

Mountaineers Host C Of I On Local Gridiron Tonight

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Eastern Oregon College opens the 1959 college football season tonight in La Grande when they host the Coyotes of College of Idaho on their home field.

"Babe" Brown's Coyote team will come to La Grande seeking a repeat win over the Mountaineers. EOCs Arch Dunsmoor has his charges armed and ready to halt the passing attack that provided a last quarter victory for the Coyotes in Caldwell last year.

The coaches aren't the only ones who can expect a lot of passing. Fans can expect that the Charlie Alvaro, the Coyotes pas-

sing star, will be filling the air last week.

"Rain, rain, go away" is Dunsmoor's favorite song as the Mountaineer squad prepares for tonight's grid clash. The Mountaineer mentor, whose squad will go into the game as an underdog, thinks that the rain can only add to the Coyotes advantage.

Dunsmoor will start Chuck Hughbanks and Phil Miller at the ends; Bob Salter and Dean Keefe at tackles; Jim Neece and Butch Corey at the guards; and Bill McCadden at center.

The backfield will lineup with Houk at the quarterback slot and George Aliverti and Jerry Williams at the halfback posts. Willmarth will start at the fullback spot.

The Coyote squad will have two changes from the starting bunch in last week's victory.

Ken Leonard and Joe Ho will open at end; Del Smith and Jerry Ball get the starting nod at tackle; Norm Davis and John Emers are the guards and Bob McNary starts at center.

Along with the pin-point passing of Alvaro at the quarterback slot, the Coyotes will have Gary Lappin at fullback, Larry Anderson, a former Baker prep star will start at the left halfback spot and Gordon Cochnour will fill out the backfield.

Game time is scheduled for 8 p.m.

LA LEADS BRAVES INTO FINAL GAMES

United Press International

The Los Angeles Dodgers go out to complete the major league's greatest rags-to-riches story in 34 years today when they send golden arm Johnny Podres against the Chicago Cubs in an effort to clinch the National League pennant.

Ahead by one game after a 5-4 victory over the Cubs and the defending champion Milwaukee Braves' 6-3 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies, the Dodgers will clinch the pennant if they win today and the Braves lose again. A Dodger victory will insure at least a tie for the pennant even should the Braves win their last two games.

The third-place San Francisco Giants, rained out in St. Louis last night, now can do no better than tie for the flag. To do that, the Giants must win tonight's two-night doubleheader plus a finale in St. Louis Sunday while the Dodgers lose their remaining two games and the Braves split.

Hodges Homered

The big break in one of the most fantastic pennant races of all time apparently came Friday

when Gil Hodges' homer gave the Dodgers an 11-inning triumph and 260-hitter Gene Freese's slugging enabled the Phillies to down Lew Burdette and the Braves.

Podres, hero of the 1955 World Series which produced the Dodgers' only world championship team, has the chance to insure Los Angeles its first big league winner today. Podres, 14-8 for the season, is scheduled to face either Dave Hillman (7-11) or Art Cecorelli (5-5).

The Braves, backed to the wall, are sending 20-game winner Warren Spahn against the Phillies' Robin Roberts (15-16) in a game they absolutely have to win to stay alive. The Giants, who may be mathematically eliminated before they ever take the field at St. Louis, have tentatively slated Sam Jones (20-15) and Jack Sanford (15-12) to go against the Cardinals' Vinegar Bend Mizell (13-9) and Larry Jackson (13-13).

No National League team ever has gone from seventh place in one year to first the next and the only team in major league annals to achieve that rise was the Yankees of 1925 to 1926.

Hodges, who hit a two-run sixth-inning double, homered off Bill Henry in the 11th to give Norm Sherry his sixth win and put the pressure squarely on the Braves who played a night game in Milwaukee. Wally Moon also homered for the Dodgers and Sammy Taylor and Ernie Banks homered for the Cubs.

