

North Huge Underdog Saturday In Grid Showdown With Olymps

EC Out To End Losses

Bewildered El Camino College will attempt to rebound from one of its worst defeats in history, traveling to Valley College Saturday night for a Metropolitan Conference engagement.

Considered one of the nation's top junior college elevens early in the season, El Camino dropped its third straight contest last Saturday as Junior Rose Bowl contender Long Beach City College romped away with a 50-21 triumph.

DEFEAT, THE WORST in Ken Swearingen's two year tenure at Camino and the biggest losing margin since Boise, Idaho, recorded a 72-20 romp in 1961, completely shattered the Warriors' hopes of a conference title.

All-American fullback Homer Williams obliterated every Long Beach career rushing and scoring record before 8,000 spectators as he led the unbeaten Vikings to one of their most convincing wins ever.

WILLIAMS, A powerful 212-pounder, churned out 169 yards on 26 carries to run his two-year Long Beach total to 2,088 yards. In the first half alone, the former Long Beach Poly sensation accounted for 144 yards on 16 tries.

With four touchdowns and a two-point conversion, Williams boosted his conference-leading scoring mark to 80 points and his career total to 194 counters.

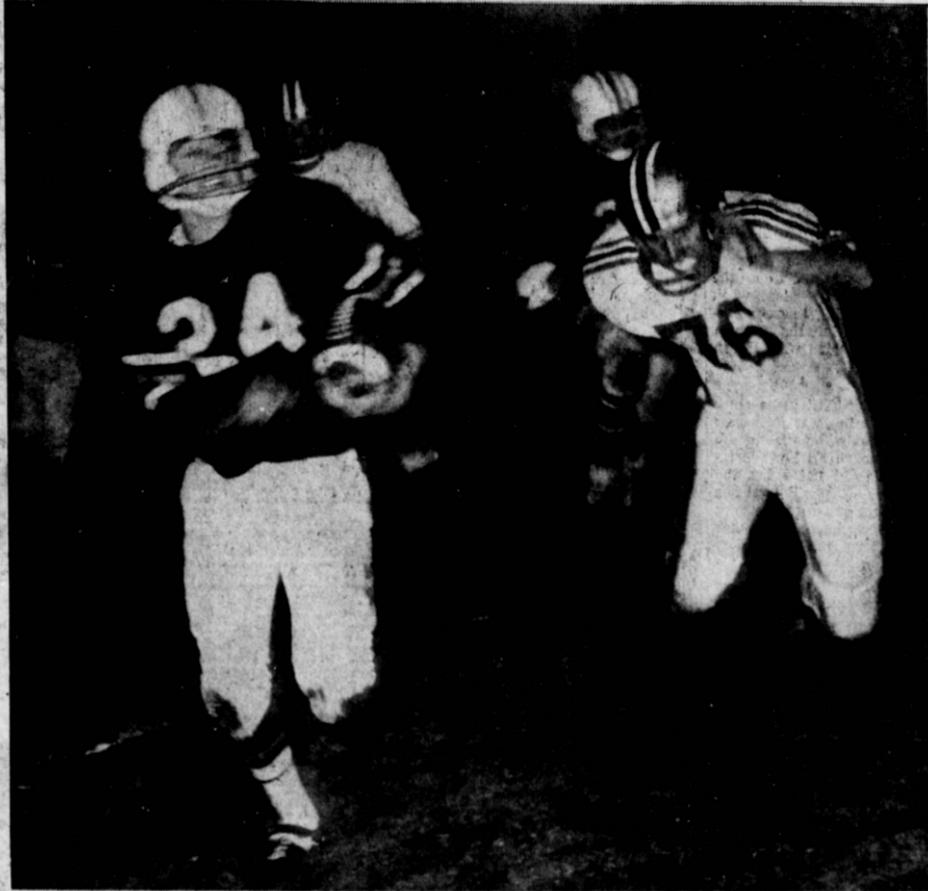
DESPITE THE one-sided score, El Camino was impressive early in the game as it took the opening kickoff and immediately marched 66 yards for a touchdown.

Phil Pomeroy, the freshman southpaw from Mount Carmel, opened at quarterback and completed a 17-yard toss to Paul Carmichael and a 16-yard throw to Pat Lininger to spark the eight-play march. Carmichael ripped off tackle for 16 yards and six points with the game only three minutes old.

STEADY OTTO Reiger converted and it was the last point ECC was to put on the scoreboard until the final quarter.

Williams and his 185-pound running mate, Joe Pearson, took over in the interim and proceeded to rip the El Camino line to shreds and spice marches that went 73, 75, 54, 59 and 53 yards. The Vikings tallied on drives of two and three yards, capitalizing on Camino fumbles.

