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Sanger High **APACHES** 1976 Football Championship History



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YOSEMITE DIVISION – VALLEY CHAMPIONS

WEST YOSEMITE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Sanger High School Athletic Hall of Fame – 2022 Inductees

12-1-0 (5-0-0)

Clovis	7-14
Bullard	28-13
Hoover	13-0
Selma	46-0
Tulare Union	46-12

Hanford	19-6
Redwood	30-14
Mt Whitney	28-6
Lemoore	28-8
Reedley	28-7

Valley Playoffs

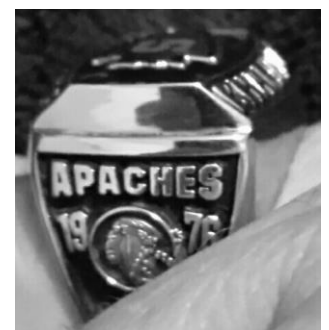
Arvin	32-6
McLane	7-6
Foothill	21-0



Mike Alvarado, Bert Burk, Steve Combs, Jeff Claiborne, Randy Deaver, Bill Dela Torre, Edwin Esparza, Mike Floyd, Omar Gallardo, Eli Garcia, Peter Grant, Eppie Gonzales, Ruben Gonzales, Richard Gutierrez, Greg Hart, Tony Herron, Roger Hemman, James Jurique, Steve Karmann, Craig Lawley, Kevin Lowery, Tim Lindeman, Mark Lopez, Louis Mata, Bob Markland, Johnny Martinez, Ray Martinez, Tom Merlo, Nick Mercado, Johnny Morales, Oscar Morales, Kerry Mobley, Gilbert Montelongo, Tim Ogawa, Ray Ovalle, Billy Jack Pierce, Rob Powell, Bubba Ramos, Roland Rico, Bobby Rodriguez, Ray Rodriguez, David Salinas, Jeff Shahbazian, Greg Simonian, Kevin Sonksen, Bill Strope, Mark Tawks, Ted Torosian,

Manuel Torres, Dennis Vermillion, Brian Watson, Chuck Wills, Randy Welch

Coaches: GARY SCOTT, Fred Ratzlaff, Jim Duckhorn, Bob McKitrick, Dennis Keran





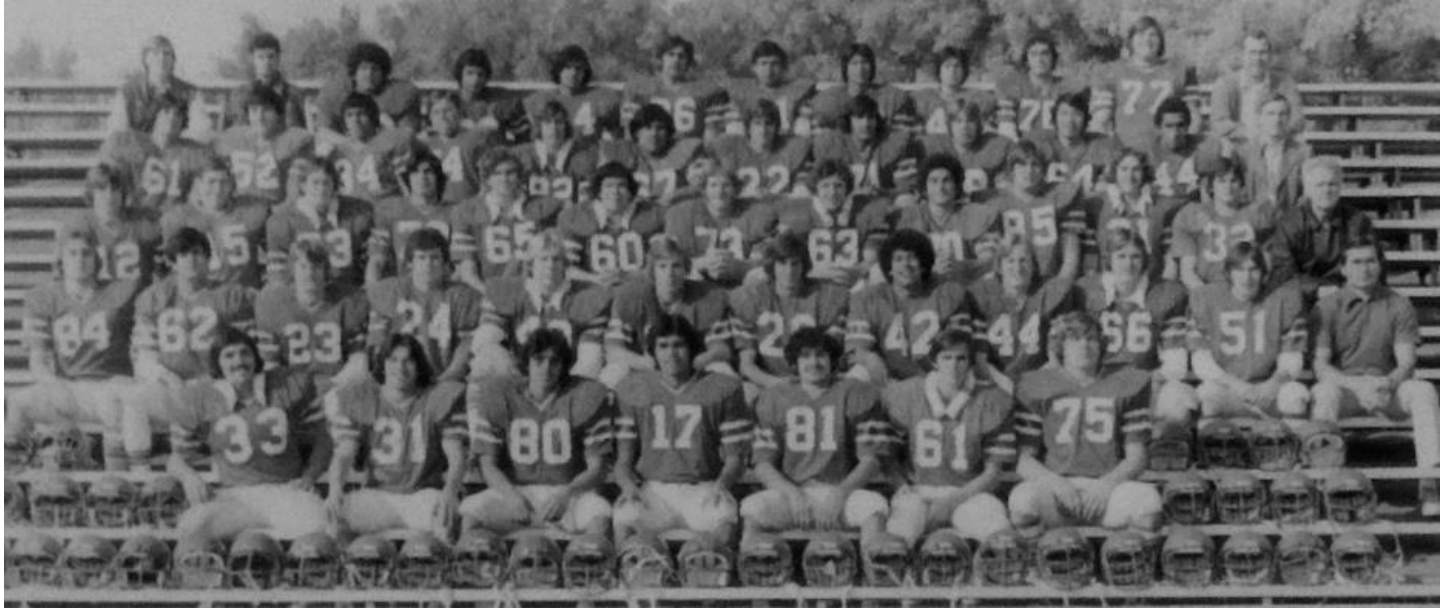
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Prologue

1975 – 10-2-0 (5-0-0)

WEST YOSEMITE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

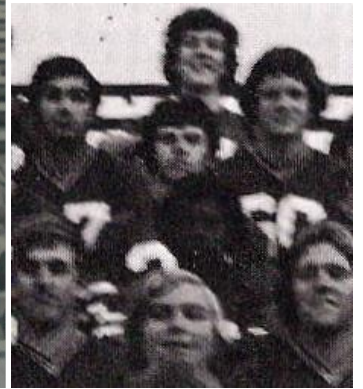


1974 – 10-0-0 (5-0-0)

WEST YOSEMITE JV LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

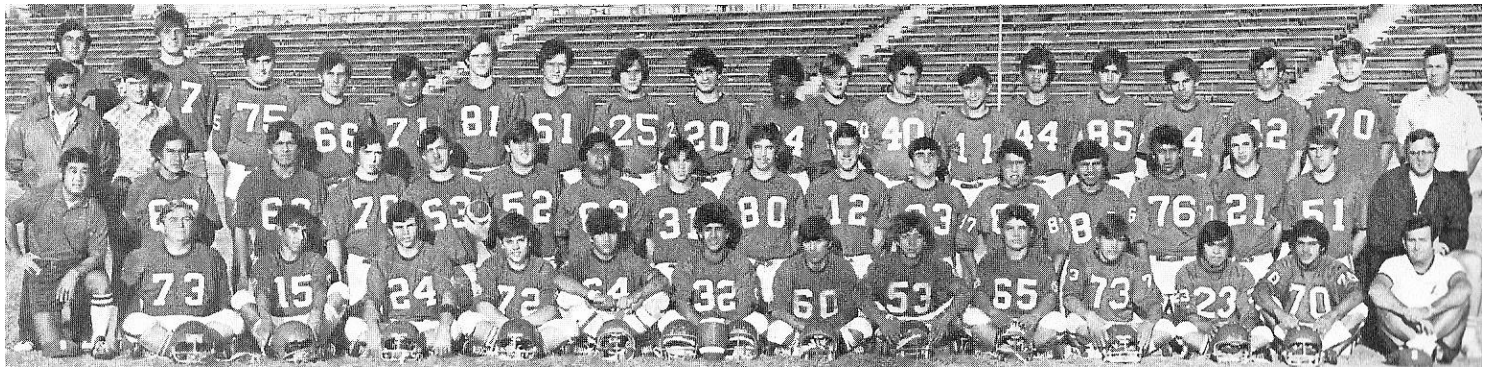
1974 – 5-4-1 (1-3-1)

WEST YOSEMITE Varsity 4th in League



1973 – 7-3-0 (4-1-0)

WEST YOSEMITE JV 2nd in League



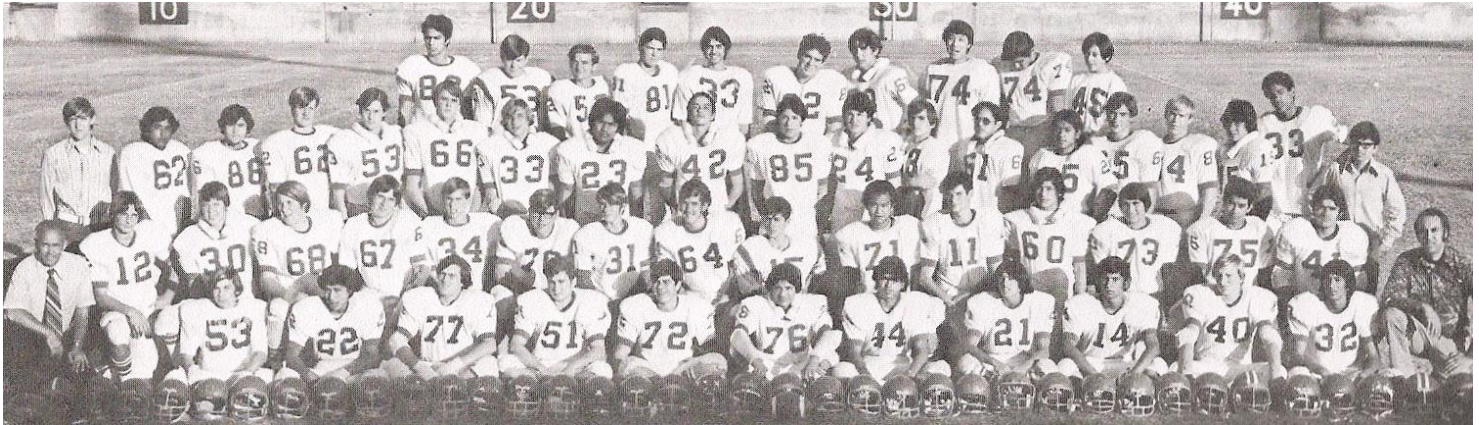


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1973 - 8-0-1 (5-0-0)

WEST YOSEMITE Frosh-Soph LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



1973 - 6-3-0 (5-3-0)

WEST YOSEMITE Frosh 3rd in League



1972 - 10-0-0 (5-0-0)

CENTRAL VALLEY POP WARNER LARGE CITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS





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Pre/Non-League Season

Sept. 1976

Apaches Hit Pads Friday with Fresno

With slightly more than a week remaining to prepare for their rugged season-opener against Clovis on Friday, September 17, head coach Gary Scott will give his Sanger High School Apache varsity football squad its first real test tomorrow night (Friday) in a preseason scrimmage against the traditionally strong Fresno High School Warriors. The two-hour plus head-knocker is tentatively set for a 7:00 p.m. start on the Sanger Stadium turf. Admission, as always, is free.

In summing up what has transpired during three weeks of two-a-day drills, Scott noted, "We haven't been making the progress I'd have liked to during that time." The second year mentor was quick to point out however, that the lack of progress had nothing to do with the attitude or hustle of his squad, but other things such as minor injuries and just being exhausted from the twice daily workout regimen. "We're dragging a bit," he summed up, "but that always happens during this time of year. Our scrimmage against Fresno High will help us gather momentum and show us right where we are."

The only serious injury Scott mentioned was a big one as senior letterman linebacker Randy Welch suffered a broken wrist last week. The injury should keep Welch on the shelf for most of the season.

Off the field, the Sanger Apache Booster Club is sponsoring a big "Meet the Players" night tonight (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Everyone is invited to meet the coaching staff and players with a short question and answer session to follow.

Also, because of an extra demand for reserve seat tickets to Apache home games

this season, 60 additional reserve seats have been made available this year. They are now on sale at Tejerians Mens & Womens Wear 1335 7th Street.



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Expect The Unexpected

Clovis-Sanger: A Mystery Tilt

By TERRY BETTERTON
Bee Sports Writer

Clovis High School football, which has become a symbol of excellence, is an unknown factor for 1976. Unknown to coaching staffs of both the Clovis Cougars and the Sanger Apaches.

Clovis and Sanger will kickoff the season Friday at Lamonica Stadium and coaches Tim Simons of Clovis and Gary Scott of Sanger don't know what to expect. They both confess to be expecting the unexpected.

"We are an unknown quantity," said Simons, the former Roosevelt coach and Clovis assistant who has taken over the reigns from Jim Fugman. "We're an inexperienced team and we are not big. And we have not scrimmaged against another team.

"This (Sanger-Clovis) has become a traditional rivalry. Also, its the first game. You don't know what is going to happen."

Scott, who coached Sanger to the West Yosemite League title last year in his first season with the Apaches, said just about the same thing.

"We're going against Clovis without having seen them and they have seen us (in a scrimmage against Fresno High). They have a new coach and what Clovis does is a mystery."

The Sanger-Clovis battle is just one of several attractive nonleague games in this first weekend of the 1976 season.

Bullard and Washington Union will get things going tonight at McLane Stadium.

Friday's slate includes top games like Fresno High at Merced (they played to a 19-19 tie last year), defending Yosemite Division champion Edison against Central, Dos Palos at Reedley, and Immanuel at Caruthers.

McLane will carry the valley's brand of football to Las Vegas for the annual battle with perennial Nevada power Clark High.

On Saturday, three games will be played, including the initial outing of a pair of new valley schools. Yosemite at home against Mariposa and Fire-

baugh in Cambria against Coast Union.

In the past two seasons, Clovis has been highlighted by big, strong linemen, especially on offense. But this year, most of the Cougars' forward will be under 200 pounds.

Running back Michael Henderson returns to head the Clovis offense — one of four offensive veterans. There are only three defensive starters returning, including outstanding free safety Tim Miller.

Clovis has won the past two seasons. The Cougars went on to the valley title in 1974 after a 29-0 win. Clovis also won last year, 40-6, but it was Sanger which had the big season.

After allowing 40 points to the Cougars, the Apaches allowed only 42 points the rest of the season, winning 10 straight before losing to Edison in the valley semifinals.

Halfback Ted Torosian returns to lead the Apache offensive unit.

"Football is a funny game," said Scott. "And, that is why I like it. You never know what is going to happen."

TONIGHT
Nonleague
Washington vs. Bullard, McLane Stadium

FRIDAY
Nonleague
Central vs. Edison, Ratcliffe Stadium,
Memorial vs. Hoover, McLane Stadium
Sanger at Clovis
Fresno at Merced
Madera at Chowchilla
McLane at Clark, Las Vegas
Hanford at Tulare
Lemoore at Coalinga
Redwood at Porterville
Dos Palos at Reedley
Arvin at West
Delano at Highland
Monache at Foothill
Western at Lindsay
Garces at Bakersfield
East at Shafter
Paso Robles at North
South at Taft
Selma at Dinuba
Sierra at Kerman
Corcoran at Exeter
Kingsburg at Fowler
Strathmore at Orovi
Tranquillity at Woodlake
Wasco at McFarland
Immanuel at Caruthers
Riverdale at Avenal
Laton at Parlier

SATURDAY
Nonleague
Firebaugh vs. Coast, Cambria 2 p.m.
Mariposa at Yosemite, 2 p.m.
Roosevelt vs. Mt. Whitney, Tulare, 8 p.m.



Caging A Cougar

Michael Henderson of Clovis High School dives for extra yardage but is stopped by Sanger linebacker Bill Strobe during first-half action. Mak-

ing sure of the stop is Apache cornerback Bill Pierce (23). Clovis scored twice in the final quarter to take a 14-7 victory at Lamonica Stadium.

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Frantic Finish: Clovis Rallies To Nip Sanger 14-7

By **TERRY BETTERTON**
 Bee Sports Writer

In the wildest finish this side of the Oakland Coliseum, the Clovis High School Cougars opened the 1976 football season with a thrilling 14-7 victory over the Sanger Apaches.

After struggling with mistakes and turnovers for three quarters, Clovis turned a pair of fourth-quarter touch-

tenacious Cougar defense.

In the first half, Clovis was called for eight penalties, fumbled once and was intercepted once. That is enough to stop any offense.

A fumble recovery by linebacker Rick Church at the Sanger 39 on the first play of the final quarter turned the game around, however.

Six plays later, a well-camouflaged screen pass from Brad Morris to Greg Inouye was good for a 27-yard touchdown with 9:55 remaining and Mike

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	Sanger	Clovis
First downs	12	14
Yards rushing	171	182
Yards lost	10	38
Net yards rushing	161	128
Passes-completions	14-5	13-6
Passing yardage	58	85
Total net yards	219	211
Interceptions by	2	3
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties	10-104	9-105
Punts	3-81.7	4-90.7

downs into a win for new head coach Tim Simons, much to the delight of a crowd of 8,000 at Lamonica Stadium.

And then the Cougars had to hold off a courageous rally by the Apaches, which had a possible win snatched away by a holding penalty in the final seconds.

That's right, just another one of those routine finishes.

Penalties and fumbles kept Clovis from establishing any kind of an offense for three periods. It was pretty much a hard-hitting defensive struggle.

Sanger scored in the first quarter, driving 54 yards in seven plays, with the help of three Clovis fumbles. Ted Torosian, a bulldozer back, smashed in from the nine and Kerry Mobley kicked the PAT.

Sanger made that stand up until the final period and had a couple of other opportunities sputter against the

Clovis

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Best kicked the PAT to tie the score.

Clovis got the ball back on an interception by Tim Miller and drove to the Sanger 30 before being stopped and Scott Eben's 47-yard field goal attempt was short.

Again the Clovis defense got the ball back, this time an interception by Church giving the Cougars possession at the Sanger 20. Seven plays later, Inouye busted in from the one for the go-ahead score with just 1:40 remaining.

But Sanger refused to fold and drove to the Clovis eight on the passing arm of senior quarterback Craig Lawley.

Lawley threw a perfect pass to Johnny Morales in the corner of the endzone with just five seconds remaining for a score which sent the Sanger rooters into hysteria. But the cheers were soon groans when the Apaches were called for holding.

The final play of the game saw David Moya and Miller break up a Lawley pass to Pirce at the goalline.

Sanger's junior varsity took the preliminary game 7-0.

Sanger High	7	0	0	0	-	7
Clovis High	0	0	0	14	-	14
- Torosian, 9 run (Mobley kick)						
C - Inouye, 27 pass from Morris (Best kick)						
C - Inouye, 1 run (Best kick)						



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Sanger's 'Walk-In' Touchdowns Bring Victory Over Bullard

By RON OROZCO
Bee Sports Writer

SANGER — Frustrated by a heart-breaking loss last week, Sanger High School bounced back Friday night — thanks to the right bounce of the ball.

Getting ideal field position throughout the game, the Apaches' nothing-fancy offense converted when it counted for a 28-13 nonleague victory over the Bullard Knights before a capacity crowd of 4,000.

"Field position — football is basically just that," said second-year Sanger coach Gary Scott matter-of-factly. "We didn't have much of that against Clovis (in a 14-7 loss)."

The Apaches' pro-set attack simply scored at opportune times. Their scoring drives were literally "walk-ins" — 29, 16 and 30 yards. The lone exception was halfback Bert Burk's electrifying 70-yard touchdown sprint on the second play of the second half.

And Sanger's seven-man front on defense, headed by down linemen Greg Hart and Bill DeLa Torre and a trio of strong linebackers, set up two

touchdowns while limiting Bullard to minus-13 total net yards in the first half.

It wasn't until midday in the third period that Knight quarterback Kelly Brown spotted holes in the Apaches' secondary and passed with authority. In fact, the Knights totaled 168 passing yards or 21 yards better than Sanger's entire offensive output.

But after sprinting to a 21-0 lead early in the fourth quarter, Sanger held on for its first win this season. Bullard also is 1-1.

"I feel fortunate we got good field position and scored early," said Scott. "Yeah, I'm satisfied with the offense. We just wanted to consistently keep our drives going."

Their first drive started early in the second period when Apache defensive end Ray Ovalle recovered tight end Scott Scambray's fumble on an end-around at the Knights' 29. Five plays later fullback Ted Torosian burst over from the one behind strongside tackle Kevin Lowery's block.

Kerry Mobley added the first of four PAT kicks.

And after Billy Pierce returned Joe Cooper's punt 26 yards to the Bullard 16, Sanger was rolling again seven minutes later. Appropriately, Pierce scored in the left flat on a five-yard scoring pass from quarterback Craig Lawley.

	Bullard	Sanger
First downs	10	8
Yards rushing	80	134
Yards lost	49	23
Net Yards rushing	11	111
Passes-completions	19-9	4-3
Passing yardage	157	36
Total net yards	168	147
Interceptions by	0	1
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties	2-9	5-22
Punts	5-34.8	5-34.2

Burk's TD gallop thrilled the partisan Sanger crowd. He initially broke through the left side, then cut to the outside before winning a footrace to the endzone. He finished with 99 yards in 14 carries.

Bullard's offense flashed an impressive 21-play, 90-yard scoring march early in the fourth period,

capped when tailback Lewis King took a quick pitch and skirted around left end from a yard out. Cooper added the PAT.

Split end Rob Baldwin keyed the drive with four receptions for 74 yards.

Sanger added an insurance TD with 3:49 left on Lawley's six-yard keeper, which was set up by a pass interception, and Bullard reserve QB Nick Papagni hooked up with wide receiver Rex Hudler on a 53-yard bomb with just 53 seconds left.

In the preliminary game, Tom Rocha caught a 19-yard scoring pass from Paul Montelongo with 5:07 left as the Sanger JVs beat the Bullard sophomores 13-7.

Bullard High	0	0	0	13	-	13
Sanger High	0	14	7	7	-	28

- S — Torosian, 1 run (Mobley kick)
- S — Pierce, 5 pass from Lawley (Mobley kick)
- S — Burk, 70 run (Mobley kick)
- B — King, 1 run (Cooper kick)
- S — Lawley, 6 run (Mobley kick)
- B — Hudler, 53 pass from Papagni (kick failed)



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Apaches Host Hoover

It's long been known by football coaches that the best way to stop a good passer is not give him time to throw the ball. Last Friday night before a near capacity Grape Bowl Festival audience, the Sanger High School Apaches followed that advice to perfection and came away with an impressive 28-13 victory over Bullard High School from Fresno.

Now 1-1 in non-league play, the Apaches return to the prep gridiron wars this Friday evening at Sanger Stadium against a third straight opponent from the tough North Yosemite League, the Hoover High School Patriots. Kickoff is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., with coach Ray Tanimoto's undefeated Sanger Braves (2-0) playing host to the unbeaten Hoover Sophomore squad (also 2-0) in the 6:00 p.m. preliminary attraction.

Last week, the Braves rallied from behind with 5:07 remaining in the game to defeat the Bullard Sophomores, 13-7. A clutch 19 yard scoring pass from quarterback Paul Montelongo to split receiver Louis Rocha on 4th down, and David Orozco's successful point-after-touchdown finally put Sanger ahead after trailing most of the game 7-6, while late interceptions by Kevin Ashford and Mark Shephard preserved the hard-fought verdict.

Hoover's varsity eleven will come to Sanger sporting a new-spotless 1-0-1 record after tying San Joaquin Memorial in its opener, 28-28, and defeating the Exeter High Monarchs, 35-12, last Thursday. The latter game was a lot closer than the final score indicated as Hoover rallied for three touchdowns in the final quarter to break open a tight contest.

Sanger's second year head coach Gary Scott has been impressed with what he has seen of the Pates so far, especially on offense. "Their offense," he notes, "is almost identical to ours. They run the Veer.

"Hoover throws the ball real well," Scott continued, "and they have a very fast receiver

in Keith Day. He is really explosive and can go all the way at any time."

Against Exeter, Hoover rolled up 432 total net yards, 231 on the ground and 201 in the air. Halfback Clemente Lucero scored twice on one yard plunges and quarterback Steve Burgstaller (10 of 17 completions) fired a pair of scoring passes, one a 73-yard bomb to Day, wide receiver Chuck Walker, a mainstay on defense, and Mark Griffen also tallied for the Patriots.

"Based on what I've seen, I rate Hoover as a better football team than Bullard," commented Scott, who viewed the Pates execution of Exeter. "They are tough both offensively and on defense (they'll throw another 8-man front against Sanger), and they've done a good job so far. It will take a good team effort to beat them."

Scott was also impressed by what he saw his Apaches do to Bullard last Friday. "We are striving for perfection and we're making progress each week," the quiet but personable mentor noted. "Yes, I was very pleased with our defensive effort and especially the kicking game."

Defensively, Scott praised the fine work of tackles Greg Hart and Bill DeLaTorre and middle linebacker Bill Strope in helping to contain quarterback Kelly Brown and the

potentially explosive Bullard offense. "They like to draw and screen a lot," he explained, "but our rush just didn't give them a chance to get moving."

The Apache defense was so vicious in the first half that Brown and Co. wound up with only two first downs and a net 0 yards during the first 24 minutes. Most of the visitor's 182 total yards came on a beautifully engineered, 97 yard, 21-play scoring drive that ate up 9 minutes and cut the Sanger lead to 20-7 early in the final period; and a 53-yard bomb from reserve Knight signal caller Gary Papagni to wide receiver Rex Hundler for Bullard final six pointer with only 50 seconds left in the game.

On the first Bullard T.D., corner back Bobby Markland apparently had killed the drive with an interception in the end zone, but a pass interference penalty on the same play kept the drive alive.

While not rumbling up and down the field at will, the Apache offense took advantage of breaks and mistakes to score four times. After a scoreless first quarter, defensive end Ray Ovalle gave Sanger its first break by recovering a fumble at the Bullard 29-yard line. It took senior quarterback Craig Lawley just six plays to go the distance with key plays being a 10-yard dash by halfback Burt Burk and an 11-yard scamper by Lawley. Fullback Ted Torosian hurled the final and Kerry Mobley converted to give the Apaches a 7-0 lead at 9:14 of the second period.

Moments later, another big defensive play set up Sanger's second six pointer just before the half. Louis Mata, another in the list of fine Apache down linemen this year, chased and nailed Brown attempting to pass at the Knight one-yard line. The 17-yard loss forced Bullard to punt from its own end zone and cornerback Billy Pierce took the kick at the Knight 43-yard line and rambled 27 yards before being run out of bounds at the Bullard 16. From there,

Sanger scored in six plays again on a five-yard pass from Lawley to Pierce with just 41 seconds left before intermission. Mobley again toed the conversion and the Apaches led 14-0.

Burk, called "the Savage" by his teammates, electrified the large crowd just after the second half started as he broke free on a simple dive play, cut to his left and outsped the Bullard defense down the sidelines for a nifty 70-yard touchdown jaunt to up the count to 21-0 with only 55 seconds gone in the third stanza. Burk's run was the longest scoring play for Sanger since Markland intercepted a Bullard pass on the goal line and returned it 100 plus yards exactly one year ago. Evidently, the sight of Bullard makes the Apaches go farther.

Sanger's final insurance touchdown came after another big defensive play, an interception at the Knight 30-yard line by strong safety Tony Herron. Six plays and a five-yard penalty later, Lawley scampered over from six yards out and that was the ball game.

Overall, the Apaches outgained Bullard 257 total yards to 183, with 197 of that being picked up on the ground. Burk was the leading ball carrier in the game with 116 yards in 13 carries (8.9 yard average), while Lawley completed three of only four passes for 38 yards. Regarding the lack of putting the ball in the air, Scott was very specific in his answer. "There was absolutely no reason to," he flatly stated. "We passed early because Bullard didn't honor our wide receivers but once we got the lead, we wanted to maintain ball control and eat up the clock.

Perhaps the two things that pleased Scott most was the improved blocking by the offensive line and the great kicking game. "We still have along way to go," he mentioned in reference to the offensive line, "but I was pleased with our performance last week."



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Apaches Down Hoover

In a Bicentennial year, beating up on a band of local Patriots is about as unpatriotic as one can get. With no malice toward Mom, apple pie, or the flag intended, that's exactly what second year head coach Gary Scott and his strong-armed bunch of Sanger High School Apaches did to the Hoover High School Patriots last Friday night with a 13-0 victory before a surprisingly-large turnout of between 2,500 and 3,000 drenched fans in rain-soaked Sanger Stadium.

The relatively easy win gives Sanger an overall 2-1 non-league record and will almost assuredly move the Apaches up a rung or two from the number 10 ranking they held last week. Next on the preseason agenda is this Friday's annual battle against arch-rival Selma, a team that hasn't shown too much so far but one that always seems to give Sanger fits. Game time at Selma's home park is set for 8:00 p.m., with coach Roy Tanimoto's undefeated Sanger Braves, fresh off its most impressive win of the season, a 28-0 battering of the Hoover Sophomores, besting the Selma Junior Varsity in the 6:00 p.m. preliminary struggle.

Like Sanger, Selma has a head coach currently in his second year in Joe Bonialla. Last fall, Bonialla's Bears played the role of pesky underdogs before bowing 14-0 in the rain at Sanger and Scott expects more of the same treatment this time around as well. "It's a big game for them," he warns, "and they could be troublesome. Selma has nothing to lose because nothing is expected of them. On the other hand, we have everything to lose."

The Bears finally got their combination Veer T, shotgun attack untracked last Saturday with a 3 touchdown 21-0 blanking of Fowler after twice being shutout themselves, 6-0 by Dinuba and 28-0 by Kingsburg. The loss to Dinuba is quite misleading, Scott noted, as Selma had 8 or

9 good scoring opportunities wasted in the defeat, while in the loss to Kingsburg, the Bears lost 4 of 9 fumbles and were intercepted twice.

But defense is where the Bears seem to cause the most problems. Last year at Sanger, Selma's small, quick defenders caused the Apaches to have one of their poorest nights offensively of the season, and they've been doing more of the same to their opposition this year as well. "Their defense has been quite good," Scott stated. "They try to confuse their opponents with many fronts and used 8 different defenses against Dinuba. Besides, he added, "Selma always seems to play well against Sanger."

Last Friday's unfortunate downpour turned what could have been a very interesting matchup into little more than a head-butting contest. In the wet, gooey going, Sanger's better ground game took over and the Apaches used this advantage to pound out 225 total net yards while a combination of the slippery ball and Sanger's excellent defense held Hoover to a mere 97 net yards gained (40 on the ground and 57 in the air).

The visitors never seemed to get untracked and racked up only 5 first downs (3 by penalty) in the entire affair. The Apaches, on the other hand, rambled for 13 first downs (11 rushing and 2 by penalty) and had a couple of other first half scoring opportunities nullified by holding infractions.

Sanger opened the scoring after the contest was less than 3 minutes old. On the first scrimmage play after the opening kickoff, big senior defensive end Louis Mata fell on one of 6 Hoover fumbles in the game (the Pates lost 3 of the bobbles) and the Apaches were in business at the Patriot 29 yard line. From there, it took senior quarterback Craig Lawley just 6 plays to travel the distance with Lawley himself plowing over from 2 yards out for the score. Junior

Kerry Mobley missed his first extra point after 6 straight conversions but Sanger had a 6-0 lead with 9:23 left in the first period and was in control of the ball game.

After penalties squandered 2 good scoring opportunities in the second stanza, the Apaches put the game on ice early in the third quarter. A beautiful 40 plus yard return on the second half kickoff by senior Billy Pierce put Sanger in excellent field position at the Hoover 45. Eleven plays and nearly 6 minutes later (5:37 to be exact), Lawley scampered over from 7 yards out and this time Mobley didn't miss. Final score, 13-0.

While Lawley did the scoring, senior workhorse fullback Ted Torosian had an excellent night with 89 yards in 22 carries (4:05 average). Senior halfback Burt "The Savage" Burk followed closely behind with 69 net yards in 17 tries (4.06 average), while Lawley wound up carrying the ball for 52 yards also on 17 tries. Scott also was pleased with the fourth period running of Manuel Torres who netted 10 yards on 3 tries.

Providing that quartet of backs with the daylight to run were six offensive linemen who are getting better and better with each game. They include center Greg Simonian, guards Omar Gallardo and Mark Lopez, tackles Kevin Lawery and Kevin Sonksen and tight end Mike Alvarado. "I was very pleased with all of them," Scott noted.

While the offense had its moments of brilliance, the Apache defense was something else again, playing a near flawless game from start to finish. "They never hurt us," a happy Scott proudly proclaimed. "Our defense just played extremely well and completely stopped their whole offense. It was our first shutout."

Singling out any one defender would have been a crime and Scott knew it. "Just mention them all," he smiled.

"They all did a fine job. Okay, here goes: ends Mata and Jeff Shahbazian; tackles Bill DeLaTorre and Greg Hart; middle linebacker Billy Strope; outside linebackers Steve Karmann and Steve Combs; cornerbacks Bobby Markland and Pierce; and safeties Gilbert Montelongo and Eppie Gonzalez. The latter did come in for some extra special praise by Scott as he filled in quite nicely at free safety for injured junior

Tony Herron. Herron suffered a severe muscle bruise in his neck during practice last week and is a questionable performer for the Selma game this Friday.

The only other Apache still in sick bay is senior linebacker Randy Welch. A starter last year, Welch broke his right wrist in preseason practice and just had the cast removed last week. He should be ready with a week or two of recovery time.

With an eye toward trying new things on offense and cutting down on those costly penalties ("sure I'm concerned about them", Scott noted), the Apaches move on

to Selma seeking their third straight triumph. Following that, Sanger has one final chance to get ready at home against Tulare Union on Friday, October 15, before opening defense of their West Yosemite League championship against Hanford in two weeks. All things considered, it's not too much time.

OFFICIAL HERALD STATISTICS
(Compiled by Tyler Tharpe)

	SANGER	HOOVER
First downs	13	4
Net yds rushing	229	40
Passes-Comp-Int	4-0-0	10-4-0
Net yds passing	0	57
Total net yds	229	97
Fumbles-lost	1-0	6-3
Punts-Avg	2-43	3-34.3
Penalties-yds	7-75	3-40



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Powerhouse Sanger Erupts, Easily Handles Selma, 46-0

McClatchy News Service

SELMA — It was over as soon as the band got through playing the Star Spangled Banner.

Sanger's powerhouse Apaches scored 21 points in the first quarter and never looked back as they posted a 46-0 nonleague football win over the Selma High Bears Friday night.

Sanger added 19 more points in the

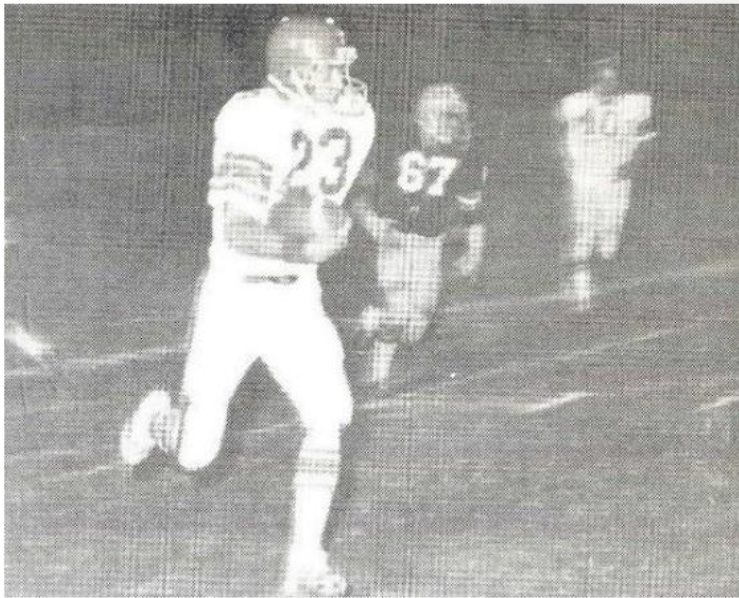
second quarter to take a 40-0 lead at halftime and make the second half a laugher.

