

Broncos Post 30th in Row For 3rd Crown

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The unbridled Broncos of Coburg have their third consecutive Oregon Class B prep six-man football crown with their 30th straight triumph, a 58-13 conquest over Halfway in Friday night's final at Civic Stadium, and now each school can return to the comfort of its rural but turfed gridiron.

Coach Jack Mitchell's Coburgers had a 24-0 lead quicker than it takes to write this. They had two touchdowns on their first two scrimmage plays over the striped hog wallow usually used by Class A schools while some of the lads from Eastern Oregon were still spell-bound at the sight of mud for the first time in their lives.

While Coburg proved beyond all doubt its right to have and hold its crown before 2,600 fans who sat in judgment and cold, Coach Al Grubb's warriors from Baker County showed signs of a strong ground attack that might have done considerable damage anywhere but in the muck of Civic Stadium.

This writer bent to retrieve a dropped pencil and missed Coburg's first two touchdowns but reliable reports indicate Quarterback Frank Littlejohn rambled 43 yards on the first play after the opening kickoff and Halfback Les Green sloshed 47 next time the Broncos gained title to the ball.

Littlejohn didn't seem to mind the mud as he, along with Halfback Clint Crownover and reserves Jack Cooke and Ralph Hunt, contributed a final grid effort for the Broncos. The swift 150-pounder tallied three touchdowns on lengthy jaunts and passed to three others. He carried the ball seven times for 202 yards—an average of 28.5 yards each time he worked.

Littlejohn covered nearly every puddle in the bog as he swiveled 55 yards for Coburg's third touchdown three plays after the Broncos gained possession the third time. End Gene Manley contributed perfect drop-kicks for two points after each tally to give Coburg a 24-0 margin after seven minutes.

The clock was cornering the last stray seconds of the first quarter when Coburg got the ball again, this time on its own 37. They were fined five yards for backfield-in-motion and then Littlejohn passed to Crownover for another touchdown. Manley, evidently tiring of routine, passed to End Carl Holsey for an extra point and a 31-0 lead.

Coburg had tried six plays for its three tallies in the first quarter. The Broncos used seven plays for a touchdown in the second period and tried only two for one more in the third. Led by Phil Krigbaum, the Wolves howled for two touchdowns within two minutes early in the second period but after that their T attack failed to go against the mud and Coburg's swarming defense.

The 185-pound halfback carried from his own 30 to within a yard of the Bronco goal in six plays after Coburg's kickoff and then punched over. His placement failed.

SUDDEN SURGE Center Bob Woodruff moved into the backfield as Mitchell sent his colts into the fray and gained two yards from his own 30 before his pass was intercepted by Krigbaum, who returned from the Halfway 24 to the Coburg 36. Dale Taylor carried to the 24 and then Krigbaum, blessed by Quarterback Gordon-Summers' lethal downfield blocking, raced to his second touchdown. His conversion pass to Taylor cut the difference to 31-13.

Halfway's surge continued as Littlejohn returned the kickoff to his 39, where he parted with the ball and the Wolves recovered. This time Coburg's regulars pushed the enemy back to its 39 in three plays and Summers punted out of bounds on the Bronco 26.

Woodruff took two passes, the first from Crownover for 28 yards and the other from Littlejohn for 14, to carry to the Halfway 12. After an incomplete pass, Crownover high-kicked to within a yard of home and then Littlejohn scooped a pass to Manley for Coburg's 37-13 edge at halftime.

To open the third quarter, Halfway drove to a first down on the Coburg 9 but was pushed back to the 10, where alert Carl Holsey pounced on Krigbaum's fumble at the 13. Littlejohn again slipped an elusive hip at the lads from over the mountain, not a good block from Manley, and anteloped 67 yards to the pay window. Manley added his fourth and final drop-kick for a 45-13 lead at the end of the period.

The Broncos really proved themselves thoroughbreds early in the final session when Holsey dropped two pay passes from Littlejohn, who kept Coburg on the march with romps of 28 and 11 yards. He gave Holsey a pat on the back and a three-yard payoff pass for the seventh touchdown.

GAME HALTED Crownover pounded 18 yards for the final tally to make it

58-13 and end the battle with two minutes to go. Six-man rules halt the game when a team has a 45-point bulge.

While the mud had no money down on either team, it appeared to provide more trouble for the boys from the dry country who have depended greatly on Krigbaum's running. Although unable to maneuver well, he carried on 27 of 36 rushing plays and finished with 117 yards. Summers was a dangerous pass receiver but Krigbaum's pitching was spoiled constantly by Woodruff, Manley, and Holsey.

STATISTICS: H C. Yards gained, rushing 181 293. Yards lost, rushing 21 2. Net yards, rushing 160 291. Yards gained, passing 28 127. Total Net Yards 188 418. First downs, rushing 5 8. First downs, passing 3 3. First downs, penalties 0 0. Total First Downs 8 11. Passes, attempted 12 16. Passes, completed 6 7. Passes had intercepted 0 2. Rnk. Int. Passes, Fumbles 0 24. Fumbles 2 1. Opp. Fumbles Recovered 1 0. No. Punts 6 0. Av. Length Punts 20.8 0. Yds. gain, punt & ko ret. 120 34. No. penalties 2 2. Yards Lost Penalties 7 1/2 10.

