St. Mary's Vies Friday At Prospect

St. Mary's high Crsaders today completed preparations for a trip to Prospect with indications that both spirit and defense will be better than last week end when they bounced the Talent high football team.

The Crusaders engage the Prospect eleven Friday afternoon in a Jackson County B league fracas. Defending Champion St. Mary's will try to extend its unbeaten conference record to three straight while the Cougars will seek their second victory in three starts.

Prospect, shooting for an upset and playing on its home gridiron, could give the Crusaders one of their toughest tangles in the circuit this year. It will be the only league game the Medford parochial club plays on a rival field this year.

Cougars Threaten

St. Mary's 39 to 20 verdict over Talent and the Bulldogs' 15 to 12 nod over Prospect puts the Medford team in the favored spot this week. But the Cougars in a 25 to 0 win over Jacksonville and even in their loss to Talent have shown a threat, with a good backfield, that the Crusaders won't be taking lightly.

In its Talent mix St. Mary's appeared sluggish and its defense was not so sharp and stout as usual. It's figured the Crusaders will have to show more life to subdue the Cougars.

A somewhat battered squad will make the Prospect jaunt for the Medford Catholic school. Yet all but End Jim Darland should be able to see duty, according to Coach Millard Webb. The wingman broke a thumb in the Talent hassle. End Gerald Darland had his first contact drill in a week yesterday and Back Bill Carey participated in the heavy work for the first time since the Grants Pass mix. Darland hurt his thumb in practice. Carey had a shoulder injury. Neither played against Talent.

Webb reported that others were nursing hurts but should be ready to go.

The mentor indicated that Rodney Read and Gerald Darland or Tony Miksche may be end starters with the possibility that Dick Paup may see some flank service. Duty by Darland, one of the cogs of the club, may be limited because of his ailment. Read has a listed weight of only 130 pounds but is extremely tough for his size, particularly on defense. Miksche has been coming along in games and drills and can provide some weight at the position. Paup is proficient at the wing but is one of the Crusaders' best hands in the backfield and may see most of his action there.

Tackle starters may be Eddie Fogel and Ramon Elberts. Fogel is another who is tough despite small size, 140 pounds. He makes up for lack of beef with sharpness in fundamentals and is a particularly good blocker on offense. Guards probably will be Alson Geren and Francis Murphy with John Walsh at center.

It could be either Carey or Ron Pruitt at quarterback. Pruitt, who also makes up for small size with spirit and determination, is, like Carey, nursing a bum shoulder. Others opening the fray in the backfield may be Paul at left half, Laval Meunier at right half and Jim Jones at fullback.

Coach Wes Stauffer has reported that his Prospect club's chances have been hurt somewhat. He said that two starters have been cut from the squad. Also Jim Martin, guard and anchor in the line, hurt his knee Monday and may be unable to play. On the other hand, Stauffer said, team spirit is good and the club is anticipating a "real good scramble."

Prospect played the Eagle Point junior varsity on Monday, winning 20 to 7 but looking dull.

Possible starters for the Cougars on Friday are Jim Daniels and Leon Bean, ends; Ray Shafer and Don Anderson or Larry Fishbech, tackles; Keith Setzer and Roger Dawson or Jim Hansen, guards; Walter Friday, center; Lyle Pope, quarterback; Don Vannice, fullback, and Don Burwell and Darwin Bean, halfbacks.

Rogue Steelhead Catches Improve

Portland—(U.P.)—The week end report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

SOUTHWEST: Rogue river steelhead catches have slowed down after recent rain primarily because of heavy leaf load in the water. A new run is entering the Galice area, and catches are improving in the Grants Pass to Gold Hill section.

Streams of the upper Umpqua area are high and very turbid, and prospects for the coming weekend are poor for all types of angling. Salmon angling remains fair to good in the Gradiner area of lower Umpqua. Silver salmon are starting to come into Tenmile lake.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Some of West's Finest Football Being Played at Small Schools; Standout Gridders Performing

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco—(U.P.)—If Southern California, University of Washington and UCLA will move over in the headlines for just a minute, we'd like to point out that some of the finest football on the West Coast this year is being played elsewhere.

To be exact, at places like San Jose State, Whitworth, Fresno State and Whittier, to mention just a few.

