

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mik Callas Jr.

"What's Wrong?"

Generally by the time a football player gets to the professional ranks he has had a couple of mentors tutoring him in the fundamentals of the game. Perhaps he has learned too well and pro coaches have a tendency to unlearn the gridders so that the new pro can better blend with the highly specialized unit comprising the play-for-pay club.

The rah-rah of the high school and college campus must be forgotten for the pro boys are not known to play this brand of football. Each man has his special assignment and is platooned to such an extent that the "esprit de Corps" he got used to before he came up no longer is a factor in winning ball games. The young pro does not play enough to retain this certain something.

Critics blame Sid Gilman for not instilling this high school and college winning spirit among his players. Actually, no pro club's make-up carries this intangible. The pros look upon the "spirit" coach as a buffoon. They reason that "he's an amateur."

If none of the pro clubs have this college rah-rah then what is really wrong with Sid Gilman?

### Not Respected

From observations and discussions with former players that have performed for Sid in the past I gather that the trouble is lack of respect for the troubled mentor. You'll find that with most men in executive positions it is a whole lot easier for them to be liked by their charges than respected.

Gilman is not honored as a leader by the Ram players. He is well-liked and what's worse most of the players feel a certain pity for him.

Just recently Van Brocklin commented that he had nothing against Sid, he liked him but he did not think much of his skill. Van played many years in pro ball before Gilman got to the Rams and the feud carried on between the Dutchman and Sid is ole stuff. Today, two years after Van left the Rams, most of the players believe like Van — Sid cannot handle pros, he should have stayed in college ball.

Her coaches in the pro ranks have overcome the obstacle of "respect." Paul Brown of Cleveland is foremost. Of course his players now honor him more for he not only is their coach but also a co-signer of their pay checks. This was not true, however, when Paul first broke into the pro game. He had to learn to get the most out of seasoned veterans.

With Sid it appeared that he could not handle the men at his disposal in the fashion attributed to Paul Brown.

Not one for retaining Gilman I nevertheless feel that when Sid is fired equal fury should be aimed at Pete Rozelle, the Ram General Manager. Pete was actually the man behind the trades that most of us believed weakened the Rams in '59.

The Los Angeles Chargers will be playing pro ball around here next year and the Rams must come up with a "respected leader" or that necessary cash from paying customers will go to strengthening the team-the-hotel chain build.

Regardless of the money behind a team no owner likes to see his books smeared with red.

### Chatting With Tollefson

Still on the coaching situation, and not all with Sid Gilman, we like to say here that we were impressed with a local high school mentor this fall after watching his squad perform on several occasions. Just after Thanksgiving we had the fortune of chatting with Dave Tollefson, South High's quick-thinking, hard working man behind the school's grid machine.

The Spartans made like the Rams earlier this year. The team lost two games in a row and doom was expected by all quarters for the team from South Torrance. However, the Spartans then gained some stature when they walloped Culver City 20-7 in their league opener. They took three in a row after this one, the Tartars among them, before they were upset by the Falcons. Just over a week ago however, the Spartans came back and knocked off the Eagles impressively 18-7. Because of league by-laws South lost the opportunity to engage in CIF playoffs even though they finished the season tied for the top spot, when they lost to Aviation.

Tollefson and his boys were disappointed, they felt that they had let-down for the Falcon game and weren't this game in the books they would have played South Pasadena instead of the Falcons last Friday night.

Of the eight teams Tollefson's eleven faced this year Dave thought Torrance High gave them their toughest battle and El Segundo the hardest to defend against. South beat both schools in games that had the color and magnitude of USC-UCLA contests.

Tollefson is proud of his boys and the school heads for giving him the cooperation he needed to put together a winning team.

One of the few coaches in scholastic football to use the multiple offense, Tollefson, nevertheless had his gridders alternating between the single wing and T. Basically the school was used to the Red Sanders type of offense but with Bill Hargrove at the controls Dave felt secure in switching to the T from time to time.

Already looking to next year the coach must rebuild for the whole team of regulars, except Hargrove and Austin, were seniors.

Watching his methods, the way his boys played,



REPLACING OLLIE Matson in today's Ram line-up against the Baltimore Colts is Joe Marconi, Gillman's choice at fullback. The Ram-Colt game will be televised locally and can be seen on Channel 2 this morning.

## Bowling News Ward and Segelke Take Golf Tourney

Bowl-O-Drome's Thanksgiving Doubles Sweeper moving along in full swing as entries vie in competition for a hunk of the \$1500 prize pot, with men, women and mixed doubles endeavoring to connect their three best efforts across six lanes for the largest part of the \$500 guaranteed in each division, based on handicap two-thirds of 200.

