



How the balance of power shifts... For years it has been generally conceded that the Midwestern League and Southern Conference field the strongest prep teams in any given sport.

In the former league, the football power has long been offered by the Marshfield Pirates, with the unexcelled work of one Pete Susick the generating force behind a series of outstanding grid teams.

In the fall of 1958, a virtual unknown appeared on the scene at Roseburg where the game of football had been far from successful since the start of prep athletic activities.

No one knew too much about this latest addition to the Roseburg sports scene — a town where numerous other coaches had spent unsuccessful time only to move on to other schools and become well-known for football success.

Such people as Mel Ingram at Grants Pass and Bob George at Milton-Freewater to name just two.

And this unknown was to attempt what other coaches had tried to do again.

His background offered the fact he had played some outstanding football in college and in service hall — college work at Washington and Portland University — the latter school dropping the grid sport later.

The Challenges Were Huge...

But, he had seen coaching success. He had put Astoria in the football picture for the first time in the history of this coastal town — a town where the game of basketball had been King always.

A product of his work there has been giving Oregon Duck opponents problems: His name, Larry Hill, and this player is just one.

The Fishermen finally became as much a football town as a basketball town and the people loved it.

It was a large challenge at Astoria and it was conquered. An even larger challenge existed at Roseburg, where coaches had come and gone.

Starting in 1958, the new mentor went to work and as of Friday night had raised Roseburg football to an all-time high.

In six years, runner-up team to Susick's Pirates twice and winner of the league title three consecutive years; winner of 29 consecutive league contests against such teams as Marshfield, North Bend, South Eugene, Springfield, North Eugene and this year a strong Cottage Grove team.

And winner of the state title in 1961 — the first such title in sports history at Roseburg.

More Than Coaching Ability...

Of course his name is Roy Thompson, a guy who had the ability to impart sound football fundamentals and key game strategy to players no better nor worse than those available in previous years.

But, he also had the ability to instill a new feeling in the school toward the game and a new spirit in playing the game. These factors unquestionably lent to the success of the Indians.

Many will point to a sound grade school football program in Roseburg prior to Thompson's arrival as a key to the success.

However, the fact is a football program existed in the grade schools of the city as far back as the 20's when Medford and Roseburg grade schoolers met.

The record produced by Thompson in a short six years has placed the Indians in a position of vying with Marshfield and Medford as the state's leading football school.

His record is impressive despite a 2-7 season in his 1959 campaign, with overall mark leading up to the state playoffs this year of 43-14-1.

Yes, the balance of power shifts occasionally, and in this case it's been the work of this virtual unknown, Roy Thompson, placing the Roseburg Indians on the football map.

Old Adversary For Huskies...

Gene Christensen's Merrill Huskies go into the state playoffs again and an old adversary is nearing a position of facing the Huskies for the first time since a state title was gained by the Merrill eleven in 1958.

This team is the Yoncalla Eagles. Klamath Falls' basketball mentor Al Keck will remember this contest for many years, as it was Keck's Huskies who made believers out of the Eagles in that state title game.

The big, big Eagles had rolled over every opponent with ease including Tillamook Catholic and Knappa in the state quarterfinals and semifinals respectively.

Merrill possessed some outstanding backs and had moved to an equally impressive record in advancing to the state finals.

The two teams were to meet and all 'experts' saw a somewhat even contest, with perhaps a touchdown or a point separating the two.

However, when the final horn had sounded, the Huskies had run roughshod over the Eagles to the tune of 60-6.

The Huskies had given away line weight, but grabbed it back through the simple method of sound football — out-charging the opponent.

Forward Wall Was Key...

The talk of the Merrill forward wall that day, almost overshadowed the outstanding work of the explosive backs. Keck was a happy man that day.

"They surprised even me the way they blocked and opened the holes. They had done a good job all year and the Yoncalla line was expected to be the biggest test."

"It was, but they came through as if Yoncalla's line was nothing."

It was, that day — and the Huskies made it so. And now a possible return meeting between the teams is in the making depending on semifinal success.

The Yoncalla eleven was awaiting the outcome of the Knappa-Jefferson contest to determine a semifinal opponent and the Huskies watching the outcome of the Maupin-Joseph game for their semis opponent next weekend.