These schools all are going into the fourth week of the campaign with unblemished records and with prospects good for unbeaten seasons — although San Jose and Fresno tangle later in the campaign.

Not only are these clubs well-coached, but they have some of the finest talent around doing the performing — names that probably won't make the big city headlines until these boys prove themselves in professional football.

Take Maderos

If you think that is unlikely, take the case of George Maderos, star of last year's Chico State team, who has been a standout for the San Francisco Forty Niners in nearly every game this season, or, if you want to go back a few years, how about Dutch Clark, an unheralded youngster from Colorado A & M, before he became one of the professional game's all-time greats with the Detroit Lions.

There is a sophomore at Fresno State, for instance, who already has the pro scouts on his trail. His name is Dean Philpott, a 210-pound, six foot, two inch fullback who looks like he has the makings of a big leaguer.

Whittier has a pair of linesmen who won't be overlooked in the professional draft, either. One is Bob Blechen, 212-pound six foot, four inch tackle; the other Paul Downer, six foot, one inch, 190-pound guard.

San Jose Stars

Of course, San Jose State plays what amounts to nearly a big-time college schedule—without all the fanfare that accompanies such teams as California or USC. So, somewhat overlooked in the headlines, have been quarterback Tony Teresa and fullback Joe Ulm.

"Teresa is the best split-T formation quarterback in the country," says head coach Bob Bronzan, "and Ulm is one of the top fullbacks." The scouts seem to agree.

So, if you are in the vicinity of one of these little cities during the football season, drop in and see one of the so-called "small-time" games.

You may have the thrill of "discovering" your own All-American professional star.

Easy Wins Seen Likely For Big 3

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer

The nation's "Big Three" of college football — Michigan, Maryland, and Oklahoma —will register easy victories this week end.

That's the prediction made today by the wizards of odds in their hard-eyed survey of big gridiron games coming up this Friday and Saturday. In fact, they make every member of the top 10 teams in the country a favorite — except Duke, the No. 10 team, which is a one - point underdog to Ohio State.

Michigan, which seized the No. One spot in the national ranking by drubbing Army, 26-2, last Saturday, opens its quest for the Big Ten championship this week against three-time loser Northwestern. Despite some doubt that injured star end Ron Kramer will play, Michigan is a whopping 21 point favorite.

Maryland, a national leader for the first two weeks of the season and now No. 2, is a 21 point choice over North Carolina.

Sooners Heavy Favorite

Oklahoma, riding a 22-game winning streak, is rated a 28 point pick over Kansas.

Notre Dame, the nation's No. 4 team, collides with Michigan State, the No. 11 team, on Saturday at East Lansing, Mich., in the nationally-televised "game of the week." The unbeaten, untied, and unscored-on Irish are seven point favorites.

Here's how the odds-men regard the other favored teams in the top 10: Georgia Tech No. 5 seven over Auburn No. 17; Texas Christian No. 6 10 over Texas A&M; UCLA No. 7 19 over Stanford; Wisconsin No. 8 six over Southern California on Friday night; and unscored-on Navy No. 9, 13 over Penn State.

Here's how the odds-men size up the other big weekend games:

Intersectional: Baylor and Washington even; Boston College 10 over Detroit; Wyoming seven over Tulsa; Pittsburgh 14 over Nebraska; Indians 20 over Villanova.

East: Princeton six over Colgate; Yale seven over Cornell; Brown seven over Rutgers; Army 21 over Syracuse; Harvard one over Columbia.

South: Alabama three over Tennessee; Wake Forest seven over North Carolina State; Kentucky seven over Mississippi State; Florida seven over Louisiana State; Mississippi 13 over Tulane; West Virginia 21 over William & Mary.

Midwest: Marquette one over Cincinnati; Iowa seven over Purdue; Illinois seven over Minnesota; Colorado seven over Kansas State; Missouri seven over Iowa State.

Southwest: Texas three over Arkansas; Rice six over SMU; Houston 13 over Oklahoma A&M.

West: Denver two over Utah; Washington State seven over Idaho; Oregon three over California; College of Pacific six over Oregon State.

HOCKEY

By UNITED PRESS

Thanks to Gordon Vejprava and Jackie Gordon, the Cleveland Barons had their second win of the new American Hockey league season today and a one-point lead over Providence in the standings.