The win, coupled with Bakersfield's 28-24 loss to Cerritos, allowed Long Beach to take over sole possession of first place in the conference. LBCC now boasts a 5-0 mark while Bakersfield and Cerritos have 4-1 records. Camino is now 2-3 for the Metro campaign and 4-3 on the season.



ONE-MAN WAR PARTY . . . Inglewood tackle Bob Odien lunges futilely for North halfback Dave Rance during last week's crucial Sky League engagement between the two title contenders. North staved off a final-second Sentinel

rally for a 20-14 win and the privilege of challenging Leuzinger on Saturday for the circuit championship.

(Herald Photo)

Saxons Seek League Crown

All of the ingredients for an epic football struggle will be in evidence Saturday night at El Camino College when North and Leuzinger bump heads before an estimated audience of 8,000 spectators.

Movie producers would turn down a script that offers as many elements of drama as Saturday's game promises—it would be unreal, almost impossible.

The Sky League football championship and a bid to the CIF playoffs will be the major prizes at stake as North and Leuzinger hash out their differences in the final league game of the season.

Both elevens have forged through four circuit engagements without losing and Leuzinger has yet to suffer a defeat. North has a 6-6 tie with Warren and a 12-7 loss to San Diego Lincoln in practice games to mar its perfect slate.

Leuzinger boasts the edge in experience with 12 lettermen returning. Two All-Bay League selections, quarterback Eddie Pease and fullback Al Jones, spark-plug an offense that ranked as the CIF's high scoring machine more than halfway through the season.

Pease, a deceptive, slingshot-armed 155-pounder, has been a major cause of grey hair among coaches this year. With a deadly option play as his principal weapon, Pease has averaged more than 10 yards per carry in his bid for All-CIF recognition.

Jones is a 6-2, 210-pound senior charger who keeps the middle of enemy lines honest with his straight-ahead plunges.

Paving the way for the Olympian backs is the

man North coach Ed Levy describes as the steadiest tackle in the league, 5-11, 205-pound John Swoboda.

North lacks the experience that Leuzinger boasts. Only one letter winner returns from last year's squad that took the Bay League crown and advanced into the CIF quarter finals before bowing.

Doug Jackson, a guard converted to fullback, is the only monogram winner back, and he may not see action Saturday night.

Levy has replaced experience with a savage, mobile line and a crop of fleet backs. Tackle to tackle the Saxons tip the scales at over a 200-pound average, but the weight quickly decreases in the backfield.

Sprinters John and Dave Rance and Pete Molina supply the go-power for North. All three churn the 100-yard dash in under 10.6 and when Jackson is right, he can match strides with the trio.

With Jackson on the disabled list, 155-pound junior George Gregor has come in to take charge, and he has done such a top-flight job that Jackson is not missed.

Quarterbacking was a problem for North at the beginning of the year, but Rudy Suarez came off the bench to connect for five touchdowns in two games and solve Levy's main concern. Suarez suffered a back injury against Inglewood last week but should be able to start. If not, Sam Elliott, Levy's top man at the beginning of the year, has the experience to make North move.



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Narbonne Eyes Third Win Against Carson Tomorrow

When Carson and Narbonne meet in the final Marine League pigskin tussle of the year tomorrow afternoon, something has got to give. Although neither eleven sports a prominent win record, both squads have improved immensely in recent games and boast reputations as hard-hitting teams. Carson will come off its first Marine League win in history, a 13-0 triumph over battered San Pedro. Narbonne, after winning two straight encounters, dropped a 34-19 duke to Gardena last week.

Narbonne will host the 2:30 p.m. struggle and it could prove to be the margin of difference. Gaucho mentor Elmer Douglas feels, "We could go in and beat them by two touchdowns, or we could get beat by 14 points."

DOUGLAS says the team that wants to play ball will take the win.

The short-lived Gaucho victory streak went down the drain last week primarily on the basis of two second-half errors according to Douglas. Behind only 20-19 at the half, Narbonne fumbled and had a pass intercepted to blow two scoring opportunities.

On another occasion, Narbonne reached the Gardena 12-yard line before losing possession on downs.

BIG 205-pound fullback Lloyd Edwards led a second-quarter Gaucho surge with two scoring jaunts. Diminutive halfback Bobby Brooks accounted for the other Narbonne counter, crossing the goal in the opening quarter.

"Everything went according to the game plan," Carson Coach Gene Vollnogle said in explaining his team's surprise victory over San Pedro. It was Carson's first loop win.

