



MALIN'S MUSTANGS ARE HOPING this twosome will prove too big of a hurdle for the invading Moro Huskies Saturday afternoon in a state B-high school quarterfinal playoff game at Modoc Field. Wes Drazil, left, a veteran end for Jim Conroy's club, and Grady Saunders, right, a senior-letterman guard will have their sights on Moro backfield men when the teams clash for a semifinal berth.

Malin Meets Moro In B Playoff Game

It will be offense vs. defense Saturday afternoon at Modoc Field when the Malin Mustangs and Moro Huskies collide in a quarterfinal game of the state B-high school football playoffs. Game time has been set for 1:30.

Coach Jim Conroy's Mustangs have displayed a masterful offense through most of the season and are relying upon potent scoring machine to carry them through playoff action. Moro on the other hand, has been shy a powerful scoring punch this year, but their defense has made up the lack of scoring power, according to coach Ray Howie.

The two teams' records stand just about even with Malin having a slight advantage in the win-loss column. Moro has won seven while losing only one, that a 14-0 loss to a ranked Washington A-2 school, Gaidendale. One of their wins was a 13-0 triumph last week over Maupin for the District 6-B championship. Malin has won seven, lost none and tied one. The lone deadlock came in a 6-6 battle with the Henley Hornets. Last Saturday evening at Medford, the Mustangs worked their way into the state playoffs by downing St. Mary's of Medford 27-12 to stop the previously unbeaten Crusaders.

Conroy said late this week he expects his club to be at full strength for the Moro clash as fullback Glenn Steyskal, who has been hampered by a hip injury, and halfback Ray Johnson, who suffered a pulled groin muscle against St. Mary's, are both ready to "go" against the Huskies. Steyskal sat out most of the St. Mary's game, leaving the offensive load to Johnson and reserve Melvin Paris.

With Steyskal and Johnson back in true form, Conroy will probably open with the two lettermen backs, Norm Oliva at the other half and Jim Johnson at quarterback. Paris is who set the pace last week against the Crusaders, will definitely see action against the Huskies as will halfback Roland Harmon.

In the forward wall for the Mustangs, Wes Drazil and Roger Dokken are expected to draw the two starting end positions with Allan Meyers and Len Dobry getting first call at tackle. The two guard spots will probably be given to seniors Grady Saunders and Roy Ingram. "Little" John Pierce, a 145-pounder, will do the honors at center for the Mustangs.

For the visiting Huskies from the Columbia River Basin, Howie said he would probably start an all-letterman backfield against the Klamath County and District 5-B champions Saturday. Working out of the T and split-T formations, Moro will be led by quarterback Louis Miller, a 140-pound junior. The halfback chores will be given to Gary Rodda, Vern Mobley or Ronald Rolfe. At fullback will be the big ground gainer for the Huskies, Ivan Kirkelle, a 175-pound senior. Kirkelle and Rolfe were starters for Moro last year when the Huskies advanced to the B-semis before being beaten.

In a line spear-headed by a pair of 200-pound tackles, Howie will open with Jim Brown and Bob Olsen at ends, Gene Knott and Gary Miller at tackle, Jim Belshe and Milton Fridley at guard and Jim Brady at center. Knott and Miller register 200 and 205 respectively to give the Huskies

plenty of size in the forward wall. The two tackles and Olsen were also starters on the 1954 Moro club. All of the linemen with the exception of Brown are letter winners.

The weight averages are fairly close between the two clubs. Malin had a slight advantage in the backfield, while Moro has the edge in the front line. The Mustangs

hold a 170-164 margin in the backfield, while Moro's line heads the Mustang forward wall 176-172. The overall team averages are around the 170-pound mark.

The Modoc Field ticket booths will be open at 12 o'clock. Admission prices are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. There will be no reserved seats. The game is an OSAA sponsored event.

Herald and News Sports

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Johnny Longden Eyes All-Time Turf Record

By OSCAR FRALEY
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LAUREL, Md. (UP)—Wizened Johnny Longden had two certainties in mind as he rode Canada's Prefect to the post in the Washington, D. C. International today.

One was that before he hangs up his tack he will have ridden more winners than any jockey in the history of racing.