Vejprava, who played briefly with the Reds last year, scored two goals and came up with an assist while Gordon scored one goal and had two assists in Cleveland's 8-2 romp over the Springfield Indians.

By UNITED PRESS

Terry Sawchuk has the Vezina trophy in his home today, and the Boston Bruins' fans have their first proof that the star goalie earned it.

Sawchuk, traded from the Detroit Red Wings to the Bruins during the off-season, was formally presented with the trophy as the National Hockey league's top goalie for 1954-55 Wednesday night at Boston Garden. He said his "thanks" and then went out and blanked the Toronto Maple Leafs, 2-0.

BOSTON SELLS SAN JOSE

San Jose, Calif. — (U.P.) —The Boston Red Sox have sold their San Jose farm club of the California State league to a San Jose advertising agency executive and former publicist. Financial terms of the sale have not been announced but Chuck Mallory, who bought the club, will take over Jan. 1, 1956.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Northern Jackson Hunt Prospects Reported Good

Portland—(U.P.)—The week end report on hunting conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

SOUTHWEST: Southern Jackson county has been heavily hunted, and prospects are fair. Northern Jackson county prospects are good. Josephine county best chances will be east of highway 99 and 199. Recent rains have brought hunting conditions in Douglas county to the peak of perfection. Deer hunters who have braved the wet weather have enjoyed good success with most of the deer being in excellent condition.

CENTRAL: Best prospects for hunting this week end are the areas along the upper Crooked river from an area starting at Post eastward to Paulina and Camp creek and portions of Bear creek, also the fringes of the Ochoco national forest east of Prineville and portions of the forest on the north fork of the Crooked river eastward to the ranger station. Most of the land in these areas outside of the national forest is private and permission must be obtained. There have been good rains in these areas, and hunting conditions are now excellent. Deer are well scattered, and most deer are still in the thickets where they need to be movd out by hunters who will beat the brush to get the best results.

SOUTHEAST: Hunting is good generally through the southeast region. Some rain has fallen in Harney county. Hunting has slacked off in the Mahogany mountain, but it is expected that Idaho's special deer hunt No. 9, Oct. 8 to 12, will start the deer moving back into the Mahogany mountain area.

NORTHEAST: Recent storms have caused some migrations from the higher elevations. Most areas above 5,000 feet elevation now have snow cover. Hunters should carry chains as many roads are in bad condition. Prospects are excellent for the coming week end in Grant county. There have been some migrations on the north side of the John Day river, Frenchy butte, Morgan creek, Dry Soda lookout and the head of Murderers creek all should be good.

Deer are numerous along the John Day river bottom between Twickenham and Dayville, Cherry creek and Kahler basin.

Hoad Thinks Over Pro Net Offer

Darwin, Australia—(U.P.)—Australian tennis star Lew Hoad said today he has only until next Monday to make up his mind whether to follow American star Tony Trabert into the professional ranks.

The hard-hitting, 20-year-old Aussie said he is carrying a contract offered him by American promoter Jack Kramer—reportedly calling for $50,000 — but hasn't yet reached a decision.

"I'm not committed to anything," said Hoad.

Tornado Holds Lengthy Session To Prep for Klamath Falls Mix

If a long-winded Wednesday session has its desired result, Medford high's football contingent will be rarin' to go in its Southern Oregon Conference Friday night on Modoc field in Klamath Falls.

The Black Tornado went about the business of grooming for the Pelicans for almost four hours yesterday. Review of motion pictures began about 2 p.m. and a chalk talk followed. Gridders then took to the practice field about 3:30 p.m. and the drill lasted until about 6 p.m.

This week's heaviest day of preparations included in the physical work both defense and offense with some time devoted to pass scrimmage.

Drills saw Halfback Mike Hawkins running again. He was laid up over the week-end with an attack of flu. Back on hand was Tackle Rodney Hammer who has been on the shelf for a good long period with a hand fracture.

Chances Good

But still among the sidelined was Tackle Mel Morgan and Coach Fred Spiegelberg said that the services of the first line defensive player will be sorely missed in the important loop and District 6 A-1 tangle with the Pelicans. "We could surely use him this game," the mentor said. "We need all the fast big guys we can get."

