

FOR FOOTBALL FANS
Athletic Club
Is the Answer

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At the start of the football season a group of men got together at the Plush Horse Restaurant to get some kicks out of the game. Meetings have continued each Friday at 12:15 p.m., and the unofficial membership has gone past 100.

Until a better name is chosen, the South Bay Athletic Club, Unincorporated, will have to do.

Fabian Abram, the quarterback who runs the show, says participation is open to any male all stoked on sports. There are no dues, no fines and no compulsory attendance.

Abram was the most logical head of the organization because of his extensive background in football.

While playing tackle for USC he helped Jon Arnett become an All-American back. Fabe was a Junior Rose Bowl All-American himself at El Camino College, All-Bay League at Redondo High, and All-Redondo at Hillcrest School.



FABIAN ABRAM

Included in the price of a luncheon meeting (\$2.50) is an opportunity to test anyone's best spontaneous one-liners. During the hour-and-a-half football frolic, a football handicapping contest is held. The yearly winner will receive season tickets to the Coliseum next year for SC, UCLA or Ram's games.

Weekly prizes include such goodies as a personally autographed book "Basic Baseball Strategy" by El Camino's Chuck Freeman, and complimentary tickets to "1912 Days."

The club obtained 40 tickets to the SC-UCLA game, and it took only 10 minutes to sell out the \$7.50 all-expense bus trip.

Other outings are planned for a boxing show at the Olympic Auditorium and a L.A. Blades hockey match at the Sports Arena.

Highlight of the football phase of the weekly clambakes will be Dec. 10 when the best 33 high school football players are entertained by the ardent group.

Guest speakers this Friday, incidentally, are Bill Barnes, former UCLA "nice guy" coach, and Dixie Howell, onetime All-American.

Abram went so far as to allow Chuck Freeman to defend football officiating last week. It was like going to church.

Second string quarterback is Lynne Frantz, who once set a record for braving the most consecutive El Camino football games.

The congregation includes every kind, from the city treasurer to the ambulance driver. Of course, Dick Fitzgerald is the pillar of the church. Harry Tracton is the leading ground gainer.

The best bet each Friday is one of the coaches will sooner or later make these two statements: (1) "Don't quote me," and (2) "I promise our team will show up for the game."

To get the good stuff you hafta pay \$2.50 for the luncheon.

Ken Swearingen, George Swade, Don Hay, Pete Austin, Ken Swift, Ed Levy, Fred Peterson, and Dick Keeler have given accounts of their team.

Keeler is the new coach at Beverly Hills, where the only thing associated with the poverty program is the football team. While recruiting talent this year, Keeler heard about one rich man who went so far as to buy a little boy for his dog to play with!

It's amazing what you learn at the South Bay Athletic Club.

Knights Go Against Lasuen

Two offensive-minded Camino Real League rivals — Bishop Montgomery of Torrance and Fermin Lasuen of San Pedro — clash Friday night at Montgomery High Stadium.

This has always been the "big game" for the host Knights, primarily because they have never beaten Fermin's Padres.

Last year's game at El Camino Stadium was won by Lasuen, 27-13. In the game, however, one of the outstanding players was a little Montgomery sophomore quarterback who has since become well known at Danny Graham.

Graham has become the best back in the Camino Real League and has passed the Knights to six victories in seven outings. The only team to beat Montgomery was Crespi (14-7), a team that meets Fermin Lasuen, the final week of the season. It won't be until then the league championship is decided, regardless of what happens in Friday night's game.

Montgomery needs a victory over Fermin and a Fermin win over Crespi for a 3-way tie.

Fermin would just as soon win both games and "hog" the whole show. A three-way



TOM HANSON

MIKE MCCLAIN

MIKE WOOD

DAN GILLESPIE

BILL KRISTUFEK

MARK LEAMY

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tie resulted last year among Crespi, Fermin Lasuen and St. Bernard's, interrupting a prior league domination by the Padres.

St. Bernard's has been eliminated this year with a 7-0 loss to Lasuen and 32-0 loss to Crespi.

Despite the tight game with St. Bernard's, Lasuen has two returning first string backs, an end and guard.

Phil Smyth, who saw considerable action on offense and defense in last year's game, will be at quarterback for the Padres.

He is surrounded by fine running backs — Joe Ichavarria, Ernie Booker and Richard Valdez.

Larry Gonzales heads the flanker platoon at right end and Jay Zuanich is at left end.

Coach Bob Biaz has listed Pete Crosby and Jeff S. to else.

