

Panthers do it again: cleave Lava Bears, 13-6

Redmond defense provides big win

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They filled the air with Lava Bear hair.
It was a great day for Redmond Saturday when the RUHS Panthers came to town and ran roughshod over the Bend Lava Bears for the better part of three quarters and added another bear skin to the Panther trophy case.

Determined to get the Panthers who have "had their number" for the past three years, the Bend Bruins came roaring back in the final stanza. The whole thing was a day late and a dollar short, however, as the Bruins were beaten again, 13-6.

Redmond beat the Bears in all departments except passing. Though the difference in total offense between the two wasn't sizable, the Panthers out-rushed the Lava Bears 174 net yards to 106. The Cats pushed across 11 first downs, but Bend was only able to get eight. Nine of Redmond's 11 were rushing. Six of Bend's were rushing.

Bears Pass
Bend had the edge in passing yardage with 62 as compared to Redmond's 36. Redmond, however, completed more passes per attempt. The Panthers' three five aerials and completed four. Bend completed three out of 11.

Redmond out-played the Bruins for three quarters and then hung on desperately in the dying minutes to preserve a victory that almost went with the wind.

Down and apparently beaten 13-0 going into that fourth quarter, the Bears came on with some renewed vigor in the form of fresh personnel from the bench. Good blocking at the right side of the line, plus some excellent running by junior scooter Ray Fletcher nearly turned the tide.

It was a Redmond fumble that set it up. The Bruin line charged Redmond quarterback Wayne Marquess who bobbed the ball upon collision with a Bruin tackler and Clyde Smith fell on the ball for Bend on the Redmond 14 yard line.

Fletcher Impressive
Fletcher then became the workhorse. He circled right end for four, and then tried right tackle for seven more and a first down. It was then first and goal on the Redmond 3. Clyde Smith hit the line for about a yard and a half. Fletcher then boomed over right tackle for the touchdown.

A pass play (after a five yard penalty) from quarterback Jerry Wetle to Neal McGinnis went for nought on the extra point try. The gap, however, was narrowed 13-6, and the game's complexion had changed.

It was then the overflood crowd at Bruin Field went into a frenzy. The Bruins came right back with another assault that nearly pulled the fat out of the fire and almost saved the day.

Following the kickoff, Redmond moved the ball nine yards in three downs. It was fourth down and one, and Redmond made perhaps what could have been the biggest mistake of the day. The Cats decided to punt and punter Jim Kaufman booted the ball straight into the back of one of his linemen. It bounded back behind him and once again Smith was on it for the Bruins.

Bend Fails to Capitalize
It was a bad moment for the Panthers and Bend's best chance to salvage the game. The Bruins, thus with the ball on the Redmond 37, began moving it on the ground again. That Redmond defense which had been so good for three quarters was beginning to wane. Fletcher got cut at right tackle. Kirk Ward followed with four more at left guard and it was third down and two on the Cat 29.

Then came the turning point for the bounce-back Bears. Wetle called "an automatic" from the line of scrimmage, and a mix-up in the Bend backfield left Wetle all alone at the left side of the line. He was boomed down for about a five yard loss by a pair of alert Redmond defenders as he tried to "belly" around them.

It was enough to ruin it for the Bears. Fletcher hit right tackle very hard but went down after five yards. It was two yards short of a first down and the Panthers took over.

It was one of those days for Redmond, that even though some things went wrong, the Panthers were able to recover in time.

Redmond had two tremendous quarters, the first and the third.

The second stanza and final quarter were all Bend.

Good Cat Defense
Displaying excellent pursuit all afternoon on Bend's wide stuff, the Panthers turned in a top effort defensively. It was the Cat defense, more than the offense, that beat the Bears.

Kerry Parkinson, a veritable tiger at defensive end, played it close to home and kept the Bruins inside. The Lava Bears seldom got by him. Jim Sterling was another Panther that was a thorn in the Bruins' side. Tim Frakes, a middle guard, joined the ranks of other Cat defenders who were determined to stop the Bears.

Bend had trouble moving the ball all afternoon except up the middle. Most of the time that was difficult, too. Redmond rose to the occasion on pass defense, also, except for a brief spell in the second quarter when Bruin end Neal McGinnis had himself a field day.

Redmond moved the ball deep into Bend territory late in the first period, but that amazing Bend line put up another goal line stand and the Panther drive fell short.

Cats Score
Bend took over but fumbled the ball on their own 30 a few plays later. It was a third down and six situation, and the third play into the second stanza when Bill Hughitt caught a half-back pass from Parkinson in the end zone for the game's initial TD.

Bend had the ball almost all the rest of the time in the second quarter, but couldn't score. Three passes from Wetle to McGinnis picked up big chunks of yardage. Bend, for the first time this year, mixed its plays up well. The Lava Bears moved the ball well on the ground but provided the "killer" on the quick bomb to glue-fingered McGinnis. Four plays after he made a jumping sideline catch for 17 yards and a first down on the Panther 10, McGinnis snared another in the Redmond end zone. But the touchdown was nullified on a holding penalty.

