

Metropolitan Conference Tough as Ever

The weekend of November 15-16 may be the biggest of the season for Metropolitan Conference football teams.

With two new powerful members—Pasadena and Pierce—added to the tough Metro alignment, the football race could develop into the most dogged one in the history of the conference. And it may not be decided until the November 15-16 dates when the final regular season games will be played.

Bakersfield, the defending champion, gets the non-conference season under way Friday night at Fresno City College.

All other Metro teams play on Saturday.

El Camino, a prime candidate to displace the Renegades as the Metro title

holder, will be at Laney of Oakland for an afternoon contest.

Under the lights, Cerritos is host to Orange Coast, Pasadena entertains Compton, Phoenix invades Santa Monica, Valley is home against San Diego Mesa, Long Beach City College goes to LACC, and Pierce journeys to Santa Ana.

In alphabetical order, here are the school-by-school capsule rundowns:

BAKERSFIELD: The Renegades suffered a stunning blow to their chances for a repeat of the conference title when stellar fullback John Traver injured his arm severely on a summer job and will be out for the season. According to coach Collis, John was the leading

rusher in the Metro last year and scored 60 points.

But the 'Gades will have a seasoned QB in Don Kennedy and some fine ends. Other plusses for Bakersfield include formidable (205) Charley Harris as a replacement for Tarver, 25 lettermen returning, and a number of top-rate recruits.

CERRITOS: Coach Smokey Cates is determined to see his Falcons rebound from their most dismal year (4-4-1) since he took over at Cerritos. But to do it, he must rebuild his offensive and defensive lines.

Cerritos boasts a wealth of receivers and could mount a devastating passing game if sophomore Steve Haller pans out at quarterback. He is a returning squad man. Replacements could also be

Mike Sands, Mike Sinatra, or Alan Youngsma.

EL CAMINO: Last year, El Camino lost only one game—to champion Bakersfield. This year, the Warriors could go all the way, for two big reasons—Tom Reynolds and Dave Boyd.

In El Camino's lively last season, Reynolds scampered for 504 yards, added another 533 on pass receptions, and scored 96 points to pace the Metro Conference in that department.

Boyd appears to be just as potent. At West High, he earned all-CIF honors by piling up 1,843 yards and scoring 28 touchdowns. Principal worry for coach Ken Swearingen is finding a replacement for Metro Player of the Year QB Dana Clyde.

LONG BEACH: Can a freshman defense stand up in the Metropolitan Conference race? That's what coach Paul Chafe is wondering as he prepares his Vikings for a tough campaign. He lost the entire first team defensive unit.

On offense, the picture is rosier. Back is steady Denis Dummit at QB, and John Merino, a halfback who sped more than 600 yards.

Three fine lettermen ends also are back, and Long Beach successfully recruited all-CIF fullback Ed Giles from Poly and huge John Kahler (6-5, 235), fullback or linebacker.

PASADENA: The Lancers leave the Western State Conference for their first venture

into Metropolitan Conference competition and could find the going very tough if their quarterbacking doesn't jell. Last year's starter, Steve Abbey, is gone, and co-coaches Harvey Hyde and Myron Tarkanian are sifting the talents of Rich Hayley, Boy Shay, and Jim Herling for a replacement.

"We'll have good team speed, especially in the secondary," said Tarkanian, "but our lines are untested. Our running backs are strong however."

PIERCE: Behind the passing of returning starter Tim Von Duml, the Brahmas hope to make a serious run for the Metropolitan Conference crown, after winning the title last year in the Western State Conference. Coach

Gerry Perry has two veteran ends in Mark Laughrey and John Griffin, and better team speed than a year ago. However his defensive unit is a question mark. The running game will depend on the performance of halfback Buddy Kenamer and fullback Jess Craig.

SANTA MONICA: Nothing has changed in the way of offense at Santa Monica even though coach Jim Powers has taken a leave of absence and Pat Young has the coaching responsibility this season. The Corsairs will pass as they have since time immemorial.

Young, himself a great Corsair passer in 1958, is counting on Ken Boney to live up to the tradition of past Santa Monica QB greats.

On the ground, Gene Martin is back to put teeth into the overland attack. Defense—which has been a specter to Corsair coaches in the past—may well be a problem this season.

