

# Torrance 'Solved' by Morningside

## Rams Praised By Coach Allen

Generally consigned by the experts to the division depths at the start of the season, the Rams, this week with an 8-5 record, stand at the threshold of their finest year since 1958, when they tied for second in the Western race.

If head coach George Allen, in the league finale at the Coliseum Sunday, can take them past Green Bay and into the Playoff Bowl, he should merit consideration as the NFL's Coach of the Year.

Both Green Bay and Dallas the probable title contestants, have better records than the Rams, but both clubs were rated at the start of play to finish just about where they are. The Rams, on the other hand, having wound up last season with a 4-10 record, worst in the division, were expected by most dopsters to finish fifth or lower this year, and their dramatic leap forward must be credited largely to Allen's shrewd trades, his expert handling of players and his unusual qualities as an inspiring leader.

Awaiting Sunday's climactic clash with the Packers, when a win will send them to Miami to settle runner-up honors with the Eastern candidate, coach Allen today looked back over the long campaign and admitted he was "very pleased."

"When I met with the squad for the first time at Chapman College last July, I told them our goal was a 9-5 record. I said that if we played alert football and didn't lose any key men through injuries, we had a chance to surprise everybody. I felt then that, with the conference strength so well balanced, 9-5 might even win the title.

"My two biggest objectives were to improve the pass defense and to make the players believe they could win. I knew I had to build up the linebacking and secondary defense. On offense I wanted them to move the opposing front wall and not make mistakes. I knew we weren't going to be an explosive team, like Dallas, for example, so it was vital that we cut down errors and try to keep ball control. I hoped I could keep 11 men on offense and 11 on defense and allow them to play together all the way.

"We have accomplished those objectives. What has given me the most satisfaction is seeing the players regain their pride, to have confidence they can handle anybody. We played only one poor game all season—in the first meeting with Minnesota, when we were beaten, 35-7, and were never close to pulling it out.

"I'm very gratified at the way we improved our pass defense. Last year the club was last in interceptions and percentage of passes completed against them. Today, with one game remaining, only Cleveland and Green Bay have intercepted more passes, and only St. Louis has a lower percentage of passes completed against them.

"We have surpassed almost all the goals we set for ourselves at the start of the season. This was achieved mainly because the players became a well-knit team, but it was aided a great deal by the experienced players we got through trades — men like Bill George, Maxie Baughan, Irv Cross and Tom Moore, and by talking Jack Pardee into coming back. Myron Pottius and Claude Crabb, both veterans, have been fine back-up men and offensive tackle Bob Nichols, though he didn't play a great deal, is going to be a good one.

"Right here I can't stress enough how much Dan Reeves has helped me in my first year. He gave me the green light to get whatever help I needed. A coach has to have front-office backing like that.

"I'm a great believer in experience. I think it takes a minimum of five years to make a top pro quarterback, four years for defensive backs to reach their peaks. Linebackers mature slowly; I'd like to have 'em around 30-years-old. Only running backs and pass receivers are usually able to make it in their first season, and then only if they're great prospects like Gale Sayers or Paul Warfield."

Despite his quest for experience, however, Allen still regards the Rams as a relatively young team. Bill George, of course, has been playing for 15 years, Rosey Grier for 11, Lamar Lundy and Tommy McDonald for 10. But aside from these four regulars, the playing experience of the team averages less than five years per man.

Allen concedes that a lack of major injuries has figured in the Rams' resurgence. Only tight end Marlin McKeever and guard Don Chuy were out for extended periods.

"Dick Bass told me at the start of the season if he played 14 games he'd gain 1,000 yards, and he's done both," said Allen. "Dick has a remarkable ability to be at a peak for every game. I feel, too, that Moore's value to the team has been somewhat underrated. He's our top pass receiver, you know, very steady and an exceptional blocker."

While the Rams' high position in the standings and the merger between the two leagues will give the club few shots at top players in the winter draft, Allen will concentrate on trying to bolster the offense. He isn't too disturbed at criticism that the Rams lack speed. "Speed is important only if it is the right kind. The Bears have speed, but they couldn't win this year."

