

Merrill Moves Into Finals



TOUCHDOWN AT MERRILL — Husky halfback John Haskins surges into the Umatilla end zone for the third time in Merrill's 31-0 victory over the Umatilla Vikings in Merrill Saturday afternoon. Haskins paraded for touchdown romps of 85, 1 and 15 yards to pile up the largest score total of the day. Providing moral support and a watchful eye for Vikings is Merrill's Bill Artery as he moves along with Haskins.

'58 Grid Year Proves Good For Louisiana State, Bears

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Louisiana State and California, a couple of ragamuffin outfits last year that could win only half a dozen games between them, were high in college football's top society today preparing for important bowl assignments New Year's Day.

Last year, Louisiana State had a 5-5 record and finished seventh in the Southeastern Conference. This year, the Tigers have the only undefeated record among the major teams of the country.

They'll be the hosts in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans by virtue of having won their conference title. It will be their first bowl appearance since 1939 when they were slaughtered by Oklahoma 35-0 in the Sugar Bowl.

LSU swept past 10 opponents and didn't stumble once. They wound up their first undefeated

season since 1906 Saturday by grinding out a 62-0 victory over Tulane.

Their Sugar Bowl opponent may not be known until next Saturday when the last sprinkling of games are played. Southern Methodist is being considered, but the Mustangs will have to beat Cotton Bowl-bound Texas Christian, otherwise, Clemson, the Atlantic Coast Conference champion, probably will get the bid.

As for California, the Bears compiled a miserable 1-9 record in 1957. They were consigned to the scrap heap in this the final year of the Pacific Coast Conference as it now stands.

But, after losing to College of the Pacific and Michigan State, they suddenly caught on to the split-T which Elliott had installed last year. They lost only one more game and wrapped up the title with a breathless 16-13 triumph over Stanford.

California will meet Iowa, the Big Ten champion, in the Rose Bowl, and, just as in almost all its games through the fall, will be the underdog. Iowa closed its regular season Saturday, whipping Notre Dame 31-21.

So here is how the major bowls shape up at the moment:

Sugar Bowl — Louisiana State (10-0) vs. opponent to be chosen, probably Southern Methodist or Clemson.

Rose Bowl — California (7-3) vs. Iowa (7-1-1).

Orange Bowl — Oklahoma (8-1) vs. Syracuse (8-1).

Cotton Bowl — Texas Christian (8-1) vs. opponent to be chosen, probably Air Force Academy.

The Gator Bowl, which ranks practically even with the others, has a wide choice, but probably won't know until the Sugar and Cotton bowls are filled.

Syracuse and Texas Christian cemented bowl bids in their final games Saturday, while the Air Force Academy, according to Cotton Bowl officials, wants to wait until its game with Colorado this week before making a decision.

Syracuse whipped past West Virginia 15-12. Texas Christian won the Southwest Conference title with a 21-10 decision over defending champion Rice.

Champions in three other major conferences were settled. To the surprise of no one, Oklahoma trampled Nebraska 40-7 to win the Big Eight title for the 11th year in a row. It also marked the 71st straight conference game without defeat for the Sooners.

Dartmouth won the Ivy League crown with a 21-12 victory over Princeton. Wyoming finished on top in the Skyline Conference by licking Brigham Young 22-14 and then accepted an invitation to play in the Sun Bowl.

Auburn, Army and the Air Force are the only undefeated but tied major teams. All still have one game to go. Auburn, on probation by the NCAA and ineligible to play in bowl games, goes against Alabama Saturday. Army plays Navy in the big service game in Philadelphia, and Air Force tackles Colorado.

Auburn stopped Wake Forest 21-7, and Air Force dumped New Mexico 45-7 while Army was idle Saturday.

Injuries hurt Oregon State some, Prothro said, for tailback Grinnam Mason and fullback Jim Stunette were out of action completely, and the team's best line-man, Jackie Ted Bates, saw only limited action.

But Prothro added: "I just don't think we played very well. It just wasn't one of our days."

Oregon had 70 plays, to but 36 for Oregon State. That, however, wasn't a vital factor, Prothro said.

"We have a lot of games like that, California, for instance, had 90 some plays to our 34. We don't strive for ball control as much as most teams do."

Oregon State, incidentally, was the only conference team to beat California, which took the PCC title with a 6-1 record. OSC wound up in fourth place in the conference at 5-3.

