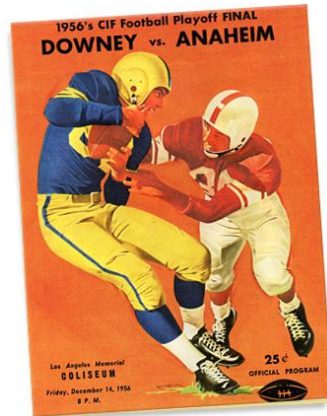
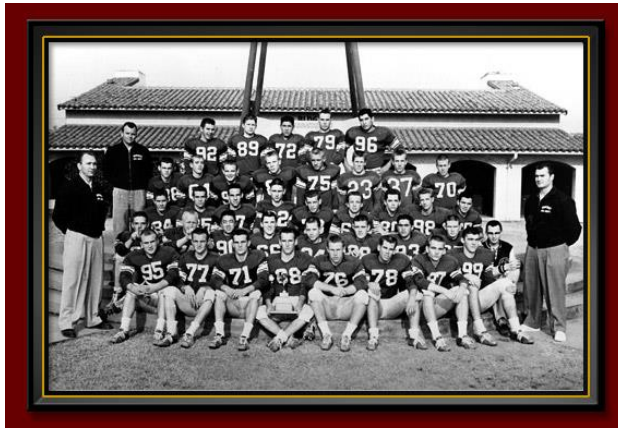


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1956



**THE DREAM GAME
DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL vs. ANAHEIM HIGH SCHOOL
LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM
DECEMBER 14, 1956
RANDY MEADOWS AND MICKEY FLYNN**



Anaheim High School...football glory days...#25 Mickey Flynn

Attendance...41,383
Unofficial attendance...60,000





FLYNN VS. MEADOWS

JOHN DE LA VEGA

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FLYNN VS. MEADOWS

Anaheim, Downey Collide in Prep Titanic Friday Night at Coliseum

BY JOHN DE LA VEGA

Anaheim vs. Downey.
Mickey Flynn vs. Randy
Meadows. Friday night at the
coliseum.

This has to be the greatest clash of Southland prep football powers. Each team has won 12 straight. Each has

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scored more than 420 points. And both are improving at an amazing rate, as witness their playoff triumphs when the competition supposedly got tougher.

Take last week's semis. Anaheim speeds past Redlands, 42-20, as Mickey has his best night. Downey downs previously undefeated Antelope Valley 46-13, with Meadows darting for touch-down runs of 75, 65, 65 and 58 yards.

In three play-off tests Dow-

ney has averaged 45 points a seen this fabulous pair in
game. Anahcim 36! action ask us: what makes

Going back into the past, there was a titanic billed in 1931 between Santa Monica

1921 between Santa Monica and L.A. Poly. Parry O'Brien Sr. led Samohi to a 41-0 romp.

In 1939 there was the tussle between Santa Barbara and the state. You just don't catch them from behind.

Change of Pace

But they have a lot more on the ball than hotfoot. Flynn follows interference as well as any prop we've ever

Hottest contest in recent years was the Pomona-Monrovia shindig in 1951. Both teams had won 11 straight but Marty Keough took charge and Pomona won, 26-13.

Scoring Record

Incidentally, it has gone almost unnoticed that Meadows, in scoring 197 points, has set a CIF, Central Group record. Previous highest was

We could find was the 160 Both, of course, have fine
Keough registered in '51. help from teammates. Work-
Meadows is averaging 16.4 ing out of a tight T, the back-
yards per carry, with 2038 fields execute marvelous de-
in 120 tries. ception. And the downfield

Flynn, last year's Player of the Year, is just about on his 1955 pace although he

has missed quite a bit of



At Anaheim High School, from 1954 to 1957, Mickey Flynn scored 55 touchdowns, averaging one for every 4½ times he handled the ball.

CIF Scoring Title Cinched by Meadows
Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Dec 4, 1956;
 pg. C2

CIF Scoring Title Cinched by Meadows

The showdown games are still to come but Randy Meadows, Downey's dazzling half-back, has sewed up the CIF football scoring championship with 163 points in 11 games.

The nearest contenders still in the play-offs are Brearley's Loy Coon, with 117 markers and one game to go, and Anaheim's Mickey Flynn, at 108 and a possible two more contests.

Could Hike Total

Meadows, of course, also has a possibility of hiking his total should the Vikings keep on winning.

The city wound up its abbreviated schedule with Van Nuys' Jerry Mollett scoring three times to regain the title at 90 points in eight games. Joe Doolittle of Canoga Park, last week's pace-setter, went scoreless in his finale.

The leaders:

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TONIGHT
JOHN DE LA VEGA

Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Dec 14, 1956; ProQuest Historical Newspapers Los Angeles Times (1881 - 1985)
pg. C1



PREP PHENOMS COLLIDE — Two of the greatest backs in Southland prep annals—Randy Meadows

of Downey, left, and Mickey Flynn of Anaheim—will lead their teams into action in the Coliseum tonight

in the CIF, Central Group, football finals. A crowd of 30,000 fans is anticipated at prep gridiron titanic. Times photos

TONIGHT Anaheim, Downey in Titanic

BY JOHN DE LA VEGA

OK, this is it. Starting at 8 p.m. at the Coliseum, Downey and Anaheim High Schools take the field in what should be the dangedest football Donnybrook in Southland prep annals. The CIF, Central Group, title is at stake.

It's first come, first served, with only a block of seats saved for the rooting sections. And this prepdom show of shows is popularly priced, only \$1.50.

Meadows vs. Flynn

Big attraction, of course, is the face-off between Downey's Randy Meadows and Anaheim's Mickey Flynn.

How They Compare

Player	TCB	NYG	Ave.	TD	TP
Meadows	125	2015	16.9	23	100
Flynn	77	1232	16.1	20	120

These two "flashbacks" have been wowing their followers all season with dazzling dashes.

If we have another warm evening CIF Commissioner Ken Fagans is hoping for a throng of 30,000 to see the showdown.

Long Win Streak

The game is a prep natural such as the Southland has never had before. Here are two teams with 12 triumphs apiece, each averaging 35 points a game.

Anaheim is on a 24-game streak without a loss, has by far its best team in history. But every statistic the Colonists can put up Downey can match, at least.

Take Flynn, last year's CIF Player of the Year. Even while missing virtually three full games with a gimpy ankle, he has scored 20 touchdowns, 120 points. He's averaged a whopping 16.1 yards on 77 carries for 1232 yards.

