

Lakers, Celtics Get To Thick of Series

Another sellout crowd, in the neighborhood of the 17,554 which set a record Wednesday, is expected for the second Basketball World Series game between the Lakers and Boston Celtics tonight at the Forum.

The Lakers lead the 4 of 7 game playoffs after winning the opening game.

Firing from all angles, Jerry West pumped in 53 points Wednesday night, including 17 in the frantic fourth period, as the Lakers drew first blood, 120-118.

The lead changed hands 21

times, including six in the final stanza as West and John Havlicek exchanged clutch baskets one after another.

It was West, with a helping hand from Wilt Chamberlain, who finally prevailed, and now for only the second time in their six showdowns for the NBA title have the Lakers won the initial game.

West, who usually starts slow, scored 15, 11, 10 and 17 by quarters as the defensive-conscious Celtics were powerless to stop a man only good enough to make the second all-NBA team.

Driving around Bill Russell, shooting from the baseline or firing his pet shot from the top of the key, West hit all the baskets that meant anything.

The 53 points bettered by one his previous all-time playoff high, set in 1965, and the 41 shots was the most he had cast off in post-season play. He had 21 baskets, also the most he has ever made.

Elgin Baylor, apparently out of his slump, contributed 24 points, including nine in the fourth period as he, West and Chamberlain made 33 of the Lakers' 53.

Chamberlain finished with 15 points and 23 rebounds compared to 27 caroms and 16 points for Russell. Wilt had the better of the shot-blocking, 13-5.

Russell was not a sore loser. In fact, he found time to laugh.

"I had fun out there," said the bearded wonder. "This should be a great series. Everyone is rested, and that means the fans will see first-class basketball."

Asked if he would double-team West in the future, as Atlanta did, the 13-year veteran replied, "I'm not going to change a thing. Why should I? We only lost by two points."

West did not think he shot too well, said it was true he missed several wide-open shots in the first half. In the fourth quarter, however, he was on target, making 7 of 10.

"I had more driving baskets than I usually get on Russell," said Jerry. "He had to lay back on Chamberlain and that gave me more room."

Russell was more impressed with West's 10 assists than he was with his shooting. "That's what beat us as much as anything," he said.



FIRST RUN . . . Breaking a scoreless tie in the fourth inning, Dennis Bell of North High was safe on a delayed double steal as South catcher John Anderson drops the ball. North went on to win Tuesday's Bay League game, 5-0, to stay in the running for the championship with the Spartans.

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Torrance Rod and Gun Club



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

Summer and sunshine and a couple of days off. To an outdoor addict, this is the ultimate in existence. What sportsman could ask for more than to be able to stroll along a stream, drifting a salmon egg or a nite crawler over the rocks and into a deep pool waiting for that expected strike, while the sun shines warm and a light breeze rustles the new green leaves.

This time of year enthusiasm sprouts anew in the ardent angler and the poor fish are in for a hectic time for the next few months. The kind of weather we have been having the past few days really brings out the fish in full force.

A pair of the older Torrance residents took advantage of the situation and packing their gear into a camper, took off for the hills and ended up at Walker Lake in Nevada. This body of water, located near Hawthorne, has the reputation of producing the largest Cutthroat Trout in the West. Eight to 10 pounds are common and fish to 15 and 18 pounds are taken every year.

Mott Haudashelt and Porky Thompson spent the better part of a week up there and in five days they landed 26 trout, with a half dozen in the 3 to 4 pound class. Mott tells me they took all their fish by trolling. Nice going fellows.

Chic Hill, the large mouth bass catching artist (the bass have the large mouth), reported good fishing at Mojave over the weekend. Can you imagine any artist working without the proper equipment? Chic relates how he hooked a tremendous bass and after a furious battle of some 15 minutes, he brought it up on top. The bass was estimated to weigh between 10 and 12 pounds. But lo and behold, the old pro had left his net on the dock, and the fish was barely hooked. You can guess the rest of the tale. Again the big one got away.

Nearer home, your writer accompanied by brother Beryl and son Buster, traveled to Vail Lake, and under a blue sky and warm sun, came home with limits of bass, blue gill, and crappie.

