

Merrill Hosts Stanfield In State Semifinal Tilt

Huskies Rated Underdog To Defending Co-Champs

The Merrill Huskies and the Stanfield Tigers squared off Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on the Merrill field in a semifinal game of the Oregon Class B football playoffs, with the winner gaining the right to go into the finals next week.

Merrill will take a holiday Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock when most of the town's businesses will close up shop to go to the game in hopes that their active support will aid in bringing the Huskies a victory.

With the game having every bit as much importance as the finals next week, the Huskies will find themselves in the unfamiliar role of the underdog—just a slight edge going to Stanfield.

Both teams are undefeated in their 1957 play, but the Tigers are defending 1956 state football co-champions and their 24-game streak without a loss, they have been tied once in this streak and that was in the state finals last year by Monroe, makes them a slight favorite.

But coach Al Keck reports the Huskies are the strongest they have been all season and no matter how good Stanfield is, his boys will be out to post a Merrill victory.

Merrill had things pretty much its own way last week in defeating the Maupin Redskins 28-6 and the Tigers coasted to an easy quarterfinal win last week in handing Union a 20-6 loss.

Although the Huskies made hash of the Maupin defense, at

times, they lacked some of the polish they displayed during the regular season to capture the District 5-B championship.

Keck explained that some of the raggedness may have been due to the layoffs between games over the past six weeks, the Huskies having two week breaks between each of their last three games.

However, Keck believes that the game with the Redskins last week was enough to bring the team's spirits to a peak and sharpen their timing to make the squad more prepared for the Stanfield game than it was for the Maupin fray.

Condition wise for the Huskies they are the best they have been since the early part of the season. All of their horses are back to full strength.

John Haskins has been pulled off the limited action list and will be turned loose to go full blast against the Tigers. Haskins has been limited in his running and used chiefly as a blocker on offense during the past four games because of a leg injury.

But Keck said Haskins' leg is completely healed and that the strong running halfback will go all the way.

The return of Haskins will also strengthen the Merrill line. Bud Maupin, who was shifted from tackle to halfback to fill the running shoes of Haskins, will move back into his tackle slot to give the line that needed extra weight and experience.

However, Bud filled Haskins' halfback slot so well, that Keck said Maupin will more than likely see some backfield action before the Stanfield game is over.

The Huskies' little 145-pound fullback Bill Danosky came out of the shadows last week against Maupin, making up in speed what he lacked in size.

Danosky has been one of the unsung stalwarts of the Merrill offense. Used mostly as a blocker to open the field for Haskins, his running ability has been overshadowed by the long runs of Haskins, Maupin and Laney. But the little speedster is one of the team's consistent ground gainers, picking up three, four or five yards when it is needed.

Lacking the size of most fullbacks, Danosky uses his great speed to hit the hole before it closes and is a bearcat on defense. Rounding out the backfield will be quarterback Dwane Raines, who did a tremendous job of keeping the Redskins' defense in a state of confusion last week, and halfback Perry Laney, who is always a threat to break away for the long run.

Stanfield has been a real tough club both offensively and defensively. The Tigers have yielded only two touchdowns to their opponents this season, one to Pilot Rock and the other to Union last week in the quarterfinals, while in turn they have scored at least 20 points in every game but one.

Under the coaching of Gary Burton the Tigers will rely heavily on their aerial attack, with the quarterback doing the tossing and two very fast ends to do the receiving.

Keck has been drilling the Huskies on pass defense most of the week—when the weather would allow them to work out, and believes Merrill will be able to cope with the situation.

"This will be the toughest game in the state, and if all the reports about Stanfield are true, then Saturday's game will be the big test to see just how good the Merrill squad is," said Al Keck.

"This will be just a little tougher hurdle than Maupin was last week," Keck added, "but no matter what the outcome, I know the boys will have played it all the way. They are up for the game and are really thinking about the finals, but we have got to get by this one first."



HERE ARE THE HUSKIES from Merrill who will suit up for Saturday's state Class B semifinal playoff against the Stanfield Tigers on the Merrill field. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. Members of the District 5-B championship team are, left to right, front row, Troy Patterson, Dick Marks, Bud Maupin, J. D. McMurtry, Duane Raines, Perry Laney, Doug Everson, Jim Mathews, Steve Hobson; second row, left to right, Dennis Salvadori, David Andrieu, Brian Fields, Bernie Wolfrem, Dean Haskins, Bill Danosky, Larry Bell, John Haskins, Ray Andrieu; third row, left to right, Bruce Bricker, Jack Lea, Charles Eifert, Bob Jones, Bill Beasley, Billy Thompson, Bucky Wilson, Ray Story, Charles Guthrie, Bill Artery; back row, left to right, Larry Chance, coach Al Keck, Sam Carleton and Joe Collins.



