

The Sporting Page

BOWERMAN KEEPS FINGERS CROSSED FOR FRIDAY TILT

Rejuvenated Cavemen Hard Hazard for Title Seeking Tigers — Counting On Clute for Major Aid

Medford high school's football Tigers enter a hazardous period of their season this week when they line up against the rejuvenated Grants Pass Cavemen at the stadium here Friday night.

It is a hazardous period because the Tigers have their eyes on the mythical state championship and when the eyes of football players turn upward in championship hopes, the boys are liable to get smacked between their oagling orbs for an ignominious defeat.

That is a constant fear of all coaches and Mentor Bill Bowerman is no exception. He had a troubled look on his face today as he talked of the game coming up Friday evening.

Grants Pass has a good club and we can't afford to drop a game at this stage of the season," Bowerman said. "Friday's game with Grants Pass is a league encounter and next week we have another conference contest to hurdle when we meet Ashland in Ashland Thanksgiving day. On paper it looks good for us but unfortunately football games aren't won on paper. They're won on the field and it is on the field that the team which does not look good on paper really goes to town. So we have no illusions of winning an easy victory."

While keeping his fingers crossed, Bowerman was jubilant for one thing; all of his regulars will be ready to play in the Grants Pass game and the entire team, he said, is in good condition.

The coach is counting a lot on Bill Clute, the ripping, raging right tackle who'll be back in the game after recovering from an eye injury suffered in practice. Clute was kept on the bench during most of the week but last week on account of the injury. His eye is well again, however, and Bowerman is expecting great things of his star tackle.

Montieth Has Bolt Right End Montieith has been having trouble with a bolt but he is being doctor'd carefully and Bowerman expects to have him in the line-up Friday.

Bob Verbiak will also be back in the line-up. The wrenched ankle that kept him out of the Weed game has mended and he will be able to get into the fray, the coach said. The rest of the regular squad are all in good shape, the mentor added.

Grants Pass has been coming to the front recently in the league. It is expected that the Cavemen will be at their peak Friday night.

A capacity crowd is expected to see the game, set for 8 p. m. Reserved seats have been selling fast and a large delegation is expected from Grants Pass.

OREGON WEAKENED FOR HUSKY CLASH

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Washington's pre-starting Huskies will find the Oregon football team weakened by loss of two regulars when they meet at Portland next Saturday.

Coch T. O. Oliver said Roy Jensen, tackle, and Hank Nilson, blocking half, were benched with leg injuries from the California game.

However, Jay Graybeal, Oregon's flashy half, probably will be back after a month on the injured list.

SEATTLE, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The seven regulars who went the 60-minute distance against U.S.C. in last Saturday's game were expected to be in uniform today as the Washington Huskies tried to get steam up for their Oregon invasion Saturday.

Coch Jimmy Phelan concentrated on reserves for the fullback and quarterback jobs. With Al Cruser and Chuck Newton injured, Don Jones and Chuck Decholt rank first at these posts. Meris Miller is taking a fling at fullback.

Halfback Bill Oleson of Portland, who played 60 minutes against the towering Trojans, and Jimmy Johnston apparently have the halfback jobs sewed up.

Huskies Upset Trojans



Before 18,000 fans, the University of Washington's Huskies upset the mighty championship-bound University of Southern California grid machine at Seattle, 7 to 6. It was USC's first defeat of the season coming on the heels of the Trojan's win over the University of California. Above: Grantville Lansell (28), Southern California's star back, starts on a 72-yard punt return for the Trojan's lone touchdown against the Huskies. (AP Photo.)

FORMER LOGGER PINS BELCASTRO IN WILD MELEE

Men and women who ordinarily are quiet and dignified citizens, closed in on the ring in the last few minutes of the brawl, waving threatening fists at the Mad Italian as he kicked the dazed Sockeye out into the front row pews time and time again.

Police men popped up from every corner of the big hall and quickly established a semi-circle around the big ex-logger as he groped among the customers, trying to find his dizzy way back into the ring.

