

Tigers Climax Season With 13 to 7 Victory Over Vaunted Axmen

AERIAL ONSLAUGHT IN FINAL MINUTES BREAKS DEADLOCK

Locals Score First Touchdown Few Seconds After Opening Kickoff — Bitter Battle Waged Throughout

Medford high school's Black Tornado climaxed its 1937 football campaign yesterday at the stadium with an smashing, crushing 13-7 conquest of the mighty Eugene high Axmen—the team that walloped Coach Bill Bowerman's machine last year by a score of 44-0.

Scaling the heights of football greatness, the Tigers stunned a crowd of 3500 by scoring their first touchdown in less than 30 seconds after the opening kickoff, then battling their heavier and favored opponents to a standstill through almost four periods of bruising play before taking to the air in the final three minutes of the last quarter to break a 7-7 tie.

Kickoff Fumbled So suddenly did Medford strike for its initial score that the Thanksgiving day crowd could scarcely believe its eyes. Wally Eri booted the opening kickoff long and high to Eugene's Doug Caven, standing on the 10-yard line. The ball bounced once in front of him, struck his ankle and rolled to the five yard strip. Caven ran back, picked it up and was smacked by Jack Hill and Bob Wilson. The pigskin sputtered from Caven's arms and bounded crazily to the one-yard line where Medford's Don Monteth fell on it. And, there were the Tigers.

In the first play, Hill swept wide around his own left end and, with superb interference that mowed down tacklers, crossed the goal line standing up. Wally Eri converted from placement and it was 7-0. Axmen Score Quickly Five minutes later the Axmen, with great Doug Caven ripping off the tackles and around the ends, had the tying touchdown. Coach Fritz Kramer's huge eleven moved 50 yards in eight plays, directly following the kickoff after Medford's score, winding up the brilliant drive by sending Caven over from 11 yards out.

Starting on his own 41, Caven went over Medford's right tackle for five yards, then picked up one yard at the same spot. Fullback Tommy McIntyre fired a bullet forward pass straight down the middle to End Jack Stevenson, good for 17 yards and a first down on the Tiger 35. Caven, on a reverse, circled his own left end for 14 yards to the 21, and after a pass was incomplete, Halfback Gus McClain went wide around right end for 10 yards and another first down on the Medford 11.

Caven, best ball carrier on the field yesterday, smashed into left tackle, broke clear and cut back to cross the final stripe untouched. He place-kicked the extra point, deadlocking the game.

Hitler Battle From then until the final Medford touchdown, the two teams fought a bitter battle. The field, sodden and slick from days of rainfall, offered insecure footing and time after time ball carriers, apparently in the open, slipped to one knee.

It was a forward pass from Fullback Bill Caples to Jack Hill, a left-handed shot straight down the center and into the end zone that gave the fighting Tigers their greatest victory of the year. It came in the waning moments of a game that appeared destined to end in a 7-7 standoff.

There were only five minutes of play remaining when Bobby Campbell, in the game for Bobby Ettinger, brought back a booming Caven punt 12 yards to midfield. After Campbell and Caples made it a first down on the Eugene 40 by line bucks, Caples suddenly unleashed his southpaw aerial show. He tossed one to Wilson good for five yards, then repeated to the same fellow for a first down on the 22-yard line.

Pass Gives Score With the Axmen defense spread, Caples ripped through the middle for five yards in two tries. After another pass to Wilson was incomplete on the goal line, the husky fullback faded back and with great protection, shot a wobbly trolley-wire pass dead over the center of the line. Hill, standing over the goal line, was unopposed as he caught the ball. Wally Eri's attempted place-kick for the extra point was blocked.

That winning touchdown march consisted of nine scrimmage plays and included three first downs. The final pass from Caples, playing his first year for Medford, to Hill, wearing the red and black of the last time, went exactly 17 yards.

And, it was Caples, who all day long was a ripping and rugged ball carrier and impregnable on defense, who intercepted a Eugene forward pass a few seconds later to halt the Axmen in their desperate attempt to pull the game out of the fire.

Axmen Block Threat In the hectic first period, Medford twice threatened to score, but each time the Axmen managed to hold for downs on their own 10-yard stripe. Starting on their own 28-yard line, the Tigers advanced to the Eugene 10 with Bobby Ettinger blasting out yardage in chunks of 9, 12 and 14 yards, mostly on his favorite cutback maneuver, and Hill and Caples helping out with bursts through the line. However, the drive stopped when a fourth down pass was incomplete.

