

# Oregon Tech Powders Humboldt Jr. Varsity

## Mustangs Broken . . .

# Merrill Wins County Title

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MALIN—A spirited band of pupils—the Merrill High School Huskies—rose to the occasions Saturday afternoon and picked off the County B-League football crown in a tremendous display of determination and will to win.

Coach Al Keck's Merrill High footballers came out on the long end of a 12-7 "upset" triumph that carried Merrill to its first clear-cut county title in six years. The last time the Huskies won a B-League title on the gridiron was in 1950. They tied with Malin in 1952, and were given the vote of the county principals and coaches, but this year, Merrill didn't need any vote to earn the right to enter into the District 5-B football playoffs.

Before game time yesterday, Malin was ranked as a strong seven to 12 point favorite over the Huskies, but Keck's chargers never when to quit. They battled into a lead, then battled from behind to trip up the Mustangs, who had gone 23 straight games without a defeat.

Merrill jumped off to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter, then held that margin when the two teams left the chilly wind-swept field at halftime.

### FEW MINUTES

With only a few minutes remaining in the first chapter of the play-off battle, Merrill cracked. The ice as Perry Laney bolted over the five-yard line on the old reliable statue of liberty play. The try for point by Tommy O'Neil on a pass play failed, but Merrill fans were happy and Malin supporters dizzy as the Huskies batted their way to pay dirt in a drive that covered 39 yards after Laney had intercepted a Stu Miller pass on the Merrill 40 and returned it to the Malin 30.

The passing arm of O'Neil paved the way for Merrill as they marched towards the opening TD signal-caller of Merrill's attack hit three straight completions in the air to set up the Laney trot into the end zone.

In the third quarter, Malin went ahead, with what looked to be a big one-point heading, 7-6. Alley Myers batted his way over from the one-yard line. Malin

moved into position for their go-ahead score on a roughing the passer penalty that moved the ball from Merrill's 27 to the 12. Myers and Roland Harmon moved the ball towards the goal line to set up the big fullback's TD run.

Merrill's game-winning drive to pay dirt came on the end of an amazing bit of dippy-doodle ball

playing on the parts of three Husky backs. With a first down situation on the Malin 45, O'Neil faded to pass, then laterally side to his left to John Haskins. The Merrill halfback then spotted Laney all alone in the clear on the five yard line, and with a perfect pass hit Laney for the "big" play of the game for the new county

football kings. The try for point kick by Haskins was no good.

Malin threatened to score what would have been the clincher late in the fourth quarter, but this same band of determined Huskies, who were playing for keeps, stopped the Malin attack cold in a brilliant "gold" line stand.

A pass play from Harmon to end Jim Tofel moved the ball to the eight yard line for a first down. On the first three plays, the Mustangs moved to the two yard line. On a fourth down play, Malin tried to push over the score, but the center of Merrill's line held tight and the Huskies took over on downs on the one-yard line.

Merrill's defense proved to be the key factor, although they were outgunned in the net yardage figures. When the going got tough, that's when Merrill's forward wall tightened and held the Malin attack in check. On four different occasions, Merrill took over on downs after containing Malin's game. And on two of these times, Merrill held Malin tight inside the 10 yard line in a pair of gold line stands.

Statistics:

	Merrill	Malin
First downs rushing	6	1
First downs passing	1	0
First downs penalty	7	0
Total first downs	14	1
Net yards rushing	87	37
Net yards passing	15	9
Total net yards	102	46
Passes attempted	15	9
Passes completed	6	2
Passes intercepted by	3	2
Fumbles lost	0	4
Penalties	36	40
Ball lost on downs	0	4
Punting average	24.7	22.8
Quarter scores:		
Merrill	6	0
Malin	0	7



NO ONE CAN HONESTLY say that the Oregon Tech Owls are looking for "paties" in their football schedule, in fact, if one is to be truthful with himself, it must be said that athletic director and head coach Rex Hunsaker likes to tackle the impossible.

Heading the list of opponents the Owls must face is Compton Junior College's terrible Tartars. In five games so far this year, Compton is undefeated, and until their last game, against Los Angeles City College, the Tartars were unscored upon.

