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TORNADO BLASTS ASHLAND'S HOPES WITH 20 TO 7 WIN

Locals Show Amazing Deception and Power in Second Half After Visitors Score Early in Game

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Medford 20, Ashland 7

Cold and bloodless figures they are, but they tell quickly and irrefragably the story of Medford high school's football rejuvenation, completed before a stark-mad gallery of over 8000 yesterday afternoon on the wet and slippery turf of the Tigers' stadium.

Twenty to seven, a score produced in a blistering last-half rally that saw the Black Tornado rip and tear its way to a third-quarter touchdown and dynamite itself into pay-dirt twice more in the fourth period to overcome a 7-0 Ashland lead at the half and knock the Grizzlies out of any possible chance at the 1937 Southern Oregon conference championship.

Show Power, Deception.
By their victory over Ashland, gained with an amazing display of power and deception on the ground, Coach Bill Bowerman's Tigers became odds-on favorites to capture the conference title. A win over Clatsop, Nov. 20 will clinch matters.

Medford's Black Tornado, kicked around almost all year by inter-sectional foes, found itself yesterday. It was a great football team; probably the greatest Red and Black powerhouse since the days of Prink Callison. It had to be to defeat a fighting Grizzly aggregation by such a score.

It was Bobby Ettinger, who should be called the grandest back in Medford history, and "Jumping" Jack Bowman, another dynamite-on-wheels who produced most of the tremendous total of 274 yards the Tornado gained over that sopping wet grass. Time and again they ripped straight down the middle, or off the tackles or around the ends for thrilling gallops. Ettinger, yesterday, was almost unstoppable. In his battle with big Steve Fowler, Ashland fullback, for individual honors, the brilliant Medford halfback won going away.

Tiger Line Too Tough.
However, it was the Tiger forward wall that really made possible those long, sensational dashes by Ettinger and Bowman; that line and the superb blocking of Fullback Hill Caples and Quarterback Red Root. Inspired by smashing, smashing performance of Sammy Richardson, left guard, one of Medford's "forgotten men" until yesterday, the Tornado line collectively and individually turned in a mighty exhibition. It blocked and tackled low and hard, and was just tough for the forwards of Ashland.

Ashland, striking swiftly on the ground and through the air, scored less than five minutes after the opening whistle. From that point on, the Grizzlies were practically helpless before the hard-charging Medford line-men.

Jack Weaver, Ashland center, recovered a fumble by Jack Hill on the Medford 39-yard line directly following the opening kickoff, and exactly 10 plays later the Grizzlies sent Fowler booming over center from the 1-yard stripe for the touchdown. Fowler converted with a placekick.

Tornado Wakes Up.
Fowler and Furman Carter took turns cracking off the tackles in that touchdown drive, with a 13-yard forward pass from Fowler to Halfback Jimmy McNair placing the ball on the 14-yard line and helping plenty.

The Tornado swung into action late in the second period, only to be halted by the half-time gun. After holding for downs on their own 11-yard line, the Tigers began to move. Ettinger broke clear around his own right end and raced 49 yards before being knocked out of bounds. Bowman, on a reverse over right tackle, got it more yards; then Ettinger blasted off his own right tackle for 10 more to the Ashland 23. Bowman picked up 4, but Bob Verbeck, replacement for Don Monteth at end, lost 2 on an end-around as the half ended, 7-0 for Ashland.

Those raging Tigers, not to be denied, came right back in the third quarter to hammer on the door again, and this time their great drive paid off. Ettinger, slippery as an eel, caught one of Steve Fowler's booming punts and came back 27 yards to the Medford 43-yard marker. Bowman, with a superb downfield blocking sweep around his own left end and ate up 27 yards before being knocked over on the Ashland 30. It was Ettinger, this time, shooting off right tackle, cutting sharply back, and moving to the 10-yard line. Bowman took it to the 8, but Ettinger lost 9 when he was tackled while looking for a receiver for a forward pass.