Meadows has tallied 20 touchdowns, added 16 extra points for 190 points. This breaks the Central Group record of 160 set by Pomona's Marty Kough in 1951. You get an idea of how powerful and fast he must be when you read this stat: 20 of his

29 touchdowns have been made from at least 50 yards out!

Randy's yardage figures are phenomenal — gained 2016 yards in 126 carries for a neat 16 yards per.

In total scoring they're almost as even as can be. Downey has 428 points, Anaheim 423. Their defensive records are equally even. Anaheim yielding 101 and Downey 112. This phase would be much better but for the fact that subs play an unusually large part of the games.

Let's compare 'em physically. Anaheim's line, the biggest Coach Clare Van Hoorebeke has had, averages 180.7. Mentor Dick Hill's Downey forwards average 175. But the Anaheim backfield, which includes 136-pound Quarterback Johnny McDonald, hits only 152 to

From all the means of comparison, we could find only one that would give Downey an edge. That is in conversions. Viking QB Jack Trumbo has made good on 27 of 29 extra-point tries, and both misses were due to faulty center passes. John Baker,

Anaheim's PAT specialist, has toed 36 out of 52.

We can't visualize either side putting the clamp on the other. We see a wide open

Season Records

ANAHEIM	DOWNY
6 *Redlands	7 *Fullerton
19 *Las Vegas	35 *Gar. Grove
38 Newport	39 L.B. Poly
42 Hts. Beach	39 L.B. Jordan
54 La. Habra	45 Paramount
41 Santa Ana	13 L.B. Wilson
44 Gar. Grove	41 Lynwood
50 Orange	32 Excelsior
21 Fullerton	42 Compton
22 Compton	34 San Diego
34 S.D. H'yer	34 Rev. Hills
42 Redlands	46 Ant. Val.
423	101 428
101 428	112

* — Nonleague game; † — Play-off game.

game, with an unusual amount of passing although neither club ordinarily leans on its air arm. That's a logical

deduction; for the defenses will be set to stop the break-away runs. We think the passing will not only connect, but also serve the purpose of opening up the running defense.

An important point is that neither side can afford to overload in trying to stymie Meadows or Flynn. In Joe Avitia and Bill Mauerhan, Anaheim has backs who can inflict plenty of damage.

Conversely, Downey has Joe Sallinger and Brent McDowell to complement Meadows. Both are trackmen and run just a step behind Randy.

So we can see the scoreboard when the final gun sounds: Downey, 28; Anaheim, 27.

Downey's 167. So as a team Downey has the edge, 172-171. How much closer can you get?

We've pondered the outcome ever since both teams smashed their way into the finals. Anaheim routed Redlands, 42-20 and Downey swamped Antelope Valley, 46-13.

Lines of Downey, Anaheim Hailed

JOHN DE LA VEGA

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TACKLE — Harley Widmark is mainstay of Downey's outstanding line.

Lines of Downey, Anaheim Hailed

BY JOHN DE LA VEGA

So much has been written about the fabulous feats of Downey's Randy Meadows and Anaheim's Mickey Flynn that one fact has been overlooked — both lads are operating behind terrific lines.

When the two teams hook up tomorrow night at the Coliseum you can be sure of one thing. Those players up front will have an awfully lot to do with determining how the heralded duel comes out.

Neither side is particularly big, but that's the way Coaches Dick Hill of Downey and Anaheim's Clare Van Hoorebeke prefer it. Both emphasize speed, maneuverability and guts.

Weights Even

In average weight Anaheim has a slight edge, 181 to 175.

Only three of Downey's linemen were regulars last year — Tackle Harley Widmark, 185, Guard Gene Hubbard, 180, and Center Larry Stevenson, 155. Two others, Guard Dave Okura, 170, and Tackle Stan Perumean, 205, have improved so fast that Coach Hill rates them with the best. Widmark was chosen the outstanding lineman in the Coast League by member coaches.

Six of Anaheim's seven linemen were picked on the All-Sunset League first team, either on the offensive or defensive platoons.

End Gary Frederick, 187, is a classy receiver and brilliant interference runner. Last week, when Flynn raced 31 and 49 yards for touchdowns, and 35 yards to the Redlands 23 with an intercepted pass, Frederick was in front of Flynn all the way.

Go Both Ways

Tackles Marshall Shirk and Gene Morford, each 191, go both ways and are the bulwarks of the Colonist defense.

Frederick occasionally spells one of them on defense.

Jerry Morgan, 169 pounds at left guard, does linebacking duty on defense and usually pulls out on the attack. Speed is his forte. Norby Keolanui, the other guard, weighs 179 and has been doing an outstanding job.

Although playing only offense, Center Don Brockett, 178, is as good as they come.

Anaheim has a good guard out with a broken arm in Joel Hoare but Tackle Jack Bohan, 168-pound junior, has been a pleasant surprise as a sub. He goes both ways.

Even if the line play decides the outcome we can't offer a key to which will be champ. They're that close.

PREP PATTER

JOHN DE LA VEGA

Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File), Dec 13, 1956; pg. C6

PREP PATTER

BY JOHN DE LA VEGA

There are all sorts of incidents and angles surrounding tomorrow night's tremendous game between Downey and Anaheim for the Southland football championship.

One is the fact that the two teams have actually met this season. It was a pre-season scrimmage. Coaches Dick Hill of Downey and Anaheim's Clare Van Hoorebeke agree it doesn't mean much, since they weren't using their best team against the opposing firsts. But it's significant that Downey gained by far the most yardage, and Hill admits that he saw lots of potential at that time, despite a relatively inexperienced line.

Hill also brings out a point about his star scorer, Randy Meadows. With all the publicity about Mickey Flynn's aching ankle the past month, Hill reveals that Meadows has also been hampered by an ankle twist. What makes it really odd is that both were being treated by the same medico, Sam Gendel, the Anaheim team physician.

Almost Perfect Shape

Best information we have is that Meadows will be pretty close to perfect shape while Mickey will be about 90% himself.

Neither team has ever won the CIF title, or even reached the finals. Yet Anaheim has had two undefeated seasons. In 1955,

they tied Santa Monica, 21-21, in the semis but were eliminated by the margin of one first down. Last year they tied San Diego in that uproarious contest, 20-20, but lost out again on three less first downs. Both Samohi and San Diego went on to the title.

Although Downey finally won in a walk, 46-13, it had its scare against Antelope Valley last week. They fumbled the first three times with the ball. Hill attributes this to the bitter cold and wind out at Lancaster. And praises his kids for the quick adjustment.

Identical Systems

Incidentally, Hill and Van Hoorebeke use almost the identical type of attack, a tight T with all sorts of daisy-do faking and spinning by the quarterback. This is significant in the face of so many prep mentors following the colleges into the split-T and belly series.

