

Jack Morris Valuable in Many Ways In UO Webfoots' March to Rose Bowl

By HOWARD APPLIGATE
Eugene, Ore. — If you're looking for a football player to hang the title of "hero" onto this season, how about Jack Morris of Oregon?

Morris is the fullback on the Oregon team that has clinched its first Rose Bowl trip in 38 years. He literally kicked the Webfoots into the Pasadena game against Ohio State but his placement booting was only a fraction of his value to the team. Morris also is the top blocker in Oregon's running game; he's the fastest back on the team; he does the punting; is a good pass receiver and is the team leader. On top of that, he already has been drafted by the Los Angeles Rams, who believe that his best chances are as a defensive back.

Jack has been little short of sensational in coming through in the clutch for a team that wasn't supposed to have a chance.

Oregon has won six out of seven Pacific Coast conference games to date and has at least a tie for the title clinched. Morris, a balding Air Force veteran from Medford, Ore., personally has won four of those games.

His best effort came last Saturday against Southern California. In overcoming a jinx dating back to 1911 in not being able to beat USC in Los Angeles' giant coliseum, Morris scored a touchdown on a 63-yard run, kicked a 21-yard field goal, ran up 212 yards in 15 carries and added an extra point. Thus he scored 10 points in a game Oregon won by nine, 16-7.

In the first game of the year against Idaho, Morris kicked the first field goal of his college career. Oregon won, 9-6.

Against Washington State, a Rose Bowl eligible, Morris kicked two extra points. Oregon won, 14-13.

Against Stanford, another bowl eligible, Morris kicked three extra points. Oregon won, 27-26.

The 188-pound senior has been clocked at 9.5 in the 100-yard dash. Coach Len Casanova said: "He's the guy that makes our team go." But by that Casanova referred to Morris' blocking, which has broken halfbacks Jim

Shanley and Charley Tourville loose for consistent gains all season.

Jack, who ran the low hurdles and 100-yard dash for Oregon's track team, is the PCC record co-holder for consecutive extra points. That string was broken in the Idaho game this season when he had to kick from the 17 after a holding penalty nullified his kick that would have shattered the old mark.

He now ranks third among Oregon's all-time rushing leaders, behind Shanley and George

Bell, the latter of 1947-48-49 vintage.

About the only thing Morris hasn't done this year is pass, but he probably could do that, too.

Acting as spokesman for the team when it returned from the Southern Cal game last Sunday to a joyous welcome, Morris said: "The players and I want you to get excited about only one thing: Beat the Beavers (Oregon State). We'll begin worrying about the Rose Bowl after this Saturday."



JACK MORRIS
Kicks Ducks Into Bowl

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Injuries To Keep Pro Grid Stars Out of Key Contests

By EARL WRIGHT
United Press Sports Writer
Injuries will keep at least three and possibly five stars out of Sunday's key National Football league games.

The odds-makers, who keep a close watch on injuries, have made the Colts 6½ point choices to whip the San Francisco Forty-Niners at Baltimore. The Lions are 5½ point choices to defeat the Chicago Bears at Detroit. The Colts, Lions and Forty-Niners are tied for the Western Division lead.

The Browns are 3½ point favorites against the Los Angeles Rams at Cleveland while the New York Giants are 6½ point favorites to beat the Cards at Chicago. The Steelers are favored over the Green Bay Packers by 3½ points at Pittsburgh and the Washington Redskins are favored over the Eagles by 1½ at Philadelphia.

Detroit is in top shape to play before a capacity home crowd of more than 55,000 but the Bears will go into the "grudge" game without Harlon Hill. Hill, all league offensive end, suffered a shoulder injury during last Sunday's 29-14 loss to the Colts. He is out for the season.

Ed Meadows of the Bears started a flurry of "dirty play" charges last Dec. 16 when his tackle of Bobby Layne sent the Detroit quarterback to the sidelines with a concussion. The Bears went on to win the game and the Western Division title.

The Colts and 49ers may play without star pass receivers, Clyde Conner, 49er end, definitely is out with a shoulder injury. Jim Mutscheller, Baltimore end, may not play. He has a sprained ankle.

Tackle Bob St. Clair and Bob Holladay, a defensive back, also are out of the Forty-Niner lineup.

Los Angeles will play Cleveland without Will Sherman, one of its best defensive backs. He has a dislocated elbow.

Webster in Hospital
Alex Webster, New York halfback may not play at Chicago. He still is in the hospital with

an ear infection which kept him out of last week's 13-0 victory over the Eagles.

Norb Hecker, veteran Washington safety man, won't play against the Eagles because of a twisted knee.

Bill Michael, Pittsburgh guard who has been out with a broken leg bone, will be in uniform and may play against the Packers. Willie Lee, Steeler tackle, has a pulled tendon but will play.

This week's selections: Lions (5-3) over Bears (3-5), Colts (5-3) over Forty-Niners (5-3), Browns (6-1-1) over Rams (4-4), Giants (6-2) over Cards (2-5), Packers (2-6) over Steelers (4-3), Redskins (2-5-1) over Eagles (2-6).

Footballers Change Into Hoop Togs

Medford High varsity basketball roster swelled to 25 yesterday with the addition of some 10 sophomores and juniors who have been on the football squad.

