

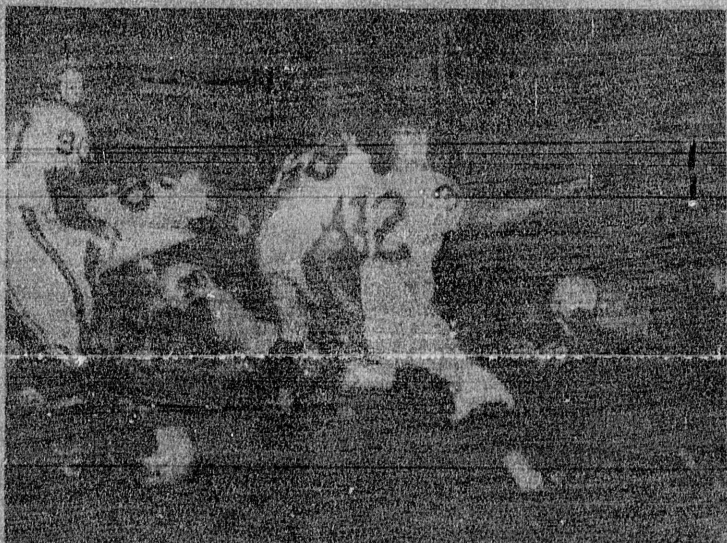
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ON HIS WAY . . . Ernie Thomsen (56), North High fullback, twists in the arms of Poly tackler, Bob Hicks, to put ball on one yard line. Locals beat CIF play-off game 13-12 Friday night in El Camino Stadium. (Herald Photo)



OVER BY INCHES . . . Ernie Thomsen falls over Poly goal line after being hit by Long Beach line-backer, Defenders Lonzo Irvin (90), Bob Rantz (33) and Red Hollowell (23) charge in as referee called ball over for initial fumble in second quarter. (Herald Photo)

Long Beach Eleven Drops North High

By JERRY REYNOLDS

Seven thousand fans filled El Camino Forest G. Murdock Stadium to capacity Friday night to watch Willie Brown and Bob Banks team up on a 38-yard pass which literally snatched the CIF playoff game from the North High Saxons.

The TD came on a play which had begun with only two seconds left in the game, with the score tied, 13-13. Banks made a leaping catch in the end zone to send the Poly gridders into the second round of the CIF elimination playoffs.

North Cagers In 58 to 34 Defeat As Season Opens

By JERRY REYNOLDS

Ventura varsity cagers made it a clean sweep for the Cougars on Wednesday when they clinched an evening of basketball by defeating the North High Saxons, 58-34. It was the season opener for both teams. Earlier in the day the VHS J. V.'s and Cess beat the locals, 42-32 and 31-16 respectively. In the pre- varsity clash the Cougars managed to come from behind on the fourth quarter to beat the Saxons 40-38, in the evening's closest game.

In the Varsity game Ventura grabbed an early 6-0 lead and proceeded to enlarge it until they had finally stretched it to 24 points at the game's close. Tom Freese led the scoring with 20 points and Jerry Herron followed with 14 on the tally sheet. High man for the North boy's was Tony Mance who accounted for 13 of the 34 Saxon points. Terry Weststrom and Ron Coombs each accounted for 7 points.

The Bee game which preceded the Varsity struggle was the most exciting game of the evening. The Cougars grabbed an early 10-4 lead, but by the end of the half the Saxons had tied it at 14-14. From there they held the lead until the fourth quarter when Ventura tied it at 33-33 and then went out in front to win the game 49-39.

Score by Quarters:
North High 11 11 7 5 34
Ventura High 13 20 19 15 58

Under CIF ruling, the number of first downs decide the winner in a tie game. The Cougars were leading by two downs when the Poly team scored. The final score was 13-13.

After the game, head Saxon coach, Bob Enoch, said, "I think we were the better team tonight, but the scoreboard doesn't show it."

