



THE 'ANIMALS' — Figured to slow the potent Wasco Redside's offensive attack are these five Merrill defensive specialists — called the animals — checking Redside plays with coach Gene Christensen. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Dale West, Christensen and Jim Merrillees, while looking from the back row, left to right, are Jim Moore, Chuck Cahon and Allan Matthews. The Huskies face the Redside in the state semifinals Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. on the Maupin gridiron.

Stat Charts Indicate Offensive Show As Huskies Battle Redside

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It could be a big offensive show at Maupin Saturday afternoon.

The two teams locking up there in the state Class B semifinals have the statistics to make this true.

When Gene Christensen's Merrill Huskies collide with Chuck Stapleton's Wasco Redside in the battle for the right to advance into the state finals fans will have the opportunity of seeing four players in action who have a combined rushing total of nearly 3,500 yards.

Add to this another 1,500 yards via the air lanes by a pair of passing wizards and the offensive possibility is almost a certainty.

In 10 contests played by the Redside—all to successful finishes—(fullback Jud Buswell has hauled for 451 yards and half-

back Joe Miller has turned on the speed to the tune of another 780 yards.

Add to this another 727 yards in the air by quarterback John Neely and the Redside have put together a potent two-pronged attack.

It's an attack which has been good for 10 consecutive wins and a total of 294 points.

Little wonder that the Huskies are spending considerable time on the defensive phase of the game this week.

And the Huskies, champions of the Klamath B League for the second consecutive year and seeking a return to the state finals, can counter with their own highly-explosive offense.

Count the 1,111 yards gained by halfback Ken Smith and add a much needed 706 yards by Bob Moore and the Huskies have one of the top ground at-

tacks in the state.

And in the aerial game, the Huskies can look to heady southpaw Dale Kurtz who has hit his targets to the tune of 767 yards on 49 out of 95 attempts.

In the scoring chase of the two clubs, the Redside look to the output of Miller who has hit paydirt from his left half-back spot for 102 points, while right half Dal Hammer has added 60 markers and Buswell 51.

And give quarterback Neely an assist on another 42 points via seven touchdown aeri-

In the Merrill camp it's been Smith hitting for 129 points on 21 touchdowns and three PATs, while Moore has added 32 on eight touchdowns and four extra points.

Ted Roller has been on the receiving end of nine Kurtz TD aeri-

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and the reason for a possible scoring explosion to be witnessed in the state semis at Maupin Saturday afternoon.

Defense has been the order of the day for both teams during practice sessions this week and rightly so.

The Huskies continued running Wasco plays in their Tuesday session and the work of the club prompted words of praise from the head man.

"If the defensive work in practice so far can be matched against the real thing, we might be okay."

Still, it was with a note of concern that the Huskies' mentor made the comment.

Even with the defensive work looking good against the running of the Redside plays, at least three key factors were missing:

Buswell, Miller and Neely. Both clubs are reported strong for the important tilt which is expected to draw a large throng to the Maupin gridiron.

Kickoff time is slated for 1:30 p.m.

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IN THE CIVIL WAR . . .

Ducks Favored—Means Beavers Should Triumph

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — It's big game week from border to border on the Pacific slope. And if you think your team is a cinch because it has a better record, just start looking at the past. When it's "big game week," anything can happen.

So keeping that in mind, all these games are by a one-point choice:

Washington (5-4) over Washington State (3-5) — The Huskies apparently kissed off UCLA and they should bounce back to whip the Cougars. But quarterback Bill Douglas and fullback Junior Coffey will have to be at their best to stop Washington State. Coach Jim Sutherland's late-season quarterbacking find, Dale Ford, looked like Y. A. Tittle against Stanford last week. He completed half a dozen passes, at least, with two or three men hanging around his neck. The Huskies need this one to get to the Rose Bowl.

Southern California (6-3) over UCLA (2-7) — There is some belief that the Bruins shot their bolt when they knocked over Washington. The Trojans now know they can make it to the Rose Bowl. UCLA should have trouble containing Mike Garrett and Willie Brown. But who knows?

California (4-4) over Stanford (2-7) — Golden Bears have their most explosive offensive

in a decade and if Craig Morton is on his stick could turn it into a rout. On the other hand, if Stanford goes back to the blocking and tackling it showed in disposing of Notre Dame, it could be a pushover the other way.

Oregon (6-3) over Oregon State (5-4) — Webfoots running healthy now with halfback Mel Renfro and quarterback Bob Berry at their peaks. But Ducks will still have to cover the pass-catch combination of Beaver quarterback Gordon Queen to end Verne Burke.

San Diego State (7-1) over San Francisco State (6-2-1) — This brings the co-champion of the CCAA against the co-winners of the Far Western Conference. The CCAA is just a wee bit tougher over-all.

San Jose State (4-5) over University of Pacific (1-8) — The Spartans should get their first breather of the season, just when the season is ending.

Also: Abilene Christian over Fresno State, Arizona State over Idaho, Claremont-Mudd over Cal Tech, and Whittier over Redlands.

Ticket Deadline

Those Klamath Falls basketball fans who bought season reserved seat tickets last year and are interested in buying those tickets for the 1963-64 season are asked to contact the KU athletic department by Friday.

Many of those who bought the reserved tickets last year have not been able to be reached this year and athletic director Jim Johnson asks those interested in having the same seats as a year ago to advise the athletic department.

A large list of those wishing tickets has been formed, however, the policy has been to offer the tickets to those holding them the previous year first opportunity of buying them again.

The reserved seat duclats not asked for by Friday will be placed on sale at that time, according to the athletic department.

Fight Commission Cancels Mina Fight

NEW YORK (UPI) — "More than for myself I feel sorry for my country. I was anxious to give Peru a great victory Friday night."

With these words and a shrug of his shoulders, Peruvian lightweight champion Mauro Mina today accepted the fact that he will not be permitted to fight in New York state.

Mina was scheduled to meet Allen Thomas at Madison Square Garden Friday night, but the Garden cancelled the bout Tuesday when it learned Mina had undergone eye surgery early this year. Undeclared Johnny Persol of Brooklyn, N.Y., was named to replace Mina against Thomas.

Dr. Oscar Teran, Mina's manager, admitted that his fighter underwent an eye operation for a detached retina in Lima, Peru, last March. But Teran added that Mina was given a five-hour examination by five eye specialists and they stated that the operation represented no danger.

"After the operation I fought three fights and won them all," Mina said. "I know that I have no problem with my sight and that my chances of beating Thomas are good, but I can't do anything but abide by the decision of the officials."

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