

El Camino Opposes Diablo Valley

El Camino College, winner of the Metropolitan Conference, clashes with Diablo Valley College, champ of the Golden Gate Conference, Saturday at Murdock Stadium in the first game of the junior college playoffs.

While the Warriors emerged with a perfect 9-0 regulation season record, Diablo Valley suffered only one loss in its nine-game session.

The Vikings only defeat was 26-7 to Laney, winner of the Golden Gate Conference title, but out on probation.

Diablo Valley is led by fullback Larry Merlini. The sophomore has scored 90 points while rolling up 766 yards on 157 carries. Merlini's 90 points represent 15 touchdowns and a two-point conversion.

Merlini, a 5'8", 205-pounder, transferred from the University of Oregon. He heads Diablo's offensive forces as its strongest runner, averaging close to five yards per carry.

The Vikings are quarterbacked by freshman Randy Nobles, who completed 73 of 148 passes for 1083 yards and 8 touchdowns. Nobles' favorite receivers are freshman Mark Ernst and sophomore Jack LaDuke.

Ernst hauled in 36 passes for 548 yards and scored five TDs, while LaDuke has latched onto 26 passes for 437 yards and two TDs.

In Metro action El Camino posted an outstanding team record as well as several individual performances. As a team the Warriors outscored their opponents, 297-114, and won the Metro championship for the first time since 1954.

On the individual level, halfback Dave Boyd led the conference in rushing with 992 yards which were picked up on 217 carries. He scored 76 points.

All-American fullback Tom Reynolds hauled in 34 passes for 691 yards and six TDs. He scored 70 points this season. Last season Reynold led the state with 96 points.

End John Featherstone also ranked high in the conference's pass-catching column, having caught 31 aerials for 616 yards and seven TDs. Featherstone also added 46 points to EC's cause.

Quarterback Dan Heck finished second in Metro behind Long Beach City College's All-American Dennis Dummit. Heck connected on 92 of 161 passes for 1715 yards and 18 TDs, while Dummit completed 148 of 245 aerials for 2141 yards and 19 TDs. Heck also scored 42 points on running plays.

As an offensive foursome Foyd, Featherstone, Heck and Reynolds scored 234 of EC's total 297 points posted this season.

Defensively, halfback Jon Robertson also helped the scoring cause with 18 points earned on two interception returns and one punt return. Robertson also led the interception unit, having stolen 10.

Robertson along with Ed Eno, Dale Hewitt and Terry Mendenhall will be on the alert Saturday in hopes of picking off a few passes from Diablo Valley. Nobles has already had 19 of his passes intercepted.

Following the quarter final bout between EC and Diablo Valley, the victor will advance to the semi-finals which will be with either Fresno City College of the Valley Conference or College of Marin of the Camino Norte Conference.

If the game is with Fresno, it will be a 1:30 p.m. clash on Saturday, Dec. 7. If it is with Marin, the game will be played Friday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

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Unanimous For O.J.

Heisman Trophy winner O. J. Simpson, who has done many fabulous things on a football field, became the first player unanimously named to the United Press International all-America college football team.

Simpson's name was on all 202 ballots cast by the nation's sports writers and broadcasters—was by end

The previous closest approach to perfection on the UPI team—the only team chosen by direct vote of the nation's sports writers and broadcasters—was by end George (Bubba) Smith of Michigan State, who came within seven votes of a perfect sweep on the 1966 team.

Simpson was joined on the honor squad by Southern California's defensive back Mike Battle.

Notre Dame took top team honors on the squad by grabbing three places.

Here are the players chosen as the best in the land. (OFFENSE) . . . Ends — Jim Seymour, Notre Dame, and Ted Kwalick, Penn St.; Tackles — Dave Foley, Ohio St., and George Kunz, Notre Dame; Guards — Charles Rosenfelder, Tennessee, and Guy Dennis, Florida; Center — John Didion, Oregon St.; Backs — Terry Hanratty, Notre Dame; O. J. Simpson, USC; Leroy Keyes, Purdue; Bill Enyart, Oregon St.

(DEFENSE) . . . Ends — Ted Hendricks, Miami (Fla.), and John Zook, Kansas; Tackles — Bill Stanfill, Georgia, and Joe Greene, North Texas St.; Middle guard — Chuck Kyle, Purdue; Linebackers — Dennis Onkotz, Penn St. and Bill Hobbs, Texas A & M; Backs — Roger Wehrli, Missouri; Mike Battle, USC; Jake Scott, Georgia; and Al Worley, Washington.

