

El Camino Tests Pigskin Future Saturday

Saxons Engage Border Opponent



ALUM ANCHOR . . . Alumni lineman Glen Kezar receives the Outstanding Player Award from Merle F. Sloan, El Camino director of student personnel, following last Saturday's Warrior-Alum game at Murdock Stadium. El Camino's athlete-of-the-year for 1962-63, Bob Pier gained top back honors for the Alumni. The Redskins will oppose Compton on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Darkhorse Warriors Clash With Compton

Saturday night could be the start of something big for El Camino College's football team. Once a great junior college grid power and still a dangerous foe, Compton College will furnish the first official competition for Camino at 8 p.m. Saturday in Murdock Stadium.

Few people come right out and say it, but many observers feel this may be El Camino's year to explode as a top-flight Metropolitan Conference power.

TWO OUTSTANDING scrimmages by the Warriors have marked them as a title contender in perhaps the best-balanced Metro loop in history. Camino earned a 6-0 win over highly touted Glendale two weeks ago and came back last Saturday to hang a 24-1 defeat

on the Alumni. Former North High gridders played an instrumental part in Camino's impressive win over the Alumni. Freshman scatback Daryl Wilson was the Tribe's leading rusher with 62 yards in four carries for a 15.5-yard average.

WILSON OPENED the second half for ECC by cutting loose on a 52-yard jaunt. Another former Saxon, Dan Claxton, carved out the first Warrior score on a one-yard plunge. All told, the varsity ground attack gained 157 yards in 36 carries.

OFFENSE HAS been coach Ken Swearingen's main worry, but even the passing clicked Saturday as five of six aeri-als hit.

The dependable defense con-

tained the Alums to 50 net yards in 26 carries for a measly 1.53-yard average. Middle back Rick Cooper, a 260-pounder, led the assault with seven tackles, sharing honors with veteran linebacker Gary Wetzel.

MUCH OF THE Alums' offensive punch was removed when quarterback Bob Beathard and guard Dick Keeler were unable to show. Beathard was last year's player-of-the-game while Keeler is a former professional lineman with the Los Angeles Rams and Denver Broncos.

With Beathard and Keeler participating in 1962, the Alumni captured a narrow 26-24 decision over a varsity team that wound up with a 7-2 record and a sixth national ranking.

Lasuen Beckons Spartan Eleven

Nine consecutive defeats and defending CIF "A" division champ Fermin Lasuen will provide the pigskin opposition for South High tomorrow night at Daniel Field in San Pedro.

Not since the final 1961 game has South pulled a victory out of the hat and it will go into tomorrow's contest as a decided underdog against the perennially strong Camino Real League champs.

Three big mistakes thwarted South's bid for victory Saturday night in the season opener against El Segundo in Tor-

rance stadium. Despite a generally fine performance by the Spartans, the Eagles scored three times on mental miscues and hung on for a 26-20 triumph.

A 60-YARD punt return, an 85-yard score on a screen pass and a long aerial tally allowed El Segundo to think Christmas had come early.

South trailed 13-6 at the half after Bruce Sorenson had connected with Bob Weeks on a 10-yard scoring toss shortly before the second quarter ended to give SHS its first six-pointer of the year.

JERRY MANN bulldozed 16 yards early in the third quarter to cap a 60-yard drive and momentarily give South a 13-13 tie as Greg Madden converted. El Segundo pushed over 13 quick counters before the period ended to salt away the game.

An 80-yard drive, topped by Charlie Phillips' one-yard plunge, ended the Spartan scoring in the final quarter. Madden again converted.

Most of the South yardage was picked up by Sorenson during the final drive. Sorenson completed 5 of 9 passes for 64 yards, although he played only slightly more than one quarter.



MAINSTAYS . . . Expected to spearhead the El Camino cross county team this season are lettermen Kurth Klein, from North High, and Inglewood alum Ken Lindroth. The Warriors will open competition Saturday at Long Beach State College in an invitational meet.

Curling Club Opens Action At Ice Arena

Curling will return to the Olympic Ice Arena, 238th Street and Western Avenue, on Monday under the auspices of the Granite Curling Club of California.