Bert Burk, who packed the ball 10 times for 164 Apache yards on the ground (all in the first half and he sat out the second), scored the first of seven Sanger TDs on a 10-yard sprint early in the opening quarter.

The Apaches dominated the statist-

ics both offensively and defensively, rolling up 303 net yards on the ground and holding the Bears to minus 35.

Sanger High	21	19	0	6	-	46
Selma High	0	0	0	0	-	0
San — Burk, 10 run (Mobley kick)						
San — Torosian, 1 run (Mobley kick)						
San — Lawley, 6 run (Mobley kick)						
San — Morales, 17 pass from Lawley (kick failed)						
San — Herron 46 interception return (Mobley kick)						
San — Mobley, 29 interception return (pass failed)						
San — Ricco, 4 run (kick failed)						
JV — Sanger 27, Selma 0.						



Billy Jack Pierce Steve Karmann



Bert Burk Ted Torosian



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Bears scalped by Apaches

One good thing resulted from last week's 46-0 drubbing the Sanger High School Apaches gave the Selma Bears—the two teams won't meet again next year.

Selma enters the revised Central Sequoia League next season with four other North Sequoia League teams. The Bears have dropped several non-league games from their football schedule, including old rivals Fowler and Sanger.

How the Bears, 1-3, comeback tomorrow night against Wasco remains to be seen. Wasco defeated a strong Lemoore team last week 20-13. Game

time in Wasco is 8 p.m.

Determined to pass against a stubborn Sanger defense, Selma was intercepted four times, including the very first play from scrimmage.

The Apaches have only allowed 27 points in posting a 3-1 mark. Sanger's huge defensive front wall continually pushed Selma back for a minus-38 yards rushing.

Offensively, Sanger was very conservative on the ground, content in blowing up the middle of Selma's defense for huge gains. The Apaches rolled up 304 net yards on the ground.

Bert Burk paced Sanger on the ground, compiling 164 yards in 10 carries.

Sanger picked off a Lennie Wells' pass on the game's first play from scrimmage at the Selma 24-yard line. Five plays later Burk banged over from the 10, giving Sanger its first score with 9:18 left in the initial stanza. Kerry Mobley came on to boot the extra point.

Burk cut loose for a 59-yard romp to set up the second Sanger touchdown. Ted Torosian slammed in with 5:21 left in the quarter for a one-yard touchdown. Mobley kicked his second PAT

for a 14-0 lead.

The scoring in the first period wasn't over yet. After taking over at their own 39-yard line, the Apaches drove 61 yards in four plays for the score.

On the first play in the drive Burk picked up a big chunk of turf with a 44-yard gain. Craig Lawley kept on the quarterback option for a six-yard touchdown run with 1:46 left in the first quarter. Mobley made it 21-0 with his third point-after kick.

Sanger was not satisfied with a 21-0 lead after the first quarter, adding 19 points in the second quarter.

Selma's defense held the Apaches on downs at the one-yard line, after Donald Wilson fumbled at the eight-yard line. A Sanger penalty pushed the Apaches back five yards, before turning the ball over at the one.

Selma was forced to punt after stalling at the nine. Lawley went to work against the Selma defense, this time through the air. Lawley found Oscar Morales in the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown pass with 4:53 to play



Steve Karmann Greg Hart Ray Ovalle Billy Jack Pierce

Keep your distance

Putting an arm out to ward off Sanger Apache defenders Billy Reece (32), Selma High School fullback, sweeps his own right end in first quarter action last Friday night in Bear

Stadium. Reece was unable to get to the outside before being dropped behind the line of scrimmage. (Enterprise photo)

Bear facts

	Selma	Sanger
First downs	5	8
Yards rushing	31	320
Yards lost rushing	69	16
Net yards rushing	-38	304
Passes-completions	5-16	2-3
Yards passing	67	28
Total net yards	29	332
Interceptions by	0	4
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	10-75	15-145
Punts-average	7-28.5	4-41.7

in the second quarter. Mobley missed the extra point kick.

Sanger struck quickly for its final two scores before the half. Tony Herron picked off a Tim Nuanes pass, returning the ball 46 yards for the touchdown with 3:22 showing on the clock.

After Mobley booted the extra point, he got into the touchdown parade by intercepting a Wells pass and going 29 yards for the score with 2:45 left before intermission. Sanger failed on the point-after on a bad snap from center.

With reserves from both teams playing much of the second half, the two squads floated between the goal lines, until Sanger scored on the final play of the game.

After Sanger intercepted another pass from Wells, Roland Ricco scored on a quarterback-keeper from four yards out to end the game.



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Sanger Rips Tulare 46-12

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SANGER — The eighth-ranked Sanger High Apaches prepared for next week's West Yosemite League opener by exploding for 33 first-half points to destroy Tulare Union 46-12 Friday night.

Sanger used its big-play brand of football to topple the Mustangs and raise its record to 4-1 after suffering a opening-game loss to Clovis.

Billy Pierce provided some of the first-half fireworks by scoring on a 72-yard run and a 96-yard punt return.

Burt Burk also got into the act by pulling off a 55-yard touchdown run.

Ted Torosian powered his way for two more Apache scores, both from five yards out.

Tulare High	0	6	6	0	-	12
Sanger High	7	2	6	13	0	46
S — Deaver, 7 pass from Lawley (kick blocked)						
S — Torosian, 5 run (Moblely kick)						
S — Morales, 58 pass from Lawley (Moblely kick)						
S — Burk, 55 run (kick failed)						
T — Borgeson, 4 run (run failed)						
S — Pierce, 72 run (Moblely kick)						
S — Pierce, 96 punt return (Moblely kick)						
S — Torosian, 5 run (kick failed)						
T — Wenn, 17 run (run failed)						
JV — Tulare 8, Sanger 8.						

the impressive APACHES -----

Selma was simply not in the same class as the Apaches. Everyone seemed to have scored...most at will, it seemed. First it was Burk, then Torosian, then Lawley, then Markland, then Herron, then Mobley, then Roland Rico. Kerry Mobley added 4 PAT's. Burk led the rushers with 172 yards in 10 carries and was followed by Manuel Torres (60 yards) and Rico who got 37. Lawley only threw twice and had a 100% completion record as both were caught....one of which ended in a TD after a 17 yard run by Markland. Shahbazian led the tacklers with six tackles and was followed by Karmann and John Martinez. Selma couldn't move the ball on the ground and when they passed the Apaches picked them off. Tony Herron, Mobley, Roger Hemman and Steve Combs all were credited with interceptions. Montelongo punted 4 times for 162 yards and Mobley had seven kickoffs for 329 yards. The Apaches won 46-0.



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Apaches Host Hanford Friday

After burying its second straight opponent with another 40 plus point barrage in last Friday night's 46-12 romp over the outclassed Tulare Union High School Redskins, Coach Gary Scott's suddenly offense-minded Sanger High School Apaches will step up to bigger game tomorrow (Friday) evening against the Valley's 5th rated team, Hanford High School, in a crucial West Yosemite League opener for both schools. The classic gridiron matchup of Hanford's speed versus Sanger's power and crunching defense will unfold before an expected jam-packed audience at Sanger Stadium starting at 8:00 p.m. Earlier, in the 6:00 p.m. preliminary attraction, coach Ray Tanimoto's unbeaten but

once-tied Sanger Braves also kicked off league play against the Hanford Junior Varsity squad. Last Friday, after reeling off four straight wins, the Braves were held to an 8-8 standoff by the Tulare J.V.'s. A bevy of brilliant backs will lead coach Duffy Dufour's unbeaten (5-0) Bullpups into tomorrow's crucial showdown battle with Sanger the Valley's 8th ranked juggernaut and defending W.Y.L. champions. The list is fast and lengthy and includes such speedsters as Will Wharry nor Ken Thomas played last week because of slight leg ailments but that just gave the reserves a chance to display their wares for coach Dufour and they didn't disappoint in a 35-0 rout over the completely-outmanned Washington Union

Panthers. In that one, the "subs" (starters on most other teams) contributed a major portion of the awesome 284 rushing yards Hanford piled up. En route to a perfect 5-0 nonleague mark, the Pups have also blanked Monache of Porterville, 21-0, and Corcoran, 34-0, as well as pulverizing Tulare Union, 35-10, and bouncing Porterville, 25-16, in the rain three weeks ago. That means only 26 points have been scored by Hanford's opponents (compared to 38 for Sanger's opposition) which equals an excellent defense led by lineman Roger Hedrick and deep backs Dick Armas and Marshall Langiano. Overall, the teams stack up
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about dead even for this pivotal West Yosemite joust. Hanford definitely rates an edge in speed, but the Apaches excellent defensive record against tougher opposition (unbeaten Clovis, Hoover and Bullard) certainly gives them the edge there. Just as in the past two games between these powers, a break such as the intercepted 98 yard lateral return in Hanford's 6-9 victory in 1974, or big play (goal line stand and field goal in Sanger's thrilling 3-2 verdict last year) could prove to be the difference once again. On paper it appears to be that close. Last Friday, the Apaches enjoyed another laughter to the delight of the partisan crowd. A big 27 point second quarter, which featured such electrifying scoring plays as a 57 yard pass from Craig Lawley to splint end Johnny Morales, a 55-yard burst by senior halfback Bert Burk and Billy Pierce's brilliant 72-yard kickoff return, broke the game wide open and gave the Apaches an insurmountable 33-6 halftime lead. Other Apache six pointers in the one-sided affair included an 8-yard pass from Lawley to tight end Mike Alvarado that opened the Sanger scoring parade at 8:19 of the opening period, runs of 5 and 8 yards by workhorse fullback Ted Torosian and Pierce's incredible 98 yard punt return in the third period. Needless to say, Pierce had his finest night ever in an Apache red and blue uniform and quite

possibly enjoyed the greatest performance of all time for a Sanger punt and kickoff return man with an unbelievable total of 197 yards for only 5 runbacks (2 kickoffs and 3 punts). Besides the return yardage, Sanger had its most productive and versatile offensive output of the young season with 196 net yards rushing and 148 yards passing for a total offense of 344 yards on only 48 plays. In compiling those figures, Lawley fired 7 completions in 10 attempts for all the aerial yards, while Burk continued his drive toward a 1,000 yard season with 104 yards on only 9 tries, add Torosian and Manuel Torres each ground out 46 yards on 10 and 13 carries respectively. Indeed, it was an impressive performance for a team that is supposed to hang its hat on defense. Speaking of defense, middle linebacker Bill Strobe with 6 unassisted tackles and 6 assists led another vicious Apache assault on the opposition. Outside linebacker Steve Karmann and safety Eppie Gonzalez each chipped in with 6 total stops while cornerbacks Bobby Markland, linebacker Elias Ramos and the ever present Pierce all picked off an errant Tulare aerial. All in all, the Apaches looked sharp and it seemed the perfect tuneup for tomorrow night's biggie. Whether these last two victories have been a trifle too easy remains to be seen.



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West Yosemite League Season

Hanford-Sanger -- WYL 'Showdown'

When analyzing Hanford-Sanger football matchups, start with the defenses. You can also end there.

In the last two meetings, neither offense has scored a touchdown and that trend may show again Friday when the ranked s hools clash in a West Yosemite League "showdown" opener at 8 p.m. in Sanger.

What's swaying the votes is past performances. Last year Sanger won

co, with top rusher Sheldon Smith, hosts Taft in the South Sequoia.

Besides the Hanford-Sanger battle, there are two other key WYL games. Seventh-ranked Mt. Whitney and Bob Daniels journey to Lemoore, while Reedley welcomes Redwood.

Still, that expected defensive showdown in Apache land is drawing the most attention.

"Defensive battle? That's probably the way it'll shape up," said Dufour, "although both teams have good offenses. This year can go either way but I'm going with the defenses."

Scott agreed, saying, "Looking at the game realistically, it should be very close. Yeah, I anticipate a low-scoring game. Defense is what we've been trying to emphasize all along. We feel you win with the defense."

With a pro-front (6-1) alignment, Sanger's key defensive performers are linemen Greg Hart, a 6-foot-1, 192-pounder, and Luis Mata, at 6-3, 216 pounds. Hanford's 4-3 setup is led by lineman David Smith (6-3, 230) and middle linebacker James Rodriguez (6-2, 180).

Both teams, however, boast high-scoring offenses, too.

The Apaches' strength is the ground game, especially with Bert Burk and Ted Torosian in the backfield, but the air attack with quarterback Craig Lawley is improving.

"We've been trying to develop fully," said Scott. "We've been passing quite a bit, striving for that total offense."

The Bullpups offer a balanced attack but their backfield lineup is uncertain, with Will Wharry and Ken Thomas rebounding from injuries. The depth, however, took up the slack. Billy Thomas rushed for 154 yards in 17 carries. And QB Rod Dias is a capable passer.

Clovis' Tim Simons will be hoping for that same winning performance last week against Roosevelt. With junior QB Brad Morris guiding the Wishbone, the Cougars' ground attack totaled 312 yards, mostly on carries by Greg Inouye and Mike Henderson.

Cliff Wetzel's Riders, fresh off an

emotional win over Edison, also have a potent Wishbone, headed by backs Robert Walker and Greg Johnson.

Another running battle looms in the Sierra-Central game. The Chieftains' Flammang is the valley's fourth-best rusher and the Grizzlies' Brent Ferreira rushed for 242 yards in 23 trips last week.

Washington faces a stiff NSL opener at Dos Palos, which will be trying to rebound from last week's loss to Lemoore, and Memorial, with No. 1

passer Matt DeFendis, will be searching for its first win, at Selma.

In the WYL, a close contest should be in store for Redwood and Reedley, as well as the Mt. Whitney-Lemoore clash.

East Sierra leader Immanuel, with the potent combination of Duane Warkentin and Brad Ens, faces winless Coast, and West Sierra frontrunner Riverdale (4-1) and Kerry Bonner meet Chowchilla.

— By Ron Orozco

Top Ten

The San Joaquin Valley's Top Ten high school football teams is compiled by The Bee's prep sports staff and valley correspondents. Voting is on a 10-9-8-7 etc. basis. Firstplace votes and season records, in parenthesis, follow the teams:

3-2, and the previous year Hanford prevailed 6-0 on an interception return for a touchdown.

And this year both teams are entering with super defenses again. Duffy Dufour's third-ranked Bullpups (5-0) have allowed just 5.2 points per game in chalking up three shutouts, and Gary Scott's fourth-rated Apaches (4-1) aren't far behind at 7.8 and two blankings.

In fact, defenses may play key roles in other interesting games Friday as six other valley leagues open. Top-ranked Fresno and Madera were scheduled to get the show rolling tonight at McLane Stadium in a North Yosemite League game.

And in NYL play tomorrow, second-ranked Clovis (5-0) hosts surprising Roosevelt in a battle of Wishbone offenses at Lamonica Stadium.

Elsewhere, No. 5 Sierra and strong running back Chris Flammang entertain improved Central in a North Sequoia opener, No. 8 Delano hosts winless Monache in the East Yosemite, No. 9 Woodlake, with Sam Diaz and Craig Peltzer travels to Exeter in the Central Sequoia, and No. 10 Was-

Prep Schedule

TODAY
 North Yosemite
 Madera vs. Fresno, McLane Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
 North Yosemite
 Bullard vs. McLane, Racilite Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
 Edison vs. Hoover, McLane Stadium, 8 p.m.
 Roosevelt at Clovis

West Yosemite
 Hanford at Sanger
 Mt. Whitney (H) at Lemoore
 Redwood at Reedley

East Yosemite
 Arvin at Tulare
 Monache at Delano
 Western at Porterville

South Yosemite
 West at Bakersfield
 North at East
 Highland at South

North Sequoia
 Central at Sierra
 Washington at Dos Palos
 Memorial at Selma

Central Sequoia
 Dinuba at Orosi
 Woodlake at Exeter
 Kingsburg at Lindsay

South Sequoia
 Coalinga at Corcoran
 Garces at Shafter
 Taft at Wasco

West Sierra
 Caruthers at Kernan
 Chowchilla at Riverdale
 Tranquillity at Fowler

East Sierra
 Laton at Avenal
 Immanuel at Coast
 Strathmore at McFarland

Nonleague
 Foothill at LA Poly
 Parlier at Firebaugh, 3 p.m.

Valley Leaders

Scoring

Name, School	TD	PAT	1 Pt	2 FG	TP
1. Sam Diaz, Woodlake	9	16	0	1	73
2. Keith Gooch, Fresno High	12	0	0	0	72
3. Gary Finley, South	10	0	1	0	62
4. Chris Flammang, Sierra	10	0	0	0	60
5. Kerry Bonner, Riverdale	9	1	2	0	59
6. Billy Thomas, Hanford	9	0	0	0	54
7. Brad Ens, Immanuel	8	0	1	0	50
8. Glen McLaran, Redwood	8	0	0	0	48
9. Duane Warkentin, Immanuel	5	8	1	1	43
10. Steven Woods, Edison	7	1	0	0	43

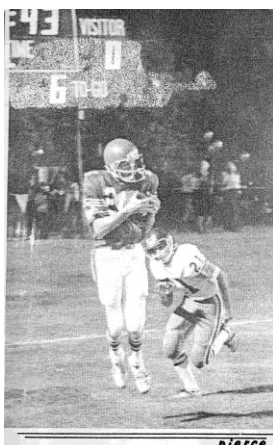
Passing

Name, School	PA	PC	NYG	TD
1. Matt DeFendis, Memorial	150	75	939	11
2. Mike Sula, Lemoore	109	53	929	9
3. Rod Fries, Fresno High	101	49	831	8
4. Craig Peltzer, Woodlake	174	41	810	9
5. Bob Daniels, Mt. Whitney	103	59	790	6
6. John Curtis, Coalinga	119	55	684	3
7. Nick Papagni, Bullard	79	39	606	3

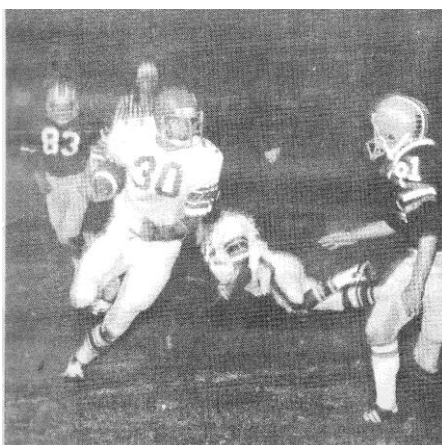
The Picks

By BEE PREP SPORTS STAFF

Consensus (112-48 - 737)
 North Yosemite
 Fresno over Madera by 10
 Bullard over McLane by 8
 Edison over Hoover by 7
 Clovis over Roosevelt by 6
 West Yosemite
 Sanger over Hanford by 3
 Mt. Whitney over Lemoore by 6
 Redwood over Reedley by 7
 East Yosemite
 Arvin over Tulare by 10
 Delano over Monache by 10
 Western over Porterville by 6
 South Yosemite
 Bakersfield over West by 3
 East over North by 3
 South over Highland by 6
 North Sequoia
 Sierra over Central by 7
 Dos Palos over Washington by 7
 Memorial over Selma by 6
 Central Sequoia



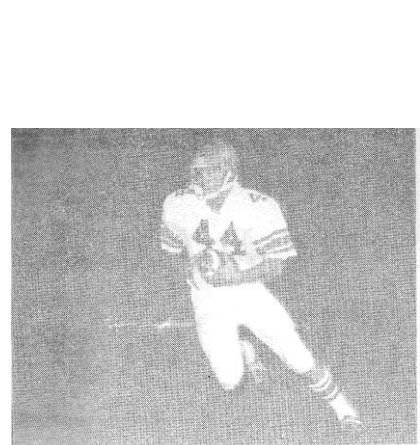
Billy Jack Pierce vs Bullard



Bert Burk vs Selma



Bob Markland vs Selma



Tony Herron vs Selma



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Play Redwood Friday Afternoon Apaches Dump Hanford

The Sanger High School Apaches opened defense of their West Yosemite League football championship on a successful note last Friday night by scoring a surprisingly easy 19-6 victory over the 3rd rated Hanford High School Bullpups. Spurred on by a partisan Homecoming crowd of over 5,000 fans at Sanger Stadium, a throng that included ex-Sanger mentor Ray Newman, the 4th rated Apaches used its crunching defense to hold the high-

powered Bullpup offense in check most of the night, while a neat 40-yard run by speedy senior halfback Bert Burk, a 17-yard 4th down pass from quarterback Craig Lawley to bulldozing fullback Ted Torosian and a pair of insurance field goals toed by Kerry Mobley supplied the scoring punch.

This Friday, Sanger hits the road to Visalia's Mineral King Bowl for a rare afternoon contest against the Redwood High School Rangers. The

second West Yosemite game for both teams starts at 3:30 p.m., preceded at 1:30 p.m. by the preliminary contest featuring coach Roy Tanimoto's once-tied Sanger Braves and the Redwood Junior Varsity. The Braves took a giant step toward capturing the W.Y.L.'s J.V. crown by upsetting previously unbeaten Hanford, 20-14, while Redwood was being bopped by undefeated Reedley, 21-6.

Redwood (0-1 in league play) returns home after

absorbing a frustrating 7-6 loss on the road at Reedley last Friday night. In that game, the Rangers out-statistcated Reedley in practically every category (12-5 edge in first downs; 192 total yards to only 122 for Reedley) but just couldn't get the ball into the end zone most notably on a 4th and 1 inch play early in the final period.

Overall, Redwood has beaten some good teams in posting its 4-2 won-loss record. Previously undefeated Delano (ranked number 4 at the time) fell to the Rangers two weeks ago in a 19-0 upset. Other Redwood victims this season include Porterville, 34-20; defending East Yosemite League champion Tulare Western, 14-7; and Tulare Union, 18-7.

Besides Reedley, the only other Ranger defeat was a 42-0 thumping by number 1 rated Fresno High School.

Like Sanger, coach Roger Kelly's outfit relies on a strong ground game featuring the talented running tandem of halfbacks Glen McClaren (6 touchdowns) and Greg Handel. In addition, quarterback Greg Thomas adds versatility to the Ranger Pro T attack with his adequate passing.

"Redwood is a sound, well-coached team," warns Gary Scott, the ever-cautious second year Sanger head coach. "They are not gifted with the talent that some of the teams we've played have had, but in my opinion, that makes them even more

dangerous. They do not rely on the one big play to win games.

"I approach Redwood with caution and respect," Scott continued. "They are a good ball club that doesn't give up. Sure they could beat us," he snapped in reply to the ever-present question of whether or not Redwood could win.

Scott viewed Burk's 40 yard blast off the right side and down the East sidelines for the Apache's first score at 3:31 of the opening quarter as being a turning point in the Hanford game. "We were well-prepared mentally and

physically but if there was a turning point, that was it," he commented. "It gave us momentum."

Burk's dash capped a swift 5 play, 50 yard drive after Sanger had taken over at midfield following a Hanford punt.

Another key play in Sanger's big win was the 17 yard scoring aerial from Lawley to Torosian with 4:53 remaining in the 1st half. It came after the Bullpups had driven 80 yards (thanks to a couple of trick plays) for its only score to momentarily get back into the contest.

On the touchdown strike, Lawley rolled to his right on a 4th and 7 situation, seemed to be ready to run and then spotted Torosian at the last moment and lofted the ball in his direction. The senior fullback made a fine over-the-head catch at the 3-yard line and stumbled into the end zone for the score that seemed to break Hanford's back.

Burk started the 6-play, 50-yard drive by ripping around right end for 20 yards.

Not to be overlooked were Mobley's extra point and pair of important field goals that iced the contest. His first effort was good from 28 yards out with only 11 seconds left in the second period to give the Apaches a 16-6 halftime lead, while his second, also from 28 yards, came at 11:58 of the final chucker for Sanger's final points of the evening.

Scott's game plan ("we had a couple of new plays but didn't have to use them") was, as usual, to control the ball and his players performed with the perfection of the proverbial chess pieces on a checkerboard. Both Burk ("He adds a new dimension to our offense, that of acceleration to go with Torosian's power," noted Scott), with 152 yards on 18 carries, and Torosian, 118 yards in 19 tries, had 100 plus

yard games, while Lawley mixed in just enough passing (2 completions in 5 attempts for 42 yards and the one score) to keep the Hanford defense honest. The offensive line play, especially from strong tackle Kevin Lowery and tight end Mike Alvarado, drew praise from Scott who noted, "they played a real good game."

It was the Apache defense that Scott saved his biggest superlatives for, however, and they were certainly justified as Sanger held what had been a potent Hanford offense to a mere 124 net yards. In truth, the defense was even more dominating than that as 80 of the visitor's total came on the lone scoring drive with the aid of two trick but legitimate plays.

"I thought everyone put forth a supreme effort," Scott said as he praised his entire defense consisting of linemen Bill DeLaTorre, Louis Mata, Greg Hart, Jeff Shahbazian, and Ray Ovalle; linebackers Bill Strobe, Steve Karmann and Randy Welch; cornerbacks Bobby Markland and Billy Pierce; and safetys Gilbert Montelongo, Eppie Gonzalez and Tony Herron. After shutting off Hanford's ground game effectively, Sanger had no trouble with the soft, fluttery passes of quarterback Rob Dias, intercepting him 4 times, a pair by Montelongo and one each by Strobe and Markland.

Overall, it was a dominating Sanger performance against a surprisingly inept foe. Each game in the well-balanced West Yosemite race is a toughie and Scott expects a good test from Redwood on Friday. Besides, as he says, "we're at a disadvantage this week because it's an afternoon game. We've got to learn to play ball in the daytime."

And who can remember the last time the Apaches had to do THAT?

OFFICIAL HERALD STATISTICS (Compiled by Tyler Tharpe)

	Sanger	Hanford
First downs	13	5
Net yards Rushing	293	88
Passes-Comp-Int	5-2-0	15-3-4
Net yds Passing	42	36
Total Net Yds	335	124
Fumbles - lost	5-3	0-0
Penalties - Yds	6-50	5-31
Punts - Avg.	4-48	6-35



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Rock-Solid Defense Puts Sanger Past Hanford, 19-6

By TERRY BETTERTON
 Bee Sports Writer

SANGER — Combining a rock-solid defense with a time-consuming, ball-control offense, the Sanger High Apaches opened West Yosemite League play with an impressive 19-6 football victory over the Hanford Bullpups.

The game was won up front with the Sanger offensive line controlling the line of scrimmage for hard-running backs Bert Burk and Ted Torosian and the Apache defense almost completely dominating the explosive Hanford attack.

It was more of the same for the Apaches, who have become known as an aggressive, defense-minded club under coach Gary Scott.

Other than one first-half scoring drive, Hanford did not move the ball. The swarming, gang-tackling Apaches had the game under control all the way.

Sanger took the running game away

from the Bullpups and then put pressure on the Hanford quarterback, forcing four interceptions.

With quarterback Craig Lawley directing the option attack, Sanger

	Hanford	Sanger
First downs	5	13
Yards rushing	119	312
Yards lost	31	19
Net Yards rushing	88	293
Passes-completions	15-3	5-2
Passing yardage	36	42
Total net yards	124	335
Interceptions by	0	4
Fumbles-lost	0-0	5-3
Penalties	5-31	6-50
Punts	6-34.7	4-48.7

kept the ball on the ground, throwing just five passes.

Sanger's ground game netted 293 yards, Burk getting 152 yards in 18 carries and Torosian romping 111818 yards in 19 tries. Torosian was on the receiving end of both Sanger pass completions.

Linemen Ray Ovalle, Greg Hart, Jeff Shahbazian and Bill Dela Torre provided the pass rush and linebackers Randy Welch, Bill Strope and Steve Karmann made the majority of

the tackles for the Apaches. Safety Gilbert Montelongo had a pair of interceptions.

Hanford totaled just 124 yards in total offense but 81 of them came on the scoring drive. Three of the Bullpups' five first downs also came on that one offensive push.

Hanford coach Duffy Dufour had some disturbing news for the rest of the WYL teams.

"I think Sanger is better defensively than it was last year," said Dufour. It was the Sanger defense which led the Apaches to the WYL crown last season.

Sanger struck first, scoring late in the first period on a 40-yard run by Burk on a play that started as a trap up the middle and ended more like a sweep.

Hanford cut the gap to 7-6 on the fourth play of the second quarter when Billy Thomas capped the one

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Bullpup thrust with a two-yard run.

A 22-yard gainer by Burk started Sanger's next scoring drive, a 50-yard march in six plays. The score came on a fourth-down pass play from Lawley to Torosian which covered 16 yards.

The rest of the Sanger points came on a pair of 28-yard field goals by Kerry Mobley, one in the final seconds of the first half.

It was a superb battle between two of the valley's top-ranked teams. Hanford went into the game with a 5-0

record and the No. 3 spot in the valley ratings. Sanger, ranked fourth, is now 5-1 for the year and has won five straight.

The 19 points represents a season high against a strong Hanford defense, which is led by quick 230-pound end David Smith and Marshall Langiano.

Hanford High	0	6	0	0	-	6
Sanger High	7	9	3	0	9	19
S — Burk, 40 run (Mobley kick)						
H — Thomas, 2 run (run failed)						
S — Torosian, 16 pass from Lawley (kick failed)						
S — FG, Mobley 28						
S — FG, Mobley 28						
JV — Sanger 20, Hanford 14.						



On His Way For Six
 Sanger's Bert Burk broke through a big hole in the middle of the line, then headed for the sideline for a 40-yard touchdown run in the Apaches' 19-6 victory over Hanford before more than 6,000 homecoming fans in Sanger.
 See photo by Ryan Marts



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WYL Teams Beware: Sanger Offense Lives In 30-14 Win

By TERRY BETTERTON
Bee Sports Writer

VISALIA — Special notice to the West Yosemite League football teams: The Sanger High School offense is alive and well and kicking up its heels.

Combining one of its better offensive performances of the season with

	Sanger	Redwood
First downs	18	14
Yards rushing	276	81
Yards lost	4	46
Net Yards rushing	272	35
Passes-completions	9-4	24-12
Passing yardage	59	194
Total net yards	331	229
Interceptions by	1	1
Fumbles-lost	0	0
Penalties	6-80	3-41
Punts	4-40	4-33.7

its routinely excellent defense, Sanger roared to its second WYL decision in as many starts with a hard-earned 30-14 victory over the Redwood Rangers.

An afternoon crowd of 4,500 at Mineral King Bowl expected to see a fierce defensive struggle between two hard-hitting clubs and they were not dissapointed with the hitting.

But, for a change, the third-ranked Apaches of coach Gary Scott provided

plenty of offense to raise their season mark to 6-1.

With quarterback Craig Lawley running the attack with poise, Ted Torosian handling the inside game

and Bert Burk working well outside, the Apaches wore down the game Rangers with a steady ground attack.

Sanger netted 272 yards on the
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ground with Burk sweeping for 116 yards in 14 carries and Torosian bulding for 103 yards in 22 trips.

Lawley added 40 yards to the ground attack, including a five-yard scoring run, and completed four of nine passes for 59 yards and two more touchdowns.

And he Sanger defense was once again impressive, especially in the second half. Redwood got just 35 net yards on the ground, thanks mostly to five quarterback sacks. In the second half, the Rangers had minus 33 yards on the ground.

Bill Dela Torre had a pair of sacks to pace the Sanger defense, which also got good play from Luis Mata, Bill Strobe and Steve Karman, who had to leave with a hand injury in the third quarter.

Redwood made a game of it with the passing of Greg Thomas, who completed 11 of 18 passes for 174 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

The bulk of the Redwood attack was 180-pound Glen McClaran, who rushed for 26 yards and caught five passes for 94 yards.

Sanger scored on its first possession, driving 53 yards in nine running plays with Lawley hurdling in from the five. Kerry Mobley kicked the first of four PATs.

Redwood came right back to cut the gap to 7-6 with a 59-yard push capped by Daren Martin's excellent over-the-

shoulder catch of Thomas' 24-yard pass.

A pass interception by Randy Welch set up the next Sanger score, a 29-yard pass from Lawley to Oscar Morales.

Steve Gonzales intercepted a Lawley pass late in the second half and Thomas combined with McClaran to get the Rangers on the board again. A 45-yard pass to McClaran moved Redwood to the five and four plays later a one-yard aerial got the touchdown. Thomas passed to Martin for the two-point conversion to knot the score at 14-14 with 2:42 left in the half.

But Sanger would not stay down, driving 67 yards to score with 22 seconds remaining when Lawley threw over the middle to Mike Alvarado, who had found a hole in the Redwood defense. Burk's 31-yard dash in the third quarter, breaking two tackles on the way, upped Sanger's lead to 28-14 and the Apaches got a safety later in the same quarter when a center snap to the Redwood punter sailed out of the endzone.

Sanger High 7 14 9 0 - 30
 Redwood High 6 8 0 0 - 14

S - Lawley, 5 run Mobley kick)
 R - Martin, 24 pass from Thomas (kick failed)
 S - Morales, 29 pass from Lawley (Mobley kick)
 R - McClaran, 1 pass from Thomas (Martin pass from Thomas)
 S - Alvarado, 9 pass from Lawley (Mobley kick)
 S - Burk, 31 run (Mobley kick)
 S - Safety, ball snapped out of endzone
 JV - Sanger 26-0



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Apaches To Host Mt. Whitney

A few years ago, the term "streaking" was known across college campuses as an activity where young men and women would trip the light fantastic in the altogether before a large crowd. Streaking of another sort is also very popular these days in the hotly-contested West Yosemite League football race as three teams are currently undefeated and riding the crest of two game win streaks.

Two of the W.Y.L.'s best "streakers" (in the latter sense) will collide head-on this Friday night at Sanger Stadium when the 7th ranked Mt. Whitney High School Pioneers from Visalia battle the 3rd rated Sanger High School Apaches in a game that almost assuredly will give the winner an inside track to the league championship. Kickoff for what promises to be an outstanding prep football game is set for 8:00 p.m., with coach Roy Tanimoto's undefeated Sanger Braves, fresh off a 28-0 romp over Redwood of Visalia last Friday afternoon, taking on the once-beaten Mt. Whitney Jr. Varsity in the 6:00 p.m. preliminary game.

