

Passer Leads Servite to 4th Straight Win

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A N A H E I M — Greg Mitchell threw three touchdown passes to end Geoff DeLapp to lead Servite to its fourth straight victory with a 27-20 triumph over previously undefeated and unscored on St. Paul in the Angelus League opener Thursday night before 7,800 at La Palma Park.

Mitchell tossed 11 and 1-yard passes to DeLapp in the end zone and the end carried a 7-yard pass 35 yards for the other touchdown.

Halfback Jerry Hilsabeck scored the other with a 15-yard run in the third quarter. Lou Cappola kicked three PATs.

Slow Start

For St. Paul, fullback Dave Smith ran 11 yards and quarterback Joe DeLeon tossed scoring passes of 6 yards to Steve McCartney and crashed over himself from the 1 after a 36-yard toss to Curt Timmons.

The game started slowly as both teams tried their muscle for the first 20 minutes before reaching into the play books they had tried to hide from league favored Mater Dei.

In t h e nip-and-tuck game Servite trailed 0-7, tied 7-7, trailed 13-7 at halftime, tied 13-13 and went ahead 20-13 in the third period.

Then they boosted the lead to 27-13 before St. Paul scored its final touchdown in the fourth period.

Passing Sharp

Mitchell hit eight of 10 passes in the third quarter for 75 yards and one touchdown. He hit 13 of 15 for the game.

Servite stopped a St. Paul threat on its own 21 in the third quarter. The hero was middle guard Mike Mohler, a victim of cross-blocks and traps earlier in the drive.

He threw the quarterback for a 5-yard loss on a fourth and 4 situation.

St. Paul scored first and left at intermission with a 13-7 lead. The Swordsmen's drive came after four futile attempts to move the ball.

Smith Explodes

The drive went 46 yards with Smith gaining all the yardage on six plays, capping it with an 11-yard dash over right tackle.

On the third play of the thrust, DeLeon, just as he was smashed to the turf, fired a safety valve pass to Smith, who zig-zagged 20 yards for a first down on the 24.

He scored in three line smashes. Jim Wise kicked the first of his two PATs.

Servite Roars Back

Servite came right back with Mitchell tossing five straight completions for 44 of the 46 yards. The fifth was an 11-yarder to his favorite target, DeLapp, for a score with 1:07 left in the half. Coppola kicked the extra point.

DeLeon started his own aerial thrust with the kickoff. His third straight completion was a 6-yard scoring pass to McCartney with 12 seconds left.