Senior aspirants for berths on the Black Tornado hoop crew, who have been out for football, are not to report until next week. Head Coach Frank Roelandt reported. He indicated that he will choose his more or less permanent squad some time next week. Roelandt has five lettermen from last year's runner-up club for district laurels. They are Don Bowling, Bilbee Lane, seniors, and Don Peek, junior, who are now drilling, and Tom Hamlin and Frank Albert, seniors who have been playing football. Hamlin is the most experienced among the returnees.

Some of the underclassmen are looking very good, Roelandt stated.

Medford will bid this fall for a fourth straight trip to the state A-1 tournament at Eugene. Although two of the five teams from the Southern Oregon conference will qualify, the Black Tornado is expected to have a rough road in its quest of a tourney jaunt.

KC Trades Bill Martin To Detroit

Detroit — Billy Martin, 29, a scrappy infielder who boasts the New York Yankees never lost a pennant while he was in their line-up, was obtained by the Detroit Tigers today in a 13-player trade with the Kansas City Athletics.

Martin moved to the Tigers along with outfielders Gus Zernial and Lou Skizas, pitchers Tom Morgan and Mickey McDermott and catcher Tim Thompson.

Detroit gave up outfielders Bill Tuttle and Jim Small, catcher Frank House, and pitchers Duke Maas and John Tsitouris in the swap.

Night Club Brawl
The Tigers will send two minor league players to the Athletics at a later date to complete what Detroit officials termed "one of the biggest trades in our history."

Martin, a fiery native of San Francisco, who was with the Yankees for five years before his exit last summer after an alleged night club brawl in New York, was the key player in the trade from Detroit's point of view.

He is expected to take over the shortstop job for the Tigers and pave the way for Harvey Kuenn to move to right field or first base.

Zernial, a power hitter, had long been sought by the Tigers. He has batted over .225 home runs during his major league career which started with the Chicago White Sox in 1949. The past season, he connected for 27 homers and drove in 69 runs although his batting average was only .236.

Odds-makers Rate Oregon, Oregon State Even Money

New York — The odds-makers figure Oklahoma will bounce back into the victory column Saturday and that Notre Dame may suffer a natural let-down after snapping the Sooners' 47-game winning streak.

Consequently, Oklahoma is the biggest favorite on this week's card, the odds-makers picking them to beat Nebraska at Lincoln, Neb., by a whopping 27 points.

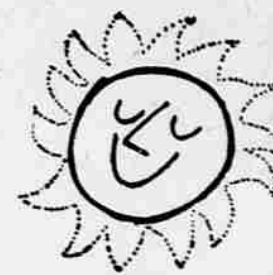
And Notre Dame was quoted a seven-point underdog against Iowa in a game at South Bend, Ind.

Ohio State, second in the national ratings, is a three-point choice over Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich.; UCLA seven over Southern Cal at Los Angeles, and Princeton seven over Dartmouth in a game at Princeton, N.J., which will decide the Ivy League championship.

North Carolina State was picked over South Carolina, Baylor over Southern Methodist and Missouri over Kansas, all by the margin of a single point. Oregon and Oregon State at Eugene, Ore., were quoted at even money.

The odds on other leading games:
East—Pittsburgh six over Penn State, and West Virginia four over Syracuse.
Midwest—Purdue 21 over Indiana; Illinois 14 over Northwestern; Colorado 14 over Iowa State, and Wisconsin seven over Minnesota.
South — Clemson 19 over Wake Forest; Maryland 12 over Virginia; Duke seven over North Carolina; Tennessee seven over Kentucky, and Georgia Tech over Florida.
Southwest—Arkansas 14 over Texas Tech; Houston seven over Tulsa, and Rice three over Texas Christian.
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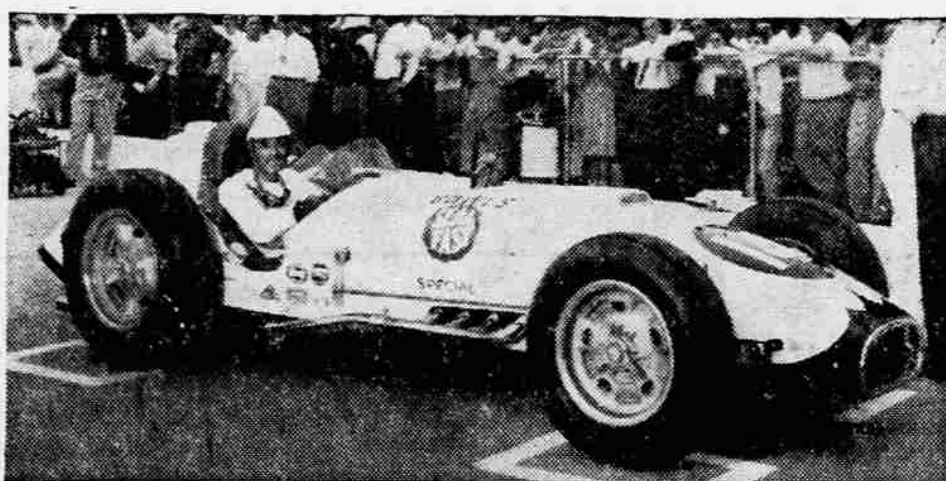
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