VALLEY: Defense will be the key to the Monarchs' hopes this season. Coach George Goff has an outstanding defensive group returning, including Caesar Payne, who intercepted seven passes last year.

Flashiest quarterback prospect in camp is Chuck Pearlman. He'll throw to such outstanding receivers as Anthony Moore, who snagged 18 passes last year. Valley foes will find it hard to score, but the Monarchs, themselves, will need to find scoring oomph of their own.

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Happy football season!

Trojans Head for Minnesota

In Minneapolis, where it was raining yesterday, USC is a solid seven point pick to come away a winner in its 1968 debut against Minnesota.

And in Los Angeles, where the sun was shining and the temperature was 80 degrees, John McKay was talking like a favorite.

"When you remember the 1967 Trojans limited 11 opponents to a mere 87 points, that is asking a lot of this year's defense.

"We feel we've been strengthened considerably by the addition of Al Cowlings," added McKay. "He's as good a defensive tackle prospect as we've had since I've been here.

"Overall, we don't have many injuries at all. We're in great shape."

The threat of rain in Minnesota Saturday isn't worrying the Trojans, either.

O. J. Simpson has always been a good mudder. Running on wet fields in Seattle and Corvallis last fall, O. J. only gained 423 yards.

Although McKay talks like a coach whose team hasn't even had to use a band-aid yet, the biggest worry of the coach is injuries.

Without them, the Trojans are tough

Mickey Cureton Is The Man

This Mickey Cureton is getting out of hand.

Every day the reports out of Westwood describe the stumpy little sophomore halfback in more and more glowing words, but now Tommy Prothro has topped them all.

Said Prothro: "I have never coached a football player as exciting as Cureton."

This is some statement, Gary Beban wasn't that bad! And how about Mel Farr?

And at Oregon State, there was that other Prothro Heisman Trophy winner, Terry Baker, and Vern Burke, who set an NCAA pass catching record.

"I was going to say he was my most exciting player since . . ." Prothro said, "but, I had to stop.

"He is just phenomenal. He runs sideways about as fast as he does straight ahead, and he can turn on a dime."

These words are obviously encouraging to Greg Jones, who on the Tuesday before Pittsburgh, remains the No. 1 tailback.

"They'll both play quite a bit," Prothro said.

Local fans will probably get their first collegiate look at Cureton on a kick return. He'll be running back punts and kickoffs all season, and Pitt gets the first sample.

City Schools To Scrimmage

Forty-six Los Angeles City high school varsity football teams will get their first taste of inter-school competition Friday afternoon in scrimmages that promise to give coaches and players alike a "line" on strengths and weaknesses before the 1968 season openers, the following Friday afternoon and evening (Sept. 27).

Every city team except San Pedro will partake of the two-hour head-knocking sessions in which no scores are recorded and coaches for both teams are permitted to be on the field and in the offensive huddles.

According to the Brown Book, no time in terms of quarters is to be kept; no officials are assigned, leaving control of the play to the respective coaches; no record of scoring or yardage is to be kept; and each team is allowed eight downs per offensive series, regardless of whether or not it scores. Also, no kickoffs or conversions are permitted.

By mutual agreement the ball may be placed anywhere on the field, i.e. the offensive team initiating its eight-down series from its 20-yard line, or 40-yard line, etc. After the series has been concluded the ball is placed on the other team's 20 or 40, according to the agreed-upon starting point.

Jefferson plays at Gardena and South Gate at Carson.

Preps 'Dig in' on Friday

Soccer Grows To 40

The American Youth Soccer Organization in Torrance has announced an increase of 14 to 40 the number of teams for the 1968-69 season.

The soccer program is for boys 6 to 16 years of age.

The league will consist of six teams in the First Division, for boys from 13 to 16; 16 teams in the Second Division for boys 10 to 12; and 18 teams in the Third Division for boys under 10.

Games will be played at the McGruder School, Jefferson School, Arnold School, Riviera School, as well as the Continental Soccer Field.

Tryouts will be Saturday at the McGruder School in North Torrance; Jefferson School in Central Torrance; the Arnold School in Central Torrance; and the Riviera School in South Torrance, commencing at 10 a.m.

There are openings available for interested boys. For information contact the area commissioner Ron Littlefair (375-2652).

