

Pelicans Have Two Hard Games

Coaches Avrit and Sinclair Plenty Worried Over Battles With Ashland and Bend

By JOE PIGNEY

The 1931 football season has burned itself into the twilight, but before the curtains are drawn over the gridiron for the winter the Klamath Falls Pelicans must meet the Oregon Indians in two more opponents, Ashland and Bend, either or both very likely to turn the confidence of a successful season into that habitual despondency which has for so long hung over this southern Oregon eleven.

Ashland over there Armistice day, and Bend on Modoc field Thanksgiving, has absolutely washed away any late season rest for the Pelicans. The players, themselves, for no reason at all, are unjustly confident of riding through to a couple more victories, while the coaches, Leslie Avrit and Al Sinclair, already have begun to dig deeply down into the season's records to find reasonable cause for the team's confidence.

The Ashland game will be on Wednesday, and that's too near at hand for a worried coaching staff. Much work and much inspiration has to be crowded into the few days left before the battle. The Pelicans appear a little stronger than in the games with Medford and Ashland. Bob Elliott, fullback, is fit again, and his playing in the backfield will increase the offensive and defensive efficiency immensely. Paul Moretz, left tackle, has recovered from leg injuries, and his re-addition to the line somewhat compensates the loss of Don Bradley, center. Bradley broke his ankle in a light scrimmage session just before the Grants game. Naturally, he won't play against either Ashland or Bend.

Please recall the game dedicating Modoc field, October 16. The Pelicans, then in the running for the championship of the southern Oregon interscholastic conference with an excellent chance for a try at the state title, won 22 to 12. The Ashland team was small, rugged and terrifically fast. It chased the Klamath eleven all over Modoc field, always threatening to score and destroy the Pelican lead.

Now this team coached by Jackson Bliss, ex-Oregon football and baseball star, is just twice as good today as when it played the Pelicans at Modoc. Little Leonard Gosnell still is in the Ashland backfield, and good as he was at the dedication game, he will be better next Wednesday. In the Pelican game and in every other game the Pelicans always were the leader of the Ashland attack. Though so light and so light, he piles up the yardage practically every time he packs the ball. He dashes 16 yards to score in the first period of the game, and only the failure to convert for the extra point cracked the Grizzlies' chances to tie up the battle in its early stages.

Supporting Gosnell in the Ashland backfield will be those two half carriers who crashed the Klamath line so frequently—Durham and Head. In the Grizzly line Captain Howell at end, Meyers, tackle, and Hall, guard, will in all probability make for another difficult four quarters.

It does begin to look as though Ashland were seriously intending a war of revenge for the Pelicans this Armistice day.

Bend. There's a prep team that can cast a shadow over any interscholastic rival. A tie with Salem and a one-point defeat at the hands of Eugene was the only misfortunes outting the Lava Bears from the state championship. Like Klamath, the Lava Bears have a tough engagement for Wednesday. They play Medford at Bend, and Medford is the one team which turned aside the ambitions of the Pelicans, 6 to 0. Just when the Bend trounced Medford—and the chances are excellent that it will—what a top-sided underdog Klamath will be on Armistice.

Yes, Leslie Avrit and Al Sinclair are worried.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS MILK FUND CONTEST

A blocked punt and a concentrated line attack which moved swiftly along for 80-yards swept the Klamath All-stars to a 12 to 6 victory over the Chemawa Indians of Salem Sunday afternoon at Modoc field in Chief of Police Guy Merrill milk fund football game. 1700 football fans turned out despite the cold, near-winter weather to witness brilliant contests and to swell the coffers of the relief organization.

The All-stars, amassing their entire strength for a first period drive, rammed over their opening score shortly after the game started. Joe Bliss, Klamath guard, burst over the Indian forward wall to block a punt on the Chemawa ten-yard line. Bliss was the only player to kick, but he also recovered the ball, and placed the Stars in position to score. Guide Robustelli, ex-Klamath high ball packer and a former star with the Oregon State freshman team, bombed him over the right side of the Indian line for the score.

Indians Score Content that his team had both the defensive power and the offensive punch, Fred Flock, head coach, removed several of his first stringers after the score. The Indians, light, fast and rugged, took advantage of the change and tied up the score in the second period. Wilders, one-armed redskin back, made the touchdown. Wilders was the outstanding man on the Chemawa side Sunday, and despite his physical handicap, he ran the ends, plunged the line, caught passes and blocked and tackled as though he were one of this year's selection for All-American.

The All-stars moved on to victory in the fourth quarter when they began a line attack on their own twenty-yard line. Otto Vitus, Pod Montgomery, and Eggers availed the ball down the field for eighty-yards. Robustelli pushed over the Chemawa line for the nine yard line. The formation went over the same spot as the earlier touchdown.

Well balanced line and backfield players brought in the win for Klamath. In the line Alex Berlow, center, who once picked up a fumble and nearly broke away for a touchdown. Scott Warren, guard, and Joe Bliss, guard, played sensationally.