Allowed Four Hits

The Phillies touched 21-game winner Burdette for two runs in the first inning and went ahead, 6-1, in the third while Freese clobbered his three-run homer. Jack Meyer, who took over from Don Cardwell in the fourth, allowed the Braves only four hits over the last 5 2/3 innings to win his fifth game against three losses. The defeat was Burdette's 15th.

The Yankees gained a crumb for their 1959 efforts when they clinched third place in the American League with a 5-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles. The Detroit Tigers beat the American League champion Chicago White Sox, 6-5, the Cleveland Indians downed the Kansas City Athletics, 8-2 and 8-7, and the Boston Red Sox routed the Washington Senators, 10-4, in other AL activity.

PREP FOOTBALL SCORES
By United Press International

Jefferson 69, Cleveland 0
Grant 32, Roosevelt 6
Madison 40, Washington 19
Wilson 19, Franklin 6
Lincoln 13, Benson 0
Reynolds 16, Battle Ground, Wash 13
Beaverton 35, Clackamas 6
Central Catholic 12, Hillsboro 0
Willamina 46, Tigard 7
McMinnville 14, Tigard 6
Marshfield 47, Grants Pass 6
Medford 51, Orland, Calif., 13
Taft 26, Gold Beach 6
Gresham 13, Astoria 6
Douglas 7, Milwaukie 0
Seaside 21, Rainier 12
Wallowa 35, Pilot Rock 0
Maupin 28, Echo 0
North Salem 13, Corvallis 7
Lebanon 46, Newport 0
Dallas 50, Newberg 2
Corbett 44, Catlin-Gabel 0
Lake Oswego 26, Forest Grove 6
Oregon City 26, Tillamook 20
St. Helens 7, West Linn 6
Jesuit 15, Molalla 6
Parkrose 35, Scappoose 6
Sandy 19, WyEast 0
Dallas 50, Newberg 2
Sheridan 40, Amity 7
Central Union 22, Canby 7
Eagle Point 33, Douglas 7
Mt. Angel 19, Gervais 6
Elmira 20, Creswell 0
Warrenton 19, Hood River 7
Yoncalla 53, Monroe 6
McEwen Athena 32, Heppner 6
Umatilla 39, Benton county, Wash 6
Jefferson 7, MacLaren 6
North Marion 24, Scio 6
Woodburn 13, Stayton 0
South Salem 19, Albany 6
Cascade 30, Serra Catholic 19
Grant Union 32, Condon 0
Hermiston 13, Crook county 13
North Eugene 25, Roseburg 20
Philomath 25, Dayton 12
Myrtle Point 32, Siuslaw 6
Estacada 37, Vernonia 7
Mapleton 7, Marshfield JV 0
Gaston 20, Colton 0
Clarkston, Wash., 35, Mac-Hi 12
Springfield 14, North Bend 12
South Eugene 31, Cottage Grove 0
St. Francis 26, Central Linn 0
Oakridge 33, Pleasant Hill 20
Mosier 7, Arlington 6
Vale 7, Meridian, Idaho 6
Klamath Falls 19, Ashland 6
Elgin 19, Enterprise 0
Touie 50, Umapine 6
Weston 52, Helix 20
Riverside 31, St. Joseph's 13

COLLEGE SCORES

Miami (Fla.) 26, Tulane 7
Southern Cal. 23, Pittsburgh 0
Iowa St. 38, Denver 12

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DIRECTS EOC—Jon Houk, Mountaineer, quarterback, will direct the EOC attack when they entertain College of Idaho here tonight. Houk, a sophomore from Stanfield, will be matching passes with Charlie Alvaro, one of the top small college passers last year. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

COVE WHIPS IMBLER IN 'PRO' VICTORY

COVE (Special)—Cove and Imbler threw defense out the window yesterday afternoon as Cove stopped Imbler 56-40 in a professional offensive display.

The two teams swapped touchdowns more often than the ball as Cove's Rich Robinson and Imbler's Jim Beck both scored three times each. The two prime offensive threats rolled up huge chunks of yardage as they paced their teams up and down the field but in the final analysis it was the passing arm of Frank that brought victory to the Leopards.

