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In Low Gear Without Ted

I was criticized—although constructively and it was certainly not resented by this writer—for banging the drums for Malin's Ted DeMerritt and putting other Mustang gridders in the background.

But Saturday's game proved one thing to me very clearly. DeMerritt was Malin's Moses on the gridiron.

At the outset I'll make it clear. I don't mean to intimate that the Mustangs would have beaten the Union Bobcats if Big Ted hadn't been injured. But it would not have been a 42-7 rout.

Remember this: DeMerritt was not only a yard-hungry runner but was also a whale of a defensive player.

At the time DeMerritt was injured when he made faulty landing after a jump pass, the Mustangs were charging downfield reminiscent of the style that brought them up to the state semi-finals.

Not only did the Malin football machine sputter physically when Ted hobbled off the field, but there existed definite panic and uncertainty in the ranks. The boys seemed to be keeping one eye on the chore ahead of them and the other on the sidelines where DeMerritt paced up and down, testing his gimp leg.

I have never seen such a clear-cut change in a team with a one-man change.

All-Out Effort

I certainly don't mean to convey the slight that the boys were loafing. They were giving it the all-out try, but they didn't have it without DeMerritt as a dynamic guide.

Remember, too, that only three of the Union TDs were what are called "earned scores," that is, the result of planned offensive drive.

Three of the Bobcats scores came from intercepted passes, indicating, of course, alert football on the part of the Union county lads.

But with DeMerritt in the game, the Mustangs checked a goal-line stab by the 'Cats after they exploded for a score with Larry Wilson in high running gear.

Although it took more than a quarter for the Mustangs to find their kick, they were rolling high, wide and handsome until Ted was injured.

Sophomore Gene Shaw played an inspirational game in trying to fill in for DeMerritt and racked up all seven of Malin's points.

Len Weber tried desperately to break away on several occasions and came close to finding the touchdown key.

Larry Wilson fulfilled press burbs and Fullback Frank Baum was hard to stop. No. 7 believe Union would have won even with DeMerritt in the game but it would have been closer.

Good Record

The Union athletes have created quite a stir in class B circles. They were 1949 state champs in basketball and track and runner-ups in baseball.

They won the district 8 title in football in 1946, 1947 and 1949 and the district title in basketball four straight years, dating from 1946.

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Union was the team that met Henley in the state football semifinals in 1947 and were defeated by a 6-0 count.

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SNAPP, GIMBELINK FOR ARMORY SCRAP

Ginger Returns To Ring Rematch Set For Friday

Jack "Ginger" Snapp, Merrill's contribution to the pugilistic business, will don the gloves in actual competition for the first time in many months the night of December 2 at the Klamath armory.

These glad tidings to Klamath basin fight fans became official early Friday morning when Promoter Mack Lillard said that he had Snapp and Frankie Gimbel on the dotted line.

Gimbel, Spokane, Wash., socker, stopped Snapp last spring in one of the last bouts "Ginger" had before hanging up his leather.

In the meantime, the Merrill Mauler has been married, and is working out daily while majoring in physical education at Southern Oregon college of education.

Snapp is dead serious about his comeback and is determined to prove to basin fans that he still has plenty of his old-time sock appeal.

Gimbel will probably enter the ring a favorite over the Snapper on the strength of his kayo win when he cut Snapp's eye and decked Snapp three times.

It was a rousing fight and Snapp had Gimbel on the floor in the first round. Snapp said that making the midweight weight weakened him in his last few bouts. He'll now enter the ring as a strong, full-fledged lightweight. The added weight is expected to make some difference and may lower odds by ringtime, at least unofficially.

Lillard wrestled the bout from Tacoma, Wash., promoters who were fishing for the natural.

The preliminary supporting card is expected to be announced Monday, Lillard said.

Tickets for the first boxing show to be staged here in months can be bought at Matt Finnigan's sporting goods store.

Cotton Foes Will Be Named Today

DALLAS, Nov. 26 (AP)—The Cotton Bowl, already filled with spectators, will be filled with teams today.

Both the host eleven—either Rice or Baylor—and the visiting outfit will be known by tonight.

Dan D. Rogers, chairman of the Cotton Bowl selection committee, will be at Fort Worth to witness the Southern Methodist-Texas Christian game and make the announcement of the visiting team. It is expected to be Oklahoma, Virginia, Kentucky or North Carolina.

