

South: Too Many QBs

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Co-coaches Al Cementina and Kent Miller have a problem facing them Thursday night at the first Santa Clara County High School All-Star football game at Spartan Stadium.

They have four quarterbacks on the South roster and must choose one of them to start for the South.

"That is a problem," admits Cementina. "They'll all play, but it is not easy to have to pick one to start — they have appeared about equal thus far."

When the team was picked, Brad Walker (Lincoln) and Jeff Beeson (Leigh) were thought of more for their defensive prowess and the latter also for his kicking.

Both have sparkled defensively, but both have also been sharp on offense.

"Brad and Jeff have been outstanding" notes Cementina and either could start on offense.

The other pair are Dave Calderon who led Cementina's Lick team to the Mount Hamilton League crown last year, and Bill Christopher, the outstanding competitor from Oak Grove.

There are some who would consider it a pleasant task to have to pick from among four quarterbacks in this class.

The North, for instance, has only two quarterbacks with defensive ace Mike Dean of Cubberley also working at the position in the event Larry Beyer (Cubberley) and Bob Quail (Saratoga) should be unable to carry out their assignments.

North pilots Benny Pierce (Saratoga) and Tom Burt (Los Altos) also have a tough chore in choosing between Beyer and Quail, but their task does not appear nearly as tough as they could alternate the duo by quarters or by series and still give both ample playing time.

The coaches are far from reaching a decision about a starting quarterback.

They do agree, however, that whoever starts, an exciting game is in prospect.

All of them view the game as the best thing that could happen for high school football in Santa Clara County.

The game gives all future prep gridders a goal — the coaches look upon this game as a tremendous incentive to those who plan to play the game on the high school and collegiate level. Those fortunate enough to be selected for the game will have the best exposure possible for post-high school competition as many junior colleges and four year colleges and universities will have their coaching staffs on hand to watch the action Thursday night.

Dick Vermeil of UCLA is the latest of the college coaches who has indicated he or a representative of the Bruin staff will be on hand to watch the first Santa Clara County High School All-Star Football Game at Spartan Stadium Thursday night.

Vermeil, a graduate of San Jose State, will have more than mild interest in the game.

Two who are taking part will be wearing UCLA colors this fall. One of them is Pete Pele, 6-5 and 268 pounder listed as an offensive guard for the North. The other is Tom Clark, 6-5 and 230 who is also an offensive guard, but he plays for the South.

Pele played at Mitty last year after transferring from Overfelt. Clark was an All-West Valley League pick from Leigh.

Other college coaches expected to be in attendance Thursday include Darryl Rogers (San Jose State), Jack Christiansen (Stanford), Vic Bowen (San Francisco State), Jim Sochor (UC Davis), Ray Clemons (Sacramento State), J. R. Boone (Fresno State), Bob Rodrigo (Hayward State), John Crivello (assistant from Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo), Max McCartney (assistant from UC Berkeley), and a representative from the University of Santa Clara.

Junior college coaches in attendance will be Joe Marvin (Cabrillo), Bob Pifferini (DeAnza), Jim Fairchild Foothill), Robert Garcia (Gavilan), Jim Wheelehan (San Jose), Marvin Mays (Santa Rosa), and John Mas (West Valley).

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Among the outlets where tickets may be obtained is the Rebel Shop at Eastridge to serve interested fans in the Eastside.

Other outlets include the San Jose PAL Office, 460 Park Ave.; Dr. Stanley Laderman, 43 Almaden Fashion; San Jose Box Office in Town & Country Village; Saratoga Liquors, 14429 Big Basin Way in Saratoga; Russell Houston Clothing in Palo Alto and Los Altos; Abbey Carpets, Lawrence Expressway and Homestead Road in Santa Clara. Tickets will also be sold at the Stadium on game day starting at 5:30 p.m.

Adults will be admitted for \$4, students for \$2. A family plan includes two adult and three student admissions for \$10.

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Radio station KEEN will broadcast the game with Joe Starkey doing the play-by-play and Dick Schwendinger the color...Bob Ray from KLIV will be the public address announcer ... Halftime entertainment will be provided by the Sunnyvale High School Marching Band.