Beck scored on runs of 65, 60 and one yard while Robinson scooted 70 yards on a kickoff return, 50 and three yards for his scores.

Conley, who completed 12 of 23 attempts, tossed four scoring aerials. He hit John Haggerty twice for 20 yards and six pointers, Dave Gassaway was on the receiving end of another 20 yard toss and Jim Mansfield scored 6 points on a pass-play that covered 55 yards. Doug Carper and Haggerty each counted for one extra point for Cove.

Beck totaled 25 yard scoring passes to Merrill Gorham, Joe Westmank hit Gorham for a 40 yard scoring play and Bob Brookshire busted over the middle on a five yard scoring play for Imbler.

Beck totaled 20 points for the day and picked up 240 yards rushing. He got 186 yards in the first half and 54 in the second. Robinson picked up 187 yards in 10 rushes to account for all but 20 yards of Cove's running yardage. Imbler out gained Cove 464 to 450 yards, Imbler picked up 136 yards through the air and 328 on the ground. Cove gained only 208

yards on the ground but picked up 243 yards on Conley's 12 completions.

Dave Perez added two points to the Imbler score with a drop kick for the extra point following Gorham's first touchdown.

Imbler scored first in the contest but Cove marched back to tie. The two teams swapped touchdowns through the first period with the score ending 19-19.

Cove 19 18 12 7—56
Imbler 19 8 6 7—40

PENNANT RACE AT A GLANCE
United Press International

National League Pennant Race	W. L. Pct. GB. TP.
Los Angeles	85 67 539 1
Milwaukee	84 68 553 1 2
San Francisco	82 69 543 2 3
Chicago	78 74 513 7
Cincinnati	72 80 474 12
St. Louis	69 82 457 15 1/2
Philadelphia	64 88 421 21

Games remaining:
Los Angeles — Away (2) at Chicago (2), Sept. 26, 27.
Milwaukee — At home (2) vs Philadelphia (2), Sept. 26, 27.
San Francisco — Away (3), at St. Louis (3), Sept. 26 (2 games), 27.

RAMS RELEASE TWO
LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Placekicking specialist Paige Cothren and linebacker Clancy Osborne have been released on waivers by the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League.

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Panthers Squeeze By La Grande, 7-0

(Editor's Note: Bill Thompson, sports editor of The Bend Bulletin, handled coverage of the La Grande-Redmond football game last night at Redmond.)

By BILL THOMPSON
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REDMOND (Special)—It was a perfect night for the Redmond Panthers and their rooters last night. There was a capacity crowd on hand on the Panthers new turf field, the lights worked to perfection—and, best of all, the Panthers beat the heavier La Grande Tigers, 7-0.

The victory was a big one for Coach Gale Davis' Panthers for it gave them the inside track in the fight to upset favored Pendleton in the new Intermountain League.

The big Redmond hero was unheralded Mike Kleen, who raced 32 yards through the middle of the

stout La Grande line to post the only score of the night with 5:18 left in the second period.

The Panther drive started on their own eight-yard line after they had contained a La Grande surge.

Kleen, although listed as an end, came in for halfback Justin King. Kleen and halfback Rob Osborn were the big men in the drive. Osborn contributed a 20 yard run that matched an earlier scamper of 20 yards.

Redmond topped La Grande in the rushing department, 189 to 162, but La Grande had 43 yards passing to none for Redmond and the Tigers lead in total offense, 205-189.

Two fumbles ruined La Grande scoring opportunities and a clipping penalty halted another Tiger chance.

Redmond recovered a Tiger fumble with a minute left in the second quarter after the Tigers drove to the Panther 25-yard stripe. La Grande started another drive in the third period, losing on a fumble at the Panther 26 yard line with six minutes left in the period.

The Tigers were moving again late in the fourth period only to get set back on a 15-yard clipping penalty.

Still the Tigers weren't through. Starting on their own 24, the Tigers moved to the Redmond 25 with only 2:30 showing on the clock. A 17-yard pass play from Dave Carman, top ground gainer for La Grande, to end DeLo Peterson, was the big play on the march.

