Mustangs In Championship Playoff

THOUGHTS OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS raced through the thoughts of Malin High School football fans Saturday after the Mustangs walloped Union High 27-12 in one of two semi-final games in the B-prep ranks. Siletz won the other final berth by downing Monroe, and will meet the Mustangs next weekend for the Oregon B-high school title. At left, Glenn Steyskal increased the state playoff fever—when he raced 40 yards for a third quarter touchdown. Union's Dick Cantrell makes a last-ditch effort to stop the Malin fullback. The next two views taken by the Herald and News cameraman Don Kettler found mixed emotions in the faces of these Malin rooters, and Coach Jim Conroy, who was all smiles after his team's victory. At far right, Ray Johnson, outstanding Malin halfback is helped off the field after the game by a Malin rooter. Johnson was injured in the first quarter and watched the second half of the semi-final game from the stands in street clothes. The loss of Johnson was a big blow to the Mustangs and Conroy, even if the score doesn't elaborate the matter.

Malin Advances In B Prep Play With Win Over Union

By CLAYTON HANNON

The Mustangs are in.

Saturday afternoon on Malin High School's football field, between six and seven hundred football fans were on hand to watch the Malin Mustangs pound out a 27-12 triumph over the visiting Union Bobcats, and advance into the championship round of the Oregon State B-High School football playoffs.

Rain, mud, cold or Union could not stop the razor-sharp offense, and a stonewall defense that Malin employed for their semi-final grid voctory, their ninth of the season against a single tie and no losses.

Coach Jim Conroy's chargers of the Lower Basin smashed for two touchdowns in the final period of play to "ice" the bid to meet Siletz in the championship game next Saturday. The "B"-bunting battle site will be announced early this coming week.

RAIN-SOAKED HALF

During a rain-soaked first half, both teams battled on fairly-even terms with Malin hold a 7-0 margin, as the two teams held halftime conferences. The single first half touchdown came, as Malin defied the cardinal rules of the game and took to the air lanes with a slippery and hard-to-handle pigskin.

Just into the second quarter, Malin set up the initial score with a seven-yard pass play from Glenn Steyskal to Roger Dokken that moved the ball to the Union 18-yard line. On the ensuing play, Steyskal flipped a toss to Dokken again, this time in the Bobcats' end zone for a Malin touchdown. Steyskal ran over the extra point.

Early in the third stanza, a gamble by Union backfired, and Malin was set up for their second score of the afternoon. On a fourth down, Union faked a punt and elected to pass, but the toss fell to the turf incomplete, and Malin took over on the Bobcats' 46. On the first play from scrimmage, and the first Malin effort of the last half, Steyskal circled his own left end on a pass-run optional and tight-roped his way down the sidelines into pay dirt. Norm Oliva carried the ball over for the conversion, and Malin led 14-0.

Another Bobcat gamble paid off for the Eastern Oregon club in the closing minutes of the third quarter.

Quarterback Mickey Ricker faked a punt, and passed to Ronald Titus in a play that covered 43 yards and set the ball on the Malin 14-yard stripe. Two plays into the final chapter of the semi-final game, Ricker kept the pigskin on a quarterback sneak, and broke into the end zone for the score. The extra point try failed, as a tough Malin forward wall held Ricker's running try.

On the ensuing kickoff, Malin marched 57 yards to settle the issue once and for all. Again the Mustangs took to the air with the passing arm of Glenn Steyskal and the running of scrappy Melvin Paris. Steyskal boomed his way over for the third Malin TD of the game from four yards out, as he circled his right end behind some nice crisp blocking by Paris, Oliva and several other teammates. Paris' line buck try-for-point was stopped short, and Malin supported a 20-0 lead.

STEYSKAL INTERCEPTS

The final Malin tally wasn't too long in the making after Steyskal scampered over for his second touchdown of the fray. And again it was Steyskal, who started the Mustangs' stampede. The 175-pound senior fullback snared a Union aerial on his opponent's 40-yard line and returned it to the 15 before being stopped.

Steyskal scored in the closing minutes of the fourth period also, but a Malin clipping penalty called the play back, and the ball was placed on the Union 24. But the Mallners were not through, and Paris, a pint-sized battler from the word go, clearly demonstrated the point.

On the very first play following Steyskal's nullified scoring romp, Paris took the ball on a delayed buck through the center of the Union line, hurdled one would-be tackler and cut to his right, while outrunning three Bobcat defenders before reaching the last marker and a score. Steyskal did the honors in fine fashion by running the extra point over to give his school a 27-6 lead.

Union bounced right back with their second and final touchdown of the game, as they, too, took to the air ways for yardage. The final payoff came as halfback Gene McKinney took a pitchout from Ricker, and threw to Titus in the Malin end zone to cap a downfield drive of 64 yards. Again the try for point failed to materialize, when McKinney's kick was low.

