

Axemen Topped by Cottage Grove Gridders Friday in 20 to 13 Thriller

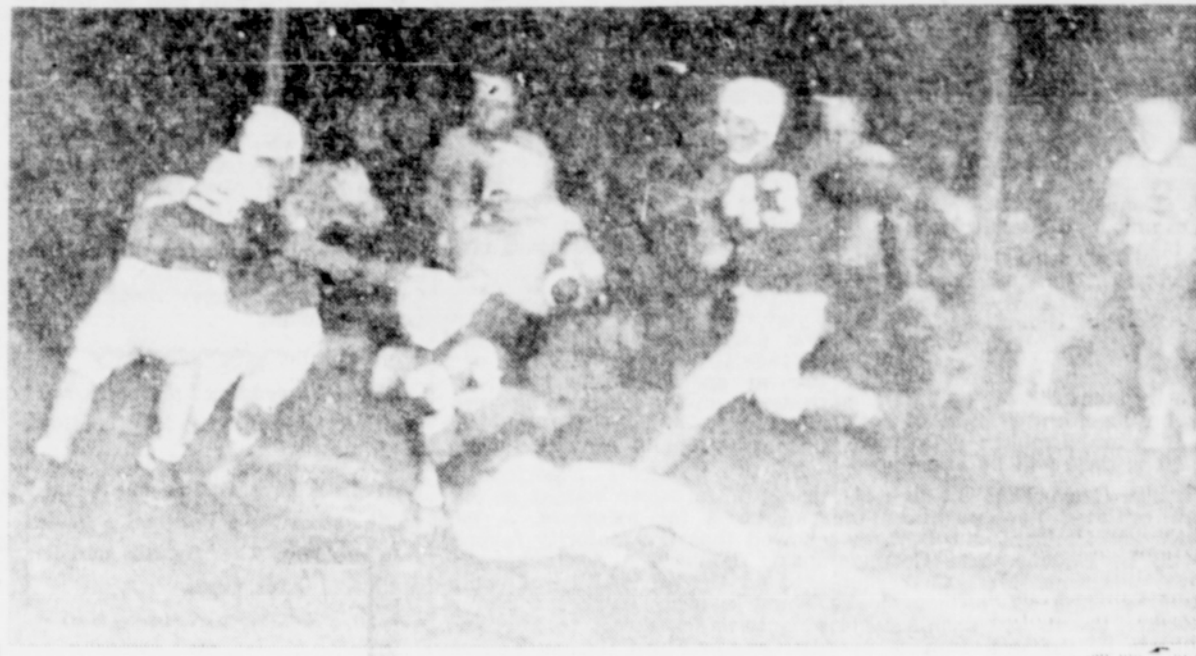
After a 42-year drought, Cottage Grove's Lions upset favored Eugene High 20-13 Friday evening on the Curran Field turf before a packed stadium of overjoyed but not-too-surprised Grove football fans. Grove's stunning victory was the third straight win this season.

After "spotting" Eugene six points, the Lions refused to give up and proceeded to outfight and outplay the No. 1 school from a city ten times the size of Cottage Grove. Eugene had ranked 10th in last week's AP Prep Poll, and CG's win over the No. 10 team should place the Lions in the top ten teams of the state.

The Axemen scored early in the first period, when they recovered a Lion fumble on the second play of the contest, and starting from CG's 40, scored a TD after 12 short but steady plays. Roger Peter crossed over for Eugene.

Grove Dominates
Except for Eugene's second score on desperation passes, the rest of the game was Cottage Grove's. The Lions' first score came on a Castle-to-Stewart pass in the second play of the second period after Dean Castle boomed for five yards to Eugene's 44. Castle took the ball and headed back to CG's 45 and heaved a pass to Eugene's 10, where end Greg Stewart leaped up between two Axemen defenders, snared the ball and slipped over standing up. Jim Nichols missed the PAT and the score stood 6-6.

A blocked punt helped keep the game in Eugene territory for most of the second quarter, when the locals scored their second TD. On two series of plays, the Axemen



FLEET FULLBACK DEAN CRANMER finally gets pulled to the turf by four surrounding Axemen after skirting around end for a seven yard gain. Cranmer's end runs helped spread out the Eugene line, through which the Lions busted for a 20-13 victory.

failed to make a first down. CG took the punt on the Eugene 35 and on the fourth down scored when quarterback Leon Hayes flipped a perfect pass to Stewart, who took it on a gallop as he passed the Eugene safety and scored five yards into paydirt. Nichols' PAT gave Grove a 13-6 margin.

The balance of the quarter was scoreless, with both teams reaching "enemy" territory before the

half. Highlighting the scoreless period for CG was halfback Byron Angell's 15-yard romp on a statue of liberty and Stewart's recovery of the Lions' attempted on-side kick.

Quarter Scoreless
In the third quarter, Cottage Grove marched from the 15, highlighted by Angell's 24-yard end run, to Eugene's 19, aided by Larry Burleson's recovery of a fumble at that point, but the drive ran out of steam, and the period remained scoreless.

Grove's final score came in the middle of the last frame when Angell scooted over tackle, dashed by two Eugene defenders and scored standing up on a 71-yard run. In the first period Angell galloped for 50 yards, but was brought down on the Axemen's 15.

