

Samohi Controversy Rages Again

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It's that time of the year again, meaning that Santa Monica High is again streaking towards a Bay League football championship while the conference opposition is frantically seeking a way to hook the Vikings out of the league.

Latest speculation is that the California Interscholastic Federation's executive committee is renewing discussion on the Samohi "problem" and come Nov. 21, next meeting date of the committee, Santa Monica's fate will be decided.

It may be remembered that last year at this time the controversy concerning Santa Monica and the South Bay and Torrance school districts was heated to the point that a possible secession from the CIF by the latter pair was considered.

Of course it never resulted, but the long sought Santa Monica "kickoff" may be just around the corner.

The Vikings have won two straight championships, and have a 5-0 record this year, including a 53-0 win over Mira Costa and a 40-6 win over Redondo of the South Bay Union High School District, and a 28-6 win over North Torrance.

The expulsion of Santa Monica from the Bay League has become a great problem for the CIF because nobody else seems to want the Vikings in their hair either, notably the Moore, Coast, and Foothill Leagues, claiming transportation difficulties.

Samohi has been a charter member of the Bay loop since 1916, with the exception of 1955, when the school freelanced in football.

If the school is finally placed in another league, which seems entirely possible, another major re-leaguing would be in effect.

One Torrance official has expressed "inside" information that South High and North High would be playing in the same league in 1960, meaning that South, with an enrollment of 1850 to North's 1900

(round numbers) would simply replace Samohi in the Bay picture.

This would leave room for one school in the Pioneer League, where South now competes, and newly built Lawndale High would be the perfect answer.

Lawndale is already scheduled to join the league, regardless, in 1960.

The big beef on the part of the Bay League's schools concerning Santa Monica's part in the conference, as far as football is concerned, is that the Vikings simply have too much size to cope with.

Latest figures showed Samohi to sport an enrollment of about 2850, excluding freshmen.

Santa Monica is the only school in the conference which does not house freshmen. Thus the enrollment greatly overshadows such schools as North (1900), Redondo (2150), Mira Costa (2000) and the others—Morningside, Inglewood, Leuzinger, and Hawthorne— which range from 1800 to 2000.

One answer to the problem of Santa Monica's size

has been the oft suggested move to have the Vikings "freelance" in football, but "rejoin" the league for other sports.

Whatever the answer or solution—it's all up to the executive committee, which has had nothing but headaches with the problem for the last half dozen years.

During the past 12 years, Samohi has won the title eight times, and finished lower than second only once.

And while the beach city school obviously places an emphasis on athletics, the South Bay and Torrance schools claim a "de-emphasis."

Santa Monica is too powerful for the rest of the league—no doubt about it. But what to do about it?

We think the CIF, after considerable debate, discussion and dissension, will remove the school from the Bay League's football schedule for 1960—at least—and probably move the school out of the conference. Watch Nov. 21 on your calendar.

South, Beverly Mix On Saturday Night

South High, after taking a two week layoff, climbs back into the hectic Pioneer League varsity football race Saturday night against Beverly Hills at Torrance High.

The South eleven will be a solid 19 point favorite to take its fourth straight league game.

Beverly Hills has a 1-3 league record, and a 1-5 seasonal standing.

South's Spartans are rolling in high gear after two non-league losses, and figure to go down to the league's finale unbeaten against unbeaten El Segundo.

The multiple-offensive Southerners should be well rested after drawing a bye last week and have Beverly well scouted after watching the Normans bow to Torrance, 13-0 last Friday.

South earlier had beaten Torrance, 27-14. Beverly runs out of the single-wing, and has won only one Pioneer League game in the last two seasons. Off comparative scores and past records, South should win in a walk.

Coach David Tollefson's solid South squad has suddenly blossomed into one of the finest offensive machines in the area, and leads the league in scoring with an average of 25 points a game.

The team's main offensive threats are tailback Bob Wehrhan, wingback Joe Austin, and fullbacks Bill Hargrove and Jim Hawkins.

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Marine League Rivals Clash At Narbonne Hi

Marine League rivals Gardena and Narbonne clash Friday afternoon at Narbonne in one of 13 daylight Los Angeles city prep football games as the emphasis shifts from arcflight affairs.

Both Gardena and Narbonne are winless, with Narbonne's Gauchos dropping a 34-6 game to Banning last week.

Gardena's only league venture has resulted in a 38-0 loss, two weeks ago.

Biggest L.A. city game of the week pits Huntington Park, going for its third consecutive Eastern League championship, hosting undefeated Roosevelt.

