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Mr. QB Does Everything

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Somebody oughta ask Mayor Isen to declare "Protect Our Quarterback Month" now that the league football season is here.

The difference between winning and losing for practically every high school, college, and pro team in the country is keyed to the quarterback.

Some of the qualifications for a good quarterback are intelligence, leadership and ability to take charge, along with experience and confidence in knowing what to do with the football at the right time.

A quarterback must be able to call signals in rhythmic cadence to start each play with split-second timing. The name of the game today is Go-Go-Go!

The old T-formation in which a quarterback merely called a play in the huddle, lined up the team at scrimmage, and shout out, "Ready, set, one, two, three, four,—," and on the chosen number he would take the ball from center and hand it to one of three remaining backs. Third down was usually a pass situation and fourth down was a punt or a quarterback's sneak for a first down.

Nowadays, while the quarterback gets his team set at the scrimmage line, backs hop all over the place to confuse the linebackers, and the ends move back and forth for tackle eligible passes.

There are so many kinds of maneuvers for the quarterback to think about after taking the ball from center—such as quicks, gaps, slants, and rollouts—everybody has to be in a hurry to make yardage.

The game, as most offenses are geared today, has restored the long neglected "end run" in football. This was done by increasing the amount of blocking and interference, also enabling the quarterback to rollout or run all over the field to start a pass.

THE SUCCESS story of Bishop Montgomery in football is credited to Danny Graham, a junior quarterback who does a good job of springing his team's offense for big hunks of yardage.

Redondo's Dana Clyde starting playing quarterback at the age of 9 and was a television "stand in" for Walt Disney's Mochie at the age of 12. He can run, pass and kick with the best of them in leading the Seahawk brigade.

North High's Ed Levy had to substitute a junior, Jerry Ball, for his injured regular, Henry Lopez, but now Levy is smiling because he believes Ball will be a great one for next year.

West High's Ron Norman doesn't look like a quarterback in today's modern techniques, but Ron has made very few mistakes and his team is winning. His job is pretty safe.

Torrance and South each have three quarterbacks, but their coaches would be happier if the talents of each trio were combined into one polished specimen.

When a team like South gets bombed 41-0 and 27-0, a quarterback like Scott Christenson might expect a reassignment, and when a junior like Torrance's Bill Bynum is waiting in the wing, a starter like Jeff Tonkel can not expect to dominate the QB post for a losing team.

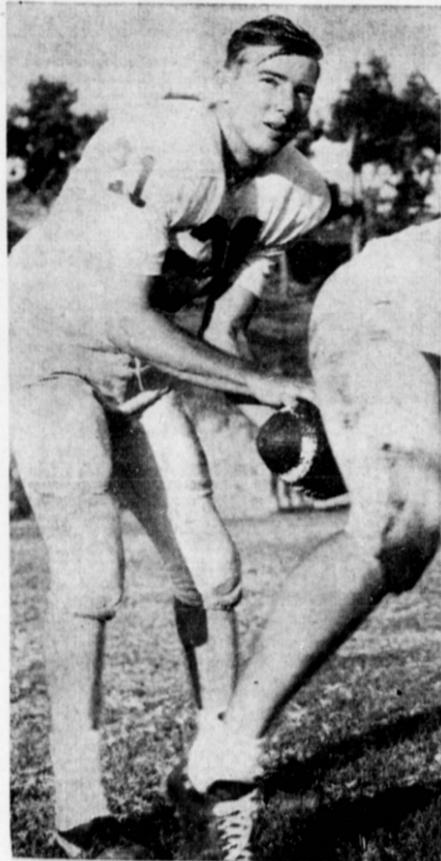
Last year Torrance went through a building year. Jim Crockett, a junior, was given the quarterback job in anticipation of doing the team some good this year. But he chose to concentrate in basketball instead.

Playing football, especially quarterback these days, apparently is no picnic for some people.