Expressing great respect of the other, the rival coaches say they don't know how they can stop their opponent. No matter how flashy the backs, we've got a hunch it will be up front where the game will be decided. And the breaks.

Speaking of breaks, Van Hoorebeke will grasp at any straw. He's hoping Meadows trips over a chalk line.

1956's CIF Football Playoff FINAL
DOWNNEY vs. ANAHEIM



Los Angeles Memorial
COLISEUM

Friday, December 14, 1956
8 P. M.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM



Anaheim Colonists Boast of Their Fine Players --- Four in Particular



Fullback

JOE AVITIA

24

☛ This is the back considered the best all-round team player on the squad. He carries more times than any other Colonist back, calls defensive signals, and backs up the line with authority. He was all-CIF fullback last year, second team.

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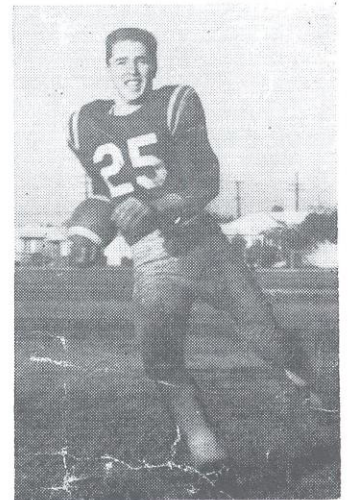
ANAHEIM'S

ALL - CIF

BACKFIELD

CANDIDATES

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Left half

MICKEY FLYNN

25

Here's the player that was all-everything last season and is an improved runner this year. With Anaheim rolling up 424 points, Flynn was used sparingly; consequently he did not roll up as huge a total as it would have been possible. ☛



End

GARY FREDERICK

40

☛ He's a 2-year all-Sunset League first stringer that has the finesse characteristic of tall receivers. Frederick catches the clutch passes necessary for an explosive type offense. He does an excellent job of containing the opposition on his side.

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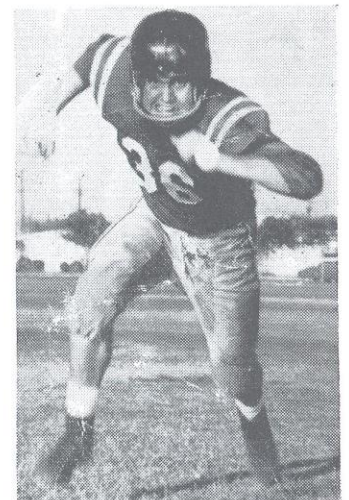
ANAHEIM'S

ALL - CIF

LINEMEN

CANDIDATES

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Tackle

GENE MORFORD

67

Acknowledged as a big, fast, and rugged tackle, Morford plays both ways and is the tower of strength on the line. He's a repeater this year on the all-league first string selection. He's played three years in the CIF playoffs. ☛

ANAHEIM'S "COACH OF THE YEAR" FOR 6 YEARS AND Builder of Grid Champs

There's nothing like success to whet the appetite of the legion of football fans anywhere in the country. That's one of the reasons why Anaheim's Head Football Coach Clare Van Hoorebeke is held in such high esteem throughout Southern California and particularly in the Mother Colony of Orange county. Since taking over at Anaheim High in 1950, Van has directed his teams to 34 Sunset League victories in 38 contests. In addition to this he has posted a 7-1-2 record in four CIF playoffs; this makes an overall record of 41 wins, three losses, and four ties in 48 games. Altogether he has posted a .896 percentage at Anaheim.

Born in Riverside, Van played all his high school athletics at Huntington Beach High. He attended Arizona State at Tempe for four years, successfully playing and learning the game of football. His first coaching assignment was frosh football and baseball at Arizona State. From there, he moved to the newly formed North Phoenix High.

Coach Van Hoorebeke left Phoenix in 1950, taking over the Mother Colony's grid fortunes in the fall of the '50 season; the rest is Southern California prep football history. Van has directed his teams to six straight Sunset League championships.

Since losing two games in 1950, his first year in getting things whipped into shape, his teams have won 24 straight games without a loss or a tie. The Vanmen have gone through the past 35 straight Sunset League games without a defeat. Undoubtedly, this is a CIF record for any major school in the large schools division.

Handing Van his only two setbacks were Newport Harbor 35-13 and Fullerton 19-12, both in 1950. Since then Anaheim has been tied twice: Huntington Beach 6-6 and Fullerton 13-13, both recorded in 1952. Consequently, the Fullerton Indians, arch rivals within the league, have fared better than the other league members.

Point-wise, here is how the Sunset League teams have fared in seven seasons against Van's aggregations at Anaheim:

In 1950, playing five league games, Van's team ran up 113 to 73 points averaging 22.6 points per game, again in 1951 it was 113-20 for a 22.6 average, in 1952 the offensive dipped down to a 64-39 record averaging 12.8. Starting in 1953 his offensive began to jell and he tallied a 140-

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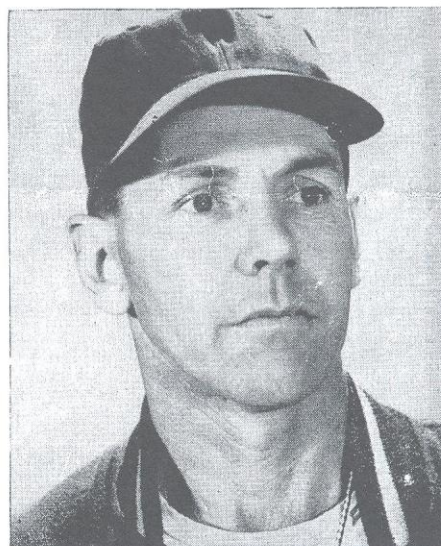
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39 record to average 28 points; in 1955 it was 168-34 for six games to average an even 28 points; and capping it off was 290-68 for the 1956 season for a 41.4 average for seven-game league schedule.

School	W	L	T	Pts.	Ana
Fullerton	1	5	1	62	126
Newport	1	6	0	107	185
Huntington B. ..	0	6	1	38	176
Santa Ana	0	7	0	53	214
Orange	0	7	0	60	216
Garden Grove ..	0	2	0	0	72
La Habra	0	1	0	7	54

For three of the past four years the Vanmen have advanced to the CIF semi-finals and in 1954



COACHING CHAMPION — Anaheim's Clare Van Hoorebeke, a maker of champions, sends his 12-game undefeated 1956 Colonists against the Downey Vikings with a similar record for the football championship of Southern California. During the past four years Van's aggregations have entered the CIF playoffs and have posted a 7-win, 1-loss, and 2-tie record.

