

TURNOVERS END SEASON FOR GREEN VALLEY

Western looks to defend zone title

By Lee Brown
Sentinel-Voice

It's always a tough task to repeat as champions. The Western Warrior football team knows this all too well, as they look to defend their Class AAAA Southern Zone title Friday.

The Warriors advanced to the zone finals after staving off Green Valley 19-13 in overtime last Friday in semi-final action on the Gators' home turf. Western (8-3), also the defending state champions, now must look ahead to their next battle, as they will travel to Cimarron-Memorial Friday for the zone championship, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The Spartans rolled past the Trailblazers of Durango High School 55-14 to make it to the zone finals.

Ironically, it was Western which gave the Cimarron (10-1) their only loss of the season, a 21-14 double overtime loss earlier in the year.

The Western-Green Valley contest was plagued by costly turnovers by both teams. The Warriors fumbled a punt return, setting up the Gators' first touchdown, and had two of its three point-after-attempts blocked, including one in overtime.

The biggest turnover of the game, however was a Green Valley fumble in overtime that sealed the win for Western. On Green Valley's first possession of the extra period, the Gators' Jamar Glaspar— just after blocking a point after attempt following a Western touchdown — fumbled the ball just short of the end zone, sealing the win for Western.

The Gators twice appeared to have had the game won in the last two minutes of regulation. With the game tied at 13, Glaspar pounded into the end zone from the 8-yard-line with just over 1:30 remaining. Unfortunately, however, a holding penalty brought the ball back. Then,

two downs later, Green Valley had a 27-yard field goal attempt blocked which would have won the game for the Gators.

"It was a great win for us," said Western head coach Rich Stevens. "You know — overtime — our guys never gave up. They're junk yard dogs, and they fought to the last second."

Western was led by running back Rosco Denson, whose ground attack netted him 129 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries.

The Warriors attempted only one pass on the night. Green Valley's Glaspar was held to just 18 yards on 7 carries.

The Warriors' offense, which had been dormant much of their season, seemed to begin to get back on track two weeks ago when they exploded for 41 points in a 7 point win over the Valley Vikings in the opening round of the southern zone playoffs.

Green Valley, who finished the season with a 7-4 mark, had defeated Western 37-35 in the season opener.

Ironically, it was Glaspar who was the hero in that game when he brought the Gators back from a 21-3 first quarter deficit with a combination of offense, defense and special teams.

His 3-yard touchdown run late in that game proved to be the winning points for Green Valley, who used that victory to win six of its first seven games.

"That last play was a heartbreaking way to end the season," said Green Valley head coach Larry Thomas. "Jamar Glaspar had a great high school career, but he'll always remember the fumble that cost us the game.

"They are a very disciplined football team," Thomas added of Western. "They do a lot of things very, very well."

Spartans play perfect game, crush Durango

By Diamond Ross
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The Spartan Express keeps on rolling! Cimarron-Memorial High played brilliantly on offense, defense and special teams, crushing the Durango High Trailblazers 55-14 Friday night in a Class 4A Southern Conference semifinal game.

The victory sends 10-1 Spartans to the conference championship game against its lone conqueror this season, the Western Warriors. Western beat the Spartans 21-14 in a double-overtime thriller earlier this season.

The Spartan offense did what it's done all season: lulling defenders by running the ball

inside and outside, then springing up with the play-action pass.

Arnold Parker rushed for 96 yards on 19 carries and three touchdowns, the first this season the junior has rushed for less than 100 yards.

That did not matter. Leonard DeRoche, who added 88 yards, including a 37-yard touchdown run to make the score 21-7. Quarterback Toby Smeltzer was only 3-of-6 passing, but his 37-yard scoring toss to Ross Dalton in the first quarter to make it 14-7, turned out to be the winning score. The Spartan defense proved stubborn, throttling Durango's explosive offense. The Spartans stuffed fifth-rated rusher Alex Dixon, holding him to 65 yards on 17

carries. His longest gain was only eight yards.

