Gilles, Graham Pace Montgomery, 34-7

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Fullback Ed Gilles ran for three touchdowns of 26, 18 and 79 yards in the rain Friday night to dramatize Bishop Montgomery High's 34-7 CIF "AAA" football win over Magnolia.

Quarterback Danny Graham ran for two other TD's for the Knights.

A crowd of 4,000 braved constant showers at South High Stadium to take in the Knights' 11th straight victory. Montgomery will go against unbeaten Sky League champion Morningside next Friday. Morningside kayoed Santa Fe, 26-6, at Sentinel Field in its quarterfinal round game. It was also the Monarchs' 11th win without a defeat.

Montgomery, primarily a passing team, resorted to a bruising game of block and run to beat Magnolia.

There was no scoring in the first quarter. The Magnolia Sentinels had Montgomery pretty well contained deep in its own territory the first 10 minutes. Penalties had most to do with it.

On the first series Graham had to punt from his 8-yard line. Magnolia's first drive from the Montgomery 41 gained only 3 yards, requiring QB Jim Bratten to kick to the Montgomery 10. Gilles ran for 9, 4 and 5 yards, but a wet ball got away from Graham on a pass situation and the Knights were back at their 12-yard line.

Graham punted out to the 34. Aided by a faceguard penalty, the Sentinels moved into scoring position at the 13. A key defensive play, throwing Bratten for a 5-yard loss on the third down, forced a field goal try from the 18, but the ball did not reach the end zone.

The Knights began grinding out yardage on the ground, moving to the Magnolia 43. Back Bob Comstock broke into the open for almost 40 yards, but a penalty erased most of it and a subsequent 5-yard infraction forced the Knights to punt again. Graham's boot and a clipping put the shoe on the other foot for a change and Magnolia found itself on the edge of its goal line.

Bratten carried three times for 8 yards before kicking to the 36.

After Comstock and Graham carried for a first down, Gilles streaked off tackle for the remaining 26 yards to a TD.

Dennis Haren, whose only unsuccessful placekick was the second one, made it 7-0 with 5 minutes left in the half.

There was no other threat in the half, although 30 yards of penalties gave Magnolia two first downs and the ball on the Montgomery 39. Trying to pass in the downpour jeopardized the rally.

In the second half, Montgomery Guard Charlie Reade quickly pounced upon a Bratten fumble and his team had the ball 41 yards from the goal line. In spite of a 2-yard loss, Chuck Bongard ran for 9 yards and Comstock got the first down. Both Graham and Bongard ran for 10 to the 7-yard line, from which point Graham carried it in.

Trailing 13-0, Magnolia struck back on a 64-yard drive. The touchdown was from midfield. Bratten carried the ball himself on a cutback over tackle and ran away from everybody.

Bratten's kick put his team back in the game, 13-7, but the Knights retaliated on a 60-yard drive in seven plays. The clincher was an 18-yard carry by Gillies for his second TD.

Magnolia's next series resulted in a punt on fourth down. The boot settled at the Montgomery 21, where on first down Gilles exploded on a 79-yard gallop. With 36 seconds remaining in the third period, Montgomery led, 27-7.

The Sentinels came back in the fourth period to get within the Montgomery 11-yard mark.

By defending against Bratten, Montgomery took over at the 8-yard line and promptly went 92 yards. Graham, who carried four times, picked up the TD on a 1-yard quarterback sneak.

Graham's best chance of completing a touchdown pass was a 15-yard shot intended for Bongard, but the receiver collided head-on with an official and both were shaken up.

Coach George Swade was thrilled with his team's performances under the difficult weather conditions. He said, "Shoulder pads is the name of the game," referring to the way his team blocked. The Knights simply played a hard game of football to outplay their opponent.

The guards and tackles had a great night. The offensive platoon of Rich Pipkin, Mike McClain, Mark Leamy, Nelson Straley and Reade opened holes everywhere in the line.

Trying to run against the defensive bolstered by Pat Kealey, John Sulivan, and Ralph Mishler, the Sentinels had very little yardage up the middle. The ends, Jay Crawford, Ray Vida, Rich Sidbeck and Steve Patterson, had a good game. Patterson was used as a defensive back.

The total yardage was 434 yards to 180 for the Knights. Gilles carried 18 times for 198 yards. Graham had 104 yards in 15 runs. His passing was 1 for 4 for 9 yards.

