

Sports Briefs

SUTHERLAND OPTIMISTIC PULLMAN, Wash. (UPI) — Coach Jim Sutherland of Washington State was optimistic today that his pass-catching star end Dennis Kloke would be ready for Saturday's game at West Point.

READY FOR HUSKIES EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — Oregon's Ducks worked on pass defense and offensive patterns Tuesday as they readied for Saturday's battle against tough Washington.

WHITTAKER RECOVERS CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI) — Coach Tom Prothro said that halfback Leroy Whittaker, who injured a knee in Oregon State's win over Washington State last week, would be ready to go "100 per cent" against Syracuse.

HAVE LONG DRILL SEATTLE (UPI) — Coach Jim Owens drove his erratic University of Washington through another long practice session Tuesday, as he tried to ready his squad for Saturday's battle against Oregon.

BERG AT HELM STANFORD, Calif. (UPI) — Stanford worked out Tuesday with soph Dick Berg at the helm of the starting team for the first time.

BERRY ON FIRST UNIT SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI) — Soph quarterback Ken Berry has moved out veteran Rand Carter at the first string quarterback post for the San Jose State Spartans.

FULL CONTACT BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — California's Golden Bears went through a full contact two-hour workout Tuesday as they readied for Saturday's Big Six battle against mighty USC.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The University of Southern California Trojans continued today to work on their pass defense in preparation for Saturday's game against University of California.

EMPHASIZE OFFENSE LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Byron Nelson and Bill Haulck worked out at the halfback positions today as the UCLA Bruins concentrated on their offense for Friday night's game with Illinois at the Coliseum.

Total Offense Leaders To Vie SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — When California battles Southern California this Saturday, the two total offense kings of the Big Six will battle it out.

Latest statistics through the first half of the season showed California's Craig Morton topping the conference with 762 yards gained with Southern California's Pete Beathard next at 650 yards.

Morton practically has the loop passing sewed up with 54 completions in 116 tries good for 827 yards and nine touchdowns.

In the rushing department, Clarence Williams of Washington State was held to 23 yards last Saturday, but still leads with 373 yards gained. USC soph Mike Garrett is closing in, however, and has galloped 348 yards at an average of 8.1 yards per carry.

Close fights continue in the scoring and pass-catching departments. Stanford's Dick Ragsdale has scored 30 points, while Cal's Jack Schraub has 26 and Beathard 24.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Navy continues to be a model of consistency among the inconsistent. While three team offense leads changed hands this week, the Midlies continued to pace the nation's major football teams in total offense, a lead they've held all season.

HOCKEY WESTERN LEAGUE By United Press International

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Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT Mail Tribune Sports Editor

High interest centers this week on the Friday night clash between the two Southern Oregon Class A-2 football teams which are among Oregon's top-ranked powers — The Phoenix High Pirates, ranked No. 1 for several weeks, and the Illinois Valley Cougars, tied for No. 9 this week in the Oregon Journal coaches' poll.

This game at Cave Junction has been termed a battle between Phoenix depth and power and IV speed, passing and finesse. Coach Jack Woodward's Phoenix Pirates, aiming to represent their district in the playoffs for the fifth successive year, enter the Rogue league crucial unmarred in six games. Coach Bill Stewart's Cougars of IV have surged after an initial loss to Gold Beach and are undefeated in the league.

SCORE NOT INDICATIVE Illinois Valley appears to have dominated the Lakeview game last Friday more than the 12-0 score might indicate. The Cougars got to the 15 and two-yard lines on non-scoring drives and led 282 to 90 in scrimmage yards and 14 to 3 in first downs.

UP AND DOWN Up one week and down the next is an old characteristic of sports. It's been portrayed over the past couple of weeks ends by the Crater Comets who put up a magnificent football battle against Medford then fell last Friday to an improved Yreka, Calif., club which arose for its first triumph since its opening game of the season.

