



THE COQUILLE VALLEY SENTINEL'S PARADE OF SPORTS

COQUILLE, OREGON

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Red Devil Eleven Absorbs Smashing Defeat At Hands of North Bend, 26-6

The hapless Red Devils of Coquille high school absorbed their third conference defeat of the 1948 football season last Friday night when they met the North Bend eleven on the Bulldogs' home field. The final score was 26-6.

Bad luck plus half-hearted playing combined to keep the Red Devils out of the win column. Three intercepted passes and inability to crack the strong Bulldog line bogged the Coquille offense continuously.

Tom Graham, North Bend half, was a giant on offense as well as defense throughout the game. It was Graham who started the first touchdown drive early in the game by intercepting a Red Devil pass on the fifty yard line. Six plays moved the ball to the Coquille nineteen; and Beebe, Graham's running mate, took the ball over the right tackle from that point, crossing the goal line for the initial score. The conversion attempt was blocked.

Again in the first quarter, the Bulldogs tore savagely at the Red Devil defense, sending Beebe through the center of the line and around end for sweeping gains of fifteen and twenty yards at a clip. In eight plays, the North Bend gridders were straddling the Coquille one yard line. From there, it was an easy matter for Joe Pennington, substitute back, to go charging over the center of the bewildered Red Devil line for the second touchdown of the evening. This time, the try for the extra point was good. Score: 13-0.

A spark of life seemed to come to the Coquille lads after that second North Bend touchdown. Taking the kickoff, the Red Devils started to march and quickly tallied two first downs to put the ball on the Bulldogs' 42. As the clock ticked off the remaining sixty seconds of the first half, Keith Johnson, hero of the Grants Pass game, tossed a pass to Ray Gilkey that netted another first down on the North Bend 29. The completion of that pass apparently fired the Red Devils with touchdown fever; for on the next play, Jim Clark brought through the Bulldog defense to go all the way for Coquille's lone six points of the game. Art Richardson's kick was low.

The Red Devils, still steamed up over their successful drive to pay dirt, quickly got possession of the ball after North Bend received the second-half kickoff by holding the Bay team for downs and forcing them to punt. Taking the ball on their own thirty yard line, Coquille pounded the Bulldog line for three consecutive first downs, moving the ball to the North Bend 44. But the offensive bogged down when Wyatt, North Bend quarterback, intercepted a Johnson pass on his own thirty yard stripe.

Graham, Beebe and Pennington started smashing the Red Devil line. Short gains of four, five and six yards moved the ball slowly but irresistibly down the field. Finally Beebe, cutting over right tackle from the Coquille thirteen yard line, crashed through the secondary defense to chalk up North Bend's third

third touchdown. Joe Pennington kicked the extra point, making the score 20-6.

As if to add insult to injury, Graham intercepted a Red Devil pass on the initial play after the kickoff. Again Graham, going wide around left end on the following play, broke away from three would-be tacklers to swivel his way through the Coquille secondary. Shaking clear of all his pursuers, the wily young half-back neatly sidestepped the Red Devil "safety" to add another six points to North Bend's score and blast any hopes that Coquille might still cherish.

A spark of effort again took possession of the Coquille boys late in the fourth quarter when a long pass from Johnson to Oerding clicked for thirty-three yards and a first down on the Bulldog 28. Jim Clark then cracked the line for nineteen precious yards to move the ball to the nine yard marker. But that was the end. Nothing seemed to budge the North Bend defense, and Coquille lost the ball on downs on the Bulldog 2.

With only two minutes left of the fourth quarter, North Bend held the ball tenaciously, making wide, time-killing end runs. At the gun, the ball rested on North Bend's 18.

The lineups:
North Bend: LE Scott, LT Metcalf, LG Dunn, C Gooley, RG Bellah, RT Hesselbine, RE Perkins, QB Wyatt, HB Graham, HB Beebe, FB Reeves.
Coquille: Gilkey, McCauley, Avery, Owen, Mullen, Howell, Oerding, Johnson, Clark, Wolgamott, Howe.

Substitutes: North Bend, Reed, Choat, Kelly, Adams, Pennington, Dooley, Russell, Manos, Patrick, J. Sauser, Squires and Keedy. Coquille: McKay, Groves, Scolari, Schweinfurt and Richardson. Officials: Hod Turner, referee; Wyatt, head linesman, all of Roseburg.

Statistics:
NB C
First downs 13 19
Net yards rushing 278 174
Yards passing 4 70
Passes attempted 4 9
Passes completed 1 4
Passes intercepted 3 0
Fumbles 2 2
Opp. fum. recovered 2 1
Yards penalized 25 0
Average punts 37 34

NEW BOOKS AT COQUILLE LIBRARY
New books on the shelves at Coquille Public Library include "Toward the Morning," by Allen, donated by Mrs. Constance Ponder; "Bullivant and The Lambs," by Compton-Burnett; "Gay Pursuit," by Cadell; "Candle For St. Jude," by Godden, and one children's book, "Great Northern, by Ransome.



