WHO WANTS TO PLAY QUARTERBACK? . . . Backfield Coach Jerry McIlvaine (second from left) asks of the six varsity candidates at South High. Awaiting the opening of football practice next week are (clockwise) Snapper Douglas, Coach McIlvaine, Scott Christensen, Jerry Dudley, Charley Schindler, Mark Orr, Head Coach Ken Swift, and Dale Hewitt. (Press-Herald Photo)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Spartans Young and Small; Building for 1966 Season

This is the third in a series of high school football previews. The topic is South High School.

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South High School's 1964 football season is best remembered for its song leaders.

No kiddin! When a team loses eight straight games and maintains enthusiasm the likes of that routin' section, the spirit of the game may have rubbed off on the 17 lettermen and many scrub players from last year.

Not that suddenly the Spartans are expected to come off the floor of the Bay League standings to win the championship, but it is likely the songleaders will have more to cheer about.

Besides, North Torrance is back in the Bay League and the renewal of the onetime cross-town rivalry adds lots of lustre to the sports scene at South.

The football team, it might as well be pointed out right now, is basically a small team in sizes, is besieged with juniors and sophomores, and lacks experienced depth in the backfield. Average weight of the first two units is 175 pounds.

When Coach Ken Swift inherited the Spartans last year after a successful assistant coaching venture at South Pasadena, he ran smack dab into a pretty rough Bay League machinery.

After a year he has become more accustomed to the coaching tactics of the opposition here, and to substantiate his own needs, he acquired two new assistants—Jim Ritchke and Howard Buettgenbach. Jerry McIlvaine has also become backfield coach.

Without having suited up and bumped heads this fall, the starting backfield at South looks like Scott Christensen at quarterback, Dale Hewitt at wingback, Steve Jones at left half, and Jeff Arrita at fullback.

Arrita, Hewitt and Jones are juniors. So is second team quarterback Snapper Douglas a junior.

Talking in terms of 1966, Coach Swift is particularly optimistic about the prospects of this foursome. Arrita is a transfer, from Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

End Steve Hertzog and Guard Bob Priestley are other juniors tabbed for first string assignments, so about the only thing Swift has to do next year is find a second unit.

KEN SWIFT
Building for 1966

Carrying a big load in running the club this time around is the three-year letterman quarterback Christensen.

Christensen is credited with bringing about a much improved offensive attack in the second half of last year's campaign.

Jay Stuart is a returning first string center. Bob Nicholas, paired with Priestly at guard, is also a returning starter.

Jim Kauble, a transfer from Arvada, Colo., who arrived at South for wrestling last spring, and Carl Lindgren, letterman, are the tackles.

Bob Clark and Jim Jennings will share the end positions with Hertzog.

The best of the upcoming Bees are Ron Locke, end and wingback candidate, and Jerry Dudley, a quarterback.

A consensus of the coaching staff has Hawthorne first in the Bay League race, with Redondo and Mira Costa battling for second, and Santa Monica and Inglewood ahead of South and North.

South starts off its schedule against the two favorites in the Pioneer League — Palos Verdes and El Segundo.

Probable starting units:

Left End — Bob Clark (170), Vince Cerra (185).
Left Tackle — Jim Kauble (185), Tim Piax (210), Jim McGrath (200).
Left Guard — Bob Priestley (160), Jeff Gunldres (190).
Center — Jay Stuart (210), Bob Jones (180), Mike Harney (180).
Right Guard — Bob Nicholas (185), Ray Ward (215), Jack Martin (160).
Right Tackle — Carl Lendgren (185), Ron Kammerer (180), Randy Bausman (200).
Right End — Steve Hertzog (180), Jim Jennings (165).
Quarterback — Scott Christensen (210), Snapper Douglas (140), Jerry Dudley (160).
Wingback — Dale Hewitt (165), Ron Locke (165), Nick Bednorz (180), Rick Cavanaugh (150).
Left Halfback — Steve Jones (190), Chuck Hobbs (155), Mike Powers (160).
Fullback — Jeff Arrita (185), Bob Jurmain (180), Steve Bonner (170).

Long Beach Vikings To Rule in Football

Junior Rose Bowl victor Long Beach City College views the dawn of the 1965 football season with expectation, excitement and a good deal of optimism for a repeat national championship.

