

Burgess, Heeter Lead Midwestern League Statistics

Roseburg, Cottage Grove and Marshfield, the leading three teams in the Midwestern League grid race, boast the top offensive stars through six games.

Bob (Smoker) Burgess, Roseburg's super star halfback, leads the league in rushing, while end Gary Heeter tops the circuit's pass receivers.

Cottage Grove's Alan Richards and Mark Henningsgaard lead the loop in total offense and passing respectively.

Burgess, sparking the Indians' thrilling 20-13 victory over Cottage Grove's Lions last week with 232 yards and three TD runs, has carried the ball 51 times for a total of 607 yards—an average of 11.9 yards-per-carry. Burgess also jumped to second place among the top 10 total offense leaders with his 607 yards.

Heeter has snared 17 passes for 182 yards to hold a slim edge over Cottage Grove's Chuck Olds in this department. Heeter has been on the receiving end of three TD bombs. Olds has pulled in 15 passes for 222 yards and four TDs.

Following Burgess in the rushing department is North Bend's Mike McKenzie with 209 yards on 28 carries, Richards with 948 yards for 127 carries, and Dennis Goude of Marshfield with 320 yards for 43 carries. Marshfield sports three of the top 10 rushers in league play, with Dennis Parrish ranking sixth and Jerry Button ranking ninth.

Richards boasts a big lead in the total offense category—having gained 948 yards on the ground and an additional 44 yards passing for a grand total of 992 yards. Burgess ranks second to the leader, followed by Button of Marshfield with 519 yards gained rushing.

Henningsgaard has completed 35 of 57 passes for the Lions for 532 yards and eight touchdowns to lead the league's throwers. Henningsgaard's completion percentage is a respectable .614. Jim Beamer, Roseburg, is second with 28 completions out of 49 attempts, and Marshfield's Nick Nylander is third with 27 completions out of 56 times.

The Indians, traveling on schedule towards a third consecutive Midwestern League (District 5-A-1) crown, top the circuit with a perfect 6-0 record. Cottage Grove and Marshfield

Adams Doubtful Starter Sunday For LA Rams

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Tight end John Adams of the Rams was considered today an unlikely starter for Los Angeles' tilt with the San Francisco Forty Niners in the Memorial Coliseum Sunday.

Adams hurt his back last Sunday in the Minnesota game, but didn't complain until the pain grew worse.

Nat Whitmyer, who was scheduled to start for the Rams at right safety, hurt a knee in practice and was put on the doubtful list.

Ducks Rated As Favorites On Saturday

BY HOWARD APPLEGATE
PORTLAND (UPI) — High flying Oregon and resurgent Washington collide for the 57th time Saturday in the Pacific Northwest's annual "prestige" football game, with mud cleats in order.

Rain has fallen much of the week and more is expected.

But rain or not, a noise crowd of more than 35,000 will jam Multnomah Stadium. Every reserved seat has been gone for weeks and the game will be telecast via closed circuit to the 10,000 seat Memorial Coliseum across town.

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The Huskies got a jolt when it was announced in Seattle that guard Rick Sortum would not see action because of a torn foot ligament. Together with all-American guard candidate Rick Redman, Sortum led a rugged defense.

But Washington apparently has fullback Junior Coffey ready for duty. Coffey, out with a broken foot bone earlier, carried the ball four times for 17 yards against Stanford last week. His plunges on a wet field could be a deciding factor.

In the previous 56 meetings, Washington has won 31 and Oregon 20 with five ties. The last four games have seen Washington win twice, Oregon once and one tie—with the point spread just 47-46 for Washington.

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