With so much at stake in the Apache-Pioneer fracas, another overflow crowd is expected to jam its way into every nook and cranny of the 5,000 seat Sanger Stadium to get a look at two of the Valley's very best, battle it out nose-to-nose. In anticipation of that fact, Sanger High School officials are wisely bringing in additional bleachers from the baseball field to try and seat as many people as possible.

For the past couple of years, when one mentions Mt. Whitney in football, the name Bob Daniels automatically comes to mind. The slim 6'2", 170 lb. senior is truly a gifted passer and an excellent faking quarterback to boot. He was the Valley's leading passer a year ago and ranks right up there among the top four of five aerial artists again this season.

But the Pioneers of second year head coach Charlie Casales are by no means a

one-man or one-dimension team. They have an excellent defense that has racked up two shutouts (6-0 over Tulare and a season-opening 41-0 bombardment of North High from Bakersfield) and have permitted its seven opponents less than 10 points per game.

Offensively, while Daniels is the big show firing his "Blue-darters" primarily to wide receivers Nate Roldan and Robb Adams, Mt. Whitney also has a fine running game led by a trio of talented backs in Lee Holcolm, Monty Weems and Greg Langstron. Holcolm was the 10th leading rusher in the Valley going into last week's game with Hanford but was injured in Whitney's 14-10 win over the Bullpups. He is expected to play Friday, however.

For the record, the Pioneers are 6-1 on the season with the only blemish being a 32-8 loss to Delano early in the season. Other Mt. Whitney wins have come over Tulare Union, 6-0, in the rain; 43-6 over Roosevelt of Fresno; 14-6 over Monache of Porterville; and a 33-14 league-opening victory over Lemoore two weeks ago.

Sanger's outstanding second year head coach Gary Scott was lavish in his praise of Daniels and the Pioneers when contacted earlier this week. "Mt. Whitney is a fine, well-balanced football team," he noted, "and Daniels is the best high school quarterback I've seen in some time. They throw the ball so well that teams have to play for the pass and then they surprise you with how well they run."

"They have good size and their speed is comparable to ours or perhaps just a bit faster," Scott continued in his assessment of the Pioneers on paper. "What do we have to do to win?" he replied in repeating the question that was asked of him. "We've got to get to the quarterback often, play good pass defense without forgetting about the run, and we've got to put as many points on the board as we can. That's important," he emphasized. "We have to score."

Scoring is exactly what

Sanger did last Friday afternoon in a tough 30-14 win over Redwood of Visalia. It was the Apaches 6th straight win in 1976, their 2nd successive West Yosemite triumph this year and 7th straight league verdict over the past two seasons. (There go those streaks again). Senior quarterback Craig Lawley led the impressive Sanger attack with a 5-yard scoring run in the first quarter, and a pair of touchdown passes in the 2nd period of 28 yards to flanker Jonny Morales and 9 yards to tight end Mike Alvarado.

The latter scoring strike was a key play in the game. It came with only 57 seconds remaining in the half and put Sanger ahead for good, 21-14, after Redwood had battled back to tie the score 2 minutes earlier on a one yard pass from quarterback Greg Thomas to Glen McClaren and successful two point conversion.

Senior halfback Bert Burk, who had another outstanding game with 116 yards in 14 carries as did his running mate Ted Torosian (101 yards on 20 tries), gave the Apaches a little more breathing room with a 31-yard dash midway through the 3rd quarter to up the count to 28-14. Sanger's final two points came on a safety when a center snap to the Redwood punter sailed out of the end zone. Junior Kerry Mobley booted a successful extra point after each Sanger touchdown to also get in on the scoring act.

Overall, the Apaches outgained Redwood 343 total yards to 240, with a big 273 to

edge on the ground being the key factor. Lawley accounted for a total offense of 143 yards with 43 rushing yards on 7 carries and 5 of 10 completions for a net 70 yards.

Defensively, Sanger had its troubles especially in the first half when Redwood moved for both its scores on long drives of 59 and 52 yards. Paced by the fine play of down linemen Bill DeLaTorre, Greg Hart, and Jeff Shahbazian, and linebackers Randy Welch (10 tackles) and Bill Strobe (a team-leading 15 total stops), the Apaches recovered nicely in the final 24 minutes to completely shut off the Ranger attack.

One sad note for Sanger last Friday was the loss of senior outside linebacker Steve Karmann who went out with a dislocated finger in the 3rd quarter. Karmann's injury required corrective surgery and he could be lost for up to three weeks. His place will be taken by senior Steve Combs, a fine replacement who did an outstanding job filling in for Welch in a similar situation earlier in the season.

Overall, Scott was very pleased with his offense; not so happy with the defense last week. "I was very happy with the fine play of our offensive line (center Greg Simonian, guards Omar Gallardo and Kevin Sonksen, tackles Kevin Lowery and Mark Lopez, and Alvarado, the tight end)," he started out, "and pleased with the improvement of our passing game. Morales and Alvarado both made fine catches for touchdowns."

"Yes," he continued, "Lawley, Burk and Torosian

all had good games, especially Torosian who did an excellent job of blocking."

Then Scott started on the defense. "All week I worried about playing an afternoon game and our defense played like they were practicing in the first half. We made coverage mistakes and it as probably the poorest half of defense we've played all year. Luckily we straightened out in the second half," he noted.

Scott had high praise for Redwood and its coaching staff. "Redwood is a good sound football team," he pointed out. "Their coaches

did an excellent job of getting ready for us and I'd say they were better than Hanford on that given day."

With Redwood out of the way, Scott and his chargers can now turn their attention toward Mt. Whitney on Friday. "There's Mt. Whitney," the head coach stated as he dropped a two-inch thick file of information on his desk. "All the answers are in there." Hopefully the right answers in a game that Sanger should be favored to win but one they'll feel very fortunate to come out on top in. It should be a humdinger.

OFFICIAL HERALD STATISTICS (compiled by Tyler Tharpe)

	SANGER REDWOOD	
Total First Downs	15	13
Net yds rushing	273	32
Passes-Comp-Int	10-5-1	24-13-1
Net yds passing	70	208
Total Net yds	343	240
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Punts-Avg	4-38	5-35
Penalties-yds	4-60	2-30



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A Bulldozing Torosian

Sanger High tailback Ted Torosian (32) appears to be balancing on the shoulders of Mt. Whitney's Greg

Hutchins during their West Yosemite League battle. Torosian, however, was only in the process of bullying to 114 yards in 20 carries as the second-ranked Apaches ripped the No. 7 Pioneers 28-7.

Bee Photo by Ryan Miles Marty

Second-Ranked Sanger 'Steals' 28-7 Victory

By RÖN OROZCO
 Bee Sports Writer

SANGER — While sticking to its grind-out-the-honest-yard style, second-ranked Sanger High added a touch of "thievery" to its plan Friday night.

	Mt. Whitney	Sanger
First downs	17	17
Yards rushing	92	235
Yards lost	14	35
Net Yards rushing	78	200
Passes completed	34-13	9-4
Passing yardage	197	85
Total net yards	223	285
Interceptions by	1	4
Fumbles-lost	10-115	7-51
Penalties	6-39	4-34.5
Punts		

The Apaches' ground attack was its usual impressive self, racking up yardage bit by bit. But it was four interceptions which helped key their 28-7 rout of No. 7 Mt. Whitney in a West Yosemite League battle.

Before a standing-room-only crowd of 5,000, Sanger's stingy defense picked off four Bob Daniels' aerials

and converted two of them into touchdowns. Daniels, however, still passed for 200 yards on 15 of 34 attempts but the Apache thefts halted Pioneer drives.

The victory boosted Sanger into the WYL driver's seat with a 3-0 record. Overall, the Apaches are 7-1. Mt. Whitney fell to 2-1 and 6-2.

"We felt we had to score enough points to give our defense a cushion," said a pleased Gary Scott of Sanger.

The Apache defense, headed by linebackers Bill Strobe and Steve Combs and free safety Gilbert Montelongo, actually had problems with Daniels' arm and the Pioneers' fine corp of receivers. But still, Sanger came up with the big plays.

As a classic example, the Pioneers pieced together a last-ditch, 65-yard drive to the Sanger one with just 1:42 remaining but the Apaches held. Talk about frustration for Mt. Whitney rooters.

Sanger fans were on their feet most of the night. With tailback Ted Torosian sparking the Apache option attack with 114 yards in 12 carries, Sanger literally ran at will. Fullback Bert Burk finished with 65 yards in 16 trips.

"Both were recovering from injuries," noted Scott. "Torosian had a bad back and Burk a bad shoulder. But they're back to 100 per cent now."

Thanks to good field position on the opening kickoff, Torosian capped a seven-play, 54-yard drive with a three-yard score just two minutes into the game.

Mt. Whitney countered with an impressive 13-play, 76-yard drive for a score with just 26 seconds left in the first period. Greg Langston and Monte Weems carried the load on the drive, capped by Daniels' four-yard toss to junior end Rick Reeder.

After that, it was all Sanger and a

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 point derby for quarterback Craig Lawley.
 After an interception by Montelono-

go early in the second quarter, Sanger drove to the Pioneer two where Lawley scored on a two-yard keeper.

It was a near carbon copy in the third period, too. After Tony Herron intercepted, the Apaches marched to the Pioneer three where Lawley bulldozed over on a keeper. Sound familiar?

And the Apaches' final touchdown came, you guessed it, on a three-yard keeper by Lawley. Kerry booted all four PATs.

How The Top Ten Fared

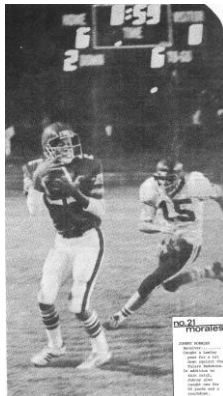
1. Fresno High lost to Edison 14-12.
2. Sanger rocked Mt. Whitney 28-6.
3. Edison edged Fresno 14-12.
4. Sierra lost to Dos Palos 26-7.
5. Clovis lost to Bullard 28-7.
6. Dos Palos ripped Sierra 26-7.
7. Mt. Whitney lost to Sanger 28-6.
8. Reedley deadlocked with Hanford 9-9.
9. Foothill topped East 23-13.
10. Riverdale popped Kerman 24-0.

The Pioneers were hampered by 115 yards in penalties, most coming at crucial times and usually wiping away momentum on potential scoring drives. The Pioneers weren't too fare behind in total net yardage 285-275 and both teams had 17 first downs.

Mt. Whitney's Bud Tanner, Darren Holt and Eric Litcher impressed defensively.

Mt. Whitney took the junior-varsity game 14-0.

	S	T	F	S	S	P	JV
Mt. Whitney High	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Sanger High	7	7	7	7	7	7	28
S — Torosian, 2 run (Mobley kick)							
NW — Reeder, 4 pass from Daniels (kick failed)							
S — Lawley, 1 run (Mobley kick)							
S — Lawley, 3 run (Mobley kick)							
S — Lawley, 3 run (Mobley kick)							
JV — Mt. Whitney 14, Sanger 0.							



Johnny Morales vs Tulare



Omar Gallardo vs Hanford



Omar Gallardo

vs Hanford

Craig Lawley



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Apaches, Reedley Square Off for WYL Title Friday

Generally speaking, the Sanger High School Apaches and Reedley High School Pirates don't need any more incentive than the mere sight of each other on a football field to wage one of their traditional back alley brawls for the annual gridiron supremacy of eastern Fresno County. When the two old and bitter rivals square off this Friday night at 8:00 p.m. on hopefully a fast track in Sanger Stadium, there will be a lot more at stake than that, however, as the 1976 West Yosemite League football championship and the host's role in the opening round of the Yosemite Division playoffs on Friday, November 26, will be squarely on the line this time.

With all that and the eastern Fresno County title too (which may be more important to some than either the W.Y.L. crown or the playoffs), this one should be something to see and another jam-packed house is expected for all the fun. The fireworks actually start at 6:00 p.m. when coach Roy Tanimoto's Sanger Braves take on the Reedley Junior Varsity squad in an important contest for both teams. The Braves (2-1-1 in league play and 6-1-2 overall) didn't gain any ground on league leading Lemoore last Friday by battling the Kittens to an 8-8 standoff. A verdict over Reedley could put Tanimoto's troops on top as Lemoore must play a fine Hanford squad in its J.V. finale.

Sanger and Reedley come into tomorrow night's crucial encounter as the Valley's number 1 and 7 ranked teams respectively. The Apaches of coach Gary Scott solidified their hold on the top spot last Friday as senior fullback Ted Torosian slogged for 114 yards and three touchdowns in a 28-8 victory over Lemoore, while Reedley running back Tom Flanagan also rushed for over 100 yards and one score in the Pirates crucial 20-14 verdict over Mt. Whitney. That win kept Reedley in title-contention at 3-0-1 (7-1-1 overall), while Sanger is all alone at the top of the West Yosemite standings with a perfect 4-0 slate and 8-1 for the season.

Veteran Reedley head coach Skip Pendergast (now in his 8th season) has made a history of beating Sanger in big games as his team's have captured 5 of the last 7 meetings between the two. This year, his squad is practically a mirror image of the Apaches in every respect. The Pirates rely on a strong ball control running offense that can pass effectively, and are rugged on defense. Both teams also possess a fine punting and place kicking game as well.

For runners, Pendergast can call upon Flanagan and sophomore Scott McClatchy (each has scored 5 times this season) while quarterback Paul Hertzler can be a dangerous threat through the

air. He's already thrown for 5 TD's with three of those strikes going to split receiver Tom Clark.

Defensively, the Pirates slanting 5 man front has been a real key to their success all year, permitting its 9 opponents slightly more than a 6-point average per game. Ernie Simmons, Glen Carpenter, Kevin Fite, Bruce Brumm, Tim Kich, Mark Stanley and Ernie Bracamontes have all been standouts at one time or another in compiling this fine record.

In the kicking department, Reedley's Dennis Mehas certainly ranks with Sanger's talented junior Kerry Mobley as two of the premiere prep booters this year. Mehas has toed a trio of 3 pointers, the longest of which has been from 44 yards out in the Pirates opening game 12-6 loss to Dos Palos.

Scott spoke of the mirror image effect when he talked about Reedley earlier this week. "They're just a good sound football team," he said. "They have a good defense, fine kicking game and try to control the ball on offense. They don't run many plays but what they do run, they run very well.

"In a lot of ways, they're very much like us," he concluded.

Last Friday, Torosian's 3 T.D. romps from 25, 15 and 10 yards out and a beautiful 47 yard pass from Craig Lawley to split receiver Billy Pierce,

gave the Apaches a big 28-0 lead (Mobley kicked all 4 P.A.T.'s) before Lemoore's Art Bradford finally gave the home fans something to cheer about late in the final period as he slanted over from one yard out. While Sanger appeared flat against the Tigers and were quite possibly looking ahead to Reedley, Scott attributed it more to the slippery field conditions

down there (to Lemoore) plus the spongy condition of the field had more to do with our play than being down.

"The field was really in poor shape," he continued. "It had rained hard down there and the field was very slippery. Our kids couldn't dig in or cut and Lemoore did a good job of defending us. They knew we couldn't go right at them and they stacked their defense to stop us. They really keyed on Bert Burk all night.

"We moved the ball well," Scott noted, "and I was pleased with Lawley's passing (5 for 15 and 116 yds), Torosian's running and the excellent blocking from our outside receivers, Johnny and Oscar Morales. They may not catch many balls, but their lead blocking on sweeps is part of the reason we've moved the ball so well all season. I'm very proud of them."

Defensively, Scott praised his entire defense for a fine effort, especially the play of outside linebacker Randy Welch and middle backer Billy Strobe. Lemoore wound up with a net 132 yards total offense and a mere 10 yards in 29 carries on the ground.

And as to Scott's thoughts on the playoffs? "We play either the first or second place team from the East Yosemite League," he noted currently a 3-way first place tie between Arvin, Monache and Porterville, "but I don't care about that right now. Our immediate objective is to win the league championship Friday night."

Going into tomorrow's crucial battle, Sanger appears to have a decided edge based on comparative league scores

and possessing the home field advantage. In rivalries such as this, however, anything can and usually does happen. The Herald prognostication is 14-0 or 21-7 in favor of the Apaches, but a word to the wise is sufficient. Watch out! Hopefully Sanger needs no such warning.

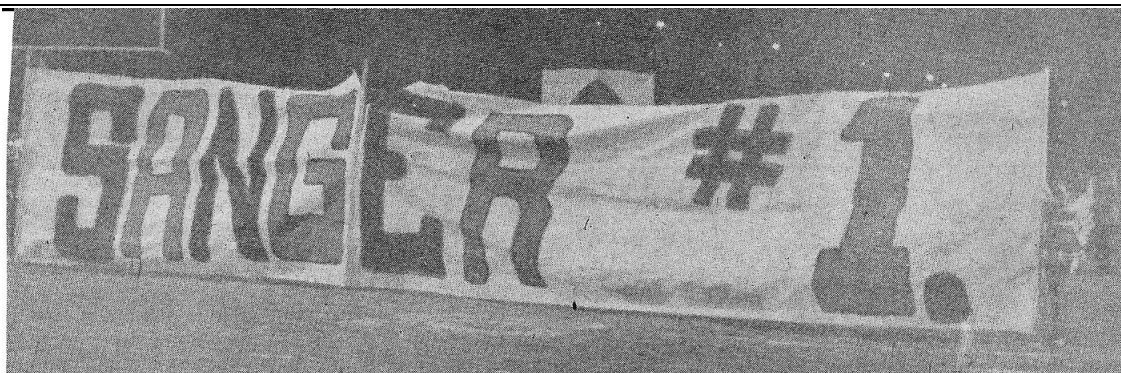
Apache Game on The Air

For those who will miss Friday night's football game between Sanger and Reedley High for the W.Y.L. title will have the opportunity to hear the game over KMJ Radio, 580 on your AM dial.

The game will be broadcast by Bob Eurich Enterprises, a Fresno production firm which also broadcasts Golden State Warrior games, Monday Night Football, World Series, Fresno State University Bulldogs and other San Joaquin Valley high school games.

Play-by-play commentary will be aired by George Cooper and Jack Grady. Broadcast time will be 7:45 p.m.

rather than lack of emotion. "We played with some intensity," he defended. "Maybe not the emotion we hope to have against Reedley, but the kids still wanted to win. I think going all the way





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Fresno Bee Tells It Like It Is:

APACHES Are Number One

By
 Victor Cantu
 The Fresno Bee tells it like it is. And the report from last week's Fresno Bee told the San Joaquin Valley that Coach Gary Scott's fighting Apaches are the best football team in

the Valley.
 You got it, the Apaches were rated Number One in the Bee's weekly rating of the top ten squads in the Valley. Following the Apaches in the rankings in descending order were Edison, Fresno, Dos

Palos, Foothill, Bullard, Reedley, Clovis, Riverdale, and West High of Bakersfield. Prior to the opening of the season, the Apaches were not in the top ten but did receive a few votes and an 'honorable mention'. From there it was

from 10 to 8 to 6 to 4 to 3 to 2 and then the top spot. The Apaches were aided in their rise to the top spot by the play of the Edison-Tigers who knocked off the Clovis Cougars and the Fresno High Warriors who had been ranked two and one respectively.

Focus On The APACHES Linebackers

TO BE A LINEBACKER, A PERSON MUST HAVE THE STRENGTH AND AGGRESSIVENESS OF A DEFENSIVE LINEMAN, THE DISCIPLINE AND DEDICATION OF AN OFFENSIVE LINEMAN, AND THE QUICKNESS OF AN OFFENSIVE BACK.

THE APACHES HAVE AN OUTSTANDING GROUP OF LINEBACKERS WHO MEET THESE QUALIFICATIONS.

THE VICIOUS APACHE DEFENSE THIS YEAR IS LEAD BY STRONG SIDE LINEBACKER RANDY WELCH --Number 61-- MIDDLE LINEBACKERS --BILL STROPE --Number 84--BILL DELA TORRE --Number 72-- AND WEAK SIDE LINEBACKER STEVE KARMANN --Number 40--

DUE TO THE PRE-SEASON INJURY OF RANDY WELCH, STEVE COMBS --Number 53--ANOTHER LINEBACKER DID A COMMENDABLE JOB FILLING THE VACANCY. IN THE LAST TWO GAMES, HE WAS CALLED UPON TO TAKE OVER FOR INJURED STEVE KARMANN.

EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY HEAR THESE NAMES OVER THE LOUD SPEAKER FREQUENTLY, KEEP IN MIND THAT THEY WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENTIRE DEFENSE AND THAT IT IS A TEAM EFFORT--.....

THE OTHER LINEBACKERS ON THE SQUAD WHO ALWAYS PERFORM COMMENDABLE JOB WHEN CALLED UPON ARE KERRY MOBLEY, ELIAS RAMOS, BRIAN WATSON, AND RICHARD GUTIERREZ.

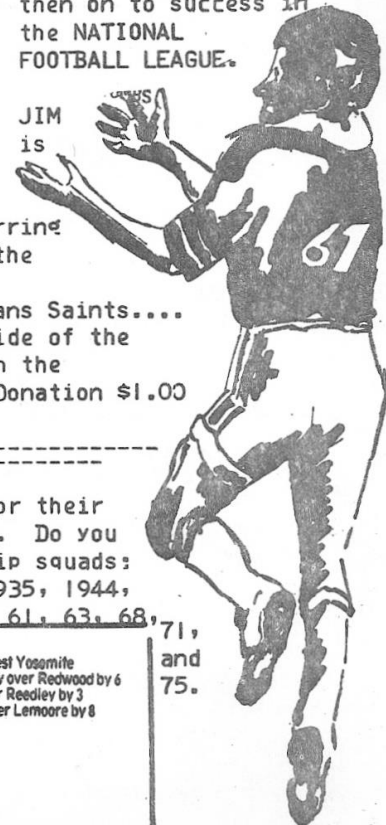


a few notes

In addition to their No. ONE ranking in the Valley, COACH SCOTT and his APACHES have a No. FOUR ranking in the state.

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Top Ten

The San Joaquin Valley's Top Ten high school football rankings are compiled by The Bee's prep sports staff and valley correspondents. Voting is on a 10-9-8-7, etc. basis. First-place votes and season records, in parenthesis, follow the teams:

1. Sanger 18 (8-1) 234
2. Edison 4 (8-1) 218
3. Dos Palos 2 (8-1) 196
4. Reedley 7 (7-1) 142
5. Clovis 7 (7-2) 124
6. West 7 (7-1) 122
7. Fresno High 7 (7-2) 72
8. Riverdale (8-1) 67
9. Sierra (8-1) 33
10. Foothill 7 (7-2) 31

Others receiving votes - Firebaugh (8-0), Woodlake (8-1), Exeter (7-2), Immanuel (7-2), Bullard (5-4), Taft (5-4), Arvin (6-3), Hanford (6-2-1), Monache (3-8), Coalinga (6-3).

The APACHES are looking for their 18th league title tonight. Do you remember these championship squads: 1924, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1944, 1951, 52, 55, 56, 59, 60, 61, 63, 68,

RUSHING

Name	School	TC	NYG	AVG.
1. S. Smith, Wab.		179	1,303	7.2
2. D. Sutton, Bak.		169	1,288	7.6
3. K. Bonner, Riv.		115	1,143	9.9
4. R. Maney, Chow.		134	1,132	8.4
5. C. Goff, Taft		115	1,080	9.3
6. E. Aleantar, McLane		168	1,004	5.9
7. E. Magby, Fbi		159	1,000	6.2
8. J. D. Florence, Cor.		187	984	5.2
9. D. Warkentin, Imm.		176	971	5.5
10. B. Burk, Sanger		117	928	7.9

West Yosemite Mt. Whitney over Redwood by 6 Sanger over Reedley by 3 Hanford over Lemoore by 8

71, and 75.



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APACHE STATS

by Tyler Tharpe

APACHE SCORING.....

Torosian.....	9 TD's.....	54 points
Lawley.....	8 TD's.....	48 points
Burk.....	6 TD's.....	36 points
Pierce.....	4 TD's.....	24 points
Alvarado.....	2 TD's.....	12 points
Markland.....	1 TD.....	6 points
Herron.....	1 TD.....	6 points
Rico.....	1 TD.....	6 points
J. Morales....	1 TD.....	6 points
O. Morales....	1 TD.....	6 points
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Mobley.....	1 TD...27 PAT's...2 FG.....	39 points

APACHE PASSING: QB Lawley has tossed the ball 74 times and had 33 of them caught for 571 yards and eight touchdowns.

APACHE RECEIVING: Billie Jack Pierce leads the Apache receivers with 9 catches for 175 yds. and two TD's. He is followed by O. Morales with 6 catches, Torosian and Alvarado with 5 each, and J. Morales and Markland with 4 each.

APACHE INTERCEPTIONS: Montelongo grabbed 4 and Herron 3.

APACHE RUSHING: Burk leads the Apache rushers. He is approaching the 1,000 yard mark as he has chalked up a total of 922 yards in 117 carries for a per-carry average of 7.88. Burk is followed by Torosian with 674 yards, Torres with 204, Lawley with 154, Rico with 36, Mercado with 34, Tawlks with 12, Lindeman with 2, and Gomez with 1.

APACHE PUNTING: Montelongo is the Apache punter. He has punted the ball 34 times for 1215 yards.....An average of 35.74



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MORE STATS — Tyler Tharpe

APACHE KICKOFFS: Mobley is the Apache kickoff artist and has a kickoff average of 44.59 yards per kick. He has kicked the ball 44 times for 1,962 yards.

KICKOFF RETURNS: Billie Jack Pierce is the leading kickoff return artist for Coach Scott and has gained 274 yards in that department on nine carries and one TD. Pierce is followed in that category by Markland, Torres, and Karmann.

DEFENSIVE STANDOUTS

Bill Strobe has made 54 tackles.....22 of them unassisted.

Greg Hart has 'racked' the opponent ball carriers 43 times....17 of them unassisted.

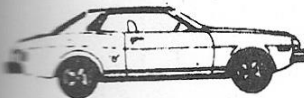
Steve Karmann (with two less games under his belt due to an injury) ranks third on the basis of his 39 tackles..... 16 unassisted.

Jeff Shanbazian has 14 unassisted tackles listed on the stat sheet and is credited with an additional 22 assists for a total of 36.

Randy Welch also missed a few games due to a pre-season injury but since his return has accounted for 27 tackles. 10 of them were unassisted.

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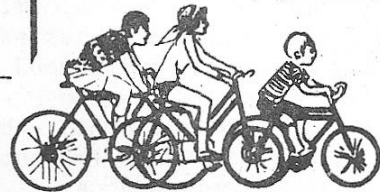
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The No. '1' Apaches

the starting offense

Sanger Floor Covering

SANGER FLOOR COVERING SALUTES APACHE QUARTERBACK CRAIG LAWLEY as their APACHE OF THE GAME. Craig has led the Apaches to their 8-1 record. Craig has rushed for a total of 154 yards...passed for 571 more and has scored 48 points this season.

No. 12

Chuck

Wagon

Chuck Wagon singled out No. 32..TED TOROSIAN as their APACHE OF THE GAME. Ted is the leading scorer of the squad with 9 TD's for 54 pts. He is the No. 2 rusher on the team with 674 yards credited to him on the stat chart.

No. 32

Rocha's

No. 30...Bert Burk is the Apache recognized as outstanding by ROCHA'S. Burk is the leading Apache rusher (922 yards), has scored 6 TD's, and is one of the leading rushers in the Valley. In addition, he is 'pushing' the SHS rushing record.

No. 30

Jo Janes

No. 75...KEVIN LOWERY, a hard-driving offensive tackle is JO JANES' APACHE OF THE GAME. At 6'2"--235--KEVIN HAS THE SIZE AND ABILITY TO open the holes for the Apaches.....

No. 75

Kenmor

MARK LOPEZ, offensive guard, is one of Coach Scott's most consistent performers. KENMOR's selected MARK, a 5'9" ...180 lb. Junior--as their nominee for Apache of the game.

No. 68

Capital Market

Receiver Johnny Morales is Capital Market's APACHE OF THE GAME. Johnny has scored 1 TD this season and is one of Scott's outstanding receivers....



Market

No. 21

State Farm

No. 80....Tight End Mike Alvarado is the STATE FARM--APACHE OF THE GAME. Mike is 5'11"--170 lbs and is one of the squads most effective blockers and pass receivers.

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No. 22.....Receiver OSCAR MORALES is Conintental Telephone's APACHE OF THE GAME.... A consistent performer, Oscar can be counted on to 'do the job' week after week. Oscar has accounted for six of the Apache points this season

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GONG'S MARKET HAS singled out #60 GUARD OMAR GALLARDO as their APACHE OF THE game. A 'tough' player, OMAR consistently turns in outstanding performances. Omar checks in at 5'10"--212 pounds....

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No. 66 is Defensive
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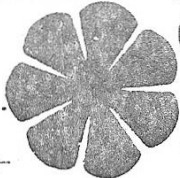
BILLIE JACK PIERCE...
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No. 63.....
GREG HART....
One of the
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ensive unit. Greg leads
the Apache linemen in
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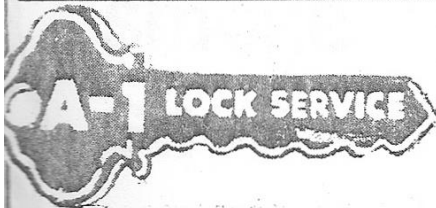


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#24 BOB MARKLAND.....
Bob goes both ways
for Coach Scott and is
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Prep Battles Everywhere

Sanger, Reedley Crave Title

Sanger High's fine offensive line hasn't been taken for granted. In appreciation of jobs well done, the Apache backfield treated the linemen to lunch the other day.

Pizza was on the table then but, Friday, the close-knit, top-ranked Apaches and scrappy No. 4 Reedley will be hungry for something else — the West Yosemite League football title.

The teams' collision, scheduled for 8 p.m. at Apache Bowl, will decide the WYL championship. Both teams already have secured post-season playoff berths but traditional "pride" is on the line.

Coach Gary Scott's Apaches, who have breezed to eight straight wins after a season-opening loss to Clovis, are 4-0 in league, while Skip Pendergast's Pirates, one of the valley's best defensive squads, are 3-0-1.

It looms as just one of many traditional showdowns in this 10th and final regular-season week of prep football. In nearly all leagues, the title and playoff awards are still up for grabs and, in some cases, tie-breaking coin flips and other methods may be used to settle things.

In the North Sequoia, third-ranked Dos Palos (4-0), with strong backs Dave Henderson and Kirk Jimmer-son, will attempt to sew up a title at Selma (1-3). But Sierra and Memo-

rial, both 3-1, are still in contention with two NSL playoff spots looming this year. They'll clash on the Panther field.

There's another logjam in the Central Sequoia, where balanced Exeter

Top Ten

The San Joaquin Valley's Top Ten high school football rankings are compiled by The Bee's prep sports staff and valley correspondents. Voting is on a 10-9-8-7, etc. basis. First-place votes and season records, in parenthesis, follow the teams:

1. Sanger (8-1)	234
2. Edison 4 (8-1)	218
3. Dos Palos 2 (8-1)	196
4. Reedley (7-1-1)	142
5. Clovis (7-2)	124
6. West (7-1)	122
7. Fresno High (7-2)	72
8. Riverdale (8-1)	67
9. Sierra (8-1)	33
10. Foothill (7-2)	31

Others receiving votes — Firebaugh (8-0), Woodlake (8-1), Exeter (7-2), Immanuel (7-2), Bullard (5-4), Taft (5-4), Arvin (6-3), Hanford (6-2-1), Monache (3-6), Coalinga (6-3).

(4-0) will be eyeing a crown against strong Kingsburg (3-1). Woodlake, also 3-1, however, will be wishing for the right breaks at Dinuba.

There's another three-way battle in the West Sierra. Kerry Bonner-led Riverdale (4-0) will host Caruthers (3-1), while Chowchilla and Ray Haney (3-1) travel to Foler in big matches.

And in the East Yosemite, Monache (3-1) welcomes Thad Reece-led Porterville (3-1), while Arvin (3-1) will be

pulling for everything to fall into place at Western.

QB John Curtis and Coalinga (3-1) will fight Chet Goff-led Taft (4-0) for the South Sequoia prize, and No. 6 West (5-0), 10th-ranked Foothill (4-1) and Bakersfield (4-1) are all still alive for the two South Yosemite berths.

Fifth-rated Clovis and McLane were scheduled to get things rolling tonight at 7:30 in McLane Stadium in a pivotal North Yosemite contest. There are still five clubs alive for two NYL spots.

No. 2 Edison (5-1) will try to wrap up a second-straight title in Madera Friday, while Bullard (4-2) and Fresno High will clash in another key game.

Sanger's highly touted backfield, featuring QB Craig Lawley, fullback Ted Torosian and tailback Bert Burk, showed gratitude to the line at the lunch table. And that ground attack will be a focal point against Reedley, although a defensive battle could be on the books.

The Pirates' defense, headed by linebackers Kevin Fite and Bruce Brumm, has allowed just 7.1 points per game and only Mt. Whitney has struck for a "high" of two TDs.

QB Paul Hertzler and running back Tom Flanagan spark Reedley's offense.

"We'll have to play good, defensively, and take advantages of the opportunities," said Scott.

"It could be a good defensive

game," added Pendergast. "But they're awfully good offensively."

Memorial, of course, is led by accurate-passing Matt DeFendis and swift ball carrier Terry O'Neil. The Panthers will be trying to rebound from a big loss to DP last week.

"We know they'll put the ball in the air," said Sierra's Jerry Laird. "We'll have to contain their passing game."

The Chieftains received quite a boost last week from sophomore tailback Steve Loya, in the wake of injuries to Ken Rose and Chris Flam-mang, whose status this week is uncertain. Their defense is rock-solid, featuring linebackers Scott Johnson, John Troxel and Gary Fleming.

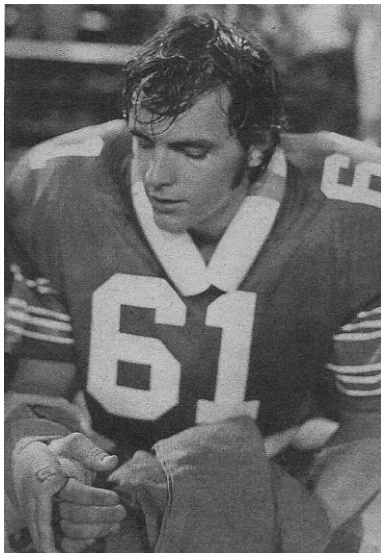
Exeter, led by QB Alex Torres, back Mark Vigil and receivers Larry Gonzales and Darren Long, is matched against strong-passing Mike Hansen, who threw for 268 yards last week, and running back Tim Bennett.

"We've had a tremendous amount of flu down here," said Exeter's Bill Haynes, "but everybody should be okay."

