

NICHOLSON DOUBTFUL FOR EL CAMINO-VALLEY TILT

First place in the Metropolitan Conference race will be at stake Saturday night when Valley JC and El Camino Warriors clash on the Monarch's gridiron at Van Nuys High School.

Kick off time is 8 p.m. Valley, boasting a 4-0 conference record, is presently leading the hot Metro race, while the El Camino gridders, sporting a 3-1 record are holding down second place.

It will be offense against defense when these two teams meet, as the Monarchs, in beating their four opponents have scored 79 points, high for the league. The Warriors have allowed but 14 points in their four games, for the conference's best defensive record.

Mutual Opponents
Against three mutual opponents to date, the Camino eleven boasts wins over Long Beach City College, 27-8, and San Diego JC 13-0, while holding high-ranking Bakersfield JC to a 0-0 tie.

The Monarchs scored no decisive victories, edging out close wins over the Renegades, 7-6; Long Beach 32-26, and the San Diego Knights, 38-7. Long Beach's Vikings gave both teams the biggest scare as the Warriors and the Monarchs were forced to come from behind to win. The Valley eleven spotted the Vikings three touchdowns in the first quarter, while the Camino squad left the field at halftime behind 8-0.

Nicholson Doubtful
El Camino's Roger Metoyer, who scamped 96 yards for a touchdown on a punt return in last year's winning battle with

Valley, will start in the backfield while Jerry Nicholson, Warrior high scoring quarterback, remains a doubtful starter.

Nicholson twisted his ankle in the Bakersfield tussle on the first play from scrimmage and has not played since.

El Camino's rivalry with Valley started in 1952 and finds the Warriors holding a 2-1 edge, winning in 1952 and 1954 by 27-0 and 13-0 scores, and losing in 1953, 16-13.

EL RETIRO, MUDHENS IN MIDGET WIN

Rick Florence sparked the El Retiro squad to a 38-0 win over the Seaside and the Walteria Mudhens upset highly-regarded Torrance Elks, 28-21, in Midget League flag football play this week.

Florence scampered home on touchdown runs of 83 and 12 yards to pace the El Retiro w'n. Hardy, Desco and Salisbury also scored for the El Retirans.

The Elks scored first in their big battle with the Mudhens, when Rick Gomez flashed into the end zone. But Ed Strong, Mudhen star, toured 38 yards to paydirt for the initial Mudhen tally.

John Mewborn and Mike Challis paced the Elks to their final two teedees, but Cliff Roy, Luna and Strong sparked the Mudhens to their last three scores and the victory.

TARTARS FACE APACHE SQUAD

North Vs. Beverly Hills Saxons Host Loop Opponent

SAMOHI BEES HERE FOR BAY LEAGUE FRAY

First string Left Halfback George Boscon will be out of the lineup today when the Tartars host unbeaten Santa Monica in a Bay League tussle at 2:30 p.m. on the local turf.

Coaches Dave Dana and Herb Solomon said Boscon, a fleet performer who came up with some good yardage against Leuzinger last week, has a banged-up knee. Roger Reed, a newcomer who turned out for practice this week, will replace Boscon.

The Bee mentors hope their gang won't repeat that bushel of mistakes today that they did in losing to Leuzinger, 27-0. The Olympians intercepted eight passes in whitewashing the locals.

Fullback Ray Kearns, out of the Leuzinger fray with an injury, will be ready today, the coaches said Tuesday. Letterman Back Bob Grájeda also is bothered with a knee hurt, but is counted to suit up for the Samohti encounter.

The Bay City crew is undefeated in league play. The Vikings run from the "T" formation.



SAXON FLINGER... Ray Grishaber, who handles fullback post in North High single wing, had best night against Hawthorne last week, completing 18 of 28 attempts. Ray also has been top runner on the squad. His pet receiver is 6'4" end, Roger Snell.

Saxons Host Loop Opponent

Kicking up their heels offensively, but still woefully deficient while defending, the North High Saxon Varsity stands pat on its home grounds tomorrow night for an encounter with high-flying Beverly Hills in a Pioneer League fray. Game time is 8 p.m.

The Saxons again will be the underdogs with the Beverly Boys, who last week upended Morningglade, 18-7. The Morningglade crew topped the locals handily, 39-0, in the league opener here two weeks ago.