Forrest Bartlett, owner and co-operator of the Torrance Hardware, journeyed to San Diego last week and was top dog on the boat Qualifier, with seven yellowtail, with the largest weighing in at 20 pounds. Incidentally, when it comes to yellowtail fishing, Bart is as good as they come.

I understand the Torrance Club defeated the Redondo Rod & Gun Club in the shoot, last Sunday. At this writing, the final figures were not available, but the word was that Farmer Smith, who may farm off a fish on occasion, didn't farm too many clay pigeons, as he came up on top of the heap. Nice shooting, Paul.

If there are any sportsmen reading this column, who are not members of our club, you are missing out on a good time. Our meetings are increasing in both size and excitement. As the weather warms up, so do the tall tales of the big one that got away and the ones that didn't.

During the past four meetings, we have welcomed into the club three new junior members and six new senior members. The junior members are Brian Morrell, Bill Garcia, and Mike Fisher. The senior newcomers are Harry Whitney, Albert Patterson, Gary Henderson, Ron Holbrook, Chuck Smiltka, and Fred Spurlock. A fine collection of new faces.

Late Flashers — Good yellowtail fishing at San Diego, with a few big bonita and barracudas. Lake Irvine is almost a cinch for a limit of trout and crappie, with an occasional lunger bass and catfish. The water in the local lakes is clearing rapidly, with fishing improving each day.

If you can find clean water around the breakwater, there are some nice calico bass to be had. Walt Gilliard, Beryl Coast, and your writer spent a few searching hours, last Sunday night and came up with four, with the largest weighing in at 5 pounds.

Next meeting, May 6, at 8 p.m. at the corner of Plaza Del Amo and Border. We would like to see some new faces show up. Come on over and join the festivities and refreshments. You are more than welcome.

Next week we are going to bring you a few facts and figures on personalities in the club. Should be entertaining.

Ram Film Available For Groups

Remember the 1968 Ram season. It was a year of excitement and frustration, of last-second wins — and a last-second loss.

The 1968 Rams Hillies film, now available for showing to groups in Southern California, records all the thrilling moments.

A 30-minute, all-color motion picture, 16 mm. sound movie can be reserved by calling 277-4700 or by writing to the Los Angeles Rams Football Co., 10271 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 90064.

Narrated by the club's radio voice, Dick Enberg, the film spotlights fourth-quarter rallies against Green Bay, New York, and San Francisco which resulted in Ram wins or ties. Of course, there was one rally that fell short — against the Chicago Bears — and the Rams lost the game, and their title hopes, 17-16.

The film contrasts these down-to-the-wire games with the one-sided 31-3 victory over the Vikings in the Minnesota snow, Los Angeles' best combined offensive and defensive show of the season.

Also illustrated is the work of the various offensive, defensive, and special teams components of the Ram team that finished the season with a 10-3-1 record.

Weiring Runs 880 In 1:58.6

A 1:58.6 half-mile school record was set by North's Larry Weiring Tuesday. The victory was turned in against Ingewood in a 62-56 track and field meet won by North.

Ingewood won the two light-weight meets,

100—J. Thomas (N), Funk (N), R. Thomas (N), 10.3.
220—Funk (N), Jena (D), Kerberlein (N), 23.0.
440—J. Thomas (N), Weiring (N), 50.7.
880—Weiring (N), Kaiser (D), Barbray (N), 1:38.0 (school record).
1 Mile—Smith (D), Oliver (N), Carothers (D), 4:24.0.
2 Mile—Bandy (D), Brookins (D), Israel (D), 9:54.2.
120 LH—Camarillo (D), Yarralson (D), Robertson (N), 14.8.
180 LH—Camarillo (D), Robertson (N), 19.8.
SP—Moorehouse (D), Dowle (D), Huber (N), 33.5.
PV—Jena (D), Parks (D), Kroen (D), 12.6.
HJ—Sauberg (D), Hubert (N), Hallady (N), 6.0.
100—J. Thomas (N), Harris (N), 20.2.
440 Relay—North (R), Thomas, Kerberlein, J. Thomas, Gayda, 45.0.
1 Mile Relay—North (Funk, Oliver, Barbray, Weiring), 3:30.6.
Varsity—North 62, Ingewood 56.
Bee—Ingewood 61, North 34.
Cee—Ingewood 46, North 40.

