

THE NO. 1 CAGING SCOUT CHECKS IN ON CARDS, BRONCS

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE.--As Bill Leiser Sees It.

Our No. 1 Basketball Scout Checks In. He is Morie Morrison. In football Morie surrenders No. 1 position to Chief Scout I. R. McVay, but in basketball he is the top man. Here's his report on the Stanford-Santa Clara game, which the Indians won, 34 to 32.

"This was an excellent example of what good coaches can do with good material. Two theories were presented.

"Santa Clara's idea was that ball control is game control. The Broncos believe that the longer they keep the ball the more chances they'll have to score, and the fewer chances the other team will have. Such a game requires the best grounding in fundamentals of passing and pivoting, and NOT fumbling. The Broncos have that grounding.

"The Broncos broke down court slowly; passed the ball in back court while forwards serpented in and out to set up scoring chances. The system worked well early in the game, winning an easy lead, but the Broncos couldn't hold it. So they abandoned the plan, because they couldn't afford to wait for scoring chances. Nevertheless, ball control and setting up of sure shots are typical of Santa Clara. Evidence lies in the 64 shots they had at the bucket, against Stanford's 44.

"Stanford's theory is one of quick breaks and scoring shots before defense has a chance to organize. In Burness and Cowden Stanford has two of the Coast's best in retrieving the ball off the backboard. In Williams, Anderson and Davidson, the Indians have three as fast as any going down court. They depend on split second timing, and tossing the ball to a spot where a team mate is supposed to be, to confuse defense, and to give them the advantage of knowing what is going to happen.

"In the first half they threw the ball away four times trying to set up this type of play, but they finally paid off on it. Evidence of Stanford's success with the quick break is in the fact the Indians scored 9 of their 15 field goals from within six feet of the basket. They took only nine out of 44 shots from as far as 15 feet out.

"Stanford's defense was better than Santa Clara's. The Broncos were forced to shoot long ones, while the Indians worked in close. Thirty-three of the Bronco shots were more than 20 feet long, and four of these practically from the center circle.

"The Broncos were extremely well coached in setting up screens and check plays, but the Indians were too smart to be suckered out of position. No reflection on the Broncos; a compliment to the Indians. Few attacks are better coached or executed than the Broncos'.

BURNESSE BEST BALL HAWK ON COAST.

"Stanford Personnel: Williams, forward, is fast, tougher than he looks, and an opportunist. He was closely guarded, as shown by the 7 free throws he got from too close guarding. Shoots with either hand, is deadly from ten feet out.

"Anderson is Stanford's fastest man, breaks up many passes. His major fault is that at present he's too fast for his hands. On down court dribbles he moves so fast he often loses control of the ball when shooting. By the time he gets rid of the ball he's out of the court. An excellent floor man.

"Burness is our idea of the best man on the Coast at this writing. A natural ball hawk, he's always where it falls. On offense he plays the pivot spot and fakes passes like Houdini. His four quick field goals against Santa Clara in the second half resulted from one reason only: Burness' faking everyone out of position then shooting. On defense he's sensational.

"Davidson has yet to reach his peak. To do his best shooting he must get set. An excellent floor man, and best ball handler on the squad.