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lost out in the quarter-final tilt. In 1953 Anaheim drew a first-round bye, then defeated San Diego High 21-7, and tied San'a Monica 21-21, losing out on a one first-down decision. In 1954 the Vanmen took Covina 35-6, and were leading Glendale Hoover when a broken ankle sustained by Paul Grover upset the team and they lost 27-13. Last year the Colonists beat Mt. Carmel 39-14, Glendale 27-13, and tied San Diego 20-20 to again be eliminated via the first-down edict.

This year Anaheim has advanced to the finals for the first time with two practice games wins, seven league tilt victories, and three CIF playoff triumphs. Tonight comes the fourth step, the big one, that leads to the coveted championship following CIF playoff victories over Compton 32-7, San Diego 34-6, and Redlands 42-20 to run Van's undefeated win skein to 24 games for two years.

Probable Starting Lineup

DOWNEY VIKINGS

POSITION		NAME		NUMBER		
LE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	RE
Meyers	Perumin	Hubbard	Stevenson	Okura	Widmark	Flowers
87	93	88	66	90	74	95
QB						
Trumbo						
77						
LH		FB		RH		
Meadows		Sallinger		McDowell		
71		76		68		

Athletic Director: Bill Smitheran.
 Head Coach: Dick Hill.
 Assistant Coach: Bob Taylor.
 J. V. Coach: Chuck Hannah.
 Formation Used: Standard T.
 Jerseys: Dark Red with White Lettering

"COKE" IS A REGISTERED TRADE-MARK

Probable Starting Lineup

ANAHEIM COLONISTS

POSITION		NAME		NUMBER		
LE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	RE
Lukens	Morford	Bohan	Brockett	Keolanui	Shirk	Frederick
21	67	65	52	54	76	40
QB						
McDonald						
56						
LH		FB		RH		
Flynn		Avitia		Mauerhan		
25		24		12		

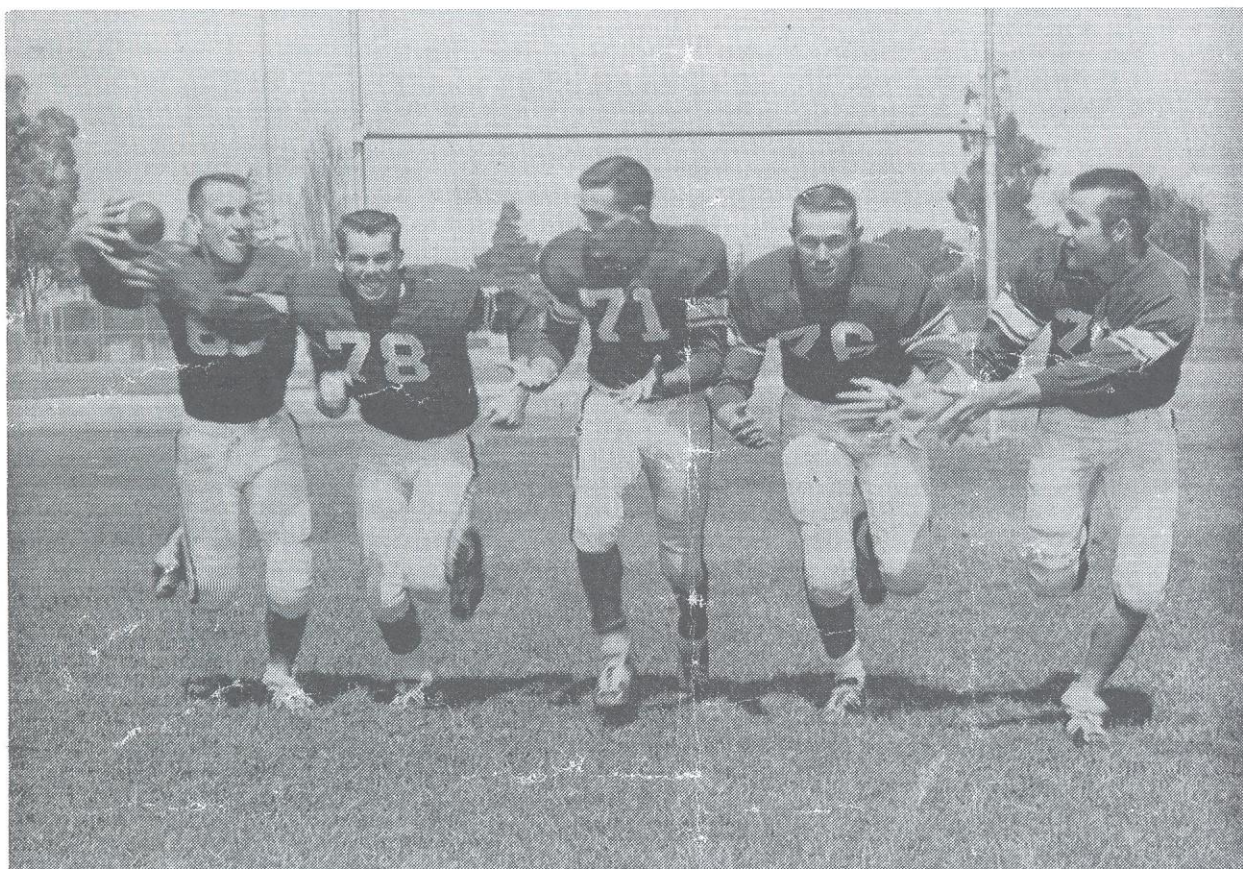
Athletic Director: Dick Glover.
 Head Coach: Clare VanHoorebeke.
 Line Coach: John Wallin.
 End Coach: Brant Cowser.
 Scout Coach: Bob Hager.
 Formation Used: Standard-T.



1956's SEASONAL RECORDS FOR DOWNEY - ANAHEIM

Anaheim	6	Redlands	0	Downey	7	Fullerton	0
Anaheim	19	Las Vegas	0	Downey	28	Garden Grove	0
Anaheim	38	Newport	20	Downey	39	L. B. Poly	6
Anaheim	42	Huntington Beach	13	Downey	39	L.B. Jordan	0
Anaheim	54	La Habra	7	Downey	45	Paramount	20
Anaheim	41	Santa Ana	14	Downey	13	L.B. Wilson	7
Anaheim	44	Garden Grove	0	Downey	41	Lynwood	6
Anaheim	50	Orange	7	Downey	32	Excelsior	19
Anaheim	21	Fullerton	7	Downey	42	Compton	7
Anaheim	32	Compton	7	Downey	35	San Diego	21
Anaheim	34	S.D. Hoover	6	Downey	56	Beverly Hills	12
Anaheim	42	Redlands	20	Downey	46	Antelope Valley	13
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Vikings to Feature Power



Leading the high-powered Downey offensive are five exceptionally fine backs, each capable of exploding for the long touchdown run at any given time. The quintet of Brent McDowell, Ronnie Russell, Randy Meadows, Joe Sallinger, and Jack Trumbo are shown above. Left half Randy Meadows, 71, is the top scorer in Southern California and the chief threat to Mickey Flynn's repeating as the "Player of the Year."

