

SPORTS

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Sport Chats--
by Bill Askwith

This past week-end the Prineville Cowboys were awarded the District 2 football crown by a vote of seven to five over the Grants Pass Cavemen. We are glad to see Prineville get a chance to participate in the playoffs for the right to meet in the state championship game. But we don't recognize voting a proper procedure in picking any team. Grants Pass has a terrific record for the year as well as Prineville and we cannot understand why they should be eliminated from the playoffs by mere voting. Regardless who wins the state championship this year, there will now be Grants Pass who has been undefeated through the season and we see no reason why they should be eliminated this way without having the equal chance of playing Prineville. If championships are going to be determined by voting, regular season play might as well be eliminated and all schools vote for the champion.

Banks, Oregon is in the same spot as Grants Pass this year as they were voted out of their district championship. Therefore, after the championship is decided, there could actually be three teams in the state with unbeaten records. This does not determine the true state champion.

We are not sticking up for Grants Pass as the shoe could have been on the other foot if they had been voted in instead of Prineville. The Prineville Cowboys have a terrific record over the last two years with 17 straight wins. They could go on and become state champions and it will never be known who had the better team in District 2, Grants Pass or Prineville.

We hope by next year that the State Athletic Association will remedy this situation and no doubt at their next meeting this matter will be ironed out.

Do not fail to buy a ticket for the annual Junior High football dinner to be held November 28th in the school cafeteria. This banquet is to honor the Junior High School football squad, which was the best in the history of the school.

POINTERS LOSE--

The Pointers dropped their final 1950 season football game to the Myrtle Creek eleven by an 8-0 score at Myrtle Creek on Armistice Day.

Myrtle Creek was really primed for this game and played good hard ball. The Pointers were handicapped by the loss of their right half, Bob King, who was out due to an injured finger and did not make the trip.

The game opened with the Pointers kicking off to Myrtle Creek or the Myrtle Creek 38 yard line. On the second play the Pointers recovered a Myrtle Creek fumble on the 43 yard line. The Pointers made two quick first downs but here their offensive bogged down. Just at the end of the first quarter Myrtle Creek completed a pass play good for a touchdown but the play was called back and Myrtle Creek penalized for an infraction of the rules. They finally had to punt out of

danger. Neither team threatened the rest of the first half.

The second half found the Pointers on the defense most of the time but again and again fifteen yard penalties kept the Pointers deep in their own territory, mostly on their own one and two yard lines. In the third quarter with the ball on their own two a high pass from center trapped Herb Trautman behind his own end zone for a safety. Then in the fourth period Myrtle Creek scored a touchdown after intercepting a Pointer pass to set up the only touchdown of the game. The final score was 8-0 for Myrtle Creek. The Pointers short pass play failed to work most of the time with Myrtle Creek intercepting a heavy percentage of these passes.

Bill Bates for the Pointers played an outstanding game both defensively and offensively. Bates has played good ball all season but Armistice Day he turned in his best performance of the season. He was a thorn in the side of Myrtle Creek all afternoon. Jim McCoy, Pointer left tackle, played a good hard game also.

This game ended the football season for the Pointers with a JDJ conference record of two wins and two losses. Coaches Leonard Warren and Clarence Melbye did a fine job this season. They started the season with only two or three boys with any former experience. Many of the boys at the beginning of the season didn't even understand football terms. The squad as a whole was as green as could be. Warren and Melbye brought the boys a long way with the thought of building for the future. This was a year of rebuilding which will pay off in the next couple or three years.

Seniors who played their last football for the Pointers were John Heberling, left end; Chuck Walker, left half; Herb Trautman, fullback; Irwin Ditch, right guard; and Art Clark, right tackle.

PEAR BOWL NOTES--

Al Simpson, whose Southern Oregon college Red Raiders played, and lost to, both participants in Medford's Thanksgiving day Pear Bowl clash, gives a pretty clear description of the nature of Lewis and Clark's upcoming foe, which is San Francisco State.

"Verducci (that's Joe Verducci, Gater coach and ex-St. Mary's college mentor) has a very good forward passer in a boy named Sam DeVito," Simpson says, "and a 'scouter' type right halfback in Rudy Smith, a Negro lad who can really ramble. He also has a dandy left end, whose name escapes me." "San Francisco attacks from a tight T formation, with DeVito faking and handing off nicely behind a pretty big line. They use lots of delayed stuff with good traps, and they are pretty tricky. Smith isn't very big, about 155, and the other backs are little, too. But, they can run well, and DeVito's passing makes the offense exceptionally dangerous."