Oregon State compiled a season record of 6-4. "That's certainly not bad, but it wasn't as good as we hoped it would be," Prothro said.

Oregon has one more game, against Miami Dec. 6, but OSC is through with football until spring practice opens in April.

Oregon State will lose a number of players by graduation, including Bates, fullback Nub Beamer, guard Jim Brackins and wingback Earnest Durden.

Prothro said he has given little thought to next year's prospects. "We didn't have too good a freshman group. They didn't win a game. But we've had that before."

However, he declined to reveal what date or site was being considered for young Patterson's fourth defense of the crown. But he did say, "personally, I would like to have Floyd fight at Colorado Springs, Colo., where those wonderful people have offered Floyd the biggest guarantee of his career."

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Herald and News SPORTS

Folley Faces Joe Bygraves

NEW YORK (UPI)—Two international heavyweight bouts command the most attention on this week's boxing schedule.

Zora Folley of Chandler, Ariz., third ranking contender, will try to redeem himself internationally by beating Joe Bygraves of England at Leicester, Eng., tonight. It will be Folley's first start since he was surprisingly outpointed by England's Henry Cooper at London last month. Bygraves is unrated.

Heavyweights Mike DeJohn of Syracuse, N.Y., and Willi Besmanoff of Germany meet in a (NBC) TV-radio 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden, Friday night.

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Cal Gets Another Rose Bowl Chance

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Iowa figures to knock off California in the Rose Bowl. But don't be too certain. The Bears weren't even supposed to be in the final Pacific Coast Conference race. Yet they won the PCC title, pulling out squeakers week after week.

One of the squeakiest for Pete Elliott's unknowns was Saturday's 16-13 "Big Game" victory over Stanford, giving the Berkeley, Calif., boys the trip to Pasadena. Had they lost, Washington State would have been in the picture since the Cougars wound up their season at Spokane beating Washington 16-14. That gave the northwesterners from Pullman a 6-2 PCC record to California's 6-1.

Oregon upset Oregon State 29-0 and Southern California and UCLA battled to a 15-15 tie at Los Angeles.

Actually, California hasn't done so bad in their three Rose Bowl battles against the Big Ten. Granted, the Midwesterners have won 11 of 12 since the Jan. 1 Big Ten-PCC series started, but none of

the three Bear losses were by more than a touchdown.

The scores: 1949 Northwestern 20 California 14; '50 Ohio State 17 California 14; '51 Michigan 14 California 6.

Pappy Waldorf didn't get back after the Michigan game. He made the Rose Bowl in his first season at California.

It took two seasons for Pete Elliott, a 31-year-old exponent of the split T offense who had quarterbacked Joe Kapp to make it go. Stanford almost stalled it, however, before 81,490 spectators in Memorial Stadium. The Indians, winners of only two games all year, held a 9-8 halftime lead, and Dick Norman's 21-yard touchdown heave to end Joe Freis came with just 1½ minutes left in the game. The Cal line piled up Skip Face as Stanford elected to go for the victory instead of a tie.

Jack Hart was the big gun in the California attack, plunging for both touchdowns, carrying the ball 22 times for 103 yards and catching three Kapp passes for 43 yards. Kapp ended the season as the second highest gainer in California history. Only Paul Larson, much more of a passer, has more total yardage on the books.

Washington State had to rally in the second half to beat Washington, 1-6 in PCC activity. The Cougars were behind 14-12, but moved 79 yards for the go-ahead touchdown on the third quarter kickoff and dominated play thereafter. They got to the Washington 3 twice but failed to score.

Southern California finished third in league standings 4-2-1 and also had to come from behind. A fourth quarter 74-yard kickoff return by Luther Hayes and a two-point conversion run by Tom Maudlin tied the battle. UCLA finished with a 2-4-1 conference mark.

Oregon, 4-4, held State, 5-3, to only four first downs and gave Coach Tommy Prothro his first defeat at Corvallis in four years there. Fullback Dave Powell scored twice, on a one-yard plunge and a 10-yard run. Oregon State had been the only conference team to beat California.

