

Montgomery Earns Only Victory

The Fearless Spectator
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They should never have let him on a horse, his legs were that short; but he became the greatest jockey of his time. And, for a few brief years, one of the great swingers and spenders of the fin de siècle.

Those short legs changed the course of racing history. The kid was wearing the colors of a San Francisco bon vivant and attorney named Charlie Hanlon. This was around 1890, the kid was something like 16.

Hanlon taught the kid a new kind of seat—up forward at the neck, crouching low over the necks of his mounts so as not to fall off, leaning ahead to ease the burden on the horse.

To this day nobody knows if this is the best way to ride a thoroughbred, but the kid's success made it copied by jockeys all over the world.

"Like a monkey on a stick," the British said; but they learned to love both the kid and his style. Said a London turf expert of the time:

"Opposed as it was to all ideas of grace and containing the weak point that a rider so near the animal's neck could have less control over him than if sitting down in the saddle, the new style of seat became well nigh universal. With the forward seat the horses appear to go faster and with less exertion."

James Todhunter Sloan (the kid added the Todhunter himself to class up his handle) was a bandy little runt who stood 59 inches high in his prime, weighed 99 pounds, and had the face of a tired cricket.

In 1900 he had an income of \$100,000 as a rider. He booted in a Derby winner for King Edward VII. He was the darling of Lillian Russell, Anna Held and several hundred other beauties of the period. He lived to the hilt, smoked huge long Havanas, and once refused to give up his hotel suite in Claridge's to the Prince of Wales.

"The King, okay," said Tod, "but no princes."

Tod was born in Kokomo, Ind., in 1874. He lost his mother at age three. He walked the streets as a homeless urchin at six, and at nine he chewed tobacco and smoked cigars. He was adopted by a woman who found him roaming half starved in the streets.

He made a million, the first jock to do so. In one English racing season he rode 119 winners out of 260 mounts. He spent his loot as if he had nine hours to live. A first-cabin cruiser always, he had the best suite in any hotel he stayed in, sometimes dropping \$300 a day rent. He presided over champagne parties in Paris and London that cost \$1000 a night.

He built himself a mansion in Europe. He bought a yacht as big as Pierpont Morgan's Corsair. He was clothes-dotty and traveled from race track to race track with 40 trunks of clothes and two personal valets. In London he bought shirts, collars, shoes, hats and even suits in dozen lots.

The actor George M. Cohan adored Tod. He modeled his way of walking and speaking, and even the tilt of his fedora, on the great rider. Cohan wrote and played the lead in a drama based on Tod's life. He called it "Little Johnny Jones." When Georgie belted out "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" everybody knew who he was singing about.

In 1907 Tod Sloan was a has-been, living on a stipend of \$50 a week, which was more than he was to earn steadily for the rest of his life. He drifted to oblivion, living on handouts from actor friends. People listened to his tales of past glory. They didn't reach into their pockets.

He died a swinger's death, of cirrhosis of the liver. In Los Angeles in 1933, at age 59. He weighed 60 pounds. He didn't have a dime to his name.

The doc said: "It was just like the end of a race horse. He was just all used up." He told the doc at the end: "If I had to do it all over again I'd live exactly the way I lived."

The organist at St. John's Episcopal Church played Schubert's "Serenade" and the rector read the service which begins: "I am the Resurrection and the Life" and which says that "man who is born of woman is full of sorrow."

BMHS Ground Game Sparkles in Opener

Surprising Bishop Montgomery received brilliant running performances from Carlos Thompson, Russ Moore and Jerry Leininger Friday night to open the football season with a 33-6 victory over St. Genevieve in a practice contest on the Knight's gridiron.

One of the smallest elevens in the Torrance area, Montgomery equaled last season's victory total with the one-sided decision against the Panorama City invaders.

Sea King Power Overcomes West

What a difference a year makes in the history of a football team.

When West High stepped out onto the field last year for its first grid contest in history, Palos Verdes took full opportunity of the occasion to waltz away with a 51-0 decision.

Matters were slightly more complicated for Palos Verdes Friday night as West played even-up ball for three quarters before bowing 18-6. At that the Sea Kings received two good-sized breaks or the entire outcome might have been different.

WEST RAMMED across the first touchdown of the game and the season with only six minutes left in the first half. Junior quarterback Lindy Nuzzo uncorked a 33-yard scoring pass to another junior, end John Cochran, to put the Warriors ahead.

Nuzzo's scoring aerial ended a 64-yard Redskin drive. With only 20 seconds left in the first half, West was forced to punt from its own 30-yard stripe. A bad pass from center sailed over the punter's head and Palos Verdes recovered on the Warrior 11-yard line.