Comstock had 47 yards, Bongard, 22, Bill Brady, 17, and Mike Rameriz 7.

Coach Swade said, "The team feels good about playing Morningside in our next game!" He said the game would probably be played at El Camino Stadium.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bishop Montgomery	0	7	20	7—34
Magnolia	0	0	7	0— 7

Bishop Montgomery TDs—Gilles (26, 18 and 79-yard runs), Graham (7 and 1-yard runs); PATs—Haren 3 (kicks). Magnolia TD—Bratten (50-yard run); PAT—Bratten (kick).

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Today's Lesson: Place-Kicking

Today's lesson, pro football fans, covers the fine art of field-goal kicking and the instructor is Prof. Bruce Gossett of the Los Angeles Rams whose credentials are impressive. He leads the league in field goals this year with 22; he is within four of Lou Michaels' NFL record; he has just set a new figure of 43 attempts in a season; and he is tied for the scoring lead at 91 points, 66 through field goals.

What's more, Gossett holds the Ram record for field goals in a season; he is second in career goals with 55 after only three years and closing in on Bob Waterfield's record of 60; and he had tied the league record of five in a game (against the 49ers in preseason) before Detroit's Gare Yepremian, the Cyprean soccer booter, raised the mark to six three weekends ago.

Gossett will match kicks with Yepremian at the Coliseum Sunday when the Detroit Lions come to town, and the comparison should be interesting. Now let's get on with the questioning:

Q—What is a good "score" in field-goal kicking?

A—I should make 'em all inside the 20-yard line, 80 per cent up to 40 yards out, less than 50 per cent to the 50, and over that it's just pure luck. You have to kick so hard that you lose accuracy. I kicked one 57 yards in practice. My best in a game is 49 yards. I've hit the goal-post uprights or crossbars four times this year, though I had never hit one before.

Q—What is the toughest part of kicking a field goal?

A—Keeping my head down and following through. I try to pick a spot on the ball and hold my eyes on it. If I do, I'll kick the spot I'm looking at. If I raise my eyes, my foot swings too high and I kick a line drive—the worst kind, for they get blocked.

Q—How much time do you have to kick?

A—On field goals from 20 yards out, I figure on getting the kick away in 1.3 to 1.35 seconds. Inside the 20, no more than 1.115 seconds from the time the ball is snapped until my toe hits the ball. Longer kicks require more time for accuracy.

Q—How is the ball placed down?

A—From outside the 20, it is best to have the laces facing the goal posts. When you kick the laces, the ball won't go as far because it is not as resilient there. If the lacing is on the side on a long kick, the ball will curve in that direction. Inside the 20, the important thing is to move fast; you usually won't miss from that distance anyway. On those Eddie Meador, my holder, just grabs the ball and smacks it down without checking the laces.

Q—How much do the center and ball-holder help the kicker?

A—The success of a kick depends more than 50 per cent on them. Ken Iman, who does all the centering for our field goals, conversions and punts, is amazing. He has the snap down so well that at seven yards (the distance I stand back for a field goal) the laces will land in exactly the right position in Eddie's hands. I have so much confidence in Eddie's "placing" that I take my first step the instant the ball hits his hands.

Q—Your father was a pro soccer player. How come you don't kick soccer-style?

A—I tried it once, but it hurt my legs. Anyway, I don't believe those stories about 55 and 60-yard field goals. They're accurate from about 30 yards usually. Lou Michaels of the Colts has the strongest legs of any kicker in the league, but he can't kick a goal from 50 yards soccer-style. Detroit is using Yepremian now, but he can't hit long ones. His best so far has been 33 yards. I notice that when the distance is over 40 yards, the Lions punt.

Q—You say your eyesight is not good. Why not use contact lenses?

A—The Rams bought me contacts this season. I put them in and the change was too great. I could see too well, everything looked too sharp and close. I'd have had to learn to kick all over. So I'm going to start using them in the off-season and get used to them. I can kick better at night, as the light goalposts stand out against the darkness. Daytimes the posts are usually a little blurry, but I gauge the distance first, then don't look at them when I kick. Anyway, sight is relative. Bert Rechichar, the former Colt who kicked the longest field goal in NFL history — 56 yards — was blind in one eye.

Q—Have field goals become more important this

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NELSON STRALEY

Nels Straley Fills Bill as 'Sub Center'

One of the purposes of selecting a "player of the week" is to recognize athletes who do not get into the box score week after week.