Wetle fumbled on the next play 16 yards behind the line of scrimmage and Redmond took over on its own 41.

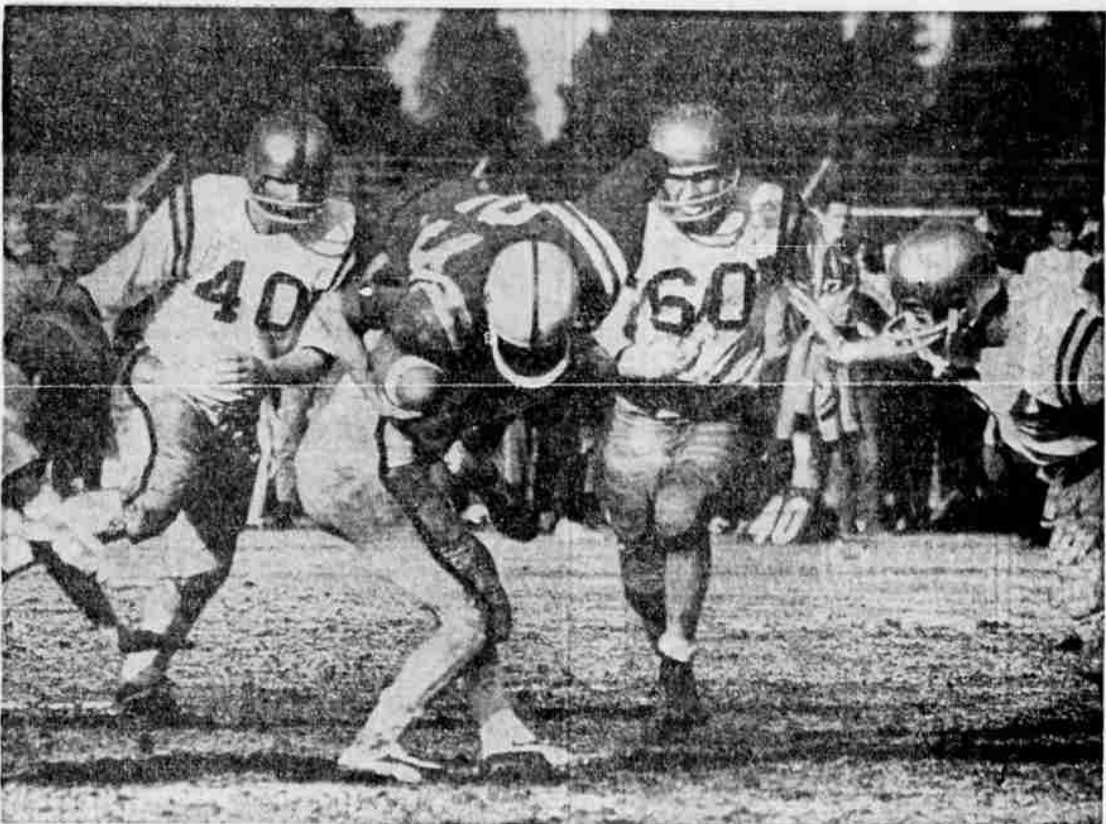
Panthers Again
Redmond scored again in the third quarter. It was on a sustained drive of the short kind. It started on the Bend 37 after the Cats' amazing sophomore Marquess took a punt on his own 32 and ran it back deep into Bruin territory. It was hard - running Dennis Moore that picked up the TD when he boomed four yards over left tackle. Keith Birkhofer then booted the extra point, and the visitors were out in front 13-0.

Marquess and Moore were the two offensive guns for the Cats. Marquess successfully ran the Oklahoma keeper inside the Bend right end. The Bruins had trouble defending the play most of the afternoon. Though Bend was able to contain Cat full-back Mike Roach most of the time, Moore proved to be too much for the Bruins. Moore, quick at changing direction, gave the Bruin tacklers problems. He ran as if his life depended on it every time he carried the ball.

Fumblers Crucial
Though Redmond had the edge in total offense, perhaps the most significant statistic comes in the fumble department. Bend fumbled four times and turned the ball over three times. Redmond fumbled three times but lost it only once.

Two of Bend's fumble turnovers came in the first quarter. It kept the Panthers deep in Bruin territory the entire first stanza. Redmond's big mistake came in the fourth period when Kaufman goofed on that punt.

It was the sweetest of victories for the Cats, who for the third consecutive time have put the damper on Bend Homecoming festivities. It capped off a



DROPS BEND — Rick Nicholson, number 25 for the Bend Lava Bears, is flipped in the air after a short gainer in football action Saturday at Bruin Field. The player on the right for

Redmond is Bill Hughitt and number 40 is Tim Frakes. Redmond won game by a 13-6 count. This is the third year in a row that Redmond has won.

so-so season for Coach Doc Savage in his first year at the Panther helm.