If the two teams could come through in the semis, it would make for an interesting return meeting of the teams in the finals.

Robinson Finds Weakness...

Last weekend the Oregon State Beavers met and lost to the Indiana Hoosiers and an interested spectator was Oregon coach John Robinson who was scouting.

The Webfoot assistant reported to Cas on his return and one of his observations:

"Indiana has a great fullback in Tom Nowatske, but I've found his weakness."

"When seven or eight people hit him simultaneously — he falls down!"

This is comparable to the statement by St. Louis assistant coach Ed Henke in speaking of the Cleveland Browns' great Jimmy Brown:

"Tackle him above the waist and holler for help — or he'll drag you to death!"

The hazards of football.

Texas Takes Title; Cougars Nail Stanford

Cotton Bowl Trip Assured Longhorns

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — The University of Texas defeated Texas Christian 17-0 Saturday to nail down a tie for the Southwest Conference championship and the Longhorns' third straight trip to the Cotton Bowl.

The victory, nine of the season for the top-ranked, undefeated Longhorns, moved Texas to within one game of the national championship and its first perfect season in 43 years.

Duke Carlisle again master-minded Texas on two touchdown drives and barefooted Tony Crosby kicked a 42-yard field goal, the longest of his career, to keep Texas at the head of the national standings for the sixth consecutive week.

Fullback Tom Stockton, who was almost held out at the beginning of the season because of so much talent in front of him, scored one of Texas' two touchdowns and chewed up 89 yards in 21 carries.

Phil Harris scored from the three at the beginning of the second period for the Longhorns' first touchdown. Stockton's score also was from the three in the closing minutes of the third period.

Stockton won a starting assignment after Harold Phillip, who had replaced Ernie Koy on the first team after Koy suffered a shoulder separation, was injured himself in last week's game with Baylor.

The victory and Texas' spotless 9-0 season record was an impressive one for the mighty Longhorns. It was their 450th win on the football field and their 35th since Coach Darrell Royal took over in 1957. This tied the all-time coaching record for Texas held by fabled Dana X. Bible.

The loss was the third in a row for TCU, and was the first time the Horned Frogs had been beaten on Texas' home field since 1967. Twice previously TCU came to Texas with the Longhorns holding down the No. 1 national ranking and upset



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Warriors Stumble; Celts Win Another

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jump-shooting Don Ohl who kept the rally going that saw Detroit pull even at 89-all after trailing 83-68 at the three quarters mark.

The two teams fought to 95-all and Ray Scott jammed through a layin with 34 seconds to go to put Detroit ahead for the night.

Boston had four men with over 20 points. Tom Heinsohn had 24, Sam Jones and Willie Naulls 23 apiece, and John Havlicek 21. Bill McGill scored 29 for New York.

At Philadelphia, Johnny Kerr's tip-in basket with 3:34 remaining put the 76ers ahead to stay. With nine seconds to go Dick Barnett's bucket made it 98-97, but Paul Neumann's free throw with a second left finished the Lakers.

Hal Greer had 33 to pace the winners, while Baylor was high for Los Angeles with 30.

ALL-TIME RECORDS PITTSBURGH (UPI) — During quarterback Bobby Layne's 1947-62 career in the National Football League he set all-time passing records of 196 touchdowns and 25,766 yards gained on 1815 completions in 3700 attempts.

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WSU Options, Stanford Fumbles Take Large Toll In First Half

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI) — Washington State took advantage of three Stanford fumbles to toll up an 18-0 halftime lead, then hung on for a 32-15 victory — the seventh consecutive time the Cougars have whipped the Indians.

With second string quarterback Dale Ford befuddling the Indians with his pass-run options and halfback Clarence Williams bowling over Stanford defenses for nearly an eight yard per carry average, it was no contest from the start.

Stanford fumbled and lost the ball three times in the first

eight minutes of play and the Cougars turned these into a 24-yard field goal, and a touchdown for a 10-0 first quarter lead.

They made it 12-0 early in the second period when Stanford halfback Jack Lodato intercepted a Washington State pass in his own end zone that went for a safety for the Cougars.

And they got another score just before the half after a 72-yard march that ended with Ford scoring from the three on a keeper.

It was 23-0 after John Browne scored from the three before

Stanford got on the scoreboard in the third quarter. Quarterback Don Cook set up the Indian touchdown with a 36 yard pass to end Bob Howard and the same combination clicked from the 10 for the counter.