In the first four outings of the season, Tay Brown's Compton wrecking crew scored 174 points while holding their opponents to a blank on the scoreboard. In their five game total, the Compton tally shows 199 points for and a mere six against. Oregon Tech's 45-0 defeat by Compton was one of the lightest scoring attacks pushed by the Tartars yet this year.

After Compton, the nation's top ranked junior college, comes the rough and tumble four-year competition supplied by the Oregon Collegiate Conference schools—Southern Oregon, Eastern Oregon, Portland State and Oregon College. This leaves only four games that the Owls would be playing in their own junior college class. Just one of those would be classed as a "cinch" and that one backed out on Hunsaker's club.

Speaking of Lassen JC of course. The Cougars left OTI, and Humboldt's Jayvees replaced Lassen. The other three junco teams left to battle Tech are Centralia, Ricks and Yakima, all tough in their respective conferences.

From Compton right on down the wire, it's a tough row to hoe. And to think that the OTI-Compton pact has one more year to run leaves one shaking in his boots, but not Hunsaker.

HERE IS A prediction of things to come:

In the summer of 1958, the boxing fans will see a world's heavyweight title scrap pitting Eddie Machen of Redding, California, against Floyd Patterson.

That's right. It may be less than two years, but not much. And it will be one of the roughest heavyweight battles since Joe Louis decked Max Schmeling in the first round of their 1938 battle in New York.

And backing up the thought we generated a short while ago, Patterson will win over Archie Moore in their light next month. He will then wear the crown at least until Machen gets a crack at it in '58.

REMAINING ON the subject of young Eddie Machen, the newest sensation among the top-ranked heavyweights, he will become the champion of his division before his ring days are over.

Some of the Basin's sports fans witnessed the Redding Negro's ability to wear the tog as a "champion to be" in his seventeenth round knockout of big Johnny Holman Wednesday evening in Portland. Redding's television station KVIP carried the scrap over channel 7, and it was a light well worth seeing. (What parts that weren't interrupted by network troubles).

Machen, like Patterson, displays a great deal of down-to-earth boxing ability, a point that has been missing from the heavyweight ranks since Joe Louis started his downward slide several years ago. Through the first six rounds, Machen picked his spots like a ring-wise veteran, not a youth with only 18 pro fights under his belt. Then in the seventh, like a swarm of bees in a bucket of honey, Machen uncorked two perfectly timed and devastating left-right combinations that sank the boat from under Holman.

Machen and Patterson are both young in their field, and both can box, and both can power-punch. All of which makes for an interesting future to the ring sport.

Now, take your pick.

OPERATION SHAKEUP has hit the major league managerial positions the past few weeks, and one or two more may be in the making as the Hotstove and Cracker-Barrel Leagues move into full swing.

Already out of their jobs are



GLEN MOORE  
Pells' big key

four field bosses — Marty Marion, Chicago White Sox; Al Lopez, Cleveland Indians; Stan Hack, Chicago Cubs; and Buckey Harris, Detroit Tigers. Of the four, only Marion and Lopez are unemployed at this time; the other two, Hack and Harris, have joined forces with St. Louis and Boston respectively since their parting of the ways.

Who will be next seems to be the topic of discussion now. And from here, two spots may develop, although the chances are slim at this point. The two — New York Giants and Philadelphia Phillies where Bill Rigney and Maya Smith seem to be the next in line. Both are said to be "in" for at least another year, but in the play-off game, nothing is certain, unless your name is Casey Stengel and you're with the New York Yankees.

IT IS HARD to believe, but football play on the local scene is all but wrapped up for the 1956-57 school year, and the winter bounce ball game of basketball is gradually making its way into the focus point at Klamath Union, the county schools and very soon will make its debut at Oregon Technical Institute.

You might ask where the time has gone, and the answer would be interesting. But nevertheless, basketball is just about here.

The Pelicans will begin their practice sessions in short time, but the Owls of OTI can't start workouts until after November 1. In the county, all of the schools with the exception of Malin, which is still playing football, should be breaking out with the round ball for the first maple court workouts of the season before long.

Glancing around the local cage scene, let's see what may take shape before the season is over. In the county, Malin, last year's state champions, again look tough even though they lost four all-state selections in last spring's graduation. They still have plenty of height and several good ball handlers.