St. Louis Kayoed by The Rams

It took all summer, but the Rams beat the autumn deadline by five days and the St. Louis Cardinals by 11 points to put forth evidence today that they have a football team capable of defending the Coastal Division championship.

There had been speculation during the frustrating preseason that the Rams were too old. At 33, Lamar Lundy is certainly too old for the 20-30 club and so is Ed Meador at 31. But they weren't too old to keep things going long enough for the rest of the defense and finally the offense to touch off their ignition.

The two oldest players from point of service on the club put it into motion that won the first week of the National Football League season for Los Angeles, 24-13, from a St. Louis team co-favored with Cleveland in the Century Division.

The Rams discovered they have a football team again last night. It happened in misty Busch Stadium before 49,757 boozing patrons reluctant to settle for a National League baseball pennant.

BOXING ON TV
World Boxing Association action is on its way to Metromedia Television's KTTV. Effective Sept. 28 and each Saturday thereafter at 8 p.m., there'll be two hours of boxing in color from the main ballroom of the Silver Slipper in Las Vegas, Nev.



STELLAR QUARTERBACK . . . Key man in the Bishop Montgomery High offense for the second year is senior quarterback Greg Collins. He will direct the Knights in the non-league game Friday against Mira Costa at Manhattan Beach. Five games are available on the local front. (Press-Herald Photo)

Peggy Fleming Joins Ice Follies

The glittering new, 1969 edition of the famed Ice Follies, highlighted by Olympic Gold Medalist Peggy Fleming's professional debut, premiered last night before a celebrity-studded audience at Inglewood's plush Forum.



COWBOY'S CUP . . . Susan Berens was in the cast of the Shipstad's and Johnson Ice Follies which opened last night at the Inglewood Forum.

Tanner May Return to Track Soon

Several motorcycle riders who compete in the 25-mile National Championship race at Sacramento today are expected to participate in Friday evening's Class A speedway motorcycle race at Ascot Park Friday night.

The 21-event card starts at 8:15.

The annual Eight-Mile National will be at Ascot on Saturday evening, Oct. 12, Managing Director J. C. Agajanian reports. Some of the touring riders will use the Friday night Ascot sessions as "eating money" between the Nationals.

Flag Football Planned for Lomita Area

Lomita Recreation Department is sponsoring a boys' flag football program. Registrations will be at the center, 24428 Eshelman Avenue, from Sept. 21-28. Try-outs will be on Sept. 28 at 10 a.m.

There will be three leagues—Peanut League for boys 6-8, Tiny League for boys 9-10 and Pee-Wee League for boys 11-12. The registration fee for Tiny League and Pee-Wee League will be \$1.50, but there will be no charge for Peanut League.

Five Football Games Slated

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This is the year of the quarterback for most of the high school football teams in Torrance. They will be on display Friday night when the brief non-league schedule is launched in the area.

Two of the better quarterbacks in the CIF will be matched in a tough opener between Bishop Montgomery and Mira Costa. The game at Manhattan Beach brings together Costa's finest passer in history—Pat Moore—against three-year varsity quarterback Greg Collins of the Knights.

Not to be counted out of the category of excellent passing quarterbacks is Kim Brooks of Torrance who will flash his stuff against Redondo at Seahawk Bowl.

You don't have to travel far to see another top attraction as Morningside's two-time Sky League champs invade North High. The Saxons will spring quarterback Rick Estrada against Morningside in an attempt to make amends for last year's 33-0 humiliating.

LESS THRILLING are the home opponents for South High and West High. The Spartans take on Marina of the Sunset League. The West Warriors renew acquaintances with La Puente of the Sierra League.

The man counted on to make West High a contender for the Bay League championship is quarterback Coy Hall. Coy has been the darling of Warriortville for three years, but last fall he missed most of the season with injuries.

West is the only team in the district capable of platooning its offensive and defensive teams. Of the two groups, 21 of 22 men are seniors.

West was unbeaten in the Pioneer League a year ago. This fall the Warriors invade the Bay League.

Mira Costa is the prime contender to win the Bay League title, although Santa Monica, Hawthorne and West are potential obstructions. North, the defending champion, lacks the key personnel and size of its predecessor.

