

Roseburg, Medford To Stage 'Crucial' Playoff

State A-1 Crown May Be Riding On Outcome Of Tonight's Encounter

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Once again it is time for the "battles of the giants," with two of the most potent squaring off tonight at Finlay Field where the Roseburg Indians are entering the Medford Black Tornado.

Many feel the state championship is riding on the outcome of the Roseburg-Medford quarterfinal game, but still six other powerful District champs are in the running, and any one of the eight teams seeking the crown could surprise the favorites.

However, whichever team emerges victorious tonight on the local scene will become the favorite in the race for the crown. In the final prep playoffs Medford held down the No. 1 spot among the A-1 powers with the Tribe resting just one notch down the ladder.

While all eyes will be on Finlay Field where the two Southern Oregon powers are butting heads, in the northern part of the state Beaverton's Beavers will be invading Parkrose to battle the undefeated Broncos. Both Friday games are scheduled for 8 p.m.

Saturday the quarterfinal round of the A-1 playoffs will be concluded as North Salem travels to Pendleton for a 1:30 p.m. clash and West Linn squares off against Grant at Portland in a night game at the Wilson High School field. The winner of the Roseburg-Medford game will play the winner of the West Linn-Grant outing next week for a berth in the finals scheduled for Portland's Multnomah Stadium Nov. 29.

Tonight's game at Finlay Field is a rematch of last year's quarterfinal tilt which featured the Indians and the Black Tornado. Medford came out on top, 14-7, in that game, and went on to become the 1962 state champions.

Last year the Tribe went into the battle rated as the top team in the state and Medford was rated No. 2 when the game was staged at Medford. This year the tables are turned—Roseburg and the Black Tornado being the No. 1 rated team.

Not only are the Indians out to revenge last year's setback in the quarterfinals, but they have 20 other defeats to account for. In the 22-game series which

dates back to 1922 the lone win recorded by the Redskins was a 26-14 victory in 1933. Early in the series Medford racked up some fantastic football scores—winning by 101-0 score in 1922, 102-0 in 1925 and 95-0 in 1926.

The Indians, hungry for another state crown, will be at full strength tonight for the invading Black Tornado. Neither team sports any obvious advantage for the battle, though the Indians have shown a mite more offensive punch in building an 8-1 record for the season. Roseburg has scored 212 points and has allowed the opposition 76 points. Medford, on the other hand, has scored 167 points in eight games and has limited the opponents to 61. Medford has a 7-1 record.

Teamwise the Indians have a 121-101 first down advantage, while the Black Tornado has 97 first down against 74 for the opposition. Medford has gained 1,272 yards rushing, compared to 1,825 for the home team, and in passing the Indians have completed 52 of 95 tosses for 778 yards while Medford has been connecting for 403 yards.

In the weight department both teams boast plenty of beef, with Medford holding a slight edge on offense.

Defensively the Indians boast one of the heaviest forward walls in the state. Heading the charge will be the "Ferocious Four" composed of Jess Hart (220), Terry Rudolf (215), Dennis Frank (210) and either Doug DuFresne (205) or Ron Rutter (180).

Four of the finest linebackers to be found on any team provide solid backing for the formidable line. Mike Leep (210) heads the line in tackles with 126, and his 19 in the final game against Sheldon broke a school record of 18 set by Kenny King in 1961.

Along with Mike Leep, the Indians will have Dick Gwaltney, Dick Yost and Vince Peetz at the linebacker spots.

Deep men will be halfbacks Jon Burnham or Keith Olson and Jerry Remick. Operating from the safety position will be Dave Butler. Alan Young will punt and kick for PATs.

Offensively the Tribe attack will be guided by quarterbacks Jim Beamer and Remick. Beamer will get the starting nod, having completed 40 of 71 aerials for 591 yards and having 278 yards rushing.

Speed will be the keyword at the left halfback position where Bob (Smookey) Burgess will be starting. Burgess has gained 820 yards on 78 carries, for a 10.5 yards-per-carry average and leads the team in scoring with 48 points. He captured the District 5-A-1 rushing crown.

At the right halfback spot will be Ron Leep, with Mike Leep and Craig Engle handling the fullback chores. Ron Leep is used primarily as a pass receiver

and a blocking back, while Mike Leep provides the team with straight-ahead power.

Two more targets for passes will be operating from the end slots—Gary Heeter and Doug Matson. Heeter's 27 receptions is tops. The interior line will find guards Tom Thomas and Bob Palmateer flanking center Wayne Gray or Vince Peetz, while DuFresne and Don Boerste will operate at the tackle gaps.