The other is that Count Fleet was the greatest race horse which ever trotted out on a track.

Johnny has his eyes riveted on the all-time record of 4,870 winners set by Sir Gordon Richards before the Englishman stepped down last year. At first glance this may seem like a tough chore, considering that at the start of this year Longden had "only" 4,469 victories to his credit.

"But I had ridden 158 more win-

ners through Oct. 26," Longden asserted, "which brings my total to 4,627. That leaves me only 243 to go—and I feel that I have at least three more years of riding ahead of me, barring injuries."

So, it would seem, Longden is a double-dyed clinch to surpass Richards' mark. Richards was 50 years of age when he finally quit—and Longden is but 45 at the moment.

Little Johnny, down to 105 pounds after paring off seven pounds through dieting, will ride Prefect in today's race against the best from the United States, England, Ireland, France and Germany. He doesn't direct his races, however, at the charger which has been trained by his son, Vance.

"There was only one horse for me, and he'll be the only one as long as I live," Johnny reminisced. "It has to be Count Fleet because I honestly feel he was the greatest horse of all time."

Longden rode the mighty Count in every one of the colt's races, piloting him to six straight triumphs as a three-year-old.

Count Fleet, in case you have forgotten, in 1945 won the St. James by three and one-half lengths; the Wood Memorial by the same margin; the Kentucky Derby by three lengths; the Preakness by eight; the Withers by five and, after injuring his leg in the backstretch, galloped to victory in the Belmont Stakes by 25 lengths.

"Count Fleet never was extended," Johnny declares. "Why, he broke the world record for three-quarters in a workout and always finished eased up. Honestly, I was afraid to let him out. He'd run right over other horses if they had him in a blind switch. I never saw Man O'War but Count Fleet, in my book, has to positively be the greatest ever."

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Oregon Tech Travels For Battle

LCJC, OTI Meet Saturday

Oregon Tech's footballing Owls, determined to collect win number one for the season, departed today for Longview, Washington, and a gridiron engagement with the Lower Columbia Junior College Red Devils Saturday evening.

This weekend's game will mark the first actual time this year that the Owls have gone against competition within their own class. Although the Tech squad has lost seven straight games, one was to the Northwest's semi-pro power, two other were to nationally ranked junior colleges and the remaining four were in competition with four-year schools in the Oregon Collegiate Conference.

Lower Columbia will by no means prove to be a pushover for the traveling Owls, but the Mile High Campus club should be able to hold their own this week. Compared to Tech's 0-7 mark, LCJC has won three and lost three. One of the triumphs came on a 14-0 upset verdict over Oregon College of Education. The Owls in turn handed Tech a 20-7 loss.

BEWILDERED
Coach Rex Hunsaker, still bewildered by the spirit maintained by his boys, has made a few changes in the starting lineup for Saturday evening's clash at Longview, which might possibly be the key to the Owls' first grid win of 1955.

The Mile High Campus grid boss said he would most likely open with Al Van Leuven and Charles Eccleston at ends, but Wes Parrish and Allan Jones might possibly draw the assignments. At tackle will be Bud Stumpes and Dave Lockard, while Stan Smith and Olen Ragan are expected to find guard duties waiting. At center for the Owls will be either Lyle Loffer or Charles Hopman.

In the backfield, Cal "Sugar Jet" Smith will work from the quarterback slot, with Mike Campbell and Harry Juul opening at halfback. Frank Dunn will be back in top shape this week to handle his fullback assignment. Dunn missed most of the OCE clash because of an attack of the flu, but Hunsaker reports his 195-pound line buster will be ready for action against the Red Devils. Scott Hartley, Don Stonichill, Dave Thomas, Toby Moore and Frank Radford will probably spell the Owl starters.

FIRST WIN
For the Red Devils, who will be seeking their first win over an Oregon Tech club, coach Claude Jones will use quarterback Bob Davis, halfbacks Sunny Estes and Jim Reichstein and fullback Fred Rister in his starting backfield against the visiting Tech eleven. Davis and Reichstein are both returning lettermen, while the other two backfield starters are freshmen. Rister is a bruising, 215-pound fullback with a surprising amount of speed, which gives the Devils a deadly ground attack.

