

MALIN POISED FOR BIG TRY

Mustangs Face Moro in State Test

Playoff Grid Opener At Merrill Saturday

By RED HURD

The Mustangs of Malin and the Huskies of Moro head down a touchdown trail Saturday that leads to the state's highest Class B football prize.

Malin, Dist. 5 kingpin, and Moro, winner of the pigskin loot in Dist. 6, answer the opening kickoff whistle at 2 p.m. on the Merrill High School field.

The winner sends its football to the cleaners in preparation for a semi-final try the following week; the loser sheds its gear and turns to basketball.

Other weekend Class B quarter-final football scraps send Oakland (Dist. 4) to Monroe (Dist. 3), Union (Dist. 8) to Ione (Dist. 7) and Gervais (Dist. 2) to Amity (Dist. 1).

The Malin-Moro victor squares off next week against the winner of the Union-Ione squabble, while winners of the Gervais-Amity and Monroe-Oakland games trade socks in the other semi-final game. Sites will be announced early next week.

ALL THE WAY

Klamath County hasn't had a state title to crow about since 1946. That's the year Henley went all the way. The Hornets were runners-up in 1947 and '48, and this season were graduated into the A-2 division, playing an independent schedule.

Since 1948 when the Hornets lost the gridiron touch, Malin Coach Jim Conroy, who will steer the Mustangs against Moro Saturday,

covered more ground than any other Klamath County coach. He took his athletes in 1949 through the quarterfinal game—incidentally, the win was over Moro—but flunked in the semi-final tilt against Union, likely foe next week for Saturday's winner.

Oddly enough, Conroy tackles the big three-game job that leads to the state championship with a team that, by his own admission, has him puzzled for its potential.

Only Chiloquin, hepped-up in early October, gave the Mustangs trouble, but Malin rallied for a 20-13 win. But sideline observers perplexed along with Malin's own faithful followers when the underdog Mustangs ran roughshod over a Rogue River team, 42-14, in last week's district championship game.

SURPRISE

The four-touchdown margin, more than the victory, surprised even Conroy.

It brought a hesitant prophecy of a "full-route trip" for his Mustangs from Conroy—but attached with one stipulation: "If the boys play like they did against Rogue River."

Conroy hustles his Mustangs, sparked by touchdown-happy Pat Madden, into the game with a perfect record in seven games.

Moro this season lost just one game—to Ione, the team that faces Union in one quarterfinal game—while winning five.

Malin's over-all record under Conroy is an enviable one. In this, Conroy's fifth season, it stands at 35-4. Two of the setbacks were to Klamath County League teams, one to Phoenix in a 1951 district game, the other to Union in 1949 in the state semi-final playoff game.

Fullback Madden has scored 12 touchdowns this season. Halfbacks Glen Steyskal and Lavon Travis have accounted for six and five respectively, while Steyskal has thrown for six more.

VERSATILE

Malin has a versatile attack with Steyskal's optional run-pass play opening the defense for Madden's snares. And when Pat bombs into the secondary, he knows where to go and does it in a hurry; he was Malin's fastest sprinter on this year's track team.

Marshall Cornett works at the quarterback spot and handles the ball well on handoffs and pich-outs, although the play-calling chore falls to Virgil Rick, a talented end who teams with Rod Lyon on the other side.

Between Lyon and Rick on the offensive line are five imposing sents who like to clear romping roads for Madden and Company.

Standout is George Evans, who works at guard on the right side. Evans carries 220 pounds, but moves with deceptive speed. He is joined by Lewis Kessler at the other guard spot. Tom Cantrall, who sometimes moves to fullback, is at left tackle. Stan Miller on the right side, Marvin Macken is in the pivot spot.

HURT

If Norm Oliva, a tackle on defense and on offense when Cantrall switches to fullback, is on the sidelines, it will hurt the Mustangs.

Oliva turned in a whole of a game against Rogue River but "growing pains" have made his playing doubtful. Doctors explain his trouble as cold settling in his ankles and knees due to rapid growth.

Harold Duncan, the boy most likely to trade touchdowns with Madden, sparks the Moro backfield, also from the fullback spot. Duncan, who has totaled 10 touchdowns this season, teams with halfback Kelly Wilson and Larry Sayrs and quarterback Harold Brown, a 6-1 lad who pitches with authority.

Larry Smith, a 125-pound mighty mite, will relieve Brown at quarterback, while Duncan's brother, Danny, will see duty, chiefly as a punter and place-kicker.

Coach Jerry Ditch's Moro line will open offensively with Gordon Helyer and Ivan Kerkela at ends, Bucky Brady and Norm Fridley at tackles, Don Miller and Gene Knott at guards and George Kelley at center.



