

Spartans Win Homecoming Tilt 13-12



QUEEN AND COURT — Homecoming Queen Jo Basler, center, poses prettily with princesses Phyllis Halstead, Shirley Nakata, Diane Moye and Pat Campesi. Girls were selected from a field of fifteen coeds by Spartan campus ballot.

Topple Mira Costa In Friday Tangle On THS Gridiron

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South High's Homecoming Queen, Jo Basler, had good reason to be extra happy Friday night as the Spartans tumbled the vaunted Mira Costa eleven in a drawn-out struggle on the Torrance High field.

When the final gun sounded score stood at 13-12, in favor of the Spartans.

From the beginning the game looked like it was going to be a hard fought one. No scores were racked up in either the first or second quarter as both teams struggled to get themselves into a scoring position.

Tide changed in the second half when Bob Woodrum carried the ball to the Mustang five yard line setting the stage for Harvey Siegel to make the first TD for South. Siegel also ran the conversion.

Proving to be a tough opponent, Dave Duckworth of the Mustangs, turned around and tallied for Mira Costa before the cheers died down for South's scoring runs.

A fumble by the Spartans on the kickoff gave Mira Costa the ball and made the time right for the Mustang's second score, carried by Mitch Malpee.

On the try for a conversion South's Tim Roettger intercepted the pass and ran the length of the field to his own goal line. This did not, however, count as a touchdown.

Final score for South was made in the fourth quarter with a five yard run by Bob Woodrum.

When the final gun sounded, Mira Costa had brought the ball back to the Spartan's 17-yard line in a series of dazzling plays. In a driving fight to outrace the clock, Mustangs had put themselves in scoring position . . . but too late.

NORTH WINS

Hawthorne High remained undefeated until last Friday night when North High pulled the most surprising upset of the year, defeating the Cougars, 13-0.

A Hawthorne fumble in the first half was recovered by Ben Eason on the 35-yard line. This was the first real chance for North and they took full advantage of it.

After pushing to the three yard line, Dan Claxton finally crashed through the Cougar line for the score.

Later in the third quarter, even though Hawthorne was beginning to show some fire, Jeff Bell managed to shoot a pass 44 yards to Skip Mooney who made the final Saxon score.

Win by North High puts them in second place in the Bay League.