In the line for Lower Columbia, Jim Titus will open at center, Cliff Goodrich and Dennis Gregory will be at the guard posts and Howard Hater and Gene Grunbois, 235 and 200 respectively will hold down the tackle positions. At end for LCJC will be Bruce Grambo and Ken Hagdahl.

Lower Columbia has dumped Greys Harbor 7-6, Olympic 7-0 and Oregon College 14-0. The losses suffered by the Devils have been handed down by Wenatchee JC 26-6, Yakima JC 28-16 and Everett JC 26-6. The only common opponent for Tech and Lower Columbia is Olympic, the Owls' final foe of the year, next weekend.

Sports in Brief
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHLETICS
EVANSTON, Ill. — Ted Payseur was dropped as athletic director at Northwestern University as first step in a reorganization of the athletic department.

RACING
LAUREL, Md. — Willie Shoemaker and three other jockeys were injured slightly in a spill in the seventh race at Laurel, vici Admiral (\$7.20) defeated Lady Elliott in a stretch duel in the Rock Creek Purse.

CHICAGO — Jockey Tony Skorkinski rode four straight winners, but Willie Cox piloted Cow Towr (\$7.40) to victory in the top event at Sportsman's Park.

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Sahio (\$14.50) captured the Invitational Handicap for 3-year olds by thr e-quarters of a length at Tanforan.



OREGON TECH'S letterman center, Lyle Loffer will probably open against the Lower Columbia Red Devils Saturday night at Longview in a non-conference junior college grid battle. Loffer, a veteran from Coos Bay, is the heaviest Tech griddier at 210.

Seals' Franchise On Block After Forfeit

VANCOUVER, B.C., (UP)—The franchise of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League was up for sale today after having been forfeited by league directors at their annual meeting here.

The directors announced yesterday they would operate the club next year unless a new buyer was found before then.

Claire Goodwin, PCL president, said the league would not sell the Seals' franchise for less than \$300,000 and accumulated indebtedness.

The buyer would have to assume that debt.

Joseph Cairnes, executive vice president of the Milwaukee Braves of the National League, said he had discussed the possible purchase of the Seals with PCL directors "but there was no meeting of minds and we made no offer."

High School Grid Playoffs Open Tonight

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The annual state high school football playoffs begin in earnest Friday night with the big games at opposite ends of the state.

The No. 1 game in class 1-A comes on the coast, where Medford plays at Coos Bay against Marshfield, the undefeated team that won the No. 1 rating in the Associated Press poll.

The top game in class 2-A is on the eastern margin of the state, where Prineville plays at Vale. Undefeated Vale is the favorite in that class, although Prineville has many supporters who expect it to go on to the title.

There will be five other games in this opening round. One playoff game already has been decided. In that one Dallas defeated Central High of Monmouth-Independence last week, 6-0. Dallas will be idle this weekend.

The class 1-A round starts with an afternoon game at Pendleton, Washington, the Portland league runner-up, will be the underdog in that one, taking a 5-2-1 record into the contest. Pendleton is unbeaten in nine games.

The night games in class 1-A send Medford (6-2-1) to Marshfield (6-0); McMinnville (7-1) to Gresham (9-0) and Corvallis (7-2) to Jefferson of Portland (7-0-1).

In class 2-A it will be Coquille (7-1-1) at Eugene against Junction City (6-0); Newport (6-2-1) at Tillamook (7-2) and Prineville (7-2) at Vale (6-0). All are night games.

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By SCOTT BAILLIE
United Press Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—They used to laugh when Oregon State and Oregon came down to play football but the smart boys definitely are worried this weekend and for good reason.

Oregon State, which dropped eight out of nine games last season, meets California at Berkeley and is a seven-point choice to displace Stanford in the Pacific Coast Conference.

Oregon, bouncing along on a four game winning streak, has been posted a seven-point underdog to Stanford of the Indians' 28-20 upset of Southern California. Coach Chuck Taylor of the Indians refuses to cheer up, for a change, and regards this game as the greatest test of the year for his in-and-outers.

