

Race For Klamath County Class B Grid Crown Looks Like Wide-Open Squabble

By RED HURD

Last year Malin and Henley squared off for the Klamath County Class B football title in the final game of the season.

This year—Saturday, 8 p.m., under the Merrill lights to be exact—the champions Mustangs and the Henley Hornets try the lid off the season in a game that could prove later to be "crucial."

Chiloquin visits Bonanza in another league game Saturday afternoon while Merrill and Sacred Heart tangle with the KUMS Wildcats Friday, 2 p.m., on Modoc Field.

Tulelake visits Merrill Friday night, 7:30 kickoff time, and Sacred Heart tangles with the KUMS Wildcats Friday, 2 p.m., on Modoc Field.

Although Saturday night's shindig matches last year's champions and runners-up, no one team sticks out this season as the "team to beat."

Generally, the cry on all six fronts is "inexperience."

Remember, here's the way they stack up:

MALIN MUSTANGS
Coach Jim Conroy, winner of two

titles in the last three years, has eight returning lettermen, led by tackle Ron Bunnell and back Andy Travis, both with two years of experience under their belts.

Other lettermen are Ends Rod Lyon and Virgil Rick, Guards George Evans and Ed McAnulty, tackle Jerry Macken, and Quarterback Clark Unruh.

Malin's main loss is Rod Ottman, expected by many to be this year's best running back in the county. Ottman didn't graduate. He just isn't playing.

Conroy will probably open with two sophomore halfbacks, Lavon Travis (brother of Andy) and Pat Madden. Unruh will quarterback the club with Andy Travis at fullback. Both are seniors.

Conroy has his tongue-in-cheek statement: "Henley is the team to beat . . . Chiloquin will be very good . . . Malin will have a fine ball club . . . Malin hopes to finish somewhere higher than fourth."

HENLEY HORNETS
Judging by Henley's opening schedule, the always-tough Lakeview, Coach John Mathis of Independence, who is making his

debut in Klamath County coaching circles this year, has given the Hornets some of its sting of old.

The Hornets lost heavily by graduation. As a result, only six lettermen are back. Which makes Mathis' recent statement ring true: "Our team is very inexperienced but should improve as the season goes along."

The lettermen are Ends Don Anderson and Jack Marshall, Tackles Duane Reeder and Doug Golden, Center Delbert Dehlinger, and Quarterback Bob Hill.

Delbert Case is Henley's scout-boy who did most of the running against Lakeview. He'll be joined at halfback by Bob Enman. Hill will skipper the club while Adam Hoffman is currently holding down the fullback spot.

CHILOQUIN PANTHERS
Coach Frank DiUlla has 10 lettermen back, five of whom are sophomores.

"If I can find replacements we will hold our own," is the way DiUlla puts it.

The Panthers have always "held their own" and every year are famous for an upset or two.

Rainiers' Earl Sheely Dies of Heart Ailment

SEATTLE (AP) — Earl Sheely, general manager of the Pacific Coast League Seattle Rainiers,

and standout first baseman in his major and minor league playing days, died Tuesday night of a heart ailment. He was 39.

Taylor Shows Slight Optimism

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State's football squad practiced under lights Tuesday night in preparation for their Saturday night game against Utah at Salt Lake City.

Afternoon sessions are planned Wednesday and Thursday and the squad will fly to Salt Lake City Friday and work out there that night.

Coach Kip Taylor, working with sophomores and others with slight varsity experience, expressed moderate optimism over the showing some have made.

Noel Conway, promising center candidate, has been advised to drop football because of a knee injury.

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Leo Durocher Loses Gamble on Rookie

By JOE REICHLER
AP Sports Writer

"I just gambled and lost, that's all."

The quotes are those of Manager Leo Durocher, who yesterday announced the experts, fans, opposition and his own players by pinning hopes on the shoulders of a pitching neophyte who had never hurled an inning of big league ball.

The youngster is 25-year-old Jack Harshman, a former first-base Dope, who turned to minor league pitching last spring and was brought up to the Giants day before yesterday after a 7-7 record with Minneapolis of the American Association.

Harshman walked to the mound under his own power but collapsed quickly and the Chicago Cubs, behind Warren Hacker, breezed to a 9-0 victory. The defeat was the more bitter because it was followed by Brooklyn's 4-2 triumph over Pittsburgh that boosted the Dodgers' National League lead over the Giants to four games with only 10 to go for each side.

OVERWORKED
"I had to go with Harshman. Who else did I have? The others are all overworked," Durocher said.

Harshman couldn't escape an inning without being scored upon and was derailed in the third inning, which ended with the Cubs enjoying a 6-0 lead.

The Giant players, who raised their eyebrows questioning when they learned of Durocher's plans, didn't help the cause much, either, by asking out a messenger three widely scattered hits off the Cub knuckelballer.

Heartened by the Giants' loss, the Brooks stepped out in the evening.

Rec Athletic Council Eyed

Initial plans will be made tonight, 7:30 o'clock in the City Hall, to form an athletic council to govern sports under jurisdiction of the City Recreation Department.

City Recreation Director Bob Bonney is in favor of such a body "to coordinate and act in an advisory capacity for all athletic matters under jurisdiction of the recreation department."