ONLY ONE second remained on the clock when Bill Tapp boomed the full 11 yards to send the two teams into the locker room deadlocked.

Palos Verdes could not hit paydirt again until early in the fourth quarter when quarterback Bruce Berger culminated a 33-yard drive by rambling six yards up the middle for a touchdown. The Sea King march began when West lost a fumble.

BERGER TALLIED again before the game ended, squirting three yards around end to put

the finishing touch on a 62-yard march.

West head coach Bill Parton felt the entire outcome of the game was possibly changed when Palos Verdes was able to knot the score before halftime.

The victors completely controlled the game in the third quarter, although they did not score. Palos Verdes had possession of the pigskin for 20 of the 24 plays run after halftime.

CYO Tabs Ace Lefty For Honor

Baseball's first 20-game winner of 1963, strikeout king Sandy Koufax of the Dodgers, has been selected as the Catholic Youth Organization's "Most Popular Pro."

Koufax, the first Dodger left-hander to record 20 wins since Preacher Roe turned the trick 12 years ago, won the title by 240 votes in a poll by The Tidings.

Trailing was Albie Pearson, the tiny Angel with the big batting average, (.310).

Frank Howard, giant Dodger outfielder, won the CYO plaque in 1960 and 1962 and finished third this year. Last year, Koufax wound up second in balloting behind Howard.

Others finishing in the 1963 balloting's top ten were Ron Fairly, Maury Wills, Tommy Davis, Jim Gilliam and Ron Perranoski of the Dodgers and Ken McBride and Jim Fregosi of the Angels.

Previous recipients of CYO plaques are Gil Hodges, 1959; Wally Moon, 1951; and Frank Howard, 1960 and 1962.

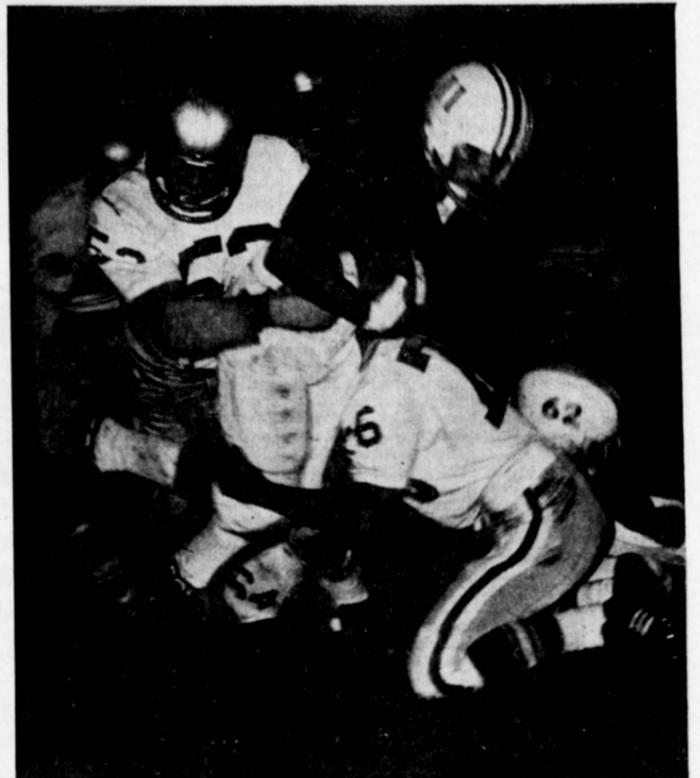


CHASE . . . West High quarterback Lindy Nuzzo has his troubles avoiding Palos Verdes end Dick Shirk during Friday night's football opener won by the Sea Kings, 18-6. The Warriors, led by a 33-yard touchdown pass from Nuzzo to John Cochran, stunned Palos Verdes by grabbing a 6-0 lead late in the second quarter. P. V. rallied for one score just before halftime and punched two more touchdowns over in the last quarter. (Herald Photo)

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AMBUSHED . . . Tiny Torrance High halfback Jason Castillo is brought down by Nick Carollo (52) and Jerry Taylor (76) during 6-6 practice tie played Friday night in the new Torrance stadium. Castillo was responsible for the lone Tartar counter as he carried an intercepted pass 59 yards to paydirt midway through the final quarter. Redondo tallied seconds later on a 62-yard pass play that went down the left side from Terry Nolan to John Jones. Four pass interceptions, 13 fumbles and numerous penalties marred the game. (Herald Photo)

Tartars Tie Redondo In Sloppy Grid Fray

Give-away was the name of the game Torrance and Redondo high schools played Friday night.

Football was the game some 1,200 spectators flocked to the new Torrance stadium to see, but 13 fumbles, four pass interceptions and numerous penalties made it a distant cousin to the pigskin sport.