Meadows, fullback Sallinger, and quarterback Trumbo were selected on the all-Coast League first team. McDowell and Russell were second team nominations. Downey's offensive has clicked to the tune of 423 points for 12 games averaging 35.25 points per game coming up to its big 13th

test of this drawn-out season in tonight's finale.

Doped at the outset of the season as the two teams most likely to succeed and meet in the finals, Downey and Anaheim have come through as predicted. Both teams have emerged from 12 games undefeated and untied. Downey has rolled up 423, and Anaheim has amassed a total of 424. Downey has had 111 points scored against them, and the Colonists allowed 101.

It is generally conceded that comparative scores mean little or nothing, but the Vikings and the Colonists did have three common opponents, namely: Fullerton, Garden Grove, and Compton. In these games Downey ran up a 85-7 count, while the Colonists recorded a 97-14 tabulation.

1956's CIF Football Playoffs

16-TEAM BRACKETS AND PAIRINGS FOR FOUR WEEK'S PLAY

FIRST WEEK	LEAGUE	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
Anaheim (32)	Sunset	Anaheim (34)	Anaheim (42)	Anaheim ()
Compton (6)	Coast No. 2			
Helix (13)	Metropolitan	S. D. Hoover (6)		
Hoover (21)	San Diego			
Whittier (14)	Pacific	Whittier (6)	Redlands (20)	
Montebello (0)	San Gabriel			
Hawthorne (14)	Pioneer No. 2			
Redlands (34)	Citrus Belt			
Downey (35)	Coast	Downey (54)		1956's Champion
San Diego (21)	San Diego No. 2		Downey (46)	
Redondo (0)	Bay	Beverly Hills (14)		Downey ()
Beverly Hills (21)	Pioneer			
Burbank (21)	Foothill	Antelope Valley (14)		
Antelope Valley (28)	Ventura		Antelope Valley (13)	
Riverside (0)	Citrus Belt No. 2			
Mt. Carmel (19)	Catholic	Mt. Carmel (13)		

Official Team Rosters

ANAHEIM HIGH COLONIST

No.	Name	Wt.	Grade	Pos.
11-Lamas, Vince	130	12	HB	
12-Mauerhan, Bill	155	12	HB	
13-Fennell, Blake	140	10	HB	
14-Cooper, Phil	140	11	C	
15-Penfield, Don	155	12	HB	
16-Reyes, Andy	140	11	F	
17-Morgan, Jerry	169	12	G	
18-Lombard, Kent	155	12	HB	
19-Lyons, Steve	150	12	G	
21-Lukens, Bob	170	12	E	
22-Lipshin, Jerry	173	12	FB	
23-Masson, Matt	183	11	T	
24-Avitia, Joe	156	12	FB	
25-Flynn, Mickey	164	12	HB	
28-Swisher, Gene	169	12	G	
29-Ramsey, Don	156	12	G	
30-Rodarte, Jim	140	11	QB	
31-Bragg, George	164	10	E	
32-Wallin, Keith	151	12	T	
33-Doerr, Tom	151	12	E	
34-Bagnard, Dave	179	11	E	
35-Baker, John	171	11	K	
36-Hushman, John	194	11	T	
37-Leigh, Tom	199	12	T	
38-Holetz, George	179	12	T	
39-Lipshin, Jerry	160	11	E	
40-Frederick, Gary	187	12	E	
41-Halbrook, Ronal	187	10	T	
42-Tikka, Al	171	12	G	
43-Hutto, Tony	207	12	T	
45-Baker, Bob	150	10	C	
46-Smith, Mike	159	12	E	
47-Woods, Bob	161	12	HB	
48-Downing, Ken	164	11	G	
49-Dickey, Jim	166	12	G	
50-Shrabel, Gene	171	10	T	
51-Enzenauer, Jerry	165	11	E	
52-Brockett, Don	178	12	C	
53-Snow, Karol	167	11	E	
54-Keolanui, Norby	179	11	G	
55-Knowles, Irv	136	11	QB	
56-McDonald, John	136	12	QB	
57-Howery, Ken	157	12	E	
58-Cook, Don	156	11	FB	
59-Ratzlaff, Dale	146	12	HB	
60-McPhillips, Bob	143	10	HB	
61-Eckersley, John	161	12	G	
62-Essex, Bill	160	11	C	
63-Tanaka, Taka	141	12	G	
64-Flynn, Jack	171	12	T	
65-Bohan, Jack	166	11	T	
66-Manning, Jim	167	11	HB-E	
67-Morford, Gene	191	12	T	
68-Thornton, Gary	165	11	T	
69-Williams, Bruce	151	12	E	
70-Hoare, Joal	179	12	G	
71-Rapp, Don	176	12	T	
73-Young, Steve	177	11	T	
74-Conyers, Floyd	171	12	T	
75-Arnold, Bud	184	11	C	
76-Shirk, Marshall	191	11	T	

