

# 'Camino Runs Into 'Bad' Bakersfield

## Chuck Thrives On Inspiration

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The most inspirational football player at Bishop Montgomery High School last year was a junior. The selection of Chuck Bongard for this honor was based somewhat on the St. Bernard game in which he insisted upon playing inspite of a severe throat inflammation.

It was the final game of the year and Bongard caught two touchdown passes to help the Knights close out with an 8-1 record, 25-0.

Chuck Bongard is the type of youngster whose school activities overwhelmingly support the invaluable benefits of an athletic-academic high school program. He is in the upper 2 per cent of his class when report card time comes around. He plays football, basketball, baseball and serves as student body president.

If the other things he does are better than playing football, they would have to be 102 per cent.

Chuck does not make many mistakes on the football field. He once dropped a pass which is so rare it stands out.

In these modern phases of the T-formation Bongard plays what is called the "T-Back" position. Before the start of almost every play he shifts positions to force the defense to make at least one adjustment prior to the running of the play. Every time Chuck Bongard moves the defense breaks out in a cold sweat! Sometimes too many guys follow him in motion and, boy, do the holes open up.

If Montgomery did not have Danny Graham's potent passing arm and the team had to depend on more of a running game, Bongard would be another kind of a threat. Instead he runs with the ball only once or twice a game and serves as an optional-pass decoy. Nevertheless he has been rewarded with 11 touchdown pass receptions and last Friday surprised the Daniel Murphy team with a 53-yard "quick" touchdown run.

Not more than a half dozen kids in the state score 12 touchdowns in seven games, but Chuck Bongard has achieved that much with his legs taped like a mummy. Still his deception is uncanny. If he gets behind the defense going for a pass, forget it!

The first time Chuck Bongard was singled out as a fine potential athlete was by his Little League manager when Chuck was 9. He started making an impression at a mighty young age, and it was that very year Chuck went out for one of Redondo's two Pop Warner pee-wee division teams.

The procedure was to complete the Yellowjackets with the best 30 players and throw all the remaining candidates into a second newly organized squad. Mostly because he was 9 instead of 12 and a little skinny punk, Chuck went with the extras. Two weeks later he was so impressive he could have played in the first string backfield with the Yellowjackets.

Out of uniform Chuck Bongard reminded you of a third grader who went around singing, "I'm Popeye the Sailor Man!" He would have been a perfect kid brother for Shirley Temple.

All his life Chuck Bongard has dreamed of the idea of becoming an officer in the Armed Forces. His first consideration for an athletic scholarship even today would probably be Annapolis, West Point, or the Air Academy.

People who know Chuck Bongard best say he is the best disciplined or self-disciplined youngster possible. When he was a tot and had a dime in his pocket, the first thing he would do is check the stock market.

But the best quality or gift, bestowed upon Chuck Bongard is his desire and determination. A good example is when he was 13 and the quarterback for the Crusader Pop Warner team.

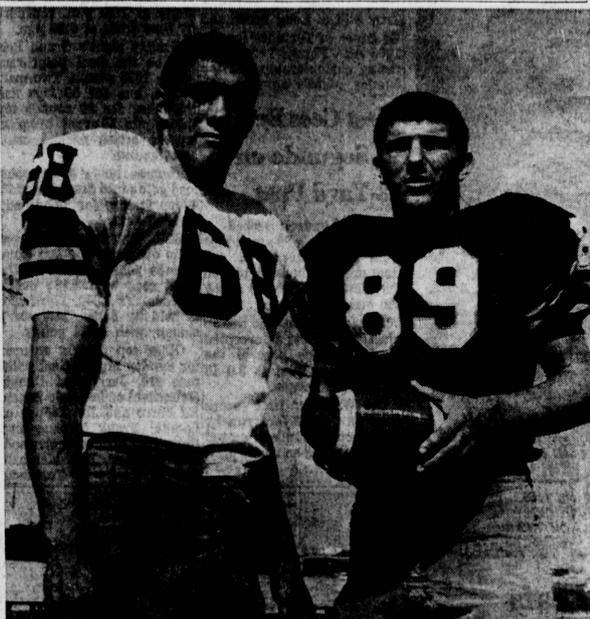
The Crusaders were unbeaten that year, but to win the championship they had to beat Gardena which had not even given up a point all year. If you are familiar with the current crop of football players at Gardena High School it paints a pretty good picture of the type of Pop Warner teams there four years ago. In this particular game some Crusader fans gave up and went home after the third quarter with Gardena ahead, 26-14, but not only was Gardena's goal line crossed for the first time, the final outcome was a comeback 28-26 upset win for the Crusaders.