Coach Donn Renwick's Porterville club features Terry Williams and Reece, while Monache has a fine pair of backs in Sonny Booker and Matt Bernard. The Marauders have rebounded unbelievably after five preseason loss.

Chuck Garten's Coalinga club, getting big efforts from Jesus Palacios and Curtis, will go against improved Taft.

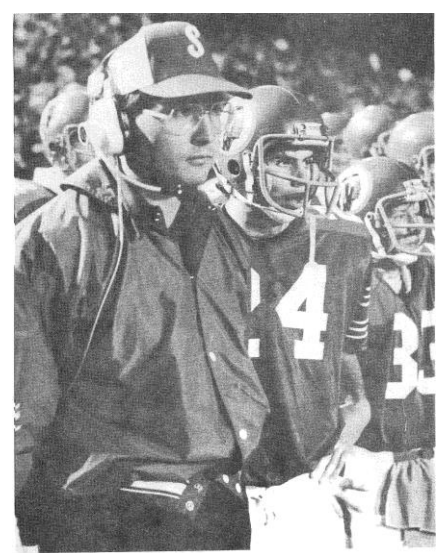
— By Ron Orozco



Randy Welch
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Greg Hart
 vs Reedley



Coach Scott Bob Markland
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Burk's Record-Setting Night Paces Sanger Over Reedley 28-7

By MARK NAJARIAN
 Bee Prep Writer

SANGER — It was a record-setting performance for one Sanger High player. But it took just an "average" effort from the rest of the team to

	Reedley	Sanger
First downs	7	10
Yards rushing	65	223
Yards lost	30	25
Net Yards rushing	35	198
Passes-completions	17-6	8-1
Passing yardage	51	21
Total net yards	86	219
Interceptions by	0	0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties	3-35	10-70
Punts	8-34.2	5-28.4

enable the Apaches to claim the West Yosemite League title.

Behind running back Bert Burk's pace-setting effort and the usual output from the rest of the offense and defense, top-ranked Sanger defeated fourth-ranked Reedley 28-7 for its second-straight WYL championship. The victory sets up Sanger's playoff

game against Arvin, the East Yosemite runnerup team. The contest will be played Friday at a site to be determined.

Despite the loss, Reedley (7-2-1 overall and 3-1-1 in league) will also go into the playoffs. The Pirates will go as the WYL No. 2 team, facing EYL winner Porterville Friday at Porterville.

Burk, a quick senior runner, gained 120 yards in 14 carries to give him 1,036 for the season, breaking a 20-year-old school record of 1,026 set by Ernie Reese. He also scored Sanger's first touchdown, blasting over from the three in the first quarter.

But for the rest of the offense and the defense, it was nothing out of the usual. The scoring unit had been averaging just over 28 points a game — and it came in on par. And the defenders had been allowing seven points a contest — again, on par. Yardage-wise, the Apaches did not

gain an awesome amount. But the bruising defense gave Sanger good field position most of the night to set up the scores.

The Apaches picked up 198 yards on the ground and just 21 through the air. Reedley, meanwhile, could manage just 35 rushing and 51 passing. The Pirates were forced to punt eight times and they could get just one first down in the second half.

Sanger, 9-1 overall and 5-0 in league, was paced up front on defense by Bill DeLa Torre, Greg Hart and Jeff Shabazian.

Behind the running of Burk and Ted Torosian and the quarterbacking of Craig Lawley, Sanger drove 29 yards in nine plays and scored on Burk's run on the last play of the opening period for a 7-0 lead. The Apaches' tough defense and a short Reedley punt set Sanger up for the drive.

Reedley came back to tie it midway through the second period when

quarterback Paul Hertzler hit Mike Vogt on a 17-yard TD pass. But the Apaches went up for good on a 26-yard scoring sprint by Lawley with 4:21 left before halftime.

Sanger was overpowering in all phases in the final two periods. It gave up just 12 rushing yards and 23 passing. The running game racked up 124 of its yards in the second half.

The Apaches' third score came in the third quarter on Billy Pierce's 65-yard gallop on a punt return. Lawley put across the final points on a 14-yard run in the third period.

Sanger's Kerry Mobley booted four straight extra-point tries, giving him 31 for the season to tie an Apache record.

Reedley	0	7	0	0-7
Sanger	7	7	14	0-28

S — Burk, 3 run (Mobley kick)
 R — Vogt, 17 pass from Hertzler (Mehas kick)
 S — Lawley, 26 run (Mobley kick)
 S — Pierce, 65 punt return (Mobley kick)
 S — Lawley, 14 run (Mobley kick)
 JV — Sanger 14, Reedley 6.



Bert Burk

Ted Torosian
 vs Bullard

Craig Lawley



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Apaches Meet Arvin In Playoffs

Sparked by the record-shattering performance of senior halfback Bert Burk, a 65 yard "back-breaking" 3rd quarter punt return by senior cornerback Billy Pierce plus another brilliant performance from the defense, head coach Gary Scott's number 1 rated Sanger High School Apaches retained their West Yosemite League football championship with a hard-fought 28-7 victory over Reedley High School's 4th ranked Pirates. The win last Friday night before an overflow crowd of 6,000 at Sanger Stadium gave the Apaches a perfect 5-0 W.Y.L. mark for the second time in a row, while overall Sanger sports an outstanding 9-1 season record.

With the West Yosemite title safely tucked away, the Apache can now turn their attention toward bigger game and the one that got away last year, namely the Yosemite Division championship.

Sanger's first step toward that coveted prize comes this Friday night at Clovis High School stadium when the Apaches will "host" the Arvin Bears, runner-up in the East Yosemite League, in a quarter-final match-up at 7:30 p.m. The contest site was selected last Monday by Norman MacDonald, Executive Secretary of the California Interscholastic Federation's Central section, who ruled the playoff game must be played on a neutral field as stated in the rules.

Whatever, the game goes on at Clovis and that's that. Tickets, priced at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for high school students with an identification card and children, are currently on sale locally from Tejerian's Mens Wear, Sanger Rexall Drug store and Sports Academy.

While Scott readily admitted "we know absolutely nothing about Arvin" earlier

this week, he did not intend for things to remain that way as the teams had already agreed to exchange two recent scouting films of each other. "Actually," he admitted, "We've heard they have real good size, an excellent running back in Joey Tarver, and operate from a Wing I on offense and a 6-1 front on defense." Oh, those coaches grapevines.

For the record, Arvin comes in sporting a fine overall mark of 7 victories against only 3 losses. Their final 4-1 East Yosemite record was actually good enough to share the championship with Porterville, but the Bears were relegated to the backup role because of a crushing 21-14 defeat by Porterville in their head-to-head encounter. A young man named Mike Goodwald quarterbacks the Arvin attack (he scored both touchdowns in a 14-13 non-league loss to Sierra) and

Kent Stenderup, along with Tarver, gives the Bears a fine one, two running attack.

Incidentally, Porterville, the designated East Yosemite champion, plays at home against W.Y.L. runnerup Reedley in another Yosemite Division quarter final game this Friday.

Last Friday, Sanger solidified its number 1 slot in the Valley ratings by just having a bit too much in every department for the never-say-die Pirates. On offense, Reedley's hard-nosed defense (and it was a good one) severely tested the Apaches but some fine blocking up front and key lead blocks by Senior fullback Ted Torosian and wide receivers Johnny and Oscar Morales permitted

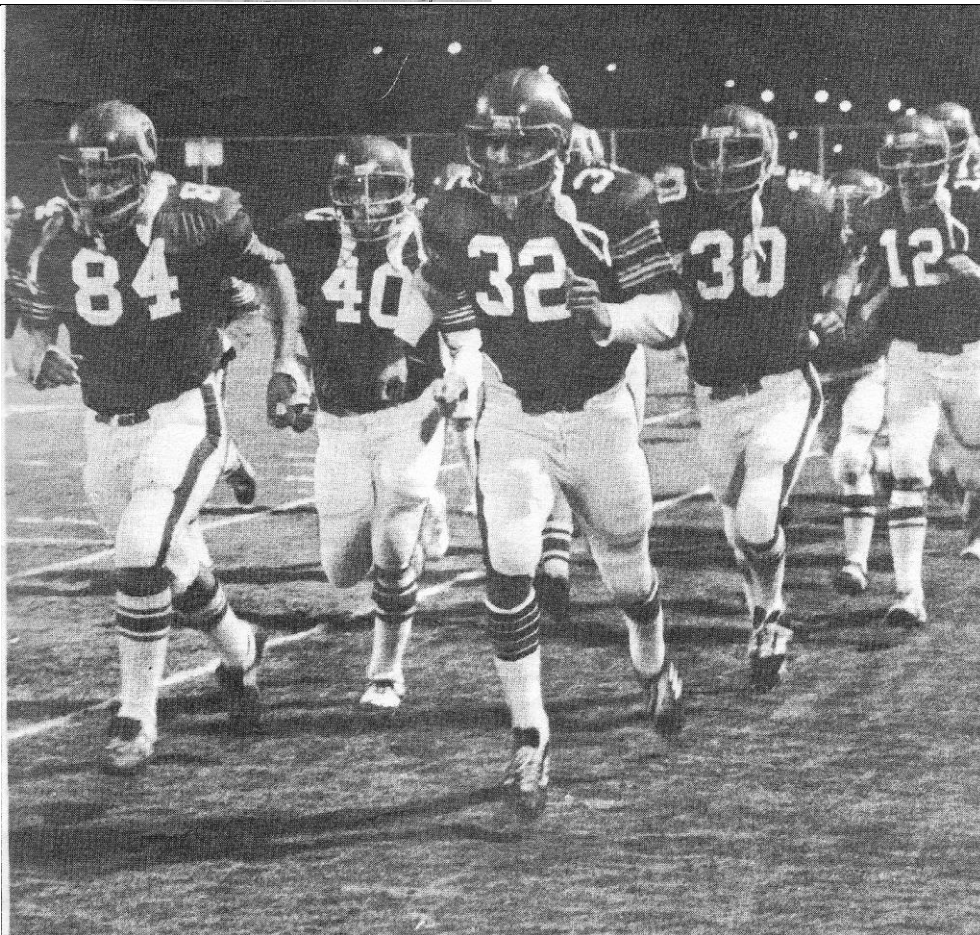
Sanger ballcarriers to run around and through the Pirates for 198 net yards. Burk led the way with 120 yards in 14 carries, a total that gave him 1,036 total yards for the season to break Ernie Reese's all time Apache record of 1,026 yards set in 1956.

Defensively, Sanger did a little more stunting and blitzing than usual and it resulted in a field day for linebackers Steve Karmann, Billy Strobe and Randy Welch. All 3, along with down linemen Bill DeLaTorre, Greg Hart and Jeff Shabbazian, had fun harrassing Pirate ballcarriers and quarterback Paul Hertzler all night long, so much so that Reedley only had seven first downs and 86 total yards for the long evening. It, in-

deed, was a dominating, devastating, eye-opening performance to say the least.

The defense actually set up the first touchdown late in the opening quarter as three brilliant play left the Pirates wondering what hit them with a 4th and 22 yards to go at their own yard line. A hurried short punt put Sanger in business at the Reedley 28 yard line and senior quarterback Craig Lawley cashed in the opportunity with a nine-play drive to pay dirt as Burk took it the final three yards for the score. Junior Kerry Mobley toed the first of his four successful P.A.T.'s (tying the record of 31 set in 1968 by Bruce Barnes) and the

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Bill Strobe Steve Karmann Ted Torosian Bert Burk Craig Lawley vs Arvin



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Valley Playoffs – Yosemite Division

McDonald's Choice Brings Protest Storm

At the Board of Trustee's meeting of the Sanger Unified School District Tuesday evening, storm clouds gathered which could have sent a bolt of lightning on Commissioner Norman McDonald of the California Interscholastic Federation had he been there.

It was McDonald who earlier this week decided to hold the Sanger-Arvin quarterfinal playoff game at Clovis High School's stadium.

In a letter to McDonald sent Tuesday by Sanger High Principal Thomas J. Gannon, the following points were outlined which showed the displeasure of the high school administration and many of the parents and teachers that attended the Board of Trustee meeting the other night.

Gannon said that he had called McDonald's office regarding the decision and what factors were used to determine where the games between quarter-finalists were to be played.

Gannon said that the decision showed the first four games to be played in the following stadiums: West Bakersfield High School at Bakersfield College, Edison High School at Fresno's Radcliffe Stadium; Porterville High School at Porterville College, but Sanger High at Clovis. Gannon pointed out that all the other schools which are the hosts teams like Sanger are playing in hometowns but not Sanger High.

Gannon also criticized McDonald for the following: that parking at Sanger high was inadequate, and yet Gannon pointed out that the school has over 20 acres;

— Inadequate dressing rooms, and Gannon pointed out that there are two within 100 yards of the football field at Sanger High.

— Inadequate seating, with Gannon responding that Sanger can handle up to 6,000 people which it has done in the past (and Clovis can probably only handle 7,000; and

— Inadequate lighting — Gannon pointing out that new lighting features have been installed with the approval of lighting experts (including television people).

In the meeting, it came out that McDonald had not yet come to Sanger since the new lights have been installed; Gannon asking how McDonald could come to the decision he did.

Gannon also mentioned in the letter that he had talked to Bob Steward of the state CIF, and Art Williams, the president in this area, who said the only by-laws (under which all the schools in the West Yosemite League have agreed to play) shows that a play-off game should be held at a "neutral site."

And yet, some of the parents at the meeting pointed out, the other games are not being held at neutral grounds, rather at hometown fields.

Gannon told McDonald he had also called Arvin High

School Principal Jack Shults, who agreed to play the game anywhere, "including the North Pole."

But what was the most pressing concern for the parents and Gannon at the meeting was that the concession profits which should have been Sanger's as the host team, were given by McDonald without prior consultation of Arvin or Sanger to Clovis as rental fee for use of the stadium.

Gannon also mentioned since the game was being played on a holiday for school District employees, bus drivers who take the school band and team to the Clovis stadium will have to be paid time-and-a-half, an unnecessary expense if the game were to be held here.

The issue came to an end with the Board of Trustees agreeing with arguments presented by Gannon and complimenting him for his efforts.

In forcing McDonald to make a new decision, the Board said, as well as Gannon, that it was powerless to act and hoped that in the future McDonald would inform himself more before making a decision.

According to reliable sources of Gannon, McDonald has reserved Clovis stadium for future play-off games, a statement that at press time could not be proved or dispelled.



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Prep Teams To Start Playoffs

By MARK NAJARIAN
Bee Prep Writer

After a wild final week of regular season prep football, the upcoming playoffs may seem anticlimactic to some fans. But it would be hard convincing the 14 teams involved of that.

Nine league winners and five "wildcard" teams will head this week into the second season when they go after valley championships in the Yosemite, Sequoia and Sierra Divisions.

The schools that made it to the playoffs will be shooting for the defenders of last year's crowns — Edison (Yosemite), Dos Palos (Sequoia) and Immanuel (Sierra).

It was a hectic conclusion to the regular season Friday when all but one of the playoff berths were decided on the final day of action. Only East Sierra League winner Immanuel knew where it stood before the finales.

In the NYL, second-ranked Edison topped Madera 26-7 to claim the league's No. 1 spot while McLane stunned fifth-ranked Clovis 21-17 to move in as the runnerup squad. The Highlanders tied with Bullard at 5-2 but gained the nod by virtue of an earlier win over the Knights.

The valley's top-rated team, Sanger, had to defeat fourth-ranked Reedley 28-7 in the finale to gain the WYL No. 1 berth and give the Pirates the runnerup spot.

Edison, 9-1 overall, and Sanger, also 9-1, will most likely take on the favorites' roles in the Yosemite Division. The Tigers will host Foothill, the SYL runnerup, Friday at 8:00 p.m. at Ratcliffe Stadium in the first round and the Apaches play

EYL No. 2 Arvin, with the time and date undecided.

McLane will go to Bakersfield to face sixth-ranked West, which won the SYL, while Reedley faces EYL No. 1 Porterville in Porterville. Both of those games are slated for Friday, the McLane-West contest at Bakersfield College 7:30 p.m.

In the Sequoia Division, third-ranked Dos Palos won the NSL crown by blasting Selma 47-0 and the Broncos will be favored against Taft, the SSL winner. The teams will meet Thanksgiving Day at 1 p.m. in Coalinga.

Sierra, meanwhile, claimed the NSL runnerup spot with a big 20-0 win over San Joaquin Memorial. The Chieftains will face CSL champ Exeter, which defeated Kingsburg 29-21 in a crucial outing last week. Time and site of the playoff is to be determined.

The title game of the Sierra Division will feature two of the valley's top rushers — Riverdale's Kerry Bonner (No. 3) and Immanuel's Duane Warkentin (No. 9). The Cowboys, who won the WSL, and Eagles will meet Friday night at the Reedley High Stadium.

The schedule:

YOSEMITE DIVISION

First Round

Foothill vs. Edison

Arvin vs. Sanger

McLane vs. West

Reedley vs. Porterville

SEQUOIA DIVISION

First Round

Taft vs. Dos Palos

Sierra vs. Exeter

SIERRA DIVISION

Championship

Riverdale vs. Immanuel



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Choice Playoff Openers

Sanger, Arvin Battle

It has been a familiar scene all season for Sanger's football machine. In methodical fashion, it has steam-rolled over everything in sight — to the right, left and straight ahead.

In tailback Bert Burk, fullback Ted Torosian and quarterback Craig Lawley, the top-ranked Apaches boast one of the valley's most consistent ground attacks. And it all goes on the line Friday when Sanger meets rugged Arvin at 7:30 p.m. in Clovis' Lamonica Stadium.

It marks just one of four excellent Valley Yosemite Division quarterfinal playoff games. Elsewhere, No. 2 Edison faces ninth-ranked Foothill at Ratcliffe Stadium, NCO. 7/8 Reedley opposes Porterville at Porterville's Jamison Stadium, and 10th-rated McLane goes against No. 4 West at Bakersfield's Memorial Stadium.

With a fine-blocking line, Sanger's running game has flourished (27.3 average). And its defense, bolstered by the steady play of Bill Dela Torre and Billy Pierce and the return of Steve Karmann, has stayed impressive.

"We're striving for consistency all the time," said Sanger's Gary Scott. "That, and along with trying to be as perfect as possible."

Arvin, which tied Porterville for the East Yosemite title at 4-1 but took the No. 2 playoff spot by virtue of an earlier loss to the Panthers, stacks up as a tough, big club. Like Sanger, the Bears thrive on the ground.

Alternating at tailbacks are speedy Joey and Timmy Tarver, while workhorse Kent Stenerup, a 6-foot-4, 200-pounder is at fullback. Up front is a good, huge line, anchored by tackles Greg Showers (6-0, 210) and Derek Smith (6-4, 260). Sophomore Paul Abron handles quarterback chores.

Top Ten

The San Joaquin Valley's Top Ten high school football rankings are compiled by The Bee's prep sports staff and valley correspondents. Voting is on a 10-9-8-7, etc., basis. First-place votes and season records, in parenthesis, follow the teams: (Final)

1. Sanger 12 (9-1)	208
2. Edison 6 (9-1)	204
3. Dos Palos 2 (9-1)	182
4. West (8-1)	148
5. Riverdale (9-1)	96
6. Sierra (9-1)	89
7. Reedley (7-2-1)	80
8. Exeter (8-2)	54
9. Foothill (7-3)	40
10. McLane (8-4)	36

Others receiving votes — Firebaugh (8-0), Clovis (7-3), Immanuel (7-2), Woodlake (9-1), Bullard (6-4), Fresno (7-3), Taft (8-4), Arvin (7-3), Hanford (7-2-1).



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Apaches Blitz Arvin 32-6

'McLane Next'

There were a couple of major surprises in the opening quarter final round of last Friday's Yosemite Division playoffs, but the number one rated Sanger High School Apaches would have nothing to do with any talk of an upset as coach Gary Scott's well-drilled football team pounded out a convincing 32-6 romp over the totally outclassed Arvin Bears before a chilled crowd at neutral Lamona Stadium on the Clovis High School campus.

The impressive win, which featured the combined running of Prep Player of the Week Bert Burk (168 yards in 17 carries and three touchdowns) and Ted Torosian (118 yards and one score in 16 runs) plus an alert, hard-hitting Apache defense, vaults Sanger in this Friday's semifinals against one of those "surprise" winners, McLane High School of Fresno. The Highlanders, the second place team from the North Yosemite League, captured its 6th straight victory last Friday by upsetting 4th rated West High School from Bakersfield, the South Yosemite League champion, 30-14, at Bakersfield.

Sanger — McLane

Offensively, coach Al Rose's small but spirited crew could cause Sanger trouble with its combined Veer and Pro Set formations. Overall, the Highlanders are only 7-4, but, as mentioned earlier, they have won their last six in a row since losing to Fresno High School, 27-8, way back on October 15. Certainly, McLane is a completely different team from its miserable 1-2 non-league start. In short, they're a "hot" team.

Burk, Torosian, senior quarterback Craig Lawley and the rest of the Apaches are also hot following their 10th straight triumph last Friday. In truth, Arvin was never in the game as Sanger was in total command from start to finish. 325 total yards (310 yards on the ground alone) for the Apaches as opposed to Arvin's mere 104 should be proof positive of that fact.

Running behind the awesome blocking of his All-League offensive line, Torosian and wide receivers Johnny and Oscar Morales, Burk had a free hand all night and scored Sanger's first three touchdowns on runs of one, 53 and 22 yards. Kerry Mobley's pair of extra points after the first and third scores

broke Bruce Barnes's all-time conversion record set in 1968.

After rolling to a 13-0 halftime lead and missing a couple of other scoring opportunities via the fumble route (Sanger lost four of five bobbles), the Apaches wrapped things up with a 19 point third period. Burk's 22 yarder, an eight-yard run by Torosian following another of Billy Pierce's patented long, twisting punt returns, this one for 42 yards, to set up the score

at the nine-yard line, and a 14-yard tackle-breaking dash by Lawley accounted for the point production.

On defense, Sanger's tough corps completely manhandled Arvin and never let the Bears have much breathing room at all. "Our kids played an outstanding defensive game," Scott proudly stated, "and I mean every one of them. If I had to single out any players for special mention, they would be Jeff Shahbazian, one

of our ends, tackle Greg Hart and middle linebacker Billy Strope. But really," he added, "they all played well."

Regarding this Friday's opponent, Scott seemed a bit more wary than he was last week. "McLane is a com-

pletely different ball club than they were earlier in the season," he warned. "They are kind of small but are real aggressive and scrappy. They are a very good, young team that could cause us problems," he concluded.

Bert Burk Chosen Athlete of Week

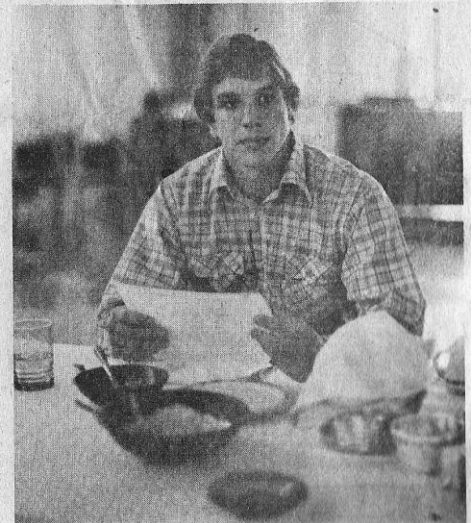
Sanger High School's halfback Bert Burk was honored by the Valley Sportswriters and Sportcasters Association this week as the Athlete of the Week for his performance last Friday against Arvin High School which the SHS Apaches won hands down.

Burk totaled 168 yards rushing in the game for which the Association honored him.

At the luncheon where Burk was honored, Sanger Coach

Gary Scott said he thought the Arvin team was bigger, but slower. Of his team he said, "We ran the ball well, but at times we were a little sloppy."

Burk told the Herald that he was a little saddened after he was pulled out of the game after three quarters and that he wanted to make up for a fumble he had committed. But overall, he said he was not totally satisfied with his performance, but concluded, "I was happy with the game."



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Sanger Option Nets Victory Over Arvin

By MARK NAJARIAN
 Bee Prep Writer

The Sanger High Apaches just had too many options for the Arvin Bears Friday in the Valley Yosemite Division quarterfinals.

With quarterback Craig Lawley and backs Bert Burk and Ted Torosian running the option offense to near perfection and an awesome defense, the top-ranked Apaches blasted Arvin 32-6 before a chilled crowd at Clovis' Lamonica Stadium.

Burk and Torosian piled up big yardage and the Sanger defense never let up against the Bears as the Apaches rolled up their 10th-straight win, having lost only to Clovis in the

season opener.

The win advances coach Gary Scott's Apaches, the West Yosemite champs, to the semis against 10th-ranked McLane, the NYL No. 2 team

	Arvin	Sanger
First downs	6	15
Yards rushing	116	323
Yards lost	79	13
Net yards rushing	37	310
Passes-completions	22-8	7-1
Passing yardage	87	15
Total net yards	104	325
Interceptions by	1	2
Fumbles-lost	2-2	5-4
Penalties	4-45	2-20
Punts	6-30.3	2-26.5

which upset SYL winner West High 30-14 Friday.

Offensively against the Bears, it was much like it has been all year for Sanger. QB Lawley engineered the

drives by pitching off to either Burk or Torosian. The Apaches only went to the air seven times, completing one pass for 15 yards. But on the ground, Burk and Torosian led the Apaches to 310 yards.

Burk, a 5-foot-10, 175-pound senior, picked up the most yardage. Behind the excellent blocking of Torosian, he bullied for 168 yards in 17 carries and scored Sanger's first three touchdowns. Torosian added 118 yards in 16 runs.

The Apache defense was once again superb. It held Arvin to 37 net yards rushing and 67 yards passing. Led by tackle Greg Hart and linebacker Steve Karmann, Sanger pushed back the Bears for 79 yards in losses rushing.

Arvin's only score came late in the third period after a Sanger fumble deep in Apache territory. After the loose ball on the Apache 10-yard line, Arvin's Joey Tarver scampered in, two plays later, for the TD.

But Sanger's offense scored quick and often on the Bears. With 1:45 left in the first period and the Apaches on the Arvin one, Lawley ran for the end zone and was hit. Before falling, however, he pitched to Burk, who dove in for the score and Sanger's first TD.

After failing on several scoring opportunities because of fumbles, Sanger used two more Burk TDs to put it away.

The first came late in the second period when Burk exploded through the center of the line and dashed untouched 53 yards to the score. He made it 19-0 early in the third period, breaking loose 22 yards for the touchdown.

Apache kick-return ace Billy Jack Pierce set up the next six-pointer by taking a punt near midfield and bringing it to the Arvin nine-yard line. Two plays later, Torosian scored on an eight-yard sprint. Lawley put the final points on the board on a busted play, breaking two tackles and going 14 yards for the TD.

Arvin High	0	0	6	0	-	6
Sanger High	7	6	19	0	-	32
S - Burk, 1 run (Mobleby kick)						
S - Burk, 53 run (kick failed)						
S - Burk, 22 (Mobleby kick)						
S - Torosian, 8 run (kick failed)						
A - J. Tarver, 8 run (pass failed)						
S - Lawley, 14 run (kick failed)						

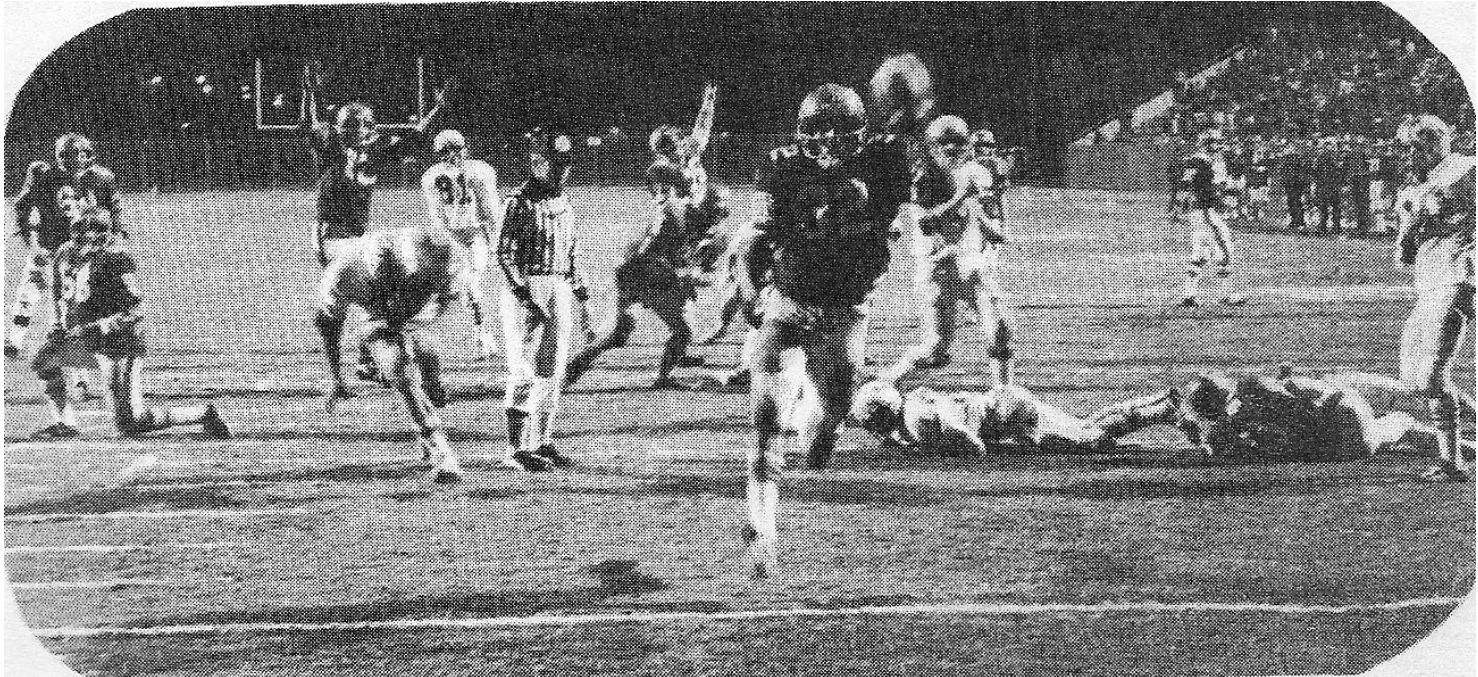


Over The Top
 Sanger High running back Bert Burk leaps over runningmate Ted Torosian for big yardage during action of the quarterfinal, Yosemite Division playoff game against Arvin. Sanger won the contest 32-6.
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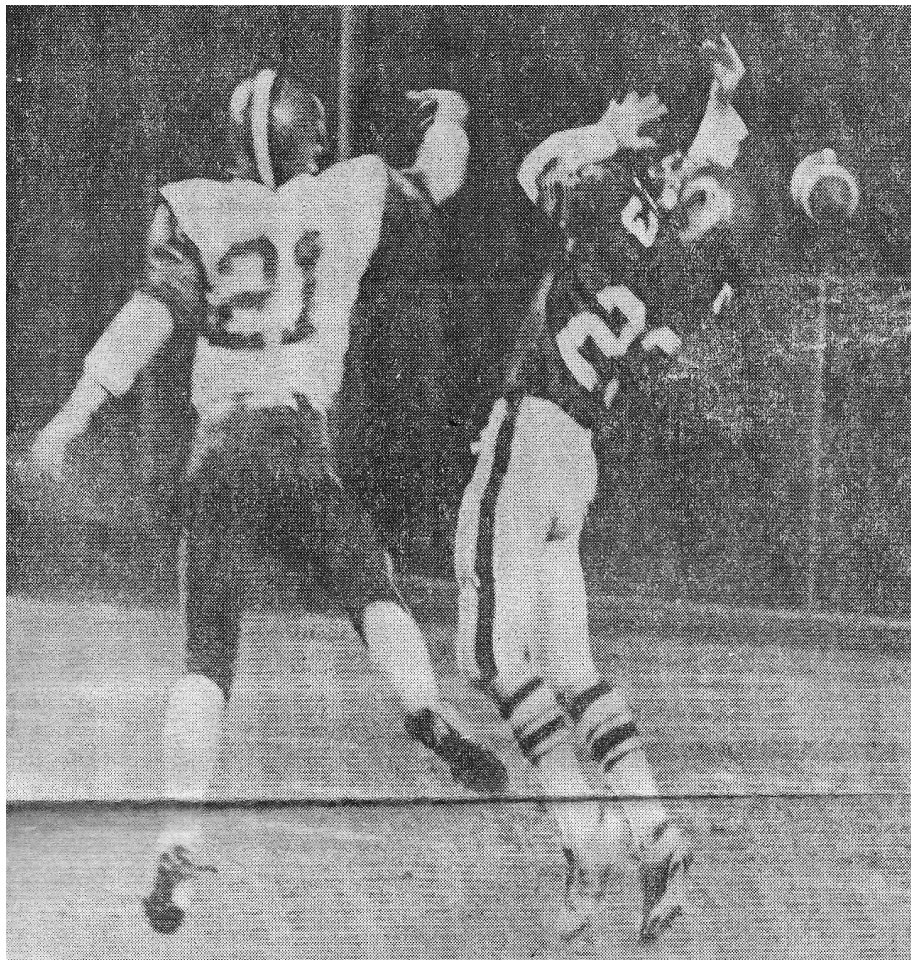
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Sanger, McLane Battle For Yosemite Finals

The Valley Yosemite Division football playoffs have "split" the Al Rose clan this week.

When Rose's amazing McLane High Highlanders, the division's "Cinderella Kids," meet top-ranked and precision-smooth Sanger Friday in a semifinal game at Clovis' Lamonica Stadium, at least a few of his relatives and friends won't know who to cheer for.

Rose's family has resided in Tivy Valley (near Sanger) for the past seven years and two Rose boys played freshman football at Sanger this year. Sure, the immediate family will hold true but there are a couple of "uncommitted" relatives. "We're a little bit torn here," — the entire Rose family and in-laws, "said the always-friendly

Rose, playfully.

The Sanger-McLane showdown, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., is just one of two attractive Yosemite semifinals

FRIDAY
Yosemite Division
Semifinals
McLane vs. Sanger, Clovis' Lamonica Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Reedley vs. Foothill, Bakersfield's Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Sequoia Division
Finals
Dos Palos vs. Exeter, Visalia's Mineral King Bowl, 7:30 p.m.

contests Friday. Ninth-ranked Foothill will host No. 7 Reedley also at 7:30 p.m. in Bakersfield's Memorial Stadium.

The winners, of course, will clash next week in the finals.

Sanger and the No. 10 Highlanders enter with superb records. The West Yosemite champion Apaches are 10-1 overall, including 10 straight victories. And McLane is 7-4 overall, including seven-straight wins.