Pass Turns Trick.
Then, fading back to the Ashland

Will Welcome Jimmy Back



Bobby Chick (above) attempts to keep his Medford record clear of defeats night in the armory when he welcomes Jimmy Lott, ex-University of Alabama football star, back to southern Oregon after a year's absence. The pair, both clean wrestlers, meet in the main event.

30-yard line. Ettinger shot a long aerial squarely into the waiting arms of Red Root, standing all alone in the right end zone. Root folded that ball to his bosom, and Medford had its first touchdown. When Ettinger was stopped at the line of scrimmage as he tried to add the extra point by a running play, it looked bad for Medford. It was 7-0, and Ashland was apparently ready to dig in and protect that one-point lead.

Especially a moment later when Fowler, quick-kicking on third down from his own 22-yard line, set the Tigers clear back on their own 15. It was a tremendous punt, soaring about 40 yards in the air and rolling 23 yards more to put the Tornado in a hole.

Here, though, Medford opened up with its devastating fourth-quarter attack. In exactly 7 scrimmage plays, the Tigers traveled 85 yards to reach pay dirt and clinch the battle. Ettinger started it off with a 13-yard shot through center on a hidden ball play. Root lost 2 on a quarterback sneak, but Bowman, behind great interference, stuck left end on a double reverse for 30 yards to the Ashland 45.

Mighty little Bobby Ettinger catapulted like a bullet through a quick-opening hole produced by Santo and Eri on the right side of the line, shook off two Ashland secondary defenders, swerved sharply back toward the sidelines, and dashed straight down the field to the Grizzlies 5-yard line, where Charlie Warren knocked him out of bounds. Two plays failed to gain.

Hill Scores.
Off the Medford bench came Jack Hill, fullback, to blast it over on the first play. Prentice and Eri and Richardson, cracking hard with the blue chips down, opened a gaping hole in the center of the Ashland forward wall, and Hill breezed through it and over the goal line without a man touching him. That was the payoff play, the play that gave Medford its sweetest conquest of the year. Wally Eri made it 13-7 with a perfect placekick for the extra point.

But Medford was not yet satisfied. With only 5 minutes remaining in the half game, Bob Wilson and Don Monteth broke through to block Fowler's punt, with Monteth springing for Medford on the Ashland 30. Bowman took it to the 13 on a double reverse, and after the same fellow and Ettinger had moved it to the 10, Ettinger hammered straight off his own right tackle to score standing up. Again Eri converted with a placekick, and it was 20-7.

That was that. Only two minutes remained and, although Ashland made a pair of first downs in a desperate passing attack against the entire Tiger second string, the losers were unable to score.

Rough, Tough Game.
It was no disgrace for the Grizzlies to lose to Medford yesterday. Although outplayed in all departments except punting, Coach Ezek O'Connell's team stood out there and battled their hearts out, don't think they didn't. It was a rough, tough ball game, with Ashland seemingly having things well in hand during the first half. Roland Scheidegger, Jack Weaver and Jim Brady in the Grizzly line were outstanding, while Fowler, Carter and tiny Charlie Warren looked sweet in the backfield. However, against Medford's new-found offensive punch and superior man-power, the Grizzlies just didn't have a chance in that second half.

It is hard to name any standout performers for the Tigers; they were all great. Bob Wilson, acting as captain, turned in a whole of a game at left end. Richardson, who until yesterday was a substitute usually seeing little action, produced the flame that caught hold of the en-

fire line and turned it into a raging unit. Red Root, blocking quarterback, helped clear the way for Ettinger and Bowman, and Bill Caples, seeing his first action this year, looked great at fullback. A transfer from California, Caples was only this week declared eligible for competition by the state high school association, and he proved in his debut that Medford has a worthy substitute for Eldon Crow, out for the rest of the season.

