

Teams At Narbonne Perform

Football fans will get a preview of the Narbonne eleven tomorrow at 5 p.m. in the school's community sports day. Varsity head coach Elmer Douglas, a University of Los Angeles graduate, and assistant coach for three years at Narbonne, will direct the gridders.

JOHN OLAFSON will assist Douglas. A Pepperdine graduate, Olafson was an assistant at Harbor College last year. Former head boss Gordon Wells has taken a position at Harbor. Members of Bob Dossey's cross country team will demonstrate their wares in an inter-squad race.

THERE WILL BE an introduction of the members of the basketball team, coached by Wayne Sloss, and a faculty skit. Band and drill team performances are also scheduled. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. Proceeds will go into the Narbonne general student body fund.

Strip Mark In Danger Saturday

Jet propulsion comes to Lions Drag Strip Saturday night. Chuck Hatcher will literally shake up the spectators when he brings his dragster to the Long Beach strip this weekend. Hatcher's car boasts one of the later model Westinghouse J-46 jet engines that were used in the F-7U Cutlass Navy fighters.

AN UNOFFICIAL speed of 300 miles per hour was turned by Hatcher at Bonneville. He is certain the car will travel over 200 mph in the standing quarter mile. The engine, weighing about 3,400 pounds, is lighter than most in jet cars. Jet-powered dragsters usually average about 5,000 pounds.

Harriers Open Year For Tribe

Cross country teams will begin their fifth year of running at El Camino under coach Ray Southstone on Saturday at Centinella Park in Inglewood. The Tribe will oppose Santa Monica City College in a Metropolitan Conference battle to open the dual meet season. Starting time is 2:30 p.m. Warrior thinclads have a long way to go to fill the shoes of last season's Metropolitan Conference and Southern California champions.

"WE ARE NOT very optimistic following the graduation of nearly all of last year's varsity and junior varsity teams," Southstone said. With the addition of perennially strong Cerritos College to the Metro Conference, El Camino harriers will be fighting to remain in the upper division.

TWENTY NEW candidates are vying for 10 varsity positions and as practice progressers, Don Griffie and Mike Parsons have shown the most ability. Doug Chaney also appears to be a potential starter in the opening meets.

"IT IS STILL too early to make sound predictions, but Bakersfield, Long Beach, Cerritos and San Diego are strong enough to make me unhappy," Southstone feels.

Biggest loss to El Camino is Southern California individual champion Rich Fernandez, who topped the field, and Mike Thornton, who finished third. The two harriers combined to give El Camino the one-two punch so necessary in cross country scoring.

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The Fearless Spectator

By

Charles McCabe, Esquire



History was made the other day. A big league pitcher came right out and admitted he had thrown (shhhhhh!) a spitball.

The revelation has, it goes without saying, shaken the foundations of the baseball world. The Sporting News, the New York Times of the knothole set, took a properly solemn view of the matter when it headlined: "Farrell Drops Bomb in Spitter Confession."

The guilty lad is Dick (Turk) Farrell, who tosses for the Houston Colt 45s.

The basis for the widespread consternation is that honesty is illegal in baseball. Not like in life.

Mr. Farrell's infamous disclosure implicated not only himself, but a lot of other righties and lefties—the very flower of the Nat'l Pastime. This may be the biggest thing since a handful of fun-loving youths sold the World Series in 1919.

The spitball, which was declared unconstitutional in the early '20s, is a malign little maneuver whereby the thrower gets a bit of his saliva or sweat on the ball, causing it to act vertiginously as it nears the victimized slugger.

Mr. Farrell's stunning confession came after a sportscaster, Mr. Harry Caray of the St. Louis Cards, asked the pitcher if he really had thrown a moistie at Stan Musial in the July 20 game at Colt Stadium.

"Oh, everyone loads them up once in a while," said Mr. Farrell airily. "Everyone does, I think. I know Burdette does it all the time. So if I throw one in nine innings, it looks like it ought to be okay."

A shocked Colt publicity man, Bill Giles, immediately got on the blower to explain the enormity to his father, President Warren Giles of the National League.

Reported young Giles, relieved: "He indicated there was nothing illegal about a man admitting he'd thrown a spitball."

We are on pretty slippery theological ground here, like how many angels can stand atop a needle, or the question of efficacious grace and free will. While it is clearly illegal to throw a spitball, it appears to be okay to admit it.