"McLane has progressed and matured well," said Sanger's Gary Scott. "They've turned into a scrappy, hungry group. And Al Rose is a tremendous person — very professional."

"They are physical," said Rose of the Apaches. "They just play disciplined, well-coached football. They say, 'Here, we come!' Then come right at you."

Sanger's option attack is spearheaded by quarterback Craig Lawley and the talented backfield of fullback Ted Torosian and tailback Bert Burk. The line, like Rose says, is physical. Burk and Torosian have been consistent 100-yard backs weekly.

McLane, getting yet another emotional win last week, this time over fourth-ranked West, is led by excellent QB John Barry, a fine scrambler and passer. Workhorse Ed Alcantar and Kenny Marquez give the Scot backfield power.

The Apaches defense, impressive in last week's win over Arvin, has held opponents to just one touchdown in each of the last four games. It is headed by linebackers Bill Strope, Steve

Karmann and Randy Welch. Richard Lopez, Robert Smith and Darren January pace McLane's defense.

Reedley, which turned in a good performance last week against Porterville, will be trying to stop Foothill's ground-oriented, ball-control style, which has impressed despite numerous injuries this year.

The Trojans held second-ranked Edison to six points last year and, coupled with Reedley's strong defense, a defensive battle looms.

"Foothill has good ball-control," said the Pirates' Skip Pendergast. "And they're awfully tough to run against."

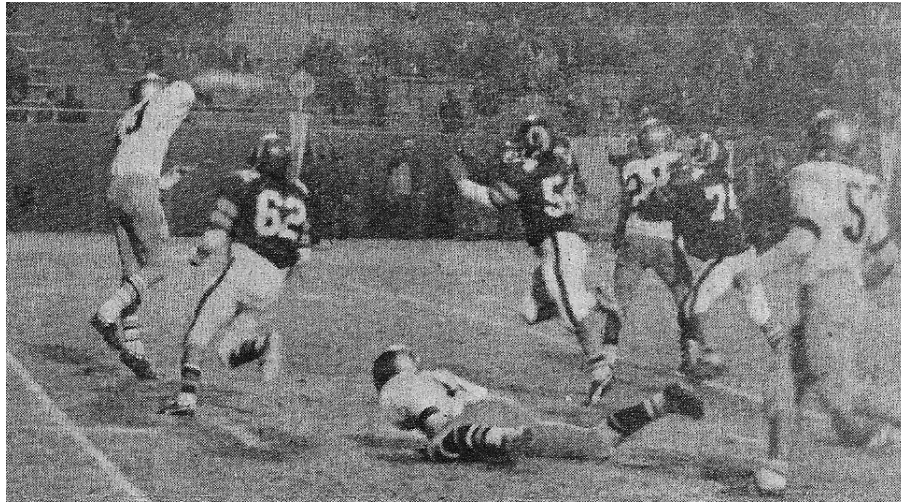
"We're impressed with Reedley," said Foothill's Ned Permenter.

"They're well-coached, well-disciplined. They run out of a lot of sets, which could give us a problem."

Reedley got a big boost last week from running back Tom Flanagan and QB Paul Hertzler guides the attack. But Pendergast expects his defense, which was lagging last week, to perk up.

The rugged Pirates will be trying to contain Trojan QB Jamie French, who has come on strong the last three games after missing the first seven because of a shoulder injury. Running back Scott Settle helped key the win over Edison and standout Ron Magby should be ready after a nagging injury.

Frank Dourado and Ted Pierce are French's chief receiving targets.



Ray Ovalle

James Jaurique
vs Foothill

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Sanger Defense Nips Cinderella McLane

By MARK NAJARIAN
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	McLANE	SANGER
First downs	8	8
Yards rushing	35	89
Yards lost	27	31
Net Yards rushing	8	58
Passes-completions	20-11	7-1
Passing yardage	121	14
Total net yards	177	72
Interceptions by	1	2
Fumbles—lost	5-3	4-1
Penalties	5-45	3-43
Punts	6-60.0	8-36.0

More than 8,000 fans at Clovis' Lamonica Stadium were treated to one of the most bruising defensive shows in prep football this season. Neither offensive unit moved much and the teams battled it out near midfield most of the night.

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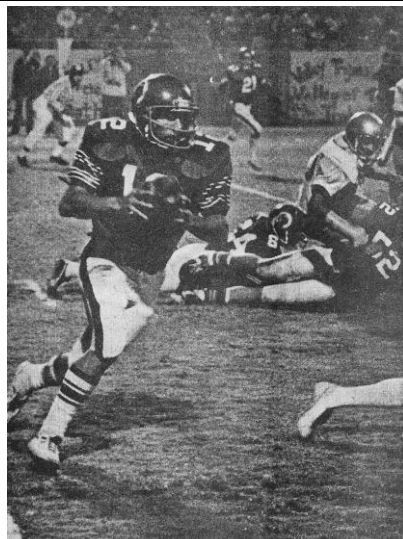
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Craig Lawley vs Foothill



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Barsotti Wins Bet From Fresno Mayor

"I was born in Sanger, and it's good to be back," boomed Fresno Mayor Ted Wills to an overflow crowd of Sanger High School students on Friday, Dec. 10.

His remark was greeted by cheers from the approximately 1,800 students who had gathered in the West Gym (it used to be called the Boys' Gym, but that was before the days of co-ed PE) for a football rally preceding the Division title game between Sanger and Foothill of Bakersfield.

Wills was present to pay off a bet he had lost to Sanger City Councilman Jim Barsotti concerning the outcome of the Sanger-McLane semi-finals the previous week, the loser to push the winner in a wheelbarrow on the winner's home turf.

What does one wear for wheelbarrow pushing? Wills appeared in a charcoal gray business suit worn with a brilliant red vest, cream colored cotton shirt with narrow satin stripes of the same color, and a muted red bow tie with matching handkerchief in the jacket pocket. "My wife not only makes my ties, but she also chooses what I will wear," he explained. "This is what she laid out for me to wear today."

Barsotti was attired in a light gray suit with white stitching outlining the collar, lapels and pockets, a black and white gingham shirt and a black tie of medium width. He removed his suit jacket before seating himself in his vehicle for the triumphal ride.

With television cameras rolling, the two men exchanged pleasantries before the elated student body. Mayor Wills presented Barsotti with the key to the City of Fresno so that he could "drive around without fear" when you come to our city." Bar-

sotti, in turn, gave the key to Bill Strobe and Ted Torosian, co-captains of Sanger's Varsity football team.

"How many of you guys played football for me five years ago in Pop Warner League?" shouted Barsotti.

With clamors of identification, red-jersied figures all over the gym rose to their feet.

"I told you then, didn't I, that in five years you'd be in the competition for the Division title," responded the beaming Barsotti.

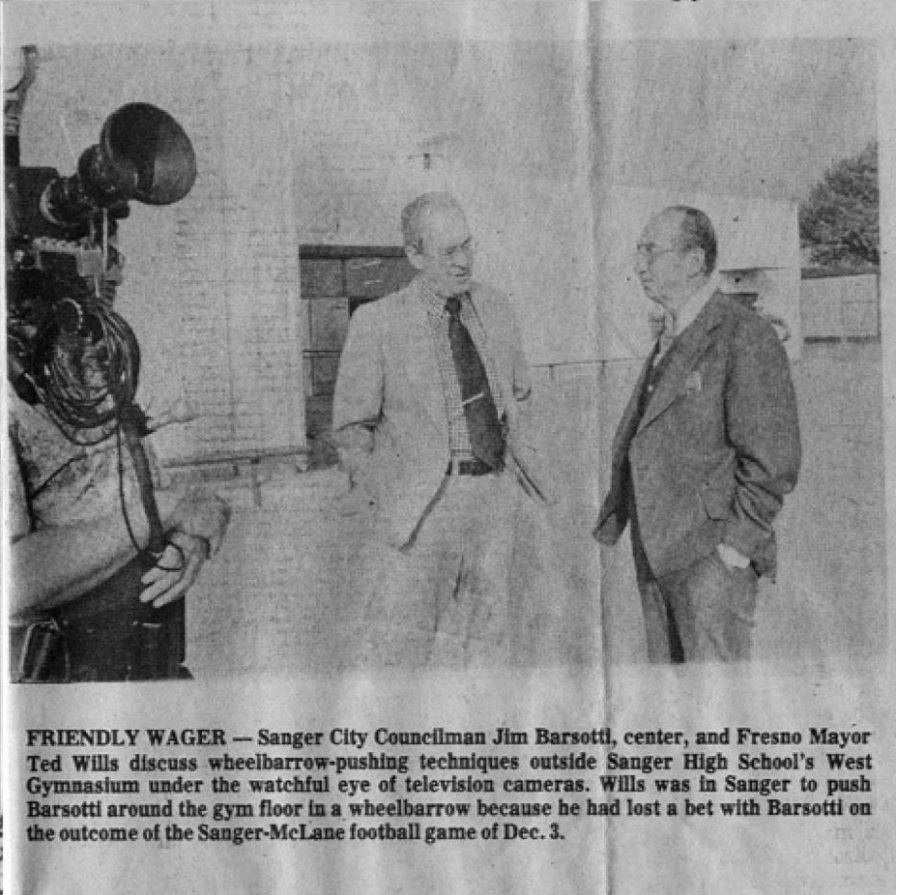
"Yeah," yelled the crowd. Then came the time for Barsotti to embark upon his long-anticipated ride.

Willing hands brought the wheelbarrow to the front of the room and Barsotti sat down therein. This was no ordinary wheelbarrow, for Sanger Parks and Recreation Department had lavished loving care upon painting it in brilliant shades of red and blue, the school colors, and then lined it tastefully with white paper so that there would be no possibility of paint smudges on clothing.

From the moment that Mayor Wills' hands touched the handles, the muted roar of the crowd became a thunder that drowned out even the sound of the band. It lasted throughout the entire ride all around the gym.

Alighting gracefully, Barsotti shook hands with Wills, and the two men took seats in the grandstand to watch the rest of the rally.

In addition to pep girl routines and band music, the rally included the presentation of the Theme Sweepstakes trophy to the sophomore class for its colorful float in the annual Lions Club Christmas Toyland Parade, held on Dec. 5. The presentation was made by Lions Club president Lloyd Kurihara.



FRIENDLY WAGER — Sanger City Councilman Jim Barsotti, center, and Fresno Mayor Ted Wills discuss wheelbarrow-pushing techniques outside Sanger High School's West Gymnasium under the watchful eye of television cameras. Wills was in Sanger to push Barsotti around the gym floor in a wheelbarrow because he had lost a bet with Barsotti on the outcome of the Sanger-McLane football game of Dec. 3.



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THE PAYOFF — Looking happy despite his rather awkward position, Councilman Barsotti was trundled around the entire perimeter of the gym floor by the nattily-attired mayor of Fresno, Ted Wills, to the uproarious approval of Sanger High School students who jammed the indoor bleachers.

Apache Captains Given Key To Fresno

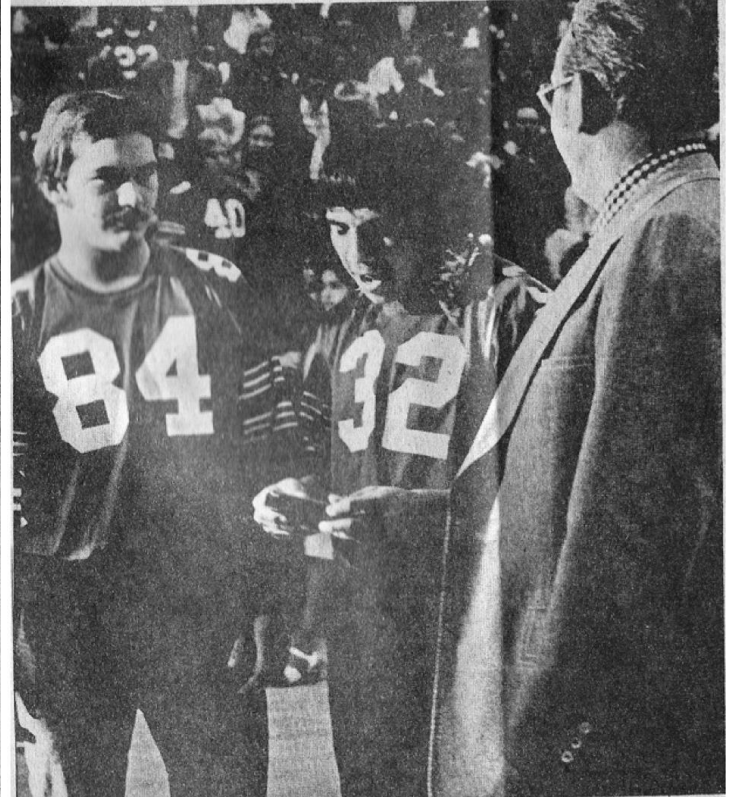
If you lose a bet you have to pay. Last Friday afternoon Fresno Mayor Ted Wills paid his debt. He had to push Sanger City Councilman Jim Barsotti across the gymnasium floor during the pep assembly which was wit-

nessed by more than 1700 Sanger High students and was recorded by the TV cameras of two Fresno TV stations. In short, the Apaches won and Mayor Wills lost.

Mayor Wills presented the key to Fresno to Mr. Barsotti,

who, in turn, presented it to Apache Captains Bill Strope and Ted Torosian.

The assembly was the climax of a series of excellent assemblies presented by Rally Commissioner Ninie Nury and her Rally Commission.



Bill Strope-Ted Torosian

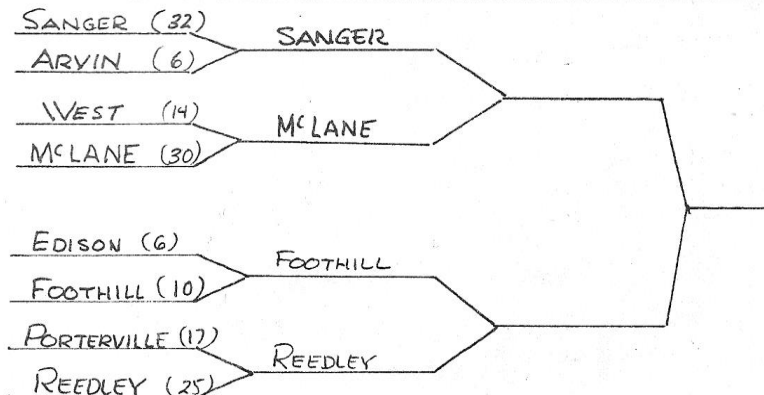
YOSEMITE DIVISION PLAYOFFS '76

The Playoffs

YOSEMITE DIVISION
 Quarterfinals
 Foothill 10, Edison 6
 Sanger 32, Arvin 6
 McLane 30, West 14
 Reedley 25, Porterville 17

SEQUOIA DIVISION
 Semifinals
 Dos Palos 12, Taft 8
 Exeter 22, Sierra 9

SIERRA DIVISION
 Finals
 Riverdale 26, Immanuel 6





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Magsby Gains 226

Foothill Downs Reedley, Will Face Sanger In Final

By DAVE GUFFEY
Bee Prep Writer

BAKERSFIELD — With running back Ron Magsby having the best night of his prep career, the Foothill High Trojans are now just one game

	Reedley	Foothill
First downs	14	25
Yards rushing	107	352
Yards lost	14	7
Net yards rushing	93	345
Passes-completions	30-12	10-4
Passing yardage	196	128
Total net yards	389	473
Interceptions by	5	2
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties	5-23	4-18
Points	33-0	13-0

away from their first-ever Valley Yosemite Division title.

The ninth-ranked Trojans (9-2-1) rolled to an impressive 30-15 win over the seventh-ranked Reedley Pirates (8-3-1) Friday night in front of approximately 3,000 Memorial Stadium fans.

Foothill will meet top-ranked Sanger (11-1), which edged scrappy McLane 7-6 last night in another Yosemite Division showdown.

"Sanger has got to be the class of the valley," said a hoarse but happy Foothill coach, Ned Permenter. "It's like playing an all-star team."

Magsby, a 1,000-yard runner, accounted for almost half of Foothill's awesome 473 total yards, gaining 226 yards on 23 carries (9.9). Magsby missed the Foothill's last two regular season games because of a knee injury.

It was the most points this season that the stingy Pirate defense has given up (Sanger scored 28 against them) and also the most total yards they have given up.

The turning point in the game was a missed 39-yard field goal by Reed-

ley's Dennis Mehas.

Trailing 16-7 at 3:46 in the third period Mehas was on target with his kick, however the ball hit the crossbar and bounced back on to the playing field. Instead of a 16-10 game the Trojans maintained a nine-point advantage. Mehas has kicked a 44-yarder earlier in the season.

"It (the loss) could have been me," said a drained Reedley coach, coach Skip Pendergast. "I guess that could be considered an excuse, but this is my ninth playoff game, and I just don't get into them like I used to."

After the missed field goal, the momentum seemed to shift to the Trojans.

On its second possession after the missed three-pointer Scott Settle capped a 68-yard, 11-play drive with a one-yard TD. A 28-yard jaunt by

Magsby and a 24-yard pass from quarterback Jamie French to Magsby set up the score with 7:14 left. That made it 24-7, Foothill.

Foothill put the game out of reach on a four-yard score by Settle with 2:19 remaining. The key play in the drive was a tight end reverse pass from Ted Pierce to flanker Frank Dorado which covered 55 yards to the Reedley 15-yard line.

Dorado gave Foothill a 7-0 lead in the first period on a seven-yard scoring pass from French at 3:24. A 60-yard burst by Magsby down the right sideline to the Pirate's 22 was the key play in the 82-yard march.

Reedley's Bruce Brumm had blocked a 32-yard field goal attempt by David Staats minutes earlier to stop the Trojans' first scoring drive. The Pirates tied it at 7-all as QB

Paul Hertzler knifed through an opening made by guard Al Huerta and center Mark Stanley at 8:56 to go in the half.

A pass from French to Pierce and a procedure penalty on the Pirates gave Foothill the ball on Reedley's seven, but the Trojans had to settle for a 25-yard field goal by Staats.

"We were sleepwalking in the first half, I don't know if it was that missed field goal that turned it around or not," said Permenter.

"We told the kids that who ever got on the board first would probably win it," he added. "We were pretty lucky really."

Running back Tom Flanagan made the score respectable scoring on a three-yard run with just 27 seconds left. Three consecutive passes from

Hertzler to Mike Vogt covering 32, 10 and 10 yards set up the TD.

Hertzler completed 13 of 30 passes for 196 yards, with many of the incompletions coming in the final minutes. Vogt snared seven aerials for 128 yards.

Defensive standouts for Reedley were Brumm, Steve Kennedy, Kevin Fite and Stanley.

For Foothill Settle, Bill Burden, David Greek and Jesse Ray made many defensive stops.

Reedley High	0	7	0	8	-	15
Foothill High	7	3	6	14	-	30

- F — Dorado, 7 pass from French (Staats kick)
- R — Hertzler, 1 run (Mehas kick)
- F — Staats, 25 FG
- F — Dorado, 23 run (kick failed)
- F — Settle, 1 run (Pierce, pass from French)
- F — Settle, 4 run (kick failed)
- R — Flanagan, 3 run (Wasaki, pass from Mehas)

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The Armor's Ready---And So Are Sanger, Foothill

By RON OROZCO
Bee Sports Writer

With the armor already polished, two of the valley's hardest-hitting prep football teams will square off tonight at Clovis' Daryle Lamonica Stadium.

The occasion, of course, is the Valley Yosemite Division championship game at 7:30 p.m., matching top-ranked Sanger High (11-1) and No. 9 Foothill of Bakersfield (9-2-1). It promises to be a trench battle.

With both squads boasting explosive option attacks, the spotlight should focus on the defensive units. And that means plenty of hard hitting, the kind that carried them throughout the season.

Sanger's defense, which has allowed just a single touchdown in

each of its last five games, rose to the occasion last week in a thrilling 7-6 semifinal win over McLane.

Defensive back Billy Jack Pierce, a versatile athlete, darted 36 yards with an interception for the Apaches' only score. It typified the Apaches' defense-oriented philosophy.

"You win with the defense," Sanger's Gary Scott has often said.

Not overlooking a rugged line, featuring Greg Hart, Bill Dela Torre, Louis Mata and Jeff Shabazian, or the fine secondary of Bob Markland, Tony Herron, Gilbert Montelongo and Pierce, the strength of the Apaches' defense lies in its linebackers.

The swarming trio of Bill Strope, Steve Karmann and Randy Welch has been one of the chief reasons no opponent has scored more than 14 points

against Sanger this season and the points-allowed average is 7.6.

"It's the heart of the defense," said Scott. "Strope is the signal-caller and he has very good knowledge. Karmann just loves contact, a pure hitter. And Welch is the school's student body president. Once you tell him something, that's it."

Sanger's defense will be trying to stop a Trojan attack which compiled 473 net yards in a 30-15 triumph over Reedley last week. Largely behind the running of tailback Ron Magsby, who broke from an injury for 246 yards last week, and fullback Scott Settle, Foothill has averaged 20.1 points.

The Trojans, the South Yosemite League No. 2 entrants, also boast a powerful defense, although injuries have cut into it throughout the season. Still, it has allowed just 8.6 points per game and Reedley's 15 points stand as the highest by an opponent this year.

"Defensively," noted Foothill's Ned Permenter, "we don't have any big standouts like we always seem to have. Because of injuries we've had to bring up several players from the jayvees."

Heading the unit are linebackers Jesse Ray and "monster" Mike Oliveri. Nose guard Blake James, tackles Dave Creek and Ralph Rizo, and ends Rod Garrett and Tom Padilla will have quite a task in trying to stop the Apaches' ground game.

The West Yosemite champions

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Radio-TV Sports

- Today Television**
- 8 p.m. — Basketball, Warriors vs. Seattle, KMPH, 26.
 - Radio**
 - 7:15 p.m. — Football, Valley High School Championship, Sanger vs. Foothill, KJAJ (580 kc).
 - 8 p.m. — Basketball, Hamford vs. Corcoran, KNGS (620 kc).
 - 10 p.m. — Basketball, Warriors vs. Seattle (delayed), KMPH, 26.
 - Tomorrow Television**
 - 10 a.m. — Football (pregame, 9:30 a.m.), Minnesota vs. Miami, KFSN, 30, KJTV, 17.
 - 10:30 a.m. — Football, Pioneer Bowl, KJEO, 47, KBAK-TV, 29.
 - 11:30 a.m. — The Champions, KMJ-TV, 24.
 - 1 p.m. — NFL Football, Pittsburgh vs. Houston, KMJ-TV, 24, KERO-TV, 23.
 - 3:30 p.m. — On the Sidelines With the Oakland Raiders, KJEO, 47.

- 4 p.m. — Ara Parseghian's Sports, KJEO, 47.
- 4:30 p.m. — CBS Sports Spectacular, KFSN, 30, KJTV, 17.
- 4:30 p.m. — Wide World of Sports, KJEO, 47, KBAK-TV, 29.
- 5 p.m. — Football, Los Angeles vs. Detroit, KJEO, 47, KBAK-TV, 29.
- 7 p.m. — Boxing, KFTV, 21.
- Radio**
- 12:45 p.m. — Football, Pittsburgh vs. Houston, KEAP (980 kc).
- 5:45 p.m. — Football, Los Angeles vs. Detroit, KARM (1450 kc).
- 5:55 p.m. — Football (pregame, 5:40 p.m.), Los Angeles vs. Detroit, KONG (1400 kc).
- 8 p.m. — Basketball, Fresno State vs. St. Mary's, KMJ (580 kc).
- 10 p.m. — Basketball, Warriors vs. Houston (delayed), KMJ (580 kc).

Preps: Showdown

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offer one of the valley's top combinations in tailback Bert Burk and fullback Ted Torosian, who have marched behind a good-blocking line in steamroller-fashion throughout.

Sanger's Craig Lawley and Foothill's Jamie Franch are seasoned signal-callers with fine moves from the option. And both can pass to keep the defenses honest.

Lawley's principal targets are wide receivers Johnny and Oscar Morales and tight end Mike Alvarado, while French, who missed the first seven games because of an injury, throws primarily to wingback Frank Dorado, and ends Ted Pierce and Rod Garrett.

"We have a simple offense," said Permenter. "We're pretty basic. Any success we have is because we don't make many turnovers. Against Sang-

er, we'll have to keep the turnovers to an absolute minimum.

"We'll have to stay close the whole game. We can't play catch up."

Foothill bowed in last year's semifinals to Bullard while Sanger fell, also in the semis, to eventual valley champion Edison.

"Defensively, we try to spend a little more time developing rpide," said Scott. "We worked on it last year and it paid off. This year we were able to spend more time devoting it to our offense and it's paid off."



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Apaches Meet Foothill's Trojans In Grid Final

Were second year Sanger High School head football coach Gary Scott a gambling man, he would have left Clovis' Lamonica Stadium immediately following the conclusion of the Apaches hard-fought 7-6 Yosemite Division semi-final victory over the valiant McLane High School Highlanders of Fresno last Friday night, driven to the Fresno Air Terminal and boarded a plane for Las Vegas, Nevada. For it was his night, a night in which he saw his team outplayed, yet still win thanks to an absolutely

brilliant defensive performance spearheaded by the ubiquitous Billy Jack Pierce. It was, in short, quite possibly the luckiest night of Scott's short four year head coach career and certainly one he will long remember. But, as usual, there were no long victory celebrations to salute Sanger's 11th straight victory, only one final date with destiny to hopefully prove once and for all that the Apaches are really number one for 1976, a fact the prep pollsters have proclaimed since the seventh week of the season. That last hurdle looms very big this Friday night in, where else, but Lamonica Stadium when the Apaches "host" the suddenly rejuvenated Foothill High School Trojans from

Bakersfield with the Yosemite Division title squarely on the line. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. and another large local following will no doubt brave the cold and make the journey to Clovis for Sanger's absolutely final grid contest of the long season. Foothill has definitely been the surprise team of the playoffs, no doubt about it. Coach Ned Parmenter's crew faced a tough row to hoe after finishing second to West High School in the final South Yosemite League standings at 4-1-1, but came up with a superlative defensive effort to defeat defending champion Edison of Fresno in the playoff's opening round two weeks ago, 10-6, and then bounced right back to hammer Reedley in the semi-finals

last Friday, 30-15. In the Edison win, Foothill was badly outgained, 292 total yards to 178, but three times stopped the Tigers inside their five-yard line to preserve the victory, while against Reedley, the Trojans did just the opposite, manhandling the Pirates fine defense for an awesome 473 total yards, 345 of which came on the ground. Indeed, Foothill is a team to be reckoned with, make no mistake about it. In truth, Parmenter's team is just now getting healthy after a rash of injuries earlier in the year. A leg injury to star running back Ron Magsby (over 1,000 yards rushing and a 226 yard output against Reedley), and shoulder separation to starting quarterback Jamie French that put him out of the lineup for the first seven weeks, were typical of the crippling hurts Foothill suffered before finally getting healthy. But, as Parmenter says, "we seem to be a fresh team now."

"Foothill is a very big, good sound football team," praised Scott, who added they are certainly deserving of being in the finals. "They had a rash of injuries earlier in the season, but are healthy now as their win over Reedley certainly shows.

"On film," he continued, "we have been very impressed with their running back (Magsby), fullback (Scott Settle), quarterback (French) and their defense." Scott noted the Trojans play a double tight end with one flanker and backs in an I formation on offense, and a 5-3 with variations on defense. "They may try to stunt like McLane did," he continued. "Overall, we look for a good, hard-hitting football game," Scott summed up. "I just hope we can forget about the last one and play a good game."

The "last one" Scott mentioned was the hard-hitting win over McLane, a game that still had the head mentor shaking his head and breathing a deep sigh of relief earlier this week. "We came out a winner," he stated, "and its fortunate when you can do so after playing a bad game." Did he really feel the Apaches played a bad game? "No I don't," he answered. "We played extremely well on defense but our offensive line just couldn't pick up their stunts. They gambled and came out ahead."

Scott summed up the bruising battle in one short sentence. "Bill Pierce won the game for us, and our defense and Tony Herron's interception preserved it." Pierce, Herron and defensive end Louis Mata, who played a great game, all received team awards last week while down lineman Bill De La Torre and cornerback Bobby Markland were singled out for their consistent performances all season.

From Sanger's standpoint, the game was loaded with big plays, mostly by the defense, with a couple of key penalties mixed in that really hurt McLane. The biggest play, of course, was Pierce's interception return of 43 yards at 4:48 of the opening quarter for the Apaches only score of the night. Junior Kerry Mobley, kicking on a bad leg (pulled muscle), actually won the game seconds later by toeing the successful extra point that gave Sanger a 7-0 lead.

From there on, however, it was up to the defense to get the job done and, with one exception, they did. That lone exception was a well-executed 67 yard drive by McLane following the Sanger touchdown that culminated with a one yard plunge by halfback Ken Marquez on the first play of the 2nd quarter (11:57). A bad center snap on the extra point try prevented the fired-

up Highlanders from tying the game, and, as it turned out, advancing to the finals. As mentioned earlier, there were key defensive plays and penalties all over the place to preserve the lead. DeLaTorre's fine hit and fumble recovery at the Apache 15 yard line stopped an early McLane's threat, while senior linebacker Steve Karmann broke behind a wall of interference to tackle Marquez and prevent a well-executed screen pass from turning into a long-gainer and perhaps even a T.D. in the third period.

As for penalties, the Highlanders were socked with a couple of beauties that turned the game around. The first came early in the third period when a needless clipping infraction prevented McLane from having a first down inside the Apache 20, while an offensive pass interference call nullified a 40 yard completion to the Sanger 25 in the game's final minute.

Sanger also had a key play called back when Pierce was flagged for illegal procedure after hauling in a long scoring pass from quarterback Craig Lawley in the second stanza.

The Apaches usually high-powered running game was scouted by McLane head coach Al Rose and his aides better than a teenager at a dance. "They stunted three people through an area where there were only two blockers," Scott explained, "and we had trouble picking it up. It was a gamble because the right play would have gone for a score but it never did. You always prepare for something like that to happen but we just didn't react."

Physically, Lawley and running backs Bert Burk and Ted Torosian were bruised and manhandled by the hard-charging highlanders. Burk, in fact, re-injured his shoulder and it is questionable if and how long he'll play Friday night.

When the chips were down, however, the Apaches dug in and powered their way upfield for three first downs on a clock-eating drive that consumed six precious minutes of the final quarter. Torosian ripped off some nice gains in the push that got Sanger out of a hole and gave them good field position.

Now it's time to prove who's number one. The pride of being there for five weeks should keep Sanger on top, but not without a struggle. It's going to be a great game. Be there!

OFFICIAL HERALD STATISTICS

	Sanger	McLane
First Downs (Compiled by Tyler Tharpe)	4	8
Net Yds Rushing	58	56
Passes-Comp-Int	7-1-1	22-11-2
Net Yds Passing	14	121
Total Net Yds	72	171
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	5-3
Penalties-Yds	5-43	5-45
	8-26	6-40



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Foothill at full strength

Final grid game tomorrow

The battle for high school football supremacy will come to an end tomorrow night when the Sanger Apaches take on Foothill of Bakersfield at Lamonica Stadium for the Valley Football Championship.

Sanger is 11-1 for the year, with all eleven wins in

a row under its belt. Foothill has been hampered by injuries all year but still has a respectable 9-2-1 record going into the contest.

Sanger coach Gary Scott is looking forward to a tight game, and feels both teams are evenly matched.

"Foothill has fought the

injury problem all year," said Scott. "They are starting to get some of those injured players back now. They should just about be at full strength."

Scott said the first string quarterback for Foothill was out for seven weeks with an injured shoulder. In ad-

dition, the first string fullback was out for two games with an injury. Both should be back in top form for tomorrow night's game.

The Foothill tailback gathered more than 1,000 yards rushing this year, in spite of being out for two games with an injury.

All of Foothill's backfield men are big, according to Scott.

"Their quarterback is 6-4," said Scott. "The fullback weight in at 210 pounds and the tailback tips the scales at close to 200 pounds."

As for the defense, Scott feels the Bakersfield squad is solid with few weak spots.

"Nobody has scored that many points against them," he said. "They've been steady all year, as they needed to be to get this far."

In spite of these strong points, Scott says his team will give the Bakersfield team a run for its money.

"We're going to stay with our same game plan. It's tried and true. We may throw the ball more and maybe open up their defense that way. But basically we plan to stick with what we've done all year."

Scott feels 11 wins in a row using the system is proof that it works.

Sanger will be led by quarterback Craig Lawley.

"Lawley starts every play and he'll be directing our veer offense as usual," said Scott. "We will continue to rely on our running backs, but Lawley will pass more this game than in our last two games."

The running backs mentioned by Scott are Ted Torosian and Bert Burk. Burk was the chief ball carrier in the 7-6 win over McLane last week but Torosian carried seven straight times late in the

game to spark a Sanger grive that ate up the clock and put the things out of reach.

In overall size, Scott said Foothill is probably a little bigger than Sanger. But he didn't think it would make that much difference.

"They are definitely bigger when you compare offensive backfields," said Scott. "They have a 6-4 quarterback while ours is about 5-9. They have a bigger fullback and a bigger tailback."

In the lines, Scott gives Foothill just a slight edge.

"Our offensive line is a little smaller than theirs, but not enough to matter that much," he said. "We feel we can match them man-to-man even if they are just a hair heavier. On the defensive line we'll give up just a little too. But again I think we can match them."

Scott says he doesn't expect tricks, although Foothill has been known to throw a few trick plays into the game.

"We'll not experiment with trick plays," he said. "As I said, we'll stick with what we know best. Foothill has been known to throw a trick or two. They have one a reverse pass we'll be looking for."