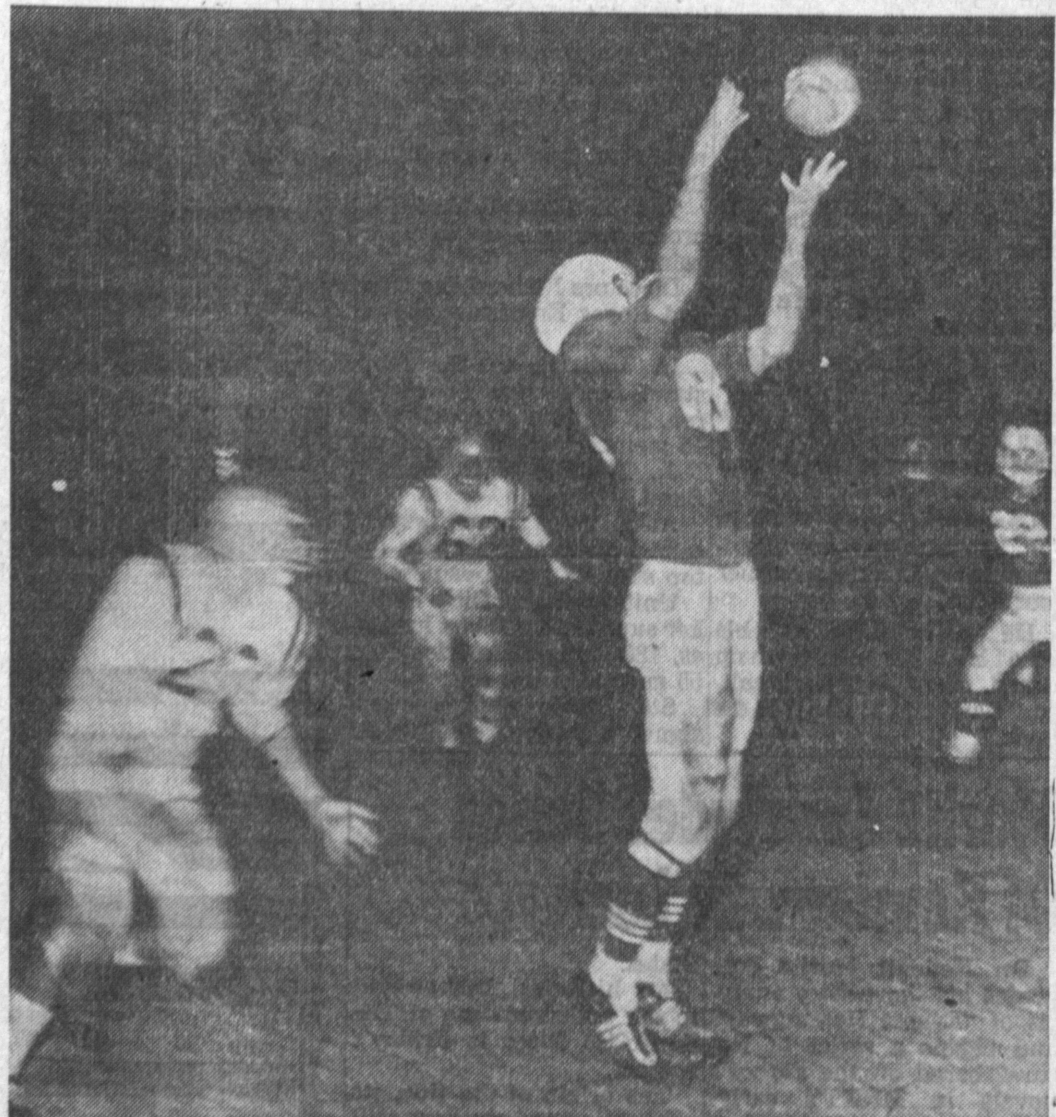
Following the trend set by her sister schools Torrance High trampled Lennox, 27-6, in Friday night's play.

Torrance's Bishop Montgomery High also played their first homecoming game Friday night, dropping one to the challengers from Fermin Lasuen High in San Pedro, 25-6.

Some 2100 graduates and guests were on hand for the game and the dance which followed in the school library.



