

# El Camino Grid Mentor Returns by Air Ambulance

# SHS Wallops Long Beach Jordan

## Coach Norm Verry Returns to Southland

Coach Norm Verry, El Camino College grid mentor returned to the Southland by air-ambulance yesterday morning following a week's hospitalization in Reno, Nev., where he was stricken by a brain hemorrhage Saturday.

Originally scheduled to return Friday, the popular grid mentor was held at Washo Medical Center in Reno following a slight increase in temperature, the result of a slight throat irritation and sinus congestion. Following antibiotic treatment, he was able to make the morning flight to Los Angeles.

Doctors in the Nevada medical center emphasized that Verry is showing continued progress and that no further evidence of difficulty has arisen following the brain hemorrhage.

On his return to the Southland, Verry was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, Los Angeles, where he was placed under the care of Dr. Theodore Kurze, neuro-surgeon affiliated with the University of Southern California. A series of diagnostic tests will be administered at the hospital for further study. Testing will probably

begin early next week. Dr. Charles Flemming, Reno neuro-surgeon, predicted that the coach will be confined to St. Vincent's Hospital for a minimum of one week. Results of diagnosis there will govern the exact period of hospitalization.

Dr. Flemming noted that the coach is fully rational and that his recovery has progressed very well.



NORM VERRY Returns Home



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## LA Board of Supervisors Picks 'Mercy Bowl' Date

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, has been proclaimed as "Mercy Bowl Day," by the County Board of Supervisors and all residents of Los Angeles County have been urged to support the "Mercy Bowl" game between East and West junior college championship teams that day in the Coliseum.

In presenting the motion, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn pointed out that the game will be dedicated to the memory of the 16 members of the California Polytechnic College football team who were killed in an airplane crash near Toledo, Ohio on Oct. 29, 1960.

Proceeds of the game will be used to establish a memorial fund for the families of those who perished in the crash and for the benefit of the survivors. Joining with Supervisor Hahn in sponsoring the motion were Supervisors Frank G. Bonelli and Warren M. Dorn.

## Dick Dorresteyn Choice In Ascot Steeplechase

Dick Dorresteyn of San Pablo, who has a stranglehold on

records for the tricky steeplechase course, renews his Ascot Park feud with Dick Hammer of Lakewood in tonight's races over the jumps and around the infield lakes.

In the last Ascot steeplechase card Sept. 3, Dorresteyn cut Hammer's 15-lap record to 12:25.25 as well as setting one and four lap records. Dorresteyn's victory ended Hammer's win streak at three in a row, and the Lakewood rider will be out for revenge.

Racing both Friday and Sunday nights starts at 8:30 o'clock, one-lap qualifying at seven. Ascot Park is located at 183rd and Vermont, just off the Harbor Freeway.

## Los Angeles Lakers Meet World Champion Celtics

The exciting Los Angeles Lakers, now firmly established in the sports firmament of the Southland, kick off their second season of major league basketball with a pre-season contest at the Sports Arena, Wednesday, at 8 p. m. against the World Champion Boston Celtics.

With the Lakers apparently ready for their fastest start in recent seasons, and with Coach Fred Schaus having stated that he is looking forward to the campaign more than any other in his 20 years of basketball, optimism reigns high in the Laker camp.

The Laker-Celtic game will mark the Southland debut of a pair of highly regarded Laker rookies, 6-8, 235-pound Wayne Yaats, who will see action at the corner and pivot positions, and 6-5 guard Bobby Sims.

YATES IS being counted on to relieve super-star Elgin Baylor of the rebounding load he has carried for several years, while the smooth-functioning Sims will lend backcourt assistance.

The Celtics, again led by

ball-handling whiz Bob Cousy, now entering his 12th pro season, and 69 defensive genius Bill Russell, are one of the most colorful teams in sports.

TOM HEINSOHN, Jim Loscutoff, Frank Ramsey, and the unrelated Jones boys, Sam and K. C., are other familiar names returning from a club which won 57 of its 79 regular season games before mowing down Syracuse and St. Louis in the playoffs.

Baylor and West, who combined for an averaged of over 52 points per game last season (34.8 and 17.6) appear to be better than ever.

