

SHA Trojans, St. Mary's Matched

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COLLEGE TROJANS — A pair of latecomers to the Sacred Heart Trojan practice field, Keith Murray and brother Doug, have brightened SHA's 1961 grid hopes. And the addition of a new assistant coach, Frank Rickey, also adds to the prospects. Here Rickey and the Murrys check coach Marv DelPlanche's practice timetable as the Trojans get set for their season opener in Gem Stadium Saturday at 8 p.m. against perennial rival St. Mary's, the 1960 State B champions. The Crusaders have this year become an A-2 school.

Favorite Foe Set At Gem

The Sacred Heart Trojans figure to have their hands full Saturday night in Gem Stadium. They'll host the St. Mary's Crusaders, their favorite rivals. In what promises to be the feature game of their season.

The Crusaders, who have since jumped to an A-2 classification because of an increase in enrollment, won the Oregon State B championship last season and show no shortage of talent with which to open the 1961 season.

Coach Marv DelPlanche's new crew, on the other hand, does not necessarily come with the "pat" classification. The SHA eleven, one of the biggest to don gear in the county, saw its potential increased this week by the return of a pair of lettermen, the rugged Murray brothers, Keith and Doug. Keith, a 165-pound senior, will appear at an end slot while Doug, a 175-pound junior, will run from the left-half post.

The Trojan backfield, in addition to Murray, will feature fullback Mike Holland, 190, a co-captain, quarterback Jerry DeNault, 165, and halfback Bob Neely, 160.

The line will include ends Stan Britton, 175, and co-captain Keith Murray; tackles Buddy Bruner, 200, and Mike Dedrick, 180; guards Dick Wiles, 175, and Mike Arne, 150; and center Charles McNoise, 210. Wiles has drawn special commendation from his coach for his offensive guard play.

The last time the Trojans and the Crusaders tangled the SHA eleven held its own against the final quarter of play but ended up on the short end of a 26-6 count, a loss which stung a bit less when the SM squad went on to claim the state crown.

Most of the starting offensive unit will reappear in defensive roles but will be joined by Junior "Little Giant" Hurley and Chuck Millani.

DelPlanche's pre-game comment: "We're optimistic — the team is starting to jell, but we still face the old lack of depth problem."

SPORTS BEEFY LINE

LOGAN, Utah (UPI) — Utah State University will sport a half-ton of tackles in the football line-up this season. Bill Williamson weighs in at 287 pounds, Clyde Brock tips the scales at 271, Merlin Olsen is 265 and Clark Miler is the lightweight of the quartet at 230 pounds.

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If there is a smiling coach in the Oregon Collegiate Conference this season, it should be Al Atkins of Southern Oregon.

Of 40 players who turned out for fall practice at Ashland, 28 were lettermen. With the 1960 backfield intact, Atkins admits that this could be his best Red Raider team. Sophomore Doug Olsen is regarded as one of the league's top quarterbacks.

Coach Rex Hunsaker had three less players than SOC and less than half as many lettermen (12) when defending champion Oregon Tech opened drills this week at Klamath Falls. The return of 1959 standout Stan Glass should give the OTI backfield a boost, but line strength may depend on the abilities of several newcomers.

While SOC and OTI should both be high up in the final standings, the other OCC schools have teams whose relative strengths are unknown.

Eastern Oregon College, shifting to the single wing this year, could surprise them all. Coach Archie Dunsmoor, however, will not call his first practice session until Sept. 11. Uniforms will be issued a week later at Oregon College, where a fair number of lettermen are expected back.

Portland State had a 47-man turnout at its opening drill, but only 15 lettermen were included. As usual, the PSC coaching staff has a lot of work ahead. Impressive in early workouts were sophomore halfback Bill White and quarterback Bob Grant.

Schedules in the OCC are curiously arranged this year.

SOC and OTI begin the regular season Sept. 16 — 100 days before workouts begin at OCE. The Red Raiders meet Chico State, OTI battles Westminster.

Portland State and EOC open Sept. 23 against Lewis and Clark and College of Idaho, respectively.

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SPORTS TRIMMINGS

By John Nolan



ASHLAND (Special) — Football—at least for the Southern Oregon "College Red Raiders"—starts Saturday night when they hook up with a team of alumni, but coach Al Atkins seems to be giving the contest the "brush-off."

Atkins, one of the veteran grid coaches in the Oregon Collegiate Conference, has his sights set on the season opener against Chico State Sept. 16. "and, for good reason."

The Wildcats scored an early



AL ATKINS
Red Raider optimistic

season win over Atkins' crew last fall. . . . and the SOC mentor doesn't want the same thing to happen again this year. . . . He's been positive in getting at one point across to his charges this week in practices.

"The alumni may be us," said Atkins, "but then again they may not. Either way, the game will do a lot of good."

Atkins, cordially the "cautious" type of fellow with his usual pre-season predictions, did an abrupt about-face this year.

It's been no secret that he has high hopes for the 1961 version of the Raiders. . . . "We may be lacking in real 'big men,'" Al said, "but we'll make up for it with speed and experience. . . ."

His optimism, feeling was one felt by the entire squad this week — particularly the "vets" or older members on the team.

