



FEARSOME FOURSOME FROM MERRILL — This veteran group of backs from Merrill High School is the reason Merrill's Huskies are again rated the team to beat this year in the Klamath County Football League. All played last season on the team which made the state Class B finals before losing. The four are (left to right) Dale Kurtz, quarterback, Ken Smith, halfback, Bob Moore, fullback, and Jim Merriels, halfback. See story below.

Merrill Ready To Defend Loop Title With Another Fine Team

By JERRY WAGGONER
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Power is a thing called Merrill in the Klamath County League.

The Huskies, who last year went all the way to the State Class B finals before losing, plan to go all the way this season and could have the horses to do it.

Coach Gene Christiansen lost a few players from last year's club, but has his backfield back virtually intact and they are a fine bunch. He has some big linemen with pretty good speed

and the spirit is high on the field. Christiansen has 18 lettermen back to build with and around. Eleven of the 18 lettermen are seniors, six juniors and one sophomore. Nine of those 11 are starters, although only eight will be starting this week. Tod Roller, line end of last year, has a broken left arm presently but should be ready to go soon.

The Huskies are blessed with some of the finest all-around backs in the league and probably the strongest, all together, in the

loop. That includes quarterback Dale Kurtz, who as a southpaw, thinks well, throws well and runs well when needed. Then there is Ken Smith who is one of the finest all-around athletes in the league. He is heavier this year and should be stronger. The third one is fullback Bob Moore who looks stronger and a little heavier. The fourth starting back will be Jim Merriels, a junior.

Roller will be one of the ends when he gets back. Meanwhile, sophomore Doug Moore probably will fill his vacancy. The other end will be junior Larry Conner. Tackles will be Bill Geraughty and Lynn Long. Earl Danosky will be back at his familiar center position and the guards will be Doug Woods and Dwight Winter.

The other lettermen are Dave West, one of the captains along with Moore. He will be on defense at a linebacker spot. The others are Jim Moore, Chuck Cahlan, and Ken Haskins, the only sophomore lettermen, Gary Orem and Gary Thompson.

Christiansen also reports that he has some fine freshmen in Mike North, an end, and others. A fine looking sophomore quarterback is big Mike McKoen. McKoen has a strong throwing arm and has shown well in drills.

Coach Christiansen, who only recently returned from helping coach the East All-Stars in the Shrine game in Pendleton, said that he is optimistic about the chances for the Huskies, but also states that there is no pushover in this league. "We open against Tulelake Friday night and then catch Bonanza," he said. "There are no pushovers. Chiloquin, no matter what kind of material it has, gives us a rough time every year and we know that Bonanza

will be trouble," he related. "This is a real fine group of boys here. They are very coachable, they like to play the game and they like to win. They are boys, however, and we have to settle them down once in a while from some horseplay, but that keeps the tension off," he said.

Christiansen is quietly confident while the players themselves are confident that they can win and they hope to do so. "We don't have the size we had last year, but I think we might be a little faster," he also has a fine transfer prospect in Allen Matthews who came from Gresham. "He hits hard. Our kids came back to the huddle saying that when he first began practice here. He will be a lot of help to us," he stated.

ROSTER

Seniors—Bill Geraughty, Dwight Winter, Earl Danosky, Doug Woods, Lynn Long, Dave West, Steve Copernelli, Ken Smith, Dale Kurtz, Bob Moore, Jim Moore, Ted Roller and Dale Alter. Juniors—Marlin Barnes, Chuck Cahlan, Chuck Cobb, Larry Conner, Doug Debuy, Eric Haskins, Larry Hitchcock, Alan Hobson, Ken Icenbick, Rickey Lively, Bob Merriels, Jim Merriels, Robert Newham, Gary Orem, Gary Thompson, Allen Matthews. Sophomores—Jim Balg, John Chase, Bill Hammond, Ken Haskins, Dennis Kerns, Mike McKoen, Doug Moore, Jim Britton. Freshmen—Mike North, Jim Waldrip, Mike Ratliff, Andy Suarez, LeRoy Heiss, Colin Poon, Jerry Pyle, Bob Rankin, Dennis Debuy, Robert Watson, Dale Debuy.