Drooling over Bongard's performance that day were two coaches from the Fermin Lasuen High coaching staff. Chuck would have fit into their football plans perfectly the next few years, but by reason of a two-block walk from his home to Montgomery High, Lasuen lost out to its most prominent rival.

## Torrance, Culver City Seek First League Win

While Morningside and Rolling Hills are playing for first place in the Sky League tomorrow afternoon, Torrance and Culver City battle for last place at Culver City in the evening.

The Tartars have dropped three league games to Beverly Hills, Leuzinger and Rolling Hills while Culver City was swamped by Leuzinger, 29-0.



PAIR OF FLANKERS... When West High goes against Lennox Saturday night, Dave Boyd (89) and Landon Calkin (68) specialize on offense. The Warriors will try to break a three-game losing spell in the Pioneer League while Lennox seeks its first win in eight outings. (Press-Herald Photo)

## West Still Looking For League Victory

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West High moves out of "Heartbreak Hole" tomorrow evening for a trip to Hawthorne Stadium and an engagement with the Lennox High Lancers in a Pioneer League football game.

The game, first away from the West stadium in four weeks, is something less than the "game of the week" since both teams are searching for their first league victories.

At stake is the honor of being dead last in the Pioneer

League chase. West has a 1-6 record on the season and Lennox has lost seven straight, so the Warriors probably should be favored to win the encounter.

Dave Boyd, who sat out last week's game because of a run-in with school authorities, will be back in the lineup and should give West a big boost with his running, but Fullback Gary Singleton will be missing.

Also returning to the lineup is end Rich Schwanbeck. Rich has been nursing a knee injury the past couple of Fri-

day evenings, but is reported ready to play. The doctor will have the final word — probably late tomorrow.

The Lancers are primarily a running team with junior fullback Ron Smith getting the ball most of the time. Ron Butler, a senior fullback, also gets the ball a good part of the time.

In other Pioneer League action, the Palos Verdes (1-1) meets Lawndale (3-0) at Leuzinger Field and Aviation (2-1) travels to El Segundo (2-0). All games are to be played tomorrow at 8 p.m.

WARRIOR NOTES... Coach Fred Peterson appeared Friday bundled in his best winter clothing. He seems the Warrior boss is fighting a bad cold. Allen Coward's open-toed shoe was the subject of a discussion which delayed the game for 5 minutes. Alford, who likes to kick those conversation barefooted, came up with the open-toed tennis shoe to meet a CIF requirement and El Segundo Coach Phil Santa didn't like it, but officials ruled the book requires only a shoe. Linemen Sam Pollock, John Black, and Steve Striz were singled out for special commendations by Coach Max Lomas, who rated the trio best on the field for the evening. El Segundo is the only Pioneer League team which West has never beaten. The West High Band and Drill team staged a great half-time show for the Grid Night audience. The secret is expected to boost ticket sales. The name of the game is "kick" and it's been all day for the Warriors. Heartbreak Hole might be a good name for Warrior Stadium.

## Montgomery to Play St. Monica's Saturday

Unbeaten Bishop Montgomery goes against pesky St. Monica's Saturday in Round 4 of the Camino Real League football race. The game will be at Corsair Field in Santa Monica. In other league matches Friday St. Bernard's travels to Crespi and Fermin Lasuen opposes Daniel Murphy at Rancho LaCienega.

St. Monica's has been beaten in three league games, but the Mariners held potent Fermin Lasuen to a 6-0 half-time margin before succumbing a week ago. The Mariners have been unable to jell its offense in league play.

Montgomery quarterback Danny Graham, on the other hand, is establishing an assortment of school passing records. They include 18 touchdown passes and 1,120 yards.

## Bay League Involved in 3-Way Tie!

Inglewood ended Redondo's six-game win streak Friday night and at the same time threw the Bay League into a three-team dog fight. The score was 13-6 and only an 81-yard punt return by Terry Smith in the fourth period prevented a whitewash.