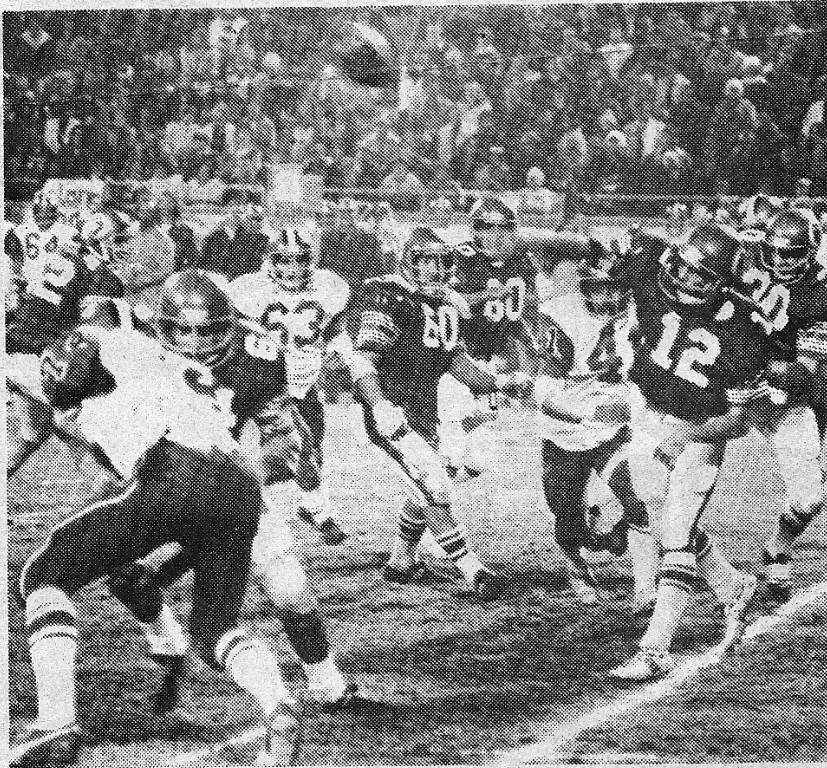
Sanger moved into the Valley Championship with a 7-6 win over McLane at Lamonica Stadium last Friday. Foothill blasted Reedley 30-15 in Bakersfield to gain its spot in the big game. Sanger is a member of the West Yosemite League while Foothill is in the South Yosemite League.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the gate. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with student body cards.

An overflow crowd is expected.

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SANGER QUARTERBACK CRAIG LAWLEY (12) will have to open up his passing game tomorrow night against Foothill if the Apaches are to put some points on the board. McLane blanked Sanger last week but the Apache defensive unit was able to score to give Sanger a 7-6 win.



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Scott's Poetry Has Philosophy As Sanger Wins

GARY SCOTT never really liked poetry back in his school days. But now he's finding philosophical verses have a place in the huddle.

He doesn't literally pass out Robert Frost collections, although thought-provoking messages often come across when he addresses his team. He's no famed poet but he'll admit philosophical writings are as valuable as a Knute Rockne pep talk.

The Sanger High head football coach merely lets verses on life,

your mother, wife, father or children that pass judgement upon you — it's you looking yourself in the eye through glass. That's when you know if you've given your best.

"IT KINDA PUTS the pressure back on you. We talk about that a lot. We also try to talk about being a team, without individuals."

Sanger's method obviously is working, although not every coach can meet success in this manner.

"You have to be honest with the kids of today," he said. "If you lie, they know it. I just try to be myself. I have to be happy with myself, first, before I can relate to anyone else."

Scott credits his coaching staff for much of the Apache success. Handling that superb defense is coordinator Fred Ratslaff, while Jim McKittrick takes care of the offensive line, Jim Duckhorn the linebackers and kicking game and Dennis Keran the defensive line.

SCOTT ISN'T one too forget the fans' part in the Apaches' success.

"Sanger is a football community," he said. "The support has been unbelievable. One woman called me at home the other night. She said she had been going to all the games but stayed home last week and listened to it on the radio. She said she about died listening to it. (Sanger beat McLane 7-6)."

And, of course, there never are enough words for the players themselves — players like Bert Burk, Ted Torosian, Craig Lawley, Omar Gallardo, Kevin Lowry, Kerry Mobley, Greg Hart, Randy Welch, Steve Karmann, Bill Strobe, Bob Markland and Billy Pierce — to name a few.

"I feel fortunate to have come into a situation where there was an opportunity," said Scott. "I was excited about coming here but it was the type of thing where it could've turned into a disaster or into a situation I have right now. It's not exactly what I'd like to have because I'd like to be as perfect as possible."

"But it's been very good."



in general, help instill that all-important trait — pride. And in two years at the Apache helm, pride is flourishing — not only among the players but also throughout the Sanger community.

Scott's coaching record is a remarkable 21-3. A No. 1 valley ranking didn't come easy. It came with hard work, the kind that is almost immeasurable. And Friday night, the Apaches will go after their biggest prize of all — the Valley Yosemite Division championship.

"WE HAVE GOOD talent with the right attitude," said Scott, relaxing in an administrative office. "That's what has got us this far."

And what layed the groundwork was Scott's "thinking-man's" approach to the game. In particular, he likes to relate the poem, "Man In Glass," to his players from time to time.

"Lecturing," said Scott, "well, sometimes it's like trying to feed a dead horse — you just can't make it get up and go. Things, or methods I find that are of interest to me are poetry."

"We often talk about the philosophy of life. The poem, "Man In Glass," basically says it's not



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"THE MAN IN THE GLASS"

WHEN YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT, IN YOUR STRUGGLE FOR SELF
AND THE WORLD MAKES YOU KING FOR A DAY
JUST WALK TO THE MIRROR-TAKE A LOOK AT YOURSELF,
AND SEE WHAT THAT GUY HAS TO SAY.

IT ISN'T YOUR FATHER, OR MOTHER, OR WIFE
WHO JUDGEMENT UPON YOU MUST PASS,
THE FELLOW WHOSE VERDICT COUNTS MOST IN YOUR LIFE
IS THE FELLOW YOU MEET IN THE GLASS.

YOU MAY BE JACK HORNER, AND CHISEL A PLUM
AND SAY, "I'M A WONDERFUL GUY!"
BUT THE GUY IN THE GLASS SAYS, "YOU'RE ONLY A BUM
IF YOU CAN'T LOOK ME IN THE EYE."

HE'S THE FELLOW TO PLEASE, NEVER MIND ALL THE REST
CAUSE HE'S WITH YOU RIGHT THROUGH THE END
AND YOU'VE PASSED YOUR MOST DANGEROUS, DIFFICULT TEST
IF THE MAN IN THE GLASS IS YOUR FRIEND.

YOU MAY FOOL THE WORLD DOWN THE PATHWAY OF YEARS
AND GET PATS ON THE BACK AS YOU PASS;
BUT YOUR ONLY REWARD WILL BE HEARTACHE AND TEARS
IF YOU'VE CHEATED THE "MAN IN THE GLASS".



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Foothill's Playoff Berth Baffling To Coach

Ned Permenter is still scratching his head over his Foothill High Trojans' berth in Friday night's Valley Yosemite Division football championship game.

Things just don't add up right. Consider these facts about the Bakersfield powerhouse:

— The Trojans didn't even win the South Yosemite League title, their first "shutout" in five years.

— The offensive unit has scored less points than any previous playoff team — 201 in 11 contests for a 20.1 average.

— The defensive squad has allowed more points than any of those previous powers — 102 for an 8.6 average.

"It's hard to figure it out," said Permenter, the veteran Foothill mentor.

"I tell you I don't know how we got this far. It's rather ironic that this team is there (title game) and some other better teams never made it."

For top-ranked Sanger, going into the 7:30 p.m. showdown at Clovis' Lamonica Stadium, it's just the opposite feeling. Gary Scott isn't scratching his head. With an 11-1 overall record, Scott and his West Yosemite League champions know they belong in the title game.

But while the moods are contrasting, both teams boast similar traits. They each thrive on their running games and both are known for exceptional hard-hitting ways.

Operating out of the I, the Trojans

rolled up 464 net yards to steamroll over Reedley 30-15 last week. Sanger's option attack, however, had to scrape for a 7-6 semifinal win over McLane last week.

Foothill's success actually is a storybook script, considering all of their injuries this season. For instance, quarterback Jamie Franch missed the first seven games with a should injury but he has come on strong in the last four outings.

And star tailback Ron Magsby was slowed for three games with an ankle injury before breaking loss for 226 yards in last week's triumph. Wingback Frank Dourado also was slowed with an injury. The list goes on.

But the Trojans have managed to stick together, despite the obstacles. The line, although a patchwork at times, has fared well. It features left end Ted Pierce (202), tackles Kent Williams (210) and Tim Sarazua (200), guards James Duran (185) and Tom Padilla (185), center Tim Cain (175) and right end Rod Garrett (180).

Fullback Scott Settle, a 170-pounder, is a workhorse. Magsby is 5-9, 175. Sanger's attack is one of the best in the valley, especially with tailback Bert Burk and fullback Ted Torosian taking pitches and handoffs from Craig Lawley.

The trio also has an exceptional line, featuring tight end Mike Alvarado, tackles Kevin Lowery and Kevin

Sonksen, guards Mark Lopez and Omar Gallardo, center Greg Simonian and wide receivers Johnny and Oscar Morales.

The Apaches' defense, which scored the only TD last week on Billy Pierce's 36-yard interception return, should play a major role. And you can't overlook the Trojan defenders, despite it being a makeshift unit.

"We're very thing on defense," said Permenter. "We've had to bring several players up from the JVs."

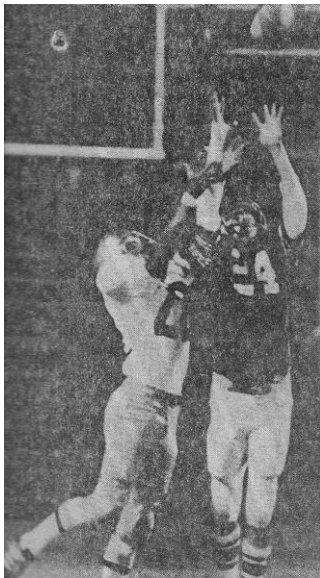
Still, Foothill turned in an impressive showing against Edison two weeks ago, holding the Trojans inside its own five several times. Blake James goes at noseguard,

flanked by tackles David Greek and Ralph Rizo and linebackers Jesse Ray and Settle. Mike Oliveri is at monster and Rod Garrett and Tom Padilla are at ends.

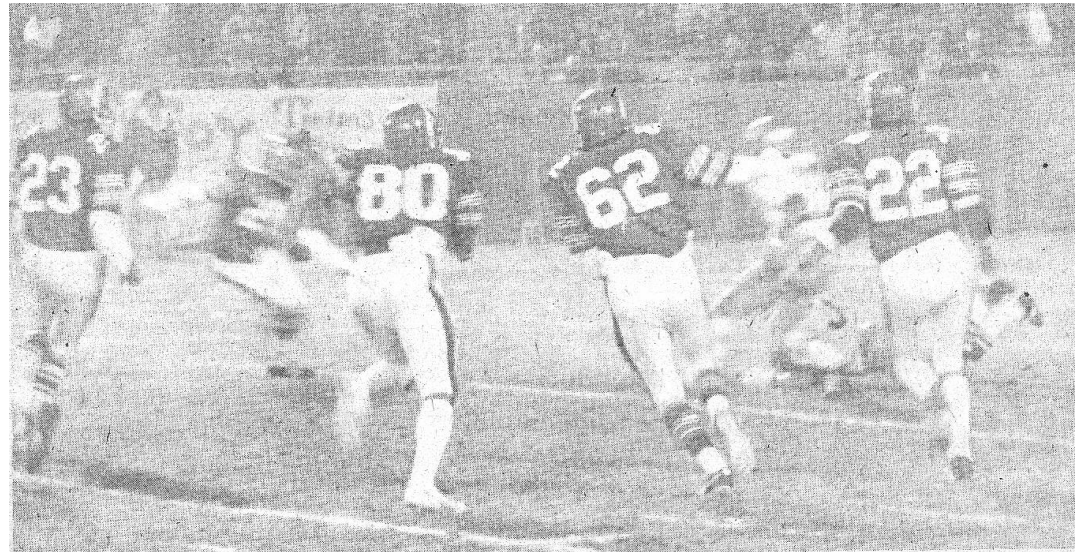
The secondary features Darrell Hill, Jim Laylock and Dourado.

The heart of Sanger's defense lies in its fine linebacking corps — Bill Strobe, Steve Karmann and Randy Welch. The line has proved tough to run against, with Greg Hart, Bill Dela Torre, Louis Mata and Jeff Shabazian heading the cast.

The secondary of Bob Markland, Tony Herron, and Gilbert Montelongo and Pierce also ranks as one of the valley's top units.



Bob Markland vs Foothill



Billy Jack Pierce

Mike Alvarado

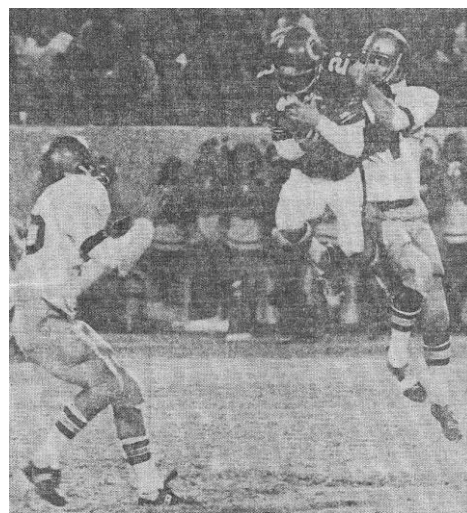
Ray Ovalle

Oscar Morales

vs Foothill



Bob Markland vs Foothill



Billy Jack Pierce vs Foothill



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Sanger Wins Valley Grid Title 21-0

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FINAL EDITION

Sanger Defense Pounds Foothill For Valley Title

By RON OROZCO
Bee Sports Writer

Boosted emotionally by a surprise telegram prior to kickoff, top-ranked Sanger High, in turn, gave Foothill the "word" early Friday night and

	Foothill	Sanger
First downs	7	17
Yards rushing	141	206
Yards pass	34	28
Net yards rushing	99	159
Passes-completions	14-4	15-9
Passing yards	17	119
Total net yards	133	207
Interceptions by	2	3
Fumbles-lost	0-1	3-1
Penalties	3-29	3-15
Punts	7-32.8	3-43.2

raced off with its first Valley Yosemite Division football title.

Combining a hard-knocking defense with the excellent passing of quarterback Craig Lawley, the Apaches topped the Trojans of Bakersfield 21-0 before a bitter-cold, near-capacity

crowd of 7,500 at Clovis' Lamonica Stadium.

In capturing their first valley crown since 1968, the Apaches broke open a defensive battle with two, third-period touchdowns and coasted to victory. Their impressive game merely capped a remarkable 12-1 season.

And, according to Sanger head coach Gary Scott, that wire had a lot to do with the shutout performance.

"McLane High paid us a fine compliment before the game," said the second-year skipper, his speech interrupted repeatedly by congratulating Sanger fans. "It really showed a lot of class. (Sanger beat McLane 7-6 last week.)

"They sent us a telegram and I read it to the kids just before the game. It was a pride thing — for the northern valley. Sure, it was an inspiration.

Besides that, all of the credit has to go to the players and the coaching staff."

An overwhelming amount of praise, as has been the custom throughout the season, is directed to the defense, particularly the front with standouts like Louis Mata, Greg Hart, Jeff Shahbazian and Bill Dela Torre. It put the "vice" on Foothill's option attack early, setting the tone for the evening.

Altogether, the bruising defensive unit threw Foothill for 34 yards in ground losses while keeping the Trojans' total offense to 101 net yards. On the other hand, the Apaches, behind the generalship of Lawley, rang up 168 net yards rushing and an all-important 119 yards passing.

Lawley, showing adept moves on the option, also displayed a fine arm, hitting nine of 15 attempts for two touchdowns.

"We threw the ball because it was

there," said Scott simply. "Foothill started snuffing our running, so we went to the air."

It was a splendid formula and Ned Permenter's Trojans, valley bridesmaids for yet another year, couldn't adjust to it in the first half. Lawley was seven of 12 for 87 yards in the opening half — an overwhelming difference, since both teams' ground attacks were stifled.

Foothill's defense, featuring Rod Garrett, Ralph Rizo, Darrell Hill (two interceptions), Blak James and Tom Padilla, held Sanger to just 28 rushing yards in the first half. But it leaked for a five-yard TD pass from Lawley to wide receiver Johnny Morales midway in the first period.

After getting good field position at their own 42 on Jamey French's 32 yard punt from his own end zone, the

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Apaches marched to the Foothill seven on Lawley's 36-yard bomb to Morales on the left sidelines.

One play later, Lawley hit Morales, who was closely guarded by the Trojans' Jim Laycock, in the left corner. Kerry Mobley, despite a painful leg injury, booted the first of three-straight extra points.

Sanger struck again with 7:13 showing in the third period on Lawley's 17-yard, line-drive pass to Mike Alvarado, who sidestepped Foothill's Hill at the eight, to slip into the end zone.

With Foothill's attack getting nowhere, Sanger took over again and promptly rang up another seven points but not before a strategic move by the Apaches.

Leading 14-0 and facing a fourth-and-inches situation at their own 23, Scott elected to go for the first down. It could have backfired but Lawley's keeper up the middle converted and the Sanger section came alive.

Two plays later, tailback Bert Burk, also playing with leg woes,

broke away for an electrifying 77-yard TD gallop. He took a pitchout from Lawley and skirted around left end behind several good blocks. At the Foothill 45, he put a dazzling cutback move on a Trojan player and sprinted the rest of the way untouched.

"Sometimes you have the feeling that you'll get it," said Scott of the "gamble" deep in Apache territory. "We felt if Burk could break one, the game would be over."

Burk finished with 78 yards in four carries, while fullback Ted Torosian bulled his way for a hard-earned 78 yard running on several occasions.

Foothill crossed the midstripe only four times, its deepest penetration going to the Sanger 38 where the Apaches held on downs. Perhaps, its best drive came early in the second quarter with runs by tailback Ron Magsby and fullback Scott Settle moving the ball 36 yards to the Apache 45.

But a bomb by quarterback Jamey French was picked off by Sanger's Bob Markland, marking the first of

three Apache interceptions.

The Trojans also moved to the Apache 44 and 38 yard lines in the second half but lacked the punch to convert. Magsby, who rushed for 226 yards last week against Reedley, was held to 51 yards in 19 carries by that crunching Apache defense. Settle added 47 yards in 12 trips.

Linebackers Bill Strobe and Randy Welch, as well as backs Billy Jack Pierce and Gilbert Montelongo also turned in good games. Montelongo also fared well punting, averaging 43.2 yards in five punts to put the Trojans deep on almost every possession.

Foothill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanger	7	0	14	0	21	

S — J. Morales, 5 pass from Lawley (Mobley kick)
S — Alvarado, 17 pass from Lawley (Mobley kick)
S — Burk, 17 run (Mobley kick)



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#1 State Ranking – Class AAA

FOOTBALL

1982 SEASON

Class AAAA — 1. Servite (Anaheim) 11-1; 2. St. Francis (Mountain View) 14-0; 3. West (Torrance) 14-0; 4. Carson 11-1; 5. Tracy 12-1; 6. Cordova (Rancho Cordova) 12-1; 7. Alemany (Mission Hills) 10-2-1; 8. Banning (Wilmington) 9-1-1; 9. Poly (Long Beach) 9-2-2; 10. West (Bakersfield) 10-1.

Class AAA — 1. Los Altos (Hacienda Heights) 14-0; 2. Verbum Dei (Los Angeles) 13-0; 3. El Modena (Orange) 11-1-1; 4. El Camino (Oceanside) 12-0-1; 5. Point Loma (San Diego) 11-0-1; 6. Redwood (Visalia) 11-2; 7. Dorsey (Los Angeles) 11-1; 8. Esperanza (Anaheim) 12-2; 9. Cardinal Newman (Santa Rosa) 11-0-1; 10. Sweetwater (National City) 10-1-1.

Class AA — 1. Atascadero 14-0; 2. De La Salle (Concord) 12-0; 3. Terra Nova (Pacific) 11-1; 4. El Toro 12-2; 5. Lincoln (San Diego) 10-1; 6. Red Bluff 11-1; 7. Chico 10-1; 8. Fullerton 13-1; 9. San Mateo 10-1; 10. Rosemead 11-2-1.

Class A — 1. Dos Palos 12-0; 2. Benicia 10-1; 3. Menlo (Atherton) 9-2; 4. Ontario Christian 12-1; 5. Brethren (Paramount) 12-2; 6. Galt 9-2; 7. Linden 9-2; 8. Woodlake 10-2; 9. Ferndale 8-2; 10. Clearlake (Lakeport) 8-2.

Class B — 1. Ripon 10-2; 2. Burney 9-1; 3. Gustine 8-2; 4. Chester 8-2; 5. Marshall Fundamental (Pasadena) 8-2-1.

1981 SEASON

Class AAAA — 1. Bellarmine (San Jose) 12-0; 2. St. Paul (Santa Fe Springs) 14-0; 3. Vista 13-0; 4. Banning (Wilmington) 11-1; 5. Carson 11-1; 6. Edison (Huntington Beach) 10-1; 7. Colton 12-2; 8. Santa Monica 11-1-1; 9. West (Bakersfield) 11-1-1; 10. Marina (Huntington Beach) 11-2.

Class AAA — 1. Monte Vista (Danville) 11-1; 2. Mt. Whitney (Visalia) 10-1; 3. Foothill (Tustin) 13-1; 4. Arlington (Riverside) 13-1; 5. Live Oak (Morgan Hill) 10-2; 6. Canoga Park 11-0-1; 7. Antelope Valley (Lancaster) 12-2; 8. Downey 11-1; 9. Rubidoux (Riverside) 13-1; 10. Clairemont (San Diego) 10-1-1.

Class AA — 1. Mission Viejo 13-0-1; 2. Hillsdale (San Mateo) 12-0; 3. Verbum Dei (Los Angeles) 12-2; 4. Placer (Auburn) 10-2; 5. Nevada Union (Grass Valley) 8-1; 6. North Monterey County (Castroville) 10-1-1; 7. Atascadero 12-1; 8. Terra Nova (Pacific) 10-1-1; 9. Ponderosa (Shingle Springs) 9-1-1; 10. Jordan (Los Angeles) 10-1.

Class A — 1. Central Catholic (Modesto) 11-1; 2. Menlo (Atherton) 10-0-1; 3. Winters 11-1; 4. Ferndale 8-1; 5. Dos Palos 10-3; 6. Desert (Edwards) 11-1-1; 7. Tehachapi 13-1; 8. Benicia 10-2; 9. Calaveras (San Andreas) 8-1; 10. Linden 9-2.

Class B — 1. Fowler 11-1; 2. Burney 8-2; 3. Kelseyville 8-2; 4. Imperial 8-2; 5. Orestimba (Newman) 8-2.
Eight Man — 1. Templeton 12-1; 2. Rio Hondo (Arcadia) 11-2; 3. Montclair Prep (Van Nuys); 4. El Paso de Robles (Paso Robles); 5. Coast Union (Cambria).

1980 SEASON

Class AAAA — 1. Banning (Wilmington) 12-0; 2. Edison (Huntington Beach) 14-0; 3. Saratoga 13-0; 4. Vintage (Napa) 14-0; 5. Tracy 11-1; 6. Fountain Valley 11-3; 7. Poly (Long Beach) 11-2; 8. West (Bakersfield) 13-0; 9. Helix (La Mesa) 12-0; 10. Cordova (Rancho Cordova) 11-1.

Class AAA — 1. Live Oak (Morgan Hill) 12-1; 2. Terra Linda (San Rafael) 11-1; 3. San Ramon Valley (Danville) 10-1; 4. Lompoc 13-1; 5. Lynwood 11-2; 6. El Modena (Orange) 11-3; 7. Oakland 10-0; 8. Lincoln (San Diego) 10-2; 9. Covina 11-2; 10. South Hills (West Covina) 11-1-1.

Class AA — 1. Placer (Auburn) 11-0; 2. Capistrano Valley (Mission Viejo) 12-2; 3. Esperanza (Anaheim) 13-1; 4. El Molino (Forestville) 10-2; 5. Paradise 11-1; 6. Selma 13-0; 7. Schurr (Montebello) 12-1; 8. Baldwin Park 13-0; 9. Jordan (Los Angeles) 11-0-1; 10. Atascadero 13-1.

Class A — 1. Central Catholic (Modesto) 11-1; 2. Ferndale 9-0; 3. Tehachapi 13-0; 4. Winters 10-1; 5. Corning 8-3; 6. Immanuel (Reedley) 8-4; 7. Hillmar 9-2; 8. Woodlake 9-1; 9. North Tahoe (Tahoe City) 6-2; 10. Escalon 7-2.

Class B — 1. Biggs 10-1; 2. Parlier 8-3; 3. Weed 7-3; 4. Kelseyville 8-1; 5. Trona 9-4.

UNORIGINAL NICKNAMES

As a service to new schools, here's a few nicknames/mascots you might want to avoid so your new school can have more of an identity of its own. The most popular nicknames among 2004 football-playing high schools in California were as follows:

- 56 - Eagles
- 37 - Mustangs
- 34 - Warriors
- 34 - Cougars
- 31 - Panthers
- 30 - Vikings
- 29 - Tigers
- 28 - Bulldogs
- 28 - Wildcats
- 26 - Lions
- 25 - Spartans
- 24 - Knights

Note: This includes derivatives like Golden Eagles, Golden Knights, Aztec Warriors, etc.

1979 SEASON

Class AAAA — 1. Edison (Huntington Beach) 12-2; 2. Cordova (Rancho Cordova) 13-0; 3. Banning (Wilmington) 11-1; 4. Loyola (Los Angeles) 11-1; 5. Fontana 12-1; 6. Millikan (Long Beach) 11-1-1; 7. Compton 13-1; 8. Pinole Valley (Pinole) 10-2; 9. Morse (San Diego) 11-1; 10. Clovis 12-1.

Class AAA — 1. La Canada 12-0-2; 2. Polytechnic (Riv.) 13-1; 3. Lincoln (SD) 12-0; 4. Santa Maria 12-2; 5. Loara (Anaheim) 12-2; 6. Terra Linda (San Rafael) 12-0; 7. Chatsworth 12-0; 8. Burroughs (Burbank) 11-1; 9. Lemoore 10-1-1; 10. Davis 9-1.

Class AA — 1. Ponderosa (Shingle Springs) 12-0; 2. Indio 13-1; 3. Don Lugo (Chino) 13-1; 4. Royal Oak (Covina) 12-2; 5. Placer (Auburn) 9-1; 6. Mission Viejo 10-1; 7. El Dorado (Placentia) 11-1-1; 8. Hayward 10-2; 9. North Monterey Co. (Castroville) 9-1; 10. Hilltop (Chula Vista) 9-1.

Class A — 1. North Tahoe (Tahoe City) 10-1; 2. Gridley 10-0-1; 3. Carpinteria 12-2; 4. Fort Bragg 10-0; 5. Bret Harte (Altaville) 11-1; 6. Mojave 12-2; 7. Sierra (Tollhouse) 10-3; 8. Woodlake 9-1-1; 9. Livingston 9-1; 10. Chaminade (Canoga Park) 8-2.

Class B — 1. Winters 9-2; 2. Brethren (Paramount) 9-2; 3. Whittier Christian 10-3-1; 4. Immanuel (Reedley) 8-2; 5. Ferndale 7-3; 6. Kelseyville 9-1; 7. Upper Lake 8-1; 8. Biggs 9-1; 9. Chester 9-2; 10. Big Valley (Gieber) 8-1.

Eight Man — 1. Rio Hondo (Arcadia) 11-0; 2. Coast Union (Cambria) 10-1; 3. Modesto Christian 8-1; 4. Polytechnic (Pasadena) 9-3; 5. Melodyland (Anaheim) 10-1; 6. San Fernando Valley Christian (Sepulveda) 8-2; 7. Foothill Christian (Roseville) 7-2; 8. Elk Creek 7-2.

1976 SEASON

Class AAAA — 1. Banning (Wilmington) 12-1; 2. Los Altos (Hacienda Heights) 12-1-1; 3. Saratoga 13-0; 4. West Covina 11-2; 5. St. Paul (Santa Fe Springs) 10-2; 6. Cordova (Rancho Cordova) 11-1; 7. El Camino (Oceanside) 11-1-1; 8. Los Altos 11-1; 9. South Hills (West Covina) 9-1-1; 10. West (Torrance) 10-2.

Class AAA — 1. Sanger 12-1; 2. Cardinal Newman (Santa Rosa) 12-0; 3. Temple City 12-2; 4. Wilson (Los Angeles) 13-0; 5. Villa Park 12-2; 6. South Pasadena 12-1; 7. Crescenta Valley (La Crescenta) 12-1; 8. Yuba City 9-1; 9. Chula Vista 10-0 (to 5-4 via forfeits); 10. Soquel 9-0.

Class AA — 1. Antelope Valley (Lancaster) 13 Placer (Auburn) 10-1; 3. Dos Palos 11-1; 4. St (Stockton) 10-1; 5. Piedmont 11-0; 6. Central (Modesto) 8-1; 7. Norte Vista (Riverside) 10 Aviation (Redondo Beach) 11-1-1; 9. San Dimas 11 Hollister 9-1.

Class A — 1. Gridley 10-1; 2. Washington (Brode 1; 3. Rim of the World (Lake Arrowhead) 12-1; 4. 12-1; 5. Riverdale 10-1; 6. Notre Dame (Riverside 7. Winters 10-1; 8. Corning 7-3; 9. Paso Robles (tie) St. Helena 7-3; 10. (tie) Calaveras (San Andro 10. (tie) Delta (Clarksburg) 7-2.

Class B — 1. St. Bernard (Eureka) 10-0-1; 2. Fei 1-1; 3. Boron 8-2; 4. Mary Star of the Sea (San I 2; 5. L. A. Lutheran 8-2; 6. Firebaugh 8-0; 7. Ripc Trinity (Weaverville) 8-2; 9. Mountain Empire (Pir 8-0; 10. Esparto 7-3.

Eight Man — 1. Montclair Prep (Van Nuys) Maxwell 8-1; 3. St. Plus (Galt) 6-2; 4. Rio Hondo 8-2; 5. Cuyama Valley (New Cuyama) 9-1; 6. Big 7. Ambassador Christian (Downey) 8-1; 8. Par Diego) 5-1.

1975 SEASON

(First ever final ratings as compiled by Cal-Hi Sp **Large Schools** — 1. Cordova (Rancho Cordova) Loyola (Los Angeles) 13-0; 3. St. Paul (Santa Fe 13-1; 4. Stagg (Stockton) 11-0; 5. South Hi Covina) 11-2; 6. Edison (Fresno) 13-0; 7. San 11-2; 8. Pinole Valley (Pinole) 12-0; 9. Oceanside Los Gatos 10-0.

Medium Schools — 1. Dos Palos 12-0; 2. Place 11-0; 3. Cardinal Newman (Santa Rosa) 12-0; 4. S Habra) 12-2; 5. San Clemente 10-1; 6. Alhambra 12-0; 7. San Joaquin Memorial (Fresno) 8-2; 8. G 0-2; 9. El Dorado (Placentia) 11-3; 10. Azusa 11-1

Small Schools — 1. Carpinteria 11-1; 2. Willow 3. Lincoln 10-1; 4. L.A. Lutheran 11-2; 5. Vand AFB) 10-1; 6. Ferndale 9-2; 7. St. Helena 10-1 Robles 9-3; 9. Twentynine Palms 11-1; 10. (tie Catholic (Modesto) 9-1; 10. (tie) Valley Christian 9-2; 10. (tie) Patterson 8-1.

*Forfeits not included.
Note: Divisions and classifications based on strength and playoff alignments, not enrollment.

GRID LOGS OF SOME OF THE STATE'S ALL-TIME BEST & ALL-TIME WORST TEAMS

Los Angeles — 1898

18	St. Vincent's College (LA)
0	U.S.C.
11	Pasadena A.C.
11	Citrus H.S. (Azusa)
0	Pomona College
6	U.S.C.
11	San Diego H.S.
10	Whittier H.S.
10	L.A. Y.M.C.A.
5	Occidental College
82	(8-0-2)

Notes: All-time most games played in unscor son. Part of all-time state record for consecutive at 15 from 1898-1899 (two ties). Coach: George

Los Angeles — 1907

0	U.S.C.
12	Pomona College
26	Occidental College
33	Santa Ana H.S.
27	S.F. Lick H.S.
16	U.S.C.
114	(5-1)



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State Team of the Year – Division 2

FOOTBALL

- 1899 — Belmont Academy (6-0-4)
 - 1898 — Los Angeles (8-0-2)
 - 1897 — Belmont Academy (2-2)
 - 1896 — Belmont Academy(4-0)
 - 1895 — Oakland (3-0)
 - 1894 — Oakland (6-1)
 - 1893 — Oakland (3-0)
 - 1892 — Oakland (4-1)*
 - 1891 — Oakland (4-0)*
 - 1890 — Oakland Hopkins Academy (4-0)*
- *Spring season of the following year.

ADDITIONAL STATE TEAMS OF THE YEAR

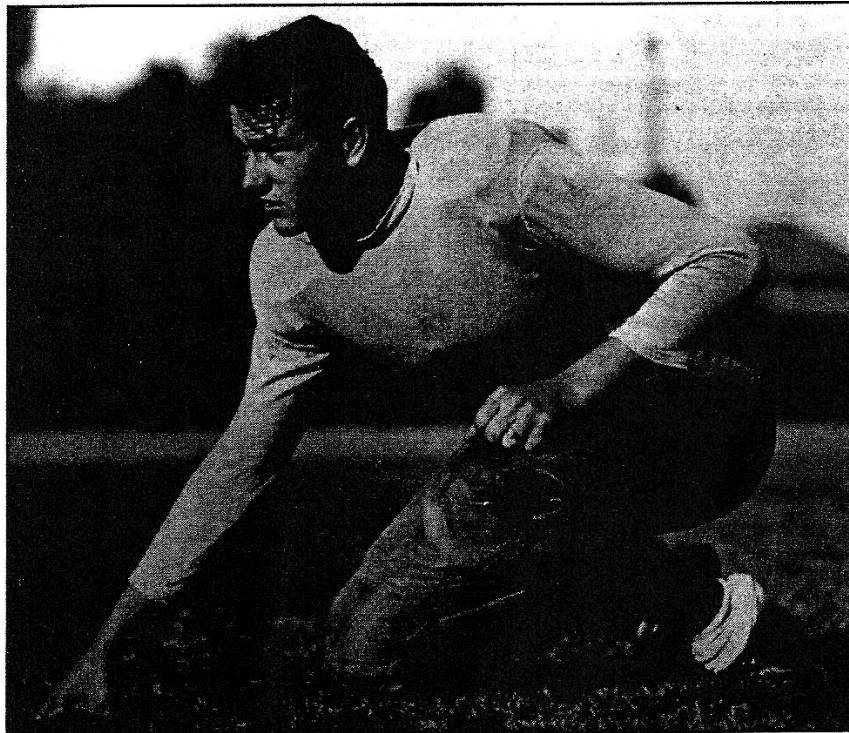
DIVISION I

(when not state team of year)
1986 — Encino Crespi (13-1); 1978 — Fountain Valley (12-1); 1975 — L.A. Loyola (13-0); 1942 — Redondo Beach Redondo (11-0-1).