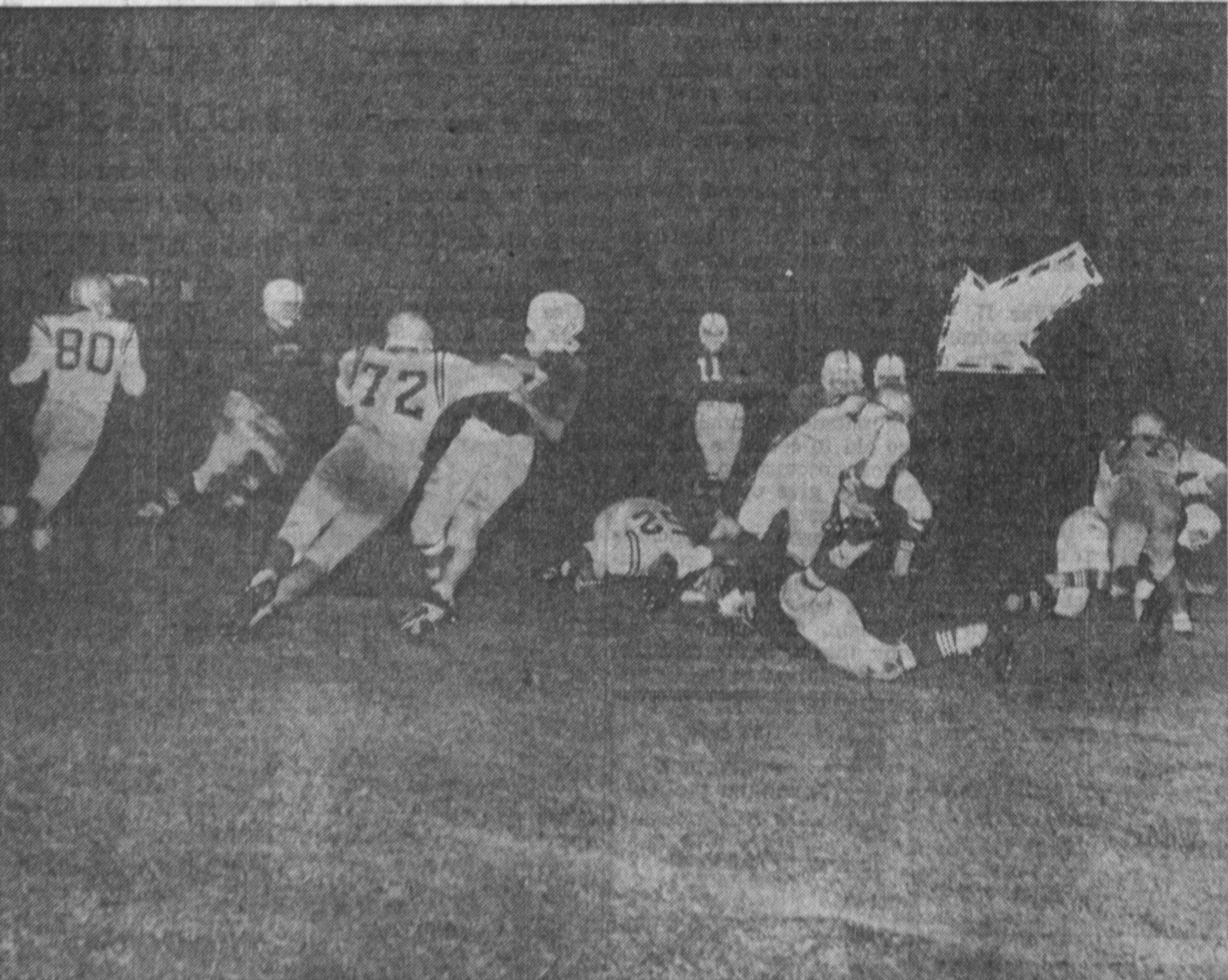
LONG RUN—Fullback Harvey Siegel, South's 174-pound speedster, here charges through the Mustang line as teammates effectively block out the opposition. Flashy fullback picked up the first score of the evening, then followed with the conversion.



PULLING IT IN—Norm Gagon, South High end, here pulls in long pass as Don Bjornlie, Mustang wingback, lines up for the tackle. Friday game at Torrance High field ended a long session of losing games for the Spartan eleven.



SCURRYING MUSTANGS—Barry Bowers, Mustang quarterback, tries vainly to evade the rush of Spartan Halfback Bob Woodrum and Fullback Harvey Siegel as South blanked Mira Costa, 13-12, Friday night. The two South warriors brought in all of the points for the Spartans with Woodrum bringing in the second TD of the evening. —Press Photos



BIG SCRAMBLE—Mustang linebacker runs into a solid wall of Spartan players and is brought down with a bone-jarring crunch. Mira Costa's defensive plays were very effective until the middle of the third quarter while offensive plays failed because of ineffective interference and blocking. Both teams held their offensive plays to the ground, only going to the air as a last resort.



HALFTIME CEREMONY—Homecoming Queen Jo Basler, and her escort, parade across the 50-yard line between two columns of baton-twirling majorettes. Following in their wake were the rest of her retinue, the four princesses and the Spartan band. Queen reigned over all of South High School's homecoming activities, including Friday night's game with Mira Costa High.