THE INCOMPARABLE Elgin who holds the all-time single game record of 71 points in an NBA game, was complemented by the arrival of the 6-3 West last year, and the pair could be more effective with a season under their belts as Laker teammates.

The game is a replay of last year's contest, which kicked off the local professional basketball season, and promises to be just as exciting.

IT'S THE Lakers and the Celtics, Wednesday evening, October 4th at the Sports Arena, and the beginning of another season of major league basketball in the Southland.

Coach Schaus of the Los Angeles Lakers announced that he had appointed Elgin Baylor the Lakers All-Pro super-star, Team Captain for the coming season. The club operated without a Captain last year but certain rule changes in the NBA this year prohibit a coach from conversing with a referee during the course of a game, and the club feels a strong need for a Captain during games.

Said Schaus, "Baylor was the absolute natural choice. Not only is he our best player, but he is the type of super-star who commands the respect and admiration of his team-mates off the court as well as on it. Actually, I had no other logical candidate. He has been the natural team leader all along anyway, so I was merely confirming officially what has already been more or less accepted by his fellow Lakers."

## Hollywood Park Schedules Richest Harness Season

Featured by the twin \$75,000 American Classics, Western Harness Racing Association will present the richest autumn season in its 16-year history during the 35-day meeting opening Tuesday at Hollywood Park, it was revealed today by Pres Jenuine, WHRA vice president and general manager.

The opening-day nine race program will feature the \$5,000 Hollywood Trot and it was announced that nine races would be raced each day Tuesday

through Saturday with the popular daily double conducted on the first and second races.

AT THE same time the announcement was made that post time for the first race during the sulky season would be 12:30, both on weekdays and Saturdays.

Admission price to the grandstand is \$1.30 and Clubhouse \$2.50, tax included, with the gates open to the public at 11 a.m.

THE AMERICAN Classics—both trotting and racing divisions—have ured some of the nation's top standardbreds including Su Mac Lad, undisputed king of the free-for-all trotters and winner of 14 of his 17 starts this season; Duke Rodney, champion of the \$100,350 Yonkers Futurity; Spectator, who won the \$51,927 Horseman Futurity and Silver Song, named trotter of the Hollywood Park meeting last fall.



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## Hot Rods, Stockers Go at Western Oval

The largest field of the year will gather at Gardena's Western Speedway for this afternoon's CJA Hot Rod & Stock Car race doubleheader program, topped by two 30 lap features.

Over 100 laps of racing are on the days card, with some 120 cars entered for the gigantic program over the rapid one-third mile clay oval. Racing goes at 2:30 p. m. after time trials at 12:30 p. m.

"Wild" Bill Foster, Newhall and Marvin Heinis, Sylmar, headline the Stock car racing card, while "Tiger" Jim Roesler, Barstow and Billy Cantrell Colton rank as favorites in the Hot Rod racing feature.

ONE DRIVER who will have his work cut out for himself is Gardena's Chuck Townsen. Currently third in Hot Rod points, he will gun his Ford powered speedster for a win. He also will race a Dodge in the Stock Car feature as he tries for his first win of the

season in this type of machine. Other drivers rated as threats in the Stock Car Feature are: Frank Denny, Los Angeles; Jerry Plotts, Gardena; Lamarr Anderson, Manhattan Beach; Jimmy Jack, Van Nuys; Ronnie Donelson, Inglewood; Sam Stanley, Saugus; Dick Cook, Lakewood; Dave Hubert, Huntington Park; and Cliff Fagot, Torrance.

IN THE Hot Rods strong challengers include: Paul Jones, Torrance; Art Atkinson, So. Pasadena; Dallas Harrison, Hermosa Beach; Steve Kennick, Inglewood; Bob Simmons, South Gate; Jasper Lopiccolo, Downey; Dee Harty, Temple City; Audie Madron, Compton; Ed Van Eyk, Bellflower; Ron Garriott, Gardena; Jay East, Colton; George Durade, Los Angeles; and Mike Chapman, Duarte.

The days program includes: two six lap Trophy dashes, two consolation races, two 15 lap Semi-Mains, and two 30 lap features, one for each division.

