

Prep Traditions Dictate Winners

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This is the time of year for the high school football predictions. The best way to become an authority on the subject is gather up the souvenir programs from last fall and scrutinize the team roster. Don't forget to eliminate all the graduated seniors.

Palos Verdes High, most widely acclaimed for winning the Pioneer League and CIF "AA" championships, has 27 of the 45 players who suited up for the playoffs returning this fall. Coach Ron Terry has developed a championship attitude at the school, and although he lost such stalwarts as Bill Tapp, Lloyd Miller, Gary Blotti, Jack Levy, Jim Fiege, Steve McNeel, and Mark Carpenter, there is renewed enthusiasm on campus.

The Pioneer League, incidentally, is going to be another thrilling pennant race with at least three contenders. Lawndale, which almost upset P.V. for the title a year ago, has 23 returning nuggets including an All-CIF quarterback candidate—Jim Coleman. He was brilliant as a junior. There are also the familiar Rudy Metoyer, Bob Hedge, Dan Felix, and upcoming Mike Ernaga whose dad, Marty, is the popular athletic director at Lawndale.

If a quarterback is to football what a pitcher is to baseball West High's fortunes are pending. Gary Swanson was not thoroughly tested at quarterback a year ago, but at least a dozen other backs and linemen qualify as veterans for Coach Fred Peterson.

It is tough enough to list Lawndale, West and P.V. 1-2-3, but with El Segundo and Aviation equally able opponents, the Pioneer League race is ideal.

Only Lennox must be pitied for getting mixed up in this type of company. It would be a glad evening for Coach Don Young to win even one game during the league campaign. The reason is Lennox High is completely outclassed with its 800 enrollment.

Contrary to the Pioneer League, it is hard to get excited about the Sky League in football. Sure Torrance is involved in that one, but the Tartars would have more fun back in the Pioneer League or Bay League where a victory over Redondo or one of the other three Torrance high schools is more appetizing.

Instead, the Sky League offers Morningside, Leuzinger, Rolling Hills, Culver City and Beverly Hills.

To make things more lively, Morningside should be in the same conference with Inglewood; Leuzinger should be with Lawndale or Hawthorne or both; Rolling Hills is a natural with Palos Verdes; and Culver City and Beverly Hills already have something going.

It's just too bad Culver City and Beverly Hills don't come up to Santa Monica's standards. They are freeway close and could enjoy a motivated relationship.

Based on tradition alone, Culver City, Leuzinger, Morningside, Rolling Hills, Torrance and Beverly Hills rank in that order in football.

Beverly Hills' pass catching end Ralph Punaro, an all-leaguer who stands 5'6", is the league's best drawing attraction!

The Bay League will have the same seven schools for at least one more year. The key to championship is simple. If you tab Santa Monica to win the title, somebody else will. If Inglewood, Hawthorne, Redondo, Mira Costa, North or South are predicted to win, sure enough Santa Monica will upset the rankings.

The first thing we must do is play the odds and pick Santa Monica for first place. Considering Santa Monica's Dick Turner and Irv Kaston make up the best coaching staff in the league, you can expect them to get the most of their talent.

Winning teams come in cycles at Inglewood High and the calendar seems to point to the Sentinels. Among the big guns are Steve Sass, a senior quarterback; Gary Hopper, a junior fullback; Mark Windisch, a halfback; and Gene Kerkorian and Dave Guerrero, a pair of ends.

At Hawthorne, Bob Latta, who took over for the injured Dave Chauncey at quarterback a year ago, is returning. So are 13 others including first stringers Halts backs Pat Hamman and Harry Wolverson.

Redondo and Mira Costa's players will bare only a slight resemblance with last year's squads. Both teams need a lot of help in the backfield, although they have a few top youngsters on the line such as Costa's Steve Verry and Redondo's John Huntington.

If newcomers the Futrell and Craig Cochran can generate some speed in the North High backfield, the Saxons could improve their lower division showing of a year ago.