OTI and KUHS could come up with one of the finest teams fielded at the two schools in some time. Coach Don Peterson, remaining silent on his club until practice opens, could have a banister year led by six-foot, seven-inch Glen Moore and six-foot, six-inch Cliff Sutherland. All the Pelican minor needs is "one" good smaller man out front to balance the Whitebirds attack.

Wally Palmberg's OTI picture is still dark, since the Tech head man doesn't know just what he has going for him.

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# Herald and News Sports

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# Spartans Spilled By Fighting Illini

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Overlooked and underrated Illinois perpetrated the upset of the college football season yesterday by defeating Michigan State, the No. 1 team in the land, 20-13.

But the other major powers, Oklahoma and Georgia Tech, held

their own. The Sooners, who gave up the top spot in the Associated Press poll to Michigan State last week, buried Notre Dame, 40-0, while Georgia Tech routed Tulane by an identical 40-0 count.

As if the defeat of Michigan State wasn't a big enough shock, Michigan, the team that was favored to make the trip to the Rose Bowl for the Big Ten (Michigan State and Ohio State are ineligible) fell before Minnesota, 20-7.

PURDUE BEATEN  
That left Iowa, which whipped Purdue, 21-20, in a good spot to get the trip to Pasadena New Year's Day. However, Michigan and Iowa tangle next week and a victory for the Wolverines would put them back in contention.

In the East, Pitt, Penn State and Syracuse continued their battle for the sectional championship. Pitt whipped Oregon, 14-7, in an inter-sectional game, while Penn State took the measure of West Virginia, 16-6, and Syracuse beat Boston University, 21-7.

Tennessee, back among the leaders in the South, clubbed hapless Maryland, 34-7, while Alabama created a stir by eking out a 13-12 victory over Mississippi State, breaking a 17-game losing streak.

HURDLER SCORES  
Abe Woodson, who has tied the world 50-yard hurdles record a couple of times, scored three times in Illinois' victory over Michigan, and, indeed, looked like he leaped over a would-be tackler in whipping to his final score.

The Spartans piled up a 13-0 halftime lead, but couldn't contain Woodson in the second half. The 185-pound senior scored once in the third period, then went over twice more in the final chapter.

Oklahoma's triumph over Notre Dame was the Sooners' 35th straight victory and, of course, improved on their own college record. More important, it was the first shutout imposed on the Irish since 1951.

SOONERS IMPROVE  
Actually, the score was important to the Sooners. Last week, Michigan State turned back Notre Dame by 47-14, and it was mainly through that solid margin that they displaced Oklahoma as No. 1 in the AP poll. Oklahoma wanted to improve on it.

Bobby Cox of Walla Walla, who quit Washington to go to Minnesota, was the big man in the other major upset — Minnesota over Michigan. The transfer quarterback, just upped to a first string job, scored two touchdowns and engineered the third.

The Gophers, like Iowa, have high hopes of getting the Rose Bowl nod.

Colorado, which could get the Orange Bowl bid because Oklahoma is ineligible, shut out Nebraska, 6-0 to remain unbeaten in the Big Seven.

NEW YORK (Madison Square Garden) — Yama Bahama, 153½, Bimini, The Bahamas, knocked out Tony (Tex) Gonzalez, 159, East Orange, N.J., 3.

MELBOURNE — Tiberio Mitri, Italy, outpointed Ricardo Marcos, Australia, 10, (light heavyweights).

# Football Scores

SATURDAY GAMES  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAR WEST  
California 16, Washington 7  
Oregon State 21, UCLA 7  
Idaho 27, Utah 21

Utah State 33, Brigham Young 7  
Colorado State 20, Colorado Mines 6  
Eastern Montana 38, Western Montana 7

Lewis and Clark 19, Whitworth 0  
Eastern Oregon 15, Portland State 6  
Air Force Academy 34, Eastern New Mexico 7

Idaho State 32, Colorado College 0  
College of Puget Sound 53, University of British Columbia 6  
Pepperdine 40, Nevada 19  
Colorado 16, Nebraska 0  
Montana State 28, Western Colorado State 13