The Comets this week are busy on the big task of getting back up again. They'll have to be for they go against the highly-rated Grants Pass Cavemen this Friday at Grants Pass. The Central Pointers also are hoping for some ailing players to get well.

A probable sign that the Fireballs are pointing for the Climate city team was brought out by the Yreka game. Coach Keith Johnson expressed the feeling that the Comets were thinking ahead to Grants Pass and overlooked Yreka.

It's the Crater mentor's view that, if the Comets bounce back and play a great game against the Cavemen, "then we know we have some ball players."

SOME SATISFACTION There's some possible self-satisfaction for the Crater club, if you want to look at it that way, over Medford's performance against Klamath Falls. "I told Fred, (Spiegelberg, Medford coach), we'll make you a better ball club," said Johnson.

TRYING TO KEEP SHARP Medford's Black Tornado draws a rest this week end in that it has no game. The Hurricanes, however, are not exactly taking it easy. They did have Monday off, except for viewing films.

"We're just trying to stay in shape and trying to keep sharp," reported Spiegelberg. Conditioning is part of the practice routine. The Tornado "did work pretty hard" yesterday.

It's a foregone conclusion that the Medford grid crew or its staff will be pretty well represented among the spectators at both the Crater - Grants Pass

and Ashland - Klamath Falls games this week end.

COMPARATIVE SCORES At least one way you look at it, Ashland High should be favored over Medford when the two football teams meet on Nov. 1.

Ashland defeated Yreka, Calif., 15-6. Yreka won 29-6 over Crater which lost 6-0 to Medford.

But, look at it another way: Medford downed Corvallis 21-9. Corvallis beat Lebanon 33-6 and Lebanon tipped Ashland 13-7.

You can make comparative scores do almost anything for you but win ball games.

ILLNESS SLOWS DEAN Lowell Dean, ex-Medford High All-American end, now tackle on the University of Oregon football crew, reportedly has lost some 30 pounds because of illness (strep throat) and is having a tough time getting his strength back.

MUCH TRAVEL Lee Ragsdale reports that he and Mrs. Ragsdale put about 1,000 miles per week on their Volkswagen traveling to see son, Dick, ex-Medford, play for the Stanford Indians.

FROM ASHLAND Randy Nelson, who was runner up in the Ford Punt, Pass and Kick contest, recently, in the 11-year-old division, is from Ashland, not Medford, we were informed last week. Randy was 10-year-old winner last year.

TERRIFIC GAME Fans, who chose other entertainment or just stayed home, missed a terrific game at Ashland Saturday night. There was a lot of drama in the Southern Oregon - Oregon Tech football scuffle as fired-up underdog OTI struck for two touchdowns in the first half and SOC, aroused at halftime, came back to do all the scoring in the last two quarters in the spectacular way that the Raiders go about it.

The Owls were right in their bidding in the second half, although they did not score. And, not until the Ashlanders were awarded two points on a safety did they appear out of danger.

TELEGRAM SENT Anonymous telegrams sent from Ashland, Lakeview and Medford, threatening the well-being of OTI quarterback Mike Glines, reportedly were used as a device to fire the Owls, according to Glen Prescott of the Ashland Daily Tidings. He said, "The origin of the telegrams has not been determined."

THACKER SIGNS CONTRACT CINCINNATI (UPI) — Tom Thacker, 6-foot, 2-inch, 170-pound former University of Cincinnati star released during the weekend from the Army, has signed a one-year rookie contract with the Cincinnati Royals of the National Basketball Association.

MORTGAGES NEW YORK (UPI) — Almost three times as many residential mortgages are issued in the United States as new houses started, the U.S. Savings & Loan League reports. The league says re-sale and refinancing mortgages thus are much the larger share of the business.