A youngster who has been around the Bishop Montgomery High football scene for three years and is one of the unsung heroes of the squad is Nelson Straley. He comes under the category of a fine football player, not only for his usual outstanding job on defense, but for his ability to fill the big gap at offensive center occasioned the past two weeks by an injury to Center Pat Kealey.

A hand cast has restricted Kealey to defense and Straley has taken over for him. Nels' regular job is first team guard on defense.

Sometimes the adjustment of a substitute center causes all kinds of difficulties for the offense, but Straley has been flawless in his two playoff games at center. Neither the place-kicking or ballhandling has been hampered the least with Straley in action. He has been superb on blocking assignments.

Playing in the mud Friday night against a potent Magnolia team had little affect on Straley whose performance earned recognition as "player of the week."

Henderson JC Due on Tuesday

Fourteen members of the Henderson County JC football team which played in last year's Junior Rose Bowl game will be back Tuesday when the Cardinals arrive for Saturday's 21st Annual JRB encounter with Pasadena City College.

CIF Football Salient Facts

AAAA-DIVISION
Friday Night's Results
Mater Dei 34, Loyola 0.
Anaheim 20, L.B. Wilson 0.
El Rancho 7, Blair 6.
Lakewood 16, Centennial 13.
Next Friday's Pairings
Mater Dei vs. Anaheim.
El Rancho vs. Lakewood.

AAA-DIVISION
Friday Night's Results
Bishop Montgomery 34, Magnolia 7.
Morningside 26, Santa Fe 6.
Edgewood 13, Montclair 12.
South Pasadena 17, Huntington Beach 7.
Next Friday's Pairings
Bishop Montgomery vs. Morningside.
Edgewood vs. South Pasadena.

AA-DIVISION
Friday Night's Results
Lawndale 12, Santa Clara 7.
Victor Valley 14, Burroughs 0.
Next Friday's Finals
Lawndale vs. Victor Valley.

Morningside Beats Torrance by 80-77

Defending Pacific Shores Champs Lose in 3rd Round

Only practice makes perfect!

The story with the Torrance basketball team has been unsatisfactory practice sessions. As a penalty the Tartars were knocked out of the championship round of the Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament Friday. Morningside, which will contest the Tartars in the Sky League, beat them, 80-77, in the third round of the tournament.

The Monarchs thus earned a shot at El Segundo for the championship Saturday night. Torrance and Aviation were third place opponents.

North High headed for its third straight fifth place bid against Loyola. North beat Redondo, 59-44, while Loyola downed Mira Costa, 54-51. It was the first time in the history of the tournament that both Redondo and Mira Costa were eliminated from the tournament prior to closing night.

West High qualified for the consolation bracket title against Beverly Hills by downing Palos Verdes, 90-72. Beverly whipped Culver City, 85-62.

Torrance is the defending tournament champion and placed third in the CIF "AAA" playoffs last year.

Bart Johnson, the all-CIF "superstar" of 1965-66 has been less than enthusiastic about the current season. Because of his indifference at practice Johnson did not start the first game against Santa Monica. He got into the game in the second quarter and went on to score 44 points. But Santa Monica is not championship stock and it was not until Torrance met a classier Morningside was the lesson learned. Johnson held the tournament scoring record of 44 before Alex Gamble of Beverly Hills got 47 Thursday.

Torrance defeated Santa Monica, 104-57, and North, 80-63, before being derailed by Morningside.

North started the tournament with a 70-54 win over West.

After a first round knock down, West came back to beat Santa Monica, 55-47, to go with its win over Palos Verdes.

South High dropped its first two games to tournament favorite El Segundo, 83-51, and Culver City, 75-69.

Although Bart Johnson scored 101 points in the first three games of the tournament, the Tartars have not been able to execute the stylish floor game that led them to a 33-2 record a year ago.

During the coming week Torrance has a home game Tuesday at 3 p.m. against Burbank. The Tartars play Pius X Friday at 8 p.m.

North moves into the Dominguez Tournament commencing tomorrow. South has a home game Friday against Culver City.

Morningside 80-77

Morningside (80)		Torrance (77)
Baumer (18)	F	Kreul (13)
Stenderup (10)	F	Johnson (27)
Love (25)	C	Jasper (9)
Penso (11)	G	Fisher (18)
Templeton (16)	G	Galyardt (10)
Torrance	21	22 15 19—77
Morningside	26	22 18 14—80

No scoring subs.