Malin lost the services of their star halfback Ray Johnson late in the first quarter. The stellar speedster suffered a leg injury, when he was knocked out of bounds at the end of a 36-yard run, the key to the first Malin tally. Conroy said Johnson could have pulled a tendon and might possibly be out of the championship fracas next week.

"I will not take any chances with Ray," Conroy stated, "if there is any doubt that he may suffer further injury, we'll play without him as much as I hate to." But with Johnson's absence, the Malin attack struck with precision with Steyskal and Paris taking turns in the driver's seat.

Union's top ball-carrier as of yesterday's game, McKinney, was also hampered by a knee injury early in the second quarter, but played a part-time role for the outfought Bobcats.

Statistics:

	Malin	Union
First downs rushing	8	1
First downs passing	4	5
First downs penalties	0	1
Total first downs	12	7
Yards gained rushing	243	59
Yards lost rushing	17	27
Net yards rushing	226	32
Yards gained passing	102	127
Yards lost passing	0	0
Net yards passing	102	127
Total net yards	328	159
Passes attempted	10	20
Passes completed	8	7
Passes incomplete	1	11
Passes intercepted by	2	1
Fumbles	4	2
Fumbles lost	2	1
Yards penalized	45	45
Number of punts	3	4
Average length punts	32.3	42.0
Ball lost on downs	1	2
Touchdowns	4	2
Conversions	3	0
Points	27	12

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

MALIN

	TC	Yds.	Aver.
Ray Johnson	5	35	7.0
Glenn Steyskal	18	86	4.7
Melvin Paris	13	73	5.6
Norm Oliva	3	13	4.3
Roger Dokken	1	4	4.0
John Pierce	2	11	5.5
Roland Harmond	1	4	4.0

UNION

	TC	Yds.	Aver.
Gene McKinney	7	1	.14
Sam Clack	2	7	3.5
Mickey Ricker	1	1	1.0
Holt Hibbert	2	-12	-6.0
Ronald Titus	5	2	.4
Duane West	6	14	2.3
Richard Erwin	3	18	6.0

Score by quarters:					
Malin	0	7	7	13	—27
Union	0	0	0	12	—12

Score for Malin: Touchdowns — Dokken, Steyskal (2), and Paris. Conversions—Steyskal (2), Oliva (Line Bucks). Scoring for Union: Touchdowns—Ricker and Titus.

Football Scoreboard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
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(FRIDAY NIGHT)
Miami (Fla.) 34, Alabama 12
Fresno State 19, San Jose State 13

EAST
Yale 21, Harvard 7
Syracuse 20, West Virginia 13
Princeton 6, Dartmouth 3
Rutgers 12, Columbia 6
Pitt 20, Penn State 0
Connecticut 6, Holy Cross 0
Delaware 27, Bucknell 12
New Hampshire 21, Massachusetts 7
Boston U. 25, Temple 0
Houston 26, Villanova 14

SOUTH
Duke 114, Wake Forest 0
Maryland 19, George Washington 0
Furman 13, Davidson 9
N. Carolina 26, Virginia 14
Kentucky 23, Tenn 0
Vanderbilt 21, Florida 6
Auburn 21, Clemson 0

MIDWEST
Ohio State 17, Michigan 0
Michigan State 33, Marquette 0
Notre Dame 17, Iowa 14
Illinois 7, Northwestern 7 (tie)
Purdue 6, Indiana 4
Minnesota 21, Wisconsin 6
Okla A&M 28, Kan. State 0
Kansas 13, Missouri 7
Oklahoma 41, Nebraska 0
Colorado 40, Iowa State 0
Detroit 19, Tulsa 13

SOUTHWEST
TCU 35, Rice 0
SMU 12, Baylor 0
LSU 13, Arkansas 7
Texas Tech 13, COP 7

ROCKIES
Colorado A&M 35, BYU 0

FAR WEST
UCLA 17, USC 7
Oregon 28, OSC 0
Idaho 31, Montana 0
Whitworth 20, Mont. State 0
Washington 27, WSC 7
Stanford 19, Calif 0
Whitworth 20, Mont. State 0
Air Force Academy 7, New Mexico Freshmen 6

Oregon Prep Playoffs
Class A-1 semi-final
Gresham 6, Jefferson (Portland) 0
Marshfield 40, Washington (Portland) (2)

Class A-2
Vale 13, Junction City 0
Dallas 6, Tillamook 0

Six-man final
Culver 32, Glide 14

Class B semi-final
Siletz 14, Monroe 7
Malin 27, Union 12

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How Top Ten Fared

NEW YORK (AP) — Here's how the country's top ten college football teams did Saturday:

1. Oklahoma defeated Nebraska, 41-0.
2. Maryland defeated George Washington, 19-0.
3. Michigan State defeated Marquette, 33-0.
4. Notre Dame defeated Iowa, 17-14.
5. UCLA defeated Southern California, 17-7.
6. Michigan lost to Ohio State, 17-0.
7. Texas Christian defeated Rice, 35-0.
8. Texas A & M was idle.
9. Ohio State defeated Michigan, 17-0.
10. Georgia Tech was idle.