RECEIVES GOLD TRUNKS — Gary Naef, left, eighth grader at McLoughlin Junior High School, receives gold trunks with star from his physical education instructor, William Esselstyn. The trunks are emblematic of the highest ranking possible in the Medford public schools PE program. Boys can progress from gray to red to black to gold trunks by meeting certain standards in physical achievement for their class in school. Naef, 13, is the first boy in the program, which began last school year to gain gold trunk status. The trunks were presented on Tuesday at a school assembly. Naef also received a plaque from Lee V. Ragsdale, supervisor of physical education for Medford schools.

Oregon 3rd In Offense

NEW YORK (UPI) — Oregon ranked third in total offense and fifth in scoring in NCAA team football statistics released here Tuesday.

Oregon has rolled up an average of 401.6 yards per game with 2,008 yards in five contests. Navy was first with a 403.8 average.

The Ducks have averaged 29.4 points. Utah State ranked first with 37 points per game.

Individually, Oregon quarterback Bob Berry was seventh in total offense with 909 yards on 110 plays. Quarterback Roger Staubach of Navy led with 1,171 yards on 173 plays in five games.

Oregon State end Len Frketch was second in punting with a 44.8 average on 12 kicks. First was Auburn's John Kilgore with a 45.9 average on 22 kicks.

Portland Murder Trial Postponed

PORTLAND (UPI) — The first degree murder trial of Robert Evans, 27, Honolulu, was postponed Tuesday to begin in Circuit Court here Dec. 2.

Evans' attorney, Stephen King, asked for the postponement.

The request was made because the accused slayer's 75-year-old father, Jack Evans, who lives in Hawaii, broke his hip in a fall and will be hospitalized for about a month.

Evans is charged with the strangulation death of Mrs. Irene Davis, a 41-year-old wealthy heiress from Payette, Idaho. Her body was found in a room at the Portland Hilton Hotel Aug. 6.

Evans later was arrested at Fremont, Neb.

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Change of Offense Puts Burke Off Catching Pace In Oregon State Football

PORTLAND (UPI) — Vern Burke, Oregon State's brilliant spit end, has a ready answer to those who ask why he is far off his NCAA record pass catching pace of last season.

"Basically, it's the change of offense," the 22-year-old senior said. "We're just utilizing more men this year."

But Burke, a 6-4 1/2, 201-pound product of Bakersfield, Calif., has played a key role in four victories in five starts for the Beavers this season.

He has caught 19 passes for 308 yards and six touchdowns. He had 69 receptions for 1,007 yards—and 10 touchdowns—to establish national college record as a junior.

"We just have a much more rounded team," Burke explained. "And we're winning. But we've got some tough ones coming up."

Oregon State's "Lonesome end" wasn't fooling. The second half of the Beavers' 10-game schedule includes Syracuse.

"Syracuse has a fine team," Burke said. "It's beaten some tough ball clubs. We'll definitely be underdogs. It'll be a real tough game."

Coach Tommy Prothro is one of Burke's most ardent supporters.

"I've never seen anybody who can get open like he does," the coach said following the Beavers' 30-6 homecoming victory over Washington State last weekend in which Burke caught six passes for 78 yards and two touchdowns. "He also gave us

the opportunity to run more of our other plays."

Put more simply, Prothro meant that he was using Burke a lot as a decoy this season.

Oregon State sports publicity director Johnny Eggers pointed out "what a good team man this boy is."

"He's been a real decoy for us, taking two and sometimes three defenders with him on every play and leaving his teammates open," Eggers said.

"Vern has only been thrown to 29 times in five games and he's dropped but one of them," Eggers continued. "The others were bad passes that went incomplete because they weren't close."

The graduation of Heisman Trophy - winning quarterback Terry Baker also has hurt

SPORTS STANDINGS

Table showing National League Eastern Division and Western Division standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct.

