

Fumbles Wreck West Playoff Hopes

TWO GUARDS RETURN AT EL CAMINO

Guards Charlie Richardson and Walt Bentley are the only returnees from last year's El Camino College basketball team which finished in a tie for fifth place (5-9) in the Metropolitan Conference.

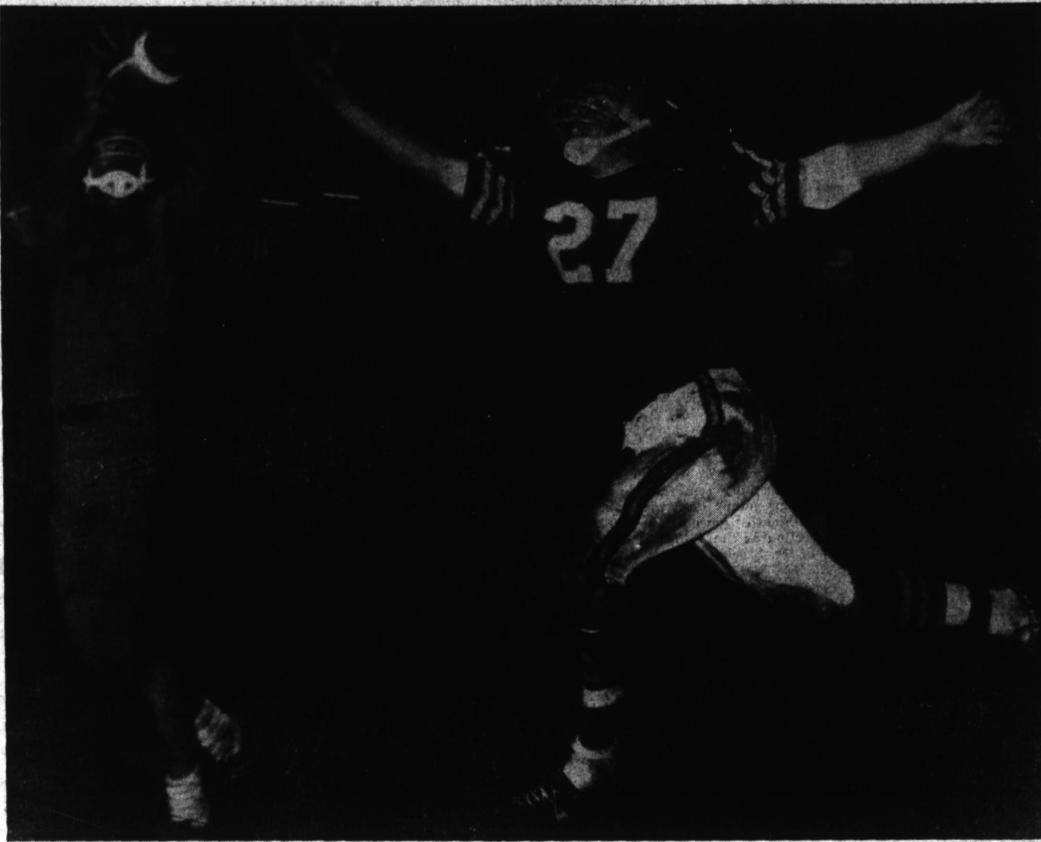
"Both Bentley and Richardson played very little last year, so we'll have primarily a freshman team as contrasted to last year when we had six lettermen returning," Coach George Stanich said of his team.

Included in this year's squad are seven players from the Torrance high schools. In addition to North High's Richardson, guard Don Albin is also a North graduate. Among the South High alums are guard Chuck Fernandes and forwards Tom Gammon and Jerry Turner.

Torrance High is represented by forward Dick Kreul while West High's freshman product is forward Doug Bell. A Bishop Montgomery graduate is guard Frank Wurm.

Included among the remaining El Camino candidates are Leuzinger grads Steve Bartram and Mike Vukadinovich, both guards, and forward Jim Uivan.

Other team members are forward-centers Edgar Cheltenham and Darrel Daniel from Los Angeles, center Jeff Ebricht of Gardena and forward Kurt Stenderup from Morning-side.



INTERCEPTIONS . . . And fumbles helped Bellflower defeat West, 14-7, in the CIF "AAA" football playoffs Friday night. John Morrison (89) of the Bucs picked off a third-quarter pass intended from Coy to Tailback Dave Boyd (27) of the Warriors. The pair combined for a 63-yard pass in the second quarter for West's only touchdown of the game. (Press-Herald photo by Gordon Akers)

Bellflower Beats Warriors, 14-7

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Four nightmarish fumbles by Dave Boyd, the 9-game hero for West High's Pioneer League champion football team, brought defeat to the team for the first time Friday night.

Bellflower High parlayed four fumble recoveries and two pass interceptions into a 14-7 win over West in the first round of the CIF "AAA" playoffs.