Inglewood scored on a 7 yard pass from Steve Sass to Bob Tilmans. He scored a second TD on a 13 yard run. Inglewood has the uphand in the pennant race. The Sentinels have a 4-1 record and close out their campaign in two weeks against winless Mira Costa.

Redondo meets rival Mira Costa and North in two remaining games. Santa Monica opposes North and Hawthorne, having beaten Mira Costa, 19-7, Friday night.

On tomorrow night's schedule Hawthorne plays at South, North travels to Santa Monica, and Mira Costa plays at Redondo.

The Knights are also spearheaded by the rushing of Ed Gilles, Bob Comstock, Mike Ramariz, and Dan Pritchett and the pass catching of Chuck Bongard, Steve Patterson and Comstock.

Montgomery has also built a strong defense under the guidance of linebacker Pat Kealey, Nelson Straley and Charley Reade, tackles Mark Leamy and Mike McClain, and defensive ends John Sullivan and Ray Vida.

Offensive line specialists are Guard Richard Pipkin and Tackle Mike Bruccoleri.

## Hearing Set For Use of Sump Area

One of the items considered during tonight's Torrance Park and Recreation Commission meeting is the request from the Southwood Little League for the use of the Ocean Avenue sump. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the city council chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

Southwood Little League is forced to abandon their present diamonds adjacent to the South Bay District Hospital and is seeking a new location for their fields.

The Ocean Avenue sump, located between Sepulveda and Carson, west of Ocean Avenue in the City of Torrance, is one of the sites being considered.

Southwood Little League proposes to regrade the bottom of the sump and develop two Little League diamonds complete with parking lot. The commission's main concern is whether the people in the area are willing to accept the Little League's use of the property.

Those interested in the matter are invited to attend this meeting of the Commission.

## Losing Streak Lingers

"Big Bad" Bakersfield squares off against El Camino in the 20th renewal of their Metropolitan Conference football rivalry. It's a homecoming game for the Warriors.

The series began 19 years ago with El Camino upsetting the Renegades, 9-6. Since then Camino has won only five games. The last victory was exactly 10 years. The Bakersfield football team arrived in one bus and the football gear went out in another direction. It resulted in a two-hour delay in the game and a 7-6 win for the Warriors.

The Renegades' last nine victories have been by scores of 34-0, 55-0, 35-14, 55-6, 34-14, 32-12, 26-7, 15-3, and 35-23.

With Santa Monica enjoying a 5-0 record, Bakersfield (4-1) and El Camino (3-1-1) are in second and third place.

Santa Monica, which took a big leap forward in its bid to win the Metro Conference football championship by beating Cerritos, 32-30, last week, The Corsairs' Saturday night opponent is Valley College.

Last week, in a thriller, Santa Monica twice came from behind to beat defending Metro champion Cerritos, 32-30. Bakersfield got off to a fast start and rattled Valley, 48-12; El Camino chopped down Rio Hondo, 42-21; and Long Beach dumped East Los Angeles, 31-6.

John Erdhaus hurled three touchdown passes and completed 17 of 30 attempts for 175 yards in leading the Corsairs to victory. Leading light for Cerritos was Chuck Bishop, who scampered for two scores.

At Bakersfield, Leroy Sledges regained the conference rushing lead by piling up 140 yards on 17 carries while scoring once. So far this season, Sledge has amassed 594 yards on 88 carries for a 6.75 average. His scoring dash against the Monarchs was 68 yards. Raines' 38-yard TD pass accounted for one Valley score and Roger Burnett skipped 13 yards for the other.

Upstart Rio Hondo led El Camino, 21-20, at the start of the fourth period. But on a trick play, end-halfback Dave MacGillivray tossed a TD pass to Terry Tiedeman and the Warriors went out in front to stay. Alex Reynoso was Rio Hondo's big gun with two scoring runs. Steve Schmitz tallied twice for Camino.

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BREAKING RECORDS... Is a habit of Mike Sellers of West High who last week defeated El Segundo in the time of 9:13 minutes in a cross-country meet. (Press-Herald Photo)

## CROSS COUNTRY

### West Runners Blank 'Gundo

Senior Mike Sellers paced the West High cross country team to a 15-50 perfect win over El Segundo last Friday in a pre-football game race.

The race was run on the West High track. Sellers was timed at 9:13, just one second off his CIF 2-mile record of 9:12. He set the record last spring.