In other games throughout the six city leagues, Southern League's leading Fremont (2-0), still operating without the services of All-City "Player of the Year" Anthony Lorick, visits L.A. High.

Marine league standings:

	W	L	PF	PA
Banning	2	0	72	6
San Pedro	2	0	36	19
Gardena	0	1	0	38
Jordan	0	1	6	20
Narbonne	2	0	19	50

North, Hawks Meet In New Stadium

North High, whose position in the Bay League race this season has been reduced to that of a "spoiler" after only one win in four tries, takes on "cousin" Redondo tomorrow night in what will mark North's first home varsity football game in five years.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Bay League

Santa Monica at Leuzinger
Inglewood at Mira Costa
Redondo at North High
Aviation at Torrance
Pioneer League
El Segundo at Lennox
Aviation at Torrance
Beverly Hills at South (Sat.)
Camino Real League
St. John Vianney at Bishop Montgomery
Marine League
Gardena at Narbonne
Banning at Jordan
Metropolitan Conference
El Camino at East L.A.
San Diego at Harbor
Valley at Long Beach
Santa Monica at Bakersfield.

The Saxons hope to satisfy the home folks with a third win in three years over Redondo.

Tomorrow night's invaders will sport a 3-1 league record, winning three straight, while North is next to the cellar with a 1-3 record.

However, the game is ruled a toss-up mostly because the Saxon varsity has a "home team advantage" and the psychological advantage of two previous wins over Redondo.

In 1957 North won its first game in history, 6-0, over the Seahawks and repeated last fall, 13-7.

Injuries Hit But while the Seahawks are two deep in backfield talent, North is minus four regulars due to injuries—Dan Claxton, a center; Steve Sandberg, an end; Don Hyatt, a guard; and Gary Wright, a defensive halfback.

Comparative scores can be tossed out the window for this game. Both schools lost to Santa Monica (North 28-8, Redondo 40-6) while Morningside beat North 13-0 and lost to Redondo, 13-7.

"The most impressive thing about Redondo the last few games," said Coach Bob Shoup of North, "is their passing. There's no comparison now with early in the season."

"If we could've played Redondo earlier in the year, we probably would have been favored. But now I don't know," he concluded.

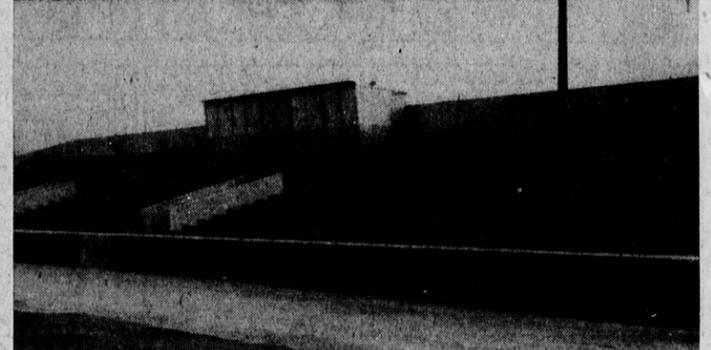
North will start Jerry Carothers at quarterback, Jim Laird and Eddie Williams at halfbacks, and Ron Jacobs at the slotback.

North has been injured plagued all year. Only two players haven't been sidelined in the team's five games—center John Simpson and Carothers.

Bare Essentials

North's new stadium will sport only the bare essentials tomorrow night, with seats, lights, fencing, a concession stand and restroom facilities available.

Eventually the press box, public address system, scoreboard, and twin dressing rooms will be of use.



NEW STADIUM—Although not completely finished, North High's new stadium will be used anyhow tomorrow night for the Varsity's first "home" game in five years against Redondo Seahawks in Bay League game at 8. Although press box, dressing rooms, and public address system are not in use, the seats, lighting, and fencing will be adequate for the game. (Herald photo)

Camino Tackles Winless Huskie Team Tomorrow

Tumbled from cloud nine by Harbor JC's stinging 22-6 upset last week, El Camino's Warriors hit the comeback trail Friday evening in an 5 p.m. Metropolitan Conference football game at East L.A.

Camino, with a 2-2 record including a 28-6 win over defending Junior Rose Bowl champion Santa Monica, rules a 13 point favorite over Coach Clyde Johnson's East L.A. crew, despite the fact ECC was a heavy favorite last week and blew it.

East L.A. hasn't won a game this season, and has an 0-4 conference record. The Huskies have been plagued with injuries all season and may have to bank on reserves tomorrow night to carry the mail.

Camino was riding high after its triumph over Santa Monica two weeks ago, but now faces the grim task of winning its next three league games to "save face" after the Harbor upset.

