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Chargers To Take Houston For Title

Jeppesen Stadium is the name of the site for today's American Football League clash between the Los Angeles Chargers and Houston Oilers in Houston, Texas.

How the oddsmakers arrived at this favoritism remains a mystery. Other than Houston playing in their own back yard I see no other reason why the game couldn't be called a toss-up.

Both embryonic squads finished the regular season with identical records, 10-4. Both teams have beaten one another during the recently concluded campaign.

CHARGERS BY THREE

Our TV editor, John Barry, informs this corner that ABC, Channel 7, will carry the clash beginning at 12:30 our time and because its the only game on the tube today some 45 million viewers are expected to take their choice seats on the living room 50 yard line to witness the battle.

Not much as a picker of winners, it is my contention, however, that the educated toe of Ben Agajanian will be instrumental in upsetting the favored Oilers.

George Blanda, signal-caller of the Houston eleven, is no rookie either. It was on the learned arm that the Texas club finished on top. George is a veteran of numerous pro contests and isn't easily rattled by charging lineman.

The game should be an exciting one from start to finish with the Chargers coming home to Los Angeles, or San Diego, with the first title California has seen in years. And by just three points.

NEW YEARS GREETING AND BEST WISHES to CARL FURILLO, ex-Dodger star, seeking a playing berth with the Angels and Baltimore Orioles.

to GEORGE VICO, Torrance councilman and former big-league infielder with the Detroit Tigers, another fine year as batting practice pitcher for the Dodgers and likewise in your new role as politician in the fastest growing city in all America.

to LEO DUROCHER, "I've been black-listed by the owners as too controversial for a manager," good luck if the Dodger coaching job is offered to you.

to BOB KELLY, the voice of the Rams and perhaps that of the new Angels; give us less emotion and more play-by-play facts. You can do it, after all you haven't had to get excited very often these past two years.

to BOBBY BRAGAN, ex-Dodger coach and now director of personnel of the National League entry Houston; hope you find better than average ballplayers to make up the guts of your squad.

to TOMMY HARMON, KTLA's fine sports announcer; many more successful years as the West Coast's top sports commentator.

to BOB KELLY, the voice of the Rams and perhaps that of the new Angels; give us less emotion and more play-by-play facts.

to HAPPY CHANDLER, ex-Copmissioner of baseball; Keep up your fight with Yankee owner Del Webb who you state is running the game.

AND A STACK OF '61 BLUE CHIP GREETINGS TO ALL THAT MADE 1960 A WHOPPING SPORTS YEAR.

LEVEL PLANTING Most growing things will grow straight up no matter how you plant them, and a bulb planted upside down will usually make it to the surface eventually.

Bigger Bedrooms Storage space in bedrooms is more than doubled when rooms are designed with built-in chifioniers that replace standard furniture.

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EAGLE-EYED YOUNGSTERS Bob Randle, 15, and Mike Bowman, 14, both of Torrance, are among the top ranking junior rifle marksmen in the nation.

Matches at the San Pedro target range and both are enrolled in the National Junior Rifle Championship matches to be conducted at Corona Del Mar in April.

Torrance Youths Winners at Recent Rifle Competitions

Two Torrance youths were gold medal winners at the Grand Aggregate Rifle Matches for youngsters 12 through 18 years of age which was held recently on the San Pedro target range.

Ann Frickman, NRA instructor, reported that Mike Bowman, 14, won top prone position honors and received the first place gold trophy as a permanent award, and Bob Randle, 15, was awarded the second place gold standing position trophy.

Randle also placed for two medals, one in the Governor's Match, at the recent California State Junior Championship matches. He also has many trophies, medals and certificates for rifle shooting.

Firing .22-caliber rifles over the NRA 50-foot range, the youngsters compete for trophies, medals, emblems and certificates for excellence in marksmanship.

Entered in Nationals Young Randle and Bowman, are entered in the national Junior Rifle championship matches to be conducted at Corona Del Mar in April and in the National Junior 50-yard championship matches to be conducted at Brea in June.

They are, with other Junior riflemen, presently entered and are firing in the NRA Registered Postal matches, a series of four matches in the prone and standing position. Rifle Association of America.

More than 500 Torrance youngsters have received basic rifle training in the rifle school conducted at the San Pedro range.

