

El Camino Eagles Edge Past San Juan

Stave Off Spartan Push 13-12

By Larry Lavelle

El Camino last night won a football game for Steve Lentz by edging San Juan High School's Spartans 13 to 12 in an intra district battle before 2,000 fans at McArthur Field.

The Eagles grabbed a 13 to 0 lead and needed every point to stave off the Spartans and post their second triumph in as many starts despite the fact the losers held the edge in statistics.

There was none of the usual post game jubilation for the El Camino gridders, still stunned by the recent death of the 17 year old Lentz, their student body president, first string back and all around scholar-athlete.

No Early Cinch

The Eagles didn't put the game in the bag until late in the fourth quarter when Marshall Latimer's entertaining Sparts tried a go for broke pass off the buck lateral series, with a long pitch from Bob McArthur barely missing the intended receiver. Ron



El Camino end Bob Montgomery puts a halt to a second quarter run back by San Juan's Chuck Lindsey but not until Lindsey returns the ball to the Eagles' 42. Bee Photo by Ward Sharrer

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San Juan's second touch-down, which came six seconds into the final quarter, just about put the Spartans on even terms with the Eagles.

But a 15 yard penalty before the Sparts could line up for the conversion try dimmed their chances of putting across the equalizer. The penalty was assessed for sideline coaching.

75 Yard Race

El Camino scored 1:36 before halftime when Doug Stark scooped up a fumble and raced 75 yards for the ice breaker. It was a weird play as the Spartans went into a double wing, with Dave Phipps, the fullback, supposed to handle the ball. The pigskin bounced off him and the alert Stark, 175 pound left guard, scooped it up.

Bob Belsey converted from placement what ultimately became a most important point.

After the intermission the Eagles strung together an impressive 10 play, 60 yard drive.

Substitute quarterback John Sabo circled left end for 16 yards and the score with 7:30 remaining in the third period. Belsey's kick was wide.

The Spartans came right back after speedy Chuck Lindsey returned the kickoff to the San Juan 34 and Phipps hit for two yards to the 36.

Then came another unusual play. Danny Thompson took a quick pitch from Dick Thompson, but then gave the ball back to QB Dick, who churned 64 yards down the east sideline for the TD. The try for extra point was not good.

In Business Again

Dave Will's interception of a Gary Shupe pass intended for Keith Fife put the Spartans in business once more on the Eagles' 16 with 1:36 left in the third period.

Thompson pitched 11 yards down the middle to John Halseth to make it 13 to 12.

San Juan picked up 215 yards compared to El Camino's 164. Phipps was the leading ground gainer with 81 yards.

The score by quarters:
El Camino 0 7 6 0-13
San Juan 0 0 6 6-12

Individual scoring:
El Camino—Stark, 75 yard return of loose ball (Belsey kick); Sabo, 16 yard run (kick wide).
San Juan—Dick Thompson, 64 yard run on lateral from Dan Thompson (run failed); Halseth, 11 yard pass from Dick Thompson (run failed).

TEAM STATISTICS			
EL CAMINO	SAN JUAN		
9	10	First downs rushing	7
1	1	First downs passing	0
0	0	First downs penalties	0
10	10	Total first downs	8
130	130	Net yards rushing	204
34	34	Net yards passing	11
164	164	Total net yardage	215
1	1	Lost ball on fumbles	1
40	40	Yards penalized	50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushing			
EL CAMINO	tc	yg	vi net ave.
Wheatley	10	52	1 51 5.1
Brasher	3	11	0 11 3.7
Ashcraft	7	36	3 33 4.7
Sabo	7	36	3 33 4.7
Fife	8	33	2 31 3.9
McPadden	3	8	0 8 2.7
Peters	3	8	0 8 2.7
Shupe	2	0	8 8 4.0
SAN JUAN	tc	yg	vi net ave.
Phipps	13	31	0 81 6.2
Dick Thompson	9	26	0 71 7.9
Lindsey	4	9	0 9 2.3
Stille	7	48	11 37 5.3
Dan Thompson	2	6	0 6 3.0

Passing			
Shupe, EC	pa	pc	hl net td
Shupe, EC	6	1	3 21 0
Dick Thompson, SJ	7	1	0 13 0
B. McArthur, SJ	1	0	0 0 0

Pass Receptions			
Montgomery, EC	pc	net	td
Wheatley, EC	1	21	0
Halseth, SJ	1	11	0

Punting			
Shupe, EC	bu	nts	yds blk ave.
Shupe, EC	2	58	0 29.0
Sabo, EC	1	29	0 29.0
Halseth, SJ	4	123	0 30.8
McGee, SJ	1	23	0 23.0