

Gridders Win; On To Semis

You had to see it to believe

ad Rice kicked a 21-yard field goal with just seven seconds remaining Saturday to give Monroe's Varsity football team a 15-13 victory over Fremont in a city quarter-final playoff game at Santa Monica City College.

The victory now enables the Vikes to advance into semi-final

competition this weekend against Eastern League champion Bell. The Eagles edged Banning 23-22 last Friday in a special California tie-breaker contest.

Rice's field goal, only his second of the season, was the culmination of a dramatic 87-yard drive which started at the Monroe nine yard line with only one minute remaining.

Trailing 13-12, it appeared to be the seasons end for the Vikes as the Pathfinders, working behind halfbacks Charles Nash and Chester Lemon, moved to the Viking seven with just barely a minute remaining.

Quarterback Guy Benjamin, who was intercepted three times, directed traffic with a magnificent aerial show, using flanker

Gary Bernardi as his primary receiver.

A spectacular 30-yard run by fullback Mitch Drootin, combined with Benjamin to Bernardi passes of 15 and 21 yards were the key gains in the drive in which the Vikes moved all the way to the Fremont 4, when in came Rice to perform his game-winning kick.

"All I did was concentrate, keep my head down and put it through," said the lanky Rice. "I knew I'd either be the hero or the goat," he added.

Although the Vikes outgained Fremont 344-244, the Pathfinders gave the Viking defensive unit quite a workout as they concentrated on a rugged ground attack out of the Wishbone-T formation.

Nash put the Pathfinders on the scoreboard early in the first quarter, breaking loose for a 60-yard jaunt on the right, to give Fremont a 7-0 lead.

But the Vikes bounced back in the second quarter, scoring twice within a minute and a half.

A pass interference penalty by Fremont, combined with a 21-yard

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Hilton Leads Spikesters To Win

The Monroe Varsity Cross-Country spikers, along with the Granada Hills and Birmingham runners will represent the Mid Valley League in City Prelims, it was decided at the League finals last Tuesday at Pierce College.

Monroe led the pack with league champion Mark Hilton taking first with an excellent time of 10:13. When asked about the victory, Hilton said, "I didn't expect to win at all." Hilton's time was a six second improvement over last Thursday's meet.

The Vikes compiled 35 points to the Highlanders 40 points and the Braves' score of 55. After the victory, the Vikings are now

a team to be feared as they sought revenge for the loss to Birmingham earlier this season.

League finals also decided the top five individuals to compete in the city. Viking Richard Nance (10:15) finished second, followed by Highlander Craig Glemmer (10:16) and Braves' Shawn Martines (10:21) and Cameron Secrist (10:24).

Completing the scale of Viking roadrunners were Mike Dery (10:26) with an eight place finish, Kerry Jensen (10:35) finishing eleventh and Captain Richard Onyshko (10:49) charting thirteenth.

Finishing sixth for the Vikes and sixteenth overall was Andrew Binsley with a time of 10:59.

The Jayvees will go to the City Prelims also as they placed second behind Granada and in front of third place Birmingham.

Monroe accumulated 47 points beating the Braves' score of 114 but not coming close to Granada's 17. The Highlanders Joel Scott (10:35), Steve Turner (10:39) and All Ruegg (10:53) took the first three positions followed by Vike Scott Kellogg (10:54) and Highlander Ron Freziers (10:59).

Also finishing for the Junior Varsity runners were Don Musselwhite (11:08), Cliff Kraft (11:13), Randy Baarstad (11:32), Bob Callendar (11:36) and Jim Van Ness (11:40).

The tenth grade squad finished behind Granada, 39-68 and placed ahead of San Fernando's score of 93.

The top five spikers for the tenth graders are Gerardo Canchola (10:39) of Van Nuys, Tim Bruns (10:53) of Birmingham, Viking Dave Bernstein (10:54), Mike Velarde (11:10) of San Fernando, and Highlander Bill Gearhart (11:16).

Finishing for the Vikings were Tom Persons (11:15), Bill Waisgerber (11:16), Steve Bastain (12:17), and Paul Yochin (12:22).

Monroe's Varsity cagers came from behind and then courageously fought off a Cleveland rally to gain their first victory, Wednesday, 67-61.

run by Drootin brought the Vikes to the Fremont five where quarterback Benjamin threw to speedy split end Steve Bergman for the Vikes' first score.

After Rice's kickoff, Fremont's Greg Williams was unable to retain the ball after touching it, and it was quickly recovered by defensive end Gary O'Brian at the Fremont 28.

Fullback Drootin carried first for seven, then rambled 21 yards into the end zone for a 12-7 Viking lead.

Candidates To Speak To Classes At Nominations

Three separate nominating assemblies for class offices will be held on November 30, December 1 and 2 in the Boys' Gym according to Bob Waskul, Commissioner of Elections.

The tenth grade class will be voting on December 1, a day following their assembly, on December 2. The twelfth grade class will elect their new officers on December 3.

All presidential and vice-presidential candidates will present speeches to their classes at the assembly. Bob said that all the other candidates may be asked questions.