A moment later, Medford's Wayne Curry, end, broke through to face Eugene's fullback attempted to punt on fourth down and again the Tigers were in sight of the promised land, on the 19-yard line. Hill got five yards at right tackle but the Axmen braced and took the ball on downs on the 10.

Eugene recovered a fumble by Red Root on Medford's 39-yard line early in the second quarter and Caven and Fullback Cagle, sub for McIntyre, drove to the Medford 20 before Jack Bowman intercepted a pass on the Medford 10 to halt the threat.

Caples Halts Drive It was Caples who saved the Tigers from a possible Eugene touchdown shortly after the third quarter opened. Halfback McClain passed 30 yards to Caven on the Medford 19-yard line, and Eugene seemed to be on its way. However, Caples intercepted the next pass on his own five-yard line and battled his way 32 yards up the sidelines to bring his team out of danger.

Those were the only times Eugene penetrated inside the Medford 25-yard line. The Tiger forward wall, averaging 165 pounds per man to Eugene's 181—a disadvantage of 16 pounds—stood toe to toe with its opponent and fought like it never had before this season. Sammy Richardson, guard; Dan Ehrhart and Herbert Santo, tackles; and Bob Wilson and Wayne Curry, ends, playing their last game for the Tigers, turned in brilliant exhibitions. So, also, did Don Monteth, end; Wally Eri, guard; and John Prentice, center.

Veterans Settle In In the Tornado backfield, Hill, Ettinger, and Red Root, all seeing action for the last time for Medford, wound up their high school careers in a blaze of glory. The slippery condition of the turf slowed the grand Ettinger somewhat, but he was always dangerous. He practically nullified the amazing punting of Caven by brilliant returns. Jack Bowman, also, was an important offensive factor. And, of course, Caples.

Spring loose on reverse from a double wingback, the Eugene star broke away for runs of 11, 22, 28, 15 and 27 yards, and was the most effective ball carrier on the field. However, Caven could also be termed the "goat" in his team's defeat because of his fumble in the first 30 seconds of the ball game.

Teams Near Even The teams were almost exactly even in statistics. Medford rolled up 230 yards from scrimmage to 226 for the Axmen. The Tigers garnered 11 first downs to 10 for Eugene. Medford took to the air eight times and completed four for 35 yards, including the touchdown. Eugene tried 15 passes and completed four, gaining 62 yards and three first downs.

It was the Black Tornado's sweetest victory of the year, coming as it did after a rather in-and-out season and in the face of heavy odds favoring Eugene. It also avenged completely the terrific 44-0 pounding received at the hands of the Axmen last year at Eugene. It gave the Tigers a record of five wins, three losses and one tie for the season.

Lineups and statistics:
Medford: Eugene
Monteth RE Stevenson
Ehrhart RT Bishop
Prentice C Fish
Richardson LG Bodner
Wilson LT Elliott
Wilson LE Johnson
Root (C) QB Anderson
Hill RH Caven (C)
Ettinger LH McClain
Caples PB McIntyre
Substitutes: Medford—Howard, Verbeck, Archibald, Clute, Stead, Campbell, Bowman and Curry. Eugene—Seybold, Sherwin and Cagle.

Scoring: Medford—Touchdowns, Hill 2, conversions, Eri 1. Eugene—Touchdown, Caven; conversion, Caven.
Score by periods:
Medford 7 0 0 6—13
Eugene 7 0 0 0—7
Officials: Referee, Joe Peak, Klamath Falls; umpire, Howard Scheffel, Medford; head linesman, Ivan Harrington, Medford.

Statistics: Medford Eugene
Total yardage gained 230 226
Yardage from running 195 164
Yardage from passes 35 62
Total first downs 11 10
First downs from

running plays 11 7
First downs from passes 0 15
Passes attempted 8 15
Passes completed 4 4
Passes intercepted 0 3
Passes incomplete 4 8
Yardage lost from penalties 10 5
Average length of punts 30 32.4

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Burdette Kindred Ex-Medford Star Through Football



Burdette Kindred, a great ball tackle for Medford high school during the coaching days of Darwin Burger, can be added to the list of former Black Tornado football players making more than good in college ranks.

In fact, by his performance this season at right tackle for the University of Washington Huskies, Kindred can probably be called one of the finest linemen ever turned out from the local institution, taking his place right alongside Bill Morgan and Bernie Hughes.

This last year rung down the curtain for Kindred, who has been a mainstay in a plenty tough Washington forward wall for two campaigns. Last year in the Rose Bowl against Pittsburgh, Kindred did all the kicking for the Huskies, and is considered by his coach, Jimmy Phelan, as one of the best linemen he ever worked with.