The field at West High was in good physical shape after the recent rainfall, so the most logical reason for the fumbles was the manner in which Bellflower used its shoulder pads! The Bucs played an attack brand of football.

The Bucs struck at the opening gong with an 80-yard touchdown drive that consumed almost eight minutes of playing time. Bellflower moved the ball on power runs by Bob Cowles, and several times burned the West defense with trap plays.

Before the Warriors could straighten out their problems, Bellflower overcame two 15-yard penalties and scored on a 16 yard reverse by Wingback Jay Bohrer.

Quarterback Rich Wilkins, the run, punt, pass, and kick specialist, connected on the first of two conversions.

West responded with a 37-yard drive to the Bellflower 16 yard line, but Boyd committed the first fumble and Center John Mauritz recovered at the line of scrimmage.

After Cowles ran 21 yards for a first down, the Bucs punted on a fourth-and-1 situation. Two first downs by West moved the team to Bellflower's 36 where Steve Seely recovered a Dean Owens fumble.

Bellflower countered with its second touchdown. A pass from Wilkins to John Gatlin got 35 yards and eight plays later Cowles cracked over from the 2 yard line.

With Wilkins splitting the uprights, Bellflower led 14-0 with 3:20 left in the half.

It was still possible for West to tie the game before halftime. From his own 37 yard line, West Quarterback Coy Hall threw incomplete to Dan Whelan, but on second down connected to Boyd who had flanked out. Boyd

reached midfield where he shook off Duff Wilmsouth and dashed to the end zone on a 63-yard touchdown. It was his 28th of the year.

After Bellflower went on offense and came up with a punt situation, Wilkins bobbled the pass from center and thought about running it out. But he was hauled down on the 4-yard line with 1:05 on the clock.

Boyd gained 3 yards on two cracks at the line. On third down he slanted to the left side and made a dive into the end zone. He fumbled, apparently short of the goal line. In the scramble for the ball, Coy Hall got his hands on the ball, but three Bucs knocked him away from the floundering pigskin and took control for a touch back.

To start the second half End Rich Schwanbeck fell on a Boyd fumble on second down, but in spite of the save, West was backed up deep in its own territory and delivered a third down quick kick.

The defense also forced Bellflower to punt, but attempting a running catch of the kick, Boyd let the ball get away from him and Cowles recovered.

Bellflower could not score after getting a first down inside of the 7, but for the next 17 minutes in the game the Bucs built up an insurmountable number of first downs to go with their 7-point lead.

In event of a tie, the team with the most first downs would have advanced in the CIF playoffs.

But Bellflower won on the scoreboard, did not fumble once, and intercepted a second Coy Hall pass to end a Warrior threat in the final half minute with West 31 yards away from the tying touchdown.

Bellflower TDs—Bohrer (16 yd. run), Cowles (3 yd. run); PATs—Wilkins (2 kicks).
West TD—Boyd (63 yd. pass, 9th run); PAT—Johnson.

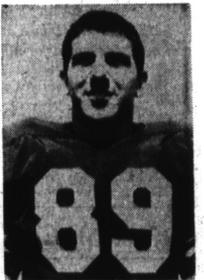
Boyd Is Best in Pioneer League

The touchdown king of the Pioneer League has been named player of the year. He is Dave Boyd of West High who scored 28 touchdowns in 10 game this season.

Skip Hogue, center for the Warriors, was selected lineman of the year by the league's coaches.

Tackle Tom Hundley of West made the all-league offensive unit. Among his teammates to make the defensive unit were Rich Schwanbeck, Dennis Hudson, Sam Falcone, Dan Whelan and Gary Marconi. All are seniors.

Three players in the league go both ways. They are Lawndale's Steve Lumley at tackle and Jim McRea at guard and linebacker, and El Segundo's Dennis Hackworth as guard and linebacker.



DAVE BOYD

Trio Bids For Auto Title Today

The Rex Mays 300 at Riverside International Raceway today will provide a moment of truth insofar as the 1967 USAC national driving championship is concerned.

The eight-month, 18-race chase for auto racing's oldest and most coveted honor has been narrowed to three contenders, one of whom will emerge as champion following the \$75,000 classic over Riverside's 2.6-mile course.

Following a 200-mile at Phoenix last Sunday, A. J. Foyt was still ahead in points with 3,280. Defending champion Mario Andretti, who won the Phoenix event, now lists 2,940 points.

Third is Gordon Johncock who has 2,690 points and must win at Riverside today to capture the title.

Mathematically, the situation has the several possible combinations.

If Foyt finishes ahead of Andretti and Johncock, he will become champion for the fifth time, an unprecedented feat.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

North High Loses To Santa Barbara

For the ninth time in 10 games Santa Barbara High School scored 40 points or more in a prep football game, and in the process, eliminated North High from the CIF "AAAA" playoffs after one round. A home town Santa Barbara crowd became quite convinced the Dons will win the CIF title and set a new scoring record after running up a 41-7 lead at the end of the third quarter and finally winning, 48-7.

