

El Camino Soars Over Scots 19-13 To Save Title Tie Hopes

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El Camino High's Eagles kept their hopes alive for a Metropolitan League championship tie by edging the Highlands High Scots, 19 to 13, in a league football game last night on Eagle Field.

Approximately 2,500 chilled fans saw the Eagles take a 13 to 0 half time lead and extend it to 19 to 0 in the third quarter before the Scots rallied for two quick touchdowns and a conversion.

El Camino could share in the league title if Sacramento High School upsets the C. K. McClatchy High School Lions in their Thanksgiving Day battle. Woodland and Hiram Johnson High Schools also will tie for the crown if the Dragons top the Lions.

Have 8-2 Record

El Camino's victory capped its most successful football season in history with eight wins and two losses.

The game also was El Camino's last as a Metropolitan League member.

Next year the Eagles will play in a league composed of other San Juan Unified District schools.

Highlands ended its season with four wins, five losses and a tie.

30 Yards For Count

El Camino opened the scoring near the end of the first quarter when halfback Jim Ashcraft took a handoff on a reverse from quarterback Gary Shupe and raced 30 yards to the end zone. Bob Belsey kicked the extra point. El Camino, 7-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, El Camino recovered an onside kick on the Scots' 47 yard line.

A series of short run and pass plays brought the Green and White to the Highlands' 15 yard stripe. From there Shupe passed into the end zone where the ball deflected off the hand of a Highlands defender and into the waiting hands of Ashcraft. Belsey's conversion try was wide. El Camino led 13 to 7.

Gun Halts Drive

Near the end of the first half the Scots drove from their 43 yard line to the El Camino 13 but the gun sounded to end the threat.

A break paved the way for the final Eagle touchdown.

Doug Stark, an Eagle guard, intercepted a pass by Highlands' quarterback Joe Enloe on the Scots' 25 yard line and returned it to the 15. Several plays later, Shupe passed to Ashcraft in the end zone from 10 yards out. Belsey's conversion try failed. El Camino, 19-0.

Highlands took the kickoff and starting from its own 40 yard line moved into the end zone with a minute left in the third quarter.

Runs of 15 yards by halfback Jim Gray and 13, 13 and 5 yards by Mike Harvey led to a final five yard scoring run by Dave Ingersoll. Dave Aten kicked the extra point. El Camino 19, Highlands 7.

Fumble Recovery

The Scots did not wait long to add another touchdown. Three minutes into the quarter, Highlands recovered a fumble by the Eagles' Barry MacFadden on the Highlands 49.

Harvey spurred for runs of 18 and 11 yards and Enloe passed to Gray for 17 yards in bringing the Red and Blue to the six yard line, from where Harvey scored. Aten's conversion try was blocked by Eagle end Bob Montgomery. El Camino 19, Highlands, 13.

The game was close statistically with El Camino registering 14 first downs to 13 for Highlands. The Eagles' total net yardage was 252 to 227 for the Scots.

Coach Gets Cheers

After the game, the jubilant Eagles carried Coach Don Robards on their shoulders to the front of the El Camino rooting section where he received a standing ovation.

In the preliminary game, the El Camino B team defeated the Highlands Bs, 38 to 0.

The score by quarters:

Highlands	0	0	7	6	13
El Camino	7	6	6	0	19
Individual scoring:					
Highlands—Ingersoll, 5 yard run; Harvey, 6 yard run. One conversion by Aten, the other, blocked.					
El Camino—Ashcraft, 30 yard run; passes from Shupe to Ashcraft for 15 and 10 yards. One of Belsey's kicks good, other two, no good.					

TEAM STATISTICS

HIGHLANDS	EL CAMINO
8 First downs rushing	10
4 First downs passing	4
1 First downs penalties	0
13 Total first downs	14
146 Net yards rushing	148
81 Net yards passing	104
227 Total net yardage	252
0 Lost ball on fumbles	1
35 Yards penalized	50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

HIGHLANDS	EL CAMINO
Enloe	Shupe
Wilson	Wheatley
Ingersoll	Ashcraft
Gray	Fife
Harvey	MacFadden
Glenn	Sabo
Mason	Stark
1 tch	6
0 yg	10
12 yl	17
-12 net	7
-6.0 ave.	1.1
2	4
6	17
0	4
0	8
27	66
0	8.2
93	17
93	4.1
9	1.4
0	2.1
5	5.0

Passing

pa	pc	hi	net	td
21	8	1	59	0
1	1	0	7	0
1	1	0	10	0
16	8	2	104	2

Pass Receptions

pc	net	td
5	50	0
1	5	0
3	12	0
1	5	0
3	48	0
1	13	0
2	25	2
1	10	0
1	10	0

Punting

punts	yds	blk	ave.
1	36	0	36.0
3	77	0	25.2