A GALLOPING NEMESIS who helped doom the aspirations of Coquille's Red Devils last Friday night on the North Bend football field is shown here on one of his wide sweeps around end. The ball-carrier is Vernon Beebe, Bulldog half-back who continually made life miserable for the Coquille boys. Would-be tacklers are Ray Gilkey (22), Jim Clark (50), Larry Scheinfurt (35), Tom Mullen (38), and Keith Johnson (49). Behind Beebe and fast fading out of the picture is Ben McKay (21), Coquille half-back. (Photo by Chally, North Bend Harbor)

District Three Football Race Creates Thrills

District 3 Staffings

Team	Won	Lost	Tied
Grants Pass	3	0	0
Reedsport	3	0	1
Marshfield	2	1	1
Roseburg	2	2	0
North Bend	1	3	0
Myrtle Point	0	2	1
Coquille	0	3	0

The Grants Pass Cavemen maintained their lead of district 3 during the past week, and although Ashland is not in the league, the Cavemen continued their unbroken string of victories by trouncing the southernmost Oregon city's high school representative 24-0 last Friday night.

The Reedsport Braves crept one notch nearer the leaders by virtue of a 12-6 decision over the Myrtle Point Bobcats. It was a thrilling game, closely played throughout the sixty minutes. In fact, the game was all tied up at 6-6 until the final two minutes of play. It was then that Fred Taylor, Reedsport back, snagged a pass and streaked down the sidelines to the Myrtle Point 1. A moment later, the Braves drove through-center for the winning six points.

The Bobcats drew first blood when Ralph Clarno picked up a Reedsport fumble on his own fifteen yard line and outran the entire Reedsport team to score at the end of an eighty-five yard dash.

Marshfield's Pirates turned in the surprise of the week with an astounding win over the Roseburg Indians 30-7. The victory put the Bay city boys in undisputed possession of third place in the standings. Marshfield's first three touchdowns can be attributed to the remarkable broken field running of a young substitute half-back, Lar-

ry Crabtree, backed up by plenty of good, solid blocking. The first touchdown was the end result of a seventy-five yard gallop by Crabtree from his own twenty-five. The second six points were not quite as spectacular but still the work of young Mr. Crabtree. Alternating with quarterback McCulloch, the shifty halfback moved the ball to the Indians' 15. From there, Crabtree broke through the Roseburg defense to score. Crabtree climaxed his scoring spree as he took the opening kickoff of the second half on his own nine-yard line and twisted, squirmed and shifted his way ninety-one yards down the field for the third count-

The North Bend-Coquille tussle which ended 26-6 in favor of North Bend put the Coquille Red Devils in undisputed possession of the cellar. Neither team had been able to break into the win column before Friday night.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES
DISTRICT No. 3
Friday Night—October 22nd

Starting Time: 8 P. M.
REEDSPORT at COQUILLE
Ashland at Marshfield
Roseburg at Cottage Grove
Grants Pass at Medford
North Bend at Myrtle Point

Wildcat Eleven Ties N. B. 13-13

Junior Standings:

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
North Bend	2	0	2
Myrtle Point	1	1	1
Coquille	1	2	1
Coos Bay	1	3	0

A much improved Coquille junior high school team met the North Bend eleven that swamped the Wildcats 20-7 four weeks ago and held the strong Bay team to a 13-13 tie last Saturday evening on the Coquille field. Although the Wildcats were (Continued on last page)

Passing The BUCK

BY CHUCK FRITCHARD

Now that the deer season is closed (and we sincerely hope that all Coos county hunters are happy with the results) Coquille sportsmen are getting ready for the migratory bird season which opens October 28th. We understand that all shotgun fans will be donning their hip boots and hitting for the marshes on that day in search of a brace of ducks or geese.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Elkins of Coquille left some time back to do a spot or pleasant hunting in that paradise of the birds, North Dakota. We'll have more to report on the success of their expedition as soon as they return to Coquille.

Perhaps one of the most avid bird hunters in Coos county is Justice Fred Bull who looks forward to each coming season eagerly. We understand that Fred is a crack shot in the bird department.

As long as we're passing the buck, we'd like to see the Coquille Red Devils do a little more "buckin'." Coaches Leslie and Schweinfurt have done an excellent job of instilling football fundamentals into the high school youngsters, but it take

more that that to win football games. It takes a lot of fight and the will to win against seemingly insurmountable odds. Some of the boys seem to be doubtful on that score. At least, their showing against North Bend would seem to indicate something of the sort. Re- verberations on that game were felt as far north as Portland.

Had the pleasure of seeing Oregon win a close one from Southern California in Portland Saturday. For Oregon rosters, the score, 8-7, was just a little too close. For Southern California fans, time just wasn't quite long enough. Seemed to this reporter that the Duck squad was not quite as good as they should be; although it was a decided pleasure to watch Norm Van Brocklin work. As a passer, he is everything that a coach could desire.

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By Chet Smith



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