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EL RANCHO, ST. PAUL BATTLE TO 20-20 DEADLOCK SHARE CIF, SS, "AAAA" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP LAURELS



St. Paul (Top) and El Rancho Pose After Battling to 20-20 Tie in "AAAA" Championship Game

Coaches Marijon Ancich (top, right) and Ernie Johnson (bottom, left) stand with teams at conclusion of third tie game in CIF, SS, history.

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"AAAA" PLAY-OFFS

Wise, Drake Reach Stalemate In Quarterbacking Showdown

When it was all over, the silence of the 21,010 fans at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum told the story.

After 48 minutes of football, highly-touted St. Paul and perennial power El Rancho had reached a 20-20 stalemate in their battle to determine the "AAAA" division CIF, SS, championship for 1968.

The match of the cross-town rivals from Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs was so close, in fact, that a mere nine yards separated the two in final total offense.

Top-seeded St. Paul dominated the opening period, scoring first, but the Dons came back to knot the score at 7-7 at halftime, with both clubs depending on their fine quarterbacks, Jim Wise leading the Swordsmen and Randy Drake pacing the Dons.

After intermission, El Rancho took the kickoff 69 yards to paydirt, going out in front in the match, 14-7. However, St. Paul, which had defeated the Dons, 21-6, in the season opener, wasn't to be denied. Coach Marijon Ancich's charges came back and Wise teamed with Greg Zail to move the Swordsmen to the end zone with only 55 seconds remaining in the third period. Cesar Namba blocked Wise's conversion attempt, so El Rancho still held the advantage, 14-13, moving into the final period.

Four minutes into the final quarter, St. Paul notched another seven points to move in front, 20-14, and El Ran-

cho began to dig deep into its playbook in an attempt to get untracked and back in the lead.

When St. Paul took over possession with little more than six minutes remaining in the contest, the primary objective of the Swordsman offense was to take as much time as possible. For about four minutes, they were successful, but were forced to punt with 2:17 left in the game.

Greg Bailey gathered in the boot at his own 20 and, after a dazzling run up the middle of the field for 80 yards, El Rancho was back in the ball game. However, the PAT attempt was wide, and the teams were deadlocked, 20-20.

Although El Rancho threatened in the waning seconds of the ball game, it was to no avail, as the final gun sounded, ending the third tie game in CIF, SS, major division grid history.

The top-rated Swordsmen took the measure of Redlands, Santa Barbara, and Anaheim to gain their finals berth, while El Rancho toppled Chaffey, Arroyo and Westminster to earn its chance against St. Paul.

"AAAA" Play-off Results

(First Round)

St. Paul 14, Redlands 9
Santa Barbara 33, Notre Dame 20
Lakewood 21, West Torrance 7
Anaheim 14, West Covina 7
Westminster 40, Compton 6
Pasadena 27, Montebello 7
El Rancho 47, Chaffey 19
Arroyo 13, Loyola 6

(Quarter-Finals)

St. Paul 28, Santa Barbara 0
Anaheim 47, Lakewood 27
Westminster 34, Pasadena 14
El Rancho 20, Arroyo 0

(Semi-Finals)

St. Paul 30, Anaheim 13
El Rancho 27, Westminster 7

(Finals)

St. Paul 20, El Rancho 20 (TIE)

Local Schools Looking For Rugby Competition

Three CIF, SS, member schools which have rugby teams are looking for other schools which might be interested in scheduling rugby matches.

Harvard, Webb School and La Salle are all playing rugby during the months of January and February. Interested schools should contact the athletic directors at these three schools for further information on scheduling.

St. Bonaventure Survives First-Round Tie to Claim 1968 CIF, SS, "A" Crown

St. Bonaventure's Seraphs, after losing the Tri-Valley League football title to Santa Ynez, came back with three outstanding efforts in the 1968 "A" division grid play-offs, capping the year by defeating Coachella Valley, 27-20, for the "A" title.

Coach Dave Currey's crew didn't have an easy time of it in the play-offs, after gaining one of the two open spots in the draw.

The Seraphs were paired against Olympic League champion Harvard in the first round, and after regulation play the two clubs were deadlocked, 13-13. Using the California Tie-Breaker System, the Seraphs gained their second-round berth by moving the ball to the Harvard 48 yard line on the final play in the tie-breaker series.