WE PLANNED to throw short and run wide," Vollnogle said. It worked to perfection as tailback Mike Turner put on a dazzling aerial display in the first half and a stout defense took it from there.

Turner completed 12 of 14 throws before intermission and wound up with 18 completions in 24 attempts for 210 yards. All told, the Colt gained 327 yards.

A TACKLE eligible play accounted for the first Carson tally. Turner connected with Ben Mauie in the first quarter for a 65-yard score.

South Can Spoil Samo's Title Bid

Samo will have everything at stake tomorrow. Should it lose, the winner of the Mira Costa-Redondo game will snare the loop crown and a bid to the CIF playoffs. If the Vikings win and Mira Costa comes out on top, both elevens will enter the playoffs.

Two teams of greatly contrasting quality and with completely different aspirations will tangle at Torrance High tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the final game of the Bay League season.

Santa Monica will be trying to hold on to its share of first place while South will still be trying to post its first win in two years. Samohi's dream of an undisputed championship was shoved aside last week when Mira Costa forged a 13-13 tie with a dramatic final second goal line stand.

Palos Verdes took advantage of South's inexperience to disappoint a Spartan homecoming crowd with a 25-0 win.

South's main hope of victory rests on the shoulders of sophomore quarterback Scott Christenson, who has flashes of excellence since he took over for injured Dave Farber.

Christenson will also have a sophomore supporting cast in the backfield. Lack of depth has forced South mentor Dave Tolleson to go with sophomores in place of injured halfbacks Jerry Mann and Charlie Phillips.

Knights to Tangle With St. Vianney

Putting the finishing touches on its finest pigskin season in history, Bishop Montgomery will shoot for a second place tie in the Camino Real League tomorrow night on its home field against St. John Vianney.

Montgomery prepared for the final game of the year with a 14-7 triumph over Crespi last Saturday. Despite the tight score, the Knights completely dominated the game.

LED BY THE rushing of Russ Moore, Carlos Thompson and Jerry Leininger, Montgomery racked up 16 first downs and gained 192 yards on the ground. Doug Dedeaux added another 72 yards on short passes, hitting on 7 of 13 attempts.

Leininger picked up the first BMHS score in the first quarter, going 10 yards on a trap play. Dedeaux ran the conversion. Long runs by Moore and Thompson and a 10-yard look-in from Dedeaux to John Wojak set up the tally.

A 40-yard run by Thompson, after taking a screen pass from Dedeaux, accounted for the final Montgomery score in the closing quarter. Moore ran over the PAT.

CRESPI SCORED in the second quarter and then held Montgomery without another point until the last period outburst.

BMHS opened up with a long drive after taking the opening kickoff and reached the Crespi 8-yard line before losing possession on downs.

Camino Gets Kick Out of Reiger

Football has become a game of specialists.

The age of the triple-threat man, the jack-of-all-trades, the all-around football player is passe. The modern trend stresses the importance of the man who concentrates on one phase of the game and becomes an expert.

AMONG THESE experts is the place kicker. And among the best is Otto Reiger, a highly proficient booter for El Camino College.

Reiger is rapidly illustrating the importance of placekicking to Warrior football fans. He exhibited the full range of his skills in El Camino's 23-13 defeat of Cerritos.

Trailing 7-6 in the third period, the Warriors found themselves in field goal kicking range. Coach Ken Swearingen called on Reiger, who responded with a field goal that gave El Camino a 9-7 lead.

The score was still too close

for comfort for the Warriors. An on-sides kick was ordered. Reiger complied by floating the ball 10 yards downfield, angling for the sidelines. Another Warrior specialist, defensive halfback Ralph Hughes was waiting for it as it came to earth and the Warriors were again in possession of the ball.

Born in Yugoslavia of German parents, Reiger picked up an unorthodox kicking style by playing soccer. He kicks, not with his toe, but with his instep. This makes the ball curve, but he has been able to compensate for it. In Reiger's own estimation, he is "as accurate as anyone with a toe."

HIS PARENTS moved to Austria in 1934, where they stayed until 1955.

Reiger was a member of the St. Stevens Athletic Club, which won the Greater L. A. League soccer championship two years in a row. The club took the title in the 1959-60 season and repeated in 1960-61.



FIRE . . . On course, the ball sails over the uprights for an all-important extra point as Reiger follows through with an indication of his unusual style.



AIM . . . Reiger gives the football an instep boot, rather than the customary kick with the toe. His technique is adopted from experience in European soccer.



READY . . . El Camino College place-kick artist Otto Reiger approaches the pigskin and All-Metropolitan Conference end Herb Hlusche, who holds for him.