## Spartans Take Advantage Of Faulty Ball-Handling

South High unleashed a pair of speedy, lightweight backs Friday night and took advantage of faulty Long Beach Jordan ball-handling to bag a 19 to 0 win in the opening football game of the season for the Spartans.

Halfbacks Bill Fish and Harvey Seigel, weighing 170 pounds respectively, each scored once and were a constant threat all evening to the host Panthers.

Fish scored on a five-yard jaunt and Seigel went for six points on a two-yard plunge.

WHILE SEIGEL and Fish were dominating the offense for South, Ken Turner was anchoring a rugged Spartan defense. Turner intercepted two

passes, one which cut short a Jordan drive on the South 14 yard line. It was the Panther's only real scoring threat of the evening.

Rugged line play by South forced three Panther fumbles in the first half to ruin any Jordan hopes of rallying.

SEIGEL SCORED in the first quarter and South had to wait until the final period before punching over for their final two TDs. Dave Garrison scampered over on a five-yard run for the other Spartan tally. Norm Gagnon booted the conversion for the wing-T South eleven.

South romped to 15 first downs to Jordan's five, but the Panther's completely dominated the passing statistics, attempting 17 aeriels, but com-

pleting only four. The Spartans attempted seven passes and completed none.

BOTH TEAMS came out to play ball, South being penalized 25 yards and Jordan but 21.

It was a satisfying win for Coach Dave Tollefson's Spartans, as they look ahead to next week's encounter with Inglewood High in the first Bay League game for both schools.

The Sentinels have been picked to give Hawthorne High a run for the Bay League title. Most experts give South a chance to come through and upset the apple-cart through, and in view of Friday night's performance, the Sents will have to be on their toes to combat a rugged, hard-running South Torrance grid squad.

## Gauchos Fall To Generals, Futur Dims

Showing promise as a possible darkhorse contender for the Southern League grid crown, Washington High scored in every quarter to soundly trounce Narbonne, 38 to 14 at El Camino College Friday afternoon.

Washington kicked in for six points in the first period, 18 in the second, and six digits in each of the final quarters to completely dominate hapless Narbonne.

The Gaucho's 14 points came in the first and final quarter when both Schanco and Francis scored a touchdown and then kicked the conversion. Narbonne's hopes of breaking their long losing streak don't appear to be brightened by next week's foe, Huntington Park, perennially a contender for the City grid title.

## Injury-Ridden BHS Scares Mt. Carmel

Crippled Bishop Montgomery threw up a gallant defense Friday night to hold Catholic League power Mount Carmel to a 15 to 0 victory.

Hard hit by injuries, the valiant Knights gave up only two touchdowns to the heavier, grind-em-out Carmel eleven.

Rick Martinez scored twice for the rugged invaders and Don Van Fontno tackled a Bishop Montgomery back in the end zone for the only Crusader scores of the game. Martinez tallied in the second and third quarters and Van Fontno's two point play also came in the third period.

DICK CARDAJAL and Louie Market played vital roles in the Knight defense. Cardajal picked off two Mt. Carmel passes while Market made his

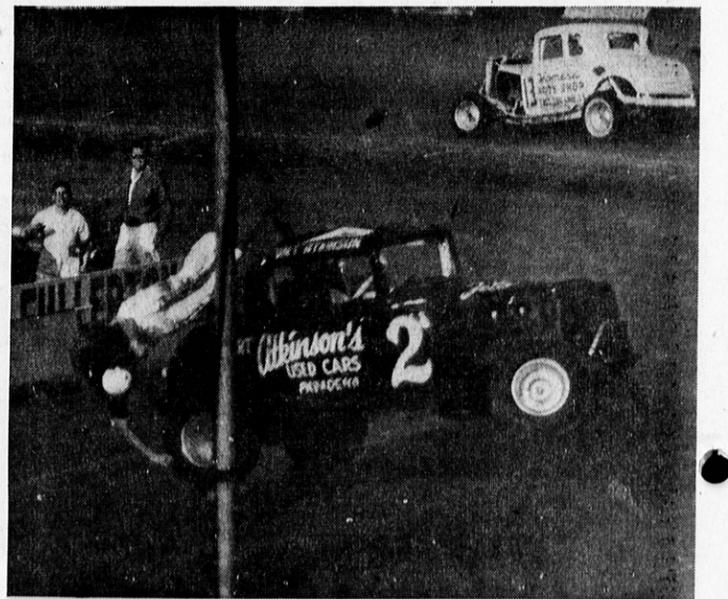
presence known with timely, bone-crushing tackles.