Said John Buck, a hardened, defensive linebacker who played four years of service ball before enrolling at SOC three years ago, "This looks and acts like the best team I've ever played with here at Southern Oregon. It's kind of hard to explain. . . . but as for myself, and I'm not alone, I've just got the feeling that this will be 'the' year."

One of the Raiders to keep an extra-sharp eye on this fall is sophomore quarterback Doug Olsen. . . . Doug, an ex-North Eugene high grizzer, was edged out for QB last season by OCE's Roy Johnson, but ended up as an honorable mention selection. . . . Olsen led the OCC in passing last year. . . . and was 10th in the nation in passing on 60 completions in 104 attempts, and rated ninth nationally in total yardage. . . . But the poised 19-year-old

Gordy Corrigan, all-around ex-Raider, athlete who brought won to many SOC opponents for the past three years, is the new Mapleton High basketball coach. "Gordo," who graduated last spring, will also be handling the backfield coaching job in football for the Raiders, in addition to his head cage coaching duties. . . . Carrigan will reportedly be working with a young squad this winter at Mapleton, an A-2 school near Florence. . . . The word here, too, is that he has been well-accepted at his first coaching position. . . .

Bill Muller, prep sports writer for the Oregon Journal, rates the Stanley Horne as sixth in his pre-football season ratings for the A-2 Rogue League. . . . The five teams rated ahead of Henley are Eagle Point, Phoenix, St. Mary's, Lakeview and Illinois Valley. . . . Rogue River draws the nod for the league cellar. . . . "That must be one team (Rogue River) that everybody feels we can beat," said Hornet boss Len Weber. . . .

Rex Hunsaker's OTI Owls were a co-dared national recognition which must be traced back to their unmarred 9-0 win-loss grid record last fall. . . . The Sept. 9 issue of Post rated the Techmen among other small colleges on the Pacific Coast as "Best of the Rest" behind the Big Five and Independent teams. . . .

Chico State, Linfield, Whitworth and Willamette were also in that group along with the Owls. . . .

Fred Russell, who did the write-up for the Post, picking UCLA to win the Big Five title with Oregon State rated the best among the Independents. . . .

His "Off-the-field prediction" for the '61 season: "Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State ultimately will be asked to join the Big Five. . . ."

Sophomore tackle Scott Appleton at 225 pounds is the heaviest man on the Texas football roster; he's 6-foot-3.

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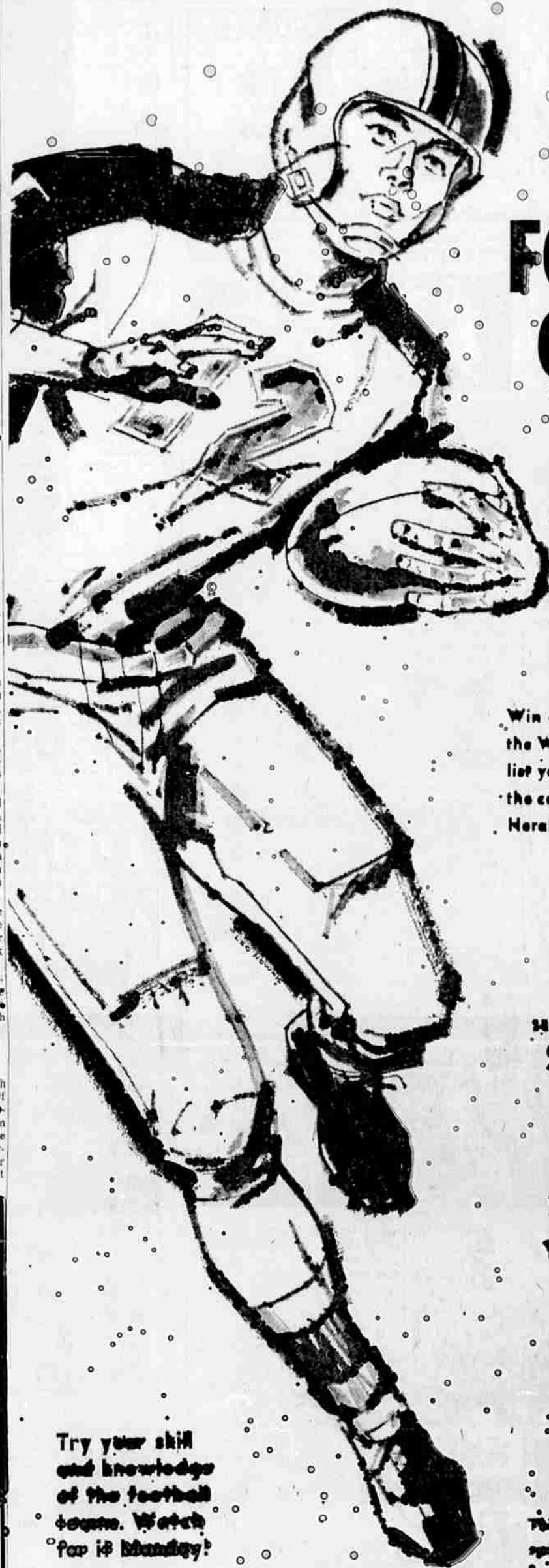
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