The top draft prospect in the country, in Allen's opinion, is end Gene Washington of Michigan State. "He has the size, speed and hands. But we'll have no chance to get him."

But the coach's attention now is focused on Sunday's Packer game. "The bye hasn't helped or hurt us. We've had some fine practices. There's been no sign of a letdown."

After losing to Green Bay early in the season, 24-13, Allen said, "We'll beat 'em in L.A." He still feels that way, though the Packers are now division champs



DRIBBLER . . . Steve Wright of El Camino College led his team to a 131-101 win over Los Angeles City College Friday. He scored 17 points in the game. El Camino has a 7-1 basketball record.

## PRO BASKETBALL

### Lakers Take on Boston Celtics

One of the great rivalries in professional sport will be renewed this evening when the Los Angeles Lakers meet the world champion Boston Celtics at the Sports Arena. Tip-off is 7:05 p.m.

Boston has dominated professional basketball over the past 10 years. In most cases the Lakers have been the team the Celtics had to beat for the title.

Prior to losing the Eastern Division crown to Philadelphia by a single game last season, the Celtics won nine of 10 NBA championships, including the last eight in a row.

Four of the last five years the Celtics have defeated the Lakers in the NBA finals to claim the crown. Last season, after eliminating Philadelphia, the Celtics presented retiring coach Red Auerbach with that eighth straight world title by defeating Los Angeles by two points in the final game of a thrilling seven-game playoff series.

Now Boston comes back to the Sports Arena with superstar Bill Russell in the dual role of player-coach, and with Sam Jones, K. C. Jones, Tom Sanders, John Havlicek, Larry Siegfried and newcomer Bailey Howell winning games with the same old regularity.

The Lakers, off to a slow start because of injuries to key personnel, are finally healthy and moving to regain their familiar position atop the Western Division standings. Elgin Baylor, Jerry West and Rudy LaRusso are again leading the way, and are getting better-than-ever support from Darrall Imhoff and Gail Goodrich.

Newcomers Jim "Bad News" Barnes, Tom Hawkins, Jerry Chambers, Archie Clark, Henry Finkel and John Block are gradually acclimating themselves to the Laker style of play and giving coach Fred Schaus better support from the bench.

The Lakers and Celtics have met once previously this season, a 133-108 home court victory for Boston on Nov. 2 when Los Angeles was without the services of both Baylor and West.

Rookie Chambers led the Lakers in that one, having his finest game as a pro as he scored 24 points in 25 minutes. The former Utah sharpshooter made 10 of 15 field goal tries, was four-for-four at the free-throw line, and hauled in 12 rebounds while playing just half of the game.

Boston displayed its usual balance in overwhelming the injury-riddled Lakers, with John Havlicek's 27 points in a reserve role topping nine Celtics who scored in double figures. Russell the coach

## Tartars Lose at Beverly

For the second time Morningside has beaten Torrance in the third round of a basketball tournament. The Monarchs Friday night knocked the Tartars out of the championship running for the Beverly Hills Tournament, 77-72.

Morningside and El Segundo were finalists in the event last night. In the Pacific Shores Tournament El Segundo beat Morningside for the championship, 62-56.

In the PacShores Tournament Morningside edged Torrance, 80-77. Stan Love scored 27 points in Friday night's outing. The Monarchs had a 22-14 second quarter for a 7-point halftime lead.

Although the Tartars got within two points after three quarters, Morningside led by six with a minute and a half to play.

North defeated Santa Monica, 69-41, and went into the consolation finals against Redondo which downed Alhambra, 59-47.

Torrance and Beverly Hills were third place opponents. Beverly lost to El Segundo, 80-63, giving the Eagles their ninth straight victory.

Long Beach Jordan and Dominguez were finalists in the Hawthorne Tournament. In consolation games West defeated Hawthorne, 76-62, and South downed Lawndale, 68-55, Friday night.

### Too Much Love

Morningside (77) Torrance (72)  
 Baumer (8) Johnson (18)  
 Sanders (5) Kruel (21)  
 Love (27) C Jasper (13)  
 Pono (12) G Fisher (11)  
 Tompleman (12) G Galyard (9)  
 Torrancia . . . 19 14 20 19-72  
 Morningside . . . 18 22 15 22-77  
 Scoring subs: Morningside—Dan-  
 nakor (8).