Bylines from the SIDELINES

BY CLAYTON HANNON

TOM GARRETT OF THE KLAMATH FALLS OFFICE of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Department passed on the migratory bird season's oddity the other day, so we in turn will relay the story.

Seems Postmaster Chet Langslet's visiting hunting partner, Dr. Peter G. MacKintosh of Yakima, Washington, killed a juvenile White-Winged Scoter, while hunting on the upper lake earlier this month. These Scoters are a very uncommon bird to be found in this area, and may have been puzzling other bird hunters of the Basin as to their proper title.

Garrett points out these are coastal birds, which find nesting grounds in the inland waters of Northern Canada and Alaska. During the fall months they migrate back to the Pacific Coast areas of Washington, Oregon and California. Just by guessing, one would think the bird Dr. MacKintosh brought down had taken the wrong turn some place along the line.

The Scoter resembles an overgrown ruddy duck with a conspicuous white patch on the wings. They are a member of the "diving duck" family.

The Langslet-MacKintosh party reported seeing other Scoters during their excursions the same week. Other hunters and agents of the state game commission have also reported the "strangers" present.

Just in case some of the local scattergunners are still scanning their research books trying to figure out just what the odd duck that has been flying Klamath Lake waters is, it is the White-Winged Scoter.

KEITH COOPER
.... most improved Pel

COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK the past week that Medford may be sneaking one over on Klamath Falls, and it is no one's fault but our own.

The Northwest League may have an eight-team circuit next year, and the eighth team may very well be Medford. That's right, the cross-mountain rival of Klamath Falls. With the new league president a lumberman, and the Cheney Lumber Company behind the Medford bid, things could be rosy.

The only difference is the matter of Medford's getting the spot in the NWL, should their bid be accepted, is that businessmen from the Rogue Valley city went after the baseball team and Klamath's merchants didn't bother to try. Evidently we didn't want anything "new."

One item is for certain, if Medford gets the berth in the Northwest League, they will have to do some fast work ahead in supplying the NWL with a park, such as our own plant could have offered.

AWARD TIME IS HERE AGAIN for footballers over the Basin, as "most valuables, most outstanding, all-stars, leading lineman, etc." selections begin blossoming forth.

Coach John McGinnis KUHS Pelicans received their letter awards this past week, at which time Keith Cooper was named as the most improved player of the 1955 Klamath Union football season. The selection was made by the coaches and a plaque was presented by the Klamath Falls Toketee Lions Club.

The job of picking a boy for this honor proved to be a tough task for McGinnis and his two assistants, Harry Russell and Gerald Bevans, but in our own line of thought, they couldn't have made a better choice. Just prior to the Reno game, Keith suffered a broken hip which kept him on the sidelines for the final two games, but up to this time Cooper had displayed a big improvement over early season form.

If the 175-pound junior improves at the same rate through next season, then McGinnis will have a top-notch lineman on hand to greet gridiron foes in 1956.

Other awards already made official was the KFJI Most Valuable Player awards to Oregon Tech's Olen Ragan and Klamath Union's Donn Taucher. The Klamath Falls Lions Club is expected to follow suit by naming their outstanding lineman and most inspirational player choices at a banquet for KUHS footballers in the near future. The annual Oregon Tech football banquet is also on the agenda of things to come, here too will be more announcements of award winners for the past gridiron season.

More Teeth Set For Ring Policy

NEW YORK (UP) — Julius Helfand has adopted a new "get-tough" policy with fights at Madison Square Garden.

The chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission not only tossed out one fight slated for the punch emporium Friday but he said, "The time has come to get good matches in the garden of boxing is to be improved."

He blamed poor attendance at garden fights on poor matches there. He refused to approve the Frankie Ryff-Paolo Rossi lightweight fight on Dec. 23 because "Rossi is not a fit opponent."

Oregon's Webfoots Splash To 28-0 Triumph Over OSC

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Oregon pushed Oregon State all around a muddy field here Saturday to crush the Staters' last hopes of gaining the Coast Conference title, 28-0.

The Staters, who went into the game a one-touchdown favorite and with an outside chance to overtake UCLA for the conference crown, simply could not cope with Oregon's power.

