

Merrill Strikes Early, Often In Posting 25-14 County Loop Triumph Over Panthers

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MERRILL — Merrill struck like lightning with a 68-yard touchdown pass Friday night and rolled on to a 25-14 victory over the Chiloquin Panthers.

The Huskies, showing flashing speed in the air and on the ground, maintained their mastery of the Klamath County B League and emerged as a leading B team in the state.

Quarterback Dale Kurtz completed eight of 15 pass attempts for 136 yards, while commanding a ground game that rolled up 177 yards.

His favorite target was end Ted Roller, who caught four of Kurtz' tosses for 103 yards.

The Panthers put up a stiff fight all the way, but couldn't stop the Huskie machine and couldn't get their ground attack rolling.

Merrill, after its first touchdown with the game only a few

minutes old, was held scoreless by the Panthers until the third quarter, when it scored twice. The final Huskie tally came in the fourth quarter.

The Panthers scored once in the third quarter and once in the last period.

Chiloquin's Erwin Miller took the opening kickoff on his 20-yard line and returned it to the 47.

The Panthers got a first down and drove the ball to the Merrill 42 before being forced to punt.

The ball landed on the Merrill 32 and there was no return.

Then Kurtz hit Roller with a 40-yard pass on the Chiloquin 50 and Roller galloped into the end zone. A run for the extra point failed.

Chiloquin took over the ball again after the kickoff, but couldn't carry it any further than the Huskie 39 and again was forced to punt.

Merrill regained control of the ball on its own 15.

But Merrill wasn't able to get into gear and was forced to punt. The ball saw-sawed back and forth for the rest of the first half, with neither team threatening at any time.

Merrill had the ball after Chiloquin's kickoff at the start of the second half, but wasn't able to get it moving until Huskie Ken Smith burst through the middle and rambled 45 yards into the end zone. But the touchdown run was nullified by a penalty against Merrill.

The Huskies couldn't repeat the performance and finally were forced to punt.

The game again became a stalemate until, halfway through the third quarter, Merrill half-back Bob Moore slipped through the line with a 27-yard run into the end zone and another Huskie TD. Kurtz passed to Mike North for the extra point and the score stood 13-0.

Merrill gained control of the ball again late in the third period when the Panthers punted and Smith again showed flashing speed as he scooted through the line for a 22-yard touchdown run. An attempted pass for the extra point was no good.

Chiloquin took just two plays after Merrill's kickoff to put their first score on the board. It came early in the fourth quarter when Erwin Miller, passing from the 30-yard line, hit Leonard Wilder on the Merrill 25 and Wilder ran down the sidelines into the end zone.

Jim Bridge plunged over for the extra point after a penalty against Merrill put the ball on the 17-yard line. The score stood at 19-7.

On the kickoff after the touchdown, Chiloquin regained control of the ball when it was fumbled by a Merrill lineman on a short kick and recovered by Panther end Wilder.

But Chiloquin couldn't capitalize on this piece of good luck as the Panthers themselves fumbled two plays later and lost the ball to Merrill.

The Huskies ground out 21 yards and a first down on the ground and then Kurtz passed to North for 23 yards and a 15-yard penalty against Chiloquin put the ball on the eight-yard line. Seven more yards were gained on the ground until halfback Smith plunged over from the one-yard line for the touchdown. A kick for the extra point failed and the score stood at 25-7.

Chiloquin again couldn't get moving after the kickoff and Merrill took over on its own 37 after the Panthers punted. But Merrill couldn't get going either and the Panthers took over on downs on the Huskie 37. After one two-yard pass play, Panther Erwin Miller hit Don Taylor with a 31-yard pass and Taylor leaped into the end zone. Bridge plunged over for the extra point with 1:06 left in the game. The score was 25-14.

and that's what it was when the game ended a minute later.

In the statistics department Merrill gained a total of 313 yards on the ground and in the air while holding the Panthers to just 199. The Panthers were able to make only 55 yards on the ground, but did get 144 in the air.

Merrill tallied 11 first downs and the Panthers got five. The Huskies hit eight of 15 pass attempts and the Panthers hit nine of 12.

