

Balanced Western Division Race Seen As NFL To Open

By The Associated Press
The National Football League begins operations today and while the Western Conference may develop into a merry scramble, they are wondering if there is a team in the Eastern Division that is capable of giving the Cleveland Browns a run.

Merrill Cops Temporary League Lead

MERRILL—The Merrill Huskies moved into a temporary District 5B lead Friday night with a convincing 33-6 victory over the St. Marys Crusaders in a football game played under the lights on the Huskie's home gridiron.

The Huskies assumed the temporary lead because of a four way tie leading into the County week-end grid schedule. The top four schools were matched against each other, but one of the games was postponed until Saturday afternoon thus leaving the Huskies alone on top of the heap for, at least, a day.

Coach Al Keck's Merrill squad jumped off to an early lead, collecting a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter and from here on never were seriously threatened. The Crusaders put together a series of ground gains and a 19 yard pass in the third frame for their only counter.

Bud Maupin, a 170 pound Huskie halfback and Troy Patterson, a lineman converted to back each punched over a pair of TDs while Charles Roller, an end hauled in one of quarterback Dennis Salvadori's passes good for nine yards and the final Merrill tally.

Maupin was the Merrill leading ground gainer as he carried 20 times for a total of 239 yards while Salvadori's right arm completed three of six pass attempts for a total of 41 yards.

The Huskies counted 326 yards overall as compared to 209 for the Crusaders.

St. Marys' Don Davey accounted for the Crusader TD as he pulled down one of quarterback Bob Evans' aerials and slipped into the end zone.

Standouts in the Huskie defensive effort were Bill Beasley, Dick Marks and John Haskins.

The Merrill conversions were credited to Maupin and Salvadori. Maupin booting two and Salvadori going around the end for the other. Maupin racked up the longest run of the game as he intercepted a Crusader pass and scooped 33 yards in the third quarter to pick up the Huskies fourth six-point.

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Merrill 13 6 7 7—33
St. Marys 0 0 0 0—0

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The Philadelphia Eagles, possibly, could make a run for it with the Browns. They have a new coach, Buck Shaw, and a new quarterback, Norm Van Brocklin.

The Washington Redskins and the Chicago Cardinals also seem to be somewhat stronger.

Frank Ivy, who led Edmonton of Canada's Western Interprovincial Football Union last year, is waving the baton for the Cards and has installed a double wing formation.

As for the Western Division, the champion Detroit Lions, who whipped the Browns for the league championship, should not have it so easy.

The San Francisco 49ers are reputed to be improved, along with

the Chicago Bears (once again under the command of Poppa Bear George Halas), Los Angeles, Baltimore and even Green Bay, the basement occupant last year, could cause trouble. The Packers also have a new coach, Ray McLean.

The first day's action has the Browns at Los Angeles, the Lions at Baltimore, the Redskins at Philadelphia, the Bears at Green Bay, the Steelers at San Francisco and the Cards against the Giants at Buffalo.

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49ers Open Grid Season On SF Grid

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Second-year man John Brodie will be at the helm when the San Francisco Forty Niners meet the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday in the National Football League opening tussle for both squads.

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"I don't expect you to murder them, fellows... All I ask is one game that my ulcers don't flame up!"

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

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homa, here's something that may be of interest to Oregon fans.

Wilkinson's record in 11 years at the Sooner helm is a fantastic success story. He has never lost a conference game, and has been tied only twice. His overall record in 110 games since 1947 is 59-3-3, a magnificent 92.5 percentage. And in six post-season bowl games, Wilkinson teams have won five and lost one.

That's not bad for a starter.

Short shorts from here and there.

When Andy Knudsen's KUHS Pelicans whipped South Eugene and coach Loyd Amick last Friday night the local preppers did something for the first time in three years.

The loss marked the first time since 1955 that an Amick team at Eugene had lost two or more games in one year.

In 1956 and 1957, Eugene teams rolled up identical 8-1 records... and what's more, neither of the two Amick teams were in the state playoffs.

Sports fans who followed the Klamath Lakers two years ago will be interested in this item.

Laker outfielder Stan Johnson had a real fine year at Colorado Springs in the class A Western League.

Johnson batted a healthy .364, but finished third in the club's hitting.

Colorado Springs set a new minor league team batting average, hitting at a .314 clip.

Terry DeBay, Oregon State College line coach, played last week with Hamilton Air Base, the same team which met the OTL Owls here last night.

DeBay played for the Defenders.

Hamilton players were ribbing the former UCLA grid star about losing his job last week-end following Southern Cal's victory over the Beavers.

Two former Southern Oregon Conference prep prospects are doing well in other parts of the state this year.

ex-KUHS frosh football and track star Cardell Matthews is now a starting halfback for Washington High of Portland.

