

Joe's Miscue Gives Title to Lion Squad

Knights' Star Sprints to Thrilling Touchdown, Washes Out Kitsy Threat

Knights of Columbus 3, Meralomas 1.

Eddie Kendall, swivel-hipped young halfback of the Knights of Columbus, unravelled snarls and snags of the Big Four football situation Saturday afternoon at Athletic Park as far as the final outcome is concerned. All by himself, Ed added another crack to the broken heart of the Meraloma club and handed North Shore Lions the Big Four championship on a platter.

RIGHT DOWN THE ALLEY.

There was just one touchdown scored and it was Kendall who turned the trick in the second quarter. Nailed on his own three-yard line by a smashing tackle by young Tom Kendrick of the Casey, Tom Ferris slammed a forty-yard punt down the field.

Kendall took it on the run at the Meraloma forty-yard line and pulled the "Tom Merriwell" play of the season. He ran through the whole Meraloma team for a touchdown.

Eddie didn't head for the sidelines. He just started swerving, side-stepping and snuffling right down the alley. The Loma ends were slow getting down. The first laid a hand on Kendall, but couldn't hold him. From there on he just wove a twisting, dancing path that carried him across the goal-line standing up.

That wasn't Kendall's only great piece of work. He played sixty minutes of heads-up football, his finest showing of the season, and was dangerous on every play. In the third quarter he had Meralomas panicky again when he opened up on a cut-back through the line for thirty yards that almost went for another touchdown.

As it was, only a tertiary defender and Tom Ferris, the safety man, got to him near the sidelines and stopped his high-stepping gallop.

JOE'S THE GOAT.

Lanky Joe Ross had a touchdown, the game and Meralomas' lone chance of staying in the Big Four League race right in his hands thirty seconds from the final whistle until the five-yard line up and tripped him. That's the only logical explanation, for there wasn't a Casey defender within ten yards of him when he gathered in Andy Boland's thirty-yard pass ten yards out.

Joe might have been the hero today instead of the goat if he hadn't stumbled, right out in the clear, three yards from pay-dirt. It was Boland's third consecutive aerial thrust and it carried Lomas from their thirty-six-yard strips right down to the Casey goal-line.

BOLAND'S BULLETS CONNECT.

Boland whipped his first aerial bullet twenty-five yards to Wilkie to put the ball on the Casey forty, then banged another to Wilkie for eight yards over centre. The Caseys were rattled and Boland's next shot picked the sprinting form of Joe Ross out right in the clear.

Meralomas had all their old power working in the opening quarter, but they couldn't cross the Casey line. Tom Ferris got a kick away from forty yards and Jack Nett was roused for the only Meraloma point.

Norm Kindred was a powerhouse for Meralomas. He repeatedly rammed his way through the Knight defenses for first downs, only to have fumbles wreck scoring chances. Jack Steele and Kendrick were cutting the grope out from under Meraloma punt-receivers all day, and Ed Spooner was the most damaging tackler on the field.

Bert Downey, husky Casey back, had one of his best days in the punting division, although Andy Boland could have held him on even terms if he had been given an opportunity earlier in the game.

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PITT, FORDHAM BOWL BIDDERS

Three Squads Still In Fight For Big Game.

The East's twin football powerhouses, Pitt and Fordham, have offered a little rebuttal testimony to offset Alabama's claim to a berth in the Rose Bowl game against California at Pasadena on New Year's Day.

The virtual end of the campaign yesterday saw most of the glamour and tradition concentrated at Philadelphia, where Army subdued Navy, 6-0, in the annual service battle, but it remained for Pitt and Fordham to keep the rose bowl question alive.

Pitt, unbeaten and tied only by Fordham, took advantage of two fumbles to whip Duke's Blue Devils 10-0 before a crowd of 4,000 at Durham, while 6-0-0 saw Fordham, likewise unbeaten, spill New York University after more of a dog-fight than most experts had predicted, 20-7.

ARMY BEATS NAVY.

Somewhere near 500,000 fans watched the day's fun from one coast to the other and the Army-Navy duel drew the largest crowd of the season, 302,000. Army pushed over the lone touchdown of the game in the first period, Jim Craig plowing over from the two-yard line after two passes had picked up 37 yards.

Sid Luckman's passing, plunging and kicking enabled Columbia once more to exercise its jinx over Stanford's Indians, who were lucky to quit Baker Field with nothing worse than a scoreless draw charged against them. Holy Cross wound up an unbeaten season by trouncing Boston College, 20-0.

GEORGIA DERBY TIED.

In the southern sector, Louisiana State came from behind to trip Tulane, 20-7, and finish second to undefeated Alabama in the southeastern conference race. Georgia fought off several threats to finish in a 6-6 draw with Georgia Tech. Auburn polished off Florida, 14-0.

Mario Tondelli's 70-yard run and subsequent line plunging in the final two minutes enabled Notre Dame's fighting Irish to overcome stubborn Southern California, 13-6. Lowell English's second period field goal from the 20-yard line enabled Nebraska to trim Kansas State, 24-0, and retain the big six conference championship.

Rice's Owls bowled over Baylor, 13-7, to remain the team to beat for the southwest conference title.