In contrast, the second St. Bonaventure play-off match was a lopsided 38-7 victory over Paso Robles, representative from the San Luis Athletic League.

The championship game, played at Indio High, was a see-saw battle and the Seraphs had to come from behind on three occasions before sewing up the victory late in the fourth quarter when Jerry Stone recovered a Coachella Valley fumble on the Arab 30 yard line and took it to paydirt.

The Seraphs finished the season with a 9-2-1 slate, losing to Bellermino-Jefferson in a pre-league contest and to Santa Ynez in the Tri-Valley League title-decider.

Coachella Valley gained its final berth with play-off wins over Valley Christian and Apple Valley.

"A" Play-off Results

(First Round)

Coachella 7, Valley Christian 0
Apple Valley 34, Banning 6
St. Bonaventure 13, Harvard 13 (St. Bonaventure advances on California Tie-Breaker System)

Paso Robles 24, Santa Ynez 13

(Semi-Finals)

Coachella 16, Apple Valley 6
St. Bonaventure 38, Paso Robles 7

(Finals)

St. Bonaventure 27, Coachella 7

Undefeated Loara Claims 1968 "AAA" Grid Crown

Using the ball-control offense and stingy defense which had taken them through the regular season undefeated, coach Herb Hill's Loara Saxons exploded for three touchdowns in the second quarter to defeat San Marino, 14-7, for the 1968 CIF, SS, "AAA" grid championship.

Playing before a near-capacity crowd at Cerritos College, Loara dominated every aspect of the contest, allowing San Marino only one score, in the final minute of play.

Spearheading the Saxon attack was quarterback Mark Walker, who gained 86 yards and scored a touchdown in 12 carries, and hit on seven of 10 passes for 93 yards.

Hill's troops got a late start in the ball game, after San Marino had dominated a scoreless first quarter, but tallied 20 points in the second period to all but clinch the title at halftime.

Steve Elkins led the Loara scoring attack, accounting for two tallies on runs of five and 24 yards. Al Pekarcik added an eight-yard scoring jaunt, and Brant Light tallied on a 19-yard burst to round out the Saxon scoring. San Marino's only touchdown came on a 30-yard run by wingback Carlos Young late in the final period.

Statistically, Loara dominated the match, accumulating 20 first downs to the Titans' 11, and rolling up 315 yards to San Marinos' 198.

Loara, top-rated in the weekly Prep Football Writers' "Top Ten" poll, dumped Azusa, California and Rolling Hills, in a fog-shrouded contest, to gain the finals, while San Marino eliminated Fullerton, Claremont and St. John Bosco for its finals berth.

"AAA" Play-off Results

(First Round)

Loara 17, Azusa 16
California 33, Mayfair 20
Rolling Hills 33, Bishop Montgomery 14
Laguna Beach 14, La Quinta 13
St. John Bosco 33, Neff 21
Beverly Hills 21, Santa Maria 15
San Marino 20, Fullerton 0
Claremont 18, Baldwin Park 7

(Quarter-finals)

Loara 15, California 10
Rolling Hills 42, Laguna Beach 14
St. John Bosco 26, Beverly Hills 14
San Marino 16, Claremont 8

(Semi-finals)

Loara 21, Rolling Hills 7
San Marino 28, St. John Bosco 26

(Finals)

Loara 34, San Marino 7

Surprising San Luis Obispo Annexes "AA" Football Title

San Luis Obispo, a team which many felt would not survive a first-round play-off game, rallied behind the expert field-goal kicking of foreign exchange student Wolfgang Gartner to roll through three play-off foes and win the 1968 CIF, SS, "AA" grid crown.

The Tigers dumped host El Centro, 13-0, for the championship, after defeating top-seeded Hart, 20-7, in the first round of the play-offs and outscoring Sonora, 31-26, in the semi-finals.

Coach Jim Zanoli's Tigers depended a great deal on the talented toe of German foreign exchange student Gartner, who booted two three-pointers in the championship game.

In their first-round triumph over Hart, Gartner split the uprights with a 41-yard field goal which was lost in the headlines given to Barstow's Jim White, who upped the CIF, SS, field goal standard to 58 yards in his team's win over Ontario.

San Luis Obispo went into play-off action with a lackluster 4-3-1 record, but after its victory over Hart, and its come-from-behind win over Sonora, El Centro knew it was in for quite a match.

And the Tigers didn't disappoint their fans, traveling 400 miles to annex the 1968 championship after being denied in first-round play-off appearances in 1965 and 1967.