His 173 pounds and speed would have helped Andy Knudsen's Pelts this season.

Burdette Proves Hand O.K.

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MILWAUKEE (AP)—The National League Champion Milwaukee Braves breathed easier Saturday after X-rays showed no serious damage to Lew Burdette's injured pitching hand.

The 31-year-old righthander, the major factor in the Braves' World Series triumph over the Yankees last year, was taken to Milwaukee Hospital just to be on the safe side. X-rays proved negative.

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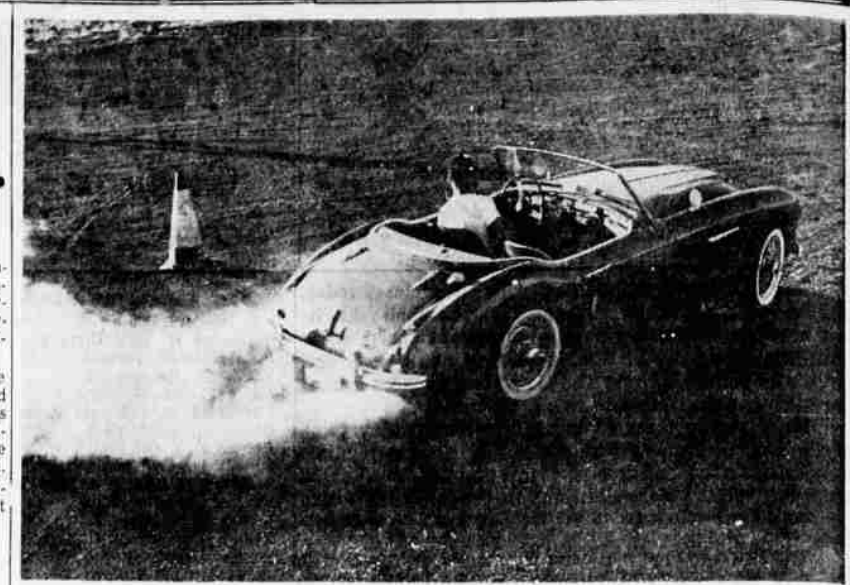
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TIGHT TURNS—Chuck Johnson, vice-president of the newly formed foreign and sports car owners association, Sports and Imports of Klamath Falls, puts his 1957 Healy through a sliding turn in a demonstration of some of the group's activities in competition against the clock over a closed course. The club will meet today at 1 p.m. at Robin and Myers' foreign car agency to compete in a 50 mile event over a "cold" course. Drivers will receive instructions in a sealed envelope upon checking into the headquarters today.

Eagle Point Tops Hornets

EAGLE POINT—A first quarter surge that netted Eagle Point a pair of touchdowns spelled doom for the injury-riddled Henley Hornets as the teams battled to a standoff for the balance of the game giving the Eagles a 12-0 victory over the Hornets at Eagle Point Friday night.

The Hornets, under the direction of coach Ted Ammerman, made the trip for the District 6A2 clash minus the services of three regular starters; center Joe Tacchini, John Roberts, a tackle, and Tom McBride, a fullback. During the Eagle-Hornet clash, a rough-tough, hard-fought match, fullback Phil Swisher sustained a hand injury that may sideline him for the next game or two, according to coach Ammerman.

Glenn Turner, a halfback boosted the Eagles into their lead in the first six minutes of the contest as he romped for six yards and six points on one play and went eight for paydirt on the second. A pair of unnecessary roughness penalties was the contributing factor to the Eagle counters.

Penalties for both sides were the order of the night and in one case ruined a Hornet scoring chance as a successful pass from Burrell Guber that was good for 50 yards was called back. The Hornet quarterback, Guber, who rejoined the squad Friday after being shelved by a knee injury, completed four of 10 aerials for a total gain of 90 yards. Henley was charged with 150 yards of penalties while Eagle Point collected 180.

Leroy Larson, an end, Gary Royd, a guard, and guard Ted Berry were singled out by the Henley mentor for their outstanding work in the test, both offensively and defensively.

Score by quarters:
Eagle Point 12 0 0 0—12
Henley 0 0 0 0—0

Scoring for Eagle Point: Touchdowns—Glenn Turner 2 (8-run, 6-run).

Scoring for Henley: None.

Spats Trip California

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Michigan State combined crushing ground power and the liberal use of some sparkling sophomores to overrun California 32-12 in the 1958 Spartan football debut here Saturday.

It was the 11th Spartan victory over West Coast opponents in recent years. The last time a West Coast team beat MSU was when Oregon State pulled a 25-20 upset in 1949.

A crowd of 52,639 saw a convincing show of Michigan State's depth of material.

Duffy Daugherty used his first two elevens as a one-two punch and both figured in the scoring.