That one touchdown pass from Ettinger to Root was the lone Medford completion out of only four attempts. So powerful was the Tigers' running attack, off the tackles and straight ahead, that there was no need to go upstairs. Ashland completed 5 out of 16 tries and gained 65 yards. Grizzly running offense was held to 62 yards by the savage Tornado line.

Lineups and summary:
Medford: Monteth, E.; Wilson (C), E.; Santo, T.; Benford, T.; Richardson, G.; Eri, E.; Stevens, C.; Root, Q.; Ettinger, H.; Hill, H.; Caples, P. (C); McNair, Substitutes: Medford—Ehrhart, Bowman, Miller, Dickey, Howard, Childers, Barrow, Archibald, Prentice, Campbell, Stead, Newland, Horner, Verbeck, Clute. Ashland—Hensen. Scoring—Touchdowns, Medford, Root, Hill, Ettinger; Ashland, Fowler; conversions, Medford, Eri; 2, Ashland, Fowler.

Score by periods:
Medford 0 0 8 14—20
Ashland 7 0 0 0—7
Statistics:
Total first downs 13 11
First downs (scrimmage) 13 0
First downs (passes) 0 0
First downs (penalties) 0 1
Total yardage gained 295 127
Yardage, running plays 274 82
Yardage from passes 21 68
Yardage lost, penalties 15 28
Passes attempted 4 16
Passes completed 1 5
Passes intercepted 1 2
Passes incomplete 2 9

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INDIANS REMAIN ONLY THREAT ON BEARS' HORIZON

Coast Conference Goes Into Closing Stages—Unbeaten California to Tangle With Oregon Saturday

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—(AP) Pacific coast conference football goes into its closing stages today with Stanford the only serious threat to California's championship hopes.

Stanford, which settled in second place in conference standings by dumping Southern California last Saturday, will entertain Washington State's Cougars at Palo Alto, while unbeaten California meets University of Oregon in a tough one at Portland.

The Indians were given a slight edge over the Cougars, who have won only a single conference contest while tying two and losing a pair. Stanford had won three, tied one and lost one.

Bears Favored.
That one loss was to Oregon, the team which might upset California. The Bears are considered no "wonder team" since being held to a scoreless tie by an inspired Washington eleven last Saturday, but were strong favorites.

Stanford and California will meet a week from tomorrow in their annual "big game" which will conclude the conference schedule for each and decide the championship, if California loses and Stanford wins tomorrow.

Washington will battle the U.C.L.A. at Seattle. The Huskies, who have lost two games were favored because of their showing against California. The Bruins have lost three.

O.S.C. Faces Trojans.
At Los Angeles, Oregon State college, in third place in conference standings though defeated twice, will take on Southern California's badly battered Trojans, and for the first time in years the Beavers will be favored. U. S. C. has lost three games.

University of Idaho's strong Vandals were given the edge over Gonzaga at Spokane in a non-conference game.

The Santa Clara Broncos will risk their unbeaten and untied record against the mediocre St. Mary's Gaels here Sunday.

University of San Francisco will play University of Portland at Portland in another Sunday game.

High School Scores

(By the Associated Press)
Baker, 6; La Grande, 6.
Ashland, 7; Medford, 20.
Grants Pass, 6; Roseburg, 6.
Klamath Falls, 0; Bend, 25.
Lakeside (Seattle), 35; Hood River, 7.
Milton-Freewater, 6; Pendleton, 13.
Enterprise, 12; Wallowa, 0.
Heppner, 6; Hermiston, 6.
Woodburn, 19; Chemawa, 0.
Pratt Grove, 7; Beaverton, 13.
Milwaukie, 6; Columbia Prep. (Portland), 7.
Estacada, 0; Gresham, 20.
Dallas, 0; Independence, 6.
Jefferson (Portland), 22; Benson Tech., 0.
Marshfield, 13; North Bend, 12.
Tillamook, 0; Astoria, 6.