DIVISION II

2004 — Sherman Oaks Notre Dame (14-0); 2003 — Westlake Village Westlake (14-0); 2002 — Danville Monte Vista (13-0); 2001 — La Mesa Helix (12-1); 2000 — Granite Bay (12-1); 1999 — Westlake Village Westlake (13-1); 1998 — Irvine Woodbridge (13-0-1); 1997 — Rancho S.M. Santa Margarita (14-0); 1996 — Chula Vista Castle Park (13-0); 1995 — Riverside J.W. North (14-0); 1994 — Moreno Valley Canyon Springs (13-1); 1993 — Norco (14-0); 1992 — Irvine (13-1); 1991 — Oceanside

- El Camino (13-1); 1990 — Lompoc (13-1); 1989 — Gardena Serra (14-0); 1988 — Rancho Buena Vista (13-0); 1987 — El Toro (11-3); 1986 — El Toro (14-0); 1985 — Concord De La Salle (12-0); 1984 — National City Sweetwater (13-0); 1983 — Riverside Poly (14-0); 1982 — Hacienda Heights Los Altos (14-0); 1981 — Danville Monte Vista (11-1); 1980 — Morgan Hill Live Oak (12-1); 1979 — La Canada (12-0-2); 1978 — Visalia Mt. Whitney (13-0); 1977 — San Diego Lincoln (12-0-1); 1976 — Sanger (12-1); 1975 — Rancho Cordova (11-0); 1974 — Rancho Cordova (11-0); 1973 — Visalia Redwood (12-0); 1972 — San Jose Leland (13-0); 1971 — Rancho Cordova (8-0-1); 1970 — Woodland (10-0); 1969 — South Pasadena (13-0); 1968 — Anaheim Loara (13-0); 1967 — Campbell (9-0); 1966 — South San Francisco (9-0); 1965 — West Covina (13-0); 1964 — La Canada St. Francis (13-0); 1963 — Yuba City (9-1); 1962 — South Pasadena (11-1); 1961 — Santa Ana Valley (12-0); 1960 — San Jose Willow Glen (9-0); 1959 — San Leandro (9-0); 1958 — Walnut Creek Las Lomas (8-0); 1957 — San Bruno Capuchino (8-1); 1956 — Pittsburg (8-0); 1955 — Oroville (8-0); 1954 — Oroville (8-0); 1953 — Oroville (10-0); 1952 — Concord Mt. Diablo (8-0-1); 1951 — Pittsburg (8-0); 1950 — Santa Clara (9-0); 1949 — Visalia (9-0); 1948 — Monterey (7-1); 1947 — Tulare (7-1); 1946 — San Jose Bellarmine (8-0); 1945 — Antioch (10-0); 1944 — Ventura (7-0); 1943 — Oroville (6-0); 1942 — Antioch (7-0); 1941 — L.A. Franklin (6-0); 1940 — L.A. Garfield (7-0); 1939 — Huntington Park (8-0); 1938 — L.A. Riis (6-0); 1937 — San Fernando (6-1); 1936 — Red Bluff (7-0-1); 1935 — Santa Rosa (6-1-1); 1934 — S.F. St. Ignatius (6-0-2); 1933 — Bell (8-0-1); 1932 — Salinas (11-0); 1931 — Colton (11-1-1); 1930



Courtesy of USC

There was one year when the Southern Section skipped the old CIF state football playoffs. It was 1924 and the vote to avoid the next level thus deprived Southern Section champion Glendale of an opportunity for statewide honors. An outstanding lineman on that Glendale team, Marion Morrison, would have to make his mark some other way. And he did—as legendary actor John Wayne. It's not likely that even John Wayne could have derailed eventual state champ Berkeley (11-0), but there are those who believe his movie orneriness was due to him and his teammates not being allowed to try.



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The Team

APACHE Football - Valley Champs

Sanger had a football team. The Fresno Bee was so impressed that most Sanger articles ended up buried in the sports section, dangerously close to the classified ads. A reporters' poll voted Sanger into obscurity; we weren't even rated as a promising prospect for our area. No one thought Sanger could do it.

Now they know better. On Dec. 10 more than 5,000 excited fans watched their team become the Valley champions. The impressive 21-0 score proved beyond a doubt that Sanger deserved to win that title. The victorious Apache team is now rated second in the state, 31st in the nation.

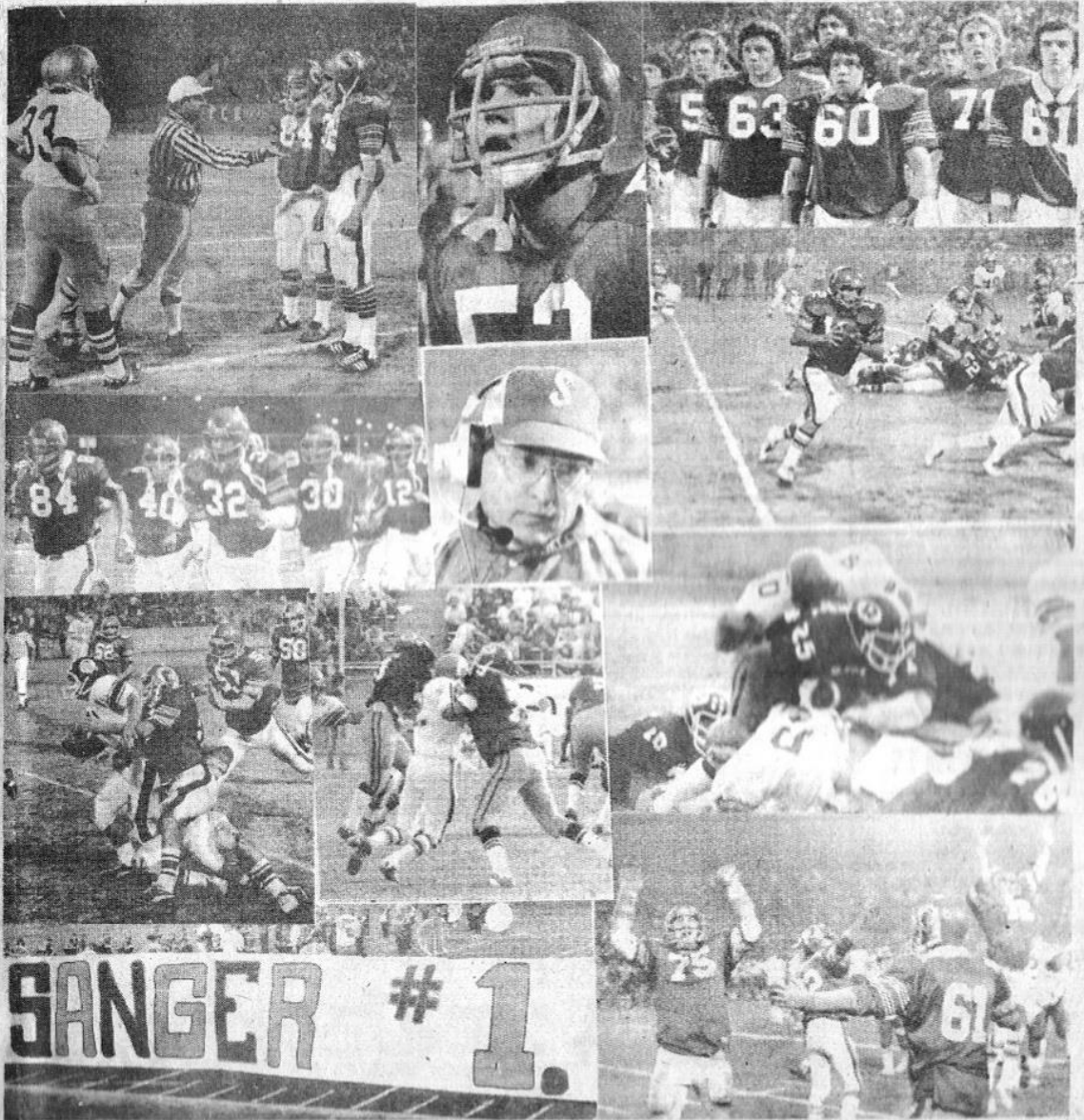
At the Spring Sports Banquet, assemblyman Rick Lehman presented each team member with a copy of a resolution that passed in state legislature. It recognized the outstanding achievements of the 1976 varsity football team.

Several athletes were singled out for praise during the Fall Sports Banquet. Most Valuable Player awards went to fullback Ted Torosian and linebacker Bill Strope. Steve Combs was presented the Defensive Coaches' Award, and Greg Simonian received the Offensive Coaches' Award. The Most Valuable Player Specialty award went to Kerry Mobley, and Omar Gallardo was recognized with the Most Inspirational Player Award.

Six Sanger players were chosen to play in the city-county All-Star game—the largest number chosen from any one school. Torosian, Strope, Craig Lawley, Billy Pierce, Burt Burk and Steve Karmann will help form the county team.

But it's the Sanger team that has the heart of the Valley in its hand. After losing the much-disputed Clovis practice

game, the Apaches went on to 12 straight wins, running circles around their opponents with 46-6 type scores, spectacular runs, crushing tackles and well executed plays. The 53 individual players had become a team.



Top row: Do you see the size of those guys? (The bigger they are, the harder they fall)
Middle: going for it (we did it before, we'll do it again)
Bottom row: Valley Champs! (and the thrill of Victory)



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APACHES

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No. 14	R	Sr.	5'8	136	T. Ogawa
No. 15	QB	Jr.	5'7	145	R. Rico
No. 17	DB	Sr.	5'11	155	R. Rodriguez
No. 20	DB	Jr.	5'9	140	J. Martinez
No. 21	R	Sr.	5'10	162	J. Morales
No. 22	R	Sr.	5'10	150	O. Morales
No. 23	DB	Sr.	5'11	165	B. Bierce
No. 24	DB	Sr.	5'9	160	B. Markland
No. 25	RB	Jr.	5'9	157	M. Torres
No. 26	DB	Jr.	5'4	150	E. Garcia
No. 30	RB	Sr.	5'11	175	B. Burk
No. 31	DB	Sr.	5'9	160	G. Montelongo
No. 32	RB	Sr.	6'0	195	T. Torosian
No. 33	RB	Sr.	5'6	170	L. Gomez
No. 34	RB	Sr.	5'4	148	N. Mercado
No. 35	RB	Sr.	5'9	150	T. Lindeman
No. 40	LB	Sr.	5'11	200	S. Karmann
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No. 42	R	Sr.	6'0	170	R. Deaver
No. 43	R	Jr.	5'8	145	E. Hamm
No. 44	DB	Jr.	6'2	175	T. Herron
No. 45	R	Sr.	5'6	145	S. Sanchez
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No. 74	DL	Sr.	6'0	170	S. Ramos
No. 75	OL	Sr.	6'2	235	K. Lowery

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More APACHES

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No. 86	TE	Sr.	6'0	165	B. Watson
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---	---	DB	5'5	140	R. Gonzalez
---	---	R	6'2	190	S. Powell
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Apache
coaches

HEAD COACH GARY SCOTT

Coach Scott is beginning his second year as Head Mentor of the Sanger High Apaches. A graduate of the University of the Pacific, Scott teaches Physical Education in addition to his coaching assignments. Prior to coming to Sanger, Coach Scott taught and coached for two years at Linden High School in Northern California.

ASST. COACH FRED RATZLOFF

Coach Ratzloff comes to Sanger High after three years of coaching at Dinuba High. A graduate of the University of New Mexico, Ratzloff teaches PE and Biology here at Sanger High.

ASST. COACH JIM DUCKHORN

Coach Duckhorn is a graduate of Calif. State University Fresno and the University of Northern Colorado. Duckhorn has been coaching football here at SHS for four years and is also the head baseball coach. He teaches in the Sanger High Business Department.

ASST. COACH JIM MCKITRICK

Coach McKitrick is also a graduate of the University of New Mexico and like Duckhorn teaches in the SHS Business Department. Coach McKitrick is in his 10th year of Sanger High coaching.



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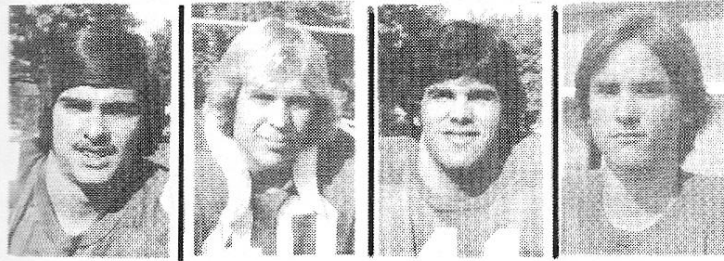
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No. 30	RB	Bert Burk



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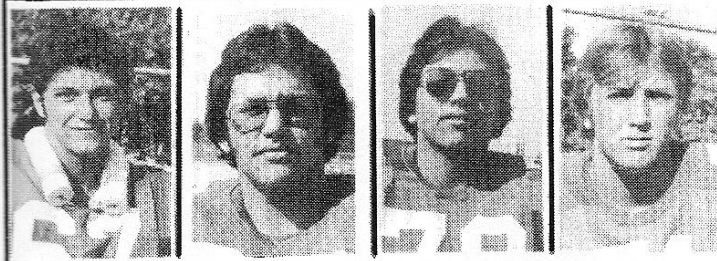
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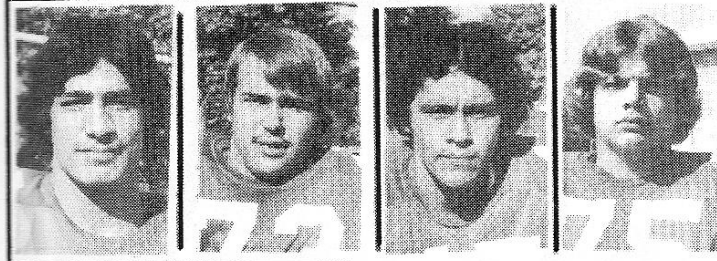
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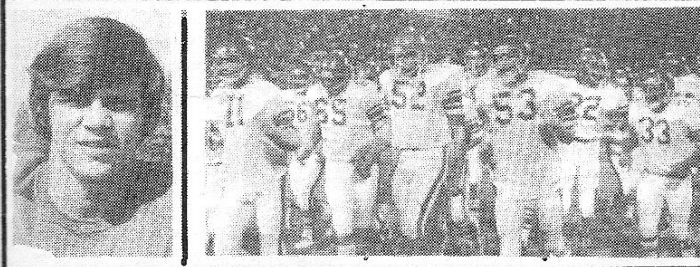
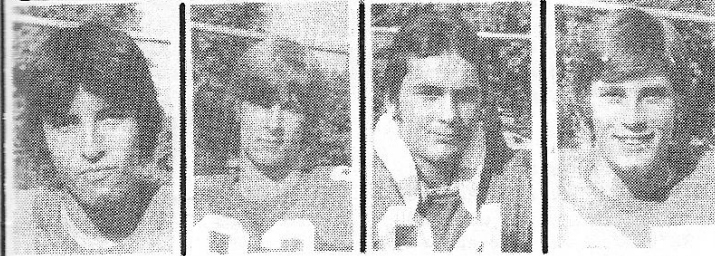
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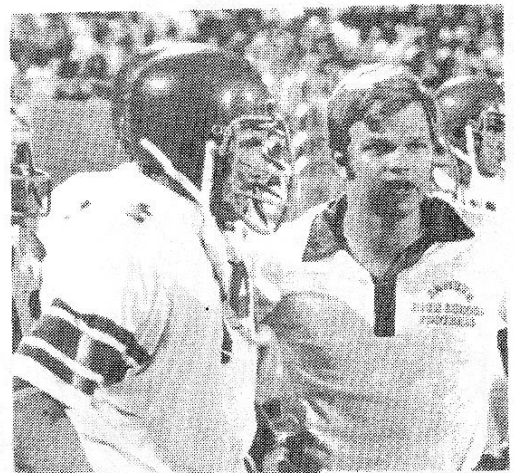
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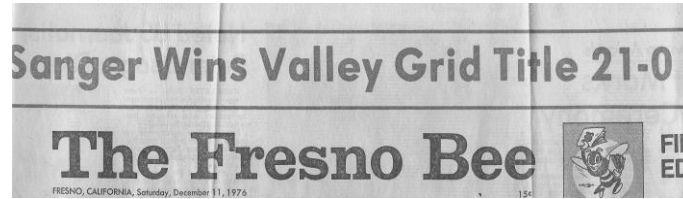
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When it was over, there was jubilation.

Celebration after Valley Championship Game vs Foothill

Sanger, Mt. Whitney Grab All-League Spots

McClatchy News Service

West Yosemite League champion Sanger High and third-place Mt. Whitney dominated the WYL All-League picks for the offensive and defensive first teams.

Sanger captured 11 spots, followed by Mt. Whitney's five and Hanford's four. Surprisingly, second-place Reedley grabbed only three.

Three of the five linebackers named were from Sanger, including seniors Randy Welch, Steve Karmann and Bill Strope. Lineman Greg Hart and defensive backs Bob Markland and Bill Pierce completed the Apaches' representation on defense.

On offense, senior guard Omor Gallardo and running backs Ted Torosian and Bert Burk secured places for Sanger.

Quarterback Bob Daniels and punter Rick Stinebaugh were named to the first offensive unit from Mt. Whitney. Tight end Rick Reeder was also part of Mt. Whitney's showing along with wide receiver Robb Adams.

Mt. Whitney also secured one spot on the defensive team in lineman Bud Tanner, a senior.

The Reedley Pirates had three team picks — center Mark Stanley and guard Albert Huerta on offense and linebacker Bruce Brum on defense.

Hanford placed four players on the team, including offensive tackle Rick Hotz, running back Billy Thomas, defensive lineman David Smith and linebacker James Rodriguez.

Lemoore captured three spots on the first team followed by Redwood's

two.

First Team

WR — Robb Adams, Mt. Whitney, 6-0, 190, senior; Jim Daulton, Lemoore, 6-0, 165, senior.

QB — Bob Daniels, Mt. Whitney, 6-2, 175, senior.

RB — Ted Torosian, Sanger, 6-0, 195, senior; Bert Burk, Sanger, 5-11, 170, senior; Billy Thomas, Hanford, 5-10, 180, senior.

TE — Rick Reeder, Mt. Whitney, 6-0, 195, junior.

C — Mark Stanley, Reedley, 6-2, 218, senior.

GUARDS — Albert Huerta, Reedley, 6-2, 218, senior; Omor Gallardo, Sanger, 5-11, 215, senior.

TACKLES — Rick Hotz, Hanford, 5-11, 220, senior; Kevin Lowry, Sanger, 6-3, 235, senior.

PUNTER — Rick Stinebaugh, Mt. Whitney, 6-0, 175.

KICKER — Kerry Mobley, Sanger, 6-0, 190, junior.

Defense

DL — David Smith, Hanford, 6-3, 230, senior; Jeff Ruble, Redwood, 5-11, 204, senior; Bud Tanner, Mt. Whitney, 6-2, 220, senior; Greg Hart, Sanger, 6-0, 195, senior.

LB — Randy Welch, Sanger, 6-0, 180, senior; Steve Karmann, Sanger, 6-0, 200, senior; Bill Strope, Sanger, 6-0, 195, senior; James Rodriguez, Hanford, 6-2, 175, senior;

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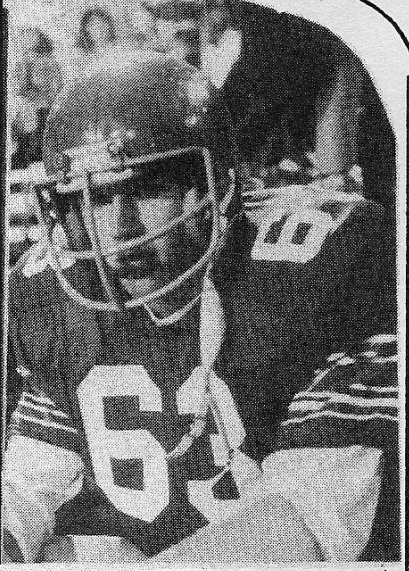
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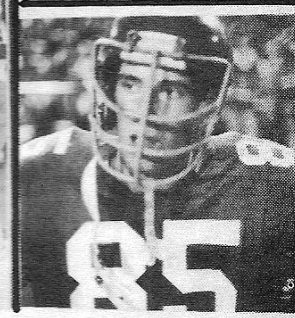
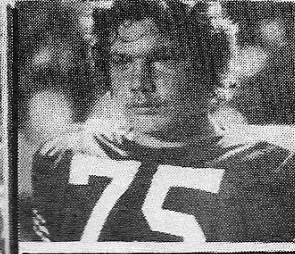
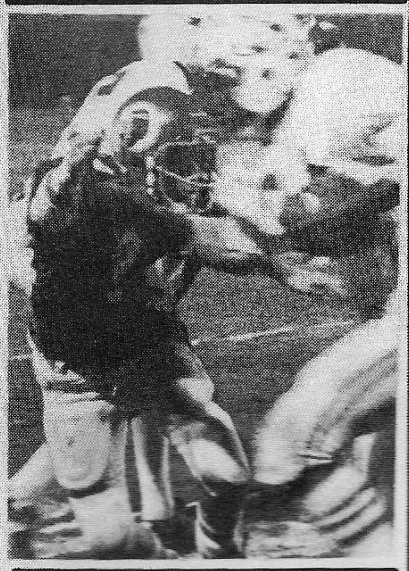


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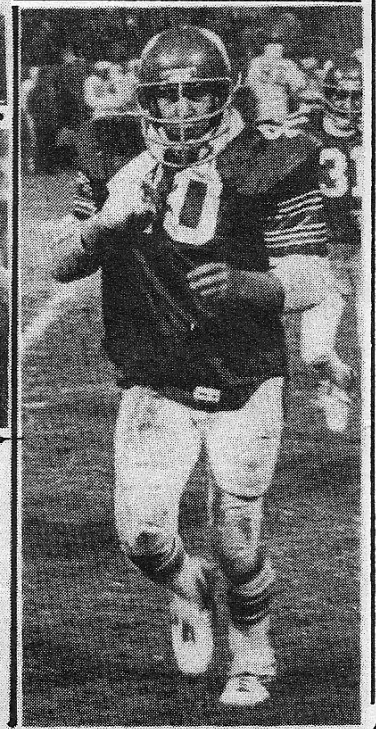
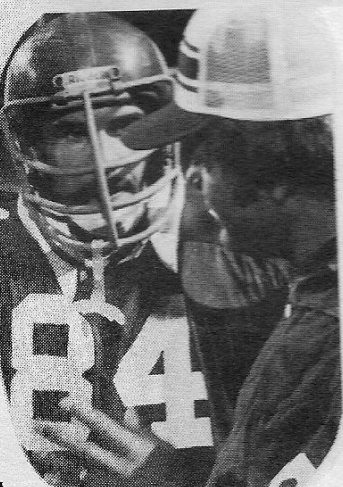
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WYL APACHE 1976 allstars



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REPORT

FOCUS ON THE APACHE WYL ALL STARS..
On the preceding page Apache
photographer ABEL HERNANDEZ
captured the all-stars on film.....
Here is a little bit of informat-
ion about each performer.....

#63 GREG HART: A Senior. A six-foot, 195 pound defensive lineman. Greg was the smallest lineman picked on the WYL team.

#61 RANDY WELCH: A senior, A broken arm curtailed Welch's activities early in the season, but he overcame the handicap and played a superb linebacker for the Apache. Randy is six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds.

#84 BILL STROPE: A senior. Strobe showed no mercy to opposing runners and would-be pass receivers as he took care of everything from his linebacker position. Bill stands six feet and weighs 195 pounds.

#40 STEVE KARMANN: One of the three Apache linebackers who were picked for all-league honors. Steve brutally punished offending ball carriers that came his way. Karmann looks menacing while standing six feet and 200 pounds.

#24 BOB MARKLAND: A senior. An Apache defensive back who is six feet tall and 170 pounds., is Bob Markland. He patrolled the secondary like he owned it. Bob played outstanding football for Sanger.

#23 BILLY PIERCE: A senior. An excellent deep man, Pierce many times played offense and defense for the Apaches. He, Markland and Honorable Mentions Tony Herron and Gilbert Montelongo played remarkably well together.

#60 OMAR GALLARDO: A senior. Gallardo was as solid a performer as you could ask for. He helped keep defending linemen out of Burk and Torosian's way. Omar, at 5 foot-ten and 210 has been an exceptional guard for Sanger.

#75 KEVIN LOWERY: A senior. A 6 foot three inch--225 pound tackle that made

running easier for Apache ball carriers. Lowery made good use of his size and played very well for the Apaches.

#32 TED TOROSIAN: A running back for the Apaches. Torosian was one half of Sanger's running attack. He literally ran over the opposition while romping to his many touchdowns. He is six feet tall and weighs 190.

#30 BERT BURK: A senior. Burk enjoyed an outstanding year running to a new school rushing mark. His tackle-breaking prowess enabled him to compete with the Valley rushing leaders. Burk is five-ten and weighs 173 pounds.

#85 KERRY MOBLEY: A Junior. Mobley was one of six juniors picked for the all-league squad. Mobley used his six-one, 198 frame to boot the ball and in the process tie the school record set initially by Bruce Barnes. He was good in the clutch and that is where it counts.

SECOND TEAM

#12 QB CRAIG LAWLEY

HONORABLE MENTION

JOHNNY MORALES
OSCAR MORALES
MIKE ALVARADO
GREG STMONIAN
KEVIN SONKSEN
MARK LOPEZ

JEFF SHAHBAZIAN
BILL DELA TORRE
RAY OVALLE
LUIS MATA
GILBERT MONTELONGO
TONY HERRON

Congratulations to these APACHES who did an outstanding job and deserve the recognition they received.

Congratulations to the Apache coaches who MADE them all stars.



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Epilogue

FOOTBALL '91

1976 team went down in history

DARRIN JONES
HERALD SPORTS EDITOR

The year was 1976. Bruce Jenner was creating an Olympic moment by winning the decathlon in Montreal. A young boxer who called himself 'Sugar' Ray Leonard was stunning the world with his dazzling speed and punching power.

In baseball, the Cincinnati Reds would win their second-straight World Series by beating the New York Yankees. The Pittsburgh Steelers were on their way to creating a football dynasty by winning their second Super Bowl, this time beating the Dallas Cowboys 21-17.

And at Sanger High, the Apaches were creating their own piece of football history. The 1976 squad, arguably the best to have ever strapped on pads at Sanger, would win the State 4A championship by rolling to a 12-1 record.

"It was a situation where everything kind of meshed," said Jim Duckhorn, a current coach for the Apaches who was also an assistant in 1976. "We had brains and muscle. And the team played with a great deal of intensity all the time, whether they were playing against another team or scrimmaging against themselves.

"Whatever they did it was 110 percent. That's the difference between a good team and a great team."

That year, the Apaches were an experienced team long on athletic ability and heart. The players had come up together through the Chaparals and junior varsity teams. The year before, the Apaches won the West Yosemite League title only to lose to Edison in the playoffs.

"We knew each other very well on the field," said Billy Jack Pierce, starting cornerback and wide receiver. "Our junior year [1975] was a big heartbreak because we thought we should have won. The biggest disappointment we had in 1976 was not be-

ing able to comeback and play Edison."

Coach Gary Scott, now San Joaquin Delta's head coach, remembers the team for its ability to win and called the season one of his top thrills.

"I knew we had a solid nucleus of really great people," said Scott. "What set them apart was their ability to win. They played as a team, they played hard, and they played to win."

The Apaches cleaned up in the all-WYL selections, with 24 players earning all-league honors. And they were the top-ranked team in the valley for five straight weeks.

Also, four players would go onto athletic careers at Fresno State University.

Pierce earned a track and field scholarship in the pole vault. Tony Heron, a defensive back, played baseball for the Bulldogs. Ted Torosian and Greg Simonian continued playing football for FSU.

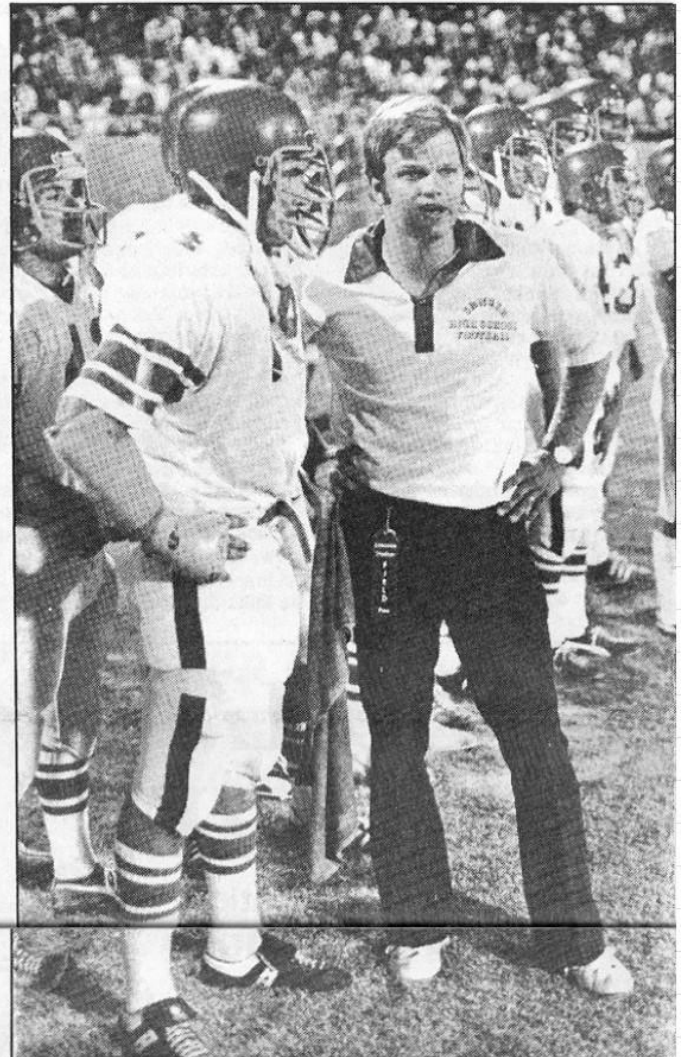
Torosian also went on to play for the Oakland Invaders of the now defunct United States Football League.

The team was much like last year's Super Bowl champion New York Giants. Its strength was a hard hitting defense, and the offense was based on a conservative, control-the-ball philosophy.

Spearheading the defense was middle linebacker Bill Strope, lineman Louis Mata and cornerbacks Pierce and Bobby Markland.

The offense ran the veer, featuring the running of halfback Bert Burk, Torosian and quarterback Craig Lawley. Up front, offensive linemen Simonian and Kevin Lowery provided the blocking.

"We just blew teams away," said Torosian. "Not just offensively, but on defense too. We normally just wore opponents out. We were the kind of team that ate nails for breakfast."



Special to the Herald

In 1976 Fred Ratzlaff, now Sanger's principal, was the defensive coordinator. Here he gives linebacker Bill Strope directions.

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FOOTBALL '91

CHAMPIONS: 1976 team built on strong defense, running game

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The defense, which had three shutouts, never allowed more than two touchdowns in any game. Teams averaged only 7.6 points a game.

Fred Ratzlaff, now the principal at Sanger High, was the defensive coordinator in 1976.

"We had players with pretty good size and speed," he said. "And we had great speed in the secondary. We could stay in our base defense and not have to do a lot of fancy things because we had the horses to do it."

"Our saying was 'Get the ball back,'" said Torosian, now a produce broker in Kingsburg. "And the defense did too, causing fumbles and interceptions. We went up against some real talent, but we put the fear of God into them."

"It was knock 'em down, block 'em football. And our offense was an extension of our defense. We punished people."

The Apaches backfield tandem of Burk and Torosian was an awesome combination of power and speed.

Pierce, a chiropractor in Clovis, remembers the two runners overpowering opposing defenses.

"Ted had high knee movement and

he drug guys behind him. Burt had good lateral movement on sweeps. But they both were real horses and would drag two or three people before they went down."

The team was well rounded with Kerry Mobley handling the punting and kicking. Plus, Pierce (known as Run It Back Billy Jack) was a threat to score anytime he handled a return.

The season began with old-time rival

Clovis' scores. Sanger had the ball with nine seconds left on the Cougar 9-yard-line, but failed to get it in.

Sanger then beat Bullard 28-13 as Burk had 116 yards rushing. After that came a 13-0 win over Hoover, and then a 46-0 shellacking of Selma.

In a 46-12 win over Tulare, Pierce scored two touchdowns on returns and had 197 yards in total offense.

Next came two straight games that

was on a roll. The first victim was Arvin, which lost 32-6 as Torosian had 118 yards rushing and Burk 168.

In the second round, the Apaches would meet McLane, which had upset West of Bakersfield the week before. The game would be the hardest fought of the year.

Sanger won 7-6 on Pierce's interception return for a touchdown in the first quarter. Otherwise, the high-powered offense was limited to only 72 yards.

"We didn't play well that game," said Duckhorn. "Talent wise, we had more than them. We just didn't execute and it wound up being a close game."

Whatever happened, the players took the lesson to heart. In the championship game it was all Apaches, winning 21-0 over Foothill. Sanger held Foothill to 101 yards in total offense and forced four turnovers. The passing of Lawley was invaluable, as he threw for two touchdowns and 119 yards.

Said Pierce:

"It was something that is very memorable for me; it feels just like yesterday. No one can ever take what we did away. It was a pretty big thing to accomplish."

"We went up against some real talent, but we put the fear of God into them."

— Ted Torosian

Clovis, which had beat the Apaches 45-14 the year before. And 1976 would be no different, as the Cougars handed Sanger its only loss, 14-7.

"The only real blemish was the Clovis game," said Scott. "It felt like we were in control, but we couldn't score because we wanted it so bad."

The Apaches led 7-0 until the fourth quarter when two turnovers led to

Torosian and Burk would rush for over 100 yards each, a 19-6 win over Hanford and a 30-14 victory against Redwood.

The Apaches capped the WYL season by beating Mount Whitney 28-6, Lemoore 28-8 and then wrapping up the title with a 28-7 win over Reedley.

The playoffs were next and Sanger





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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SANGER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022. INDUCTION CEREMONY DINNER WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022.

The 2022 Sanger High School Athletic Hall of Fame class announced by Athletic Director Brian Penner is led by the legendary 1976 Apache Football Team and individuals Rick Bubenik as a contributor, Ray Newman as a coach, and Ed Dittenbir and Colleen Santos as athletes. The induction ceremony dinner will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Sanger Community Center. Contact Penner or the Sanger High Athletics office for ticket information.

