

Merrill Trims St. Mary's 59-49 in District Play-Off

Klamath Falls-Merrill high staved off a threat at the finish here last night to upend St. Mary's 59 to 49 in the opener of a playoff series for the District 5B basketball championship.

The clubs clash again tonight at Oregon Technical institute. If St. Mary's wins to even the series a third game will be necessary here on Saturday.

Winner of the playoff will represent the district in the state B tourney next week at Bend.

Merrill led by 43 to 35 going into the final period last night but the scrappy and determined Crusaders cut the gap to 47 to 42 midway through the panel and score was 51 to 46 with less than three minutes to play.

Bruce Brickner and Bud Maupin then combined as the Huskies pulled away.

Miller, Score Mound Rivals

Phoenix, Ariz. —UPI— Manager Bill Rigney today nominated the soft-throwing Stu Miller to start on the mound when the San Francisco Giants open their 29-game exhibition season Saturday against Cleveland.

Rigney said that he would follow Miller with Joe Shipley and then let Don Zanni hurl the last three innings.

The Indians, meanwhile, have named the dazzling Herb Score to start against San Francisco.

This news caused Rigney to announce an all right-handed hitting line-up for Saturday's battle.

The tentative batting order: Jim Davenport, 3b; Felipe Alou, rf; Willie Mays, cf; Ray Jablonski, 1b; Daryl Spencer, ss; Bob Schmidt, c; Don Tausig, lf; Miller, p.

EDSTROM OUT

Eugene —UPI— Dave Edstrom, ace decathlon and hurdler man for Bill Bowerman's University of Oregon track team, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday and will be out of track competition for at least a month. The 19-year-old junior, one of this country's leading decathlon prospects for the 1950 Olympics, will miss the meet with Fresno State March 28, according to Bowerman.

Maupin led the individual tabulations with 23 points. John Haskins had 14 and Brickner 13 for Merrill. Bob and Dick Evans and Roger Hout each had 11 and Gary Miksche 10 for St. Mary's.

The Huskies had margins of 18 to 9 at the quarter and 30 to 22 at the half.

Almost perfect shooting at the free toss line aided the

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Huskies as they hit 13 for 14 in gift tries. SM shot 11 for 22. Merrill had 23 field buckets and the Medford team 19.

LINE-UPS:
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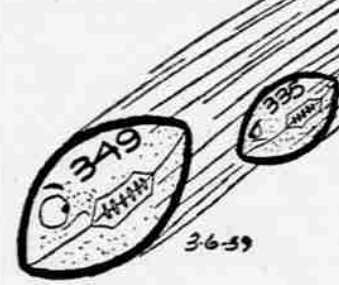
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Beat This!



WHAT ANCIENT RECORD WAS BROKEN IN PRO FOOTBALL PLAYOFF?

John Unitas, Baltimore Colts quarterback, tossed forward passes that gained 349 yards against the New York Giants. The old record was 335 yards made by Sammy Baugh of Washington in 1931 against the Chicago Bears.

TOP THIS!—To any reader submitting a correct answer, Tip Brady will send a signed, wallet-sized diploma. Write to: BEAT THIS, c/o this paper, Box 575, Seaside, Calif. Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Cal Wins Over Huskies May Prove Difference in Chase

By MIKE HUDSON
United Press International
The two-team dogfight in the Pacific Coast conference basketball race comes to an end this week end, and chances are that the double defeat California handed Washington early in the season will prove

the difference between the two squads when the final whistle has sounded. Before the season began, PCC coaches predicted a tightly-packed race in which a 10-6 or 11-5 record would prevail. But the Bears and Huskies have dispelled that

prediction with healthy win streaks which are still going strong. Now, Washington faces its toughest test since the Cal series. The Huskies (11-3) journey to Los Angeles to meet rugged UCLA (9-6) tonight and Southern California (7-8) Saturday.

Huskies Chances Slim

Washington's only hope to defeat California is to win both of these games while California drops its final contest, a Saturday night tussle with Oregon State (7-7). This would leave the two teams tied for first and force a playoff game.

In other coast action, the Beavers face Stanford 9-6 tonight. Third place will be decided by the results of this contest and UCLA's game with Washington.

A couple of battles between Northwest also-rans round out the PCC schedule. Oregon (3-10) is at Idaho (4-10) tonight and Washington State (2-13) Saturday.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

The 1958-59 steelhead season ended with a disgusted grunt from most anglers who were out after fish the last day. The Illinois river gave up an average of about one fish to ten fishermen and some of the best anglers went home without a strike all day. The Applegate river was slow with a couple of hot spots that gave up fish to the lucky few who were fishing those particular areas. Mouths of Williams creek and Slate creek seemed to slow down a few fish enough so that these areas produced fish fairly consistently throughout the season.

CONSOLATION HOPE

The only consolation to the fisherman after a season like the one just past is that there ought to be a good year ahead when all those fish that got by come back again. Next time they should be much bigger, harder fighters and provide some real sport. (I've been waiting for some fish so long they must be monsters or have died of old age.)

SOME SPOTS OPEN

For those anglers who find it hard to give up there are a few spots still open where fish can be found. The Klamath river is open for almost its entire length and has rainbow trout to offer those who manage to push through the snow in the Keno area. Those who want steelhead and have a California license can choose between the Klamath below Copco dam No. 1 and the Smith river below the 101 highway bridge. Both rivers have late runs of winter steelhead in them now.