### Northbound, 69-41

North (69) Santa Monica (41)  
 Taylor (12) F Chamales (11)  
 Jones (2) F Wright (13)  
 Wilson (15) C Brook (10)  
 Hanson (22) G Budzyn (4)  
 Albin (6) G Larez (2)  
 North . . . 25 12 12 16-69  
 Santa Monica . . . 9 12 10-41  
 Scoring subs: North—Anderson  
 (8), Cunin (4), Peasler (2), Kael  
 (2); Santa Monica—Smith (1).

### Torrance Wins

Johnson (21) F Wilkins (12)  
 Kruel (18) F Olson (16)  
 Jasper (12) C Boyle (6)  
 Galyard (19) G Ryan (4)  
 Fisher (19) G Zolstra (19)  
 Torrancia . . . 15 21 15 74  
 Bellflower . . . 11 17 19 44  
 Scoring subs: Bellflower—Heidt  
 (7).

### North Tripped

Buena (67) North (63)  
 Ertman (8) F Jones (0)  
 Owen (15) F Taylor (2)  
 Hill (12) C Nielson (18)  
 Parsons (16) G Albin (15)  
 Klein (10) G Hansen (15)  
 Buena . . . 9 18 17 6-67  
 North . . . 18 10 13 20 2-63  
 Scoring subs: Buena—Gluck  
 (2), North—Anderson (6), Trail  
 (4).

### West Beaten

Dominguez (72) West (55)  
 Arias (7) F Marks (9)  
 Harrison (20) F Wilson (9)  
 Simmons (20) C Lyde (2)  
 Charvat (16) G Bramhall (12)  
 Mitchell (6) G Tomas (14)  
 Dominguez . . . 10 23 15 22-72  
 West . . . 9 13 21 13-55  
 Scoring subs: Dominguez—Mar-  
 quart (2), Boggs (1); West—  
 Thrupp (2), Saur (5), Rothwell  
 (10).

### West Victory

West (65) Mayfair (62)  
 Hyde (23) F Bentley (2)  
 Marks (6) F Luge (10)  
 Wilson (3) C Mulder (8)  
 Bramhall (12) G Steffen (10)  
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 Lewis (3).

### South Stopped

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 Bye (26) C Gannon (4)  
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### WHIZ ON ICE . . . Willie O'Ree, popular hockey player from the Los Angeles Blades, will be in action Tuesday at the Sports Arena when they battle

Victoria. The Blades dropped a 2-1 decision to the Canadian team Friday night. O'Ree lives in the South Bay.

# Press-Herald SPORTS



BEST SPARTAN . . . Halfback Dale Hewitt was named the most valuable player at the South High School athletic banquet Tuesday. Hewitt led the team on defense with 11 interceptions and scored 60 points. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Dale Hewitt Named Top South Grid Player

Wingback Dale Hewitt was chosen the most valuable football player at South High School during its annual varsity football banquet Tuesday. Hewitt was outstanding on defense and a leading scorer with 60 points.

Player awards were announced at the banquet by head coach Kenneth Swift. A most inspirational award went to Guard Bob Priestley,

an all-Bay League lineman. Players who received recognition in various categories for the 1966 season were Jeff Arrieta, August Felando, Rick DeArmitt, Steve Bonner, Mike Harney Steve Alcorn, Joe Gilbert, Jeff Wang, and Greg Douglas.

The Spartans had a 2-4 Bay League record and were 2-1 in non-league games.

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## Football Won by Swifties

South Pasadena defeated Morningside, 28-13, Friday night for the CIF "AAA" football championship at Arcadia. The loss left Morningside, Sky League champion, with a 12-1 season record.

A week ago Morningside knocked Bishop Montgomery out of the semi-finals by a 37-27 score.

Jack Schultz scored three touchdowns for South Pasadena which lost one game during the regular season. The victors scored in each quarter and led 14-6 at halftime.

El Rancho won the CIF "AAAA" championship at the Coliseum Friday by routing Anaheim, 35-14. Both teams had 12-0 records going into the game. A crowd of 25,000 was on hand.