Most serious injury for the Knights is second-string quarterback, Dan Pritchett, but Swade has I-back Chuck Bongard to back up Graham.

Bongard, Gary Nesenon, Ed Gilles and Dave Moseley are the regular running backs.

The Knights have two strong ends — Tom Hanson and Mike Leamy. Mike's potent brother, Mark Leamy, has taken over at right tackle.

Mike McClain continues at left tackle, the guards are Mike Wood and Bill Kristufek and the center is Dan Gillespie.

Lasuen's only two losses were to Leuzinger, Sky

League leader, 21-19, and potent Servite, 21-0.

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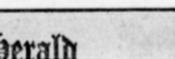
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GEORGE SWADE

Saxons Meet Santa Monica

Can North stop John McCowan? The Santa Monica speedster who has run wild against South, Redondo, Inglewood and Mira Costa invades North Stadium with the Bay League leading Vikings Friday at 8 p.m.

The remainder of the league calendar matches Redondo and Mira Costa at El Camino, and Hawthorne vs. South at Redondo.

North High has enough worries with Santa Monica, (4-0), but the Saxons wind up the campaign against Redondo, (3-1), a week later.

However, the two appointments give North (2-2) a chance to help itself to tie for the pennant. In fact, it is possible for four of the five top teams to tie for the title. Mira Costa (2-2) and Hawthorne (2-2) are not out of range yet.

Of course, it will take North to beat both Santa Monica and Redondo, and Hawthorne must win next week against Santa Monica.

Mira Costa needs victories over Redondo and Inglewood. None of these victories are out of the question.

Santa Monica is hungry. Particularly hungry are Vikings coaches Dick Turner and Irv Kaston who once earned their bread in Torrance and went to school here, but have never been on a championship team.

Santa Monica completely manhandled Mira Costa last week, scoring 32 points before allowing the Mustangs to score.

McCowan has nine touchdowns in four league games. He is considered the outstanding player in the Bay League.

North's best match for McCowan is Steve Schmitz, a power-driving back, Kent Major, Richard Gonzales and Henry Lopez could team up with Schmitz to make things uncomfortable for Samohi.

Coach Ed Levy last week directed the Saxons to a second straight win, following up a 13-13 upset over Hawthorne with a 19-7 win over South.

The unbeaten Rolling Hills Colts of the pee-wee division face the Torrance Knights Sunday at West High in Pop Wornor football action.

The Knights (3-3) can help their cousins, the Torrance Oilers (5-1) by upsetting the Colts. The Knights, however, were beaten by the Oilers last week, 18-0. The Vikings beat in the Mustangs, 21-6, in another inter-city game.

Gardena blanked the Torrance Steelers, 38-0, in a midget game.

"Christmas Open" To Be Arranged

"Christmas Open," youth golf tournament sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, will take place at 9 a.m., Dec. 28 at the Sea-Aire Golf Course, 22730 Lupino Dr.

Sea-Aire Youth Golf Club is inviting all boys and girls from 9 to 17 years old to participate in the 36-hole medal tournament.



MICKEY COLMER... is all-time Redondo football player. His son, Jeff, plays for Mira Costa against the Seahawks Friday night.

Mickey Colmer's Thunder Told

Ask the question, "Who is Redondo High School's most immortal football great?" and you get an immediate answer, "Mickey Colmer."

There's no sense in ever considering anyone else. When John F. "Mickey" Colmer played for the Seahawks in 1934-35-36 he was accused of being a robot, but he was the pride and joy of his coach, Russ Striff.

Warner Jenkins once thought about writing a book about Mickey, "Making of a Monster, 193..."

No matter where Colmer goes — the Elks Club, a PTA meeting, or some night club, he is constantly toasted as "Mr. Redondo Football."

He was not only hard to tackle, Mickey often ran away from his own jersey.

Mickey could throw a football 80 yards through the air and punt the pigskin even further. He invented the field goal.

In basketball a big team score for one game in those days was 20 points. Colmer usually got 15 by himself.

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El Camino Aces Worry Long Beach

Long Beach City College, which has allowed 32 points in seven games, hopes to preserve its defensive and unbeaten record Saturday evening against a fire-up El Camino football team in a homecoming game at Murdock Stadium.

The Vikings rank No. 1 in Southern California in defense with an average of 4.6 points a game.

Though 4-2-1 on the season, El Camino hasn't scored less than three touchdowns a game and is averaging 27.1 to the opposition's 17.4.