The official baseball rules say: "The pitcher shall not (Ed. note: under pain of immediate disqualification by the umpire) (1) Apply a foreign substance of any kind on the ball; (2) Expectorate either on the ball or on his glove; (3) Rub the ball on his glove, person, or clothing; (4) Deface the ball in any manner; (5) Deliver what is called the 'shine' ball, 'spit' ball, 'mud' ball or 'emery' ball."

That's what the rules say, buddy. And you just heard what Mr. Farrell said. Which may explain why baseball is shoo. This is one of those infelicitous collisions of appearance and reality that are usually swept under the rug in the interests of a well-oiled general amiability.

Those mendacious pitchers of whom Mr. Farrell speaks are the very models and beaut ideals of us all, youths and ancients. If we are to believe they are constantly putting secretions from their body onto baseballs—well, damn it, Quo Vadis? Not ask, Whither Are We Drifting?

If the Giles doctrine spreads that a confession automatically wipes out a crime we are going to have herds of garrulous hoods boding the bejabbars out of the cops with tales of their prowess as loft and safe men. No?

Unless all this is cleared up for, and soon, I shall be driven to conclude that baseball is as littered with fractured deencies as the corporate existence. Or even life on a newspaper.

This would be difficult to take on a full stomach. Like finding out that Daddy Warbucks is really a Commie.

Say it ain't so, Warren.

El Camino Seeks Gridiron Revenge

Sounds of combat will again be heard in Murdock Stadium when El Camino College footballers bump heads with the Boise, Idaho, eleven Saturday, at 8 p.m. for the initial contest of the 1962 campaign. Still licking their wounds from last year's 70-20 trouncing at the hands of an always powerful Boise squad, the Tribe, anxious for revenge, boasts of a well balanced unit that hopes to change things this year.

Head coach Ken Swearingen is pleased with the defense but at the same time concerned about the injury jinx which has plagued the Warriors in recent workouts. "Injuries have slowed progress because we have had to shift personnel to new positions," remarked Swearingen.

THE LATEST injury, Kendall Ruskit, 6'1" tackle from Hawthorne, will leave a hole in the already light-weighted interior line. Ruskit was the last of the healthy tackles and what replacements are to be made will be up to the extent of the injury.

Alumni Destroys ECC Through Aerial Lanes

Quarterback Bob Beathard's strong right arm was too much for El Camino Saturday night at Murdock Stadium as the Alumni finished fast for a 26-24 victory. The Tribe, making a promising showing, led 24-18 into the final minutes of play but Beathard's eight-yard-payoff pass to Jerry Hren spelled victory for the "old-timers." It was Beathard's third touchdown aerial of the evening.

In the early minutes of play the Alums opened the scoring when Beathard hit end Larry Roy with a 58 yard pass for a quick six point lead.

THE GRADS added another marker as Bob Bass was on the receiving end of Beathard's 10-yard flip.

El Camino opened their scoring when linebacker Dan Claxton downed an alum in the end zone for a safety. Trailing 12-2, the Indians' Jerry Thagard raced 87 yards on a kickoff after picking up two key blocks. Quarterback John Torok then flipped a two-point PAT to Mike Hanchett.

MINUTES LATER Camino marched 60 yards for another tally with fullback Bill Kelly plunging over from one yard for six points. The Warriors stretched their lead to 24-12 when Thagard once again broke loose for a 57 yard gallop and his second TD. Howard Taylor and Joe Cunningham made the play possible with power blocks.

LIGHTWEIGHT ECC line stopped the alum's ground gaining attack, forcing Beathard to the air.

After throwing five straight passes, Beathard bulled over from five yards out to score. In the final seconds, Beathard threw his third touchdown pass to ice the contest.

HEAD COACH Ken Swearingen's varsity eleven rallied back to the alum five yard line as the scrimmage ended.

Dick Keeler, former Ram, was named top lineman by the alums, while Beathard stole the show as outstanding back. Trophies were awarded by Merl Sloan, director of student personnel.

50 and Over Club Drop Tight Match

Despite dropping a 12-11 decision to the San Diego 39er League on Sunday, members of the Torrance 50 and Over Bowling Club turned in top scores.

Nelson Hopkins won high game honors with a 255 while Frank Stafford won high series recognition with a 639. Mary Jane Mallard accounted for the ladies high game

with a 209 while the high ladies series was a 605 by Wanda Kowalczyk.

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