Ducks, Beavers Game On TV

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Elliott, has one triumph and eight losses. UCLA, down to one senior as an outgrowth of conference penalties which have broken the loop into warring factions, also is a seven-point choice over Southern California. The Trojans don't have any seniors at all as a result of similar infractions and also are winding up a bad season with one win and seven losses to date.

The Beavers are ineligible to go to Pasadena because they played there last January. Oregon already has clinched at least a tie for the conference crown and a trip to the bowl but a defeat by Oregon State could force them to settle for a first place deadlock with the Beavers.

Francis, the adroit fullback in Coach Tommy Prothro's single-wing combination, has the greatest day of his career last week as he personally whiplashed Stanford, 24-14, to ruin the last hopes the Indians had of Rose Bowl consideration.

The regionally televised game, which will pack a capacity crowd of about 25,000 into Oregon's stadium, is rated a tossup by the oddsmakers.

Down at Palo Alto, the usual turnout of 90,000 is expected for the Stanford-California contest, although this year the hallowed "Big Game" is strictly small potatoes.

The Indians go into the fray a one touchdown favorite and have a 5-4 record, California, ending its worst season in history under the new coaching regime of Pete

A crowd of about 75,000 is expected for the cross-town duel which in balmy days would lure 90 to 100,000.

Washington State, which made an impressive run on the Rose Bowl before fading, is a three-point underdog against a Washington team which suddenly got rolling with the season half gone.

The Huskies own upsets over Oregon and Oregon State plus a victory against California, they lost to Southern California during this unpredictable season.

Some 40,000 are expected to view the 50th clash between these teams at Seattle.

That about covers the West Coast traditional but a dandy game is shaping up at Tempe, Ariz., where free-wheeling Arizona State is the choice to rack up College of the Pacific.

The undefeated Sun Devils have rolled to eight wins so far this season and sport such bombshell backs as Leon Burton and Bob Mulgado plus ace tackle Bart Jankins. Coach Jack (Moose) Myers of the Tigers already has gone on record that Tempe is "the best in the West."

Fresno State goes to Hawaii for some coconut oil and a game with the Rainbows as the Bulldogs end a disappointing season amid swaying palms. San Francisco State, which has clinched the Far Western Conference title, closes out a good year by hosting Cal Poly.

Mickey Mantle Wins 1957 MVP Award

NEW YORK (AP)—Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees was voted the American League's most valuable player of the 1957 season today by the Baseball Writers Assn. of America.

It was the second straight MVP award for the star center fielder but, unlike 1956, when he swept the boards, polling the maximum 336 points, Mantle barely beat out runner-up Ted Williams of Boston and Roy Sievers of Washington. Mantle had 233 points, Williams 209 and Sievers 205.

Mantle had only six first-place votes, compared with five for Williams and four for Sievers, but none of the 24 voting baseball writers named him lower than fourth.

Mantle, Williams and Sievers were named on every ballot, as was Nellie Fox of the Chicago White Sox, who finished fourth with a surprising five votes for first place and 193 points. Gil McDougald of the Yankees, commanded the four other first-place votes, finished fifth with 165 points.

It was the fourth time in his brilliant career with the Red Sox that Williams finished second. He won the award in 1946 and 1949.

Vic Wertz, slugging Cleveland first baseman, finished sixth with 61 points. He was followed by Frank Malzone, Red Sox third baseman, 58; Minnie Minoso, Chicago outfielder, 55; Jim Bunning, Detroit pitcher, 46; and Al Kaline, Detroit outfielder, 40.

Twenty-seven players were named in the voting. New York placed eight, Chicago five, Detroit four, Boston three, Kansas City, Cleveland and Baltimore two and Washington one.

Mantle enjoyed a banner season although it did not quite measure up to his sensational power hitting of the previous year when he captured the triple crown (batting, RBIs and home runs). His .365 batting average, although 12 points higher than his '56 mark,

New York Rangers Set For Black Hawks

By UNITED PRESS

The New York Rangers, riding high in the National Hockey League, will be out to double their first-place margin when they tangle with the Black Hawks at Chicago in tonight's game.

The surprising Rangers lead second-place Montreal by two points, but the Canadians have played three less games. Chicago is in a third-place tie with the Boston Bruins, seven points back of New York.

was not good enough to win the championship. Neither were his 34 home runs nor his 94 runs batted in. He missed much of the final three weeks of the season, however, because of a serious case of shin splints.

Williams enjoyed one of the greatest seasons—if not the greatest—of his remarkable career. At the age of 39, the great slugger captured his fifth batting title with a mark of .388, his highest since topping .400 in '41. He hammered 38 home runs although he, too, missed three weeks of the season, and posted a fabulous .731 slugging percentage.