Three sessions will be held from 6 to 12 p.m. every Monday night for 28 weeks. Membership forms for the Granite Club are available at the Arena.

For further information, call DAVIS 5-2151, DAVIS 5-0532, 389-4397, or 634-3985.

North Chases First Victory

Big, fast San Diego Lincoln will move into the Southland tomorrow for an 8 p.m. pre-league gridiron tussle with highly-touted North High. For the second week in a row coach Ed Levy's crew will be running into a squad that could be deceptive. A huge, mobile Warren eleven allowed the Saxons to get away with a 6-6 deadlock last week.

Narbonne Encounters Washington

Optimistic Narbonne will discover how far its grid fortunes have risen from last year when it encounters Washington Saturday at 8 p.m. on the Gardena High field.

A scrimmage against Roosevelt on Friday indicated the Gauchos are greatly improved over last season. Narbonne ended up on the winning end of a 6-0 score as safety John Bennett returned a pass interception 65 yards for a touchdown.

Halfback Bob Brooks and fullback Lloyd Edwards provided Narbonne with an impressive ground force behind the line play of Ben Bump, Glen Yates and Don Cunnigan.

NARBONNE mentor Elmer Douglas felt his club moved the ball well on the ground and credited Steve Stanley with improved passing.

Douglas feels he will have a "good defensive front wall" with David Sousz, Mike Rogov, Bob Acero and Mark Milburn serving as bulwarks.

ALL TOLD, Douglas said he was "very, very satisfied with the scrimmage."

A winless campaign haunted Narbonne last year, but Saturday's tilt with Washington could put an end to the victory drought. A member of the powerful Southern League, Washington finds itself without its usual backfield speed this season.

"THEY APPARENTLY are hurting in the backfield, except for the fullback position," Douglas explained.

Washington may try to throw against Narbonne and pass defense is where Douglas feels his club needs the most work. Roosevelt hurt the Gauchos on short aeri-als, but the NHS mentor believes his defenders have improved considerably the past week.

Warren had complained it had only five lettermen back and was in desperate straits, but such was not the case.

THIS WEEK, Lincoln comes into town still suffering from a 33-0 licking at the hands of a classy Escondido eleven last Saturday.

Although Levy scouted the Lincoln fray, he is still not sure about the true quality of the invaders. First, Escondido was exceptionally strong and secondly, Lincoln was playing without its first-string quarterback.

LINCOLN is described by Levy as a big team up front with quick halfbacks. The Border City pigskinners lack the line mobility of Warren but use their backfield speed to good advantage on the outside.

North escaped the Warren battle without an injury and only one pleasant problem bothers Levy—who to start at quarterback.

RUDY SAUREZ and Sam Elliott have battled even-up for the position since practice started. Elliott played most of the Warren contest on offense while Saurez went almost the entire route as a defensive back.

The signal-caller that has an "on" night will see the most action tomorrow, according to Levy.

ONE PLEASANT factor came out of the Warren tie—the emergence of Doug Jackson as a certified fullback. At 200 pounds, Jackson had the physical capabilities to fill the role, but lacked the confidence.

Win Skein In Danger At BMHS

Adding to its one game winning streak could prove quite a feat for Bishop Montgomery tomorrow night.

Lutheran High, runner-up in the small schools football playoffs last year, will make an appearance at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Montgomery stadium in the second tilt of the year for both squads.

Montgomery racked a startled St. Genevieve eleven Friday by a 33-6 count to open the season on a high note. Lutheran was not so lucky, dropping a 19-13 nod to St. Monica in its opener.

"THIS GAME will tell us what kind of year we will have," Montgomery mentor George Swade predicted.

"They are big and there are 15 men on the team who have played together for three years," Swade lamented. Montgomery will be outweighed approximately 25 pounds per man, according to the Knight boss.

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Carson, West Battle In Non-League Fray

Youth will be served tomorrow afternoon when West and Carson high schools hook up in a non-league gridiron war on the Colt field.