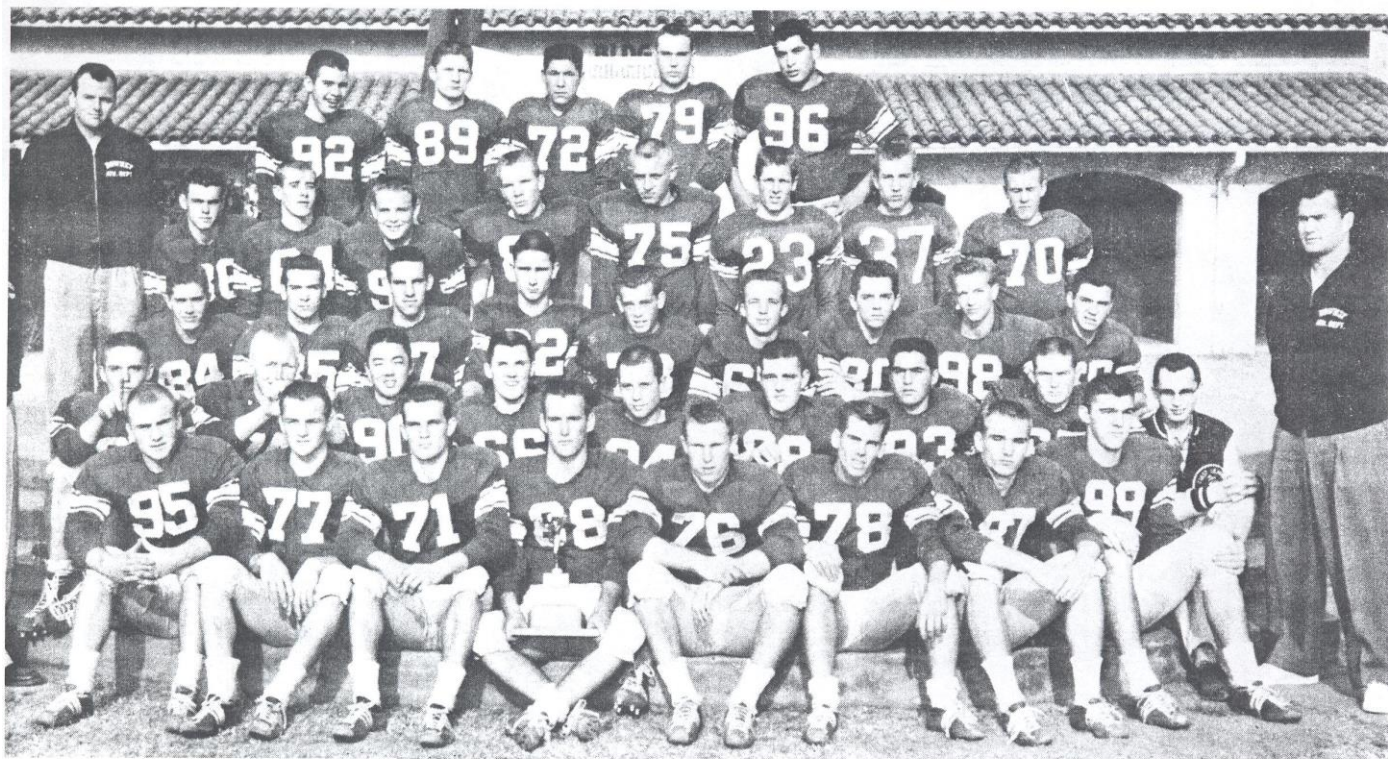
DOWNEY HIGH VIKINGS

No.	Name	Wt.	Grade	Pos.
65-Mitchner, T.		150	12	E
66-Stevenson, L.		155	12	C
67-McCarty, Z.		162	12	G
68-McDowell, Brent		165	12	RH
69-Moon, D.		150	11	HB
70-Pickard, B.		155	12	E
71-Meadows, Randy		165	12	LH
72-Garcia, W.		160	11	G
73-Gallagher, F.		150	11	FB
74-Widmark, Harley		185	12	RT
75-Warren, K.		165	11	E
76-Sallinger, Joe		194	12	FB
77-Trumbo, Jack		173	12	QB
78-Russell, Ron		168	12	HB
79-Malstead, R.		151	11	E
80-Yoder, P.		175	11	QB
81-Williams, E.		170	11	E
82-Hudson, B.		185	12	C
83-Harris, B.		190	11	G
84-Seeley, D.		185	12	T
85-Hines, K.		158	12	HB
86-Capaci, J.		150	11	QB
87-Myers, V.		180	12	E
88-Hubbard, G.		180	12	G
89-Eis, J.		168	10	FB
90-Okura, Dave		170	12	G
91-Skinner, S.		180	11	G
92-Spawr, B.		160	11	HB
93-Perumean, Stan		205	12	LT
94-Mooschekian, L.		165	12	G
95-Flowers, J.		170	12	RE
96-Gammell, D.		230	11	T
97-Zeuthen, J.		190	12	T
98-Pasich		156	12	HB
99-Quinn, J.		210	11	E

ANAHEIM PLAIN JERSEYS

10-Turner, Dan	151	11	E
38-Rongitsch, Dennis	164	12	T
45-Fruits, John	179	12	C
51-Burgess, Bob	174	10	T
52-Key, Delmar	193	10	G
54-Jackson, Roger	156	11	E
60-Bird, Gerald	197	11	T
63-Goebel, Paul	141	12	T





1956 FOOTBALL SQUAD (At Close of Season)

Bottom Row: Asst. Coach Bob Taylor (standing), Jim Flowers, Jack Trumbo, Randy Meadows, Capt. Brent McDowell, Joe Sallinger, Ronnie Russell, Vince Myers, Jim Quinn, Coach Dick Hill (standing)
 Second Row: Bob Harris, Harley Widmark, Dave Okura, Lash Stevenson, Lee Mooschekian, Gene Hubbard, Stan Perumean, Tony Mitchener, Terry Cisco (mgr.)
 Third Row: Dick Seeley, Keith Hines, John Zeuthen, Brian Hudson, Fred Gallagher, Zack McCarty, Pete Yoder, Dan Pasich, Dallas Moon
 Fourth Row: Trainer Dan Arnheim (standing), Jeff Capaci, Bob Wynkoop, Steve Skinner, Eddie Williams, Ken Warren, Bert DuMars, Bill Hauck, Bruce Pickard
 Top Row: Bill Spawr, Jim Eis, Bill Garcia, Roger Malstead, Dave Gammell

1956 VARSITY FOOTBALL RECORD

DOWNEY 7; Fullerton 0 at Downey
 DOWNEY 35; Garden Grove 0 at Garden Grove
 DOWNEY 39; Long Beach Polytechnic 6 at Long Beach Memorial Stadium
 DOWNEY 39; Long Beach Jordan 0 at Downey
 DOWNEY 45; Paramount 20 at Downey
 DOWNEY 13; Long Beach Wilson 7 at Wilson
 DOWNEY 41; Lynwood 6 at Downey
 DOWNEY 32; Excelsior 19 at Excelsior
 DOWNEY 42; Compton 7 at Downey

CIF Playoffs

DOWNEY 35; San Diego 21 at Long Beach Memorial Stadium
 DOWNEY 54; Beverly Hills 13 at Long Beach Memorial Stadium
 DOWNEY 46; Antelope Valley 13 at Lancaster
 DOWNEY 13; Anaheim 13 at Los Angeles Coliseum

DOWNEY, ANAHEIM BATTLE TO 13-13 TIE

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DOWNEY, ANAHEIM BATTLE TO 13-13 TIE

Flynn, Meadows Both Star

BY JOHN DE LA VEGA

It actually didn't settle anything, but Anaheim and Downey High Schools put on a spectacular show for the CIF prep football championship at the Coliseum last night before a highly appreciative audience of 41,383.