Despite a jinx of no victories over the Pels at Klamath Falls since 1945, the Black Tornado and its followers feel that the Medford eleven has a good chance this week as it starts defense of its championship. But the Tornado realizes that some odds are against it.

There's the Pel success on its home field and the fact that Medford's forward wall will be up against a Klamath line made up almost entirely of first stringers from last year. And the Pels have some experience and good deception in their T offensive.

However, most of the conflicts since Medford's 51 to 0 win in 1945 have been close. And, it's felt that if the Tornado plays good football and gets some breaks they'll change their luck on the Modoc turf.

Coach Spiegelberg said that about 40 players will make the Klamath trip. It is the last regularly slated road trip of the year for the Tornado although there are Medford hopes for jaunts in state eliminations.

Probable Line-Ups

The mentor listed Dick Copple and Jerry Gatlin as likely offensive starters at end for Medford with Mike Stearns and Maury Butts to get first assignment on defense. Tackles probably will be Neil Plumley and Al Boardman with Larry Cranston replacing Boardman for defense. Monte Holst and Jack Gregory should be at guards with Gregory at linebacker and Holst at linebacker and guard on defense. Other defensive guard may be Bob Apple. Center for offense probably will be Gary Shaffer.

There's a choice at three spots for the offensive backfield. Dick McLoughlin may be at quarter, John Bellack or Gary Riley at left half, Mike Hawkins or John Hawley at right half and Dave Bosworth or Larry Gobert at fullback. McLoughlin is ticketed for linebacker service. Bellack and Bosworth could be at defensive halfbacks with Riley at safety.

Possibles for Klamath on offense are Larry Heaton and Bill Badorek, ends; Bob Harshbarger and Jim McGee, tackles; Roy Ropp and Modesto Jiminez or Al Siegner, guards; Cal Tichenor, center, and Donn Taucher, Lee McGill, Tom Ferrell and Dave Leeling, backs.

Tiger Jones Bout Victor

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Middleweight contender Ralph (Tiger) Jones, who licked Al Andrews in their TV-radio fight here Wednesday night, began maneuvering today for a title shot.

"Get me Ray Robinson and then champion Bobo Olson," said the seventh-ranked contender from Yonkers, N.Y. "I can beat Robinson again and I'll knock out Olson in six or seven rounds."

Despite Jones' personal yen for a bout with Robinson, it was learned that his handlers were negotiating for a possible clash with Rocky Castellani of Cleveland, O., the third-ranked middleweight contender, in New York or Miami in December.

The Tiger didn't knock out speedy Andrews Wednesday night, but he had him clutching groggily and ready for the canvas in the last round, after staggering three times in earlier sessions.

Pass-Famed Club Heads Grid Rushing

New York — (U.P.) — Texas Christian, long a main attraction in the Southwest's "aerial circus" and home of such famed passing stars as Sammy Baugh and Davey O'Brien, leads the nation's college football teams today in yards gained rushing.

That right—rushing, not passing.

Top honors in passing are held by West Virginia's Mountaineers who live a long way from the pass-happy Southwest. West Virginia also has gained enough yards rushing to lead the nation in total offense, which may mean that Texas Christian has the wrong idea.

Using this "unorthodox" system of running for yards, TCU has ripped off four straight wins over Kansas, Texas Tech, Arkansas, and Alabama to equal its entire victory total for any season since 1951.

The Frogs have gained 1,337 yards on the ground, an average of 334.3 per game. They've gained only 155 yards passing, an average of 39 per game.

Average of 432.7

West Virginia has gained 209.3 yards per game via passing in its three triumphs so far this season. The Mountaineers have gained even more yardage on the ground in a well-balanced attack and so lead the nation in total offense with an average of 432.7 yards gained per game.

Illinois, which ranks sixth in rushing and ninth in passing, combines the two for a second place in total offense with an average of 414.0 yards gained per game. Oklahoma, third in rushing, holds the same spot overall with 387.3 yards per game. Wisconsin, fourth in passing, holds that spot overall with 384.3 yards per game. Boston College, fourth in rushing, stands fifth in total offense with an average of 375.5.

Behind West Virginia's 209.3 in passing, come Texas with 165.5, Drake with 160.5, Wisconsin with 159.3, and Georgia with 153.5.