South High will be of an unknown variety until the early part of the season has passed. Juniors dot the of-

Sprint Cars To Compete At Ascot

The West's top 50 sprint car drivers, led by Bobby Hogle of Buena Park, Dick Fries of San Diego, and Billy Wilkerson of El Monte will take part in Saturday night's 50-lap Grand Prix at Gardena's Ascot Park.

The annual Indianapolis-type auto race has a \$2,750 purse posted.

Montgomery Knights

OFFENSE
End—Brad Kerwin, Sr.
Tackle—David Tocco, Sr.
Guard—Don Satterlee, Sr.
Center—Mike McNeil, Jr.
Guard—John Thompson, Sr.
Tackle—Dan Miller, Sr.
End—Greg Reams, Sr.
Quarterback—Greg Collins, Sr.
Fullback—Ed Hansen, Sr.
Back—Jim Agnew, Sr.
Tailback—Rich Kubota, Sr.
DEFENSE
End—Dan Miller, Sr.
Linebacker—Ed Hansen, Sr.
Guard—William Copeland, Sr.
Guard—William Bruce, Jr.
Linebacker—Don Satterlee, Sr.
End—Mike McNeil, Jr.
Linebacker—Jim Agnew, Jr.
Cornerback—Greg Collins, Sr.
Safety—Jeff Annis, Sr.
Safety—Nick Vargas, Sr.
Cornerback—Greg Reams, Sr.

West Warriors

OFFENSE
End—Tom Aines, Sr.
Tackle—Jim Yates, Sr.
Guard—Jim Yates, Sr.
Center—Dark Davidson, Sr.
Guard—Jim Stroffo, Sr.
Tackle—Don Occhipinti, Sr.
End—Gary Kendrick, Sr.
Quarterback—Coy Hall, Sr.
Fullback—Al Schwaninger, Sr.
Halfback—Gary Hulseay, Sr.
Halfback—Dean Owens, Sr.
DEFENSE
End—Chuck Parrish, Sr.
Tackle—Rick Pierce, Sr.
Guard—Jim Yates, Sr.
Guard—Vince Clazzo, Sr.
Tackle—Paul Johnson, Sr.
End—Mel Fries, Jr.
Linebacker—Tom Aines, Sr.
Linebacker—Jim Stroffo, Sr.
Cornerback—Jim Parton, Sr.
Halfback—Allen Boyts, Sr.
Halfback—Bob Oliver, Sr.
Cornerback—Randy Carter, Sr.

North Saxons

OFFENSE
End—Biff Webberg, Sr.
Tackle—Bruce Fabrigar, Sr.
Guard—Kandy Quarry, Sr.
Center—Bob Ordler, Sr.
Guard—Bob Martin, Sr.
Tackle—Dennis Cleland, Sr.
End—Greg Taylor, Sr.
End—Steve Yates, Sr.
Quarterback—Rick Estrada, Sr.
Halfback—Elvin Yoshida, Jr.
Fullback—Mike Glasier, Sr.
Halfback—Allen Boyts, Sr.
DEFENSE
End—Dennis Cleland, Sr.
Tackle—Biff Webberg, Sr.
Tackle—Kandy Quarry, Sr.
End—Biff Webberg, Sr.
Linebacker—Elvin Yoshida, Jr.
Linebacker—Larry Post, Jr.
Back—Martin Glasier, Sr.
Safety—Allen Boyts, Sr.
Safety—Gary Prior, Jr.
Back—Royce Stillman, Sr.

South Spartans

OFFENSE
End—Steve Robertson, Sr.
Tackle—Paul Powers, Sr.
Guard—Roger Stefan, Sr.
Center—Mike England, Jr.
Guard—Mike England, Jr.
Tackle—Dick Yates, Sr.
End—Steve Vico, Sr.
Quarterback—Sam Robertson, Jr.
Fullback—Mike Fernandez, Sr.
Left Half—Greg Whitford, Sr.
Right Half—Greg Whitford, Sr.
DEFENSE
End—Steve Robertson, Sr.
Tackle—Dick Yates, Sr.
Guard—John Boppolis, Sr.
Center—Mike England, Jr.
Tackle—Steve Vico, Sr.
End—Dan Carlson, Jr.
Linebacker—Eric Langdon, Sr.
Linebacker—Rick Mowse, Sr.
Back—Greg Donnan, Jr.
Back—Greg Whitford, Sr.
Safety—Sam Robertson, Jr.