"Defensively the team isn't a world-beater. We scored 21 points against them in the last quarter, and they've given up quite a few touchdowns this year. The team isn't too experienced, and Verducci,

in his first year at the school, has done a terrific job with his material."

Al, while allowing as how it was probably treason to pick against his own conference, thinks Lewis and Clark will beat the Gators in the Pear bowl.

"I don't see how San Francisco can cope with Lewis and Clark's tremendous running attack and experience. DeVito probably will give the Raiders a bad time in the air, but his team hasn't a ground game to compare with Lewis and Clark's. No, I wouldn't want to predict any score, but will say that it looks to me like another defeat for the Far Western conference."

Simpson says, the Gators don't seem to be as tough defensively. In six games up to this past week-end opponents scored 101 points. Offensively, though, the Gators certainly haven't been sitting on their heels. They've poured across 194 counters for an average of 32.3 per game.

The Staters lost only once this season, up to this week-end. That was to Whittier, 41 to 20. In Far Western action the Gators beat the Cal Aggies 32 to 26; Southern Oregon, 39 to 21; Humboldt State, 53 to 0; and Chico State, 15 to 6. Outside the loop, S. F. State topped Cal Tech, 35 to 7.

In inter-conference competition between the two circuits thus far this campaign, the Northwest holds a four-to-one edge. Lewis and Clark beat Southern Oregon, 27 to 6; Linfield beat the same team, 34 to 0; Pacific beat Chico State, 14 to 6; and Willamette did it to Chico, 19 to 6.

On the basis of comparative scores against SOCE, the one common opponent, Lewis and Clark and San Francisco seem pretty evenly matched. LC topped the Raiders by 21 points, or three touchdowns, while San Francisco managed it by 18 points, also three touchdowns.

SPARTANS BASKETBALL--

The Central Point Spartans will open their basketball practice sessions this coming week. Coach Al

Gaspee is looking forward to a successful season.

For the first time the Spartans will be members of a conference. This conference will be composed of eight grade schools in the Rogue Valley. Schools represented in addition to Central Point are Rogue River, Jacksonville, St. Marys, Talent, Eagle Point, Phoenix, and Gold Hill.

The league schedule for the Spartans is as follows:

December 11--Rogue River, there
December 18--Jacksonville, there
January 8--St. Marys, here
January 15--Eagle Point, here
January 22--Talent, there
January 29--Phoenix, here
February 5--Gold Hill, here
Additional games will be scheduled, which will be released at a later date.

Football Queen
Crowned at Dance

The football queen of 1950 was crowned at the Homecoming dance held after the Phoenix game, November 3, at 11:00. Beverlee Hagen, football queen, was escorted and crowned by Chuck Walker and her princesses, Gloria Walker and Gaylee Ingle, were escorted by two members of the football team, Jim McCoy and John Heberling.

The Queen wore a very becoming black dress while her princesses wore attractive green and pink dresses.

Music was provided by Bill Abbot's band and cider and doughnuts were served as refreshments.

Pictures were taken of the Queen and couples dancing by Ernestine Conklin.

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German Sports Differ
From American Sports

"What do you think of our American sports?"

That was the question asked Roman Kluhsies in a recent interview. He answered that he thought sports played a too important part in the life of an average American student. In Germany, he said their studies were first, whereas, here, much of the time, sports are first, and studies come second.

There are hardly any gyms at all in Germany. During the war, all the money went for the manufacture of war goods, and no one bothered with sports and gyms. Then, too, the village has more to do with sports than the school. The school is primarily for studies; the village is for sports.

When asked if he considered football a pretty rough game, he said, "Yes!" The Germans don't go much for rough sports, except boxing, when only two men are involved. They like, instead, games that require speed and skill. Also, football has so much time when there's not much going on for the spectators. If a game lasts an hour, there is only about a half hour actual playing time.

The German girls go out for sports, too. Their games are just as important as the boys'. Often they would rather see a girls' game.

He was also asked what he thought of our pep assemblies. Of course, it was very funny to him at first; in fact, he thought we really took after the Indians. But now, he says it gives the boys more fire, which they need especially for football. The Europeans, however,

don't yell at any games—"They don't make so much demonstration as the Americans" was his explanation. How would you like to go to a game in Germany? It might prove interesting, as I'm sure our football games have been to Roman.

—The Central Pointer

Some of the men of the Church of Christ in Central Point and from the Central Avenue Church in Medford, have been helping build a new church at Cascade Gorge. Mr. Danakin and Mr. Camp helped last week and Mr. Carl Hover and Mr. Camp went again on Monday. They now are starting on the roof, and the outside should soon be completed. They are trying to get this done before the weather gets too bad.



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