North, 59-44

North (59)		Redondo (44)
Taylor (2)	F	Sims (19)
Jones (7)	F	Chaffins (4)
Nielson (13)	C	Gerhardt (4)
Hansen (14)	G	Oddi (12)
Albin (12)	G	Springer (0)
North	13	15 15 16—59
Redondo	11	10 13 10—44

Scoring subs: North — Anderson (2); West (2); Redondo — Glen (4), Jackson (2), Fowler (2).

West, 90-72

West (90)		Palos Verdes (72)
Hyde (5)	F	Johnson (23)
Wilson (5)	F	Warner (10)
Sauro (2)	C	Bliss (7)
Bramhall (11)	G	Riordan (5)
Tomas (28)	G	Dehaarest (0)
West	10	22 29 29—90
Palos Verdes	14	13 16 29—72

Scoring subs: West — Marks (16), Thrapp (5), Bell (10), Pretorius (4); Palos Verdes — Gilburne (3), Limbeson (10), Woodcock (14).

Torrance, 80-63

TORRANCE (80)		NORTH (63)
Kreul (5)	F	Taylor (6)
Johnson (30)	F	Nelson (9)
Jasper (12)	C	Jones (12)
Fisher (16)	G	Hansen (9)
Galyardt (15)	G	Albin (9)
Torrance	21	24 21 24—80
North	13	13 21 16—63

Scoring subs: Torrance — Grim (2); North — Anderson (2), Kassel (6), Wing (6), West (4).

Culver City, 75-69

Culver City 75)		South (69)
Garland (18)	F	Fuller (8)
Largey (8)	F	Gammon (6)
Gross (26)	C	Turner (17)
Williamson (11)	G	Hoplamadian(5)
Holtzman (12)	G	Boyer (2)
Culver City	16	16 15 28—75
South	28	15 10 16—68

Scoring subs: Culver City—none; South — Owens (4), Wang (2), Baron (1).

West, 55-47

West (55)		Santa Monica (47)
Hyde (8)	F	Wright (9)
Marks (4)	F	Larez (8)
Wilson (11)	C	Rooke (8)
Bramhall (7)	G	Chamales (14)
Tomas (24)	G	Budyzen (2)
West	10	15 12 18—55
Santa Monica ..	14	10 28 5—47

Scoring subs: West — Thrapp (1); Santa Monica — Shelton (6).

Torrance, 104-57

Torrance (104)		Santa Monica (57)
Kreul (24)	F	Wright (2)
Johnson (44)	F	Larez (2)
Jasper (5)	C	Chamales (10)
Fisher (14)	G	Budyzen (0)
Galyardt (6)	G	Rooke (3)
Torrance	12	39 39 24—104
Santa Monica ..	16	4 15 22— 57

Scoring subs: Santa Monica — Velez (6), McFaden (2), Jennings (4), Shelton (5); Torrance — Locke (2), Albright 2), Huff (2), Brown (1), Grim (2), Lucarelli (2).

North, 70-54

North (70)		West (54)
Taylor (10)	F	Hyde (13)
Kassel (13)	F	Marks (0)
Neilsen (17)	C	Bell (4)
Hansen (11)	G	Tomas (10)
Albin (7)	G	Bramhall (8)
North	22	15 16 19—70
West	8	15 16 15—54

Scoring subs: North — Jones (7), West (1), Wing (4); West — Wilson (17), Pretorious (2).

El Segundo, 83-51

El Segundo (83)		South (51)
McCready (7)	F	Gammon (13)
Hora (0)	F	Fuller (7)
Pleick (26)	C	Turner (7)
Pagett (17)	G	Fernandes (9)
Christ'nsen (12)	G	Hopl'm'z'n (0)

Scoring subs: El Segundo—Fraunberger (10), Aubrey (4), Ravl (4), Brett (3); South — Marshall (4), Parron 2).

Pacific Shores Tourney Scores

FIRST ROUND
Torrance, 104, Santa Monica 57.
North 70, West 54.
Morningside 82, Hawthorne 67.
Aviation 64, Glendale 57.
Loyola 78, Beverly Hills 61.
Mira Costa 53, Culver City 48.
Redondo 48, Palos Verdes 39.
El Segundo 83, South 51.