West High is the old man between the two schools and it has been in existence for only one year. Carson will be putting a football team on the field for the first time.

Last year, West had a fair season for a beginning squad, winning one game and tying another. Carson's chances of improving that mark are excellent, for it is not truly a first-year grid team.

FIVE COLT starters are veterans of Banning High football where winning is the rule rather than the exception. Coach Gene Vollnogle, half of the Pilot's famed coaching duo, has installed the Banning single-wing at Carson.

Warrior mentor Bill Parton will go with an up-dated unbalanced-T as he seeks his first win of the year following an 18-6 loss to experienced Palos Verdes last Friday.

ALTHOUGH the single-wing usually troubles a high school squad because it seldom sees the formation, West played against the system several times last year and fared well on each occasion.

Six mental mistakes last week deprived West of at least a tie with Palos Verdes, Parton

believes. The Warriors have moved up to tougher competition this season and it would have been their initial win against a "big time" foe.

MUCH OF Carson's grid fortune might turn on the performance of 155-pound tailback Mike Turner. Turner was a second-string tailback behind

All-City back John Blakemore last year.

Vollnogle claims Turner is a top-notch runner and is coming around quickly as an aerial artist. Blocking back Bob Nold and fullback Mike McMahon give Turner needed running support. Nold tips the scales at 205 pounds while McMahon hefts 195 pounds.

La Puente Hosts Tartar Gridders

Game number two in a rugged practice schedule will confront Torrance High tomorrow at 8 p.m. in La Puente.

Before opening the Pioneer League season on Oct. 18 against Lennox, Torrance must face Leuzinger and North High, the two top clubs in the Sky League.

Already the Tartars have jousted with traditional opening opponent Redondo, coming out with a 6-6 tie in a loosely-played battle.

TORRANCE scouting reports reveal La Puente and Redondo use similar offenses. Both squads split an end and run a wingback on the opposite side. In its first encounter of the year, La Puente dropped a 13-0

decision to last season's Sierra League champ, Azusa. La Puente finished the 1962 campaign with a 2-7 slate in the Montview loop.

MUCH OF THE past week at Torrance has been devoted to tightening up the defensive secondary. Redondo's lone score came on a 55-yard aerial and the Seahawks were dangerous all night with passes. Another Hawk TD pass was dropped in the end zone.

First-game jitters also troubled the Tartars last week. Thirteen fumbles and four pass interceptions plus numerous penalties stopped scoring drives by both Torrance and Redondo last week.



DISCUSS CONTEST . . . Plans for the second annual "Most Valuable High School Player" contest, sponsored by the Torrance Sears are inspected by Ray Beyer (left) boys' department manager, and Joe Via Cava, merchandise manager. Pigskin spectators will be allowed to vote for the top player from North, South, Torrance, West, Bishop Montgomery and Narbonne high schools each week. Coupons will run each Thursday on the sports pages of The HERALD. (Herald Photo)

Sears Grid Contest Begins

Spectators at Southland high school football contests will again be able to select their most valuable player in a contest sponsored by Sears Torrance.

Weekly contests will be held to select the most outstanding player for each of 12 area high schools.

Competing in the contest will be North, South, Torrance, West, Bishop Montgomery, Narbonne, Banning, San

Pedro, Gardena, Palos Verdes, Redondo and La Costa high schools.

EACH Thursday, schedules for all of the 12 teams will appear on the HERALD sports pages along with a coupon for entry. The coupon, with the name of a most valuable player, can be dropped at Sears Torrance in the Del Amo Shopping Center.

At the end of the season,

weekly winners will be invited to a banquet at which the "Player of the Year" will be determined by the coaches and area sports editors.

KICKED off last year, the program met with such success that Sears general manager George Gaugler decided to repeat the contests.

A Sears High School Student Board, composed of students from all 12 participating high

schools, will again sponsor the contest.

CURRENT El Camino College freshman Daryl Wilson was the recipient of the top player award last season.

Wilson, a small scatback, was instrumental in leading North High to a Bay League championship and into the CIF quarter-finals where it bowed to Loyola.