Loren Bunney, selected as temporary chairman of the committee, has called tonight's first organizational meeting.

Members of the joint committee and, as such, members of the athletic council, are Ronnie King, Al Condey, Ray Slaght, Estlin Kiser, Nick Nichols, Helen Waybrant, Beverly Lloyd, Charles Shearer, Russell Jones, Hi Hatfield, Bob Mathis, Shorty Nelson, Sherman Jerrie, Bob Bonney, Pearl Nason, Don Roper and Bo Weaver.

GRAZIANO PROMISES KNOCKOUT

CHICAGO (AP) — With a welterweight title shot already promised, scholarly Chuck Davey will only risk getting his feelings hurt and his undefeated record shattered tonight against rough-and-ready Rocky Graziano, ex-middleweight champion.

Eager to prove he is not over the hill, the 36-year-old Graziano says confidently that he will win the scheduled 10 rounder in Chicago Stadium with a knockout.

Sharples will lay 9 to 5 odds that he's right.

SPEED
Davey, holder of a Michigan State master's degree in education, thinks his speed and unorthodox southpaw style will keep Graziano coming nothing but air.

A ringside crowd of about 12,000, contributing to an estimated gate of \$65,000 to \$75,000 and a nationwide television audience are likely to see something like this:

Graziano, expected by fight time of 9 p. m. EST to outweigh his opponent 162 pounds to 149, trying to use this advantage in bull-like rushes, maintaining incessant pressure for the only logic he knows, complete annihilation.

Davey, 26, feinting him off balance, timing his blows to meet him coming in and then dancing back in his perpetual jogging motion.

WON 34
Davey, in his brief spectacular career, has won 34 fights, had two draws and has never been off his feet. He has used systematic punches, instead of one big one, to keep 23 of his foes from going the route.

The home run punch is Graziano's trademark. He will absorb a lot of punishment, like he did in three brutal scraps with Tony Zale, to get his one big punch across.

Ducks Drill

EUGENE (AP) — Coach Len Casanova turned up with a secret practice for the Oregon football squad Tuesday, tarp covering the fence to shut out views of spectators.

There is no scrimmage this week for fear of injuries to the already man-thin squad.

Five more candidates for the team turned out this week, but that put the total at only 48.

Casanova expects to leave Thursday with 37 men for the Saturday game with UCLA at Los Angeles.

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KING KONG—Charley Keller thought he had seen the last of big league pitching, but when the Yankees needed more power for the stretch run the 36-year-old outfielder was picked up for pinch-hitting duty.

OSC Has Baker!

By MATT KRAMER

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Sam Baker, the Oregon State strong man, built a few more muscles working in a sawmill over the summer, and its just as well he did.

When he returned to school he found (1) he will take on most of Oregon State's line - plunging, (2) most of the end sweeps, (3) the punting and (4) full-time time-defensive duty as safety man.

This constitutes overtime work in these days of football specialists, but for Baker it may be no particular chore.

Now in his senior year, he has taken on more duties each fall, and Coach Kip Taylor says he has yet to learn just how much Sam really can do.

MANN OUT

This may be the year he finds out, for Taylor lost almost his entire backfield from last year's team, including his only two dependable passers and the darling broken-field runner, Dave Mann, who let his grades slump, and then signed to play professional baseball for Oakland in the Coast League.

Since Taylor also lost much of a stout line via graduation, Oregon State's prospects in the conference would be dismal indeed without Baker.

But that 6 foot 2, 210-pound fullback from Corvallis can be a whole backfield by himself when needed. On a team that finished sixth last year, Baker ran up gains of 630 yards. In one game alone — against traditional rival Oregon — he ran up twice as much yardage as the entire opposition.

STRENGTH

Despite the line losses, Taylor, who is entering his fourth season here, has come up with a fair front wall to open holes for Baker. Mostly the strength comes from a pair of 215-pound tackles, Doug Hogland of Bend, Ore., and John Witte of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Taylor's big lack is a passer to replace Quarterback Gene Morrow, who was graduated. Currently he is trying Kaye Booth, a converted junior halfback from Portland, and Jim Withrow, a sophomore from Van Nuys, Calif.

MAY PASS

Nether has been too impressive so far, and it is even possible that the durable Baker could wind up with some of the throwing duties, too.

Taylor will have two pre-conference games in which to find out these things. The first is against Utah at Salt Lake City Saturday, the next against top-rated Michigan State at Portland Oct. 4. Then Oregon State goes into the conference race, starting with Stanford at Palo Alto, Oct. 11.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

TENNIS

Los Angeles — Ted Schroeder of La Crescenta, Calif., veteran U. S. Davis Cup player, upset Mervyn Rose of Australia, 6-4, 6-4, to enter quarter finals of Pacific Southwest Tennis tourney.

GENERAL

Washington — Stewards of Intercollegiate Rowing Association inspected Potomac River course as possible site for former Poughkeepsie Regatta.

BOXING

Grossinger, N. Y. — Dr. Joseph Bartone of Pennsylvania Athletic Commission examined Rocky Marciano and said he was in "very good condition" for title bout with champion Jersey Joe Walcott next Tuesday in Philadelphia. Bartone previously examined Walcott at his camp in Atlantic City, N. J.

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