Eugene struck back with a series of passes and laterals and scored in six plays from their own 24. The big gainer for Eugene was quarterback Ed Bennett's pass to Dave Powell, who juggled the ball for 15 yards, finally got control of it and was brought to earth by Dean Cranmer on the one-yard marker—good for 33 yards. Bennett sneaked over and Mel Olsen added the bonus with four minutes left.

Knocking on Door
Cottage Grove reached Eugene's 12 in six plays, knocking on the door, as the gun sounded.

Quarterbacks from both teams uncorked extra good passes during the whole evening, but slippery fingers on both sides "thwarted" apparent touchdowns for each team.

Grove lost "goosey fingers" Stewart in the second half from an aggravated head injury suffered in the Miller tilt, and, according to Coach Mel Fox, the senior end has played his last high school football game. Stewart played one of the finest games of his career, hanging up his cleats in grand fashion.

The whole team played the best game of the season and deserves credit for a lot of hustle and drive, despite a few missed blocks and bad tackles (which Coach Fox would mark by a red scarf around the neck of a player).

Angell scampered 170 yards in eight carries; Castle, 74 in 12; and Nichols, 28 in 7, providing the crushing power, while the fleet Cranmer sprinted around the ends for 39 in 7.

Grove's next tilt will be Friday against Willamette at Curran field, where the Lions will attempt to make it four in a row.

STATISTICS	E	CG
First Downs	14	12
Rushing Yardage	122	291
Passing Yardage	86	74
Passes Attempted	14	9
Passes Completed	6	2
Passes Inter. By	0	0
Punts	5	3
Punting Average	26	27
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Yards Penalized	35	65
Eugene	6	0
CG	0	13
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crowd, and sophomore flash Jim Shanley. At fullback there is another sophomore, sprinter Jack Morris. Although the heaviest of the lot at 188, Morris is expected to be a standout for Coach Bill Bowerman's track team, with a 9.8 in the 100 and a 23.3 for the low hurdles in spring frosh track drills. He is a returning veteran from the Air Corps, where he played three years of service ball. Shaw Gone

With the incomparable Shaw no longer in the Duck plant, passing was looked at with considerable doubt for 1955. But a pair of unrelated juniors going by the name of Crabtree have developed rapidly in late drills.

Tom Crabtree, a converted halfback from the 1954 squad, is the most familiar with the Casanova T formation system. Jack Crabtree, a transfer from San Bernardino junior college, has flashed good form at the handoff slot and as of late is beginning to look like a potential passing threat.

Men's Bowling Leagues Begin

Men's Bowling League play got underway last week, with 12 teams competing.

First high team, 3-games was CG Lumber Co., with a 2,470; second - Grable Machine Co., 2,430; third - Coast Fork Sales, 2,428. First high, individual for the evening was Lowery Hoyer, with a 556; second - Keith Stiff, 551; third - C. True, 550.

First high, team game - Coast Fork Sales, 891; second - Grable Machine Co., 849; third - CG Lumber Co., 832. First high, individual game - Bob Bond; second - J. Swezey; third - Lowery Hoyer.

Yonella Lions dumped Grove Tavern 4-0, with J. Swezey rolling high series 538 and high game 225. Grable Machine beat Eagles Lodge 4-0, with C. True rolling a 550 and 206. Kimwood Service and McCoy Motors split 2-2, with Percy Malcolm rolling a 466 and 176 for Kimwood.

Coast Fork Sales shut out the Fire Department, with Bob Bond rolling a 234 and Hoyer rolling a 556 series. Moose Lodge won a forfeit game from Randall & Woolcott, with Boyd Strong rolling a 418 series and 153 game. CG Lumber Co. dumped B & H Feed Store 4-0, with Albert Is-ham rolling 195 and Keith Stiff bowling a 551 series.



HALFBACK BYRON ANGELL, who romped for a total of 170 yards during the Cottage Grove-Eugene grid tilt, gets tripped up by a shoe-string tackle after a 15-yard gain on a "statue of liberty" play.

Ducks, Huskies Renew Ancient Grid Rivalry in Saturday's Stadium Game

1955 version of Len Casanova's football club, probably the youngest outfit that the veteran grid coach has had in his five years at Oregon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. Eugene (Special)—Oregon's Ducks begin a three weekend home stand this Saturday when they play host to Washington's Huskies at Multnomah stadium in Portland.

This will be the first chance for Webfoot grid fans to see the It will be the 49th renewal of the ancient football wars between the two schools. Oregon winning last year 26-7 behind the brilliant passing of quarterback George Shaw.

Shaw is gone this year, as well as 15 other lettermen, including all but four of last year's starters. Compared to the Ducks' 13 returning monogram wearers, Washington's Johnny Cherberg had 25 returning vets on hand to start this season.

Oregon Out-Weighted
Oregon will go into this one outweighted as well as out-experienced. Average weight of the Husky forward wall is 267 compared to 199 for the Webfoots. A similar difference is apparent in the backfield where Washington outweighs Oregon 192 to 180 per man.

What the Ducks lose in weight they have shown they can replace in speed. Starting at the halfbacks for Oregon are Dick James, co-owner of the 1954 PCC scoring

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