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CLASS B - 1930 CIF-SS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
December 13, 1930 –Noon- Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

San Diego High School Hilltoppers vs. Santa Monica High School Vikings

In 1913, with the founding of the CIF-SS, it was felt by the athletic administrators that the smaller athlete needed the opportunity to play high school sports. The first “classification” system was based on weight divisions of 90 lbs., 110 lbs., 120 lbs., 130 lbs., 140 lbs., and unlimited. In 1922, the CIF-SS Council voted in a Four-Point Classification system based on exponents of grade, age, height and weight. Four classes were developed A, B, C and D. In 1957, the system used height, age and weight to determine the classifications. Finally, in 1973, the grade level system replaced the exponent classification system. CIF-SS Championships were held in all classifications and the competition was just as exciting as the varsity level. The lower classifications were often called the lightweights, the light brigade, the lighties, minor, Bees, Class B, etc.

San Diego High School lighties met the Santa Monica High School light brigade for the CIF-SS Class B Football Championship on December 13, 1930 in the Memorial Coliseum, one week after U.S.C. played Notre Dame on the same field. The game was followed at 2:30 p.m. by the Varsity CIF-SS Football Championship game between Long Beach Poly and Redondo. 10,000 fans attended that Championship game and many had come early to see the Hilltoppers and Vikings play. Think of the excitement of those young men who had played to very small local crowds, but were now in an edifice that could hold over 100,000 fans that had been built for the upcoming 1932 Olympics.

The excitement and pride can be seen in the local San Diego and Santa Monica newspaper coverage and the adulation found in the school’s yearbooks.
LIGHTWEIGHT FOOTBALL

The Lightweights had a new coach this year. Coach Larry Horn led them through the Bay League undefeated and into the Southern California Championship finals. His work was very fine as the record shows. After a fine pre-season the B's met and defeated the Inglewood Sentinels, 7 to 0. The Vikes lost several chances to score through fumbles. The game with Redondo proved an easy one for the Vikes. They played good ball and won by the score of 42-0. Huntington Park had a strong team as the score of 6-0 shows. The Samohi linesmen played a great game and Newton scored on a 78-yard run after intercepting a lateral pass. The Venice game proved to be a good one. After much brilliant playing by the entire team, with Willard, Fowler, and Thatcher prominent, it ended with the score 14-6. The last League game was with San Pedro and ended in a scoreless tie. Conlin, Harding, Fowler and Noonan all looked good.

The first play-off game for the Southern California championship was with Whittier. Their team had not been scored against in two years by any other team in their league. Samohi scored after Newton's run, Fowler's kick was good. The final score was 7-0.

Compton, champs of the Coast League, proved easier than Whittier. Conlin blocked a punt only a few inches from the Lion's goal line and Noonan bucked it over. Thatcher scored the next touchdown on a thirty-yard run through right tackle. The Vikes won their second tilt, 13-0.

The San Diego game was a tough one to see. The San Diego boys couldn't do anything through the Viking's line but they completed passes all over the field. The Blue and Gold's lone touchdown came after Newton placed the ball on the five-yard line with a fifty-yard run and Noonan took it over for the score. The final score was 25-6. This put the Samohi Lightweights second for the Southern California Championship. Although they were disappointed in their last game, the Lightweights had a very successful season and Samohi is more than proud of them.
Newton’s Long Run Helps Win

Samohi Quarterback in 48-Yard Jaunt That Results in Score

By JACK MENKE

Winning their first Southern California title game by virtue of a brilliant run by Billy Newton, Coach Larry Horne’s Samohi Light Brigade defeated yesterday afternoon Whittier and came out of the muzzle on the last play of a 7-6 score.

Captain Danny Fowler and his men unscathed a dazzling offense in the first half of the game and scored the only touchdown of the fracas early in the second quarter. From then on they lived up to their defensive reputation gained during the season and held the Whittier advance in check.