Michigan State, ranked third in the AP final football poll last year, stuck mostly to a methodical, grind-it-out ground attack. But Spartan passes were good for two touchdowns.

Michigan State gained 217 yards rushing in the first half alone to 42 yards for California in the half.

Northwestern Edges Washington State

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—Northwestern, a Big Ten doormat which failed to win a game last year, opened its season Saturday with a 29-23 victory over Washington State, one of the leading contenders for the Pacific Coast Conference title.

A pair of quick touchdowns with only a one minute and 9 seconds left in the first half plus a 61-yard scoring dash by halfback Ron Burton helped the Wildcats overcome a 22-point final period rally by the Cougars.

The triumph was Northwestern's first over a PCC foe since its 20-14 Rose Bowl victory over California in 1949.

A 7-point underdog, Northwestern remained in command until the final half of the fourth quarter when the Cougars came to life with their wide-open attack, but it proved to be too late.

Actually, the winning maneuver was Northwestern's decision to pass for 2 points on the final touchdown after kicking its first three extra points.

Burton, a junior halfback, and sophomore "quarterback" Dick Thornton were Northwestern's heroes. Burton scored two touchdowns and made another possible with a pass interception and 4-yard return which set up Northwestern's first touchdown.

Thornton scored one touchdown, added an extra point and kept the Cougars off balance with his well-hidden handoffs.

Northwestern was in charge throughout the first half and held Washington State to a net of 8 yards rushing but was unable to score until 13 minutes and 51 seconds of the first half.

Burton's interception and Thornton's 5-yard run gave the Cats a 7-0 lead. Northwestern kicked off and recovered a fumble on the Cougar 1-yard line on the first play.

Ray Purdin plunged for the second touchdown and Mike Stock kicked the extra point for a 14-0 halftime lead.

Washington State finally scored late in the third quarter by grabbing a Northwestern fumble at midfield.

STANFORD, Calif. (AP)—A rugged band of Rice Owls exploded for three second half touchdowns Saturday and ruined Stanford Coach Jack Curties' home debut 30-7.

Rice backs Jon Schandle, Ray Chilton, Bill Schneider and Bill Buck showed a scintillating crowd of 29,000 in the cavernous 90,000-seat Stanford Stadium how Texans can advance. A sturdy Owl line threw back all Stanford drives except one.

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Saturday's College Football Results

Pitt Rips Holy Cross

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pitt quarterback Ivan Tonic and Ed Sharckman, a pair of winged-T magicians, reached deep into their bag of tricks Saturday—and with the help of two alert fumble recoveries—pulled out a 17-0 football victory over Holy Cross.

The combination of Tonic, guard John Guzik and end Art Gob clicked for Pitt's first touchdown in the opening quarter. Sharckman directed drives leading to a third-quarter field goal and a final-quarter touchdown.

Irish Whip Hoosiers

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—Notre Dame's vaunted football machine collided with a granite underdog, Indiana's inspired Hoosiers, and needed to pull out all stops for an 18-0 season opening victory Saturday.

Although a substitute halfback, sophomore Bill Mack, scored for Notre Dame on an 11-yard run in the second quarter, the Irish appeared to have more than they

Iowa Downs TCU

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—Iowa tossed a versatile offensive barrage, triggered by the razor-sharp passing of Randy Duncan, at Texas Christian University for a 17-0 victory in an intersectional football duel Saturday.

Iowa, unable to cash in on scoring opportunities in the first half, piled up all its points in the last two quarters against TCU, ranked sixth in the latest national Associated Press poll.

Dawkins Paces Army

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP)—Pete Dawkins scored four touchdowns and Bob Anderson passed for two Saturday as Army uncovered an eye-popping offensive to clobber South Carolina, 45-6, before about 20,000 rain-soaked fans.

Earl (Red) Blaik, starting his 25th year as a head coach, had about everyone but the fullback

Oklahoma Victor

NORMAN, Okla. (AP)—Oklahoma's new rapid-fire multiple offense sputtered in the early minutes but eventually proved effective as the Sooners raced to a 47-14 opening football game victory over the beefy West Virginia Mountaineers Saturday.

West Virginia had been expected to give Oklahoma a sterner test on the strength of an opening 66-22 victory over Richmond. The Sooners set a new school passing

Tigers Whip Vols

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Southpaw quarterback Lloyd Nix injected some second-half zing into a sluggish Auburn offense Saturday and the Tigers whipped Tennessee 13-0 in a nationally televised football game.

After a dull first half, Nix cut loose with superb faking, classy running on keeper plays and some clutch passing. Within five minutes early in the fourth period, Auburn had two touchdowns.

The Tigers, unbeaten last year and voted the nation's No. 1 team, entered the game a nine-point favorite.

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