Unbeaten Oklahoma meets Oklahoma A. and M. today while North Carolina, loser of three games, and Virginia, which has dropped one, play each other. Kentucky, which lost only to Southern Methodist, has finished its schedule.

A report from Chapel Hill, N. C., that North Carolina has been invited to play in the Cotton Bowl if it defeats Virginia today was denied by Rogers. Rogers did say that North Carolina was under consideration.

The Southwest conference campaign ends today with Rice and Baylor in the deciding struggle at Houston. Rice can take the title and the Cotton Bowl spot with a victory or tie. Baylor can tie the Rice for the championship and get into the Cotton Bowl by winning.

Coast Hockey

Los Angeles 4, Oakland 2. Victoria 3, New Westminster 2. San Diego 4, Vancouver 2.

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THE AP 1949 ALL PACIFIC COAST FOOTBALL TEAM



4 Horsemen Cagey Off Gridiron Too

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 26 (AP)—Notre Dame's famed four horsemen rode again last night—through uproarious crowds gathered to wish them well on their 25th reunion.

They and 16 teammates of Knute Rockne's unbeaten 1924 squad were to climax their homecoming celebration today at the Notre Dame-Southern California game.

The glorious backfield of a quarter century ago—Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher (now Wisconsin Athletic director); Left Half Jim Crowley (a Chicago sales promotion representative); Right Half Don Miller (U. S. district attorney for Northern Ohio) and Fullback Elmer Layden (Chicago transportation executive)—re-lived the past with the old gang in a night of merriment.

All four were cagey answering questions for the record as they were when they rode roughshod over 10 opponents. Off the record they talked a lot.

None, however, would agree that the 1949 Irish of Frank Leahy was the best team in Notre Dame history.

"ONE OF THE BEST"
"Let's say it's one of the school's greatest teams and let it go at that," said Layden, as wily now as he was as a demon 166-pound fullback.

The Four Horsemen and two line-men of the famous "Seven Mules" were the only 1924 starters to make the reunion. The others were squad members. End Chuck Collins and Captain Adam Walsh, center, carried on for the line.

If time were erased and the Four Horsemen and Seven Mules were out for football today how would they fare? This question was asked in view of the current trend toward lines that average over 200 pounds and backfields that hit around 190.

The Four Horsemen averaged 159, with Stuhldreher the lightest at 148. The line was a mere 173, scaling down to 162-pound Collins.

"Hell, those guys had speed, finess, and aggressiveness to burn," said Hank Anderson, assistant coach in 1924 and now line coach of the Chicago Bears. "As a unit they probably would be too light today. But you could use every one of them on any team as spot players. A quarter of a century ago they didn't know about vitamins and stuff that make our present crop of boys break the scales."

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Tough!

WAVERLY, Ill., Nov. 26 (AP) The steak dinner given for the Waverly high school football team last night by the Knights of Pythias turned out pretty tough.

No one could eat the steaks. Seems K of P cooks, in flouring the plunkers, used patching plaster.

Everybody ate ham.

Dusette, Atlas To Show Mat Natural In Making

The first step has been hurdled in giving Klamath wrestling fans what they've wanted for two weeks, a match between The Great Atlas, epistolical New York muscleman, and Georges Dusette, probably the most popular wrestler ever to show here.

Mack Lillard, promoter, said that he hasn't obtained Atlas' agreement for the match yet but both wrestlers are definitely on next Wednesday's card.

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Philadelphia Eagles Seek Third Title

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles, 1948 champs of the National Football league, seek to sew up first place in the eastern division for a third straight year tomorrow when they entertain the second-place Pittsburgh Steelers.

The game is the most important of four NFL contests scheduled as the senior circuit campaign nears its end with only two more Sundays remaining after tomorrow.

The All-America conference winds up its regular season with two games, neither of which can effect the playoff berth. Pittsburgh already has secured the berth. The game between the New York Yankees and San Francisco at the home of the 49ers will find something more than glory at stake.

The teams are tied for second place and whichever wins will become the home club for their first playoff round on December 4.

The other AAC clash pits the Buffalo Bills, who have clinched fourth place and a playoff spot, against Baltimore's cellar-dwelling Colts on the latter's grounds.