Halfback Rich Gonzales and QB Jerry Ball are the start of a pretty good backfield and Steve Sharp is about as good a tackle as they come.

For sentimental reasons the last leg of our Bay League report is South High. The Spartans have been in last place in the Bay League for so many years, we should not get ahead of ourselves at this stage in the season.

But the news out of Spartanville is encouraging. Greg "Snapper" Douglas inherited the quarterback job the week of the North game last fall and could be South's salvation.

Jeff Arrieta may become one of the school's best running backs. End Augie Felando was one of South's most honored lads a year ago. Bob Priestley is a pretty handy lineman to have around.

South's current analysis is identical with Santa Monica a year ago. Although Samohi was not ranked better than third or fourth at the time, the team took advantage of timely seasoning to win the title. Coach Ken Swift has put his reputation on the line with this team, so it should make for new excitement around the campus.

Threatening to run away with laurels for the entire prep campaign, however, is the promising little football team at Bishop Montgomery High School. Coach George Swade's Black Knights had an 8-1 record.

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Notre Dame 'Is Murder'

Notre Dame, with pre-season consensus All-Americans Jim Lynch and Tom Regner, will be a contender for the national collegiate football championship this year. Purdue, with everyone's All-American, Bob Griese, and Penn State are midwest and eastern favorites.

North Carolina State's Pete Sokalsky, end, and Dennis Byrd, tackle, appear headed for All-South honors and have received some support for All-American.

Notre Dame boasts a murderous defense. Linebacker Jim Lynch, whom Ara Parseghian claims is the best in college football, will direct the blockade corp.

Other Irish defenders, numbered among the best in the midlands, are 6-5, 270-pound tackle Kevin Hardy, 6-2, 225-pound tackle Pete Duranko and 6-5, 230-pound end Al Page. On offense, the Irish have pre-season All-Americans Nick Eddy, halfback, and Tom Regner, guard.

Penn State has five All-East candidates among its crew. Quarterback Jack White, who teamed with flanker Jack Curry last year to rewrite Nittany Lion passing records, is the best bet. This duo, plus halfback Mike Irwin, offensive tackle Bill Lenkaitis and defensive tackle Dave Rowe should be among the best of the east.

Illinois has the Big Ten's top pass receiver John Wright, who nabbed 38 passes for 361 yards in conference play as a sophomore last year. Regional standouts for the Illini are figured to be center Jack Anderson and defensive end Bob Batchelder.

Record setting ends of both schools will face each other in the Michigan State-Michigan clash. Gene Washington owns seven state receiving records. Jack Clancy, Michigan's candidate for All-American, rewrote Wolverine annals last season with 52 receptions for 762 yards. Michigan's All-Midwest prospects include halfback Carl Ward, linebacker Frank Nunley and defensive back Rick Sygar.

Ohio State will present a double elimination tournament, defeating Toledo in two of three games during the national finals two weeks ago at Farmington, New Mexico. The Bullets, managed by Bob Prior, are sponsored during the winter season by Mrs. Hazel Anderson, wife of Dodger trainer Wayne "Doc" Anderson.

DODGERS TO HONOR TORDENA BULLETS

The Tordena Bullets, 1966 Connie Mack National Champions, will be guests of the Los Angeles Dodgers Monday night. Members of the team will be honored in a home plate ceremony prior to the game with the New York Mets.

The Bullets won 14 of 15 games in the Connie Mack



J.C. AGAJANIAN AGAIN SIGHTS THE MAN "G" EACH YEAR. THIS WAS ONE OF THE NINE "G" SIGHTS COMPETE IN THE "G" SERIES. GRAND NATIONAL "G" SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP AT ASCOT PARK SEPT. 10-11. WITH QUALIFYING AND A LIVE NOTICE PROGRAM ON SEPT. 9.

GIVING SUCH RIPPERS AS SAN HARRY-SAMMY FANKE AND THE NATIONAL CHAMPION "BAC" MARCEL A ROUGH "G" IN THE "G" SERIES. THIS IS THE SAN LUIS GIBRO FLAG.