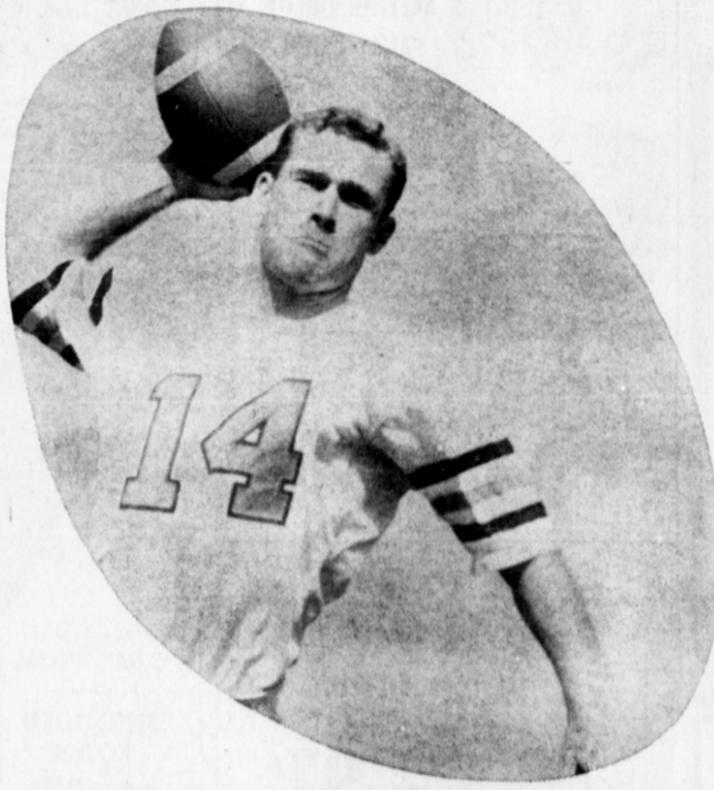


DANNY GRAHAM, Bishop Montgomery

Time to Take a Hike



DANA CLYDE, Redondo



JERRY BALL, North High



JEFF TONKEL, Torrance High

South Tries 'Luck' with Inglewood

Inglewood is South High's third Bay League opponent Friday night.

The Sentinels, whose season record is impressive as defensive efforts are concerned, will invade South Stadium for the game.

Coach Ken Swift is puzzled with his team after losing 41-0 to Santa Monica and 27-0 to Redondo.

The varsity coach believes the Spartans have a defeatist-attitude. Swift said his squad has the physical talent to play good football, "but the kids have fear if they try too hard and still lose, it would be embarrassing!"

Swift is maneuvering to bring in Dale Hewitt from the wingback position to push Scott Christenson for the quarterback job. Ron Locke, Steve Jones, Mike Powers and Jeff Arrietta are the remaining backs.

Inglewood defeated North, 12-7, and lost to Hawthorne, 7-0, in two league games.

Hapless Rams Face Unitas At Baltimore

The Rams, who weren't able to contain 49er passer John Brodie last weekend, now face the task at Baltimore Sunday of stopping, an even more dangerous thrower in Johnny Unitas.

While the Rams were suffering through one of their most dismal afternoons in losing to San Francisco, 45-21, the Baltimore Colts were romping at the expense of the Washington Redskins, 38-7. Unitas threw two touch-

down passes while rolling up 204 yards through the air on 13 completions out of 21 attempts.

Sunday's game will be televised to Los Angeles on KNXT, channel 2, with Gil Stratton and Don Paul at the mike.

Dick Bass was held to 51 yards rushing by the tough 49er defense, but his 24 total yardage more than equals the combined efforts of the other Ram ball carriers.

Tom McDonald's five receptions sent his total for the season to 27 and 391 yards, while Marvin McKeever moved into second place with five catches that gave him a total of 17.

Despite a ferocious 49er rush, quarterback Bill Munson batted an even 500 for the day with 17 for 34 and now has connected on 76 throws out of 142 for a 53.5 percentage and five touchdowns.

Lutheran High Victorious At San Diego

Lutheran High School Lions made good their 120-mile venture to San Diego Saturday afternoon by defeating the Marian High School Crusaders, 27-19.

The Lions played without Ken Mitchell who was sidelined with a knee operation.

South Bay Skaters Win Club Title

Skaters from the South Bay Figure Skating Club of the Olympic Ice Arena won the highest total points against all Southern California clubs with 148 points to bring home the perpetua trophy. The next highest score was Ontario with a total of 28 points.

Victoria Mihojevich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mihojevich of 315 N. Western Ave., San Pedro, after

placing third in compulsory figures, pulled through with a spectacular free skating program to win first place in the second test girls division.

Also placing third in the second test girls division was Terry Wedell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Wedell of 523 Anita St., Redondo Beach.

John Kimmitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kimmitt of 702 Ave. D, Redondo Beach,

placed first in compulsory figures and with a dynamic free skating program he won first place in the second test boys division.

Also placing in the competition were Annie Alexander, daughter of Mrs. Shirley Alexander and Bonnie Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clarke. Miss Alexander placed third in first test girls 12-and-under and Miss Clarke placed second in first test girls 13-and-over.