Medford's other football product seeing action in Pacific Coast conference football, Bob Smith, didn't set the world afire at University of Oregon this season, his first. Nor did he fail to live up to expectations. With a mediocre ball club, Smith did as much as anyone and was dangerous always with that left arm cocked for a forward pass. Not a great ball carrier, Smith is a superb defensive back, however, and will undoubtedly be in there again next season, under Callison or somebody else.

You fly and spinner fishermen may as well lay away your tackle for another year, so far as Rogue river is concerned. It's all over now, says Joe Wharton, angling expert who releases weekly bulletins for the Grants Chamber of Commerce.

Wharton reports that the torrential rains of the past few weeks have so rolled the river and its tributaries that fly and spinner fishing is out of the question for another year. However, he says, there will be good bait fishing when the river drops back to normal and seasonal flow, if and when the rains stop.

Everybody knows you don't have to be a college all-American to play professional football, some of the finest money players were never heard of before taking up the play-for-pay

variety of the great fall game. However, all-Americans usually do well by themselves in the pro game, regardless of the fact that they are marked men right off the bat.

Take last year's Associated Press all-American club, for instance. Of the 11 men tried and true, nine were graduates from their respective schools of higher learning. Of those nine, all except Larry Kelley of Yale and Max Starcevic of Washington's Huskies are this season publicly receiving the long green. In other words, they are playing professional football.

Two of the backs, Sam Francis of Nebraska and Ray ("Buzz") Buivid of Marquette, are star performers for the Chicago Bears in the National league. Francis doing the punting and some of the passing and Buivid the running and toting. A third member of the all-American quartet, Ace Parker of Duke, is with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and has been displaying even more brilliant form than he did while in college. Clint Frank, other member of the backfield, is of course still fighting for the Yale Bulldogs, and plenty.

Four all-American linemen are making fresh reputations and handy pieces of change for themselves as pro gridder. With the Chicago Cardinals, Bernie Hughes' old team, is Geyell Timony of Louisiana State, picked as Kelley's running mate at end last season. He is considered one of the greatest pass receivers to ever perform in the pro game. Ed Widseth, twice all-American from University of Minnesota, is a defensive star for the New York Giants, having stepped into the slot vacated by Bill Morgan when the latter retired to sell rubber equipment. The Giants, as usual, are in the thick of the pennant chase, and are slated to battle it out with the Chicago Bears for the world's championship.

Two other linemen are Mike Bakran, who played center for Duquesne last season and is now with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Averell Daniell, a former Pitt Panther now with Brooklyn after having been purchased from the Green Bay Packers, last year's champions.

CLIPPERS TRIM BCS IN WILD PUCK CHASE

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Scoring in the final minutes, the Spokane Clippers defeated the Portland Buckaroos 1 to 0, last night in one of the roughest hockey games seen on the local ice.

A crowd of 4,000, largest at a local game in two years, saw Referee Bill Shaver levy 20 penalties as the players staged one of the wildest ice battles in Pacific Coast league history.

BULLDOGS CONTINUE CONQUEST OF EAST

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Los Angeles Bulldogs, members of the American Professional Football league, remained an untied, undefeated team today.

Showing the same power and deception which have netted them 11 straight victories, the Bulldogs swamped the New York Yankees 27-0 before 15,000 fans in Gilmore stadium in a turkey day game.

SALINAS PACKERS WIN 7-3 OVER ROCHESTER

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Salinas Packers, for years one of the strongest "pay for play" teams on the Pacific coast, today held a 7 to 3 victory over the Rochester Tigers and the American Professional Football league.

ALABAMA VICTORY ADDS CONFUSION TO BOWL CHOICE

Field Goal Gives Southern-ers 9 to 7 Edge Over Vanderbilt — Cornell Drops Pennsylvania, 34 to 20

By DREW MIDDLETON

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Propelled by the accurate toe of gangling Hayward Sanford, Alabama's undefeated, untied Buffaloes, the Rocky Mountain conference championship with six straight wins, Utah downed Utah State, 27 to 0, and Montana rallied to beat North Dakota, 14 to 3.

Byron White, the Colorado whizzer, went all out to trim Denver, 34 to 7, a victory that gave the undefeated, untied Buffaloes the Rocky Mountain conference championship with six straight wins. Utah downed Utah State, 27 to 0, and Montana rallied to beat North Dakota, 14 to 3.

The 9 to 7 triumph admits Alabama into the charmed circle but Duke stands in the way of Pitt. The Duke Devils are no small obstacle. They are tough on attack and "up" for the game. Fordham, on the other hand, has a small obstacle, Dr. Stevens' violent optative, being noted more for cleverness than size, but the obstacle was just as small a year ago and the Fordhams haven't got over that 7-6 defeat yet.