... The only Sanger Apaches football team to ever win a large school (Yosemite Division) Valley Championship. The only Sanger team to ever be voted number one in the Valley, and to be recognized by Cal-Hi Sports as the number one school in the state of California in division two. The Apache football team that outscored their opponents 323-92 over 13 games. The only Sanger team to shut down the town and schools on a Friday afternoon because they had to travel to Visalia for an afternoon game instead of playing at night because the Visalia stadium was being renovated and had no lighting. The team with a devastating defense led by a big defensive line with Greg Hart, one of the baddest guys ever, a linebacking corps second to none and featuring Steve Karmann, and a defensive backfield that included Billy Jack Pierce and Tony Herron, players already in the Hall of Fame. The team with a punishing, unrelenting ground attack led by another Hall of Famer and future college and professional player Ted Torosian, Mr. Inside. Mr. Outside Bert Burk regularly making back-breaking long runs behind a Sanger offensive line that was big, efficient, and active. Craig Lawley pulling the trigger as the option quarterback. Lots of weapons. Some of Sanger's best-ever athletes. Many of Sanger's most memorable team members and football players. All led by Coach Gary Scott. A team for the ages. And oh yes, the team deprived an undefeated season by one lousy holding call inside the Clovis High five yard line that negated the winning touchdown at the end of game one of the year. Drat! All Apache fans remember the 1976 Valley Championship Football Team and all of the players that continued the excellence that defines Sanger football even today.

SHS Hall of Fame dinner to honor some of school's greatest achievers

Perhaps the most popular Sanger athletic achievement of the past half-century will take its place in Sanger High School's prestigious Athletic Hall of Fame this Saturday night.

The 1976 Sanger High football team – a 12-1 juggernaut that steamrolled its way to the Yosemite Division "Valley" championship — is the team inductee for the 2022 ceremony, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Sanger Community Center. Also being inducted at the event are Rick Bubenik (the longtime "Voice of the Apaches"), celebrated mid 1950s football-track coach Ray Newman, Class of 1940 star athlete Ed Dittenbir and later 1990s water polo-swim star Colleen Santos.

I well remember the '76 Apaches football champions — it was my senior year at Fresno's Bullard High (yes, I'm an old guy) and I watched the Knights get overpowered by three touchdowns at Tom Flores Stadium (pretty sure it had yet to be named for Sanger's favorite football son). Bruising running back Ted Torosian, option quarterback Craig Lawley and a stout defense remain etched in my memory.

It was also back in the day when ruling the section (we all called it "Valley" back in the day) was limited to large (Yosemite), mediums (Sequoia) and small (Sierra) school divisions. Sanger not only played with — they went on to dominate — the "big boys" that season.

Congratulations in advance to a great Apaches team, and the other SHS athletic giants all worthy of their honor.

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Jon Earnest

Jon Earnest is news-sports editor for The Times.



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Ernie Reese - 1956
1st 1000 yd Single Season
1036 yds
(n-a/rush & 103.6/game)

Bert Burk - 1976
2nd 1000 yd Single Season
1273 yds
(7.9/rush & 97.9/game)

* 2022 Sanger High Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony *



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20 Year Reunion - 1996



Back: Ted Torosian, Louis Mata, Bob Markland, Craig Lawley, Oscar Morales, Sal Sanchez,
Randy Welch, Billy Jack Pierce, Brett Bell, Bill Strobe, Ray Martinez, Peter Grant.
Front: Greg Simonian, Kevin Lowery, Greg Hart, Omar Gallardo, Jeff Claiborne, Jeff Shahbazian, Johnny Morales

25 Year Reunion - 2001



Back: Louis Mata, Ray Martinez, Fred Ratzlaff, Ted Torosian, Oscar Morales, Randy Welch, Craig Lawley, Greg Hart
Front: Steve Karmann, Ray Ovalle, Bob Markland, Nick Mercado, Gilbert Montelongo



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30 Year Reunion - 2006



Left to Right: Ted Torosian, Jeff Shahbazian, Ray Ovalle, Steve Ramos, Nick Mercado, Gilbert Montelongo, Randy Welch, Billy Jack Pierce, Greg Hart, Richard Gutierrez, Craig Lawley, Louis Mata, Bob Markland

38 Year Reunion - 2014



Left to Right: Robert Rodriguez, Greg Simonian, Bobby Ramos, Louis Mata, Bert Burk, Oscar Morales, Randy Welch, Randy Deaver, Coach Fred Ratzlaff, Mark Tawls, Dennis Vermillion, Johnny Morales, Peter Grant, Head Coach Gary Scott, Eppie Gonzales, Ray Martinez, Johnny Martinez, Bob Markland, Steve Combs, Omar Gallardo, Tom Merlo, Jeff Shahbazian, Billy Jack Pierce, Ted Torosian



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Many think it was the Apaches' greatest team - 1976



George Armenta/Sanger Herald

Head Coach, Gary Scott, with his arm around Assistant Coach Fred Ratzlaff, in front of members of the Apache championship football team of 1976, which many consider to be the best team ever fielded by Sanger High School, according to statistical guru, Ron Blackwood. They were the West Yosemite League Champions, had a 5-0 record, defeated Foothill of Bakersfield 21-0 for the Yosemite Division Valley Championship, were ranked the #1 Team in Valley by the Fresno Bee, ranked #1 Team in State - Class AAA by Cal-Hi Sports and named 'State Team of the Year' - Division 2 by Cal-Hi Sports. Members of the team who attended the Sanger/Bullard game last Friday got together for this picture before the wind and the torrential rain swept through Tom Flores Stadium. Head Coach: Gary Scott; Assistants, Fred Ratzlaff and Jim Duckhorn; Offense: Bert Burk, Ted Torosian, Johnny Morales, Greg Simonian, Omar Gallardo, Marc Lopez, Ray Martinez, Randy Deaver, Mark Tawilks and Peter Grant. Defense: Billy Jack Pierce, Bob Markland, Randy Welch, Gilbert Montelongo, Steve Karmann, Louis Mata, Jeff Shahbazian, Ray Ovalle, Tom Merlo, Robert Rodriguez, Steve Combs, Dennis Vermillion, Eli Garcia, Eppie Gonzales, Johnny Martinez, Elias Ramos. In Spirit: Coaches Jim McKittrick & Dennis Kerans; Player Greg Hart.

40 Year Reunion - 2016



Left to Right: Bobby Ramos, Oscar Morales, Sam Bernal, Greg Simonian, Craig Lawley, Randy Welch, Richard Gutierrez, Louis Mata, Omar Gallardo, David Ramos '75, Dennis Vermillion, Head Coach Gary Scott, Steve Karmann, Steve Ramos, Bob Markland, Gilbert Montelongo, Bret Bell '75, Tom Merlo, Nick Mercado, Ted Torosian, Ray Martinez Sr. '56, Peter Grant, Jeff Shahbazian, Ray Martinez Jr., Billy Jack Pierce



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Left to Right: Jeff Shahbazian, Ray Martinez, Jerry Luna, Johnny Morales, Coach Gary Scott, Coach Fred Ratzlaff, Randy Welch, Ted Torosian, Bob Markland, Coach Jim Duckhorn, Bert Burk



Left to Right: Ted Torosian, Randy Welch, Jeff Shahbazian, Omar Gallardo, Louis Mata, Coach Gary Scott, Johnny Morales, Bert Burk, Ray Martinez, Coach Fred Ratzlaff, Jerry Luna, Coach Jim Duckhorn, Bob Markland



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46 Year Reunion / Sanger High Athletic Hall of Fame Induction - 2022



Seated Left to Right: Nick Mercado, Steve Karmann, Mike Alvarado, Omar Gallardo, Randy Welch, Bert Burk, Ted Torosian, Ray Ovalle
Standing Left to Right: Jeff Shahbazian, Ray Martinez, Randy Deaver, Roland Rico, Loius Mata, Oscar Morales, Bill Dela Torre, Richard Gutierrez, Mark Talwks, Gilbert Montelongo, Coach Fred Ratzlaff, Coach Gary Scott, Johnny Morales, David Salinas, Coach Roy Tanimoto, Tom Merlo, Billy Jack Pierce, Dennis Vermillion, Bob Markland, Kerry Mobley



Front Row Left to Right: Frank Gonzales (Lipan Apache Co-Chief, President of Indigenous Warrior Flag Group Central California), Shane Hart (for his Father, Greg), Nick Mercado, Billy Jack Pierce, Jeff Shahbazian, Bert Burk, Richard Gutierrez, Ray Ovalle, Roland Rico, Tom Merlo, Omar Gallardo, Kerry Mobley. Back Row Left to Right: Greg Simonian, Gilbert Montelongo, Mark Tawks, Oscar Morales, Mike Alvarado, Louis Mata, Craig Lawley, Ray Martinez, Randy Welch, Dennis Vermillion, Johnny Morales, Bob Markland, Ted Torosian, Coach Gary Scott, Bill Dela Torre, Steve Karmann, Coach Fred Ratzlaff



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Available Statistics – 1975-1976

Total Points Scored

1976 Season: Team, 333 (1st Qtr - 96, 2nd Qtr - 110, 3rd Qtr - 100, 4th Qtr - 27)
1975-76 Career & 1976 Season: Bert Burk 66; Craig Lawley 66
1976 Game: Bert Burk, 18 vs Arvin; Craig Lawley, 18 vs Mt. Whitney

Scoring - Touchdowns

1975-76 Career - Total: Bert Burk, 11; Craig Lawley 11; Ted Torosian, 10
1975-76 Career - Rushing: Bert Burk, 11; Craig Lawley, 11; Ted Torosian, 9
1975-76 Career - Passing: Craig Lawley, 10
1975-76 Career - Receiving: Mike Alvarado, 4; Billy Jack Pierce, 2;
Johnny Morales, 2
1975-76 Career - Punt Return: Billy Jack Pierce, 2
1975-76 Career - Kick-off Return: Billy Jack Pierce, 1
1975-76 Career - Interception Return: Billy Jack Pierce, 1; Bob Markland, 1
1975-76 Career - Fumble Return: Greg Hart, 1

1976 Season - Total: Team, 48 Touchdowns (32 rushing, 10 passing,
3 interceptions, 2 punt returns, 1 kick-off return
1976 Season - Total: Bert Burk, 11; Craig Lawley 11; Ted Torosian, 10
1976 Season - Rushing: Bert Burk, 11; Craig Lawley, 11; Ted Torosian, 9
1976 Season - Passing: Craig Lawley, 10
1976 Season - Receiving: Mike Alvarado, 3; Billy Jack Pierce, 2;
Johnny Morales, 2

1976 Season - Punt Return: Billy Jack Pierce, 2
1976 Season - Kick-off Return: Billy Jack Pierce, 1
1976 Season - Interception Return: Billy Jack Pierce, 1; Tony Herron, 1
1976 Season - Field Goals: Kerry Mobley, 2 of 3
1976 Season - Extra Points: Kerry Mobley, 37

1976 Game: Team, 7 Touchdowns vs Tulare Union
7 Touchdowns vs Selma

1976 Game - Rushing: Bert Burk, 3 vs Arvin
Craig Lawley, 3 vs Mt. Whitney
1976 Game - Passing: Craig Lawley, 3 vs Tulare Union
Craig Lawley, 3 vs Redwood
Craig Lawley, 3 vs Foothill

1976 Game - Receiving: Mike Alvarado, 1 (4 times); 9 others, 1
1976 Game - Field Goals: Kerry Mobley, 2 of 2 vs Hanford
1976 Game - Extra Points: Kerry Mobley, 4 (8 times) last vs Reedley

Touchdowns Allowed

1976 Season: 14 Touchdowns (8 rushing, 6 passing)

Combined Net Yards Gained

1975-76 Career: Ted Torosian 1834; Bert Burk 1338
1976 Season: Team 3538
1976 Season: Bert Burk 1291; Ted Torosian 1085
1976 Game: Billy Jack Pierce, 225 vs Tulare Union; Bert Burk, 172 vs Selma

Combined Net Attempts

1975-76 Career: Ted Torosian 348; Bert Burk 170
1976 Season: Ted Torosian 206; Bert Burk 166

Total Yards Gained - Team

1976 Season: 3538 (2774 rushing, 764 passing)
1976 Game: Most, 344 vs Tulare Union; Fewest, 84 vs McLane

Total Yards Allowed - Team

1976 Season: 2027 (677 rushing, 1350 passing)
1976 Game - Total: Most, 275 vs Mt. Whitney; Fewest, 9 vs Selma
1976 Game - Rushing: Most, 89 vs Foothill
Fewest, -42 vs Selma; 2 vs Lemoore
1976 Game - Passing: Most, 208 vs Redwood; Fewest, 22 vs Foothill

First Downs Gained - Team

1976 Season: 151 (114 rushing, 24 passing, penalty 13)
1976 Game: Most, 17 vs Tulare Union; Fewest, 4 vs McLane

First Downs Allowed - Team

1976 Season: 123 (46 rushing, 59 passing, penalty 18)
1976 Game: Most, 17 vs Tulare Union; Fewest, 3 vs Selma

Average Yards Gained - Team

1976 Season: 5.273 per play (4.927 rushing, 7.720 passing)
1976 Game: Most, 7.167 vs Tulare Union; Fewest, 1.953 vs McLane

Average Yards Allowed - Team

1976 Season: 3.090 per play (1.701 rushing, 5.230 passing)
1976 Game: Most, n/r; Fewest, 0.243 vs Selma

Rushing Net Attempts

1976 Season: Team 563
1976 Season: Ted Torosian 193; Bert Burk 161
1976 Game: Ted Torosian, 22 vs Hoover

Rushing Yards Gained

1975-76 Career: Ted Torosian 1629; Bert Burk 1281
1976 Season: Bert Burk 1273; Ted Torosian 968
1976 Game: Team, 313 vs Selma; Team, 310 vs Arvin
1976 Game: Bert Burk, 172 vs Selma; Bert Burk, 157 vs Hanford;
Bert Burk, 155 vs Arvin



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Avg Yards Gain/Attempt - Rushing

1975-76 Career: Bert Burk 7.86 (1281/163); Ted Torosian 5.09 (1629/320)
1976 Season: Bert Burk 7.91 (1273/161); Ted Torosian 5.20 (661/127)
1976 Game: Bert Burk, 17.20 vs Selma (172/10);
Bert Burk, 11.55 vs Tulare Union (104/9)

Games -100+ Yards Rushing

1975-76 Career: Bert Burk 7; Ted Torosian 6
1976 Season: Bert Burk 7 (4 consecutive & 2 consecutive)
Ted Torosian 5 (4 consecutive)
1976 Game: Bert Burk, 172 vs Selma; Bert Burk, 157 vs Hanford
Bert Burk, 155 vs Arvin

Longest Run from Scrimmage

1976 Season & 1976 Game: Bert Burk, 77 yards vs Foothill
Bert Burk, 70 yards vs Bullard
Bert Burk, 66 yards vs Selma

Completion Rate - Passing

1975-76 Career: Craig Lawley 40.49% (49/121)
1976 Season: Craig Lawley 41.67% (45/108)
1976 Game: Craig Lawley, 75.00% vs Bullard (3/4)
Craig Lawley, 70.00% vs Tulare Union (7/10)
Craig Lawley, 66.67% vs Foothill (8/12)

Passing Yards Gained

1975-76 Career: Craig Lawley 935
1976 Season: Craig Lawley 842 (100+ yards/game, 3 times)
1976 Game: Craig Lawley, 148 vs Tulare Union (& most completions, 8)

Receptions

1975-76 Career: Mike Alvarado 12; Billy Jack Pierce 11
1976 Season: Billy Jack Pierce 11
1976 Game: Mike Alvarado, 3 vs Foothill; Billy Jack Pierce, 3 vs Foothill

Reception Yards Gained

1975-76 Career & 1976 Season: Billy Jack Pierce 216
1976 Game: Billy Jack Pierce, 93 vs Lemoore

Longest Pass from Scrimmage

1976 Season & 1976 Game: Craig Lawley to Johnny Morales,
57 yards vs Tulare Union

Turnovers Forced

1975-76 Career - Interceptions: Billy Jack Pierce 11; Bob Markland 9
1975-76 Career - Fumbles Recovered: Steve Karmann 8; Greg Hart 5

1976 Season - Interceptions: Tony Herron 5; Billy Jack Pierce 4;
Gilbert Montelongo 4; Bob Markland 3
Bill Strope 2; Randy Welch 2

1976 Season - Fumbles Recovered: Steve Karmann 4; Greg Hart 3
1976 Season: Team, 9 passes intercepted; 27 defensive interceptions
1976 Season: Team, 15 fumbles lost; 18 defensive recoveries
1976 Game - Interceptions: Gilbert Montelongo 2 (two times); 8 others, 2
1976 Game - Fumbles Recovered: Steve Karmann 2 (2 times)

1975 Season - Interceptions: Billy Jack Pierce 7; Bob Markland 6
1975 Season - Fumbles Recovered: Steve Karmann 4
1975 Game - Fumbles Recovered: Steve Karmann 2

Total Tackles

1975-76 Career: Steve Karmann 160; Bill Strope 142
1976 Season: Steve Karmann 92

Unassisted Tackles

1975-76 Career: Steve Karmann 108; Bill Strope 92

Assisted Tackles

1975-76 Career: Steve Karmann 52; Bill Strope 50; Bob Markland 49
1976 Game: Bill Strope, 7 vs Clovis

Quarterback Sacks

1975-76 Career: Steve Karmann 7½; Greg Hart 6½
1975-76 Career - Yards Lost: Steve Karmann 65½; Greg Hart 60
1976 Season: Greg Hart 6½
1976 Season - Yards Lost: Greg Hart 60
1976 Game: Greg Hart, 2 vs Bullard
1976 Game - Yards Lost: Louis Mata, 18 vs Bullard
Greg Hart, 15 vs Bullard

1975 Season: Steve Karmann 5½
1975 Season - Yards Lost: Steve Karmann 54½
1975 Game: Steve Karmann, 2 vs Hoover
Randy Welch, 2 vs Tulare Union
1975 Game - Yards Lost: Steve Karmann, 25 vs Hoover

Defensive Fumble Recovery for Touchdown

1975 Season & Game: Greg Hart, 1 vs Tulare Union (35 yards)

Interception Return for Touchdown

1976 Season & Game: Billy Jack Pierce, 1 vs McLane (40 yards)
Tony Herron, 1 vs Selma (40 yards)
1975 Season & Game: Bob Markland, 1 vs Bullard (100 yards)

Punt Return for Touchdown

1976 Season & Game: Billy Jack Pierce, 2
(1 vs Tulare Union & 1 vs Reedley)

Kick-off Return for Touchdown

1976 Season & Game: Billy Jack Pierce, 1 vs Tulare Union (72 yards)

Longest Punt

1976 Season & Game: Gilbert Montelongo, 64 yards vs McLane;
Gilbert Montelongo, 56 yards vs Hanford

Combined Kick-off & Punt Returns

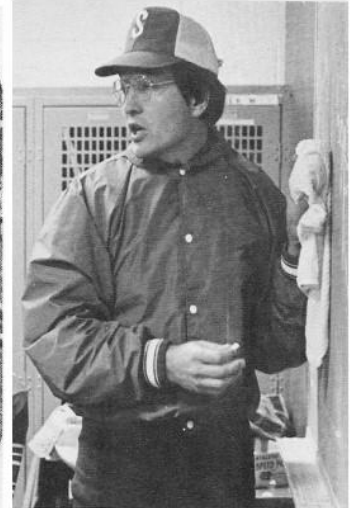
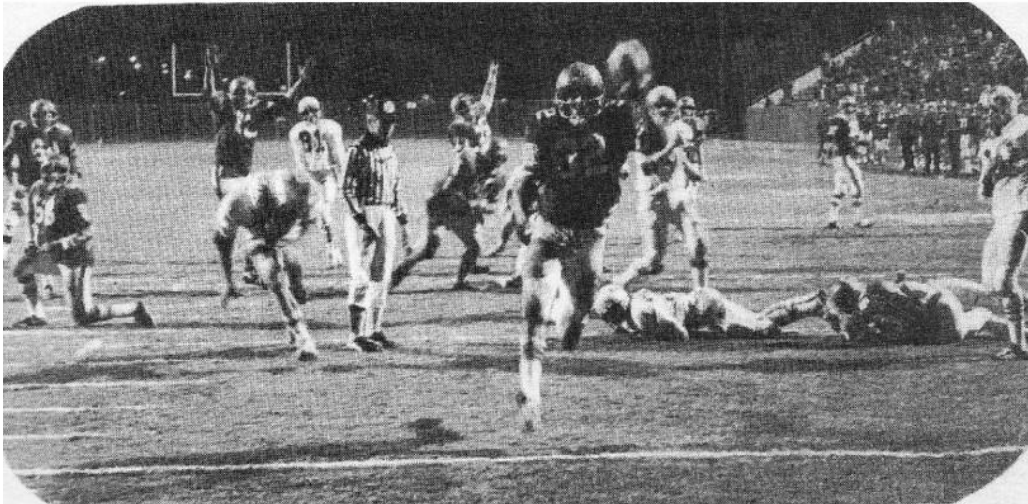
1975-76 Career & 1976 Season: Billy Jack Pierce, 36 for 663 yards
(11 for 303 kick-off, 25 for 360 punt)
1976 Game: Billy Jack Pierce, 5 for 197 yards vs Tulare Union
(2 for 95 kick-off & 1 TD, 3 for 102 punt & 1TD)
Billy Jack Pierce, 5 for 109 yards vs Bullard
(3 for 68 kick-off, 2 for 41 punt)



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1976 Football Team - History Notables



Team & Coach Gary Scott - 1976

1st 12 Win Season (12-1-0) * Only Yosemite Division, #1 Valley Champion * Only State Team of the Year (D2) * Only State #1 Team (AAA)



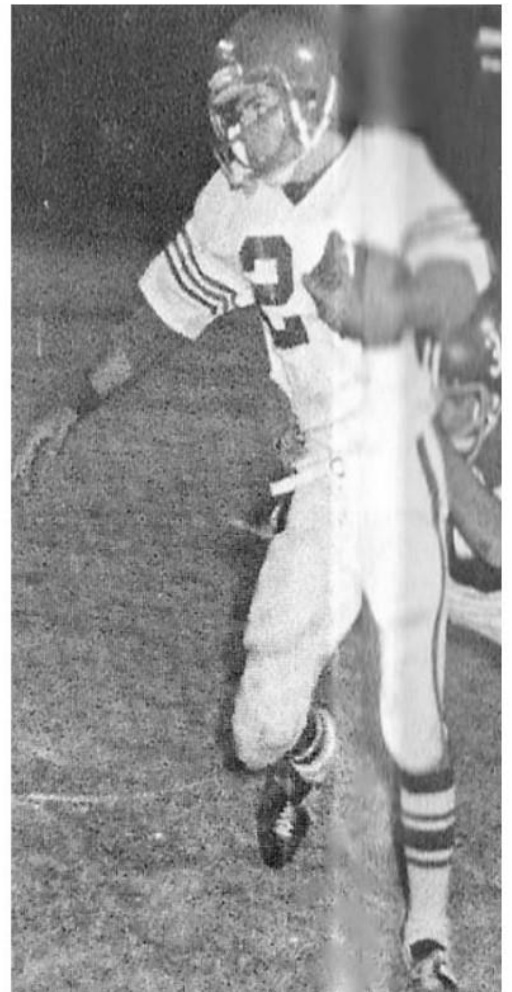
Bert Burk - 1976

2nd 1000 yd Single Season Rushing
1273 yds / 7.9 per Rush, 97.9 per Game



Billy Jack Pierce - 1976

Longest Punt Return for Touchdown
98 yds versus Tulare Union



Bob Markland - 1975

Longest Pass Interception Returns for Touchdown
100 yds versus Bullard



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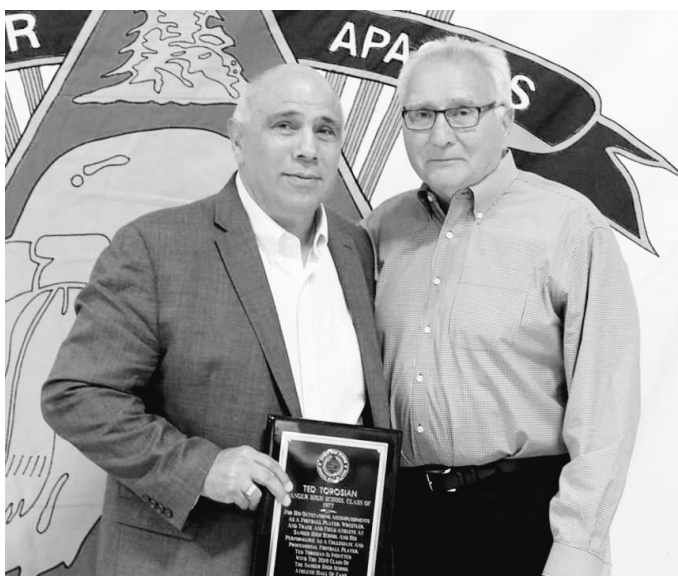


TED TOROSIAN

Ted Torosian, a 1977 Sanger High School graduate, was one of the greatest three sport athletes to ever compete for the Apaches. Ted was the leading rusher on the 1975 football team with over 700 yards on the ground. He topped that in 1976 with over 900 rushing yards, as a fullback, his primary role being the lead blocker for tailback Bert Burks. He was a major contributor on that renowned 1976 team that won the Central Section Championship and was named Cal-Hi Sports' #1 Division II team in the state. Ted is the nineteenth leading rusher in Sanger High history with 1,629 yards. He was also an outstanding wrestler, winning the WYL in 1976 and 1977 and placing third in the section in 1977. Perhaps most impressive are Ted's track and field accomplishments. His triple jump of 47'1.5" in 1975 was the school record until 2017. He is the number four all-time discus thrower in Sanger High history with a throw of 166'11". He was the WYL champion and section runner-up in the discus in 1977.



Ted's phenomenal high school athletic accomplishments earned him the Sanger High School Athlete of the Year award in 1977. That fall he matriculated to Fresno State on a full ride football scholarship. He played football for the Bulldogs from 1978-1981 and had a stellar career. He was named first team all-conference in 1980 and 1981. He finished his Bulldog career with nearly 2,100 rushing yards, second in school history at the time, and 82 pass catches and 18 touchdowns. After college, Ted played professional football for two years with the Oakland Invaders of the United States Football League. He started at fullback in 1983 and 1984. Interestingly, Ted scored a number of notable touchdowns at some important nearby venues. He scored the first touchdown at Lamonica Stadium as a high schooler in 1974, the last Fresno State touchdown at Ratcliffe Stadium, the second touchdown at Bulldog Stadium in 1980 and the first touchdown in the inaugural game at the Oakland Coliseum.



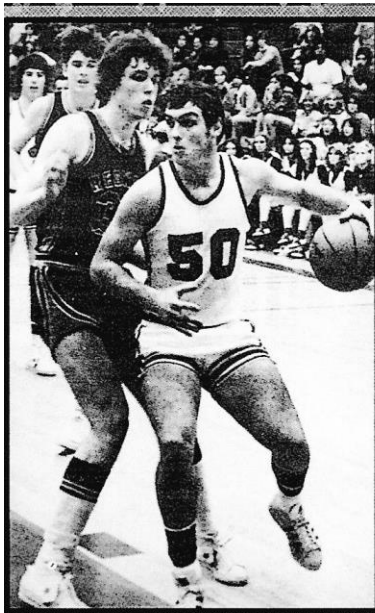


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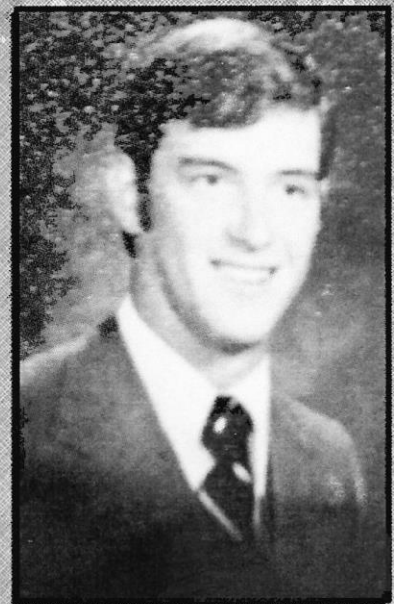
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SHS Hall of Fame - 2020 Inductee



Tony Herron
Athlete
Class of 1978
2020



Tony Herron, the son of one hall of fame member and the father of another. Tony was a three sport star who played strong safety on the 1976 Valley Championship football team, and whose name is still found in the school's basketball records for single season and career scoring and rebounding, which later resulted in his induction into the Sanger High Basketball Hall of Fame. In baseball his fastball led him to Fresno State, where again, he was later inducted into the Fresno State Baseball Hall of Fame. He signed with the Boston Red Sox after Fresno State and rose to Triple-A status at Pawtucket before an injury ended his career on the cusp of reaching the major leagues.

*No photos, Tony did not attend ceremony

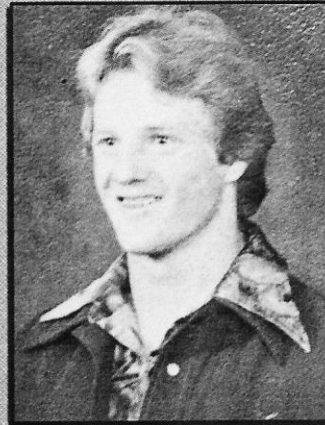


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SHS Hall of Fame - 2021 Inductee



Billy Jack Pierce

**Athlete
Class of 1977
2021**

Billy Jack Pierce was a prolific star in the pole vault and a member of the 1976 Valley Champion, state ranked #1 Division 2 football team. In football Billy Jack held records in punt return and kick off returns in addition to being named All-League as a defensive back in 1976. But in the pole vault, he rose to unheard of heights, became a high school All-American in 1977, and the first Valley vaulter to clear 16 feet. He was the 1977 Masters Meet Champion, and placed fifth and second in successive years at the State track meet. He was picked for international events and placed second at the Junior National Meet. He competed at Fresno State after high school.





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SHS Hall of Fame - 2022 Inductees

1976 Football Team
Yosemite Division Valley Champions
West Yosemite League Champions
#1 State Ranked Class AAA Team by Cal-Hi Sports
State Team of the Year Division II by Cal-Hi Sports



The only Sanger Apaches football team to ever win a large-school (Yosemite Division) Valley Championship. The only Sanger team to ever be voted number one in the Valley, and to be recognized by Cal-Hi Sports as the number one school in the state of California. The Apache football team that outscored their opponents 323-92 over 13 games. The only Sanger team to shut down the town and schools on a Friday afternoon because they had to travel to Visalia for an afternoon game instead of playing at night because the Visalia stadium was being renovated and had no lighting. The team with a devastating defense led by a big defensive line with Greg Hart, one of the baddest guys ever, a linebacking corps second to none and featuring Steve Karmann, and a defensive backfield that included Billy Jack Pierce and Tony Herron, players already in the Hall of Fame. The team with a punishing, unrelenting ground attack lead by another Hall of Famer and future college and professional player, Ted Torosian, Mr. Inside. Mr. Outside Bert Burk regularly making back-breaking long runs behind a Sanger offensive line that was big, efficient, and active. Craig Lawley pulling the trigger as the option quarterback. Lots of weapons. Some of Sanger's best-ever athletes. Many of Sanger's most memorable team members and football players. All led by Coach Gary Scott. A team for the ages. All Apaches fans remember the 1976 Valley Championship football team and all of the players that continued the excellence that defines Sanger football to this day.





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SANGER HIGH SCHOOL 1976 FOOTBALL TEAM

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1976 Apaches Valley Championship Roster



#12 Craig Lawley



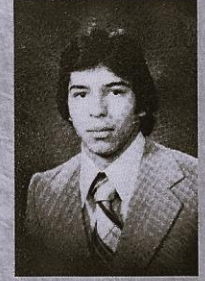
#14 Tim Ogawa



#15 Roland Rico



#17 Roy Rodriguez



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#25 Manuel Torres



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#30 Bert Burk



#31 Gilbert Montelongo



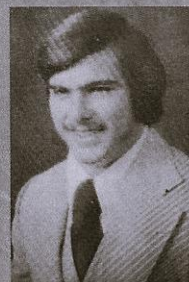
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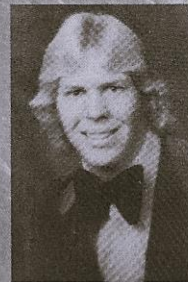
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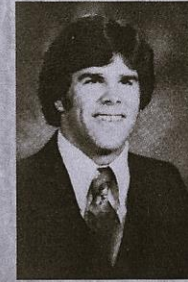
#34 Nick Mercado



#35 Tim Lindeman



#40 Steve Karmann



#41 Mark Tawls



#42 Randy Deaver



#43 Ruben Gonzales



#44 Tony Herron



#46 Richard Gutierrez



#47 Eppie Gonzales



#50 Tom Merlo



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#51 Jeff Claiborne



#52 Greg Simonian



#53 Steve Combs



#54 James Jaurique



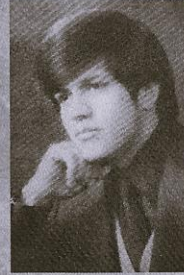
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#60 Omar Gallardo



#61 Randy Welch



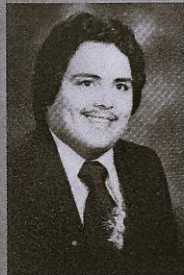
#62 Ray Ovalle



#63 Greg Hart



#64 Kevin Sonksen



#65 Elias Ramos



#66 Jeff Shahbazian



#67 Brian Watson



#68 Marc Lopez



#70 Louis Mata



#71 Dennis Vermillion



#72 Bill DelaTorre



#73 Mike Floyd



#74 Steve Ramos



#75 Kevin Lowery



#77 Edwin Esparza



#76 Bobby Rodriguez



#80 Mike Alvarado



#81 Rob Powell



#82 Ray Martinez



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#83 Peter Grant



#84 Bill Strope



#85 Kerry Mobley



#86 Roger Hemman



Steve Powell

1976 Apache Football Coaching Staff



Head Coach Gary Scott

Graduate of the University of the Pacific. Would coach at Sanger High School for five seasons, compiling a record of 34-16-4, winning two League championships and one Valley Championship. Relocated to Stockton area to continue career until retirement.



Assistant Coach Fred Ratzlaff

Graduate of the University of New Mexico. Coached at Sanger High School until 1982. Was named Assistant Principal in 1985 and Principal of Sanger High in 1990, where he worked until his retirement.



Assistant Coach Jim McKittrick

Graduate of the University of New Mexico. Coached football and tennis at Sanger High School. Taught in the Business Department until his retirement.



Assistant Coach Jim Duckhorn

Graduate of University of Northern Colorado and Fresno State. Coached football at Sanger High and taught in the Business Department at Sanger High until his retirement. Also coached baseball and was the first softball coach at Sanger High.



Assistant Coach Dennis Keran

A graduate of the University of Toledo. Taught in Sanger until his retirement. Coached football and wrestling at Sanger High, and taught at Washington Middle School until his retirement. Dennis passed away in 2009.