One of the drivewheels in Oregon State's amazing comeback under Coach Tommy Prothro has been left tackle John Witte. Big John actually is a triple threat man. After he gets out of school he wants to play pro football, get on somebody's wrestling troupe and become an undertaker.

BROUGHT SECRETS
Prothro, who came to the Beavers from UCLA this year and smuggled the secrets of the Bruins' single-wing system out of Los Angeles, rates Witte the best tackle on the coast.

"He compares favorably to Jack Eliska, UCLA's All-American tackle of last year," Prothro declares.

In the meantime, Corvallis, Ore. once more is nuts over football and King Basketball has been set down a peg.

Oregon also is far ahead of expectations and goes into the Stanford game with straight wins over California, Arizona, Idaho and Washington State. Not that these teams are worldbeaters, but things are a lot rosier than Coach Len Casanova had dared to dream.

What happens? All seemed lost after George Shaw, the all-purpose man, left after last season. But Tom Crabtree's savvy at quarterback mixed with the speed of halfbacks Jack Morris and Jim Shanley have replaced Shaw's passing. The Webfoots are making terrific mileage overland.

REELING HUSKIES

Washington's reeling Huskies, who were bopped 20-6 by unsung California last week, are slated to take it on the chin again from UCLA in Los Angeles where the Bruins are 28-point favorites. Washington has been held to one touchdown in each of its last five games.

Southern California and College of the Pacific get the day off.

Down at the bottom of the barrel, Washington State (1-6-1) plays sharp San Jose State at Pullman, Wash., while Idaho (0-7) meets distressed Brigham Young at Provo, Utah.

Fresno State and Cal Poly play at San Luis Obispo tonight in a California Collegiate Athletic Association game and Whitworth of Spokane, Wash. goes after its 16th straight victory over a three year span when it meets Eastern Washington on Saturday.



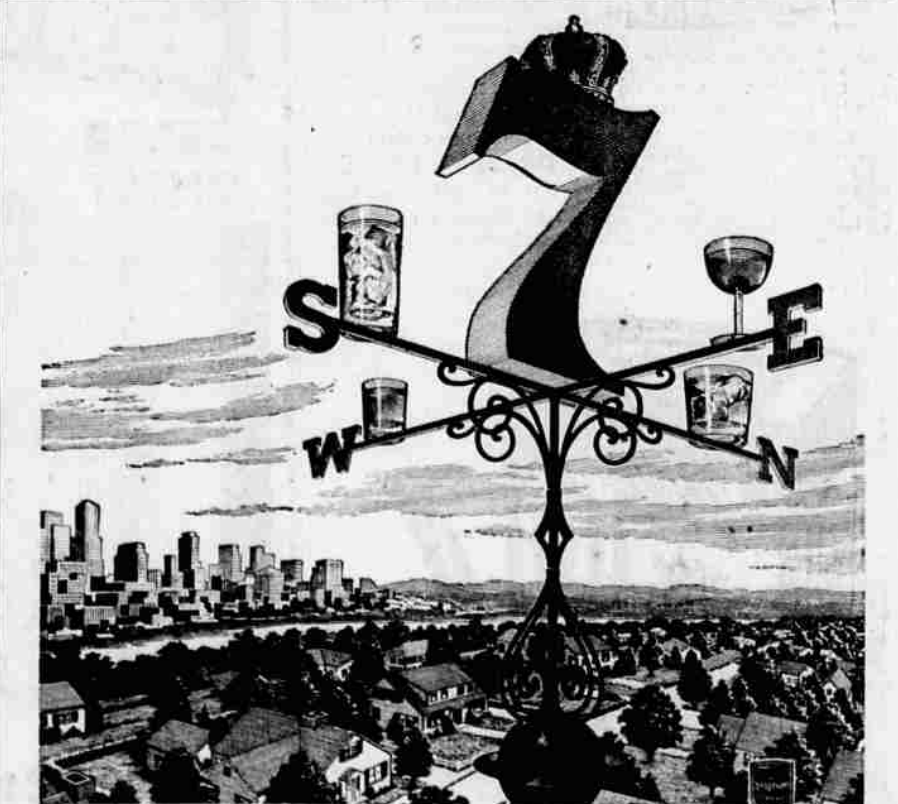
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