The other Stanford score was set up on a 60-yard run from Scrimmage to the two by Dick Ragsdale in the waning minutes after Dave Mathieson had tossed 13 yards to end Gerry Shaw for a Cougar tally.

Stanford 0 0 7 8-15 Wash. State 10 8 7 7-32

Scoring: WSU — FG Baltes 24 WSU — Ford 1 run (Baltes kick)

WSU — Safety (Lodato caught behind own goal line)

WSU — Ford 3 run (pass failed)

WSU — Browne 3 run (Baltes kick)

Stan — Howard 10 pass from Cook (Beck kick)

WSU — Shaw 13 pass from Mathieson (Baltes kick)

Stan — Ragsdale 2 run (Ragsdale run)

California Passes, Runs Over Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Crafty Craig Morgan's passing and the running of Tom Blanchfield and Tom Relles enabled California to break loose from dugged Utah in the second half yesterday and give the Golden Bears a 35-22 inter-sectional victory.

A crowd of 13,974, held down because of an overnight snowfall, saw the contest in 35-degree weather in muddy Ute Stadium.

Morton, the Golden Bear with the golden arm, passed for one touchdown and completed six of nine for 99 yards, while Relles and Blanchfield gave the Bears the impetus they needed on the ground.

Blanchfield, a do-everything back from St. Helena, Calif., picked up 73 yards rushing, Relles, a sophomore from Sacramento, Calif., logged 94 yards.

The point out against Utah was the highest posted by a Mary Levy coached California team.

The visitors spotted Utah a 15-0 lead and then roared back with pairs of touchdowns in the second and third periods, plus a clinching score with 21 seconds left to play.

It was a disappointing loss for the unlucky Utes who played the visitors on fairly even

Sooners Skip By Strong Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (UPI) — Sophomore Larry Shields scored two touchdowns Saturday, one on a 65-yard punt return, to lead sixth-ranked Oklahoma to a 13-3 victory over Missouri.

The victory, Oklahoma's fifth without defeat in the Big Eight conference, set the stage for next week's championship meeting between Oklahoma and undefeated Nebraska.

Shields, a halfback, put Oklahoma into the lead in the early minutes of the game when he caught a punt on the 35-yard line and raced down the sidelines for a touchdown. He scored the second touchdown from the two-yard line late in the fourth period.

Missouri's lone score, its first against Oklahoma since 1960, came late in the second period on a 43-yard field goal by Bill Leistritz.

Missouri, which has not beaten Oklahoma here since 1945, had an opportunity to take the lead in the second period after recovering a fumble on the Oklahoma 34-yard line. Missouri drove to the Oklahoma seven but then lost possession on a fumble of its own.

Missouri 0 3 0 0-3 Oklahoma 6 0 0 7-13

Scoring: OU — Shields 65 punt return (kick failed)

OU — FG Leistritz 43

OU — Shields 2 run (Jarman kick)

Attendance: 50,900.

Rams Minus Jon Arnett

DETROIT, Mich. (UPI) — Jon Arnett, still unrecovered from a knee injury, stayed in Los Angeles as the Rams flew here for a re-match with the Detroit Lions Sunday.

Detroit downed the Rams 23-2 in Los Angeles, National Football League opener, but this is a different Ram team now. For instance, the Chicago Bears clobbered the Rams 52-14 earlier in the season, then barely defeated the Rams 6-0 last week on a pair of field goals.

Roman Gabriel suffered a broken nose in the Bear game, but is expected to be able to pilot the Rams here.

Rookie Terry Baker started at quarterback against the Lions in the opener. The Rams were hurt in that game by four Detroit interceptions, including one returned 70 yards for a touchdown by Dick Lebeau.

Detroit, which has a 4-5 record, lost 24-21 last week to Baltimore.

Mounties Lose, 28-3

MORGAN TOWN, W. Va. (UPI) — Virginia Tech led by the fine passing of quarterback Bob Schweickert and a stingy defense overpowered the West Virginia Mountaineers 28-3 Saturday to take undisputed possession of first place in the Southern Conference.

Schweickert threw for one score and set up two others with his passing. All told he completed 13 of 16 passes for 114 yards.

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