Second-rated passer Scott Freel was 12-of-24 for 137 yards, but failed connect on a single scoring pass.

Durango's lone highlight was a 40-yard touchdown pass from Eli Gomez to Jason Carpenter off a fake punt in the first quarter. The trick play tied the score at seven. They did not score again until late in the fourth.

The Spartan defense helped set up the game's first score by recording back-to-back sacks and forcing Durango to punt. Then special teams took center-stage.

A breakdown in protection allowed Kawika Sagapolu to block a punt into the Trailblazer

end zone. Detrick Brown pounced on the loose ball to give the Spartans a 6-0 lead. Special teams also forced a fumble to set up a Parker touchdown as well as gaining nearly 100 yards in returns.

"I'm very proud of how the kids played tonight," Spartan coach Greg Spencer said. "They did a great job. We talked to them about being fundamentally sound would produce some good things, and that's exactly what they did."

The Spartans will play Western, which defeated Green Valley 19-13 in overtime, in a 7 p.m. game at Cimarron. The Gator loss ends the outstanding career of Parade All-America cornerback/running back Jamar Glaspar.

Nigeria

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was a "closet" supporter of the Nigerian regime as "a most preposterous statement."

The Nigerian issue threatened to overshadow the Summit from the very start.

It also succeeded in diverting attention from the conference's equally lukewarm Economic Declaration, that calls for the management of globalization to ensure that the benefits of free trade and investment reach the poor.

The Declaration was criticized by Oxfam for failing to address the issue of growth-fueled economic inequalities and by the Worldwide Fund For Nature for not voicing the environmental danger that can result from free trade and investment.

About the only issue in which the gathered leaders showed some resolve was on the matter of Sierra Leone, where a military coup overthrew President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah in March this year.

The leaders welcomed the U.N. Security Council's resolution imposing petroleum, weapons and travel sanctions on the Sierra Leonean junta and urged Commonwealth member states to ensure their imposition and the junta's continued isolation.

Critics said the variance in the Commonwealth's position points towards Sierra Leone and Nigeria displays the body's inability to take tough measures even when they are only

opposed by countries for purely domestic economic reasons.

"It shows that either African countries are beholden to Nigeria for the cheap oil it sells to these countries or that some

of these so-called civilian administrations themselves have questionable antecedents," Nike Ransome-Kuti said.

"These administrations

either won elections with the help of the military or are themselves the stooges of the military. But this was only to be expected," she said.

More than anything else,

observers said the summit's failure showed the powerful role countries like Nigeria can play in a Commonwealth Summit, even without being physically present.

Hollywood

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Church, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. D. D. Chatman. This benefit performance sponsored by the Brotherhood Group of the church will take place in the 1,000 seat auditorium of the San Fernando Middle School Auditorium, located at 150 North Brand Boulevard. Advance tickets are priced at \$20.00 each, admission at the door \$25.00 and tickets for children under 14 are \$10.00 each. Curtain time will be at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets and additional information for the benefit performance of "Precious Lord" on Saturday, December 6th, can be obtained by calling the church office (818) 899-9155.

Churches or church groups interested in having "Precious Lord" for a benefit performance should call Jo Ann Barner at (818) 791-7574, or Warren Lanier, Sr., at (818) 386-2790... and that's Hollywood this time! Until the next time, Lanier.

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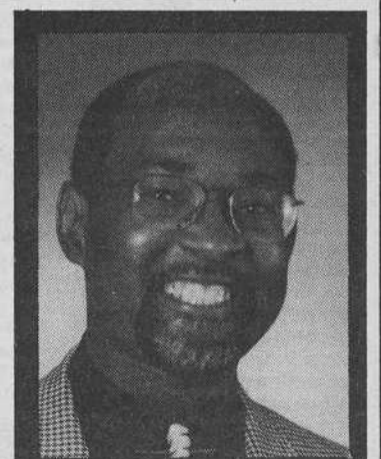
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