Bob Pointer, the 447-pound defensive lineman, got all the pregame publicity, but the

game was won with a crushing offense. Santa Barbara scored three touchdowns on Grady Hurst's passing, three more on runs, and one on a 80-yard punt return by Tony Jackson.

After Santa Barbara led 7-0 in the first quarter, North got its only touchdown on a 67-yard option run by Quarterback Dan Hansen. He carried 20 times for 132 yards against the vaunted Dons.

Before the first period let out, Santa Barbara went ahead 14-7 on a 18-yard run by Carl Poindexter.

A 49-yard TD pass and a 4-yard run ran the score to 27-7 at halftime and the Dons added two more touchdowns in the third quarter.

The 48 points run Santa Barbara's season total to 477, 41 shy of 518 points accumulated by El Rancho last year for a record.

Santa Barbara will face St. Paul next week. St. Paul upset Notre Dame of the Catholic League, 20-7.

North, winner of the Bay League, had a 6-3-1 record over a 10-game schedule.

North 7 0 0 0-7
Santa Barbara 14 12 14 7-48
Grays 0 0 0 0-0
PAT—Pattison (kicks).
Santa Barbara TDs—Cunningham (3 and 43 yd. runs and 8 yd. pass from Hurst), Dudley (13 and 49 yd. passes from Hurst), Poindexter (20 yd. run), Jackson (80 yd. punt return); PATs—Westfall (5 kicks), Blades (kick).
CIF "AAAA" PLAYOFFS
Santa Ana 7, Bishop Amat 8.
Pacific 7, West Covina 7 (Pacific advances on first downs, 9-4).
Service at Millikan (Set.)
Redlands 20, Burroughs 0.
El Rancho 15, Centennial 7.
Anahiem 25, L. S. Wilson 12.
Santa Barbara 48, North 7.
St. Paul 20, Notre Dame 7.
CIF "AAA" PLAYOFFS
Temple City 21, Garden Grove 7.
Foothill 21, Pomona 12.
Morningside 39, Northview 19.
Cabrillo 22, Crespi 13.
Excelsior 24, Rowland 13.
Loma 33, Sunny Hills 14.
Bellflower 14, West 7.
LaSerna 31, Geneva 7.



Race, Color Or Creed

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This column is going to be short and to the point.

No American Athlete has the right to make demands, in the field of athletics because of Race, Color or Creed.

No exceptions can be tolerated.

The environment of a member of the United States Olympic Team is excellence achieved through sacrifice and strain. May it never be that one who qualifies as a potential Gold Medal winner will find it necessary to betray his skills for a cause less honorable.

El Camino Wrestlers Untested

With one letterman back from last year's squad, El Camino wrestling coach Dave Hengstler is "wrestling" with the problem of giving his team enough experience to meet the competition in the Metropolitan Conference schedule.

"Before our first Metropolitan Conference match, we have three tournaments, providing the best possible mileage, background and experience for our wrestlers," Hengstler explained.

The lone lettering returnee from the 1966-67 team, which finished third in the conference and sixth in state competition, is George Morvant, a football player.

Eddie Acosta, a runner-up in the 130-pound division of state competition during the 1965-66 season for the Tribe, is also on hand.

Among the Tribe's freshmen prospects are Mira Costa graduates Allen Cohen and John Norris, both CIF champions. Other CIF champs are Dan Felix of Lawndale and Frank Lucio from Hawthorne. Second-place finishers in the CIF meet were Lennox's Bob Salampessy and Steve Miller from West High.

Remaining members of this year's squad include identical twins Marly and Matt Harris from South, a pair of Navy veterans Rob Gullette and Alex Verdusco, and Jim Park from Palos Verdes High.

Gary Carroll, Greg Doyle and Bob Dilg from West, and Lawndale's Marvin Hajola, round out the squad.

LAICO BIRD TO RACE AT L'ALAMITOS

The horse Southland racing fans are waiting to see will make her Los Alamitos debut Saturday, when several of the top two-year-olds campaigning at the Orange County track clash in the Futurity Trials.

Laico Bird, richest runner in quarter horse racing history with a bankroll of \$343,863, heads the youngsters that will be attempting to qualify for the estimated \$125,000 Los Alamitos Futurity that will be raced the following Saturday, Dec. 9.

Rojas, Herrera To Fight for World Crown

For the convenience of Torrance boxing fans, tickets for the Raul Rojas-Antonio Herrera world featherweight championship fight Dec. 14 at the Olympic Auditorium are now on sale at local businesses.

Choice ringside tickets (\$10.00) are on sale at Andy's Mobil, 10th and Gaffey, San Pedro; Majestic Cafe, 260 7th St., San Pedro; and MacDonnell's Men's Shop, 334 Broad, Wilmington.

Rojas and Herrera are matched in a 15-round bout for the vacated featherweight title. There will be no TV.

Veterans and their dependents on the VA pension rolls now automatically receive cost-of-living increases effective Oct. 1.