

H. Ferguson Challenges Alan Ameche

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Full-back Howie Ferguson of the Green Bay Packers, a man they didn't want in the National Football League, used two big week ends to challenge Alan (The Horse) Ameche for the rushing lead in the pro league today.

Handsome Howie, finally emerging as a star after two years during a three-season NFL career, rushed for 69 yards last week end and 120 the week before. That boosted him to second place only 74 yards behind the Baltimore Colts' rookie with four games to go.

Ameche, limited to 40 yards last Sunday and 32 the week before, set the pace with 707 yards. Ferguson was second with 633 and defending champion Joe Perry of the San Francisco Forty-Niners was third with 541.

Waived About
The 6-foot, 2-inch, Scotch-Irish 210-pound Ferguson played four years of service ball on the West Coast and was signed by the Los Angeles Rams in 1952. They waived on him in September. The Packers signed him in 1953, waived him out the following September, and then recalled him.

Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, despite two rugged week ends, set the pace in passing with a 9.14-yard average, with Ed Brown of the Chicago Bears hanging on to second place. Brown, who was fourth two weeks ago, posted an 8.6 average.

Veteran End Tom Fears of the Rams caught nine passes last week end and jumped from seventh place to the top in pass receptions. The former UCLA expert has a total of 36 receptions. Defending co-champions Pete Pihos of the Philadelphia Eagles and Harlan Hill of the Bears, along with Billy Wilson of the 49-ers, are tied for second place with 35 each.

Scoring Lead
Doak Walker of the Detroit Lions scoring 13 points, took over the individual scoring lead with 69, followed by Vic Janowicz of the Washington Redskins, the leader for six weeks, and George Blanda of the Bears. Janowicz was held to one conversion in Washington's win Sunday.

Other leaders were Norm Van Brocklin of the Rams in punting; Ron Drzewiecki of the Bears in punt returns; Al Carmichael of the Packers in kickoff returns, and Willard Sherman of the Rams in interceptions.

Football

Seattle, Wash. — (U.P.) — Coach Johnny Chierberg sent his University of Washington Huskies out on the frozen practice field today because "we may have to play under rugged conditions on Saturday, so we might as well get used to them."

ALVARADO OUT

Pullman, Wash. — (U.P.) — Right halfback Rey Alvarado of Washington State will miss Saturday's game against the University of Washington because of a chipped bone in his ankle, according to Coach Al Kircher. Either sophomore Clarence Coplin or senior Dewey Keith will replace Alvarado as the starter.

WEBFOOTS FIRED

Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.) — A fired-up squad of University of Oregon Ducks held a rugged practice session yesterday in preparation for Saturday's game against Oregon State — which they hope to win for "Cas."

WENSTRAND BACK

Corvallis, Ore. — (U.P.) — Coach Tommy Prothro had his Oregon State Beavers working hard behind locked gates for the first time this year as they prepared for Saturday's traditional struggle with the University of Oregon Ducks. First string fullback Arlo Wenstrand, benched since the Washington game, was back in uniform and should make the Duck contest. Tailback Joe Francis' injured shoulder showed improvement and he was expected to be in top form for the big one.

BEARS IN GOOD SHAPE

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — The University of California Bears should be in good shape for Saturday's traditional "Big Game" against the Stanford Indians, according to Coach Lyn Waldorf, who said only left tackle Bob Oliver is on the doubtful list. Left half Johnny Wilson has a cold, but is expected to be on tap for Saturday's game, and Herb Jackson, who missed out last week end, should be back in his left half spot.