Linfield defeated the San Francisco State college aggregation 19 to 0 on drives of 70 and 45 yards and a blocked punt.

Central Washington college of education noosed out the Oregon normal school eleven from Monmouth 9 to 7 at Yakima.

College of Idaho's northwest conference team dropped its game with Idaho university, southern branch, 39 to 0 at Pocatello.

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Change in Rule on Passes Advocated by Red Grange

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—(AP)—College football, Red Grange believes, should "quit being stubborn and take a tip from the professionals."

"I see where some coaches are worrying about defense being so good that the game is slowing down," said the famous, one-time Galloping Ghost of Illinois, today, "and I think they have something to worry about if they persist in refusing to make one simple rule change just because we pros are using it."

"Too many scoreless ties? Too many dull games?" he continued. "One rule adjustment would take care of them—allow the college players to pass from anywhere back of the line of scrimmage as we do, instead of not closer to the line than five yards."

Grange, whose radio work, business affairs and duties as assistant coach of the Chicago Bears has prevented him from seeing a single "big" game this season, nevertheless has been following the college sport closely through the newspapers. He thinks the number of "dull" games is on the increase.

"When I was at Illinois we used a seven-man line all season," he said. "Against Northwestern last week, Illinois used a 5-4-2 setup and the Wildcats couldn't get going. I think coaches have concentrated on defense so much that offenses have been neglected and if college players could pass from any point behind the scrimmage line the secondary defense would have to stay back where it belongs."

"Look at the scoring in the pro game," he continued. "Lots of action all the time. The colleges would have it, too, under our pass rule, but when a pass play comes it's always pretty obvious and the secondary is up in a jump to make virtually eight and nine men on the line. No wonder the backs can't do much rushing. A few trick pass plays and the secondary would have to pass back."

JACOBUS RE-ELECTED PRO GOLFERS CHIEF
CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—(AP)—George R. Jacobus, Ridgewood, N. J., today was re-elected president of the Professional Golfers' Association of America for the fifth time in a landslide 50-10-2 vote over Alex Cunningham, Chicago.

BABE WILL SHOW GOLFING PROWESS
NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—(AP)—That big guy is back again. You must have known him. His name is Ruth, George Herman (Babe) Ruth, and for nearly 20 years he was the best known and greatest baseballer in the business.

It is strange that the first turn-

stile tickler of the game comes back to the sport headlines not as manager of a major league team, but as a member of a golf foursome that will play for charity at Fresh Meadow in Flushing, L. I., Sunday.

Three other notables will play with the big fellow: Mysterious John Montague, the legendary California clown-

er, and Mrs. Sylvia Annenberg will pair against the babe and another "Babe," the wiry Miss Didrikson.

Following the example of Italy, France recently enacted legislation requiring certain of its motor vehicles to utilize wood gas or other motor fuel substitutes produced within the country.



BOBBY CHICK FACES JIMMY LOTT MONDAY BEFORE EAST JAUNT
Bobby Chick, ex-light heavyweight wrestling champion and master of the sensational airplane spin, makes probably his last stand in Medford this year when he battles Jimmy Lott, a popular old favorite, in the main event at the armory next Monday night.

One of the game's topnotchers, the blond Chick, leaves soon for the large eastern grappling centers, and Promoter Mack Lillard stated yesterday that Bobby would undoubtedly be on his way some time next week.

In Jimmy Lott, who returns after an absence of over a year, Chick will be facing an opponent who, although usually a clean hombre, gets tough every so often and kicks over the traces. Lott is a former University of Alabama football star and has brought many of the grid maneuvers into the wrestling ring.

Polish Palooka Joe Smolinski, hated Goror and grappling scourge of the world, returns to battle Steve Stralich in the middle bout. In the opener, Sailor Ole Olson and Big Jarbo will continue their private feud, started last Monday when Olson turned dirty to whip the clean-wrestling Jarbo.

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