1963 FOOTBALL

MERRILL FIELD SCHEDULE
Friday, Sept. 13, Merrill vs. Tulelake at Merrill (home game).
Saturday, Sept. 21, Merrill vs. Bonanza at Merrill.
Friday, Sept. 27, Merrill vs. Butte Valley at Merrill (home game).
Friday, Oct. 4, Merrill vs. Chiloquin at Merrill.
Friday, Oct. 11, Merrill vs. Malin at Merrill.
Saturday, Oct. 26, Bonanza vs. Merrill at Merrill 2 p.m. (home game).
Friday, Nov. 1, Merrill vs. Chiloquin at Merrill (home game).
Friday, Nov. 8, Merrill vs. Malin at Merrill (home game).
Night games 7:30.

Of 30 Pros Cut Joe Perry One

By GEORGE LANGFORD
UPI Sports Writer

The final pre-season cuts by National Football League teams Tuesday were unkind to 30 players, including 16 veterans. But the unkindest cut of all was the release of Joe (The Jet) Perry.

Perry, a 12-year veteran who has gained more yards rushing (8,280) than any other pro performer, was trimmed from the Baltimore Colts roster just three games before he would have been eligible for the new player pension fund.

Jerry Norton, a 10-year pro at defensive back, and eight-year veteran Mal Hammack, a fullback, both of Dallas; Jackie Simpson, a seven-year pro Jim Pittsburgh, and six-year pro Jim McCusker, an offensive tackle with Philadelphia, were among the more prominent players cut.

However, it wasn't a black day for all veterans. Sam Etcheverry, 33, a national hero in Canadian football for nine years by a flop with the St. Louis Cardinals the past two seasons, caught on with the San Francisco Forty Niners as "quarterback insurance." Etcheverry had been released earlier by St. Louis.

Jim Martin, 30, a place kicker whom the Detroit Lions persuaded to come out of retirement this summer, was traded to the Colts for a future draft choice, and offensive tackle Art Anderson was acquired by the Pittsburgh Steelers from the Chicago Bears.

Perry broke in with the Forty Niners in 1951 and spent 11 years with them. He was traded to Baltimore in 1961. A player must have played five seasons since 1959 to be eligible for the pension. Time before 1959 doesn't count.

Hugh Campbell, an end from Washington State, was the most highly touted rookie to lose a job. Campbell, who set several pass catching marks as a collegian, was the Forty Niners' No. 4 draft choice.

Other players released Tuesday:

Dallas Cowboys: Glynn Gregory, offensive end; George Andrie, defensive end, waived to injured list; John Houser, offensive tackle.

Philadelphia Eagles: Mike

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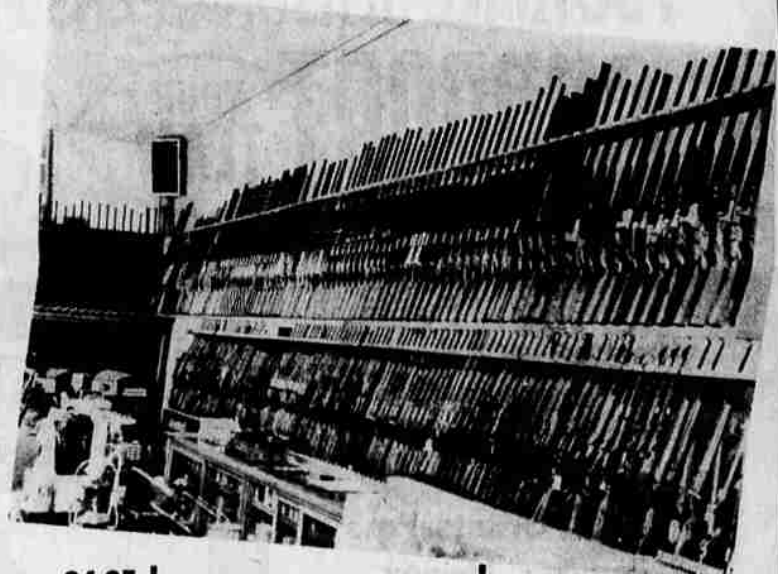
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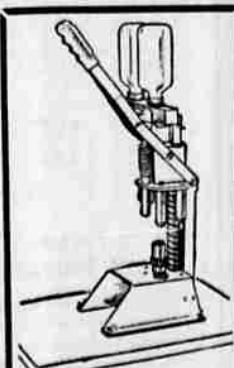
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