Stanford 27, Southern California 19  
Central Washington 6, Eastern Washington 6 (tie)  
Oregon Frosh 16, Washington State Frosh 7

Pitt 14, Oregon 7  
Navy 54, Penn 6

Penn State 16, West Virginia 6  
Army 60, Columbia 0  
Bucknell 12, Temple 6  
Connecticut 26, Delaware 14  
Norwich 27, Vermont 0  
Colgate 14, Yale 6

Princeton 32, Cornell 21  
Syracuse 21, Boston U 7  
Bates 19, Maine 13  
Brown 27, Rhode Island 7  
Harvard 28, Dartmouth 21  
Carnegie Tech 16, Washington and Jefferson 0

Lehigh 27, Rutgers 13  
Colby 24, Bowdoin 20  
Gettysburg 12, Lafayette 6  
Geneva 26, Slippery Rock (Pa) Teachers 7

New Hampshire 20, Brandeis 13  
Fulda 40, Williams 20

Wake Forest 6, North Carolina 6  
Tennessee 34, Maryland 7  
Virginia Tech 14, Virginia 7  
Kentucky 14, Georgia 7  
Duke 2, North Carolina State 0  
Georgia Tech 40, Tulane 0  
Virginia Military 13, Davidson 13 (tie)

Alabama 12, Miss. State 12  
Auburn 12, Houston 0  
W. Virginia Tech 21, Washington and Lee 20

Furman 7, The Citadel 0  
Florida 21, Louisiana State 6  
MID-WEST  
Cincinnati 33, Marquette 13  
Oklahoma 40, Notre Dame 0  
Ohio State 21, Wisconsin 0  
Missouri 34, Iowa State 0  
Minnesota 20, Michigan 7  
Illinois 20, Michigan State 13  
Iowa 21, Purdue 20

Indiana 19, Northwestern 13  
Washington (St. Louis) 27, South Dakota 7  
Carleton 19, Lawrence 0  
North Dakota Aggies 26, South Dakota 9  
North Dakota 20, Iowa Teachers 19

SOUTHWEST  
Tulsa 27, Hardin Simmons 0  
Arkansas 14, Mississippi 0  
Rice 28, Texas 7  
Miami 14, Texas Christian 0  
Arizona State (Flagstaff) 47, Panhandle (Okla) A&M 0

# Washington Toppled By Bear Eleven

SEATTLE — Sophomore quarterback Joe Kapp flung down a floating fumble and scampered 34 yards to the touchdown which broke the backs of a fourth-quarter Washington revolt and earned California a 16-7 Pacific Coast Conference football victory Saturday afternoon.

The defending Huskies, playing the generous host, handed the ball to the visiting Bears six times on fumbles, contributing to their own defeat.

Most of the game's fireworks were wrapped up in the final quarter after California had fought its way out of trouble to post a 9-0 halftime advantage.

On the first play of the final period Washington sophomore Luther Carr smashed into left tackle, shed three tacklers, and spurred 74 yards to Washington's only touchdown.

Moments later Washington was gulping yardage in a take-charge breath when Carr fumbled the ball into the air and Kapp picked it off at the California 46. He picked up a convoy of Bears and stamped unmolested to the goal line.

Ron Wheatcroft's fumble recovery blasted a Washington threat over the California 2 in the first quarter, but the Bears spent most of the period deep in their own territory. They finally got a give going after being penalized to their own 1 and moved 9 yards in 11 plays to tally early in the second quarter.

Max Hale missed the placement but with 9 seconds left in the half he booted an 18-yard field goal for California's ninth point. The ball traveled 25 yards at a sharp angle.

California 0 0 0 7-16  
Washington 0 0 0 7-7

California scoring—Touchdowns Jackson (3, plunge); Kapp (54, intercepted fumble); Conversion—Roberts. Field goal—Hale (18).  
Washington scoring—Touchdown: Carr (74, run). Conversion—Derby.

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# Owls Register 39-7 Win In Cold Contest

Coach Rex Hunsaker's Oregon Tech Owls jumped above the 500 per cent mark in the win-loss column Saturday night at Modoc Field as they outlasted the Humboldt State College Junior Varsity football team 39-7 in an "ice cube" special witnessed by only a scattered band of brave and chilled fans.