Whittier Tongue

Newton had a big, tough line, but the forward wall of Viking lightweights was washed down and out and a little tougher. The Samohi line outcharged the opposition and opened some nice holes for the backs, although the Blue and Gold horde gained most of its yards around the ends. Samohi spread away at Whittier’s line until they had their opponents well drawn in, and then lifted around end with the backs running nice interference. Samohi started out the game with a run and threatened to score in the first quarter when Jack Noonan got away on two beautiful runs of 22 and 38 yards, respectively. These runs placed the ball on Whittier’s 10-yard line. Samohi failed to gain in two tries, and, when they passed back, Noonan ripped the loose.

Newton marched to Samohi’s 22-yard mark. However, Crawford fumbled, and the Vikings recovered.

Newton Stars

Samohi’s lone tally came soon after this when the Brigadiers made a determined drive up the field that was climaxied by Billy Newton’s nice 48-yard run to the Whittier three-yard line. Captain Fowler gained two precious yards, and then Newton, who shook it off on a quarterback sneak, Fowler converted by place-kicking the pigskin squarely through the uprights.

From then on the Vikings played a game and looked no sake on booting away a likely victory.

Captain Fowler, Jack Noonan, Billy Newton and Jack Thatcher proved to be the big ground givers for the winners. Fowler made some nice runs and especially looked good on returning punts. Jack Noonan checked in with several long runs yesterday and played a good defensive game. Thatcher is a powerful back and hit the Whittier line like a battering ram. Newton, the quarterback, ran his team in nice shape and made the long run that put the Vikings in scoring position.

Linemen Star

On the line, Johnny (Gorilla) Willard, Cal Conlin, Evans, Witterst and Harding shone out like a plugged dime. Conlin, the sleepy end, played a bang-up defensive game and smeared everything that came near his end. He also went down fast on punts and made the tackle nine times out of ten. Two Whittier backs were supposed to get him on every play, but failed to even get near him usually. Evans made several nice tackles at the center position, and the opposition found trouble trying to gain through him. Willard and Harding are two rough linemen, and both gave a good account of themselves. Willard also went under punts fast and made several hard and sure tackles.

For Whittier, Tanimoto, Kunishima and Courtney were outstanding. Tanimoto and Kunishima were two nifty ball carriers and took the brunt of the ball-carrying duties for the Whittier boys. Courtney played a good game at end and got away several long punts.

The score by quarters:

- Santa Monica: 0 7 6 2
- Whittier: 6 0 6 0

Vikings Defeat Compton

Smart Football Wins for Samohi Grid Players in Playoff

By JACK MENKE

Displaying a wicked punch, the Santa Monica Viking Light Brigade defeated Compton yesterday afternoon in a Southern California playoff game, 13 to 0, on the home field. While the score was not large, the win was a decisive one, and the Vikings kept the porkies in Compton’s territory most of the afternoon.

Coach Larry Horne’s men played smart football and kept their heads up at all times. It was this head-up brand of football, plus a starting performance by Cal (Sleepy) Conlin, plus end, that gave the Vikings their first touchdown. Captain Fowler failed to convert, and the half ended with the score 6 to 0.

Whale of a Game

Dave Parker, the other Lightback end, turned in a whale of a game. These two boys covered punts like a tent, and brought the ball packers down with vicious tackle time and again. Two-thirds of Compton’s end runs were stopped by these wingmen without gain.

Besides Conlin and Parker, it would be hard to pick out the best performers on the grid as they all looked good. However, Witterst, Harding and Willard were outstanding, because of their fundamental tackling and blocking.

In the third quarter, Compton was again punted into a hole by Fowler, and after a short kick by Compton, Santa Monica received the ball on Compton’s own 25-yard line. Jack Thatcher shot off tackle, cut back and broke through the entire Compton backfield for a 25-yard rally, and ended up over the goal line. Captain Fowler converted this time to make the final score 13 to 0.

The starting lineups:

- Santa Monica: Osborne, Conlin, Williams, Witterst, Harding, Noonan, Newton, Tanimoto, Kunishima, Fowler
- Compton: Osborne, Conlin, Williams, Witterst, Harding, Noonan, Newton, Tanimoto, Kunishima, Fowler

Score by quarters:

- Santa Monica: 0 7 9 13
- Compton: 0 0 0 0

Penalties—Santa Monica, 40 yards; Compton, 15 yards.
TWO TITLES AT STAKE: San Diego Meets Santa Monica for "B" Grid Honors

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TWO TITLES AT STAKE
San Diego Meets Santa Monica for "B" Grid Honors in Preliminary to Redondo-Long Beach Tilt

BY IRVING ECKHOFF

Two prep championships will be at stake this Saturday in the Coliseum. Long Beach and Redondo clash for the Southern California C.I.F. varsity title, in the main pigskins dish offered, while San Diego and Santa Monica tangle in the preliminary for the Class B crown.