Medford, running from a multiple offense, has plenty of threats in the backfield. The work-horse of the Black Tornado ground game is 215-pound fullback Phil Enyart who has carried 111 times for 499 yards. At the halfback spots will be Tim Murray and Gregg Gandee, while Mike Barnes serves as the field general. Murray has carried 33 times for 69 yards, Gandee has 41 carries for 245 yards and Barnes has carried 59 times for 173 yards. Barnes is the team's top passer, having completed 21 of 60 attempts.

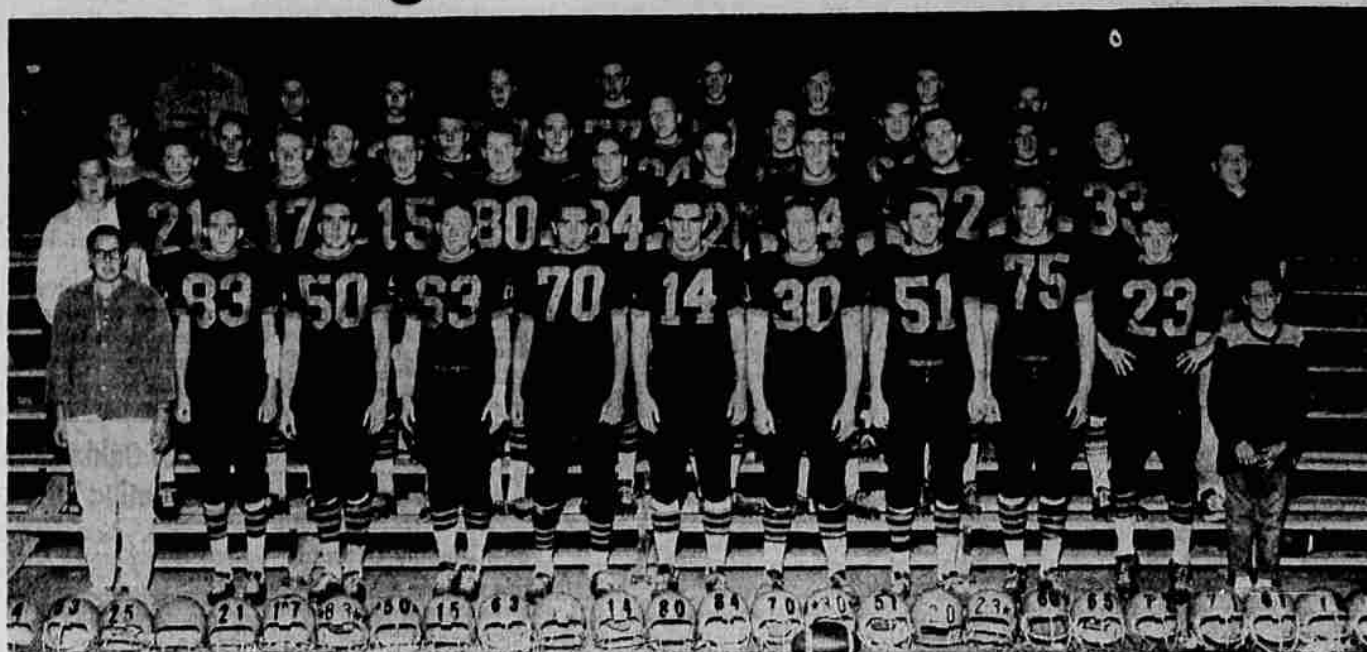
In the line Coach Fred Spiegelberg will start ends Steve Toews and Walt Verstrate; tackles Jeff Hardrath and Bob Methvin; guards Chip Buffington and Chuck Kimball; and center Ed Coss. Toews is the leading pass receiver with eight, while Hardrath is the giant of the line at 230 pounds.

Defensively the District 6-A-1 champs will have ends Lynn Flanders and Murray; tackles Tom Wooton and John Pierce and guards Brian Petersen and Terry Winetrot in the front line. George Dames and Greg Dipple will serve as linebackers, while Lance Casebeer, a transfer from Roseburg, will open at the left safety position. Along with Casebeer in the deep positions will be Rich Knight and Ron Edmonds.