Simpson, Keyes, Seymour, and Hendricks all were repeaters from the 1967 honor squad.

Which Team Is No. 1?

It's only three weeks since the presidential election and the polls are again a source of controversy.

Last Saturday, after Ohio State crushed Michigan, Buckeye coach Woody Hayes exclaimed: "We deserve to be No. 1."

USC coach John McKay was reminded of Hayes' remark Monday at a meeting of Southland football writers.

Said McKay with a grin and a little sting in his voice: "If Woody Hayes really wants to be No. 1, why not cancel out our game with Notre Dame here Saturday and they can play the damn thing in Columbus, O."

A couple of hours later, it was learned the Trojans and Buckeyes are No. 1 1/2. United Press International rankings kept USC in first but Ohio State moved to the top spot in the Associated Press poll.

Turning serious about the Trojans' nationally-televised game with Notre Dame Saturday at the Coliseum, McKay called the Irish "big and strong, with probably the best offensive team in college football."

The Trojan coach said he expects the injured Terry Hanratty's quarterback replacement, sophomore Joe Theismann, to give USC trouble.

Basketball Play Interrupted

The Torrance High School boys gymnasium incurred extensive roof damage in a fire Nov. 9 and caused damage to the basketball floor when burning objects fell from the ceiling and from water used to subdue the fire.

The 1968-69 basketball programs have been switched to the girls' gym for pre-school and after-school service. North High will be used for Tartar practice in the evenings, and for some Torrance home games.

Torrance High personnel are recommending that new construction and rehabilitation of the structure be implemented in accord with the master plan for Torrance High School.

The school has a predicted enrollment of 3,000 students, compared to its current 2,400. The present gymnasium facilities, even if restored, are unable to accommodate the instructional and athletic programs required by the increased enrollment.

Foyt Has Drawing Power

What Arnold Palmer is to a golf tournament, A. J. Foyt, Jr., is to an auto race. That says something for the Rex Mays 300 Sunday at Riverside International Raceway. Foyt is in it.

The incredible Mr. Foyt adds the final touch of class to an entry field that now totals 52 drivers. He will be going after his 42nd national championship victory (including Indy 500 wins in 1961, '64 and '67), at Riverside Sunday, but if he doesn't win, it will be a long time before any other driver comes close to his win total.

Foyt will drive his Sheraton Thompson Coyote Ford in the 300-mile USAC championship season finale. He doesn't have a season championship at stake, but Foyt is a factor to be contended with by both men who are battling for the point title.



HEISMAN TROPHY . . . O. J. Simpson (32) of USC, getting blocking help from Dan Scott (38), makes one of his long gains against UCLA in Saturday's 28-16 triumph at the Coliseum. Simpson, who yesterday was awarded the Heisman Trophy, symbolic of the college player of the year, will be in action again Saturday against Notre Dame.

(Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

Big Elvin Leads NBA

Super-rookie Elvin Hayes of the San Diego Rockets has vaulted into the NBA scoring lead with 591 points as compared to 566 tallies for Bob Rule of Seattle.

Big Elvin's per game average per game of 31.1 also is highest in the NBA scoring race.

Hayes' scoring spree of 147 points during the past seven-day period was highlighted by three of the best individual efforts during the week when he came up with a high of 45 points against Seattle on Friday night and clicked with 39 against New York on Tuesday and 37 against Philadelphia on Sunday.

Greg Collins, who quarterbacked Bishop Montgomery High to the Camino Real League championship, was named most valuable back in the league by the coaches.

Although Collins ended a 10-game season with a 20 touchdown run and a 53-yard touchdown pass to Greg Reams, the Knights were beaten by Rolling Hills in the CIF playoffs Friday night, 33-14.

A crowd of 5,000 was on hand at El Camino for the first round playoff game.

At first Coach George Swade of Montgomery

thought Rolling Hills simply "blew his team off the field," but after reviewing game films, Swade said, "The movies show we did not hit at all in this game."

The usually tough Montgomery defense let Bruce Sweany slip away for a 30-yard touchdown in the first quarter and he later crashed over twice from the one-yard line.

The score went to 27-7 at the end of the third quarter when Rene Trevino passed 72 yards to Barry Sullivan.

Sullivan got behind Reams for that score, but two minutes later Reams got behind

the Rolling Hills secondary to catch a 53-yard pass to draw within 27-14.

The All-Camino Real League selections list Collins, Reams and guard Don Satterlee both on offense and defense.