Those who like their football in-in guard; Doyle, tackle and Drennon, tackle.

Garbe, who was selected on the first-string at guard, holds down the center position for Redondo, but shifts over to guard on the defense.

Here are the coaches' selections:

FIRST TEAM

Van Vleet, Inglewood ... L.E.
Hegard, Huntington Park ... L.T.
Netzger, San Pedro ... L.G.
Gibson, Inglewood ... G.
Garbe, Redondo ... R.G.
Pullman, Santa Monica ... R.T.
Ward, Redondo ... R.E.
Vrooman, Huntington Park ... L.H.
Falistino, San Pedro ... L.H.
Selker, Redondo ... G.
Schell, Redondo ... F.

SECOND TEAM

Janson, San Pedro ... L.E.
Roberts, Venice ... L.G.
Weber, Santa Monica ... L.G.
Hansen, San Pedro ... C.
Henry, Redondo ... R.G.
Stevenson, San Pedro ... R.T.
Baker, Huntington Park ... R.E.
Gibbons, Inglewood ... G.
Olsen, Venice ... L.H.
Erster, Huntington Park ... R.H.
Keller, Inglewood ... F.

Honorable mention: Church (Inglewood), guard; Sendstrom (Venice), quarter; Wollins (Huntington Park), center; Wright (Redondo), guard; Doyle (Redondo), tackle; Packard (Santa Monica), guard; Paxton (Huntington Park), fullback; Tarango (San Pedro), halfback.

L.A. HIGH AND POLY CLASH TOMORROW

Old rivals, L.A. High and Poly, clash in the feature game of the second round of play in the City League basketball race tomorrow. The Romans won their first league game last week, while Poly dropped a decision to Fairfax. Coach Happy Hamseth's Roman quintet will be favored to win.

The other five games find Manual Arts at Hollywood, with the Redshirts favored; Franklin at Lincoln, with the Tigers picked to win; Fairfax at Belmont, with the Colonials conceded the edge; Roosevelt at Garfield with the Rough Riders picked to win, and Fremont at Jefferson, with "Ching" Dahn's Democrats doped to win their second straight league encounter.
Fighting Samohi Light Brigade Defeated by San Diego Passing Attack in Playoff Grid Struggle

Too many passes trimmed the Samohi highlights Saturday. Here they are: front row left to right: Conlin, Hopkins, Hardings, Evans, Meeca, Willard, Parker; back row, left to right: Edmonson, Newton, Fowler, Noonan.

Brigadiers Bow To Border Boys
San Diego Wins, 25-6, With Passes; Long Beach Takes Tilt

By FRANK FINCH
Miss Big League was "taken for a ride" Saturday, by a gruff old sea cook, "Fog-Us" Coast league and when she returned from her harrowing experience she had two nice shiners. You would have thought her school colors were Black and Blue.
San Diego, 25; Santa Monica, 6; Long Beach, 20; Redondo, 3.
Ouch!
To our sister league, the Coast, goes the Southern California high school lightweight and varsity football championships for 1936. These results were determined Saturday in the Los Angeles coliseum.

Sea Hawks Downed
You've probably already read of the varsity encounter, which saw "Red" Franklin and Russ Sweer running about. Walt Schell and his Redondo Sea Hawk companions Schell made a 30-yard field goal in the opening quarter to give Redondo a 3-0 lead at the half. But Schell and Franklin got hot in the last half to run the Redondo end raged. Incidentally, it was the second straight Southland title for the Jackrabbits, who beat out Santa Barbara last year.
As for the lightweight fracas, a diversified aerial attack that was perfect in every detail submerging Coach Larry Horn's Samohi Light Brigade. San Diego threw passes all day and completed about sixteen out of eighteen.
Samohi started out like it was going some place when Billy Newton on a spinner ran fifty yards to the San Diego 3-yard stripe early in the first quarter and packed it over from there for a touchdown. Capt. Donny Fowler's conversion kick went wild.