All of the scoring was packed into 40 seconds of the final quarter as the two traditional opening rivals bumbled to a 6-6 deadlock.

LITTLE HALFBACK Jason Castillo broke the monotony of the contest with 8:01 remaining in the game when he speared a Redondo pass and galloped 59 yards for the first Torrance counter of the season.

On the first scrimmage play for Redondo after Torrance had kicked off, quarterback Terry Nolan connected with end John Jones on a 62-yard scoring effort down the left sidelines that once again deadlocked the count.

TORRANCE completely dominated the first half, handling the ball 19 times compared to only twice for Redondo. The Tartars took the opening kickoff and marched down to the Seahawk four-yard stripe before successive illegal procedure penalties brought the drive to a halt.

Two plays later, Redondo fumbled and Torrance recovered to own a first and goal situation on the Seahawk seven.

CASTILLO carried to the six, recovering his own fumble on the way. Gregg Barrett lost a yard. Castillo went around right end to the one-yard line, and Mike Blankenship boomed right to the goal line—before fumbling.

Redondo naturally recovered the bobble and the Tartar threat was ended.

A DISCOURAGED Torrance mentor Irv Kasten was unhappy with the way his offense operated. Kasten did have kind words for his defensive unit, adding only that the secondary needed more work.

DFG Announces Goose Season
A 75-day straight goose season will coincide with the duck season the Department of Fish and Game has announced. Bag limit is six daily, six in possession, but only three of these may be of the dark species. One Ross's goose may be included in the bag limit. The season will run from Oct. 23 to Jan. 5.



JUST BARELY . . . Redondo end Terry Nolan barely eludes Torrance High defender Brian Olsen Saturday night to snare a Terry Nolan-aerial. Both elevens played ragged football in front of approximately 1,200 spectators out to witness the opening of the 1963 football season. Torrance will travel to La Puente next Friday before returning to the Southland for contests against Sky League foes Leuzinger and North. (Herald Photo)

Warrior Harriers Depend On Two Reliable Juniors

Two juniors will shoulder the burden of a winning season for the West High cross country squad this year.

Ron Pettigrew and Tom Jurco, both stars on the Warrior track team, will lead West in its attempt to improve on last year's seventh place Pioneer League finish.

Pettigrew owns a 3:19.4 time for the 1320 while Jurco has been clocked in 1:25.6 for the 660.

DAVE GRAHAM, junior; Lew Bisou, senior; Dan Rickey, senior; Steve McConathy, senior; and Bill Franz, sophomore, will fill out the top seven places for the Warriors.

Last season, former Mira Costa coach Bob Holtel guided the Redskin Jayvee squad to a fourth-place finish and the Frosh-Soph team to a second spot. Holtel predicts the Warriors will grab a fourth place varsity position this year.

AVIATION SHOULD easily earn the Pioneer crown, according to Holtel, with Torrance, Lennox, West, Lawndale and El Segundo trailing.

In West's season opener on Friday night against powerful North, the second-year Warriors dropped a 27-28 nod (low score wins).

Placing for West were Ron Pettigrew, third, 9:10; Tom Jurco, fourth, 9:11; Dave Gra-

ham, fifth, 9:14; Bob Clark, seventh, 9:35; and Lou Bisou, ninth, 9:47.

The West Jayvee squad earned a perfect 15-46 win as Howard McVey, Tom Fraser, George Sharp, John Jones and Dick Buchanan grabbed the top five slots with only a seven-second spread between them.

On Wednesday, the Warriors will travel to Redondo and on Friday will run in the Long Beach Invitational.

NHS Nabs 6-6 Tie At Warren

Seldom are both teams surprised in a football contest, but that is how Friday's pigskin opener between North High and Warren turned out.

North, defending Bay League champ and CIF quarter-finalist, went into Downey fully expecting to whip the Bears, who complained only five lettermen were returning from the squad that dropped a 10-0 nod to the Saxons last year.

In actuality, Warren boasts one of the biggest teams in the CIF and fully expected to conquer North, according to head Saxon mentor Ed Levy.

BOTH ELEVENS were wrong in their predictions as the final score read North 6, Warren 6.

Converted guard Doug Jackson cracked across for short yardage from his fullback slot in the middle of the second quarter to cap a 60-yard drive and give North its only touchdown of the fray.

WARREN CAME back in the third quarter, eliminating the mental mistakes that had plagued it all night, to score on a 60-yard drive of its own.

"It is hard to say how good we did because we are just not sure how good Warren is," Levy stated. The Saxon boss said his club was easily outweighed and pointed out Warren quarterback stood approximately 6-8.