INDIAN COACHES — Head football coach Roy Thompson and his assistants, line coach Jim Brackins (left) and backfield coach Darl Thornton (right), are busy planning strategy for the Roseburg Indians in preparation for Friday's invasion of the Grant Generals in a state semifinal battle. The Indians, representatives of District 5-A-1, reached the semifinals by nipping Medford, 7-6, while Grant upended West Linn, 18-0. Grant is the only remaining undefeated A-1 team in the state. (News-Review Photo)

Roseburg Indians Guided By Fine Coaching Staff

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Coaching plays a major role in the forming of any championship team — and the Roseburg Indians are fortunate in being guided by one of, if not, the finest coaching staffs in the state.

Under the guidance of head coach Roy Thompson, the Indians have gained steadily in stature, making their third consecutive appearance in the state playoffs. Thompson is ably assisted in the coaching department by backfield coach Darl Thornton and line mentor Jim Brackins.

The Indians are currently bidding for their second football championship, and can install themselves as heavy favorites by winning Friday's semifinal battle. Friday the Tribesmen will entertain the Grant Generals, the only undefeated A-1 team in the state this year. Kickoff time is 8 p.m. at Finlay Field.

The winner of the Roseburg-Grant game will earn a shot at the A-1 state toga, meeting the winner of Friday's Beaverton-North Salem game Nov. 29 in Portland's Multnomah Stadium.

Roseburg has compiled a 9-1 record this season, including last week's thrilling 7-6 triumph over defending champion Medford in the quarterfinals. This brings Thompson's six-year record as head coach for the Indians to a total of 44 wins, 14 losses and one tie. In playoff action the Redskins have a 4-1 record, winning three in 1961 when they went all the way to claim all the marbles, then suffering their line loss, 14-7, at Medford last year in a quarterfinal game.

Thompson took over at the helm of the Indian grid fortunes in 1958, guiding the local crew to one of its better seasons up to that time. In 1958 the Tribe finished with a 6-2-1 record.

In 1959 the Tribe coach faced a rebuilding year, suffering an even 50 per cent of his 14 losses, as Roseburg ended with a 2-7 mark. Bouncing back strong, the Indians just missed making the playoffs in 1960 when they wound up with a 7-2 mark.

Then came the "year of the champions" — 1961. Thompson took his Indians through 12 straight games without a setback to win Roseburg's only state championship i. a major sport in 1961. The Indians returned to the playoffs in 1962, but took it on the chin at Medford. This loss gave the Roseburg contingent an 8-2 final record.

Thompson attended high school in Vancouver, Wash., and went on to earn Junior College All-America honors while attending Clark Junior College. He completed his education at the University of Washington and Portland University, earning varsity football letters at both schools.

The head Roseburg mentor started his coaching career in 1951 as an assistant at Benson High in Portland. He left there to assume the position of head football coach at Astoria, where he proceeded to build the coastal team into one of the state's top powers. Thompson came to Roseburg from Astoria in 1958.

Brackins, the newest member of the football coaching staff at Roseburg High School, has built a charging offensive line and a miserly defensive forward wall. Brackins came to Roseburg from Newberg to assume the line coaching duties at the start of the present season.

The Roseburg line coach attended high school in Redlands, Calif., then played for the Oregon State Beavers during his college career. Brackins started as a quarterback in college, but shifted to a guard spot as a sophomore, and was a member of the Oregon State Rose Bowl team. At Newberg he coached football, wrestling and track for two years.

Thornton, beginning his second year as an Indian coach, is a prime factor in the explosive type offensive backfield that fans have come to expect.

Playing college ball at College of Idaho and Idaho State College, Thornton worked from the quarterback slot, and led the team in rushing, scoring and total offense as a senior. He attended high school at Kuna, Idaho, where he lettered in four sports.

Besides being backfield coach Thornton is the top scout for the Indians, bringing back complete reports on the next opponent each week.

Along with this trio of varsity coaches, the Indians are fortunate in having Jayvee coaches Cliff Allen and Jerry Droscher preparing the players for their debuts as varsity members, along with statistician and sophomore coach Dennis Dutton, equipment manager Chuck Plummer, athletic director Al Hoffman and physical education instructor Don Severson working with them.

AWARDS PLANNED

NEW YORK (UPI)—A "player of the year" trophy will be presented to the outstanding football player in the major college division and the Small College Division of the Eastern College Athletic Conference this year.

The presentation of the trophies will take place at the annual ECAC dinner Dec. 12.

—Bowling—

HILLTOPPERS
Roseburg Cab, 30½; Sig Fett, 30; Eugene Veneer, 27; Round Prairie Lumber, 26; Keystone Machine Works, 24; Weighmasters, 21½; M. P. Lumber, 19; Curtis Brothers Furniture, 15.
High series: Jim Williams, 214-162-200—576. High Game: Bob Smith, 245.

SUTHERLIN THREE PLY
Stop and Shop, 25½-14½; Sanitary Market, 25-15; Sandbaggers, 21½-18½; No-Hows, 18-22; Yoncalla El Camino Motel, 17-23; Wonder-Hows, 13-27.
High Series: Dick Hammerschmith, 584. High Game: Les Heaton, 203.

SUTHERLIN METROPOLITAN
Dick's Shell, 30-10; Pepsi Cola, 27-13; Johnson's Insulation, 23½-16½; Hutchins Construction, 17-23; Four Winds Restaurant, 13-25; Walker's B.M.A., 8½-31½.
High Game and Series: Jack Budd, 180-224-223—627.

SUTHERLIN TOP EIGHT
Sunset Amusement, 28-12; Golden Rule, 23-17; Monograming by Lillian, 22-18; Crawford's Realty, 20-20; Douglas County State Bank, 18½-21½; Martins Electronics, 15½-24½; Sutherlin Tire, 15-25; Walker's B.M.A., 14-26.
High Series: Tillie Tilley, 158-159-197—514. High Game: Lochie Thompson 197.

ROSEBURG TIMBER
Miller and Dimmick, 35; Harrisons Flying A, 29; Meadow Gold Dairy, 28; Luth Building Co., 26; Team No. 4, 26; Yows Sheet Metal, 20; Kelley's Korner, 19; Anderson Place Flying A, 9.
High Game and Series: Orville Blake, 229—644.

COCA COLA JUNIORS
Team No. 4, 32-8; Team No. 1, 30-10; Team No. 7, 28-12; Team No. 6, 27½-12½; Team No. 2, 24-16; Team No. 8, 23-17; Team No. 5, 22-18; Team No. #9, 19½-20½.
High Series: Gordon Smith, 193-169-172—534. High Game: Ed Schultz, 204.

MINNEHAHA
A-1 Building Maintenance, 32-12; Munion's Heating, 30-14; Treasure Tones, 30-14; Strickling and Short Insurance, 27-17; Hub Barber Shop, 26-18; Ruth's Fabrics, 25-19; M.P. Lumberettes, 23-21; King Louie Shirts, 22-22; Hanson Jewelers, 22-22; Stub's Richfield, 21-23; D & D Bowl, 21-23; The Foresters, 21-23; Byrd's Market, 17-27; Sutton's Plastering, 14-30; Indian Lanes Snack Bar, 12-32; McKay Motors, 9-35.
High Game and Series: Hazel Chamberlain, 179-172-222—573.

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