Beverly Hills runs the split "T" and is spearheaded by Dick Goldman, a classy quarterback. Goldman passed twice to his favorite target, End John Blair, for scores in the Morningglade game.

Good Passing
The Saxons, although topped 35-6 by Hawthorne last Friday, gained a monstrous total of 312 yards running and passing. Ray Grishaber, who completed 18 of 28 passes in his best night for 135 yards, paced the aerial game. And End Roger Snell, the rangy clutch catcher, handled 12 of the passes for 87 yards.

Grishaber, Jim Powers and Robert Turner paced the running attack, with Turner going a big 89 yards in seven carries. Both teams had 13 first downs, but Hawthorne had 478 yards running and passing against the locals' leaky defense.

Coaches Cliff Graybehl and Bill Ellings again spent the week on defensive patterns, hoping their boys will catch on to the many art of team defending before the season is over.

No Drives
Hardly any team has kept up a sustained drive this term against the Saxons. They have not needed it, since NHS mistakes have paced the way for long gainer scores. A linebacker out of position here, a defensive back faked out of it there, have led to the high point totals that have been scored on the locals.

Yet, the lads continue to improve, as they throw inexperienced out of the window and pick up lessons the hard way, by losing.

Graybehl has installed Harold Becker, who the mentor said did a good linebacking job against Hawthorne, as starting left guard for tomorrow's tilt. The rest of the lineup is the same, with Jim Bald back at his first string left end berth after a short trial at guard.

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Centennial Big Test For Tarts

Riding high after trouncing Leuzinger's Olympians last week, 21-7, the Tartars swing over to Compton tomorrow night for a Bay League crucial with Centennial. Starting time is 8 p.m.

Coaches Don Porter and Jack Miller reported Monday that their squad held Leuzinger to a net total of 23 yards running and passing in nabbing their initial win of the season. Previously, the Tartars had shown good scoring punch, but couldn't formulate a defense.

Porter credited the inspired defensive play of Bill Montgomery, Dave Conry, Bob Curran, Mike Gonta, Tom Ito and Skip Smith as the cogs in the locals' defensive alignment. He said it was a team effort all the way and that for the first time all year, the Tartars were fired up and engaged in rugged give and take football. Most of it was giving for the Tartars, however.

Pile Up Yardage
They piled up 222 yards from scrimmage and in scoring 21 points, put themselves out in front in Bay League scoring. They have 23 digits in a pair of games, while Centennial has 27. The uncanny pass catching of End Tom Brown, the ball handling of Quarterback Charley Valencia, and the booming slants of Backs Smith, Craig Edman and John Gomez, also came in for commendation by the coaches. Brown, a sprinter on the Tartar track squad, is in his first season of football. A junior, he has scored three teedees, after taking over for Tony Ward after the first two games.

Centennial scouts left the Tartars field Friday muttering that the locals had improved more in one week than any other team they've observed.

Defending Champs
Aaron Wade's Apaches, CIF finalists last season and Bay League defending champs, have had an in and out season, but have met some outstanding competition. They have tangled with Compton, St. Anthony's of Long Beach, Santa Monica, Los Angeles High, Mira Costa and Inglewood.

Out of this tremendous slate, has come a record of three wins, two losses and a tie.

Torrance has met even stiffer competition in Ventura, Glendale Hoover, Long Beach Wilson, California, Inglewood and the vanquished Olympians. And their record is one win, five losses.

Wade's boys topped the Tartars last year, 26-0, when the locals hosted the Apaches in hopes of upending them.

They employ a variety of formations, relying mostly on the winged "T" and a special spread. The Apaches also run from the single wing.

Work On Aerials
Porter and Miller have been working a good deal this week on pass plays, with Quarterbacks Valencia and Mike Bertolotto doing the tossing. They hope to spring the fleet-footed Brown loose on some more aerial scoring plays tomorrow night.

And, with the ever-dangerous Smith ripping at the middle and Edman and Gomez packing the ball on slants and dives, the combination might win again.

Two lineup changes for the Centennial game find Larry Lippincott in at right tackle for Ken Wheat and Ray Bundgard at left end for Dick Custer.

PROBABLE LINEUP
Ray Bundgard LE
Jerry Wilkins LT
Dave Conry LG
Burch Hazel C
Stan Wilson RG
Larry Lippincott RT
Tom Brown RE
Charley Valencia QB
John Gomez LH
Craig Edman RH
Skip Smith (C) F

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Walterians Score 20-7 Win
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