All this is all very important to the teams that hope to be tapped for the Rose Bowl society, but the biggest crowd of the day will congregate at Philadelphia for the Army-Navy meeting.

Here, despite sorry seasons for the service teams, brass hats and plebes and dowerers and debutantes will gather to the number of 103,000.

The stirring events at Nashville yesterday's early eclipse the equally uproarious events at Philadelphia. There Cornell and Pennsylvania closed the "ivy" league season with a burst of offensive football that brought a 34 to 20 score with the Cornells on top and 60,000 fans in various stages of hysteria.

Cornell old blues are sure you need look no further than Tompkins county, N. Y., for the next "ivy" champion. Stymied by Penn's cool gambling with the forward pass and tied, 20-20 at the start of the fourth period, the big red broke loose to score two touchdowns with an awesome display of overland power.

Duquesne provided some excitement by tripping Detroit and Brown proved the wisdom of substitution by downing Rutgers, 7 to 6, on a 85-yard run back of the kickoff by Frank Foster. For the Bruins, after a series of beatings by Colgate on Turkey day, there was real cause for thanksgiving.

Maryland's Terrapins trimmed a Washington & Lee, 8 to 0. North Carolina, a strong claimant for the title, ran all over Virginia, 40 to 0, in a game with no beating on the conference standing. Clemson had a hand in the title pot until it was tied by Furman, 0-0, yesterday.

Tennessee Victor. Elsewhere in the south, Tennessee downed Kentucky, 13 to 0, and Mississippi State edged out Mississippi, 9 to 7.

MANDER'S TOE WORK BRINGS BEARS 13-0 VICTORY OVER LIONS

Chicago Bears are hard pressed, all they have to do is put their best foot forward

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Whenever the Chicago Bears are hard pressed, all they have to do is put their best foot forward.

The best foot is the property of big Jack Mander, whose place-kicking ability has made him the most competent field goal artist in the National Professional Football league. His two accurate kicks yesterday were enough to defeat Detroit's "hardy lions" and give the Bears a strange hold on the circuit's western division title.

In taking a big step toward clinching the right to meet the eastern section titleholders, Chicago shipped Detroit 13 to 0 before 25,000 spectators in the first period and then booted another late in the period from the 23. Late in the game San Francisco intercepted a pass and ran for an unneeded touchdown, on which Mander picked up the extra point.

In the other Thanksgiving day program, Brooklyn earned a 13-13 tie with the New York Giants, favorites to win the title in the eastern sector.

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LOTT AND NICHOLS WILL GRAPPLE IN MONDAY'S MANGO

Popeye O'Brien Meets Romano in Curtain-Raiser—Middle Match Expected to Bring Renewal of Feud

It took two weeks to arrange it, but Promoter Mack Lillard finally succeeded. Steve Strelch, Hollywood leg artist, and Polish Palooka Joe Smolinski will again face off in the grappling ring next Monday night at the armory, the bout being the long-sought-after rematch from the sensational brawl staged November 18 in which the hated Palooka fouled Strelch into oblivion, then carried the battle to the dressing room door. They meet in the middle event and will go six 10-minute rounds of two out of three falls.

Topping the card will be Jimmy Lott, great little former football star and Hugh Nichols, ex-light heavyweight champion of the world. Nichols will make but one appearance here. He is the grappler that relieved Bobby Chick of the title several months ago in Arizona, but lost it himself a short time later to Frank McGurk. He is considered one of the finest scientific grapplers in the world.

Opening the program will be Popeye Pat O'Brien, returning after an absence of several months, and Phil Romano, tall and orthodox grappler from Mexico City. He is a newcomer to Oregon.

LINFIELD LOSES, 12-0 TO BELLINGHAM SQUAD BELLINGHAM, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Western Washington College of Edu-

OREGON CITY WINS 14-13 FROM BEND

BEND, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Oregon City held the unofficial high school football championship today after a 14-13 victory over the Bend Lava Bears in a Thanksgiving day game here.

The score tied 7 to 7 at the half, shifted in the visitors' favor when Shultz kicked point after scoring the final touchdown.

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Quarterback Harry Rich ran 102 yards with an intercepted pass in the second period to give Lakeside high school of Seattle a 7-0 win over Jefferson, Portland high school champion, in a football game here yesterday.

The Jefferson made 12 first downs to three for the visitors, and knocked insistently at the Lakeside goal.

LEBANON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—A scoreless tie with Astoria high school Thanksgiving day left the Lebanon football team undefeated.

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