COLLEGE PROSPECT . . . The former North High quarterback Bob Quarry, a sophomore at El Camino College, is in the running for the quarterback post vacated by the graduation of Carey Hubert. The Warriors hold a scrimmage today at Riverside and oppose the alumni at home Saturday night.

El Camino Travels to Riverside

Coach Ken Swearingen packed his varsity football team into a bus today and headed for Riverside for the annual preseason control scrimmage. Game time is 5 p.m. today.

The first local appearance for the Warriors will be Saturday night's annual alumni frolic at 8 p.m. at Murdock Stadium.

"Our prospects for the season look good," Swearingen said in looking ahead to the next few months. "Our strength will be in defense with eight lettermen from last year's defensive unit back with us."

"We'll be strong in the interior line, too," Swearingen added. Fifteen lettermen return from last season to form the nucleus of the Warrior squad.

Three backs aces among the letter-winners are Dave MacGillivray, 170-pound North High graduate, Mike Fitzgerald, 175-pound former Redondo High ace, and Manuel Juarez, former all-star from Manuel Arts High School.

Two returning lettermen will be competing for starting position of center, Mike Carsey, 200-pound former Aviation High School griddier, was a power last year for the Warriors. Jim Malone, 190 pounds, was an all-star selection from Torrance High and played both center and linebacker for Camino last fall.

Working at the guard spots will be four lettermen back from 1965, including Tom Piper, 200-pounder from South High, Luigi Di Felice, 205 pounds from Lawndale; Randy Clendaniel, 250-pound former Hawthorne lineman; and John Woolley, a "lightweight" at 180 pounds from Serra High.

At tackle are letterman Glen Wrightstone, 265-pound sophomore from Lennox High; Fred Dryer, 230-pound former all-Pioneer-League from Lawndale; and Bob Jenks, 240-pound former South High lineman.

At end, where the biggest hole was left from last year with the loss of all-American Rick Eber, three lettermen are back including Dave Courtney, 175-pound Inglewood High grad, Dave Hubert, who made Sky League honors as a back along with CIF honors in track, and Don Albin, 180-pound sophomore from North High.

Michigan State's Guy Busch won All-American soccer honors as a sophomore in 1965, setting a school scoring record of 24 goals.

BABE RUTH'S JOE VENABLE PASSES AWAY

Joe Venable, a team manager with the Torrance Babe Ruth League for 13 years, died suddenly while vacationing in Kernville. He was one of the founders of the Babe Ruth League.

Venable once played ball in the California State League and for 34 years was employed at Columbia Steel. It was during this period he played for the former Torrance Bluebirds.

Mr. Venable leaves his wife, Madeline, and three sons, Toby, 27, Mike, 22, and Tim, 16.

EIGHTH VICTORY

A new record in California stock car racing looms at Whiteman Stadium as Marv Whitman, 33-year-old stadium vice president, aims for his eighth main event victory Friday night at the San Fernando Valley speedway.

Figure 8 Racing Led By Thomas

Nick Thomas of Gardena will risk his number one standing in the ARA Figure 8 Stock Car racing point standings in Sunday evening's 12-event doubleheader program Gardena's Ascot Park.

The night's card will feature more than 100 laps of racing. Racing starts at 7:30 p.m., preceded by time trials at 6 p.m.

Thomas has a 359 point lead over Dennis Meisenzahl of Redondo Beach going into Sunday evening's 20 lap feature on the wild and woolly criss-cross circuit. He'll drive a Chevrolet V8 powered car against the large field, in which he's scored four main event wins this year.

Meisenzahl has 1227 points to Thomas's 1586, and also pilots a Chevie V8 powered mount.

From the 60 football candidates still out for the Harbor College football team, Coach Floyd Rhea will select the starting lineup for the Friday night scrimmage with East Los Angeles City College. The scrum will begin at 7 p.m. at East L.A. and closed to the public.

Coach Scrapy Rhea stated he was pleased with the overall speed and condition of the squad. He also stated he was waiting for the return of halfback Sam Gipson who was injured in an auto accident.