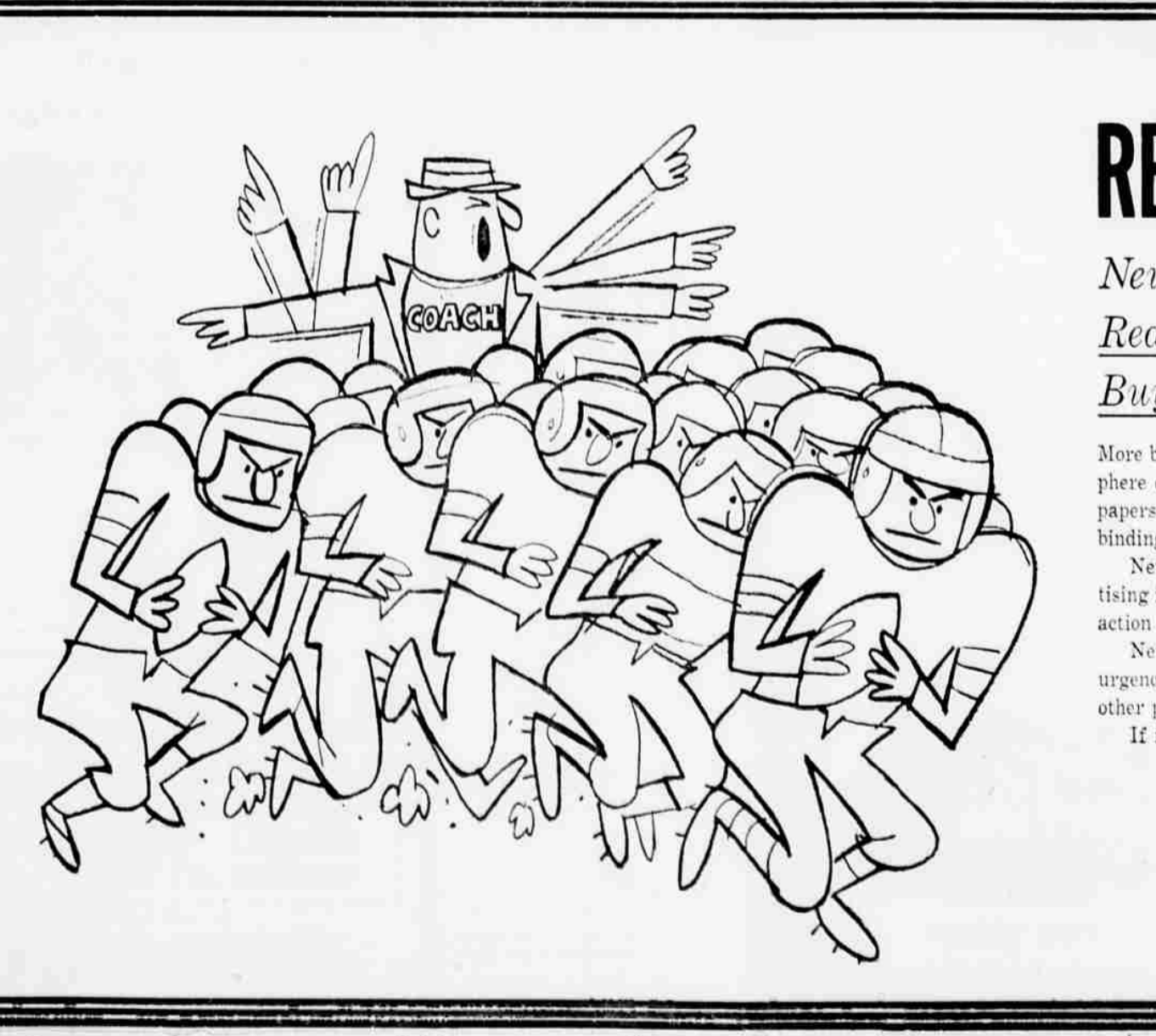
Tuesday's Results Los Angeles 120, New York 117 Cincinnati 103, San Francisco 97

STAUTNER INJURED PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Player-coach Ernie Stautner of the Pittsburgh Steelers may be sidelined next Sunday when the Steelers play the Dallas Cowboys because of an ankle and shoulder injury suffered in last week's game with the Washington Redskins.

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