

# Homecoming Slated

## Vikings Next For Ore Tech

It's home coming weekend for the Oregon Tech Owls, and they face the most important game of their schedule as they meet Portland State College this Saturday night on Modoc Field with a chance to keep their Oregon Collegiate Conference record clean and move into the top spot of the standings.

At the present time, Southern Oregon is in the lead with the Owls close behind, and should the Mile High Campus team whip Portland state, something that might prove hard to do, and the Red Raiders from Ashland lose to Oregon College, the Owls would be in the driver's seat of the league.

The Oregon Tech coaching staff, headed by Rex Hunsaker with Bob Smith and Art Kirkland filling the assistant positions, have been working their gridgers hard in preparation for the coming ball game, and have indicated that this Saturday night's battle will be one of the toughest for the Owls so far this season.

Oregon Tech, which has had a weight advantage over most of the teams they have played this season will be on the short end, as PSC has a big and rugged line, according to Kirkland, who recruited the Vikings in their win over Oregon College of Education last Saturday.

The OTI backfield coach warned the Owls squad that Portland State is coming, and they have plenty of potential with 15 lettermen, including several three year men, and a host of promising freshman prospects to give, coach Joe Holland plenty to look forward to for a year or so to come.

This meeting of the two teams will be a "rubber-match" as both teams have won two games apiece while two other contests ended in a tie, over the six year span.

In 1948 and 49 when PSC was known as Vanport, the games finished in a 0-0 tie and 33-7 in favor of the Vikings. In 1950 when Hunsaker made his first appearance on the OTI Campus, the Owls again tied the Portland team this time 13-13. The Oregon Tech first victory over the Vikings came in 1951 when they ran to a 28-7 decision, while in 1952, the Owls collected their second win by taking a lopsided 54-0 decision from the Vics. Last year Portland State took a 14-12 win from the Owls to even up the series.

Portland State, which has the highest enrollment in its history, 2,300 students, has won two and lost two so far this season, while the Owls' win-loss record stands a two and three after playing somewhat tougher competition than the



**GIVING THE Owls plenty of punting power is Doug Crippen, Medford's contribution to the 1954 Oregon Tech football team. The Owl fullback has demonstrated outstanding ability on offense and defense so far this year for coach Rex Hunsaker's squad. The ex-Tornado athlete will see plenty of duty this Saturday night as the Owls meet Portland State College in the Mile High Campus' homecoming game of the season.**

Jesse Owens still holds live Western Conference track records.

## College Grid Briefs

**CORVALLIS, Ore. (H) —** Reserve Bob Clark worked as quarterback for Oregon State Wednesday as the Beavers drilled on a rain-soaked field for Saturday's football meeting here with UCLA. Clark, a sophomore, filled in for the two regulars who were still on the sidelines with injuries.

**EUGENE, Ore. (H) —** The news that halfback Dick James will be able to play against San Jose State here Saturday cheered Oregon supporters Wednesday. James injured a wrist in the game with Southern California last weekend and it had been uncertain whether he would be in the lineup against the Spartans. Despite a heavy rain, the Ducks held their regular drills and concentrated on improving their already potent passing attack. Quarterback George Shaw, the nation's No. 2 college passer, did the throwing.

**PULLMAN, Wash. (H) —** Coach Al Kircher ran the Washington State Cougars through offensive and defensive scrimmages drill before Saturday's game here with Idaho. Junior guard Doug Leitfeste, who was injured against USC early in the season, was in uniform and Kircher said he probably will play against the Vandals Saturday.

**MOSCOW, Idaho (H) —** Coach Skip Stahley barred the gates Wednesday and put his Idaho Vandals through a secret workout as they prepared for the Saturday football encounter with Washington State.

## Malin Meets Trojans Tomorrow

Two County league teams go into action tomorrow afternoon and three others will see action Saturday afternoon, as the league race is shaping into a possible tie between Chiloquin and Malin.

Tomorrow afternoon, Sacred Heart's Trojans travel to Malin to meet the Mustangs in what could make or break Malin's chances for a second straight championship and a right to meet St. Mary's of Medford, November 8 in the district playoffs.

For Jim Sousa, his chance of an upset win over Malin lies in the running of halfbacks Dean Michaelis and Bill Deputy and the quarterbacking of Dino Reginaldo, who is replacing Phil Collins who is in the Army. The remaining spot in the Trojans backfield will be filled

by Dick Wickline, Sacred Heart fullback.

Malin's hopes rest on the shoulders of Pat Madden, who has carried the bulk of the load all through the season for the Mustangs, with added help coming from Ray Johnson, Marshall Corneli and Olen Steyskal, who does most of the

passing for the defending league champs.

Saturday, Chiloquin travels to Merrill to keep their title hopes alive, and Henley hosts the Illinois Valley eleven, in two other top flight grid battles.

Game times for the games are 2:30 for the Malin-Sacred Heart

scrap, and 1:30 for the Illinois Valley-Henley game. The Merrill-Chiloquin contest is slated to get underway at 3:00 Saturday.

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Vikings have met.

The Vics hold wins over Southern Oregon College by a 32-19 margin, and Oregon College of Education at the hands of Linfield 12-7 and Lewis and Clark 44-19.

With either Del Kiggins, a freshman from Estacada, or letterman George Robertson in the quarterback spot, directing the Portland State offense, trouble could be brewing for the Owls on their homecoming.

To counteract this trouble, Kirkland has a host of scooters that are capable of going all the way. As was demonstrated in last Saturday night's 52-19 win over Lower Columbia, when Odie Canada, Willie Stinson, Linous Allen, "Sugar" Smith, George Johnson, Doug Crippen and Lyle Fleetwood all picked up yardage for the OTI scoring drives.

In the line, Smith has some fairly good sized boys himself that take a lot of pushing around, such as lettermen Dennis Johnson and Ken Sloan, while freshmen Spikes Carter, Jack Thur and Stan Smith along with a reserve from last year's squad Kent Crawley give the Owls line coach a good nucleus to work around.

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