Sellers' nearest competitor, West's Carl Rodefer, was nearly a minute behind him. The near-record effort came just four hours after Sellers had completed a 20-mile workout.

Rodefer (10:11) was followed by Tom Reed (10:19), Bob Cooper (10:26), Dave Young and Jim Poush (10:27), and Rick Tussing (10:38).

El Segundo's top man, Kip Berry, finished in eighth position with a 10:30 clocking. The Eagles are competing in cross country events for the second year.

In races run Thursday afternoon, Jim Tobin and Mike Fraser led the West High jayvee and novice teams to identical 18-45 wins. Both were clocked at 11:08.

Pioneer League cross country finals will be run at West High Thursday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m.

Results: — West 15, El Segundo 50. 1. Sellers (W), 9:13; 2. Rodefer (W), 10:11; 3. Reed (W), 10:19; 4. Cooper (W), 10:26; 5. Young (W), 10:27; 6. Poush (W), 10:27; 7. Tussing (W), 10:38; 8. Berry (ES), 10:38; 9. Smith (ES), 10:43; 10. Collins (ES), 10:58. Junior Varsity — West 18, El Segundo 45. Novice — West 18, El Segundo 45.

## Football Review

Those who have not had their fill of high school football this year and realize only two weeks remain in the campaign, this is the week to make the rounds.

For a starter Thursday afternoon, Morningside (7-0) plays a day game at Rolling Hills (6-1) to decide the Sky League pennant. Both are 3-0 in league play. Night action has Torrance (2-5) playing at Culver City (1-4-2), Leuzinger (3-4) also goes to Beverly Hills (3-4) in a day outing.

All of the Pioneer League combat is Thursday evening with West (1-6) traveling to Lennox (1-5-1), Palos Verdes (1-4-2) meeting Lawndale (5-2) at Leuzinger, and Aviation (4-3) battling at El Segundo (5-1-1) for a piece of the pennant.

Lawndale has a 3-0 record in league, followed by El Segundo (2-0-1) and Aviation (2-1). Lawndale dumped Aviation last weekend, 33-6, to take command of the race.

Inglewood (6-1) has a non-league game against Serra (0-6-1) and will wind up its season against winless Mira Costa (0-7) a week hence. The Sentinels at the moment hold a half-game margin over Redondo (6-1) and Santa Monica (5-2) where in league play they are 4-1, 3-1, and 3-1. But Redondo goes against rival Mira Costa and Santa Monica tangles with North High, and except for an upset, the top three should go into the final week all even.

The final Bay League schedule pits Redondo against North, Santa Monica against Hawthorne, and Inglewood against Mira Costa.

South (3-4) closes out its league season at home against Hawthorne (2-4) tomorrow night. South's finale is against Notre Dame!—Would you believe the one from Sherman Oaks?

Rather than stay home this Friday night, the Camino Real League has billed Fermin Lasuen (6-1) against Daniel Murphy (3-4) at Rancho LaCienega Field and St. Bernard (4-3) grapples Crespi (4-3) at Crespi.

Bishop Montgomery (7-0) invades Corsair Field in Santa Monica Saturday evening to battle St. Monica's (1-5).

The foremost Top 10 in the CIF "AAAA" and "AAA" divisions are listed together with last week's scores and names of next opponent.

AAA DIVISION  
def. Keppel, 53-0 (Eaton)  
1. Mater Dei def. Servite, 36-6 (St. Paul). 2. El Rancho def. Keppel, 53-0 (El Monte). 3. Centennial def. Lynwood, 68-0 (Dominguez). 4. Anaheim def. Marina, 14-13 (Santa Ana). 5. Long Beach Wilson def. Poly, 21-14 (Jordan).

AAA DIVISION  
1. West Covina def. Covina, 27-6 (Edgewood). 2. Bishop Montgomery def. Murphy, 44-6 (St. Monica). 3. Morningside def. Beverly Hills, 40-21 (Rolling Hills). 4. South Pasadena def. Temple City, 7-6 (Bell Gardens). 5. San Marcos def. Lompoc, 41-26 (Righetti).



FACING BAKERSFIELD... Dave MacGillivray of El Camino College, enjoying a glamorous football campaign, will be in the starting line-up for the Warriors Saturday night against the powerful Bakersfield Renegades. El Camino has not beaten its opponent in 10 years. (Press-Herald Photo)