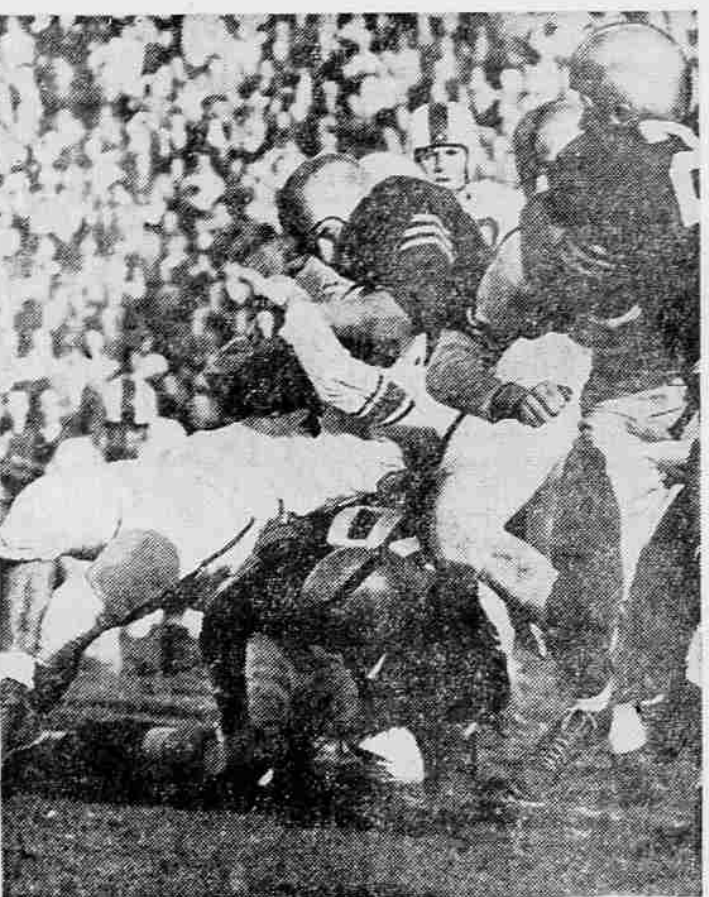
INDIAN COACH PLEASED

Stanford, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Stanford Indians worked hard on plays yesterday which they hope will give them their first "big game" victory over California since 1964 — and Coach Chuck Taylor was well pleased with the workout.

BRUINS MAY PASS

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — UCLA

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



ARMY SMOTHERS PENN, 40-0—Penn halfback Frank Riepl, who returned the opening kickoff 108 yards for a touchdown against Notre Dame the week before, is hit low by Army's Flay Goodwin (70) and smothered by other Army defenders as he returns a punt for 30 yards at Philadelphia. Army rolled over Penn, 40-0.

Band Still Plans For Trip To Shrine Grid Fray at SF; Hopes For OSAA Approval

Medford senior high band is going ahead with plans for its fifth annual trip to the East-West Shrine football game December 31 at San Francisco with the hope that a change in an Oregon School Activities association regulation will enable it to make the trip.

Current rule in Oregon School Activities association delegate assembly minutes bars high school athletic teams and bands from making jaunts of more than 600 miles (round trip) out of state. Athletic teams, however, can request permission for such trips and make them if permission is granted. There is no such "appeal" for bands.

The OSAA delegate assembly will hear a report on the matter from the band committee at its November 26 meeting. Just what the committee will recommend and how delegates will act is not certain. However, Medford School Superintendent Leonard Mayfield has contacted some members of the committee and has found them receptive to a regulation which is not so tight nor so far reaching as the one now in force.

National Recommendation

It is hoped that the rule will be so altered that teams and bands in this area can continue trips such as have been made to San Francisco by the Medford and Klamath Falls musical organizations. Present rule was adopted from a recommendation of the National Federation of State High School Athletic associations. It is felt here that it is

MIBL Will Meet Thursday Night

A meeting of Medford Independent Basketball league officers and team managers or sponsors will be held on Thursday. The session will be at 8 p.m. at the Medford YMCA. President Dick Phillips said that Thursday night is the deadline for submitting entry fees. A circuit of eight to 10 teams will operate.

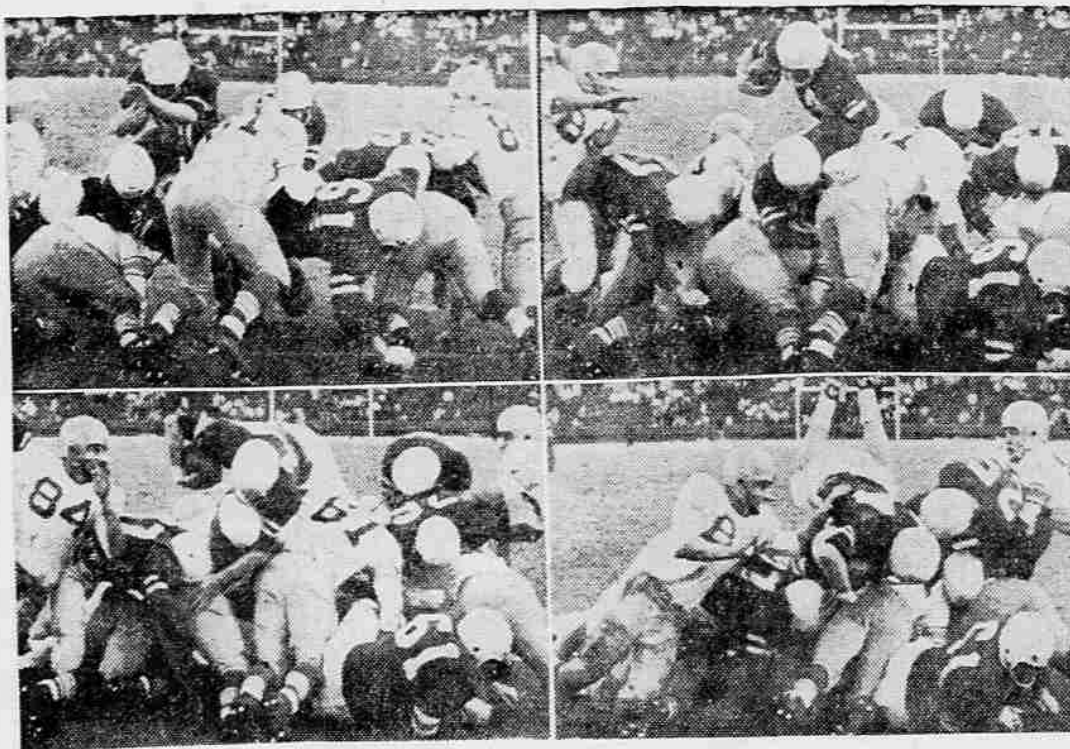
Coach Henry (Red) Sanders indicated he may stage an aerial game against Southern California Saturday despite the loss of his star passer, Ronnie Knox, who suffered a broken leg against Washington. Sanders moved Edison Griffin, a sophomore, up from the junior varsity to the fourth string tailback spot yesterday and had him throwing along with Sam Brown, Doug Bradley and Gerry McDougall.