It wound up a 13-13 standoff, so they are co-champs. And the heralded face-off between Anaheim's Mickey Flynn and Downey's Randy Meadows also wound up rather even.

Each had one dazzling run in the first quarter that had the throng roaring. Late in the first Mickey burst

How They Scored

FIRST QUARTER	
Anaheim Downey	Time
1 0 Flynn, 42-yd. run...	9:15
2 0 Baker, 40-yd. pass...	11:04
THIRD QUARTER	
3 6 Flynn, 10-yd. run...	8:31
FOURTH QUARTER	
13 13 Russell, 1-yd. pass...	3:03
13 13 Russell, 1-yd. run...	

through tackle, cut out and went 62 yards to put Anaheim on the scoreboard first. John Baker's conversion made it 7-0.

Just a couple of minutes later Meadows took off around right end, made the turn in full flight and went the distance, 69 yards.

Close Averages

For the evening Flynn carried 17 times, gained 134 yards for a 7.9 average. Meadows, though hampered by an elbow injury received early in the first, gained a total of 112 yards on 10 tries, an 11.2 average.

Oddly, Meadows was hurt tackling Flynn on the game's third play.

Which was better? Well, neither. As it turned out Flynn had more chances to use his superspeed on bursts that picked up anywhere from five to 12 yards. Several times it took sheer speed and maneuverability to keep from losing ground.

Meadows did not break loose again but kept hitting hard for short gains that kept drives going. However, he was used mostly as a decoy out wide.

In total yards gained Downey had an edge of 310 to 237 and in first downs it was Downey 14-10.

Under CIF play-off rules the team making the most first downs advanced to the title contest. But in the final

first downs had no bearing on determining the champion.

Credit must go to all the players, but especially to Flynn and Meadows and rival quarterbacks, Johnny McDonald, Anaheim's amazing 136-pounder, and Jack Trumbo of Downey. They handled the hide like pros.

Downey Rallies

And lest we forget, here's one big plug for Joe Avitia, Anaheim's 156-pound superman of a fullback. Besides gaining 63 yards in 11 tries for a 5.36 average, he was a mountain on defense. It's safe to say he was in on more than half the tackles.

As it turned out, it took a fourth-period drive of 77 yards in 12 plays for Downey to salvage the tie. After the second touchdown the tying point was a left-end run with

a pitchout by Ron Russell, Meadows' sub.

The game started out lively enough. Anaheim keeping the ball for 12 plays and three first downs to the Downey 35, but a 10-yard loss stymied the drive. The Vikings couldn't make even one first down so punted to the Anaheim 29.

Two plays gained nine yards and then Flynn flew. Starting off right tackle, Mickey sped past a cluster of Vikings 5 yards downfield. Swiftly he cut out and was in the clear with only Safetyman Brent McDowell in front of him. As Flynn passed the 30 he eased up and shook his hip.

62-Yard Sprint

The maneuver faked McDowell out and he sprawled in front of Flynn, who neatly stepped aside and continued the 62-yard jaunt. After Baker added the seventh point it was Anaheim, 7-0, with 9:15 played in the first.

Two plays after the next kickoff Meadows took the spotlight. On a third-and-1 on his 31, Randy circled his right end with a blocker in front. Two Anaheim players had a shot at Meadows from the side but once Meadows put it into high there was no overhauling him. But Trumbo's conversion kick was wide and Anaheim clung to a 7-6 edge.

That was all the scoring in the first half.

Anaheim Drives

Anaheim boosted its lead in the third quarter on a drive of 65 yards in 12 tries. Flynn carried the brunt, going five times for 8, 20, 3, 9 and 7 yards. On the latter play, a pitchout, he almost made the end zone but was shut out on the 1. He was given the honor on the next play and Mickey scored through the middle.

But when Baker's conversion kick was wide it set up a possible tie.

Downey didn't mull it. After the kickoff the Vikings went the necessary 77 yards in 12 plays. Big gainers were by Russell, who went 13 to start it, and McDowell, who contributed gains of 17 and 9.

Russell finally scored from the 1. And he took a pitchout for the extra point, sweeping left end and going over easily.

So there you have it, two great teams, two great players and you just can't separate them.



MICKY GOES, RANDY HURT — Randy Meadows (71) of Downey tackles Anaheim's Mickey Flynn on third play of CIF

championship at Coliseum. Randy injured arm on play while Mickey gained eight yards. No. 93 is Stan Perumean of Downey. Times photo by Art Scaife

SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Anaheim	7 0 0 0-13
Downey	6 0 0 7-13

TEAM STATISTICS	
Anaheim	Downey
Yards gained running	243 291
Yards lost running	25 11
Net yards running	220 280
Forward passes attempted	4 3
Forward passes completed	2 1
Forward passes intercepted	0 2
Yards gained passing	17 20
Yards lost passing	13 0
Net yards passing	4 20
First downs running	3 13
First downs passing	0 0
First downs penalties	0 0
Total first downs	3 13
Receiving plays	45 33
Average length punts	45.50 31.50
Yards lost penalties	19 31
Number of fumbles	3 3
Ball lost fumbles	1 0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING	
Anaheim	TOT YDS AVG
Flynn	17 133 7.82
McDonald	11 27 2.45
Avitia	11 63 5.73
Knowles	11 6 0.55
Total	40 243 6.08
Downey	
Meadows	10 112 11.20
Ballinger	11 46 4.18
Russell	11 31 2.82
McDowell	13 65 5.00
Trumbo	3 1 0.33
Total	50 295 5.88

FORWARD PASSES	
Anaheim	PA TC YDS
McDonald	4 2 17
Trumbo	3 1 25

PASS RECEIVERS	
Anaheim	No. YDS
Frederick	1 10
Interp.	1 7
Total	2 17
Downey	
Meyer	1 26

PUNTING	
Anaheim	No. YDS AVG
Baker	2 91 45.50
Downey	
Downey	2 65 32.50

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Record Throng Thrilled When
Flynn-Meadows Duel Ends Even

BY JOHN DE LA VEGA

It was a colorful, fancy tie that will wear mighty well.

That's our description of the 13-13 deadlock played by Anaheim and Downey High Schools Friday night at the Coliseum for the CIF football championship.

The record crowd of 41,383 saw a spectacular show and certainly neither team deserved to lose. The heralded running duel between Anaheim's Mickey Flynn and Randy Meadows of Downey proved both have the stamp of greatness.