The Bills are slated to meet the league leaders, Cleveland, in their playoff game at the Ohio city December 4. The winner then will meet the New York-San Francisco survivor for the conference title on December 11 at the city ranking highest in the standings.

Other National league games to-morrow find Green Bay at Chicago Cardinals, Washington at New York Giants and New York Bulldogs at Los Angeles Rams.

The Rams top the western division with six victories, one defeat and two ties. They are confident of beating the Bulldogs, trailers of the eastern section. The Giants hope to strengthen third place over their nearest pursuers in the eastern division, Washington's Redskins.

EIGHT WINS
The Eagles have a record of eight wins and one loss, so that Pittsburgh could not overtake them if they lose tomorrow. The Steelers have won five, lost three and tied one.

The championship playoff game between the eastern and western division winners will be decided December 18 with the Westerners the host.

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Tigers Squeak By Marshfield, Gain Finals

Berry Bucks Over Extra Point for 7-6 Victory

By The Associated Press
La Grande crashed into the finals of the Oregon class A high school football playoff last night, but only after coming from behind to nose out Marshfield, 7-6.

That threw the spotlight to Portland, where Grant of Portland and Hillsboro tangled today in a game to determine the other finalist. Grant, winner of three previous state titles, ruled a one-touchdown favorite.

Eastern Oregon hopes that La Grande had a "wonder" team, saged as Marshfield outplayed the Blue Mountain team through the first half at La Grande and took a 6-0 lead. But La Grande proved to be as good as it needed to be, dominated play throughout the second half and emerged with the win.

There was some suspicion that the Eastern Oregonians were playing under wraps. Normally a strong aerial team, La Grande tried only three passes, completing none. Mostly it was straight bucks and end sweeps.

STATUE OF LIBERTY
About the only deception came in the third quarter, and it produced a touchdown. It came after a 46-yard march to the Marshfield 20-yard line. It was the old Statue of Liberty play and Halfback Chuck Brackets juggled the ball 20 yards for a touchdown.

That tied the score at 6-6, and the 3000 fans groaned as the kick for the extra point failed. But Marshfield was offside and La Grande got a second chance. This time Fullback Wayne Berry took the ball, plunging over for the winning point.

PIRATES SCORE FIRST
Marshfield had scored in the second quarter. Ron Robbins, 152-pound halfback, sparked a 55-yard drive and Quarterback Barney Holland went over on a short buck. The kick for extra point was wide.

La Grande ended with a slight statistical edge, nine first downs to eight, and 187 yards gained to 127.

In six-man play the defending state champion, Mohawk, was spilled at Astoria by Westport, 35-28. This moved Westport into the finals. The other finalist will be determined today in a game between Weston and Talent at Central Point.

Franz Named On Sun's All-Star

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (AP)—Two Notre Dame players, Ed Leonard Hart, and Back Emil Sitko, were named to the New York Sun's 1949 all-star football team today.

The team:
Ends: Hart and James Williams, Rice.

Tackles: John Sandusky, Villanova; and Robert Gain, Kentucky. Guards: Stanley West, Oklahoma and Rod Franz, California. Center: Clayton Tommemaker, Minnesota.

Backs: Sitko; Arnold Galiffa, Army; George Bella, Princeton and George Thomas, Oklahoma.

College Basketball
American U 67, Quantico Marines 50.
Utah 65, Montana State College 49.
Brooklyn College 90, Fort Monmouth 66.
Hofstra 95, Puerto Rico San Germans 53.
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Austin (Tex.) 27, East Central Oklahoma 6 (Texoma Bowl). Muskogean 21, Rollins 0. Texas A and M 27, Corpus Christi University 12.

Little Rock JC 33, McNeese (La.) JC 7. Bakersfield (Calif.) JC 13, Taft JC 13 (tie).

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Insurance, respectively, this week at the Klamath recreation alleys. In the other game of the six-team league Palmerton Lumber toppled Moose Lodge, 3-1.

High team game went to Palmerton with 942, high series to Oregon Woolen with 2718. Individual honors were garnered by Bill Martin of the Moose team with a single-game 226, and Wilbur Courtney of Palmerton with a 225-213-201 for a 639 series.

Al Hackenworth, rolling for Landry Insurance, holds the current high average, a neat 196 in 15 games. Charlie Booth, Moose, and Buck Ferguson, Oregon Woolen, are averaging 191 and 188 respectively, both having rolled 18 games.

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