Forced to the air-ways because of a meaty, stone-hard Crusader line, Knight signal-caller John Clark completed 10 of 17 aerial bombs without an interception to keep the Carmel defense in a frenzy throughout the evening.

CARDAJAL WAS also a big gun on offense. The sure-handed halfback was the main target for Clark's tosses.

The Knights just can't seem to shake the injury jinx. Market, a first string end who was injured in the opening game, returned to the starting lineup, but Clark was forced to come out of the game in the third quarter with a wrenched arm.

Next foe for the winless Bishop Montgomery squad will be against San Gabriel Valley.



BAILING OUT . . . Art Atkinson from South Pasadena gets thrown for a loop during a recent CJA Hot Rod race at Gardena's Western Speedway. Atkinson will be among the favorites today as the Hot Rods once again grab the spotlight at the dirt oval.

## Rams Battle Pittsburgh Steelers

The Los Angeles Rams and the Pittsburgh Steelers, two clubs who have managed to lose four games by an average margin of three points, will clash today at the Coliseum with one of the other relatively certain of making a belated, three-point landing in NFL win column.

The Rams, who lost their first two games by scores of 27-24 and 21-17, the favored by three points to notch their first win. The Steelers also lost their opener 27-24 (to Dallas) and followed the same hard-luck script in a 17-14 defeat at the hands of the New York Giants last Sunday.

A crowd of 50,000 is expected to view the 1:35 p.m. kickoff. Sunday's game will be the Rams' final home game until

Oct. 29. Following the duel with the Steelers they hit the road for encounters in San Francisco, Detroit and New York.

HAUNTED LAST week by the last-half performance of Bill Wade, the Rams Sunday will face starting lineups which include former teammates Charlie Brandshaw and Lou Michaels and Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscomb Brandshaw and Michaels were 1960 Rams, while Lipscomb left L.A. for Baltimore and just moved on to Pittsburgh two months ago.

Leading the Buddy Parker coached visitors, however, will be quarterback Bobby Layne, who never has worn a Rams uniform. Layne, who led the Detroit Lions to championships

and fame, has continued his onslaught on the record books since re-joining Parker at Pittsburgh in 1958.

NEARING HIS 35th birthday, Layne is playing his 14th year of professional football. He ranks ahead or second to Sammy Baugh in most NFL career passing departments. Last year, he completed 103 of 209 passes for 1,814 yards and 13 TDs as the Steelers finished with a 5-6-1 record.

Layne has been nursing a badly bruised shoulder this week, but latest reports from Pittsburgh indicate he will be able to start. Should the shoulder weaken, Layne will be replaced by veteran Rudy Bukich (yes, another former Ram QB).

THE STEELERS will be go-

ing against one of the NFL's hottest passing combinations in the Rams' Zeke Bratkowski and end Jim (Red) Phillips. Bratkowski currently tops the league's passers with 385 yards and a 61 per cent completion average. Phillips ranks second in receiving with 11 catches for 185 yards.

However, Layne and favored target Buddy Dial are close up in the race for honors. Bobby has 23 completions for 363 yards and a 52 per cent average. Dial has caught eight for 185 yards. Last year, the former Rice end caught 40 for 972 yards and nine touchdowns. Phillips caught 52 for 883 yards and eight touchdowns in 1960.

LAYNE'S IS THE only near-

serious injury reported from either camp. Rams' defensive safety Charley Britt, who suffered face cuts and bruises and a severe jarring against the Bers, is ready to go. So is guard Roy Hord, who was out of action for a short time with a bruised calf last week.

At midweek, coach Bob Waterfield anticipated no changes in the Rams starting lineups which opened against the Bears. Bratkowski will team with Jon Arnett, Gille Matson and Tom Wilson in the opening backfield unit.

The Rams and Steelers have met six times in NFL games. Los Angeles sporting a 4-1 record in the series. The Steelers' lone win came in the most recent renewal, a 30-13 triumph in 1958.