***** Starting Lineups

Medford	Pos.	Roseburg
Verstake (183)	RE	(170) Matson
Methvin (170)	RT	(195) Boerste
Kimball (190)	RG	(180) Palmateer
Coss (185)	C	(160) Gray
Buffington (178)	LG	(163) Thomas
Hardrath (220)	LT	(205) DuFresne
Toews (175)	LE	(170) Heeter
Barnes (170)	QB	(180) Beamer
Murray (194)	LB	(175) Burgess
Enyart (215)	PB	(210) Leep
Gandee (167)	RB	(192) R. Leep

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ROSEBURG INDIANS — Representing District 5-A-1 in the state quarterfinals, the Roseburg Indians will clash head-on with the Medford Black Tornado tonight at Finlay Field in a game that is being billed throughout the state as the contest that will decide the state championship. Playing for the Indians will be: Front row (l to r) manager John Wimer, Dave Butler, Vince Peetz, Bob Palmateer, Don Boerste, Jim Beamer, Mike Leep, Dick Yost, Doug DuFresne, Dick Gwaltney and assistant manager Carl Matson; Second

row (l to r) assistant manager Mark Thompson, Jon Burnham, Jerry Remick, Steve Vasterling, Gary Heeter, Doug Matson, Bob Burgess, Jesse Hart, Terry Rudolf and manager Dana Davis; Third row (l to r) manager Tony Hilkey, Keith Wetherell, Wayne Gray, Gene Richman, Keith Olson, Ron Leep, Ron Rutter, Bob Naugle and Tom Thomas; Fourth row (l to r) Dale Pfeiffer, Ed Mendenhall, Alan Young, Tom Reese, Mike Bigler, Doyle Payne, Jorgen Fowler and Pat Pinard.

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Beaver 'Spoilers' To Face USC Trojan Squad Tonight

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Coach Tommy Prothro's Oregon State team of "spoilers" meets the University of Southern California tonight for the first time in three years in the renewal of an old football rivalry.

The last time the Beavers and Trojans clashed was in the opening game of the 1960 season and John McKay's debut as head coach for Southern California fell flat under a 14-0 defeat.

Since that meeting, both teams reached success peaks. The Trojans last year emerged as the national champions while Oregon State with the sensational Terry Baker guiding it climaxed the successful season with a 6-0 victory over Villanova in the Liberty Bowl.

This year, going into tonight's clash at the Coliseum, the Beavers and Trojans own identical 5-3 records. It is the next to last game for both teams who clash with traditional rivals the following week and the success of the season hinges for both on their final two games.

Oregon State has been an independent team since the old Pacific Coast Conference folded and the Beavers would welcome rejoining their former league rivals in the Athletic Association of Western Universities if invited. The Beavers, as a result, are anxious to make a good showing tonight.

And despite Southern California being favored by two touchdowns, Oregon State has the material of which upsets are fashioned. Their chief weapon is one of the best passing attacks in the West.

Gordon Queen has been an able replacement for the graduated Terry Baker and in Vern Burke the Beavers have one of the great pass receivers in the nation who last year set numerous collegiate records as a receiver.

Southern California's offense stuttered last week against Stanford but exploded for 25 points in the second half to pull out the victory. The experience Craig Fertig gained going all the way on offense as a replacement for the injured Pete Beathard may be reflected in a smoother team effort this week.

Southern California has two outstanding running backs in Mike Garrett and Willie Brown who together were responsible for the win over Stanford. Brown leads the Big Six in pass receiving as well as being an elusive runner while Garrett is one of the best sophomore running backs in the school's history and tops the conference in rushing.

Berry's Arm Vital To Ducks Saturday

PORTLAND (UPI) — North-west football teams usually consider the rain an ally when playing intersectional contests, but Saturday's Oregon-Indiana game is an exception.

The Weather Bureau's prediction of showers over the weekend is about as popular as an outbreak of measles in the Oregon camp, where hopes for a victory rest largely on Bob Berry, the nation's ninth leading passer.

Berry, despite a knee injury which caused him to miss parts of two games, has completed 70 of 125 passes for 1,212 yards and Washington three weeks ago, interception.

11 touchdowns so far this season, but showed rapid improvement in workouts this week. Oregon also was cheered Thursday by the news that Larry Hill, the other regular halfback, will be available for limited offensive duty. He suffered a partial shoulder dislocation two weeks ago and was thought to be out for the season.

Indiana, rated a slight underdog by the oddsmakers, rests its hopes for a fourth consecutive victory on fullback Tom Nowatzke, a 220-pound blaster who demolished Oregon State last week with a touch of a cracked rib against down, two field goals and a pass of 125 yards against Washington three weeks ago, interception.

Season's Records

ROSEBURG (8-1) — Won, Willamette 14-8; won, Springfield 25-7; won, North Bend 27-0; won, North Eugene 12-6; won, Thurston 34-0; won, Cottage Grove 20-13; won, South Eugene 21-0; lost, Marshfield 31-27; won, Sheldon 33-13. Roseburg total 244. Opponents 76.

MEDFORD (7-1) — Won Corvallis 21-0; lost, Boise 25-0; won North Salem 32-12; won, South Salem 19-7; won, Crater 6-0; won, Klamath Falls 34-0; won, Ashland 42-7; won, Grants Pass 12-9. Medford total 167. Opponents 61.



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