The Redmond line stiffened and the Panthers tried to run on downs. Redmond took over but four desperation passes were incomplete as the game ended.

Elgin Starts Roller Hockey League Play

ELGIN (Special)—Teams are being formed and leagues established for roller hockey at the Eastern Oregon Playland in Elgin, according to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hargett.

Sponsors are outfitting teams in sweatshirts as uniforms for the upcoming league play. Both boys and girls teams will compete in the sport.

Monday night has been set aside as the night for league play and teams from Eastern Oregon are invited to compete. It is the hope of the roller hockey teams to interest other towns in the sport and to establish competition between the towns.

Each team has four players and a substitute.

A change of 50 cents provides skaters with equipment as well as admission for the Monday competition.

Standings

United Press International

American League	W. L. Pct. GB
Chicago	92 60 605
Cleveland	89 63 586 3
New York	79 73 520 13
Detroit	76 76 500 16
Boston	73 79 480 19
Baltimore	72 80 474 20
Kansas City	64 88 427 28
Washington	63 89 417 29

Friday's Results
Detroit 6 Chicago 5
Cleveland 9 Kansas City 2 (1st game, twilight)
Cleveland 8 Kansas City 7 (2nd game, night)
Boston 10 Washington 4 (night)
New York 5 Baltimore 2 (night)

Bulldogs Halt Halfway, 32-14

UNION (Special)—Union's Bulldogs gave up a 7 point lead in the first period then roared back to defeat Halfway 32-14.

Doug McConkie scored twice to pace the Bulldog offense and Dave Ranton, Alan Livingston and Tom Cox each scored single TD's.

Halfway jumped into the lead when Doug Groven picked up a blocked punt and carried it into the end zone to score.

McConkie tallied his first six pointer at the end of a drive from eight yards out. He put Union ahead minutes later with a four yard dive following another Union march.

Ranton picked up a blocked punt and returned it 22 yards to provide the winning touchdown for the Bulldogs.

Livingstone and Cox scored on plunges of four and six yards. Halfway picked up another TD in the fourth period on an intercepted pass returned 35 yards.

Union picked up 243 yards rushing to 97 for Halfway and recorded 10 first downs to three.

Oklahoma Poisoning Draws FBI

United Press International

Mighty Oklahoma, weakened by a "whodunit" food poisoning case that even interested the FBI, faced Northwestern today in a nationally-televised game signaling the first full-scale weekend of the college football season.

Twenty members of the Oklahoma squad became ill after dining at a Chicago night club Thursday night. Six players, including three starters, had to be hospitalized and coach Bud Wilkinson admitted he wouldn't know until game time, 2:30 p.m. e.d.t., "whether my regulars would be ready to play."

Chicago authorities said the food served the Oklahoma players at the night club was examined for poisons and the results were negative. Another analysis was being conducted in Evanston, a Chicago suburb, where the players ate lunch at a hotel.

Stopped Taking Bets

It was reported that gamblers may have poisoned the players' food in an attempt to make a "killing" at the expense of high-betting Oklahomans who traveled to Chicago for the game. In fact, Chicago and New York bookies were so suspicious they stopped taking bets on the inter-sectional clash.

Oklahoma was ranked second in the UPI ratings this week and was a 5 1/2 point favorite against Northwestern before the bookies stopped taking bets.

Top-ranked Louisiana State was an eight-point pick over invading Texas Christian, while third-ranked Wisconsin opened its season as a nine-point favorite over invading Stanford.

Army Favored

Army, placed sixth in the UPI ratings before shedding its practice togs, was a 20-point favorite to present rookie head coach Dale Hall with an opening game victory over Boston College. The Eagles dropped a 24-8 decision to Navy last week, so the Cadets will be out to improve on that performance.

Southern California, considered the best in the West this season, launched the top-heavy weekend schedule by whipping invading Pittsburgh, 23-0, Friday night.

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