

Normans Take On SB Dons Tonight

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For the third consecutive week, the Beverly Hills football team will face a different offense when it hosts Santa Barbara tonight at 7.

Beverly Hills (0-2) has faced a run-oriented offense in Marshfield (Mass.) and a Long Beach Jordan team that used its athleticism. Now, the Normans will see how they fare against a pass-oriented team.

The Dons (0-1) throw on almost every down. In last week's 48-21 loss to Oxnard, quarterback John Uribe attempted 46 passes and completed enough for 212 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Then receiver Roberto Nelson, who had caught Uribe's first scoring pass that gave the Dons a 7-0 lead, played the fourth quarter under center and threw for 107 yards and a touchdown of his own.

Beverly Hills coach Carter Paysinger said Uribe has a strong arm and a go-to receiver in Bryson Lloyd. Lloyd caught 17 passes for a school-record 155 yards against Oxnard.

The Dons will defend with the blitz. Paysinger said the Normans have traditionally been successful when blitzing.

"We expect to do well against the pass this week, but this is the this is the first real challenge (of the season)," Paysinger said.

Last week, Jordan was successful blitzing against the Normans, and Santa Barbara blitzes, too. However, in breaking down film from the Oxnard game, Paysinger said he saw that the Dons are not as athletic or fast, so perhaps quarterback Dex Lucci will rebound from his 6-for-19, 38-yard performance.

If not, there's always Josh Newman, who was 3 of 7 for 65 yards and two interceptions last week. Paysinger said there is no quarterback controversy, but either or both quarterbacks could play in the nonleague season.

"At this point, Dex is our quarterback, but I don't want to lock it in," Paysinger said.

Paysinger also said he expects running back Kenny Bassett to play this week. Bassett rushed just once for seven yards against Jordan because of an injured ankle. Bassett carried 14 times for 130 yards and a touchdown in the Marshfield game.