

Eagles Pounce On Dragons 33-0 For 6th Victory

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First impressions are supposed to be lasting—but not so in football, where the last ones count. El Camino's high flying Eagles last night paid what could be their final conference visit to Hughes Stadium and splattered the Sacramento High School Dragons 33 to 0 before 3,000 fans.

The Eagles, who next year will move out of the Metropolitan League orbit and into the San Juan District League, gave Sacramento plenty to remember them by.

It was quiet for the first 21 minutes or so, and then came the touchdowns. It was contagious.

Sixth In Row

The victory was the sixth in a row for Coach Don Robards' Eagles, who at full strength were regarded by most as longshots for the Metro crown. The Eagles never have been anywhere near full strength, but spirit and desire have eased them over the rough spots and made them anything but losers.

Should the C. K. McClatchy High School Lions hurdle Norte Del Rio tonight at Grant, then all eyes would be on the Eagle-Lion tangle next Friday at El Camino. That one could decide the Metro championship.

Ashcraft's Big Night

No one player deserves the hero's mantle alone, but little Jim Ashcraft, the 150 pound all city basketballer, had his biggest football night ever.

Ashcraft just bothered the daylight out of the Dragons by taking 42 and 30 yard touchdown passes from quarterback Gary Shupe, passing 40 yards and a TD to end Gary Kagel, running 11 yards to set up another, kicking three extra points, intercepting a pass and tackling people.

The Eagles and Dragons kicked back and forth a couple of times during the first round sparrings, then on the final play of the period Ashcraft made a leaping theft of a Rich Gregson pass at the El Camino 42.

Tumbles At Five

Ashcraft returned just across midfield, and here the Eagles went to work, with Keith Fife barreling the middle and Barry McFadden ripping inside end for big gains. But the Eagles didn't score, Fife fumbling at the five. They

failed to get six the next time they had the ball.

But late in the second quarter John Sabo picked up a punt at the El Camino 48 and returned it to the Sacramento 40. Fewer than three minutes remained in the half.

Kagel Goes Over

Then came some Robards razzle dazzle. Shupe shot the ball over to Ashcraft on the right flank and Jim wound up and hit Kagel who caught the ball in the vicinity of the 20 and chugged into the end zone with 2:48 left.

The ice broken, the Eagles were off and fishing for more. Dick Dodelin intercepted a Gregson pass at the Dragons' 42. Shupe immediately fired a strike to Ashcraft, who went the distance for another TD and a 12 to 0 lead with 1:04 remaining before the intermission.

A fumble halted El Camino's first drive of the second half, but the Eagles scored twice within a minute and a half at the end of the third period. Bob Ferguson recovered punter Danny Del Ponte's fumble of a low passback at the SHS 11. Ashcraft swept end for 10 and McFadden blasted for the touchdown.

The Dragons fumbled on their first play from scrimmage and Shupe passed 30 yards to Ashcraft for another score.