There were quite a few new faces yesterday when the Vikings opened practice, notably Rollie Eilerts, who was named head coach following Jim Strangeland's surprising resignation and acceptance as an assistant coach at USC.

Long Beach lettered 46 players last season but lost 22 through graduation.

Of the 11 offensive starters in the Junior Rose Bowl, only four return. Gone is the entire forward wall composed of all-America guards Fred Convertini and Tom Ammirato, all-Metropolitan Conference tackles Jim Homan and Tom Skidmore and center Bill Zingg and tight end Gil Mendoza. The backfield will miss all-Metro flanker Jack Tucker who caught 20 passes for 323 and averaged 5-17 yards rushing.

But the returning quartet is worth its weight in gold. Halfback Marv Motley was JRB player of the game, Metro player of the year and an all-American. He broke Homar Williams' freshman rushing standard by grinding out 1,174 yards and led the Metro in scoring with 102 points. His 300 yards rushing against El Camino is a national JC record.

Quarterback Greg Barton broke every LBCC one-season passing record in completing 92 of 160 for 1,480 yards, 14 touchdowns and a completion percentage of .575. The former Millikan High fireballer garnered all-American and all-Metro accolades while taking home the title of Long Beach's most popular athlete.

Fullback Elwood Stewart earned mention on the all-Metro squad and was the team's second best rusher with 576 yards at a 6.55 clip. He is regarded as an expert blocker.

This year's nucleus will be formed around all-America cornerback Pat Cashman and all-Metro linebacker Steve Swanson plus end Jack Harris and tackle Don Sam.

The Long Beach football schedule is:

Fri., Sept. 17 — Everett, Wash. at Long Beach.
Sat., Sept. 25 — Compton at Long Beach.
Sat., Oct. 2 — Long Beach at Santa Ana.
Sat., Oct. 9 — Bekersfield at Long Beach.
Fri., Oct. 15 — Long Beach at Santa Monica.
Fri., Oct. 22 — Valley at Long Beach.
Sat., Oct. 30 — East L.A. at Long Beach.
Sat., Nov. 13 — Long Beach at El Camino.

Triple Header Planned for Super Stocks

The first triple-header auto racing card of the year is planned for this Sunday afternoon at Gardena's Ascot Park.

California Auto Racing, Inc. will present more than 100 laps of super-modified, super-stock car, and jalopy-stock car racing starting at 2 p.m. with qualifying runs at 1 p.m.

The days twelve event program will feature racing on both Ascot's ½ mile and ¼ mile ovals. The super-modifieds and stocks will see action on the half, while the Jalopy-Stock Cars battle over the action packed quarter mile clay oval.

Svare Not Discouraged By Rams

As the Los Angeles Rams prepare for their final two pre-season games, coach Harland Svare is not discouraged with the team's 1 and 2 record.

"On the contrary," said Svare, "there are certain important things I look for in pre-season play, and perhaps the most important from the offensive standpoint is consistency in moving the ball. And we're doing a pretty good job of that."

Consistency in ball control has been a Ram strong point. The Rams have rolled up 54 first downs to 35 for the opposition, and have run off 215 scrimmage plays to 173 for the combined enemy.

In Nashville, the Rams beat themselves, according to the Ram mentor. Svare said, "I never like to lose, but at this time of year I'd rather we'd beat ourselves than have other teams beat us."

Svare feels that the kind of mistakes that have hurt so far can be corrected easily.

The team is now preparing to meet the Philadelphia Eagles this Sunday at the Coliseum, kickoff at 1 p.m.

The Eagles were most impressive in their Saturday night 34-13 win over the Giants. They are 2-2 in pre-season play.

How to Watch Pro Football Told in Film

The National Football League's new color film "How to Watch Pro Football," has been made available to groups by United California Bank.

The film demonstrates in an entertaining rather than technical way how to watch the game. Shown are plays carefully selected by experts from the league's extensive film library. Also featured are "stop-action freezes" so that superimposed arrows and circles can focus attention on key players, slow motion, and other optical effects designed to help spectators gain greater understanding of the sport.

Interested groups or individuals may contact any UCB office for further information.