El Centro defeated Riverside Poly, 12-7, and Barstow, 27-7, to gain its finals berth.

"AA" Play-off Results

(First Round)

San Luis Obispo 20, Hart 7
Sonora 48, Norte Vista 19
Barstow 46, Ontario 13
El Centro 12, Riverside Poly 7

(Semi-Finals)

San Luis Obispo 31, Sonora 26
El Centro 27, Barstow 7

(Finals)

San Luis Obispo 13, El Centro 0

Holtville Caps Unbeaten Season With 1968 CIF, SS, "Small Schools" Victory

Holtville, rolling roughshod over all opposition, capped a perfect season with a 19-6 victory over Needles to annex the 1968 CIF, SS, "Small Schools" division championship.

Coach Bill Wilson's Vikings, Mountain-Desert League champions, had no noticeable opposition in gaining the title, the second CIF, SS, grid crown in the school's history. Holtville was also "Small Schools" kingpin in 1961.

Wilson's crew walloped Notre Dame of Riverside, 55-6, in its first-round encounter and then blanked Desert-Inyo League co-champion Paraclete, 12-0, in the semi-finals, gaining the right to meet Needles for the title.

Needles, meanwhile, topped Boron, 26-14, and blanked Desert-Inyo co-champ Tehachapi, 14-0, to earn its berth against Holtville.

"Small Schools" Play-off Results

(First Round)

Paraclete 21, Webb 12
Holtville 55, Notre Dame (Riv.) 6
Tehachapi 14, Morro Bay 13
Needles 26, Boron 14

(Semi-Finals)

Holtville 12, Paraclete 0
Needles 14, Tehachapi 0

(Finals)

Holtville 19, Needles 6

Special High School Section Scheduled During U.S.T.F.F. Indoor Meet February 15

A special high school schedule of events, to be run during the afternoon session, has been slated as a prelude to the United States Track and Field Federation indoor meet on Saturday, February 15, at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

High school students who wish to attend the afternoon session, which will feature high school, junior college and college competition, will be able to purchase special general admission tickets, good for seating anywhere in the Sports Arena, for \$1.00 for the afternoon session. Only 5,000 tickets will be available at the \$1.00 price.

Following the afternoon session, the Arena will be closed and then reopened for the evening meet, which will feature many of the top athletes who competed on the United States Olympic Team during the XIX Olympiad in Mexico City this summer.

Track coaches will receive a detailed informational bulletin which will outline procedures for entering afternoon events at this meet.

Newport Harbor Wins Second Straight CIF, SS Water Polo Crown

Behind Eric Lindroth's five-goal performance, the Newport Harbor Tars successfully defended their CIF, SS, water polo championship before a record-breaking crowd at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool by dumping Lakewood, 9-3.

Lindroth's performance, coupled with the fact that Lakewood star Steve Genter fouled out of the match in the final period and took away the Lancers' key scoring threat, gave coach Bill Barnett his second straight CIF, SS, title.

In the match between Corona del Mar and Downey for third place, the Sea Kings emerged victorious, 5-3. The two games were played in the newly-completed Belmont Plaza facility before a standing-room-only crowd of 1,500, which was considerably larger than the crowd for a collegiate water polo tournament held at the pool the week previous to the CIF, SS, finals.

The top-seeded Tars defeated Ramona, Buena and Downey to gain their berth against Lakewood, while the Lancers met La Serna, Whittier and Corona del Mar prior to the championship encounter.

1968 CIF, SS, Water Polo Play-offs

(First Round)

Ramona 8, Claremont 7
Beverly Hills 18, Santa Maria 4
Sunny Hills 7, Servite 3
Costa Mesa 9, Temple City 4
La Serna 11, Burbank 7
La Puente 10, San Marino 9
Bolsa Grande 7, Anaheim 5
Riverside Poly 8, Foothill 6

(Second Round)

Newport 19, Ramona 5
Buena 5, Beverly Hills 4
Mira Costa 6, Sunny Hills 5
Downey 7, Costa Mesa 4
Lakewood 4, La Serna 3
Whittier 8, La Puente 7
Corona del Mar 9, Bolsa Grande 5
California 7, Riverside Poly 2

(Quarter-Finals)

Newport 10, Buena 4
Downey 10, Mira Costa 5
Lakewood 10, Whittier 7
Corona del Mar 8, California 3

(Semi-Finals)

Newport 7, Downey 6
Lakewood 6, Corona del Mar 5

(Finals)

Newport 9, Lakewood 3
(Third Place)

Corona del Mar 5, Downey 3

Corona del Mar Goalie, Newport Star Named CIF Water Polo Co-Most Valuable

Newport Harbor forward Eric Lindroth and Corona del Mar goalie Jerry Eubank were tabbed as co-Players of the Year to head the list of all-CIF water polo selections named by a panel of Southland coaches.