West Virginia is the nation's top scoring team with 42 points per game, a total of 126 in three games. Other high-scoring teams are: Army 39.3 per game, Duke 33.7, Harvard 33.5, Denver, 33, Texas Christian 31.5, Yale 29.0, Holy Cross 28.7, UCLA 28.5 and Southern California 27.8.

American League Attendance Over Figure for 1954

Chicago — (U.P.) — The American league could thank a red-hot pennant race and the Kansas City Athletics today for an 11.3 per cent increase in attendance during the 1955 season.

The eight league teams drew 8,942,971 fans, an increase of 1,020,607 over 1954, President Will Harridge announced Wednesday.

Kansas City's increase actually amounted to more than the league total. The Athletics drew 1,393,054, a whopping 78.1 per cent increase over the 304,666 fans they drew in Philadelphia in 1954.

Three other clubs, New York, Detroit and Boston, also showed increases over 1954 and for the first time in history six clubs drew more than 1,000,000 at home. Only Washington and Baltimore failed to at least that many.

New York had the largest attendance both at home, with 1,490,138, and on the road, where the pennant winners lured 1,683,729 fans.

Junior High To Have Full Grid Slate

Hedrick junior high school athletic teams will be known as the Hornets, it was announced today. The name was chosen on Tuesday by vote of the students Medford's new east side school.

Football activity for Medford junior high schools will be at full blast this Friday and Saturday. In addition to Hedrick and McLoughlin ninth and eighth grade rivarly with others school, seventh graders will begin their intramural program.

Ninth graders of both McLoughlin and Hedrick see action Friday and each school will be going after its first victory. McLoughlin goes to Grants Pass for a 3 p.m. scuffle and Hedrick opposes Ashland on McLoughlin's field.

Eighth graders vie on Saturday. McLoughlin plays Central Point at 10 a.m. and Hedrick meets Grants Pass at 2 p.m. Both games are on the McLoughlin turf.

Seventh grade football starts at 4 p.m. Friday with Hedrick Reds opposing McLoughlin Whites and Hedrick Blues battling McLoughlin Blacks. The simultaneous hassles will be on the senior high practice field. Clubs will play eight minute quarters on 80 by 40 yard fields.

A regulation-size football will be used. Players will be required to wear tennis shoes. Cleats will not be permitted. The schedule is patterned after the grade school slate.

Coaches are Bob (Tiger) Smith, McLoughlin Whites; Chick Quinowski, McLoughlin Blacks; Bruce Nelson, Hedrick Blues and Bob Work, Hedrick Reds. The Blues are also calling themselves the Termites. The two coaches as each school chose up sides in effort to equally divide the material. Smith and Quinowski are students at Southern Oregon college and are on a practice teaching program.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 14—Hedrick Reds vs. McLoughlin Whites; Hedrick Blues vs. McLoughlin Blacks.

Friday, Oct. 21—Hedrick Reds vs. McLoughlin Blacks; Hedrick Blues vs. McLoughlin Whites.

Friday, Oct. 28—Hedrick Reds vs. Hedrick Blues; McLoughlin Whites vs. McLoughlin Blacks.

Saturday, November 5— Play-off between top two teams and bottom two teams.

Puscas to Leave On Europe Trip

New York — (U.P.) — The Amateur Athletic union announced today that 12 top U.S. boxers will fly from New York next Monday for an "exploratory" fistic tour of Europe that may "prepare the air" for an annual around-the-world tour.

Nine of the 10 U.S. national champions will make the European tour. They include Jackie Puscas, Eugene, Ore., 132.

The squad will be accompanied by Ben Harris of Portland, Ore., as manager, and Raymond Connolly of Philadelphia, coach-trainer.

WANT TO HOST RUSSIANS

Raleigh, N. C. — (U.P.) — Officials of the Consolidate universityof North Carolina are expected to act Friday on a request from North Carolina State college athletic officials for approval of their offer to act as "official hosts" for a Russian Olympic basketball team which may tour the United States.

ROWING SITE CHOSEN

New York — (U.P.) — For the fifth straight year, the Intercollegiate Rowing association, regatta will be held next June 16 on Onandaga Lake, near Syracuse, N.Y. The IRA board of stewards announced today.

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