Flag Football Introduced to L.A. Grounds

Flag football, a new version of the gridiron game, will be introduced to Los Angeles area youngsters through a program starting today at all municipal recreation centers.

Rules of flag football are similar to touch football except that the ball carrier must be stopped by snatching away a flag attached to the runner's belt.

J. C. AGAJANIAN
No Visitors Allowed

Agajanian Remains In Hospital

Although sportsman J. C. Agajanian is off the critical list after being involved in an automobile accident Saturday, the report is he is not allowed visitors outside his immediate family. He is under sedation.

Agajanian, 56, is at Harbor General Hospital, suffering from numerous lacerations and broken ribs.

Promoter of auto and motorcycle races through the country, Agajanian was preparing for a grand national 8-mile championship motorcycle race Sept. 10-11 at Ascot Park when sidelined by the auto collision.

The accident occurred at 190th St. and Western Ave.

Driver of the other vehicle was Anthony Geanti, 16240 So. Western Ave., also hospitalized with a possible fractured pelvis.

SLO-PITCH

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'ICE REVUE' SCHEDULES TWO SHOWS

Holidays are fun, and what could be more fun than holidays brought to life by the glitter, glamour and excitement of an Ice Carnival?

"Holiday Ice Revue" will be the theme this year of the annual show presented by the South Bay Figure Skating Club with music, costumes and choreography depicting traditional and fun holidays.

With a larger cast than ever before, this year's show is expected to be the best yet, and is sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association.

Performances are scheduled Monday and Tuesday evening at the Olympic Ice Arena, 23770 S. Western Ave.

Ticket information may be had by calling DA 5-4474.

300 TO COMPETE

More than 300 cars will compete in a special stock car and dragster elimination tournament Saturday night at Fontana Dragway.

Torrance Has Pair In Slo-Pitch Play

Two Torrance slo-pitch teams are in the quarter-finals of the SCMAFF tournament at Lakewood.

Playing tonight at Mayfair Park, Torrance Tappa Keggas will meet the Penthouse Cleaners at 8 p.m. and the Long Beach Navy goes against the Wild Mustangs of Torrance at 9 p.m.

Twenty-five teams started in the sudden-death elimination tourney last weekend.

Tappa Keggas reached the quarter-finals by beating the El Segundo Hughes Hustlers, 7-0, and the Wild Mustangs won a pair from the Lakewood Blues, 16-0, and the Lompoc Culligan team, 20-1.

Results of the tournament involving local teams are:

FIRST ROUND

Zany Zoo, Torrance 8; Neeps Cocktail, Long Beach 4.
South Bay Engineers, Torrance 8; Blasters, Lakewood 6.
Dog Patch Kids, Torrance, def. Youngbloods, Long Beach by forfeit.
Comets, Gardena, 6; Kelley's, Long Beach 2.
Hughes Hustlers, El Segundo 7; Pomona Fire Dept. 2.
Dandoy Glass, Torrance 7; Threshers, Riverside 2.
Wild Mustangs, Torrance 16, Lakewood Blue Darts 0.

SECOND ROUND

Dutch's Alley Cats, Lompoc 6; Zany Zoo 0.
Oldtimers, L.A. 19; Engineers, Torrance 4.
Dog Patch Kids, Torrance 8; Pomona Hustlers 0.
Comets, Gardena 1; Tumstall's Plumbing, Fontana 0.
Penthouse Cleaners, Long Beach 17; Good Guys, Lompoc 4.
Torrance Tappa Keggas 7; Hughes, El Segundo 0.
Long Beach Navy 8, Dandoy Glass 2.
Wild Mustangs, Torrance 20; Culligan, Lompoc 1.

Games Tonight
At Del Valle Park
Alley Cats vs. Oldtimers, 8 p.m.
Dog Patch Kids vs. Gardena Comets, 9 p.m.
At Mayfair Park
Penthouse Cleaners vs. Tappa Keggas, 8 p.m.
Long Beach Navy vs. Wild Mustangs, 9 p.m.

Semi-Finals
Friday, Sept. 3
Games at Mayfair Park at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Championship
Saturday, Sept. 4
Game at Mayfair Park at 7 p.m.

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