

## SPORTS A LA CARR

# Back Confident of Completing Passes

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Servite High quarterback Greg Mitchell says he can complete passes to end Geoff de Lapp with his eyes closed.

"Of course, it's just two simple patterns," said the 6-4, 193-pound senior. "We practiced so much this summer that we got so that I could call a pattern, close my eyes and hit Geoff."

Mitchell also changed his delivery this summer from the unorthodox side arm to the accepted overhand. Coach George Dena said he had nothing to do with the change. "He was effective last year, and I didn't want to change him."

### Longer Time

Mitchell said he changed because "people got on me a lot. And it cost me completions. The side arm pass takes longer, because you have to cock your arm."

"Throwing from my ear, the arm is cocked, so my delivery is faster. Also if I start to throw, and find the receiver covered, I can stop and throw in another direction."

De Lapp now stands 6-2, 192 pounds. Both are up 25 pounds from last fall when they were a pair of knife blades.

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Servite's quarterback can throw with his eyes closed, but San Clemente's junior starter Jeff Dusek can throw with either hand.

He plays shortstop in baseball, and in that sport throws right handed, but tosses the football left-handed.

"I don't know why, but for some reason he throws the football better left handed," said new coach George Hartman, who was a line coach at Garden Grove, Western and Savannah before directing El Segundo to 7-2 records in 1964 and 1965.

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Gary Wisben, a 6-2, 170-pound La Quinta sophomore, reminds coach Don Webster so much of Bill Retzer that Webster has him playing offensive end, defensive safety "and I'm even going to have him work on punting."

Retzer was a three-year starter at offensive end and defensive safety in 1961-62-63 for Webster at Garden Grove High and his long, soaring punts, which averaged close to 45 yards were major factors in Garden Grove's 1962 undefeated season, Freeway League championship and 0-0 tie with Mater Dei.

### First Team

He made Times All-County second-team defensive back as a sophomore and first team as a junior and senior but never played football again.

Retzer's brother Bob is a starting defensive end at

Santa Ana College and John plays both offensive and defensive end at Garden Grove High.

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Westminster's 6-2, 225-pound Tom Nelson is a starting tight end this year. Last year he was a starting tackle and as a frosh and sophomore was such a good athlete he played Bee quarterback. Then came his growth.

Last year Boswell made a similar switch from tackle to end with Bill Stirling. Last year, Stirling at 6-3, 225 was one of the biggest of the Sunset League linemen.

This year, 6-0, 238-pound senior tackle Scott McEldowney wears Stirling's old jersey, No. 75, and it's too small for him.

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At the Orange County Football Writers meeting Tuesday, Santa Ana College coach Dick Gorrie risked a food-spattered alpaca sweater.

Fullerton coach Hal Sherbeck, tied 6-6 by Santa Monica, had a mouthful of mashed potatoes and lima beans when Gorrie nudged him and said:

"Don't worry, the Junior Rose Bowl won't hold a tie against you."

Sherbeck choked.

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When will UC Irvine field a football team? How about a freshman team in 1969?

In June, 1969, UC Irvine chancellor Dan Aldrich's son, Stu, is scheduled to graduate from Newport Harbor High.

### Starting End

The elder Aldrich hardly fits the cartoon caricature of the college president. He has the reputation of an aggressive go-getter and doer and the son is just like him, according to Newport football coach Wade Watts.

Last year, as a freshman, he earned a starting defensive end berth at the end of the season. This year, grown to 6-2, 210, he'll start at offensive tackle and defensive end.

"He's a good football player," said Watts.



Greg Mitchell