The win was the fourth of the season for the Owls, against three losses.

Tech scored in every quarter, and the second and third units of the Owls played almost all of the second half as the Humboldt was unable to keep up the pace set by the Mile High Campus gridders.

Oregon Tech's ground game was at its best as the Owls backs scampered for a total of 278 net yards on the ground, while the usual free-wheeling passing game accounted for only 37 yards, giving Tech a net total of 315 yards. Humboldt on the other hand was held to a net rushing figure of 17 yards for the game, and 54 net passing. The junior Lumberjacks game net from scrimmage was 71 yards.

One of the prime factors in Tech's lopsided victory was the fumbles that Humboldt lost. The visitors from Eureka, California fumbled the ball eight times, and on six occasions Oregon Tech scooped up the loose pigskin.

In the first quarter, halfback Richard Pekala started the Owls off with a four-yard jaunt to pay dirt. Then with only 30 seconds left in the period, Al "Little

Tiger" Everson piled his way into the end one for the second OTI counter from 2, after Belton Ollison had moved the ball 28 yards from the 30. Wally Wood's kick for the first conversion point failed, as did Bob Stoy's boot after Everson's plunge.

At halftime, Tech had rolled up a 26-0 lead. Second scoring plays came as a Humboldt fumble gave OTI the ball on the Lumberjacks' 50. Three plays moved the ball to the 17, and on the fourth play, Pekala again found the key to the touchdown room as he rambled into pay dirt for the second time. This time, Wood kicked the extra point true.

Tom Metzger added OTI's second TD of the chapter as he scored from the three on an off-kick slant over the right side of the Owls line. Again Wood's kick was true and the Owls held their 26-0 lead.

Humboldt scored its lone touchdown in the third period as halfback Larry Westlake intercepted a Charlie Gantner pass into the right flats of OTI and ran 49 yards for the score. Bob Tiple's placement try was good with 5:22 left in the quarter.

Just minutes later, Tech pushed across its lone TD of the third canto, this time, a Gantner pass to end Jim Wagner worked for 27 yards and the score. Wood's kick was blocked.

Wood, who is a gridiron midget at 5-8 and 150 pounds, wrapped up the scoring for the evening as he scooted on a counter play over his own left guard and ran 31 yards for the score. Wood also kicked the final extra point as the chorus of fans cheered with the noise of chattering teeth in the cold evening air.

Next weekend, Saturday afternoon, Tech will travel to Monmouth for an Oregon Collegiate Conference and homecoming game with the Oregon College of Education Wolves. This will be Tech's final OCC game of the season.

Statistics:

	OREGON TECH	HUMBOLDT
First downs rushing	9	3
First downs passing	0	2
First downs penalty	15	1
Total first downs	24	6
Yards gained rushing	267	17
Yards lost rushing	19	90
Net yards rushing	248	17
Yards gained passing	37	54
Yards lost passing	0	2
Net yards passing	37	52
Total net yardage	315	72
Yards penalized	20	9
Fumbles lost	0	8
Ball lost on downs	0	8
Average punt length	34.4	25.2
Passes tried	18	18
Passes completed	6	11
Passes intercepted	13	11
Passes incomplete	1	9
Touchdowns	3	1
Points	39	7

Scoring by periods: 12 14 0 7-39  
OTI Touchdowns for OTI: 1 0 0 0-7  
Tech Touchdowns for Humboldt: 0 1 0 0-1  
Everson; Metzger; Wagner; Wood. PAT for OTI: Wood (3). Placement: Touchdowns for Humboldt: Westlake. PAT for Humboldt: Sloan (Placement).

Individual averages:

	TC	Yds.	Aver.
Robert Stoy	1	3	3.0
Richard Pekala	1	25	25.0
Belton Ollison	6	44	7.3
Alfonso Everson	6	20	3.3
Charlie Gantner	4	3	.75
Harry Juhl	8	28	3.5
Wally Wood	2	17	8.5
Hugh Amen	4	20	5.0
Tom Metzger	6	40	6.6
Seymour Patterson	2	7	3.5

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