North on Verge Of Big Comeback

Having been on the verge of abandoning the pennant race, North High's varsity basketball team pulled off a 5-0 shutout of South High Tuesday and jumped back on the bandwagon.

A loss Tuesday would have left the Saxons with a 3-4 record, but instead of being three games behind South, they are involved in a four-team showdown.

With a full round of games left, North High again looms as the strong team on the totem pole.

Coach Jim O'Brien's club clubbed Dennis Rector for eight hits while Terry Smyth hurled a 4-hit win. Only in the second inning when Rector reached third did South put on much of a scoring threat against Smyth.

North has three prime pitchers,

although veteran Brian Smith has been below par of late.

Inasmuch as every team has at least one good pitcher, hitting plays a vital part in the race. The Saxons are particularly strong with Catcher Dave Skaggs, outfielder Royal Stillman and third baseman Art Frosquillo tough at the plate.

The Saxons go against West today with a chance to gain ground on either South or Mira Costa which are playing each other. Dan Creek gets to pitching assignment for South.

West Warriors were blanked by Hawthorne, 6-0, after dropping a 1-0 game to South last Friday.

Games Monday are Inglewood at South, Redondo at Santa Monica, Mira Costa at West, and Hawthorne at North.



SECOND BASEMAN . . . Skip Jarvis, former Bishop Montgomery All-Camino Real League player, is one of the leading hitters for El Camino College this season.

Torrance Has Openings With Softball Leagues

Limited openings still exist in several Torrance Recreation Department softball and slo-pitch leagues scheduled to start play during the first week of May.

Games are played on Monday through Saturday evenings at McMaster, Walteria, and Torrance Parks. Sunday afternoon play shifts to El Nido Park for an open softball league.

Recreation officials are espe-

cially looking for teams to participate in the Sunday afternoon league.

Leagues will run through the middle of August with city-wide playoffs following in both slo-pitch and softball divisions. League fees are \$80 for slo-pitch and \$130 for softball leagues.

Allen Shall, sports supervisor, is in charge of the leagues.

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Mustangs 4-0 in Slo-Pitch

Torrance Wild Mustangs remained in first place in the West Coast Slo-pitch League with two shutout wins over El Segundo's Hughes Hustlers Friday night at Alondra Park.

With Bill Reinert and Bob Williams hitting home runs, Chuck Schoendienst pitched the Mustangs to a 11-0 win in the opener. In the second game, Cal Eubanks blanked El Segundo, 8-0. Bruno Giacomi had a perfect night at the plate getting 4 for 4.

The Torrance Tappa Keggas split with the Los Angeles Oldtimers, league champs, at Torrance Park. Los Angeles took the first game, 5-2, and the Tappa Keggas bounced back to take the nightcap, 4-2.

In other league play, Bo Polica's Lomita Old Pros took two games from Hawthorne, and Redondo Beach won two from Upland Bombers.

Tonight the Wild Mustangs go against Lomita Old Pros at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman. The Mustangs are leading the league with a 4-0 record while Lomita and Redondo Beach are tied for second place with 3-1 records.

Tappa Keggas plays Upland at Torrance Park the same evening. Both teams have records of one win and three losses.

Varsity—South 67, Santa Monica 51.
Bee—Santa Monica 61½, South 38½.
Cee—Santa Monica 47, South 39.

Samo Loses To South In Track

Santa Monica lost its third straight Bay League track and field meet Tuesday, bowing to South by a 67-51 score.

100—Cole (SM), Link (S), Osterhult (SM), 10.2.
220—Hernandez (S), Link (S), Osterhult (SM), 22.7.
440—Henderson (SM), Davis (S), Lawrence (S), 51.8.
880—Underwood (S), Ryan (SM), Marce (S), 2:00.0.
1 Mile—Barker (S), Strichman (S), White (SM), 4:29.2.
2 Mile—French (S), Baer (S), Lawlor (S), 9:36.8.
4 Mile—Johnson (SM), Hanson (S), Garber (SM), 14.8.
8 Mile—Johnson (SM), Garber (SM), Hanson (S), 19.5.
SP—Gelbert (S), Figueroa (SM), Poser (S), 31-11¼.
PV—Smith (S), Evans (S), Battin (SM), 15.0.
HJ—Wilson (SM), Howe (SM), Santiman (S), 6-0.
Palumbo, Link, Hernandez, 43.4. (School record).
1 Mile Relay—Santa Monica, 3:29.6.
Varsity—South 67, Santa Monica 51.
Bee—Santa Monica 61½, South 38½.
Cee—Santa Monica 47, South 39.

