



HUSKIES DUMP DOPE-CART — The Merrill Huskies had only one victory to their credit prior to Friday night's action but they wrapped up the County B season on a definite "up" beat when they blasted the Chiloquin Panthers 33-7. Their impressive triumph ruined the Chiloquin hope for a third of the B championship and it boosted the Malin Mustangs, who dropped Sacred Heart 27-6 last week, into the title role.

In the action photos above Merrill's Duane Mattson, 42, Larry Chance (in background) and Dale Kurtz, applying the tackle to Chiloquin's Benny Nygren, illustrate that the Husky defensive mechanism, as well as their side-saddle offense, was in proper working order. In the center picture both the unidentified Merrill defensive man, at left, and Chiloquin's Nygren avert their faces just before crashing head-on.

At far right Merrill coach Gene Christensen, who has just completed his first season at the Husky reins, is packed off the field on the shoulders of his jubilant ball-players, en route to a shower he has been looking forward to all year. Identifiable in the picture are Chance, the ground-gaining star of the game (with helmet off, at left, and big Bill Poe, 48, 300-pound Merrill defensive linemen. —Photo By Kettler

Grants Pass, Malin Land District Playoff Berths

Lady Luck Smiles On Beaten Covers

GRANTS PASS (Special)—The clasped hands high over the head of Grants Pass Senior High Principal Frank Thomas as he galloped toward the Caveman rooting section was the signal that immediately erased the chagrin the Covers felt after losing to the Medford Black Tornado 13-6 here Friday night.

His victory gesture indicated that the Caveman had just become the District 6-A-1 entrant in the coming Oregon Prep football championships, despite their loss, when Jim Boechi, a game official from Klamath Falls, picked their capsule out of the black tin can.

The draw was necessitated since the Medford win had plunged Medford, the Klamath Union Pelicans and the Caveman into a three-way tie for first place in the Southern Oregon Conference flag chase.

Presiding over the draw were Jesse Loffer, the GP athletic director, Lee Ragsdale and Jim Johnson, his counterparts from Medford and Klamath Falls, respectively.

Boechi, who was assigned the ticklish position as the man to draw the lucky capsule, is a former Klamath Union athletic star. He played on both the KU football and basketball teams during the 1943 era.

An intercepted pass on the Medford five-yard line with seven seconds left in the game ended all hopes the Caveman had entertained for a clear-cut league title. Had they won they would have finished the league season with a 4-0 mark, having defeated the Pelicans earlier in the season. Each team wound up with a 3-1 record.

Medford, sparked by the ball-carrying of fullback George Clearwater, scored the first touchdown of the game with 6:51 left in the second quarter. Clear-

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GLUE-FINGERED MERRILLITE — Husky end Dave Hill was a constant problem for Chiloquin Friday night—one that wouldn't be solved. He pulled down six passes, two of them good for touchdowns in the Huskies' 33-7 win. Here he is stopped by an unidentified Chiloquin tackler after one of his glue-fingered grabs.

water, who gained 100 of Medford's net 130 yards on the ground, tallied from the seven on a run and little Danny Miles followed up with a successful conversion boot to give the Tornado a 7-0 lead.

The Caveman retaliated with a score of their own to even it up on the first series of downs following the Medford after TD kick-off.

After a 21-yard pass from Bob Lowery to Dave Hautz and a Medford penalty, sophomore Gary Van Koten, who was a substitute for star Terry Isabell, scooted in from the eight and John Summers kicked the conversion.

Neither side scored in the third frame but Medford got its big six with 4:16 left in the game when Clearwater bombed in from the three. They had threatened a series earlier but the thrust was dulled by a fumble on the Caver five-yard marker.

At the end the Grants Passers nearly caught up but Medford quarterback Scott Eaton intercepted a pass on his own five and killed out the clock.

The game was played in mud that obliterated jersey numbers and yard markers before the game was minutes old.

The team statistics:

Team	Medford	Grants Pass
First Downs Rushing	7	5
First Downs Passing	5	1
Total First Downs	12	6
Yards Gained Rush	150	82
Yards Lost Rush	20	13
Yards Gained Pass	100	21
Yards Lost Pass	1	0
Passes Attempted	13	4
Passes Completed	8	0
Passes Intercepted	0	1
Points (Avg.)	21.0 (5.25)	6.0 (1.5)
Yards Per Carry	21.0	4.25
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Touchdowns	2	1
Conversions	2	1
Score by quarters:		
Grants Pass	0	7
Medford	0	13

Scoring summary: Grants Pass—TD: Van Koten (8-run). Conv.: Summers (kick). Medford—TD: Clearwater 2 (7-run; 9-run). Conv.: Miles (kick).