The coaching staff has been impressed by several of the Players, Bill Tapp, 185 pound halfback who was All-CIF at Palos Verdes has great speed and running ability.

Others pointed out as looking good the first week of practice are Rod White of Narbonne, a guard; letterman ends Mike Oslin and John Paavola of Gardena; freshman tackle Nick Dragich of San Pedro; and the field goal and place kicking of Joe Coleman and Frank Mattara.

As for quarterback, Harbor College has four candidates running in strong contention. Two freshmen are battling two sophomores for the starting position.

Joe DiMassa (5-9, 162) was All-Marine League last year from Narbonne. Jim Fiege of Palos Verdes

Graham Rated Top QB

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Danny Graham, triple-sport senior athlete at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance, has been listed as the top quarterback prospect in California by a newly-published Cal Prep Magazine.

Graham, a two-year letter man, is an exceptional passer. He had 71 completions in 117 attempted passes last fall.

The magazine, which dwelled on the top football prospects from the 10 sections of the CIF as well as the "all-state team," recognized Halfback Mickey Cureton of Centennial as the future player of the year and Steve Pultorak of Mater Dei in Santa Ana as the lineman of the year.

For leading Montgomery High to an 8-1 record as a junior, Graham was named Camino Real League "player of the year."

Coach George Swade said Graham's accomplishments have brought credit to the school. He said he is looking forward to Danny having a fine year in football, basketball and baseball again this year.

Swade said the varsity football team (57 strong) did a good job of conditioning last week. "It was tough, but worth it," he exclaimed.

Center Pat Keeley came in as the biggest man on the squad at 190 pounds.

The varsity will hold a control scrimmage at South High Saturday morning, September 17. The following Friday a non-league game will launch the regular football season against Mira Costa.

POP WARNER 'CARNIVAL' TO BE HELD

The annual Pop Warner "football carnival" will be staged at West High School Saturday. The daylong series of one-quarter outings will be for South Bay Conference passewe, midget and bantam teams.

Participating in the opening festivities are Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills and San Pedro teams. West High is near the intersection of Del Amo Blvd. and Victor Street. Admission is \$1.

Dr. James Feurig, Michigan State's athletic team physician, financed a medical school by playing three years for the Green Bay Packers.

Harbor JC Football Loaded With Talent

(6-0, 165) also doubled as defensive safety man.

John Burke, a returning quarterback, is a scrambler. He was starting quarterback at Marshall High School. Burke is 5-10, 185 pounds.

Tom Williams of Mt. Carmel is the biggest of the four quarterbacks at 6-2, and 220 pounds. He also is the only left handed passer.

The Hawks have 14 lettermen back. They are Todd Martella, defensive halfback, and Don Bohannon, center, of Banning; John Burke from Marshall, guard Frank Mattera and fullback Tim Foley of Fermin Lasuen, Jim Margrave, tackle from Palos Verdes, defensive back Lloyd Walters of Manual Arts, Tom Williams, Mt. Carmel, and tackle Bob Fredrickson, defensive end Larry Leffer, halfback Jim Lewis, end Mike Oslin, end John Paavola, and linebacker Pete Taucog, all of Gardena.

Among the outstanding freshmen at guard Charles Azar from Fermin Lasuen, All-Camino Real League; Ken Bridges of Banning, All-Marine League; tackle Will Etheridge, Manual Arts, All-Southern League; Mike Mahaffey of Rolling Hills, All-Sky League; Jesse Mota from Narbonne, All-Marine League; Don Roney, Carson, All-Marine League; halfback Dennis Trani from Fermin Lasuen, All-Camino Real.

The Hawks have two married men on the squad, Tim Foley and Larry Leffer. Center candidate Terry McGovern is the oldest man on the team at 27, while Leffer and Jim Margrave are the tallest at 6-4. Don Bohannon tips the scales at 270 pounds for the heaviest and Don Herring, 124, is the lightest. There are 28 players who weigh over 200 pounds.



BILL TAPP Enrolls at Harbor