Trojans Stress Aerials
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Southern California Coach Jess Hill stressed passing today as he prepared his Trojans for the UCLA game, putting his three quarterbacks through lengthy passing drills.

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PIILING ON THE SCORE—Completing a day of scoring for Stanford in game against Oregon university at Stanford, Calif., is Indian third-string quarterback Jack Lewis, shown scoring late in the fourth quarter to make the

final score read, Stanford 44, Oregon 7. From top-left to bottom-right, Lewis literally bowls his way over the scrimmaging linemen to fall into the end zone.

Sam Brown, John Brodie In PC Lead

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — UCLA's Sam Brown and Stanford's John Brodie have replaced Southern California's Jon Arnett in two individual offensive departments of Pacific Coast Conference play, statistics released by the PCC commissioner's office showed today.

In team performances, Stanford replaced Oregon as the total offense leader while UCLA con-

tinued as the top defensive team.

Brown gained 140 yards rushing last week end to take leadership with 679 yards for the season. Bill Tarr, Stanford, was second, with 596. Arnett, whose team was idle last week, has 590.

Arnett also dropped from first to third in total offense as Brodie moved to the top. Brodie now has 842 yards, with all

but 14 on passing. UCLA is second with 811, while Arnett has 722.

Brodie has a commanding lead in passing with 62 completions in 114 attempts. Leading pass receiver is Stanford's John Stewart with 24 receptions for 316 yards.

Arnett retained his lead in scoring with 84 points and also in both kick return departments, having 275 yards on punts for

an average of 19.6 and 332 yards on kickoffs for a 30.2 average. Top-ranked punter is Ray Westfall of Oregon State with a 42.2 yard average.

In team competition, Stanford took over the total offense lead by gaining 343.6 yards per game. Stanford also is the top passing team with 151.3 yards a game and for a total of 10 touchdowns.

UCLA has given up only 210.6 yards per game total defense and also has the best rushing defense average, 139.7. Washington has allowed opponents the fewest yards passing, 59.3.

Oregon State is the top punting team with an average of 39.1. Oregon leads in interceptions, having picked off 16. Southern

California has the best kick return average—17.0 punts and 28.5 on kickoffs. Four have been returned for touchdowns.

MAY QUIT LOOP

Shreveport, La. — (U.P.) — Shreveport plans to quit the Texas league after the 1956 baseball season unless there is a 50 per cent increase in attendance, club officials announced Tuesday.

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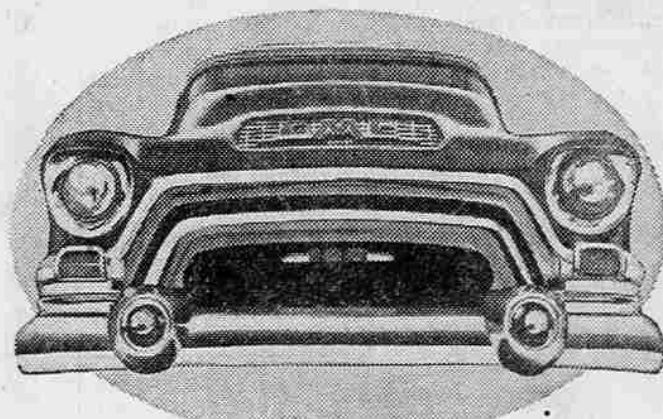
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