The Warriors took last year's game with East L.A. 41-0 at Murdock Stadium, and have a potentially potent array of footballers in ball carriers Gene Williams, Glen Kezar, and Ron Goodrich, and an excellent passer—when he's right—in Quarterback Dave Long.

Long completed nine of 20 attempts against Harbor for 164 yards, but had four interceptions.

In other key Metro games this weekend, Bakersfield College hosts Santa Monica, and a sellout crowd is expected to see the game between the two arch-rivals Saturday night.

SCORING

(Includes Conference and non-Conference games)

FOOTBALL STORY	pts	pts
Hughley, Santa Monica	8	0
Hampton, Bakersfield	7	0
Sutton, Valley	5	0
Williams, El Camino	5	0
Holt, Valley	5	0
Wilhoite, Santa Monica	4	0
Kezar, El Camino	4	1
Bailey, Santa Monica	4	0
Merritt, Long Beach	4	0
Petties, San Diego	4	0
Buchanan, San Diego	4	0
Hernandez, Bakersfield	4	0
Campbell, Bakersfield	3	2
Pulford, Valley	3	0
Sorenson, Harbor	2	1
Snyder, Long Beach	2	0
Goodrich, El Camino	3	0



By BEN and PAUL SMITH

HOT SPOTS

John Pawlicki reports good results this week at Sunset Beach with blood worms. Spotfin and Corbina are hitting particularly strong, he said. Spotfin weighing in at 3 pounds 9 ounces were landed, Corbina also at 3 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, Yellowfin at 2 pounds 4 ounces, and Surf Perch at 1 1/4 to 2 pounds. John's report was rather vague—at least enough to cause us to speculate on whether he actually pulled them in himself or, unhappily, whether he just gnashed his teeth while other anglers had all the fun.

Jack Lund, John Rowe, and Clyde Bottrell hit the trail to Tehachapi for opening of quail season. All three of the able marksmen soon bagged their limits. Jack went even a little further—by bagging two chukars. How about that?

Lloyd Fullerton just returned from the Tule Lake area with the somewhat discouraging report about bluebird weather and a general run of bad luck with goose and duck hunting. But all his days weren't bad ones—at least judging from one of his modest claims. While deer hunting at Yreka, he declared, he bagged a very strange deer. He identified it as a DOE with HORNS. Now that's something to mull over. Anyway, the Fish and Game boys took the head and told him it was the second such animal they'd found in that area. Perhaps a new species is developing in that area, but it does make one wonder if it will be animal or liquid. As a footnote to Lloyd's report, he added that he bagged two coyotes in Bishop during his last week's hunt.

Ray Adorn, Ted White, and Bob Clements all took limits of geese during their three-day hunt at Tule Lake. They said ducks were not so plentiful apparently because they were feeding in the Refuge and not coming out. Smart ducks at Tule Lake—not so fat, but very smart.

We received a very hysterical phone call early this week from Salmon, Idaho, where Ben and Helen are roughing it for their deer hunt. It finally developed after all the stuttering, stammering and general babbling could finally be understood that Helen bagged a 185-pound buck "with a head like a mahogany tree," she claimed. However, considering that this is Helen's first deer and that she was the not-so-calm person placing the frantic phone call, we would not be surprised to see something like a 90-pound forky suffering somewhat from the gout. In fact, if it is anything different, it probably will be a safe prediction that life around here will be slightly unpleasant for us.

TARTARS FAVORED BY 3 OVER AVIATION FALCONS

Torrance High's Tartars face a "do-or-die" situation tomorrow night when they bump heads with Aviation's surprisingly tough varsity in a key Pioneer League football game at 8 p.m. at Torrance.

The Tartars, who will enter the game as a three point favorite, face the task of knocking off the invaders—who

have won two straight—or give up any or all championship aspirations.

Torrance—mathematically—still has a chance to share in the title, with South or El Segundo, under the "proper" circumstances.

Coach Irwin Kasten's bunch, just over two deep at each position with a recent rash of injuries and sicknesses, are still minus the services of ace halfback Joe Montgomery, out with a separated shoulder.

However, Pete Mitchell, a senior halfback injured prior to the season, is finally ready to step in and fill a position if needed.

On Monday, the Tartars worked out with only 23 players on hand, probably the lowest varsity squad in 13 years.

Offensively, Coach Kasten will probably move Howard Taylor back in as quarterback. Don Dobrick started the last two games at the signal-calling spot while Taylor was a halfback.

Tartar Queen Linda Williams will reign over halftime homecoming ceremonies.

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