Warrior Five Brushes Up For Last Tourney Session

Metropolitan Conference basketball teams got back into the swing of things this week in preparation for the opening of the 1961 season on Friday, January 6.

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24 VICTORIES Van Leeuwen, who won his spurs in the expert class after 24 straight victories in the novice division, is the big news of the program.

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Aero Detail Will Patrol Sky Over Parade of Roses

In addition to the many hundreds of police officers and Sheriff's deputies who will have duties on the streets and highways during the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl festivities on January 2, the Sheriff's Aero Detail will be viewing the operation from the sky.

Traffic will be surveyed continuously throughout the day from both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. Last year, this was a major factor in dealing with highway bottlenecks, and resulted in the smoothest traffic flow in several years.

Federal Aviation Agency, together with Pasadena authorities, joined with Pitchess in warning pilots of sight-seeing and other pleasure aircraft that the Pasadena area will be "off limits" for the duration of the program.

Pitchess commented on the New York air tragedy, stating, "Many thousands of aircraft operate in the skies of the Los Angeles area. While we have been extremely fortunate, with few air calamities, it would be inviting disaster to allow aerial observation of the extravaganza. I urge all pilots to cooperate and assist law enforcement."

Torrance High Varsity Opens '61 Season Wednesday Against Eagles

Coach Will Boerger's Torrance High varsity basketball team opens the 1961 Pioneer League season next Wednesday, by hosting El Segundo, one of the league's top teams, at 3 p.m.

Torrance, after posting a poor 1-5 pre-season record, are eight point underdogs to the Eagles, who whipped THS 90-74 in the Beverly Hills tournament.

Wednesday's game figures to be a close contest as the Tartars are vastly improved as each game rolls around. In the earlier loss to El Segundo, Coach Boerger's crew played without the services of their top scorer, and most consistent rebounder, Bob Weister.

Starring against the Eagles will be Bill Roberts and Weister at forward, six-foot, five-inch Howard Achenbach at the center position, Terry and Howard Taylor round out the lineup at the guard spots.

20-POINT AVERAGE El Segundo is led by all-leaguer of last year Dwight Jones. He and guard Ed Fascia who averaged better than 20 points per game in pre-season contest. They are a offensive ball club who care little about the defensive side of the game.

In other games on tap for Wednesday, last years champion Culver City hosts Beverly Hills, while Aviation, who rolled up 10 straight pre-season wins, travels to Lennox.

Aviation is this reporter's pick to give Culver City a down-to-the-wire battle for the league crown, but the Centaurs, who have six returning lettermen, should retain the first place trophy.

Torrance and El Segundo are this year's darkhorses, and a lot will depend on the outcome of their opening round clash Wednesday.

Beverly Hills, Lennox, and Lawndale are all inexperienced squads who figure not to raise a storm against the other four teams.

The following is the Press's 1961 predicted outcome of the Pioneer League basketball race.

- 1. Culver City
2. Aviation
3. El Segundo
4. Torrance
5. Lennox
6. Beverly Hills
7. Lawndale

Letter Won by Local Youth

Cadet 2/Lt Gary A. Brooks, co-captain of the football team at Brown Military Academy, was awarded his second varsity letter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brooks, 3246 El Dorado, Torrance, and a member of the senior class at Brown.

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LET'S GO BOWLING With Darlene Cope

Happy New Year to you bowlers. I hope all those who attended the Moonlight Bowl and gala party at Gable House last night, had a very joyous time.

Since the new year is underway, everyone is once again eligible to win house trophies. Trophies are awarded for any of the following performances: The 4-6, 7-10, 4-6-7-10, splits; Ladder; Triplicate; Dutch 200; first 200 scratch game for ladies and juniors; first 250 scratch game for men; all spare game with X on end.

The Gable Gals on the Centinela Traveling League rolled Windsor Bowl last Wednesday morning. Our girls rolled some pretty terrific games—Margaret Denzer, 214-507; Ann Elliott, 191-498; Peggy Walls, 186-527—but only won 1 of the 3 games.

TEAM PICTURES I would like to announce again to league secretaries and to league bowlers that team pictures will be taken immediately after the first of the year.

LEAGUE OF WEEK Last week, I completed the Monday leagues at Gable House in my regular feature "League of the Week."

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