Scoring: Halfway 6-13 0-13. Coburg 21-6 8-13-38. Touchdowns: Halfway—Krigbaum 2; Coburg—Littlejohn 3, Crownover 2, Green, Manley, Holsey. Conversions: Halfway—Taylor, Coburg—Manley 8, Holsey, Woodruff.

Vandal Alumni Irked at Coach

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Alumni of the University of Idaho were reported on reliable authority Friday to have asked President J. E. Buchanan and the Board of Regents to replace Babe Curfman as football coach.

The request came at a meeting Thursday night. It was reported that no commitments were made, and that the alumni were told that the matter was not on the agenda of the current board meeting here.

Buchanan was here to meet with the regents, and reportedly arranged the meeting between the Boise alumni and regents after being contacted by the alumni.

One source said the alumni were unanimous in wanting a new coach. Another said that some were not sure this was the reason showing.

The discussion centered around the fact that Idaho, after making a creditable showing of four wins, four losses and a tie last season, had won only one of eight games this season. The Vandals end their season against Utah State here Saturday.

The alumni reportedly told the regents that they feel the entire athletic program is jeopardized by the team's poor showing, and that it will be difficult to attract high school students to the university unless something is done about it.

Eagles Seek Sixth in Row

NEW YORK (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles, who have averaged almost 38 points in winning their last five games, are 1-point favorites to make it six in a row Saturday night when they entertain the Chicago Cardinals as the National Football League reaches the three-quarter mark in its 1953 season.

The undefeated Cleveland Browns leading Philadelphia by 2 1/2 games in the Eastern Conference, are 10-point favorites to make the Steelers their ninth victim at Pittsburgh in one of the five Sunday games.

Although they have made only two touchdowns in their last two seven-point picks to retain the Western Conference lead by beating the Bears at Chicago. The Los Angeles Rams, trailing Detroit by a half game, are 14 1/2 point favorites to defeat the Colts at Baltimore.

The San Francisco Forty Niners, a game behind Detroit, are 10-point favorites to defeat the Green Bay Packers at Milwaukee. In the other Sunday game, the Giants are one-point favorites over the Washington Redskins at New York.



SIX FOR THE CHAMPIONS—Clint Crownover (left), Coburg left halfback, gets fine escort duty from teammate Carl Holsey (15) on this 48-yard pass play which resulted in the Broncos fourth touchdown Friday night. Crownover took a pass from Frank Littlejohn on the



ALL THE WAY IN ONE PLAY—Frank Littlejohn (12) displays some of the fancy footwork which netted him three touchdowns for Coburg in the championship tussle. He gives Halfway back Gordon West an elusive hip on a 55-yard end-zone jaunt for the Brones' third score of the night.

Yankees, Cardinals Argue Over Rookie Bonus Player

NEW YORK (AP)—A 17-year-old high school pitcher's "change of heart" Saturday had Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick on the spot and the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals at each other's throats.

It all started when the Yankees announced they had signed Ralph Terry of Miami, Okla., and that he would report to them at St. Petersburg, Fla., next spring.

Within a few hours the Cardinals announced they had signed Terry "and didn't know anything about what the Yankees are doing."

Terry explained that he first agreed to sign with the Cardinals; changed his mind and wired the Yankees that he would sign with them and then again changed his mind. He then signed a contract, on which he will receive about \$4,000, with the Cardinals, who indicated he would go to Omaha in the Western League next spring.

The Yankees, however, promptly asked Frick to decide in their favor on the basis that a telegram confirming a signing is "the accepted way of doing business in baseball."

"Terry agreed by wire to our terms Friday morning and the wire also was signed by his mother and legal guardian, Mrs. Charles Dawes," General Manager George Weiss of the Yankees said. "Then about 6 p.m. Friday night Ferrell Anderson of the Cardinal organization approached the boy and induced him to change his mind."

Frick said he had "no comment" and that he wanted to hear both sides of the story.

Connie Mack Marks Early 91st Birthday

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—For the 91st time a birthday cake was admired and then eaten in honor of Connie Mack, the fabulous figure of baseball.

But Connie, who sampled a piece of the cake himself, made the biggest fuss over a birthday congratulatory note from another rather famous sportsman—President Eisenhower.

Connie, once manager of the Philadelphia Athletics and now president of the club, will observe his 91st anniversary on the actual birthday—Dec. 23.

But members of the Reciprocity Club here decided that Connie should have an old-fashioned Philadelphia observance of the big day and since Connie will be in California or Florida next month they decided on Thursday night.

Landy Triumphs

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—John Landy, the Australian who startled the track world last December by running a 4:02.1 mile, ran his first mile of the new season Saturday. He was clocked in 4:09.2 over the Olympic Park course. Before the race he declared he had no intention of trying for Under Haegg's world record of 4:01.4. At the finish he had virtually stopped to a walk, but still won by 110 yards.

play. Halfway players futilely giving chase include Gordon West (11), Bob Schultz (18) and Bill Starke (12). Coburg won 58-13 for the Wolves for the six-man crown and the Broncos' 30th straight grid triumph.