El Camino opened the year with three straight wins, Phoenix (27-14), Pierce (21-6) and Mt. San Antonio (34-0). Then came a 28-28 tie with Santa Monica and a heart-breaking 27-21 defeat by Cerritos. The Warriors routed East L.A., 36-12, before dropping a 35-23 decision to Bakersfield last week end.

When you think of El Camino you think of only two men. In quarterback Cary Hubert and end High Eber, the Warriors have their greatest passing combination.

Hubert, a transfer from Cal and an all-Metropolitan Conference shortstop, ranks second only to Santa Monica's Bob Matthews in completions but has a passing percentage of over 600.

Hubert is a roll-over passer, who would rather run than pass. But when he throws, the receiver is usually Eber, a man who has been in the receiving end of more than 50 per cent of the team's passes. Eber is the Metro's third best scorer with 56 points while Hubert isn't far behind with 32.

Eber also plays safety and runs back punts and kick-offs.

A victory will be the Vikings' main thought but a number of school records may also be shot down. All-America Marv Motley, who gained 300 yards—a National JC record—against these same Warriors a year ago, needs 436 yards to break Homer Williams' career rushing mark of 2,395 yards.

That record seems out of the question in this game, but Motley will become only the third Viking over 2,000 yards when he picks up another 41.

Quarterback Greg Barton needs 230 yards to crack Williams' total offense standard, while block-busting Elwood Stewart is 51 yards shy of the 1,000 yard plateau.



DAVE KLINE Joins First Unit

Dave Kline Joins Tartar First String

Coach John Trantham of Torrance High had the sniffls at football practice yesterday. Nevertheless he can still smell a possible upset over Rolling Hills Friday afternoon when the two teams tangle at Grandview at 2:30.

Trantham will try to confuse the Titans by putting both Jim Kline and Dave Kline in the starting backfield. They are not related by close ancestry.

Dave earned the job by running for 125 yards in the second half of the Beverly Hills game last week. He got into action after Rick Faeth injured his foot.

Jim Kline, a co-captain, missed a couple games with a knee problem, but he went most of the way against the Normans.

The Tartar backfield is rounded out with Bill Bynum at quarterback and Terry Tiedeman at tailback.

The offensive platoon has Bob Sharpe and Jerry Matthews at end, John Standridge and Doug Woodward at tackle, Danny Garrison and Jim Polston at guard, and Jim Oliver at center.

The injured Mike Trup may also see action at tackle.

To beat Rolling Hills the Tartars must stop the passing of Marty Meagher and the running of Bob Cage.

In league play Meagher pitched the Titans to a 35-0 win over Beverly Hills, but the team was blanked by Culver City, 6-0, and Morning-side, 21-0.

Torrance lost to Beverly Hills, Leuzinger and Culver City in league play, and dropped three of four practice games, salvaging a 13-13 tie with Lennox.

Football Standings Pioneer Marine

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Palos Verdes	3	0	75	24
Lawndale	3	0	85	24
West High	2	1	84	43
Aviation	2	1	84	43
El Segundo	2	1	84	43
Lennox	2	1	84	43

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Crespi	3	0	91	12
Fermin Lasuen	2	1	84	43
Montgomery	2	1	84	43
St. Bernard's	2	1	84	43
El Camino	2	1	84	43
Leuzinger	2	1	84	43

14 After Bid For Junior Rose Bowl

Fourteen junior college football teams — seven from California — remain in contention for bids to the 20th annual Junior Rose Bowl game following mailing of sample contracts to the 14 schools.

California teams being considered include Cerritos (7-0), Fullerton (7-0), Glendale (7-0), Long Beach (6-0-1), Ventura (6-1), Monterey (6-1), and San Francisco (6-1).

In the East, those remaining include Henderson, Tex. (9-0), McCook, Neb. (9-0), Columbia Basin, Wash. (8-0), Missouri Southern (8-0), Ferrum, Va. (7-0), Boise, Ida. (7-1), and Coffeyville, Kan. (8-1).

Henderson, No. 1 ranked team in the nation, won its ninth straight game last Saturday by edging Tyler, Tex., 10-0.

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Motorcycle Finale Set Friday Night

It's the finale of 1965 Friday night for Sammy Turner & Co. as J. C. Agajanian stages his 8th annual California motorcycle championships over the half-mile dirt oval at Ascot Park.

State title races will be held in the three competitive divisions of the American Motorcycle Assn., expert, amateur and novice, and the program is the culmination of 28 weeks of preparation by the more than 100 riders entered from San Diego to San Francisco.

The last three state expert champions will be on hand — Blackie Bruce of Norwalk, 1964; Ralph White of Torrance, 1963, and Tanner of Long Beach, 1962.

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