TRACK WON BY CERRITOS

Champion Cerritos, headed by sprint star Bob Ballard, leads Metropolitan Conference track and field athletes into action in the 11th annual Mt. San Antonio Relays this weekend.

The Falcons, who won the conference dual title by scoring seven straight victories, topped Pasadena City College last Friday, 76-60. In other duals, Bakersfield captured second place in the standings by beating Long Beach, 75-61; El Camino whipped Santa Monica, 74-62; and Pierce downed Valley, 75-61.

Next week, the conference meet will be held at Cerritos on Wednesday and Saturday.

Torrance Handed Fifth Loss

Torrance was handed its fifth loss of the Sky League season Tuesday and only Palos Verdes (9-2) and Morning-side (7-2) are in contention for the baseball title.

Morningside blanked Torrance, 4-0, score twice in the first and fourth innings.

Rolling Hills the preseason choice, whitewashed Culver City, 7-0, but the Titans have a record of only 4-6 for the campaign.

In the Camino Real League Crespi leads with a 7-1 record, having topped St. Monica's, 9-2, in Tuesday's action.

Bishop Montgomery dropped its third game to Serra, 7-0, while Fernin Lasuen blanked Mount Camel, 3-0. St. Bernard's won a 4-2 game from Murphy.

Record Half Mile Won By West's Ron Johnson

Although West High's Ron Johnson ran a 1:57.6 half mile for the fastest in Bay League annals, the Warriors lost a 63-55 track and field meet to Mira Costa Tuesday. The Mustangs are unbeaten in league competition.

West won the Class B and C divisions.

Mira Costa 63, West T 55.
100—Smith (W), Ritter (M), Lucas (M), 10.2.
220—Smith (W), Lucas (M), Vaughn (M), 23.2.
440—Jendricho (M), Dawson (W), Turpin (M), 52.1.
880—Johnson (W), Haley (M),

Title Bout Signed by Joe, Jerry

Unbeaten Joe Frazier of Philadelphia signed a contract for a guaranteed \$250,000 to defend his share of the world heavyweight title against Jerry Quarry of Bellflower in Madison Square Garden on June 23.

Harry Markson, director of Madison Square Garden Boxing Inc., said the 24-year-old Frazier, who only Tuesday night knocked out Dave Zyglewicz in the first round in his third title defense, will receive 35 per cent of the net gate receipts and 40 per cent of the ancillaries.

Quarry signed for 25 per cent of the net receipts and ancillaries.

"This is the fight everyone wants to see," said Markson. The bout will be blacked out in New York, but will be seen nationally on closed circuit television and also will be beamed to each continent.

Frazier, who has 20 knockouts in his 23 victories, is champion in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine and Texas and in Mexico and Argentina.

Quarry is 31-2-4 with 18 ko's. The 1965 Golden Gloves heavyweight champion scored an impressive March 24 victory over Buster Mathis in New York City. Quarry is ranked No. 2 by the World Boxing Assn.

Frazier said "I'm going to spend the rest of the week relaxing and then I'm going right back into training. I know Quarry is tough, so I have to be ready."

Murray (M), 1:57.6 (school record).
1 Mile—Patton (M), Tussing (W), Johnson (M), 4:23.4.
2 Mile—Lans (M), Rodriguez (M), Camerino (M), 9:43.1.
4 Mile—Hendy (W), Calozzo (W), Cassidy (W), 19.7.
8 Mile—Blue (M), Smith (W), Bueche (M), 50:14.
PV—Nunnely (M), Alnes (W), Garvey (W), 14-0.
100—Smith (W), Ritter (M), Lucas (M), 10.2.
220—Smith (W), Lucas (M), Vaughn (M), 23.2.
440 Relay—Mira Costa, 44.6.
Varsity—Mira Costa, 63; West, 55.
Bee—West 61½, Mira Costa 32½.
Cee—West 54, Mira Costa 32.