36-Yard Pass
I didn't get the names of the San Diego passing combine, but the lads resembled "Brikk" Mullik and Garrett Arbelhade. A 36-yard pass by the first quarter from the San Diego 45-yard line went for a score and another pass was completed for the extra point.
The second San Diego score came in the second quarter, when "Mul-ter" whipped one to "Arbelhade" for thirty-five yards and the latter was stopped on the 2-yard line, from which point a line buck was successful for a touchdown. At the half San Diego led, 13-12.
Samohi's third-period offensive that saw passing and running plays click was stopped by two 15-yard penalties, and from that point the Blue and Gold boys never threatened.
San Diego didn't score in the third session either, but a pass from the 15-yard line to the 1-yard ribbon and a line play brought the third score in the last frame. Samohi started throwing passes, too, and one was intercepted for a 35-yard run and a touchdown.
Samohi maintained a diamond-type pass defense that proved to be palatable in the first quarter. Just why a box formation wasn't ever tried is a deep mystery.
Jack Noonan, Newton, Harding and Willard starred for Samohi.
SAN DIEGO HILLTOPPERS

Seated: Joe Solomon, Clyde Field, Rolando Damico, Captain Arthur Jacobs, Art Riveroll, Amos Hyder, Bob Janet, Clelland Wharton, Ralph Greer, George Wadham.

CLASS B FOOTBALL

Southern California champs?

Featuring one of the fastest and smartest lightweight prep-school teams ever seen in action, the San Diego High School class B football squad romped away with the Southern California title for another season.

Having been dropped from the Coast Prep League, Coach Glenn B. Broderick and his charges were at a loss for a schedule. They were forced to compete against varsity teams from smaller institutions and in so doing left behind an enviable record.

Brawley High was the first victim for the local B’s, going home with the short end of an 18-12 count. The Hilltop lighties took the Brawleymen on again later in the season at Brawley. The outstanding part of the return engagement was that it was the first game played at night in which any San Diego gridiron squad had been billed.

The only defeat of the season was at the hands of a hard fighting team of El Centrans who defeated the Cavebabes 12-7. In the playoff games, San Diego won by overwhelming margins, defeating the Santa Monica eleven from the Bay League 25-6 in the title game.

At the end of the season, Art Jacobs, second year man at the pivot position, was elected captain of the victorious eleven.
San Diego Bees, Santa Monica Play Title Game in Coliseum

With the Southern California prep title at stake, San Diego and Santa Monica high school Class B football teams will clash at noon Saturday in the Los Angeles Coliseum, scene of last week's Notre Dame-U. C. affair.

Word yesterday from Seth Van Patten, southern representative of the California Interscholastic Federation, verified the fact that the big Los Angeles bowl would be the scene of the tussle. The encounter will be a preliminary to the varsity finals game between Long Beach Poly and Redondo.

Glenn D. Broderick's Hilltop Babes, are competing free-lance this year and are undefeated in games with lightweight clubs, having pushed over Huntington Beach in their semi-final play-off tilt. Santa Monica represents the Bay league and entered the finals by beating the coast Prep league champion, Compton, last week.

The varsity tangle will mark Long Beach's second southland title game in as many years, Orlan Landreth's crew being defending champs. They won the Coast league by downing the San Diego varsity in the last round of circuit play. Redondo carries the colors of the Bay loop.

Hilltop Bees Win Southern Californian Championship

San Diego Lighties Turn to Air to Beat Santa Monica, 25 to 6

San Diego Coliseum, Dec. 12 (Special)—Stopped dead with its running attack by heavier Santa Monica players, San Diego high school's Class B football team started throwing passes early today with deadly accuracy, the result being that Glenn Broderick's Border City team trimmed Santa Monica, 25 to 6, and won its second consecutive Southern California championship.

Even witnessing the contest here in the big bowl saw something new in high school football of Southern California in recent years—a team winning the Southern championship by playing only three games in its own division during the entire year.