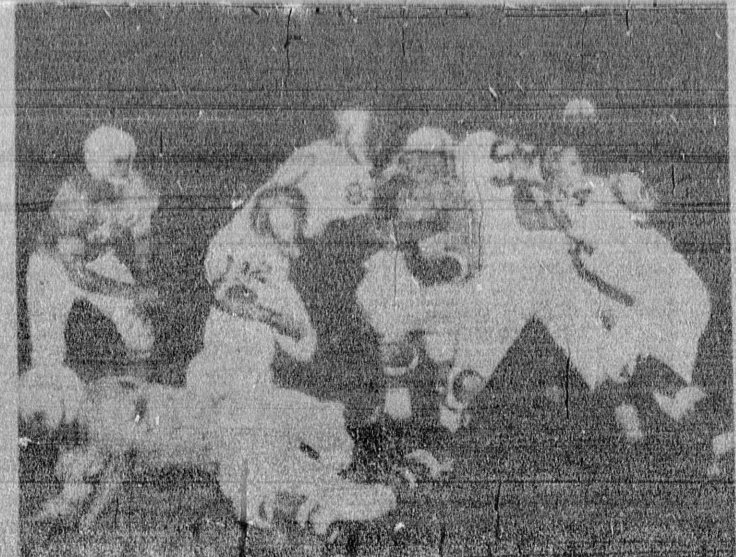
Coach, N.H.S. coach, said, "We (the coaching staff) are just as proud of the boys as we can be. They played the best game of the year tonight." Continuing he said, "And speaking for the boys and the entire coaching staff, we hope Poly goes on to win the CIF championship."

Ernie Thomsen drew first blood when he went over on a two-yard plunge one minute into the second quarter. Lawson's attempted PAT was wide of the uprights, but the Saxons had a 6-0 lead.

With 90 seconds left in the half, Willie Brown threw a pass to Doc Andrews, which was good for 18 yards and a TD. Fullback Lonzo Irvin bul-

Scoring:

North High	
Mance	13
Weststrom	7
Coombs	7
Little	2
Mady	2
Patterson	2
Ventura High	
Freese	20
Herron	14
Gimare	8
Buskey	5
Paul	3
Wigton	2
BEE GAME: Ventura, 40	
North 38	
Score by Quarters:	
North High	4 10 12 12 38
Ventura High	10 4 10 16 40



SMOTHERED SAXON . . . Quarterback Bill Ball is stopped by Poly defense after a short gain in the first quarter. North High Saxons beat Long Beach Eleven by first downs earned in a 13-12 final closing seconds of CIF play-off game when visitors completed 45 pass in end zone. (Herald Photo)

led his way into the end zone for the PAT, and at the half Poly led 7-6.

EARLY IN THE third period Irvin broke loose from two tacklers and went 75 yards downfield for another Poly score. The conversion attempt failed and Poly had 13 points.

Later in the third quarter Steve Mearring recovered a Rabbit fumble and it took the Saxons nine plays to send Bill Hall into the end zone on a keeper from one yard out. Hershel Lawson booted the PAT to tie the game at 13-13.

THE FOURTH quarter was a see-saw affair until the last 35 seconds when Ernie Thomsen pounced for North High on the Poly 35. The punt went almost straight up and Poly returned it to their own 45. Brown passed to Andrews who was forced out of bounds after picking up a first down, and stopped the clock with two seconds left. From there Brown fired his fatal pass and the Poly rooters went wild.

The game was probably the best high school game of the season, with both teams playing the powerhouse role.

There were only four penalties in the game, two on each team.

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Leather Lungs Nab Met Title

El Camino College leather lungs, headed by feet-footed Tom Ryan and Dave Jaeger, captured the Metropolitan Conference cross-country championship at San Diego Saturday.

Ryan, 28-year-old college two-mile record holder, finished in the third slot, behind Neville Shaw, Bakersfield, and Dennis Haber, East L.A., to nab individual performance honors for the Warriors.

Shaw's winning time of 14:45.4 smashed the course record, as did Ryan's third fastest clocking of 14:36.0.

Not so Ryan's heels was his teammate, Jaeger, who matched the fourth place position in 15:23.

Roger Lawson, eighth, Jerry Holland, tenth, and Gene Popko, twelfth, rounded out the Carmine scoring.

Elcam Grapplers In Major Action

El Camino College wrestlers opened their season this week-end on a northern tour which takes them into major action in San Luis Obispo, Fresno and Modesto.

Led by the Junior College State Heavyweight champion head a powerful aggregation this season. Following two years in which they were edged out of first place in state competition, Coach Dave Hensler's charges are eager to turn the trick this season.

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