

Metro Race Wide Open



SEATED AT THE BABY GRAND (NATIONAL) IS GEN. MANAGER BOB ROBERTSON PRESENTING THE TRANS-AMERICAN SPIN RACE. THIS FOUR-HOUR ENDURANCE TYPE EVENT FOR AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BUILT SEDANS WILL COVER CLOSE TO 350 MILES AT THE REVERSE INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY. NOON SUNDAY, SEPT. 18TH.

Traditionally one of the most formidable junior college football conferences in the nation year by year, the Metropolitan Conference will be stronger than ever—even with the addition of new Rio Hondo College.

Three Metro teams which will be in action Friday night are El Camino at Phoenix, Cerritos at Costa Mesa, and Santa Monica at Fullerton. Saturday night Long Beach hosts Azusa Pacific and Bakersfield entertains Mesa of Colorado.

East Los Angeles, Valley and Rio Hondo open the following weekend.

The teams currently are in the midst of their last week of two-a-day practices and coaches at six schools in the conference indicate their teams have better potential than a year ago. Cerritos is defending champion.

Discounting the long-shot chances of Rio Hondo, East Los Angeles and Santa Monica, five schools have a good shot at the championship.

Bakersfield suffered the staggering loss of quarterback Billy Satterfield, who broke his collarbone in the first heavy contact drill of this season.

Satterfield, who shared time at the controls with Dick Permenter last year, will give to a quartet of green QB candidates. They are Jerry

Thompson, Carl White, Mark Larson (transfer from Cal), and Larry Arnold.

If the Renegades have to fall back to defensive football they have some good prospects in tackles Eric Huff (6-5, 270), Doug Zook (6-4, 240), and Bob Stephens (6-6, 280). Another star is Rocky Rasley, a 6-3, 240 guard.

Cerritos, riding a 10-game winning streak, is the popular choice of other conference coaches to repeat for the title.

The Falcons will be solid at quarterback with Reid Braden, a sensational stand-in for Davis last year. Lack of depth may be a factor for Cerritos, but the team should have another slashing running game with the presence of letterman Dan Laskowski and newcomers Mike Olson, Chuck Bishop, Greg Perez, and Jim Baird in the backfield.

East Los Angeles is better potential than a year ago.

The Huskies will rest their fortunes on their ability to move the ball on the ground.

Good looking running backs include Steve Calhoun (Roosevelt), letterman Les White, tough Martin Smith (Fremont), and Roger Cain (Roosevelt). One of the finest ends in the conference may be Tom Galarze (Garfield) and

QB prospects Howard Swaney (Los Angeles) and Tom Hays (Fremont) can get the ball into his sure hands, the Huskies may be troublesome.

El Camino's outstanding passer Cary Hubert is gone, but the Warriors appear destined to field another solid grid machine under coach Ken Swearingen.

Cary's brother, Dave, is

back at end. Backfield candidates include two speed merchants in Dave MacGillvary (9.9) and Randy Smith (9.8). Nine defensive starters return and they'll be augmented by Henry Cooper, the all-CIF linebacker who played the South in the Shrine game at the Coliseum.

"Our defense will steady us early in the season," said Swearingen. "But many of

our players are inexperienced. They must develop to make us a winner."

After five years as an assistant at Long Beach, Paul Chafe steps into the head coach's office vacated by Rolie Eilerts.

QB Dennis Parks will be the key man in the Vikings' offense.

Don't write off Rio Hondo in 1966 before considering that coach Art Teixeira has corralled a herd of big football players, including four transfer from defending Metro champion Cerritos.

Three quarterback prospects are Bruce Vlink (Whittier), Walt Walters (Pioneer), and John Mele (Sierra). Top backfield candidates as ball-carriers include Alex Reynolds, Gary Lundahl, Gary Parish, and Bob Landreth.

For the first time in the 11 years Jim Powers has been at Santa Monica, the Corsairs may not have the dashing passing attack that have been the hallmark of Powers-coached teams.

John Erdhaus and Ron Siegel are not on par with past Santa Monica quarterbacks. Lack of depth also will plague Powers, who suited up only 58 candidates on the first day of practice.

Best runners appear to be Walt Shookley (Venice) and John McCowan (Samohi).



TOP LINEBACKER... Henry Cooper of Hawthorne checked in at El Camino for the 1966 football season.

Midget Auto Racers Make Monthly Show

The USAC midget racers make their once-a-month appearance at Ascot Stadium in the Gardens Saturday night when J. C. Agajanian presents an eight-event meet. The program, which starts at 8:30, will be topped by a 50-lap finale. Now officially termed "compact sprints" by the United States Auto Club, the cars still remain midgets to most of the Southern California auto fans. Probably the driver to beat is veteran Johnny Moorehouse, Santa Ana, who won the midget chase at the 183rd and Vermont Avenue oval

last month, Moorehouse has ranked among the better midget race chauffeurs in the West for several years. George Benson of Northern California figures to be close at the wire. Benson has figured in some of the most thrilling action at Ascot this season. Veteran Joe Carson will be the lineup, along with such others as Lowell Sachs, Escondido; Billy Wilkerson, El Monte; Jack Devitt, Whittier; Bernie Scheeter, Riverside; Duane Sears, Westminster; Tom Sellberg, Inglewood, and Porky Rachwitz, Manhattan Beach.

Motocycle Riders Stay Another Week

Several of the invading riders who were here for last weekend's Eight-Mile National Championships are expected to stay over for Friday evening's motorcycle race meet at Ascot Park. First event on the 18-race card is at 8:15 p.m. Gates open at 7. Sammy Tanner leads the seasonal point totals with 1719 points. Ralph White has been gaining on Tanner in recent weeks. Dan Haaby is also a long-shot third from his third position.

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