At the mid-way mark W. Starr and G. Lehoto ride in the top slot of the mens twosome, coming up with a potent 1287, J. Higar and D. Jackson connected for a whopping 1267, to take over second while the 1266 racked up by W. Farraglan and E. Potter takes over third.

W. Bates and K. Bates recorded a sizzling 1286 to lead the mixed entries as C. Cucci and B. Nugent coast along in the second slot with their powerful 1222, while the Clark and Clark two-some ride in third with their 1217 duel effort.

Topping the female doubles entries is M. Buckley and W. Bruce and their combined 1174 tally. L. Green and A. Dooley posted 1170 to take over second while B. Bowser and D. Shawler scored with 1165 to ride in third. Action in Bowl-O-Drome's popular Thanksgiving event continues until Nov. 30th. Three games across six lanes using book or league averages for 21 games or

and being acquainted with Dave's handling of gridders I feel certain that he will field a comparative team in 1960.

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It will be the first race on the 1960 point Standings for the California Racing Association, and Jones who last year finished fourth in the point standings is out to build up an early lead for the 1960 title. He will pilot the Kike Plumbing Special from Phoenix, Arizona, in which he captured eleven main event wins last year.

An eight event program of races is on the card, topped by a 30 lap Main event starting the fastest 16 cars of the day. Racing begins with time trials at 1 p.m. and the first race set for 2:30 p.m.

Over forty of the top Spirit Cars in the West will see action. Other leading drivers include: Jack Brunner, Gardena, Allen Heath, Northridge; Hank Henry, Tucson, Arizona; Jack Austin, Downey; Danny "Termite" Jones, Long Beach; Hal Logan and Howard Gardner, Los Angeles; Roger McCluskey, Tucson, Arizona; Don Carr, St. Petersburg, Florida; Bob Mathouser, Omaha, Nebraska; Sonny Pratt, N. Hollywood; Ray Douglas, San Gabriel; Bob McCoy, San Diego; Harry Bechtel, Coolidge, Arizona and Don Hawley, Inglewood.

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### School District to Sponsor B Tourney

The Torrance Unified School District is sponsoring a "B" Basketball tourney this year to be held Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 2, 3, 4th and 5th. This is to be an annual tournament and will run the same dates as the Pacific Shores tourney.

Games have been scheduled in the afternoon so as to compete as little as possible with the Pacific Shores. This is the only local "B" tourney with the possible exception of the post season Santa Monica tourney and should be a real asset to basketball in this area. Teams involved are shown on the included pairing sheet.

Bay and Pioneer League teams were given first invitation, and any local team not in the tournament has refused an invitation. There will be team trophies for champion, 2nd, 3rd and consolation champion. Individual awards are to be presented to the members of the championship team.

North High School will assume directorship of the tourney this year. Any inquiries should be addressed to Harry Phillips, Tourney Director, FA 8-8080 extension 434 or Leonard Dalton, North High Athletic Director, FA 8-8080, extension 405.

### Sportsman Park Work Will Begin

Construction on major improvements at Sportsman's Park, Century Blvd. and Western Ave., will start within 30 days, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week, following award of a contract to Taylor-Hoover Co.

Plans call for a picnic area, plaza, adult-recreation area, and improvements to the baseball backstop. The park serves residents of Torrance.

By MEL NOLEN  
Special to the Torrance Press

Before a capacity crowd at Mira Costa Stadium the Tigers from South Pasadena eliminated Aviation from further CIF play by routing the Pioneer League representatives Friday night, 54-20.

After nine minutes of the game was underway it was evident that the Falcons were badly outclassed. Dave Dickson combined his brilliant passing with some slick ball handling to run up forty points before the first half was in the books. The hard-running of Tom Mistry also contributed to the demise of the Pioneer League as the Tiger line opened up holes time after time for their speedy backs.

Trying to get back in the game after Pasadena had scored 14 points in the first quarter, Pat Crosier lofted a long pass to Edwards and the Falcons registered their first touchdown. Aviation also added a marker in the third and fourth quarter to save further embarrassment.

In the second half the Tigers ahead by 33 points emptied their bench and played almost the rest of the way without the first team.

Through-out the game, Aviation fumbling set up scores for the visiting eleven from Pasadena. Each time the Falcons erred the wing T offense of the Tigers ground out yardage to hit pay dirt.

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