Sievers, in his ninth year in the majors, finally came into his own. The 31-year-old outfielder hit 32 home runs and drove in 114 runs to win both titles.

Bennie Quells Rumors

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Michigan Coach Bennie Oosterbaan said Friday whispers that the traditional football game with Ohio State Saturday would be the last in his 10-year career as head coach are untrue.

"Rumors that I am going to retire from active coaching at the end of this season are unfounded," Oosterbaan said.

Oosterbaan declined to make an outright comment that he would be back next year.

The question of his retirement has popped up often in recent years and flared again this season which has been one of bitter disappointment to him and Michigan supporters. Picked to be a Big Ten contender in September, the Wolverines dropped out of the race at mid-season.

A former star end at Michigan, Oosterbaan has been connected continually with the Wolverines since he entered the university in 1924 as a freshman.

Many close observers have hinted his backfield coach, Bump Elliott, would replace him soon after the season ends.

Oosterbaan has posted an enviable record since he replaced Fritz Crisler as head coach in 1948. His first three teams won or tied for the Big Ten championship. But since 1951 Michigan has always been an also-ran.

The soft-spoken Oosterbaan, who is highly respected by his players, piled up 61 victories compared with 25 losses and three ties, a creditable .694 percentage.

OTI To Hold Grid Banquet

The annual Oregon Technical Institute football banquet will be held Sunday, November 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the OTI cafeteria, OTI Athletic Director Rex Hunsaker announced today.

Trophies will be awarded to the outstanding back and lineman of the 1957 season, the most inspirational player on the team, and Radio Station KFIJ will make its yearly award to the most outstanding football player.

Guest speaker for the dinner will be Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of city schools at Medford. Mayfield is a former football coach and is an avid supporter of athletics.

Jack Brookins, supervisor of technical education at OTI, will be the master of ceremonies, with Mayor Lawrence Slater, OTI Director W. D. Purvine and Owlhoot President Cliff Baxter to be among the honored guests who will give short talks.

The dinner is open to the public and tickets are on sale at Herman's Mens Store or may be obtained at the door Sunday evening.

Rice Hopeful Of Bowl Bid

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—The Rice express moves in here tomorrow hoping to remain on the track to the Cotton Bowl by crushing angry Texas Christian.

It's the next to last step for the Owls in the drive toward at least a tie for the Southwest Conference football championship. A tie would give Rice the host Cotton Bowl spot.

Disillusioned Texas Christian, out of the race and out of even bowl consideration, will be seeking a salvaging victory.

The Horned Frogs throw the conference's finest defense against the league's top offense.

Rice last week climbed into the driver's seat by tumbling Texas A&M 7-6. Now A&M must beat Texas Thanksgiving Day to gain a tie for the title should Rice win its two remaining games—against Texas Christian and Baylor next week.

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Boyd Faces Rory Calhoun

NEW YORK (AP)—Rory Calhoun of White Plains, N. Y., meets Bobby Boyd of Chicago in a 10-round middleweight bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Both Calhoun and Boyd are listed among the top 10 contenders for champion Carmen Basilio's crown. Ring Magazine lists Calhoun No. 3 and Boyd No. 9. The National Boxing Assn. ranks Calhoun No. 5 and Boyd No. 8.

Calhoun, only 23, sports a shiny 20-2-1 record for 33 pro fights. He lost a split decision to Spider Webb in 1956 and dropped a decision to Joey Giardello last June. He also was held to a draw by Joe Giambra this year but came back to beat Giambra in a rematch.

Boyd, 24, is 46-7-2 but five of his defeats were by knockouts or technical knockouts. Joe Giardello broke his jaw, Sept. 28, 1956 while stopping him in five rounds.

Since the Giardello disaster, Boyd has won six straight.

BOWLING SCORES

Thursday's Results

CITY LEAGUE	
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Lucca Cafe	38 12
Medo-Land	36 12
Walker Brothers	36 12
Griggs Foods	34 14
Devore Lumber	30 18
Car-Ad-Co	28 20
Coca Cola	23 25
K. C. Points	23 25
Army Reserve	18 30
Sawney Store	14 34
Winema Elevators	10 38
Sharp's Grain	1 47

High team game—Griggs Foods 1088
High team series—Griggs Foods 2800
High individual game—Merle Smith 267
High individual series—Merle Smith 609

LADY BUG LEAGUE	
W	L
Lucca's Lounge	33 15
Schulte Tires	29 19
Market Basket	27 21
Howard's Cleaners	26 22
Jeane Z. Smith	25 23
Alley Cat Drive-In	25 23
First Federal	23 25
K. C. Toy Chest	21 27
Lee's Drive-In	21 27
Sweet's Tavern	20 28
Town Shop	19 29
Drive More Motors	18 30

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