Fullback Ed Hanson made the first offensive unit and defensive end Mike McNeil made the defensive platoon along with middle guard William Copeland.

Montgomery . . . 9 7 0 7-14
Rolling Hills . . . 7 13 6-33

Montgomery TDs—Collins (20 yd. run), Reams (53-yd. pass from Collins); PATs—Haren 2 (kicks).

Rolling Hills TDs—Sweany (30, 1 and 1-yd. runs), Glanville (1-yd. run), Sullivan (72-yd. pass from Trevino); PATs—Miglia 3 (kicks).

Football Season Ends for West

After breezing past eight opponents and completing an unbeaten Bay League debut with a fiery 13-7 victory over Santa Monica, the West Warriors ended their 1968 football season with a 24-6 loss to Lakewood High School of the Moore League.

The CIF first round playoff game was played Friday night at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium before a crowd of 4,000.

Lakewood tied El Rancho for the Moore League title with a 4-1 record. El Rancho defeated Chaffey in the playoffs, 47-19.

Coach John Ford's Lakewood Lancers scored a touchdown in each of the first two periods and added a third touchdown and field goal in the closing quarter.

The first TD was the result of a faulty punt attempt by West in the first period.

Paul Smith had to "eat" a poor pass from center on his own 19 yard line and Lakewood's Al Lemmerman immediately took off on a 19-yard scoring play. Lemmerman scored three touchdowns in the game while quarterback Mike Rae tallied three conversions and a 32-yard field goal.

West's only touchdown came in the second quarter to narrow the gap to 7-6 for Lakewood.

Quarterback Coy Hall who completed 20 of 30 passes for 204 yards, tossed two passes to Gary Kendrick for 27 yards and finally spotted Gary Hulsey for a 7-yard touchdown.

Lakewood ran the score to 14-7 before halftime as Lemmerman ripped 9 yards to the end zone. He carried 9 of 10 times in the drive.

After Paul Johnson missed a field goal try for West, the Lancers went 80 yards. The TD came on a 45 yard burst by Lemmerman.

West . . . 9 6 0 0-6
Lakewood . . . 7 7 0 10-24

West TD — Hulsey (7 yd. pass from Hall).
Lakewood TDs — Lemmerman (19, 6, 45 yd. runs); PATs — Rae (2 kicks, 1 run); FG — Rae (32 yd. kick).

Trotters In Night Programs

The battle for supremacy among trotters at Hollywood Park will reach a juncture Friday night when Western Harness Racing presents the \$25,000 Pacific Trot.

The one-mile event will highlight an exciting holiday weekend of harness racing, including a Thanksgiving Night program, and will showcase practically every top pacer and trotter in the West. First post time Thanksgiving Night, as well as Friday and Saturday, is 7:30 p.m.

The Pacific Trot is expected to attract the leading candidates for the \$75,000 American Trotting Classic, as well as several recent developments who have their sights set on earning invitations to the rich championship event.

The Pacific and the Trot Classic, as well as their counterparts for the pacing division, were recently rescheduled for Friday nights instead of Saturday nights.

Richard Rhoads' Faffee, an 8-year-old who has demonstrated a great liking for the Hollywood Park strip, has been practically unbeatable since he picked up the services of leading driver Bobby Williams.

On successive Saturday's the speedy gelding went from wire-to-wire to turn back the best trotters in training, and earn the role of advance favorite for the Trotting Classic.

Grand Prix Scheduled For Ascot

Indianapolis 500 winner A. J. Foyt of Houston, two-time National driving champion Mario Andretti of Nazareth, Pa., and this year's 500 winner Bobby Unser of Albuquerque will compete in Thursday night's 28th running of the annual 150-lap USAC Midget racing Grand Prix at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Racing director J. C. Agajanian signed the best field in the history of the Grand Prix, dating back to 1934. The first race was run at the old Gilmore Stadium in Hollywood.

Foyt, five-times national driving champion, will seek his third victory in the annual Thanksgiving Day evening classic. He will drive the Hollywood Spring and Axle Offy owned by Marv Edwards.

Andretti and Unser will be seeking their first Turkey night wins. Mario was riding out front in last year's race when he spun midway through the event, and had to settle for a fourth place finish.



150-MILE TEST . . . Mario Andretti, who drove the Vel's-Parnelli Jones Special in last Thanksgiving Day's Grand Prix, will be back

in the race Thursday. The traditional auto racing event has been held since 1934, when first run at Gilmore Stadium.