DON'T KEEP SPAWNERS

One difficulty with late fishing is the chance of picking up spawned out fish heading back to the ocean instead of a bright newcomer going upstream. A spawned out fish is hardly edible and should be returned to the river, but many anglers find this hard to do. The spawners don't provide the sport of fresh fish and if they are returned to the water there is a good chance they will come back to spawn in the river again.

CHANGE IN BILL 183

Senate bill 183 has had so much opposition that those who handled the bill decided to try for its passage with the word "industry" taken out, which passed the Senate yesterday and goes to the House, would change the present law to include fish, wildlife and recreation as uses of water of the main stem of the Rogue. This is a change which should have the backing of all the sportsmen and conservationists in the state because it proposes to give fish a water right. (This is somewhat ironic: to give a right to those that used the water first.)

Redl Favored To Beat Jordan

New York —UPI— Irish Eddie Jordan, unbeaten young Brooklyn welterweight, gets his big chance tonight in his first Madison Square Garden main event, as a substitute against Germany's Stefan Redl of Passaic, N.J. Stocky, brown-haired Redl, former amateur champion of Germany, is favored at 7-5 to tag slender, far-haired Jordan with his first defeat. Their 10-rounder will be televised and broadcast nationally by NBC.

OFF SEASON HUNTING

Those sportsmen who find March an idle month might try lowering our predator population. Crows and coyotes are two predators that could stand more hunting and they demand some skill on the part of the hunter.

The hunters who wish to keep their shooting eyes sharp will find the wily crow well worth their efforts. One of the worst habits of the crow is its raiding of bird nests. Upland game bird populations are held down when Mr. Crow goes egg hunting. Right now the best spots for finding crows will be along the river bottom where they feed on lizards and frogs and the bugs from adjacent farm lands.

DON'T SHOOT, PLEASE

Crow hunters are cautioned to avoid shooting short eared owls and marsh hawks which are found in the same areas as crows. Both birds are mousers and are protected by law. The mild winter has left a high population of field mice and these birds are necessary for rodent control. The short eared owl is about the only owl which flies during the day and the marsh hawk is marked by a white rump patch. Don't shoot before you look.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

Die-hard fishermen with California licenses might try the Klamath river near the Hornbrook area for steelhead. Reports from last week end say there were quite a number of fish showing but they didn't want to bite what was being thrown at them. Maybe they will have changed their minds by this next week end. GOOD LUCK!

In February, 1947, it was 82 degrees below zero as registered at Snag airport in the Yukon, one of the lowest marks in North American records.

Big 10 Has Bowl Vote

Madison, Wis. —UPI— The Big Ten was to vote today at its winter meeting on whether it wants to continue playing in football's post-season classic, the Rose Bowl, each New Year's day at Pasadena, Calif.

The conference group votes in the face of stalemating circumstances, most important of which were the West Coast's failure to make a proposal for the Big Ten to continue competing in the bowl, the dissolution of the Pacific Coast conference and the absence of any obligation on the Big Ten to continue playing.

There was no indication which way the vote may go but, even if the group favored continued Big Ten Rose Bowl teams, the faculty members of the conference's schools must vote on the big issue and one objection from them would force a re-vote at the Big Ten's May meeting.

Mickey Wright Links Leader

Jacksonville, Fla. —UPI— Veteran Mickey Wright was on her way toward a hoped-for third tournament crown in the \$6,000 Jacksonville Women's Open golf championship, boasting a one-stroke lead over her nearest rival.

The 24-year-old blonde from San Diego, Calif., fired a two-under-par 70 Thursday in the opening round.

Close behind Miss Wright, who won the tournament in 1956 and 1957, was Bonnie Randolph, Naples, Fla., with a 71. Betsy Rawls, Spartanburg, S.C., was third with an even-par 72, while three were tied for fourth place with 73; Maureen Bauer Hage, Delray Beach, Fla.; Betty Bush, Tequesta, Fla.; and Fay Crocker, Uruguay.

Top Shot Put Men in Meet

East Los Angeles, Calif. —UPI— One of the top shot put fields in the country was assured for Saturday's Southern Pacific AAU relay meet when world champion Parry O'Brien definitely announced today he would compete.

Dallas Long, sensational freshman from University of Southern California, is also entered in the shot, but in the fray will be Dave Davis, who has bettered 60 feet, and Charley Butt, who has come close to that mark.

Field Increased For Grand Prix

Pomona, Calif. —UPI— The field for the featured 150-mile race of the first international Grand Prix Saturday and Sunday was increased to 53 today with the entry of one of Lance Reventlow's Scarabs in the name of a Chicago industrialist.

John Stephanie bought the car for a reported \$17,000 and assigned Jim Jeffords, national production car champion, to drive the car with which Chuck Daigh won the Riverside Grand Prix last fall.

TO PLAY IN JAPAN

Portland —UPI— Ron Bottler, former University of Oregon athlete and catcher for the Portland Beavers, has signed a contract to play baseball in Japan. Bottler will play with the Osaka team in a Japanese league. He will leave Portland for Japan about April 1.

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TOURNEY DELAYED
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