As expected, CIF, SS, champion Newport dominated the selections, placing three men on the first team, one on the second, and one on the third unit. Runner-up Lakewood had two first-team selections, one second-team berth, and one third-team honoree.

Lindroth, who tallied five goals in Newport's 9-3 victory over Lakewood in the championship game at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool, joined junior teammates Jeff Wilcox and Tom Warnecke on the 11-man first team.

Eubank, the defensive ace who helped Corona del Mar compile a 19-2 season record enroute to third

place in the CIF, SS, was joined on the first team by senior James Bradburn, who tallied one goal in the Sea Kings' 5-3 victory over Downey for third place.

Downey, the fourth semi-finalist, placed two men on the first unit, two more on the second team, and had two honorable mentions among the 51 poloists honored by the panel.

Wilcox and Warnecke were the only two juniors on the first unit, while Corona del Mar's Bruce Black, who tallied three goals in the third-place encounter with Downey, was the only underclassman named to the second squad.

Ken Montgomery of California, a first-team selection last season, repeated his feat this year, while Lindroth moved up from second team status in 1967 to his MVP award.

Players selected to the first three teams were presented certificates by the Helms Athletic Foundation commemorating their outstanding achievement.

1968 ALL-CIF WATER POLO SELECTIONS

FIRST TEAM

James Bradburn, Corona del Mar	Senior
Eric Lindroth, Newport Harbor	Senior
Jeff Wilcox, Newport Harbor	Junior
Tom Warnecke, Newport Harbor	Junior
John Rees, Downey	Senior
Mike Morales, Downey	Senior
Scott Massey, Whittier	Senior
Greg Vanley, Lakewood	Senior
Steve Genter, Lakewood	Senior
Ken Montgomery, California	Senior
Goalie—Jerry Eubank, Corona del Mar	Senior

Co-Players-of-the-Year

Jerry Eubank (Corona del Mar)—Eric Lindroth (Newport Harbor)

Second Team

Bob McClellan, Corona del Mar	Sr.
Bruce Black, Corona del Mar	Jr.
Bob Witt, Mira Costa	Sr.
Keith Osborn, Buena	Sr.
Reed Taylor, Downey	Sr.
John Halas, Downey	Sr.
Wayne Poucher, Whittier	Sr.
Mark LeGault, Lakewood	Sr.
Bill Winkowski, California	Sr.
Dennis Needleman, Beverly Hills	Sr.
Goalie—Bob Keigh, Newport Harbor	Sr.

Third Team

Tom McGill, Corona del Mar	Sr.
George Boisseau, Mira Costa	Sr.
Chris Ketner, Buena	Sr.
Jim McConica, Buena	Sr.
Doug Arth, Anaheim	Sr.
John Blauer, Newport Harbor	Sr.
Bob Nero, La Serna	Sr.
Ron Mallonee, Lakewood	Sr.
Phil Omdahl, Millikan	Sr.
Mark Faulkner, Bolsa Grande	Sr.
Bruce Dodge, Burbank	Sr.
Rob Gough, Lakewood	Sr.
Goalie—Bruce Chapin, California	Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Jim Stone, Corona del Mar	Senior
Andy Keene, Mira Costa	Senior
Paul Karutz, El Segundo	Junior
Derrick Adamache, Buena	Senior
John Merritt, Downey	Senior
Brian Hughes, Long Beach Wilson	Senior
Peter Dumars, Downey	Senior
Jack Dickman, La Serna	Senior
Steve Carlson, Sierra	Senior
Dave Mericle, Whittier	Senior
Mike Brouard, Long Beach Wilson	Senior
Glenn Harvey, Artesia	Senior
Curt Caldwell, Mira Costa	Senior
George Scarborough, Santa Maria	Senior
Mike Chambers, Burbank	Senior
Randy Herbert, Lakewood	Senior