

Vikings Shock Eagles In 12-0 Victory

A stalwart Viking defense that cent, but never broke led Monroe's Varsity football team into City championship game next Saturday against Carson by stopping Bell's Eagles, 12-0 at the Rose Bowl.

The Vikes were aided by five fumble recoveries, one by Steve Krause in the third quarter. Krause stopped an Eagle drive all by himself at about the Monroe 20 by tackling the quarterback, the halfback and the ball at the same time.

The famous "last minute magic"

appeared to desert the Eagles as the Vike defensive wall, which included Norm Coe, Ed Milkovich, Don Richards, and Kim Timmons, thwarted two drives.

They stacked up Keith Mintun on fourth and one after the Bell signal-caller had driven his team to a first down on the 5.

When the Vikes, unable to move, punted, Bell came right back from the Monroe 40. Again, with their backs to the end zone, the Vike defense stiffened to hold, this time at the 9.

Guy Benjamin and company had

gained all the Viking points in the first half.

After Dennis Shaw aborted a Bell drive with a leaping interception at the Monroe 35-yard-line, the Vikes sustained a march which culminated in Fernando Nunez' two-yard plunge for the score. Mitch Drootin got the drive off to a good start with a 36-yard run up the middle.

After Benjamin gained 11 on a bootleg around right end, Drootin picked up 14 to set up the score by Nunez.

A muffed center pass set up Brad Rice's initial field goal.

Punter Gil Robinson of the Eagles made a desperate leap for the ball, but it sailed over his head to the Bell 11.

The Vikes were able to move only to the 5, however, where Rice booted a difficult angle shot through the uprights.

John Pasquariello started the final scoring sequence by recovering a fumble on the Eagle 29 with about a minute and a half left in the second period.

In a miniature repeat of last Saturday's clutch drive, Benjamin drove to a first down on the Eagle 8. Rice made a key reception to keep the drive going.

After a running play gained three yards, Quarterback Benjamin displayed coolness under fire by unloading twice over the end line to avoid being trapped

for huge losses.

On the last play of the half, Rice booted the final three points of the game.

Benjamin threw but 14 passes in the entire game and just once in the second half.

The Vikes played largely a conservative game, especially in the second half while trying to

protect their 12-0 lead.

The Vike signal-caller was not sacked once by the huge Bell line, due to excellent blocking by the dwarfed Monroe forwards.

Fernando Nunez also provided several crack-back blocks to protect the passer from charging Bell wingmen.

Star Bee running back Bobby Slater, who was recently named

Mid-Valley Bee player of the year, was elevated to Varsity status for the contest and turned in a creditable performance on punt returns.

'An Enemy Of The People' To Ask Universal Question

"When it comes to the universal truth, do you have the courage to stand up for what you believe?" This is what Play Production's *An Enemy Of The People* will ask. When presented February 18 and 19 in Odin's Hall, according to drama teacher Mr. Mel Flack.

The story centers around a little town, in Norway. The main character, Dr. Stockman, has discovered the town's mineral baths to be polluted. The town doesn't want to take money

out of their own pockets to fix the baths, so they leave everything their way it is. The people consider him an enemy.

Plays serve their greatest purpose when dealing with society and Henrik Ibsen called one of the greatest playwrights of all time does this with *An Enemy of the People*. When he speaks of water pollution, he really means moral pollution, commented Mr. Flack.

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Harriers Slip Into Finals

by Bill Peck

Monroe's Varsity Roadrunner squeezed into the City final, chalking up 76 points behind Taft with 53 and Carson with 55 last Saturday at Pierce College.

"Not one team out there ran well," commented Coach Dean Balzaret. "It was a terrible day (a fierce wind with a low temperature) to run." Monroe's top spikers Mark Hilton (10:23) and Richard Nance (10:24) could only manage seventh and eighth places respectively.

The third Viking, Mike Dery, who finished thirteenth overall with a time of 10:24, finished ten places before the next Viking Kerry Jensen with 10:51.

Captain Richard Onyshko took twenty-fifth with 10:54 and finished sixth for the Vikes and twenty-ninth overall was Andrew Binsley with 10:59.

After the race, Coach Balzaret felt that "no team showed supremacy," so the Vikes could still look towards a City Championship. Schools included in the big race this Saturday at Pierce College are Banning, Carson, Cleveland, Fairfax, Granada Hills, Sylmar, Taft, University, and Monroe.