Commenting on the new election procedures, Bob explained that the change (from voting in home-rooms to balloting at F-Hall windows) was made by a constitutional amendment passes by Council. He also stated that the new process enables votes to be counted faster and more efficiently. The new system also insures tighter security as compared to the old method when whole classes of ballots are lost, said Bob.



Mark Hilton wins league title.

Bell Schedules Discussed By Department Chairmen

Three new bell schedules--the seven period schedule, the "X" schedule, and the Birmingham schedule combining the other two, are currently being considered for use by Monroe's department chairmen.

According to the proposed seven period schedule, each student would have five assigned periods and one unassigned period, leaving either period one or period seven free. Each teacher has five classes and two conference periods. A "sponsor" period after nutrition will serve as homeroom. Every two periods are blocked.

The "X" period schedule consists of periods one through six and an "X" period before first period. "X" period is 40 minutes long. The rest are 45 minutes. "X" period would be used for mini-courses, tutorial sessions, and in-service training and curriculum committees (for teachers). Student attendance for this class is optional.

Several problems would arise if the "X" schedule is used.

Periods one through six are too short for activity classes such as P.E., shop, homemaking, etc. There would be problems fitting in double period occupational and ever other-day P.E. classes. "X" period would be too short for activity mini-courses, such as art, labs, and P.E.

The proposed Birmingham schedule organizes classes to meet four days a week. However, each class session is longer. It averages out to five 50-minute periods. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there is a longer school day starting at 8:00 a.m. and dismissal at 3:15 p.m. Mondays there is no first period and school starts at 8:50. Friday there is no period five and six, and by excluding lunch, school would be dismissed at 12:30. On Tuesday there would be a record room (a sort of guidance class with the same Record Room teacher all three years) in place of period two. On Wednesday and Thursday there would be an activity period in place of periods three and four.

Individual Instruction In Continuation School

by Karen Beard

Stephanie Paquin came to continuation school so she would be able to get into West Valley Occupational Center. Stephanie isn't the only student who entered continuation school for this reason. It seems that the majority of these students want to attend some sort of occupational center.

"We're not made to do anything we don't want to do," stated Stephanie. Their only gripe is that they aren't allowed on campus with the rest of the students.

Continuation School consists of independent classes and individual instruction. Teachers can individually counsel students not only with school work but with personal problems.

"This program is working successfully," said Mr. Mark Lustica, one of the continuation school teachers. Mr. Lustica feels that there is a much better attendance record now and a better student attitude towards learning.

Each student works on his own level. They are offered the opportunity to catch up on work they have missed. Regular high school credits are given for continuation school attendance. Some students will be able to earn the right to go back to regular school. This will be determined by grade, student attitudes, and attendance.

After dropping out of school, some students realized that it was not the thing they thought it would be. Many found trouble getting a job because they had no diploma. These students have returned with a much more serious attitude toward finishing school and they appreciate the opportunity they are being given.

Future Discussed For PTA

"There was great apathy on the part of faculty and on the restart of PTA this semester," PTA President Mrs. Susanne Rice stated, "We would like to forget the past and start up brand new."

The new, revitalized PTA at James Monroe this year holds a main goal of receiving communications between parents, students and faculty, according to Mrs. Rice.

A project that has now been started by the PTA at Monroe is a Resource Center. It is run by PTA members for use by the faculty.

Another direction that PTA is moving towards is a closer teacher-parent-student relationship in the community.

Topical meetings hope to be set up at homes of faculty or parents where several students, parents and faculty members could "rap" about current problems.

The next Monroe Board meeting is to be held December 5 at 9:30 p.m. in D12 at Monroe. It will be open for suggestions as to how the PTA could best serve the community.

"What we hope is that students and faculty will be able to give us suggestions as to the actual roll that they would like to see PTA in the community. PTA is a service organization which is willing to serve in any way possible."



Laura Luna works with tape recordings in the study skills class at West Valley Occupational Center. Each student works on her own level and at her own speed.

SOUND-OFF

Student Claims Bee Team Should Receive Recognition

I am a member of our schools "Bee football team. I am also proud to be a member of the team. Our team this year had an 8-0-0 record. We set quite a few records this past season, including most points scored in a season and allowing the least scored upon in a season. It's a shame that we can't have any playoffs as Varsity does. If we did I believe then that we could show everyone that we deserve our Number One rating.

Our coaching, I dare say, is the first in the valley, (if not the finest) as we have proven by capturing the last four MVL Bee football crowns.

We display team spirit, both on and off the field. We are taught to have and show respect for our opponents. We also showed this year the finest offense and defense in the valley.

In our offense, we had a strong running attack which enabled us to score a new school record of 276 points in a season. The line, led by Ed McIntosh, showed quickness and led the coach of Canoga Park to say "you have the quickest line I have seen in my 15 years of coaching."

Our defense, led by Tom Derby was strong once again this year as we held our opponents to only eighteen points, another school record.

It's extremely unfortunate that we do not get as much credit for our games as Varsity does for theirs. We do try as hard and people don't realize that our games are hard to win. I hope next year we do get more credit and more written about us, even in the DOCTRINE. We do enjoy reading about our wins in detail, as Varsity, I'm sure.

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