Merrill 33-7 Win Over Panther '11' Worth Quarterfinal Slot To Mustangs

By WAYNE SCOTT
Herald and News Sports Editor

MERRILL (Special)—They may have been rated underdogs before the ball game but the word obviously never reached the Merrill Huskies.

They literally blasted the Panthers out of a three-way tie for the lead in the Klamath County B football race when they exploded for a smashing 33-7 victory over the Chiloquin eleven on the Merrill gridiron Friday night.

Their big win, the second in eight games this season, not only put the quietus on the pre-season favorite but it boosted the Malin Mustangs into the league "championship."

The Mustangs defeated the Sacred Heart Trojans 27-6 last weekend to knot the lead, but the win, plus the Merrill triumph, earned them the right to represent District 5B in the coming Oregon B three-quarterfinal playoffs.

The Mustangs will host Condon next Saturday afternoon at 1:30 in Malin.

Paced by wingback Larry Chance, the game's big slogger, glue-fingered end Dave Hill, new quarterback Dale Kurtz, transplanted end Duane Mattson and Ken Smith, the Huskies bounced back from an early-game 7-0 deficit to score at least once in each period and hamstringing the Panthers.

Chance scored a pair of TD's, one on a perfectly executed screen pass from Mattson in the second quarter, and the other on a recovered fumble in the Chiloquin end zone midway late in the final frame.

Hill also notched a pair of six-pointers, pulling down scoring passes of five and six yards among five receptions.

The other Merrill tally was a three-yard run by Smith with 1:35 left in the third quarter. Chiloquin halfback Benny Nygren gave the fans the impression the game might be a Panther runaway when he took off for a 56-yard touchdown run the second time the Chiloquin squad called a play.

It didn't work out that way however, because Hill made it 7-6 five plays later when he pulled in a five-yard pass from Smith.

After an interchange with the Panthers in the second canto the Huskies took the lead once and for all when Mattson faded back and hit Chance behind the line of scrimmage with a screen-pass that went for 19 yards and six points. Chance set up the play with a brilliant 50-yard romp in a drive that had started on the Merrill seven.

The third Merrill score came in the third period after reserve Dave Alter had turned in an 18-yard gain which was followed by a 16-yarder by Kurtz and Smith's three-yard plunge.

The hard defensive play by the Huskies took a wicked toll of Panther players and by early in the fourth quarter the Chiloquin club was utilizing an entirely new backfield, composed primarily of freshmen.

A fumble by one lanky Kim Hale, gave the Huskies their final touchdown when Chance pounced on it in the end zone, with 3:50 left in the game.

Nygren led the losers with a total of 89 yards on the ground in 10 carries while Chance had 112 in 15 for the victors.

Merrill completed nine of 18 passes while the Panthers connected on four of six tries. Smith, Mattson and Kurtz collaborated in tossing the Merrill aeries while Nygren and Hale threw for Chiloquin.

Panther fullback Bob Bojorcus was the third ground-gainer with 30 yards in seven trips while Mattson was next with 29 in four.

The victory marked the close of Merrill coach Gene Christensen's first year at the Husky reins.

The statistics:

Team	Chiloquin	Merrill
First Downs Rushing	3	9
First Downs Passing	2	1
Total First Downs	5	10
Yards Gained Rush	125	191
Yards Gained Pass	113	191
Yards Lost Rush	6	0
Yards Lost Pass	72	133
Total Net Yards	185	224
Passes Attempted	6	18
Passes Completed	4	9
Passes Intercepted	1	0
Points (Avg.)	217.5 (54.4)	32.4 (8.1)
Yards Per Carry	31.0	4.0
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Touchdowns	1	5
Conversions	1	3
Score by quarters:		
Chiloquin	7	0
Merrill	7	13

Scoring summary: Chiloquin—TD: Nygren (8-run). Conv.: Bojorcus (run). Merrill—TD: Hill 2 (5-pass; 10-run). Chance 2 (18-pass; 19-run; recovered fumble). Conv.: Mattson 2 (runs). Chance (run).

Drawn From The Wood Lack Of Conditioning Blamed For Deaths By Hall Of Famer

By HAL WOOD

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Willie Heston, Michigan's turn-of-the-century Hall of Fame football great, can't understand these 33-man football squads.

And he won't blame faulty conditioning for the high number of gridiron deaths and injuries this year.