Meadows suffered two injuries, a badly bruised elbow on the third play and a hip point early in the second quarter. But in between he got off one of his typical touchdown dashes, a 69-yard spurt around right end.

Quite a Duel

Randy was pretty much on the spot at the time, as Mickey had just zoomed 62 yards to throw the throng into an uproar.

There was little to choose between them in the final figuring. Flynn carried 17 times, more than twice what he usually does, for a net gain of 134 yards and a 7.9 average. Meadows made 112 yards in 10 tries for 11.2 per.

Even Coaches Clare Van Hoorebeke of Anaheim and Dick Hill of Downey were happy to settle for the co-championship.

"Considering the circumstances, I thought it was miraculous we could get a

tie," said Van Hoorebeke yesterday.

He was referring to a virus epidemic that hit the Colonist squad Friday morning. Ten of the players were so badly hit that Van Hoorebeke feared they wouldn't be able to suit up. As it was, he had to shuffle his afflicted players to conserve their energy.

Star End Missed

The illness that hurt the most was to End Gary Fredericks. He is rated the team's best downfield blocker and pass catcher but couldn't last out even the first half.

Coach Hill thought his team could have won. Still, considering his Vikings had to drive 77 yards in the final period to pull even, he was well satisfied with the outcome.

The next question fairly begs itself. Where are these two phenoms going to college?

So far, neither has definitely decided. They have plenty of time to make up their minds, since they don't graduate until next June.

Prefer T-System

Biggest factor is, who will be the next SC coach? Both Van Hoorebeke and Hill are definite in their opinion that their proteges are better adapted to the T-system. But

they also point out that should the boys settle on a single-wing school they could go well from the wingback spot.

Both coaches said flatly that the decision in each case will be strictly up to the boy and his family. But we got the impression the mentors would like to see them stick close to home.

And that goes for us. They're mighty exciting to watch.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Anaheim	Downey
Yards gained running	245	295
Yards lost running	25	11
Net yards running	220	284
Forward passes attempted	4	3
Forward passes completed	2	1
Forward passes intercepted	0	1
Yards gained passing	17	26
Yards intercepted passes ret.	13	0
Net yards running & pass.	237	310
First downs running	9	13
First downs forward passes	1	1
First downs penalties	0	0
Total first downs	10	14
Scrimmage plays	46	55
Average length punts	45.50	34.50
Yards lost penalties	10	5
Number of fumbles	3	3
Ball lost fumbles	1	0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	TCB	TYG	Avg.
Anaheim—			
Flynn	17	145	7.90
Mauerhan	11	37	3.36
Avittia	11	63	5.36
Knowles	1	0	-10.00
Totals	40	245	5.50
Downey—			
Meadows	10	112	11.20
Sallinger	11	46	4.18
Russell	11	51	4.63
McDowell	15	85	5.33
Trumbo	3	1	-2.66
Totals	50	295	5.68

FORWARD PASSES

	PA	PC	TYG
Anaheim—			
McDonald	4	2	17
Downey—			
Trumbo	3	1	26

PASS RECEIVERS

	No.	TYG
Anaheim—		
Frederick	1	10
Loachis	1	7
Total	2	17
Downey—		
Myers	1	26

Flynn and Meadows Named CIF Co-Players for Season

Board Unable to Separate Flashy Backs

BY JOHN DE LA VEGA

There was no other alternative. Anaheim's Mickey Flynn and Randy Meadows of Downey, the two best breakaway runners to come along in the same year, are the CIF, Central Group, Co-Players of the Year.

The Helms Athletic Foundation's Board of Football, which made the selections, had one of the easiest times it has ever encountered in picking the ace of aces.

Not a single member of the board could come up with a reason, a statistic or even a theory that could establish that Flynn is better than Meadows, or vice versa. When the two undefeated teams played for the title they wound up in a 13-13 tie and each scored a long touchdown.

The two fabled halfbacks measured up as evenly as a flash and its shadow. Except that no one could say which was the shadow.

Physically on Par

Physically they're almost twins. Meadows is a mite taller at 5 feet, 11 inches, with Flynn listed at 5 feet, 10 inches. Each weighs 165 pounds.

Statistically, Meadows' figures are bigger, but that's largely because he played in all of his team's 13 games. Anaheim also played 13 but Mickey had a bad ankle and was out of three games entirely and played briefly in two others.

Randy wound up with a total of 2128 yards gained on 136 carries, for a whopping 15.7 average. He scored 30 touchdowns and 16 extra points for a total of 196 points.

22 Touchdowns

Mickey compiled an average of 14.6 yards per try on 94 carries and a total yardage gain of 1377. He scored 22 touchdowns for 132 points. Oddly, Flynn scored exactly 132 points last year in winning Player of the Year honors all by himself.

There wasn't even the angle that one player had more assistance from his teammates. Both Anaheim and Downey placed four on the three teams picked.

Joe Avitia, the lightest fullback ever chosen on the first team—155 pounds—gave Anaheim its second man on the first team while Downey has Tackle Harley Widmar, a 185-pounder, on the elite line-up.

Downey also placed two on the second team, Guard Dave Okura, 175, and Quarterback



CIF'S BEST—Mickey Flynn, left, of Anaheim and Randy Meadows of Downey, are named CIF Co-players of the Year by Helms Athletic Foundation.

Jack Trumbo, 170. Anaheim has End Gary Frederick, 190, on the second group and Guard Gene Morford, 192, on the third.

Hard to Pick

There were so many brilliant players that the board had difficulty in picking the first and third teams.

The final voting found Art Gilmore, Riverside's flashy halfback, and Roger Chaney, versatile Redlands quarterback, joining Flynn, Meadows and Avitia on the first team.

End honors went to George Van Vliet of Whittier and Andy Putnam of Santa Barbara, a couple of brilliant all-around performers.

Big Marlin McKeever of Mt Carmel, a 229-pounder who also doubled as a fullback joins Widmar as the first team tackles.

The guard spots went to Roy Bottani of Helix, 195, and Ben Cutter of San Gabriel, a mighty operator on a losing club. Bob Edwards of Montebello, 213, a unanimous choice, took the center spot.

FOUR SOUTHLAND PREP GRID STARS MAKE ALL-AMERICA

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—Scholastic Magazine tonight announced its sixth annual All-American High School football team, a 78-man honor squad including players from 39 States and Hawaii. Four Southern Californians made the squad. They were:

Center Bob Edwards, Montebello; Halfbacks Mickey Flynn, Anaheim and Randy Meadows, Downey, and Fullback Jerry Mollitt, Van Nuys.