Following the game the entire squad was the guest of Chief Merrill at a banquet at the Elks club.

Football Notes

By Associated Press Bob Campiglio, a big bruising halfback who plays in comparative obscurity with West Liberty (W. Va.) Teachers' college, has taken the lead in the national race for individual football scoring honors.

Campiglio jumped far into the lead with a total of 140 points in seven games on Saturday, when he scored ten touchdowns and eight points after touchdowns for 63 points against Bethel of Kentucky. His sensational play against Fordham recently led Frank Cavanaugh, Fordham coach, to call him the "best back Fordham has faced this year."

Ed Monnett of Michigan State scored 32 points against Ripon to hold second place, with a total of 124 points.

The leaders in each of the nation's nine major groups or conferences follow: East—Campiglio, West Liberty, halfback, 140 points. Midwest—Monnett, Michigan State, halfback, 126 points. Rocky Mountains—Christensen, Utah, halfback, 76 points. South—Felts, Tulane, fullback, 63 points.

Pacific—Mohler, Southern California, quarterback, 54 points. Southwest—Ledbetter, Arkansas, fullback, 42 points. Big Ten—Fay, Michigan, fullback, 42 points; Pardonner, Purdue, halfback, 42 points. Big Six—Griffin, Iowa State, halfback, 41 points. Missouri Valley—Duncan, Grinnell, halfback, 37 points.

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National Title Hopes of St. Mary's Crash With Defeat by Olympic Club

By RUSSELL NEWLAND (Associated Press sports writer) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9, (AP)—Rumblings of November first big football battles boomed back over the far west today while still-dazed fans mulled over the happenings of a week-end that saw the Pacific Coast conference championship virtually decided and the last of the unbeaten teams tumbled into the depths of defeat.

The smashing 19-0 triumph of Southern California over Stanford, that put the Trojans in a strategic position to strike for the conference title, was momentarily overshadowed by the shattering of National championship aspirations of St. Mary's College, whose Gaels bowed to first defeat this season.

Conqueror of Southern California, California and four other teams in a sensational bid for high honors, St. Mary's in turn was conquered by an eleven it figured to beat—San Francisco's Olympic club. What little consolation St. Mary's followers salvaged from the 19-0 defeat was that the Gaels lost to a non-college team.

22,000 See Upset The upset of Coach Ed Madigan's seven took place yesterday in San Francisco before some 22,000 fans. Keyed up for the contest, after defeats by California and Santa Clara and ties with Stanford and University of San Francisco, the squad of former college stars took the measure of St. Mary's in decisive fashion. A touchdown in the opening period after a drive from near midfield was followed by a field goal in the last quarter. Dick Black, an end who learned his place kicking at Texas A. & M., sent the oval through the cross bars from the 46-yard line.

While the club team presented a powerful defense, both on the line and against passes, St. Mary's was guilty of several fumbles, some coming when the Gaels appeared headed for touchdowns. The Gaels will have only a rest before their next game as they meet the University of California at Los Angeles Bruins, Wednesday at Los Angeles.

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Then, on Saturday, for those who are not able to attend, the NEWS AND HERALD will print their regular football extra, giving a complete account of the game. You'll find this coverage satisfactory. Watch for it.

FISH CONDITIONS POLUTED IN ROGUE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 7 (AP)—Fish conditions in Rogue river are far from perfect. Unless they are corrected, the state game commission will restrict fish plantings there.

A tentative plan to plant 1,000,000 fish in both the Umpqua and Rogue was outlined. The Umpqua, unpolluted and with only one unscreened diversion ditch and two minor obstructions, is ready to receive a full quota of fish, the commission said.

FARMERS PETITION IN K. I. D. VOTE

Backers of J. R. Elliott, candidate for the directorship of the Klamath Irrigation district, met at Mt. Laki Friday to issue a statement of their stand in the election Tuesday.

Over 50 names were attached to a petition addressed to the K. I. D. informing that body that they were not in favor of bonding the district for raising funds to develop electric power. The signers declared that this was not one of the policies of the candidate they are supporting.

Washington State snatched a thrilling victory from Idaho in the last two minutes of play, at Pullman. The Cougars were behind, 8-6, when John Eubanks, sub fullback, place kicked from the 14-yard line just before the final gun sounded. The Staters scored a touchdown in the first period, but Idaho produced surprising strength to push over a touchdown and count a safety in the third to take the lead.

O. S. C. Beats Grizzlies Chalking up its first conference win so far, Oregon State out-fought Montana on a wet field, at Corvallis. The Oregon eleven had the better of the play throughout, scoring a touchdown in the first quarter and two more in the final fifteen minutes of action.

Next Saturday, California will meet Idaho, at Berkeley, while traditional struggles for state honors, will pit Washington against Washington State, at Pullman.

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