Rick Pope threw three touchdown passes and ran 52 yards for another for the powerful champions.

PLAYERS BY QUARTERS  
 El Rancho . . . 0 7 7 21-35  
 Anaheim . . . 0 7 7 14-28  
 El Rancho TDs—Chavez (8 and 2 yd. pass from Pope), Patterson (2 yd. pass from Pope), Pope (52 yd. run), Tippett (2 yd. run), PATs—Ampherson (kicks) (5 yd. run), Dalich (4 yd. pass from Pfaelz); PATs—Ochoa (3 kicks).  
 Morningside . . . 0 8 7 0-13  
 Pasadena . . . 7 7 7 28-28  
 Morningside TDs—Reynolds (77 and 4 yd. run); PAT—Hasting (kick).  
 South Pasadena TDs—Schultz (10, 4 and 1 yd. run), Pfaiz (1 yd. run), PATs—Biegenzahn (4 kicks).

## Wrestling Won by Spartans

South High won a quad-rangular wrestling meet in its home gym last week. The Spartans defeated Aviation, 31-21; Marina, 33-21; and Harbor, 45-8.

Jeff Arrieta won his three matches in the four-team outing by pinning the opposition in 50 seconds, 1:40, and 3:07.

South vs. Aviation  
 9-2—Boehle (A) def. Kauble (S), 2:45.  
 10-6—Tumble (S) pinned McCertney (A), 2:45.  
 11-2—Parks (A) def. Fernandez (S), 4:00.  
 12-0—Thompson (S) and McMahon (A), 2-2 draw.  
 12-7—Byrne (S) def. Richards (A), 4:00.  
 13-3—Matt Harris (S) pinned Shihata (A), 3:34.  
 13-8—McRie (A) def. Douglas (S), 1:45.  
 14-5—Marty Harris (S) def. Chubb (A), 10-2.  
 14-4—Nash (S) def. McIntyre (A), 7-2.  
 16-5—Arrieta (S) pinned Bree (A), 0:59.  
 17-5—Bird (A) pinned Arguello (S), 5:30.  
 19-1—D'Armitt (S) pinned Frickman (A), 4:56.  
 Hwy—Anrod (A) pinned DeLong (S), 2:40.  
 Final Score: South 31, Aviation 21.

South vs. Marina  
 98—Kauble (S) def. Dulany (M), 3rd period.  
 106—Tumble (S) pinned Waleysk (M), 1:00.  
 112—Fernandes (S) and Saunders (M), 2-2 draw.  
 120—Thompson (S) and Gepat (M), 4-4 draw.  
 127—Byrne (S) def. Holloway (M), 8:1.  
 133—Matt Harris (S) def. Garrison (M), 11-0.  
 138—Douglas (S) def. Wanders (M), 12-0.  
 145—Marty Harris (S) def. Dodge (M), 8:1.  
 154—Golden (M) pinned Nash (S), 5:03.  
 165—Arrieta (S) pinned Watt (M), 1:40.  
 175—Arguello (S) and Crabtree (M), 2-2 draw.  
 191—Waller (M) pinned D'Armitt (S), 2:33.  
 Hwy—Varano (M) pinned DeLong (S), 1:09.  
 Final Score: South 35, Marina 21.

South vs. Harbor  
 98—Kauble (S) pinned Miller (H), 2:45.  
 106—Tumble (S) def. Burbage (H), 25-2.  
 112—Fernandes (S) def. D'Mico (H), 8-2.  
 120—Thompson (S) def. St. Clair (H), 12-8.  
 127—Byrne (S) pinned Homing (H), 0:59.  
 133—Matt Harris (S) def. Margue (H), 7-0.  
 138—Douglas (S) def. Hammars (H), 7-2.  
 145—Marty Harris (S) pinned Torrey (H), 3:00.  
 154—Smith (H) pinned Nash (S), 1:56.  
 165—Arrieta (S) pinned Brownell (H), 3:07.  
 175—Bevins (H) def. Arguello (S), 6-4.  
 191—D'Armitt (S) pinned Kenney (H), 1:10.  
 Hwy—DeLong (S) pinned Rash (H), 0:55.  
 Final Score: South 45, Harbor 8.