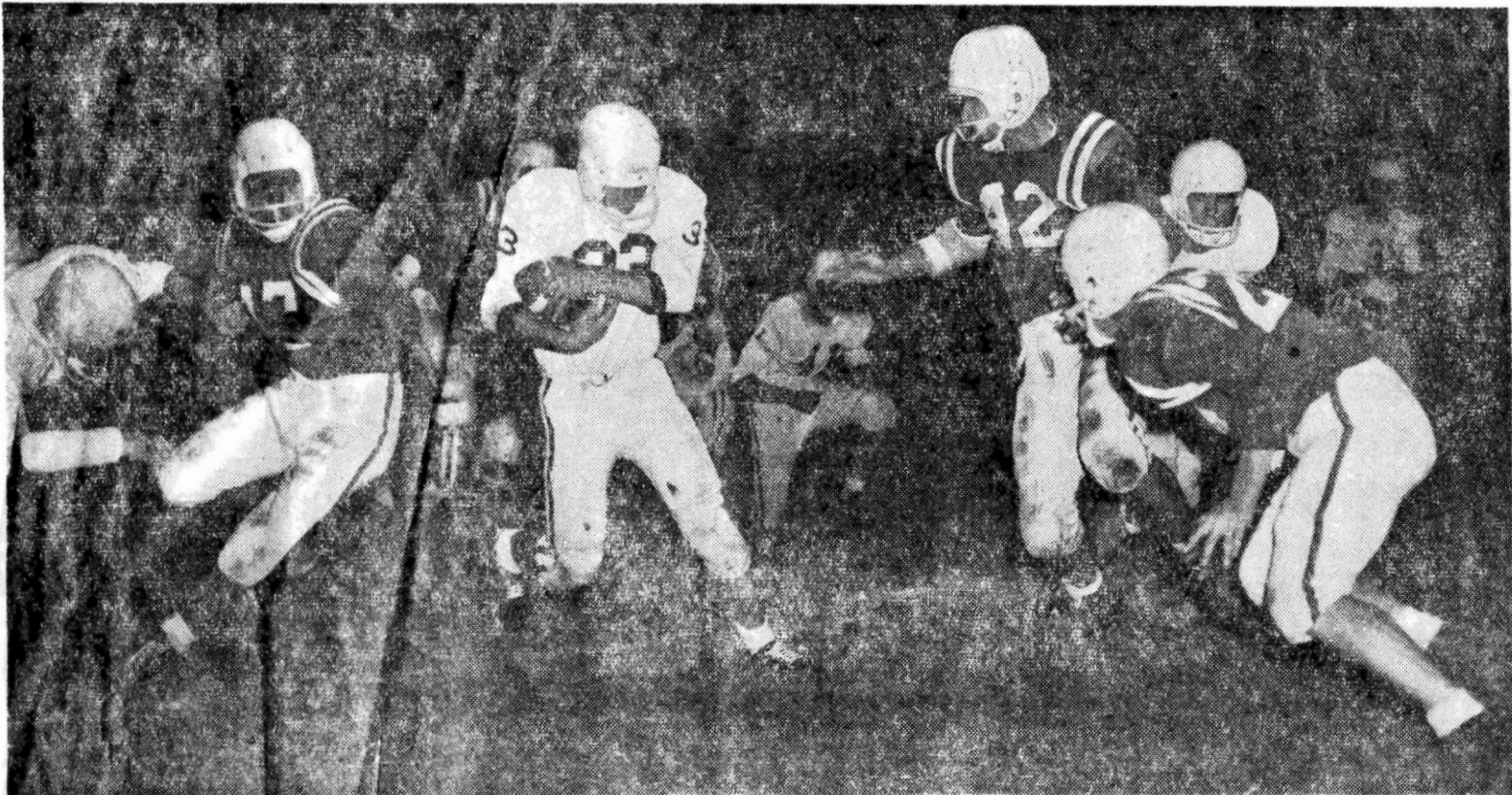
61 Yard Race

El Camino's last TD came three seconds before the final gun as Paul Werblow batted QB Richard Godon's pass into the air and Tom Hasbrouck picked it off and raced 61 yards to cap the rout.

The loss sidetracked Sacramento hopes of a comeback. After lopsided defeats by Lodi and Stagg, the Dragons had won a pair and tied one. In defeat the passing combination of Gregson to Bill Tiedemann stood out as it clicked three times for 54 yards.

El Camino's sophomores set the theme for the night by blanking the Sacramento sophs 19 to 0 in the preliminary.

The score by periods:									
El Camino	0	12	14	7	—	33			
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	—	0			
Individual scoring:									
El Camino—Kagel, 40 yard pass from Ashcraft (kick failed); Ashcraft, 42 yard pass from Shupe (pass failed); McFadden, 1 yard plunge (Ashcraft, kick); Ashcraft, 30 yard pass from Shupe (Ashcraft, kick); Hasbrouck, 61 yard return of pass interception (Ashcraft, kick).									
TEAM STATISTICS									
EL CAMINO						SACRAMENTO			
8	8	First downs rushing				6			
3	3	First downs passing				0			
1	1	First downs penalties				0			
12	12	Total first downs				11			
150	150	Net yards rushing				46			
136	136	Net yards passing				102			
286	3	Total net yardage				148			
3	3	Lost ball on fumbles				2			
45	45	Yards penalized				60			
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS									
EL CAMINO	tc	yr	tr	20	net	ave			
Shupe	6	7	27	20	3.3	—			
Ashcraft	4	23	0	23	5.8	—			
Fife	7	55	0	55	7.9	—			
McFadden	8	40	0	40	5.0	—			
Sabo	2	37	0	37	18.5	—			
Peters	2	8	0	8	4.0	—			
Boger	2	3	0	3	3.0	—			
Huggins	1	3	0	3	3.0	—			
Brown	2	4	5	—	0.5	—			
SACRAMENTO	9	26	0	26	2.9	—			
Endow	3	4	0	4	1.3	—			
Harris	12	38	34	4	0.3	—			
Gregson	3	6	6	0	0.0	—			
Saunders	3	6	6	0	0.0	—			
Godon	1	12	0	12	12.0	—			
Passing									
Shupe, EC	pa	pc	hi	net	td				
Ashcraft, EC	1	1	0	96	2				
Gregson, S	20	6	3	84	0				
Godon, S	4	3	1	18	0				
Pass Receptions									
Kagel, EC	pc	net	td						
Fife, EC	3	55	1						
McGrew, EC	1	6	0						
Ashcraft, EC	2	72	0						
Tafoya, S	1	16	0						
Tiedemann, S	3	54	0						
Endow, S	1	3	0						
Sykes, S	1	4	0						
Sims, S	1	11	0						
Palacios, S	1	7	0						
Pohl, S	1	7	0						
Punting									
Shupe, EC	punts	yds	blk	ave					
Sabo, EC	4	118	0	29.5					
Del Ponte, S	1	37	0	37.0					
	6	162	1	32.4					



El Camino halfback Keith Fife is headed for trouble, but not until he picks up nine yards against Sacramento in the first quarter. Sacramento players include Richard Tafoya, No. 17, and Doug Sykes, No. 42. Bee Photo by Harlin Smith

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