The Junior Varsity spikers also finished third, with a score of 69 behind Venice, 44 and Taft with 46. Scott Kellogg took first for the Vikings and fourth overall, qualifying for City individuals, with a time of 10:55. The top five Vikes included Kellogg, Randy Baarstad (11:07), Don Musselwhite (11:14), Cliff Kraft (11:18) and Bob Callendar (11:19) with a 15 second improvement.

It was a sad story for the tenth graders as they finished out of the money behind Taft, Venice, and Carson with 118

Gates Elected To Top Spot

Georgia Gates was elected Senior Class President in the class election last Friday with Paula Rooney taking the vice-presidential spot, Vicki Arcadi the Class Secretary, and Tracy Fogle the Class Treasurer.

The new class president, taking office next February, is already making plans for class activities for next semester. Her first objective is to schedule a Senior Class overnight party. She feels that for such an activity, the class can get the necessary chaperones from volunteer parents.

Georgia stated that she feels the administrative decision to cancel the annual Powder Puff Football Game was made in bad light and wants to bring it up again.

'Search For Homemaker'

Test Issued To Seniors

Today, fifth and sixth periods, the annual examination will be administered to all interested senior girls in the Betty Crockers search for the Homemaker of Tomorrow.

All those who signed up have been issued copies of last year's test in an effort to familiarize them with the usual content of the test. All girls have also been given summons slips to excuse them from class in order to compete.

Last year's winner was Beth Berke, who won a charm and advanced to state competition.

Pierce And Valley Jr. Open Next Spring for Students

Pierce and Valley Junior Colleges are now conducting sign-ups for the spring semester through Mrs. Elaine Holzer in the Attendance Office.

Any eleventh or twelfth grader can sign up for this program. No specific grade average is required. There will be no tuition charge for attending either junior college.

Students interested in this program will attend Monroe for four classes and will attend either Pierce or Valley Junior College in the afternoon. There is a possibility of receiving six units towards an Associate of Arts degree.

Classes such as an escrow course and numerical control are open to students along with many others in various fields.

Students interested must sign up before December 10 in the Attendance Office.

Basketballers Upset 68-39

Scoring 24 points for the Hunters, Scott Seiberman lead Canoga Park to a 68-39 upset over the Vikings Friday evening.

The Canoga defense was outstanding as they gave the Vikings only six points in the defensive roust throughout the match.

Leading the Vikings in scoring once again was Al Hyam with 11 points, followed by Jim Reed with 8 points.

The Jayvees seemed to play as a well balanced team, with high scoring Bill Watson tallying 14 points with 14 rebounds.

The Bees provided the most exciting game of the day.

Going into the fourth quarter with a 16 point deficit, the Bees came through to take the Hunters by a cliffhanging 65-63 while the Bees lost 62-46.

From The Editor's Desk

Miguel Capote

As I have been involved in the student rights movement, I have always appreciated the assistance that the American Civil Liberties Union has given students in their fight, but now the ACLU has taken a step which is a stab in the back for student rights with their decision against the use of "religious symbols" during the holiday season in school.

Such a move is a violation of our constitutionally guaranteed freedom of religion and is as absurd as celebrating George Washington's Birthday without saying George Washington.

You will notice that in school the previously named "Christmas vacation" is being called "winter vacation" to avoid any hassles with the courts. I certainly do not call this another student right.

It is absurd to limit somebody's freedom of speech and religion to "protect" somebody

COMMENTARY

Pupil Sees Women Superior

It is indeed very difficult to take Women's Lib seriously. When one happens to gaze at the women leading the movement one does not have to wonder why they want to change the world; from their looks alone it's apparent that they could not make it in anyone's world. Besides, women are not fit to be equal to man. Females are far superior, not only in physical aspects, but also in mental and social orders. It seems rather ridiculous for women to be struggling for superiority, something that they've already achieved.

John Wittenbel

else from being offended by it and I feel it is ironic that the ACLU, champion of student rights, be heading such an unconstitutional move.

Remember, if the government can limit the other guy's freedom, they may end up limiting yours, too. I demand my freedom to say, publicize, and share with others the fact that Christmas is not a commercial holiday just as I demand to be allowed to hear and learn what Hanuka is all about, in school as well as out.