They managed to hold Oregon to a 7-0 halftime margin, but in the closing periods Oregon came up with a devastating series of slant plays through the center of the line.

Halfback Dick James slanted to the right and halfback Jim Shanley to the left. When the Staters began spreading for them, quarterback Tom Crabtree called shots up the middle.

Shanley, sure-footed despite the mud from a week of snow and rain, scored two touchdowns and Crabtree added two more.

These resulted from drives of 65, 51, 71 and 61 yards. In only one of these did a pass figure.

That was in the final march in the fourth quarter when, faced with fourth down and seven yards to go on the State 20, Crabtree passed 13 yards to end Phil McHugh on the 7. Four plays later Crabtree shoved over the goal line.

A homecoming crowd of 20,000 watched the one-sided affair in their tradition closing game of the season for the arch-rivals.

Oregon State managed to get into Oregon territory just three times, and never did get beyond the Oregon 37. That was in the final period when Oregon reserves had taken over.

The Staters achieved only five first downs, while Oregon was rolling up 23 first down and 327 yards on rushing plays.

After an early exchange of punts, Oregon set the tone for the game by starting a scoring drive from its own 29. In 14 plays Oregon had its first touchdown, Shanley circling left end for the final seven yards. He shook off two tacklers at the five and, despite the treacherous footing, managed to dance his way down the sideline to the score.

EUGENE (AP) — Statistics of the Oregon State-Oregon football game:

	OSC	Ore.
First downs	5	23
Rushing yardage	73	327
Passing yardage	4	17
Passes attempted	6	4
Passes completed	1	2
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Punts	6	4
Punting average	34	36
Fumbles lost	0	0
Yards penalized	37	63

Oregon took the second-half kickoff and drove 65 yards for its second touchdown. The third came shortly after, as guard Renous Cochrane partially blocked an Oregon State punt. Oregon took the ball on its own 49 and drove in 13 plays to a third touchdown.

James intercepted a pass on the Oregon 39 in the final quarter, and from there Oregon marched to the final score.

Oregon State, unable to turn to the air because of the mud, relied heavily on its off-tackle plays, but never could get them going, a fact that can be blamed in large part on Oregon's McHugh, who sliced down the blockers regularly.

Oregon State	0	0	0	0	—0
Oregon	7	0	14	7	—28

Oregon scoring: Touchdowns-Shanley 2 (7, run; 2, run); Tom Crabtree 2 (1, plunge; 2, run). Conversion — Morris 4.

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Bedlam Breaks Loose As MSC Smells Roses

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Bedlam broke loose in Macklin Stadium Saturday as the Michigan State team and crowd realized the Spartans were due for their second Rose Bowl trip in three years.

The early tipoff was the crowd reaction—a cheering that had nothing to do with the action on the field where the Spartans breezed past Marquette, 33-0.

A Marquette player might be making a long run against a background of frantic screaming—but it was Hopalong Cassady helping Ohio State beat Michigan that the fans equipped with portable radios were cheering.

One goalpost went down just after the last extra point was kicked with 25 seconds left in the game.

Students and other supporters edged onto the field before the play ended. With the final whistle, the crowd poured across the field to mob the players and coaches. The other goal post was torn from its concrete foundations and the wild celebration was on.

The team poured into the dressing room chased by a frantic crowd of backslappers.

Senior end Ed Zalar yelled: "Let's go to the Rose Bowl—I knew it all the time!"

Coach Duffy Daughterty called for a prayer in the dressing room to quiet down his stalwarts. Then the demonstration started again.

"Hey, you fellows," yelled Daughterty. "Take care of your bruises tomorrow. We may have another game to play."

Daughterty said he would send off a wire of congratulations to Ohio State Coach Woody Hayes, although he didn't quite know what to say at the time.

"How about 'Thanks?'," someone suggested.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Gleeful Woody Hayes shouted, "Perfection football did it—perfection football!"

Whatever it was, it had just given his Ohio State team their second consecutive Big Ten title, plus the secondary thrill of depriving arch rival Michigan, 17-0, the conference crown and Rose Bowl bid.

In the Michigan dressing room Coach Bennie Oosterbaan forced a smile, and said "They were really great out there today—those Ohio boys—they dominated us completely for the whole game."

Oosterbaan was the spokesman. The Michigan players were told to take their defeat in silence, so any answers had to come from Oosterbaan.

Fights

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (Madison Square Garden) — Willie Pastrano, 181¾, New Orleans, outpointed Joe Rowan, 181¾, Phoenixville, Pa. 10.

BUTTE, Mont. — Larry Vasquez, 126, San Francisco, knocked out Lenny Walters, 126½, Vancouver, B.C., 5.

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