Grid Scores

PREP FOOTBALL I-A Semifinals Grants Pass 32, Jefferson 7. 2-A Semifinals Prineville 21, Coquille 7. Estacada 13, St. Helens 13, Estacada advanced to finals on yardage) B Semifinals Amity 21, Monroe 20. Union 21, Moro 7. Six-man Final Coburg 58, Halfway 13.

Vejar Loses To Martinez

NEW YORK (AP)—Welterweight Vince Martinez floored Pvt. Chico Vejar in the second round and won an avenging, unanimous 10-round return over him in their return TV-radio bout before 7,319 at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Vejar had taken a unanimous verdict over handsome Martinez of Paterson, N. J., in the Garden last March 13.

It was an excellent fight, and Vejar of Stamford, Conn.—former drama student at New York University—may have lost it by turning southpaw in the sixth round, at a time when he appeared to have taken command of the fight.

Vejar, 22, was floored by a left-right combination to the chin in the second round. He rose at the count of two and took a mandatory eight-count. He quickly shook off the effects of the punch and was beating Martinez in the last minute of the round.

Vejar, scaling 150 1/2 pounds to Martinez' 149 1/2, went after Martinez in the third and continued to beat him in the fourth and fifth. But he strangely turned southpaw in the sixth, got nailed by a hard right to the chin, took a battering, and never appeared to have the same "zing" after that.

After the sixth round, Chico won only the eighth, although he fought on even terms in the ninth.

Vejar did not appear to have gathered much ring rust since his induction into the army on April 20. He made an excellent fight of it but lost some of his steam after his needles' battering in the sixth.

Referee Petey Scalzo favored Martinez on rounds 6-4; Judge Artie Aidala favored him, 6-3-1, and Judge Frank Forbes, 6-4. The United Press favored Vince, 5-4-1.

Twin Main Mat Events at Armory

One of the most attractive and best-balanced wrestling programs of the season is expected Saturday night at the Armory arena, where Matchmaker Don Owen presents a double-barreled main event card that also includes two attractive preliminary matches on the four-star slate.

Getting top billing on the card will be Luther Lindsey against Villainous Don Kindred, an all-Negro skirmish. The other headliner will be Frankie Stojack, world light-heavyweight champ from Tacoma, meeting Carl Engstrom of Chicago, former collegiate champ. Semi-final attraction will be either Jack O'Reilly or Red Vagnone against Frank Fagerty. The opener, starting the show at 8:30 p.m. will be Doug Donnen against Sugi Hayamaki.

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Cavemen Drub Jeff; Rangers, Prineville Win

One state championship was decided and five won semi-final berths Friday night in the Oregon school football playoffs.

Coburg defeated Halfway 58-13 to win the 6-man title. Grants Pass, rated No. 8 in the Associated Press poll, beat Jefferson of Portland, ranked fifth, 32-7 to enter the finals of the A-1 division. Grants Pass will meet the winner of Saturday night's Salem-Central Catholic game for the championship.

Prineville and Estacada advanced to the A-2 final round. Prineville beat Coquille 21-7. Estacada, which fought to a 13-13 tie with St. Helens, earned its berth with a winning yardage margin.

Amity and Union will clash next week end for the class B championship. Amity edged Monroe 21-20 and Union defeated Moro 21-7.

WOOD, KORNS SPARK Bob Woods and Don Korns paced the winners scoring attack in the big game of the night at Grants Pass.

Woods scored two touchdowns—one on a 43-yard run in the second quarter and the other on a four-yard plunge in the final period. Korns, Gary Bollinger and Jerry Yosten scored the other three Grants Pass touchdowns.

Jefferson's touchdown came in the second quarter after a 55-yard fumble recovery run by tackle Jimmy Wierson. Grant Jackson scored on a short plunge.

Grants Pass made good use of its big weight advantage on a muddy field which hampered speedy Jefferson's running and passing game.

ST. HELEN'S UPSET The victory gave Grants Pass its third chance at the title they have won twice. In 1948 they beat Jefferson 6-0 and in 1951 won on downs in a tie game with Grant. They lost in the quarterfinals last fall.

Biggest upset of the night was the tie at Estacada. St. Helens was favored to win but Estacada advanced to the championship game with a yardage total of 304 to 207 for St. Helens.

Duane Marshall scored both St. Helens' touchdowns. He ran 38 yards to the end zone in the final minutes of the first half and leaped over the goal line from one yard out in the final quarter.

Jerry Wallace scored Estacada's first touchdown, climaxing a 65-yard drive from the second half kickoff. Jim Vickerman broke over left tackle for 67 yards and the final Estacada tally.

23RD FOR PRINEVILLE

At Coos Bay, Prineville posted its 23rd straight victory in downing Coquille. Mel Gillett led the attack for the winners with two touchdowns—one on a 71-yard run. Bob Klaus scored the other on a pass from Ron Parrish. Coquille's touchdown came in the second quarter when John De-

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