"You can blame both problems on failure of the athletes to be in condition," said Heston, 84 years young and still going strong.

Heston is here as the guest of San Jose State students, who brought him to the West Coast to act as parade marshal for their homecoming game against Arizona State tonight.

Willie, a strong believer in higher education, spent three years playing for San Jose State (then called San Jose Normal) before playing for Michigan for four years.

Getting back to the matter of conditioning:

"When we played at Michigan (1901-02-03-04) the squad was made up of 15 men," said Willie. "And usually the four reserves didn't get to play at all. When we played Stanford in the first Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, 1902, our 11 starters played the full game."

"Everybody had to be in tip-top condition. And failure to be in that condition may be causing a lot of the accidents and deaths in the game today."

"The boys don't stay in the game long enough these days to get up a good sweat."

Heston, who practiced law in Detroit and then became a judge, has been retired for the past 17 years. But he still goes to one game a year at Michigan—homecoming. And he'll see the home-

Jeff, Tillamook Complete Prep List

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jefferson of Portland and Tillamook clinched championships Friday night completing the number of entries in the Oregon class A-1 high school football playoffs that open next weekend.

Medford threw the Southern Oregon Conference race into a three-way tie for first that left the two teams deadlocked with Klamath Falls, but a drawing after the game was won by Grants Pass, which will play Roseburg in the first round.

Roseburg, No. 1 in the poll, beat Cottage Grove, 20-0. Roseburg already had won the Midwestern League title.

Jefferson downed Grant, 13-7, and captured its fifth straight Portland city league championship. It will meet Beaverton this week. Beaverton is ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press poll. Jefferson sixth. Beaverton warmed up for the playoff with a 20-0 win over Central Catholic of Portland.

Tillamook clinched its first football title since entering the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley League by rolling over St. Helens, 37-6. It will

SHA Trojans Clip Honkers

By SKIP MOHATT
Herald and News Correspondent

Lady Luck smiled on Sacred Heart Friday night at Gem Stadium as the Trojans squeezed by Tulelake 12-6. A good sized crowd of frozen football fans watched Mary DelPlanche's crew nab a big six points in the final period to gain a victory.

A fumble and 30 yards in penalties put the damper on the inspired Honkers who had a mild upset going when they knotted the game at 6-6 early in the fourth quarter.

Sacred Heart crossed the goal line first in the second period, Doug Murray and Mike Holland, the two Trojan work horses, took turns moving the ball 60 yards downfield to the Tulelake five. On a first down and goal the Trojans fumbled the ball over to

FOOTBALL SCORES

- Oregon High School Football
- By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
- North Salem 25, South Salem 6
 - Pendleton 19, Hermiston 0
 - Jesuit (Beaverton) 19, Parkrose 0
 - David Douglas (Portland) 13, Centennial (Gresham) 0
 - Myrtle Point 6, Coquille 0
 - Union 33, Joseph 13
 - Scappoose 32, Molalla 7
 - Beaverton 20, Central Catholic (Portland) 0
 - Hillsboro 19, Astoria 0
 - Sandy 13, Silverton 7
 - Medford 13, Grants Pass 7
 - Springfield 24, Thurston (Springfield) 0
 - Marshfield 28, North Bend 13
 - Sheridan 13, Philomath 0
 - Tillamook 37, St. Helens 6
 - Clackamas 7, Gresham 6
 - La Grande 7, Baker 6
 - Prineville 20, The Dalles 6
 - Roseburg 20, Cottage Grove 0
 - Canby 27, Seis 0
 - Estacada 41, Banks 7
 - Central Linn (Brownsville) 32, Junction City 31
 - South Eugene 14, North Eugene 0
 - Willamette 25, St. Francis 0 (both Eugene)
 - Crater (Central Point) 19, Ashland 6
 - Phoenix 37, Glide 12
 - Reedsport 27, Siuslaw (Florence) 6
 - Waldport 39, Taft 7
 - Crow 13, Monroe 7
 - West Linn 7, Newberg 0
 - Lebanon 13, Sweet Home 7
 - Yamhill 41, Salem Academy 6
 - Seaside 25, Hood River 18
 - Vernonia 6, Rainier 0
 - Lake Oswego 15, Oregon City 14
 - Camas Valley 72, Butte Falls 19
 - Central Union (Monmouth) 40, North Marion (Aurora) 6
 - Amity 46, Dayton 0
 - Mapleton 26, Sherwood 19
 - Portland League
 - Jefferson 13, Grant 7
 - Lincoln 14, Washington 13
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