SECOND ROUND
Championship Bracket
Torrance 80, North 63.
Morningside 72, Redondo 50.
Aviation 55, Loyola 48.
El Segundo 41, Mira Costa 36.
Consolation Bracket
West 55, Santa Monica 47.
Palos Verdes 70, Hawthorne 59.
Culver City 75, South 68.
Beverly Hills 98, Glendale 65.

THIRD ROUND
Championship Bracket
Morningside 80, Torrance 77.
El Segundo 64, Aviation 42.
Fifth Place Bracket
North 59, Redondo 44.
Loyola 54, Mira Costa 51.
Consolation Bracket
West 90, Palos Verdes 72.
Beverly Hills 85, Culver City 62.

GREAT RUNNERS . . . Displaying gold medals they won Thursday by racing to individual cross country championships in the "AAA" and "A" meets at Long Beach are Jeff Marsee (right) of South High and Mike Sellers of West High. Marsee had the best time of the four divisions by running the two-mile course in 9:29. Sellers is also unbeaten in cross-country competition.

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Marsee, Sellers Win Cross Country Crowns

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Jeff Marsee of South High and Mike Sellers of West High won individual cross country championships Thursday during the CIF—Southern Section finals at Cal State Long Beach.

Marsee was accorded top honors in the "AAA" division and wrote his name into the CIF record book with a 9:29 time on the 2-mile Long Beach course. Jeff's time was the fastest of the day on a newly marked course.

Sellers won "A" division championship with a time of 9:34.

South High finished second in the 3-A team standings, losng to top-ranked Westminster High School, 31-45 (low score wins) in what has to be described as a two-team race.

West, in the team's best showing of the season, finished in fourth place in the "A" division. The Warriors, ranked seventh going into the race, were shooting for fifth or better, Coach Bob Holtel told the Press-Herald.

John Glenn claimed the "A" title with 33 points and Valencia was second with 78. Chino was awarded third place with 127 points, and West was three points back at 130.

Ten of the first 15 runners in the "AAA" race were from Westminster (2-3-4-7-10) or South (1-6-11-12-15). Third-place Antelope Valley was far back in the pack and came away with 117 points.

Palos Verdes captured the "AA" title and Redondo, a bare four points out of second place, actually finished in a tie for fourth. Scores in the "AA" event were Palos Verdes, 78; La Puente and Bolsa Granda, 95, and Redondo and Huntington Beach, 97.

Favored San Marino was crowned small schools champ.

South coach Dick Scully had plenty of praise for his seven runners. Scully, obviously disappointed because of the second-place finish (South was second last year as well), nevertheless called the Spartan showing "great."

Westminster, Scully noted, "is the best high school team in the nation."

What was billed as the big race — the meeting between Marsee and Westminster's Mike Solomon — proved to be exactly that. Solomon moved into an early, short lead, but gave way well before the halfway point. Marsee was in full command in the final mile, running easily to his record time. Solomon's time was 9:36 — third best of the day.

Sellers, who suffered a pulled hip muscle in the Pioneer League meet and nearly lost the CIF preliminary event two weeks ago, was never in trouble and a full 50 yards ahead of his nearest competitor.

Mike is undefeated this year, having beaten Marsee in the only meeting of the season between the two. Marsee, however, owns better times at both Centinela Park (where the two raced) and at Long Beach.

Second man for South was Doug Malone (6th), and the remainder of the team included George Watson (11th), Decker Underwood (12th), Louis Salatino (15th), Jeff Walker (20), and George Halliwell (23rd).

Finishers for West were Sellers, Tom Purkey (17th), Tom Reed (32nd), Rick Tussing (35th), Bob Cooper (45th), Dave Young (51st), and Dale Whitney (54th).

Team Scoring

AAA Division — Westminster (31), South (45), Antelope Valley (117), Jordan (118), La Habra (123), Milikan (138), Mira Costa (164), Crescenta Valley (187), and Anaheim (206).

AA Division — Palos Verdes (78), La Puente and Bolsa Grande (95), Redondo and Huntington Beach (97), Hoover (110), Santa Fe (157), Salesian (176), and Pomona (200).

A Division — Glenn 33), Valencia (78), Chino (127), West (130), Cathedral (135), Claremont (138), Sierra (153), Tustin (158), and South Hills (165).

Small Schools — San Marino (36), Duarte (88), Fillmore (93), St. Bernard (110), Morro Bay (113), La Salle (123), Pius X (174), Harvard (206), and Neff (226).