Game Statistics

Mer	Chi
First Downs	7
Rushing	11
Passing	7
Penalties	2
Yards Gained Rushing	184
Yards Lost Rushing	17
Yards Gained Passing	313
Passes Completed	8
Passes Intercepted	0
Yards Gained Passing	126
Total Yards Gained	313
Punts - Average	22.9
Yards Punted Returned	20
Fumbles - Lost	1
Yards - Yards	57.5

Player	TC	YG	YL	Net	Avg.
Moore	12	50	0	30	4.2
Kurtz	10	58	0	58	5.8
Roller	4	9	7	2	0.25
McKoon	1	3	3	0	0
Orem	1	3	0	3	3.0
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After the first quarter of play, there was little doubt which team would emerge the winner at Henley Friday night.

The Hornets met the Sacred Heart Trojans in a Rogue Valley League fray and ran away with a 55-0 victory.

It was nearly a case of score at will for the Hornets as they crossed the goal line three times in the second after having an initial touchdown jaunt called back on a penalty in the first period.

After a 21-0 advantage at halftime, the Hornets stung the Trojans again in the second half to the tune of 12 points in the third chapter and 22 additional markers in the final quarter.

The Hornets opened the rout with a 60-yard run to pay dirt by Steve Rand wiped out on a penalty in the first period and then stormed back as the second stanza opened to cap a short drive of 36 yards as Mike Peacock tallied.

It was a fumble by Trojan quarterback Mike Kosen on the Sacred Heart 36 setting up the first Hornet TD.

In three plays the Henley club had gone the distance, including a 22-yard romp by Peacock. Peacock scored from nine yards out and Bob Lewis added the first

of three extra points via placement.

It required just four plays for the Hornets to dent the scoring column the next time as the 65-yard drive was ended as Rand broke through right tackle to race 29 yards for the score.

With the score 14-0, the Hornets added another seven points as Kim Hale intercepted a Trojan aerial and returned 32 yards. He later tallied the first of two touchdowns as he rambled 24 yards to score.

The Hornets picked up the tempo again in the third period as they took the second half kickoff and in four plays scored as Hale traveled the final 18 yards.

With the score 27-0, the reserves took over for the Hornets and Freddie Rodriguez tallied two touchdowns from seven and 10 yards out and Jim Butler tallied midway in the final quarter from three yards away.

Midway in the fourth period also, the Hornets moved to the 17-yard line where a field goal attempt was called and the talented Lewis responded by sending the kick through from a slight angle.

The last scoring of the game came on the final play of the contest as the Trojans' Kosen threw a pass on which the Hornets' Barker was called for interference.

Player	TC	YG	YL	Net	Avg.
Bridge	14	45	8	37	2.3
Shadley	10	22	9	13	1.3
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Taylor	2	7	17	10	5.0
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Bridge	1	2	9	4.5
Miller	5	5	127	25.4
Taylor	3	3	30	10.0
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DiHilo	5	27	5.4
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Honkers Fall To St. Mary's By 14-0

St. Mary's of Medford had little difficulty in disposing of the Lakeview Honkers Friday night on the Honker gridiron as the visiting club collected a 14-0 win.

The loss for the Honkers was their second in Rogue League action and put their overall mark at 1-3.

The St. Mary's team collected their first score in the opening period as Tim Sakraida capped a 75-yard drive by scoring from the one.

In the second period the St. Mary's eleven scored another TD only to have it disallowed on a penalty as Jeff Randall went 20 yards to pay dirt.

Player	TC	YG	YL	Net	Avg.
Hale	6	73	0	73	12.2
Peacock	7	48	0	48	6.9
Rand	3	25	0	25	8.3
Barker	6	48	0	48	8.0
Butler	2	22	0	22	11.0
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Kadous	3	9	0	9	3.0
Tucker	4	16	0	16	4.0

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Lewis	5	7	170	34.0
Barker	2	0	0	0
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Kurtz	12	12	0	12	1.0
McNeary	11	12	0	12	1.1
Davis	8	9	0	9	1.1
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