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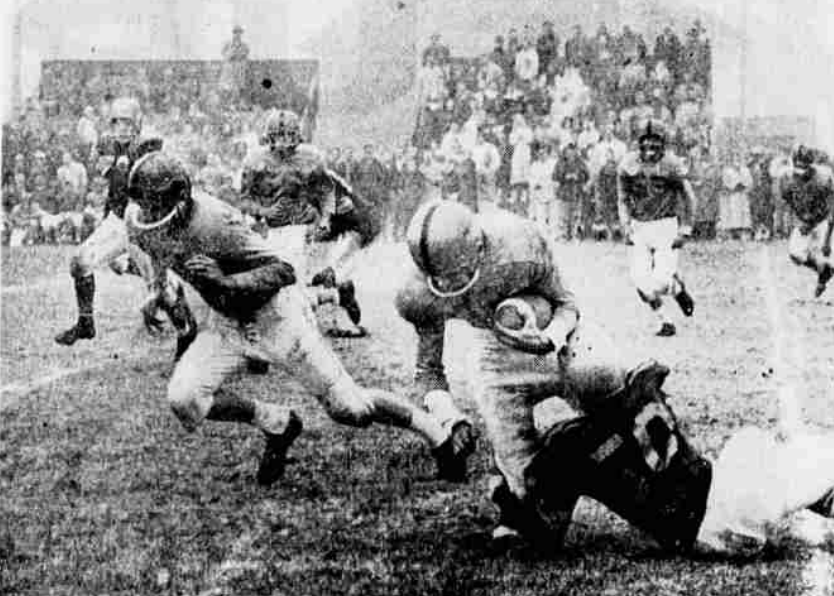
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VIKING BOGS DOWN — Umatilla co-captain Delbert Hall, a 165 - pound halfback, finds his hope for a nice long gain brought to an abrupt halt as Merrill end Charles Roller (50) hauls him down in midfield in the Merrill Huskies' 31-0 conquest of the Vikings in the State B semifinals at Merrill Saturday afternoon. The player moving as a blocker in front of Hall was unidentified because of fog shrouding the field.

Pels Plan Cage Clinic

A coaches and officials clinic set for Tuesday at 7 p.m. on Klamath Union High's Pelican Court provides an ideal opportunity for sports fans and parents to get fully acquainted with KU coaches, athletes and Basin officials.

Highlighting the affair, to which the general public is invited, will be an exhibition scrimmage staged by the Pelican varsity basketball team plus a number of wrestling exhibitions by coach DeLance Duncan's varsity matmen.

Members of the Klamath Basketball Officials' Association, under the direction of Ford Kimpson, president, will present a running commentary as the players demonstrate 1958-59 rule changes and interpretations.

Following these activities, players and coaches will circulate with the spectators while refreshments are being served by the Pelican Booster Club. There is no admission charge.

ANNOUNCE WORLD RECORDS — SERGI NEDER, a Chilean driver, won the first lap of the Santiago, Chile to Lima, Peru auto race Sunday when he was clocked in three hours, eight minutes and 20 seconds for the 238.5 mile course. The race continues today over a 374-mile lap from La Serena to Antofagasta.

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Prothro Says Ducks Pointed For Beavers

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—Oregon State has been aimed, at a lot of times this season, and with some success, coach Tommy Prothro said Sunday night.

The latest team to succeed, said Prothro, was Oregon, which beat the Beavers 20-0 here Saturday. But Oregon's incentive, he said, was nothing new.

Prothro said opponents all season have felt that a victory over Oregon State would be something extra special.

"Football is well enough balanced in this league now that when a team takes a direct aim at another team, they've got a good chance to win," Prothro said.

"I don't believe one opposing coach a season has been carried off in the other three years I've been here."

"I believe we set a record this four opposing coaches were carried off. We lost four games—and we were the favorite early in Prothro said."

The reason?

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the season. Everyone is after the favorite. We were all in the title fight most of the season."

"After that, we ran into Oregon. They were trying to save their season on that game."

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D'Amato Says Fight Looming

NEW YORK (UPI)—Cus D'Amato admitted "satisfactory progress" today in the New York conferences about a million-dollar title fight between world-heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and Sweden's Ingemar Johansson, unbeaten champion of Europe.

D'Amato, Patterson's manager, has been conferring secretly with Johansson and Manager Edwin Ahlqvist since they flew into New York from Sweden "last Thursday or Friday," D'Amato said.

"Certain misunderstandings have been cleared up" about this proposed international classic between the champion and the world's number one contender, the cautiously reticent Cus explained.

However, he declined to reveal what date or site was being considered for young Patterson's fourth defense of the crown. But he did say, "personally, I would like to have Floyd fight at Colorado Springs, Colo., where those wonderful people have offered Floyd the biggest guarantee of his career."

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