So in this light, I condemn this action of the ACLU and ask that students oppose it in any way possible.

Have a Merry Christmas!

ALLEN'S ASSORTMENT

Mr. Allen Has Library Plans

Despite its limited size, Monroe's library is a busy one. According to Mr. Reuben Allen, librarian, the library is presently circulating 150 to 200 items daily.

Over 17,000 books are now on the library shelves. Space shortage for these books, as well as for students, is getting critical. The library has not been enlarged since the school was built, although four stacks have been provided to allow more room for books. Three more could possibly be added, but this would drastically reduce study room for students.

"Given the size of Monroe, the library is really much too small," Mr. Allen said.

Very few books are discarded and new books are arriving all the time. The library obtains some books through donations from outside sources. One such

book, recently purchased by such a donation, is Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee. Those books that the library orders are now available more quickly. The schools can order directly from publishers and book jobbers, eliminating the delay of ordering through the downtown school office. Although the librarians must work from an authorized list, much of the choice is up to the individual librarian. Suggestions for books students would like to see the library obtain are encouraged.

The library can get most of the popular paperbacks. The most popular of these are featured in changing displays on a "Top 40" rack. Currently, a science fiction display is being organized.

The most popular type of book at Monroe is the fiction book.

Mr. Allen noted a pronounced decline in the number of biographies being read. Other popular books include Future Shock, The Greening of America, and Beyond Freedom and Dignity. The library hopes to obtain such others as The Drifters, Passions of the Mind, and The First American.

The library research center good, but some of the encyclopedias are getting out of date. According to Mr. Allen, not all students know how to use the yearbooks and other resource materials available. To remedy this, he hopes to be able to offer a mini-course in library research techniques.

COMMENTARY

Readmittance System Discussed

A mysterious epidemic swept through the senior class last Wednesday causing approximately 90% of the class to miss school.

Close to 2000 students were absent that day, nearly all of them seniors. They were readmitted in a record time of 1½ hours. Still, there were complaints.

Many asked why, if the administration knew the seniors were going to be out, did the students have to go through readmittance?

According to Mr. Robert Kindseth, Registrar, the yellow readmittance slip is a legal document. That means it can be used to check back on attendance records for employment. It can also be used as court evidence. (So they know where you were on the 24th, for example). It is a state law that these slips must be issued.

The school is given a certain amount of money for each student present or out on illness. The school gets no money for a non-illness or truant student. When 2000 students mysteriously are out of school a substantial amount of badly needed money is not given to the school. A note signed by an adult is required

because students are still minors and an adult must be responsible for a student at all times.

Patty Pollack

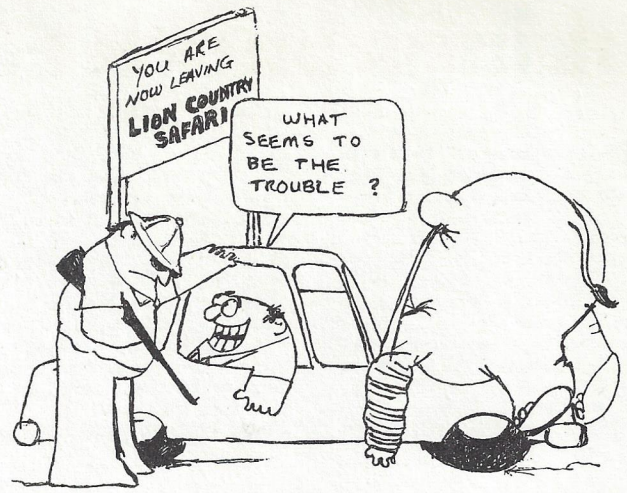
SOUND-OFF

Agrees With Arden

I want to agree with Jeff Arden's commentary called "Who Knows the Truth." (Dec. 1) I found the truth in Jesus Christ. I tried to get to God; in other words, I tried to be good enough to go to heaven, for after I die. I found out by myself that nobody can make it to God by himself. It figured out when my brother told me that that is the reason why Jesus came and died on the cross at Calvary...to take the load of sin I had, away! I had to put my faith in Jesus, as Jeff mentioned.

I, being from Jewish background, found that Jesus is who He said He is. He satisfies my needs, gives me real peace of mind, joy in my heart, He gives me His love for others, and His love from others, complete freedom, the promise of everlasting life, and a personal relationship with the Creator of the universe.

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