yards for the Vikings' second score, El Camino put the game out of reach on an 81 yard drive and a 3-yard touchdown run by Art

Ross. Coach Ken Swearingen of El Camino saw the game from the bench as well as the 5000 folks in the bleachers. He said the two-week layoff since the last game caused the team to be

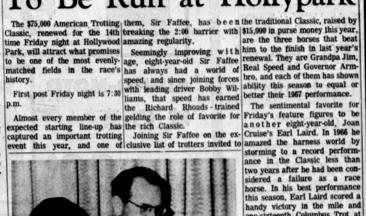
"That's not what you would call a masterpiece. We are going to have to execute better from now on or we will be in big trouble," said the youthful coach.

coach. The stats show El Camino with 268 yards rushing and 108 passing while Diablo Valley had 138 rushing and 75 passing.

Minnesota despite earlier in-juries to key personnel. In their brilliant 31-3 trounc-ing of Minnesota at snowy Bloo-mington Sunday, the Rams d r o p p ed Viking Quarterback Joe Kapp five times in passing situations to take a large lead in the "sack" department. The defense has now caught enemy defense has now caught enemy passers 45 times for 352 yards. Meanwhile, the Ram offensive

line, in its finest showing to date, made QB Roman Gabriel, the "Mr. Clean" of football, The Vikes didn't reach Roman once Oh, yes, Gabe did get a triffle dirty when he ran for four dirty yards.

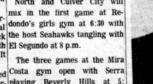
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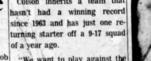
To Be Run at Hollypark



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During his tenure at Valdosta State College in Georgia, Colson's team won 188 and lost 69. Colson inherits a team that

of a year ago.



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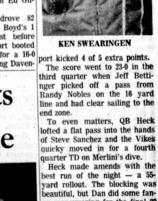
Joining Colson will be return-

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Avis. Sims at guard, will miss from three to four weeks with Sims, a 6-4 guard from Re-stretched ligaments. Jack Concannon, now shares three to four weeks with Minnesota despite earlier in-

at North High, scored 29 points in SC's 95-86 loss to Brigham Young last Saturday. The Trojans have two veteran averaged 14.6 points per game and talented guards in Mack Calvin and Steve Jennings. Boyd's main problem is at forward. He is using Ernie Po-well, 64 but a good shooter, and Bob Clemo, 64 rebounder, but an ordinary pointmaker. "A great deal will depend on how our forwards come an ordinary pointmaker. "A great deal will depend on h o w o u r for w a r d s come through," said Boyd. American Racing Classic

onhat STEVE SIMS ando, averaged 24.2 points per Chicago game last year on the freshman



#### Familiar Faces in CIF

St. Paul, Anaheim, Westminster and El Rancho have been in the headlines all season and now they have worked their way into the semi-finals of the CIF "AAAA" football playoffs.

In the "AAA" division Rolling Hills and Loara clash Fri-day night at El Camino and St. John Bosco opposes San Ma-

Anaheim moved into the semi-finals of the "AAAA" play-offs with a 47.27 win over Lakewood, a team that eliminated West High a week earlier, 24-6.

Pairings for the "AAAA" division are:

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St. Paul (20-0 over Santa Barbara) vs. Anaheim.

Westminstor (34-14 over Pasadena) vs. El Rancho (20-0 over Arroyo).

Loara (15-10 over California) vs. Rolling Hills (42-14 over Laguna Beach) at El Camino

St. ohn Bosco (26-14 over Beverly Hills) vs. San Marino (16-8 over Claremont).

In the "AA" division, San Luis Obispo League champion San Luis Obispo will make the long trek to El Centro in search of its third CIF title, and its first since 1960, when the Tigers "A" division champs.

MISS JUNIOR ROSE BOWL . . . Jackie Hart invites Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to the Dec. 7 football game between Grambling College of Southwestern Athletic Conference and Sacramento State. Kickoff will be at 2 p.m. at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Miss Hart, 18, was selected by Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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ndy victory in the mile and Hollywood Park. Three mares have beaten the males in past editions of the Classic, and 1968 could well see Fresh Yankee or Lady B. Fast became number four. These ta-lented distaffers have been models of consistency throughout Western Harness' 1968 meeting. Fresh Yankee finished in the money in her first five races at Hollywood Park, including a win Hollywood Park, including a win in the Elks Trot, and was flying at the end of her sixth start although finishing only fifth. She will have the services of WHR's all-time driving leader, Joe the

Lady B. Fast, relatively unheralded when she arrived at Hollypark this year, has won two of four starts while bolstering her position as a leading contender for national honors. She recently won the \$25,000 Beverly Hills Trot in h and y



### Ron Kriens, Sister Win **Foil Titles**

Ronald Kriens, 18, won his second Southern California "un-der 19" foil championship at the World Explorer's Sportsmans Club in Los Angeles.

Ronald, the Western United States interscholastic foil cham-pion for 1966, 1967, and 1968, is a former North High student. He is now attending Chapman College in Orange, majoring in math

Ronald's sister Yvonne Kriens, three times Southern California "under 19" foil champion and interscholastic champion, and a participant in the world youth championship in London, Eng-land, this year, won the women's C" class competition last week