Linescores:
Redmond 0 6 7 0-13
Bend 0 0 0 6-6

National League grid standings

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct. PF, PA. Rows include New York, Cleveland, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Dallas, Washington, Green Bay, Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, St. Louis 24, Washington 20, Pittsburgh 19, Cleveland 7, New York 42, Philadelphia 14, Baltimore 21, Chicago 6, Los Angeles 0, San Francisco 31, Dallas 24.

Eastern Wash. wins first tilt

The big news out of the Evergreen Conference football race, already won by Central Washington, came from perennial doormat Eastern Washington this weekend.

The Savages snapped a 10-game conference losing streak by defeating Pacific Lutheran University 26-0.

Eastern Washington pushed across all its points in the second half.

Central, meanwhile, rolled to its eighth victory of the season by downing Puget Sound 7-0.

Saturday prep grid scores...

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Redmond 13, Bend 6, North Catholic 32, Concordia 7, Siuslaw 41, Brookings 14, Junction City 23, Elmira 7, Drain 56, Pleasant Hill 14, McKendzie 19, Harrisburg 12, Glade 26, Gold Beach 7, St. Mary's 13, Eagle Point 0, Vale 46, Burns 0, Enterprise 21, Wallowa 7, St. Francis 26, Oakridge 0, Douglas 20, Bandon 12.

Oilers gain top rung with 3 TD's by rookie Tobin

The Houston Oilers finally gave the rookie from Missouri a chance to show 'em—and that's exactly what Bill Tobin did.

He showed 'em what hobbled Bill Cannon hasn't been able to do all season—a runner who could give the Oilers a balanced attack and take some of the pressure off passer George Blanda.

The result today is that the Oilers hold undisputed possession of first place in the Eastern Division of the American Football League and have become clear-cut favorites to win their fourth straight divisional title.

The San Diego Chargers gave the Oilers an assist with a 7-6 victory over the Boston Patriots in the lowest-scoring game in AFL history.

Tobin, a 216-pound rookie from the University of Missouri who had gained a total of 95 yards in 29 carries before Sunday's game, scored three touchdowns and set up another in the Oilers' 31-27 triumph over the New York Jets. His 32-yard run to the seven-yard line setting up the Oilers' winning touchdown in the fourth period also was the longest run from scrimmage by a Houston back this season.

Tobin's heroics offset a brilliant performance by New York's Dick Wood, who threw scoring passes of 47, 7 and 12 yards.

The Chargers retained their lead in the Western Division on the strength of a 27-yard first-period touchdown pass from Tobin to Lance Alworth and George Blair's conversion. Gino Cappelletti put the Patriots' points on the scoreboard with field goals of 35 and 25 yards but also missed three-point tries from 38, 37 and 55 yards.

RUSSIA QUALIFIES

ROME (UPI) — Russia qualified for the quarter-finals of the European Cup of Nations soccer tournament by tying Italy, 1-1, Sunday before 100,000.

Russia earned the right to meet Sweden because it previously had beaten Italy, 2-0, in Moscow.

SALEM (UPI) — Harvey Junior of Portland has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Oregon Turf Management Association.

Also elected were Jim Porterfield of Ashland as first vice president, Dick Malpass of Eugene as second vice president and Ray Garner of Portland as secretary-treasurer.

AMERICANS WIN
SYDNEY, Australia (UPI) — Chuck McKinley of San Antonio, Tex., and Dennis Ralston of Bakersfield, Calif., scored a doubles victory over Jim Christopherson and John Stanbury of Australia Sunday in the New South Wales tennis championships.

Frank Froehling of Coral Gables, Fla., won a singles battle with George Collins but Eugene Scott of New York lost to Barry Geraghty in other matches involving American players.

Injured Berry key

Ducks 'come back' whip Cougars 21-7

PULLMAN (UPI) — "Oregon was a better football team than we were," admitted Washington State University Coach Jim Sutherland after his Cougars fell to the Oregon Ducks Saturday.

The Cougar coach said his club gave Oregon the ball too many times. "We helped them win." The Cougars dropped the ball to the Ducks on four pass interceptions and two fumbles.

Sutherland, in a locker room session after the game, said, "I thought we played pretty good football," then he added, "taking out our mistakes, of course."

Bob Berry, Oregon quarterback, drew praise from Sutherland who described the opposition's star as a combination of "guts and determination."

"I've got to hand it to the boy. We knew he was hurt and we could tell it, but he was still their key man," he said. Berry is still suffering from injuries suffered two weeks ago in the Oregon-Washington game.

Dave Wilcox was another Oregon player who made their 21-7 win possible, said Sutherland. "We couldn't block him all day."

"The Oregon line was just better than ours, but offensively we gave them a lot to worry about," Sutherland ended the locker room session saying, "You can't overcome as many errors as we made out there and expect to win."

Sutherland's Cougars travel to Palo Alto, Calif., next weekend for a grid session with the Stanford Indians.

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