THESE SEVEN MALIN LINEMEN make touchdown paths somewhat smoother for Pat Madden & Co. Here's how the Mustang forward wall will line up offensively against Moro Saturday afternoon on the Merrill gridiron in a Class B Oregon quarterfinal playoff game. Left to right, end Virgil Rick, guard George Evans, tackle Stan Miller, center Marvin Macken, guard Lewis Kessler, tackle Tom Cantrall and end Rod Lyon. — Photo by Don Kettler

Bruins Need Win In Husky Tilt Saturday

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stanford's Indians and the UCLA Bruins, running one-two in the race to the Rose Bowl, swing into the semifinal lap of the football season Saturday.

The Bruins stake their chances directly in a Pacific Coast Conference game with Washington at Los Angeles. Stanford meets San Jose State and in a non-league encounter with only prestige at stake.

SHOULD WIN

The two bowl contenders figure to win handily, Stanford by its great aerial attack and UCLA with its yardage grinding power.

The outcome of their final conference clashes Nov. 21 should decide the conference's Rose Bowl representative. Stanford meets a high scoring California in their traditional rivalry. UCLA hooks up with its cross-town foe, Southern California.

Stanford has a conference record of five victories and one defeat, by USC. The UCLA Bruins have won four and lost one, to Stanford.

IMPRESSIVE

In the overall schedule UCLA has been more impressive, with wins over Kansas and Wisconsin in inter-sectional competition.

Stanford's debut column numbers setbacks by College of the Pacific and Illinois outside the conference.

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Carruthers Keeps Title

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — World bantamweight champion Jimmy Carruthers, a slick dancer from Australia, held his title by a decision as he deftly boxed down Pappy Gault of Spartanburg, S.C., in a 15-round fight at Sydney, broadcast Friday by the Australian Radio.

At the end only a knockout could have won for the shorter, stockier American, said the broadcast heard in San Francisco.

A crowd estimated at 25,000 roared as the tiny fighters battled down to the end in the outdoor arena at the Sydney Sport Ground under warm skies.

Gault weighed 117 1/2, Carruthers 117.

Carruthers, who stood three inches over the stubby American, never let Gault corner him.

He took the lead at the start and held it almost all the 15 rounds.

There were no knockdowns.

In the third round, Carruthers came out of a hurried flurry of blows with a cut right eye, but he nursed it through the rest of the fight without trouble, never letting Gault work on it. It stopped bleeding in the seventh.

Art Larsen Moves Up

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Second-seeded Art Larsen of San Leandro, Calif., moved into the semifinal round of Brazil's International Tennis Tournament today with a 6-4, 6-1, 7-5 victory over Armando Vieira, Brazilian and South American champion.

Top-seeded Jaroslav Drobný also won, defeating George Naday 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

Doris Hart of Coral Gables, Fla., and Shirley Fry of Akron, Ohio, also moved ahead in the women's doubles. They defeated Odela Faria and Herondina Linhares 6-4, 6-0.

Starting Job

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Coach Kip Taylor Thursday named Laird Brattain, a junior from Portland, to start at left end for Oregon State in Saturday's grid meeting here with Washington State.

It will be Brattain's first starting assignment, Taylor said he earned it by his improved showing in practice and recent games.



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They will be run off in all sections of the state, and include such contests as Grants Pass at North Bend, Salem at Benson of Portland, Coquille at Drain and Prineville at Vale.

Most of the interest lies in the class 1-A playoffs, which includes the largest schools of the state and the top-ranked teams.

There Grants Pass, a late-developing team ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press poll, will journey to North Bend Friday night to tackle the unbeaten, untied team ranked No. 1 all season long.

North Bend defeated Grants Pass, 42-20, in an early season game, but North Bend fans got the discouraging word Thursday that their ace ball carrier, Jim Shanley, may be on the sidelines most, if not all, of the game.

He injured his left ankle in practice, and Coach Frank Akins said it was doubtful if he could play. Shanley has scored 17 touchdowns for North Bend.

Portland fans will see undefeated and untied Salem, tied for second place in the AP poll, meet once-

beaten Benson Friday night. Benson is the Portland league winner. Its only loss was to Kelso, Wash., 13-6, in the opening game of the season.

Central Catholic, the Portland team tied with Salem for second place in the poll, will journey to Hillsboro Friday night. Central Catholic is the defending champion and is undefeated in two seasons. Hillsboro, ranked No. 9, has a 6-2 record.

The other class 1-A game comes Saturday with Jefferson of Portland, ranked No. 5, traveling to Eastern Oregon to meet Baker, the No. 10 team.

There are four undefeated teams in the class 2-A playoffs, and two of them tangle right at the start. This game will come at Vale Friday night with Prineville, ranked No. 6 in the state, meeting Vale. Prineville has won nine straight games this season, Vale eight.

Drain, also the winner of nine straight, will be host to Coquille,

and Reedsport and St. Helens, a pair of once-beaten teams will tangle at St. Helens in other Friday night games.

Undefeated Estacada will go to Stayton to meet Cascade in the fourth class 2-A game Saturday.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jockey Ken Church booted home four winners but was hospitalized with a dislocated shoulder when his mount, Royal Lender, broke his leg in the eighth race at Churchill Downs.

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