Pete had given McDonald a vicious kick as the two gladiators and referee Earl Yoakley all went sprawling off the edge of the ring in a jumbled tangle. As Sockeye tried to crawl back through the ropes Pete let go with a Missouri mule kick that sent his foe back into the third row of spectators. Time and again Pete repeated this effective act but finally Sockeye met the rushing Pete with a clout to the jaw that sent the wild-eyed wop flat on his back in the middle of the ring. Using the ropes for a slingshot, McDonald sprang like a panther upon the flattened Italian and held him to the mat long enough for Yoakley to count three breathless numbers.

That was the end of the match, for it gave McDonald two out of three falls for his first wrestling victory over Belcastro in the Medford ring. Pete had whipped him in their two previous encounters.

The whole thing was over in about 15 minutes. At the first gong the two feudists started throwing fists and in five minutes Pete had a first fall, when McDonald looked aside to say something to the referee. In the twinkling of an eye Pete rushed at Sockeye just as he turned his head to speak, socked him on the jaw and the hefty ex-logger fell over like a giant reedwood in a hurricane.

After the rest period Sockeye came back with a sponge in his hand and

Tony Galento Unimpressive In Technical Over Thomas

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Fight fans wondered today about Tony Galento's unimpressive return to the ring after an absence of four months.

Appearing in his first fight since he was taken ill with pneumonia in midsummer, the beer-loving saloon keeper of Orange, N. J., scored a three-round technical knockout over Harry Thomas, of Eagle Bend, Minn., at Convention hall last night.

A crowd of 10,000 which Promoter Herman Taylor said paid a gross gate of \$23,000 boomed long and loud as Thomas dropped to the floor five times in the third round before Referee Tommy O'Keefe stopped the fight after 2:20 of the round. Galento weighed 230, Thomas 198 1/2.

Galento, ranked by the National Boxing association as the leading challenger for Joe Louis' heavyweight championship, first flattened Thomas for a count of seven. The second count went to four, the third to nine and the fourth to six.

Pete protested violently. Just what McDonald planned to do with the sponge he did not make clear unless he intended to jam it down Pete's throat. At any rate Sockeye did not get to use it; he gave it a violent fling out among the spectators. Then he went to work and in four minutes of punching and drop-kicking had the Italian set up for a body press which evened the count at a fall apiece.

It was the final tumble that set off the fireworks as both men went to work with their hard fists. Most of the time it looked like another Belcastro win but the ex-logger revised just in time to get in his victorious clout.

The middle event between Frankie Schroll and Red Lyons never did get going for some reason or other. Hed's stalling tactics slowed the bout to a snail's pace most of the time. Schroll tried desperately to apply his paralyzing crocodile clutch and Lyons tried just as desperately, and successfully to keep out of it.

The bout ended in a draw on a sort of minor key that left the audience dissatisfied. The match dragged along to the fifth round without a tumble. In that canto Lyons snapped on his vicious leg strap after Yoakley had separated the men from a tangle in the ropes. Frankie yelled quits and Yoakley held up Red's hand for the fall. The crowd went wild with frenzy, yelling that it was a foul because Red did not break when the

referee separated the battlers. Hed-ling the shouts of the crowd, Yoakley reversed himself and awarded the fall to Schroll.

At the start of the sixth and final round Lyons immediately clamped on his leg strap again and took the fall. It was over so fast that the audience was sore.

The opener provided the evening's fast, clever and scientific wrestling as Cecil McGill and Bobby Wagner repeated their performance of a week ago. As in the previous encounter, McGill took two of the three falls. Wagner took the first fall in the initial round with a shoulder stand. Wagner came back to even the count in the second round with a body press after setting up Bobby with a series of drop kicks. The match ended in the fourth canto when McGill maneuvered out of an arm breaker to apply a self-strangle hold from which he shifted to a back breaker.

LIONS WIN FIRST GAME IN COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE

By the Associated Press

The Vancouver Lions won their first game of the Pacific coast hockey league season last night when they came from behind in a third period rush to defeat the Seattle Seahawks 5 to 4 in Vancouver.

The defeat Washington pinned on U. S. C. may turn out to be the one that shut the Rose Bowl gate in Troy's face. Cal. if it beats Stanford, may get the call despite the loss to the Jones men. According to sundry observers, the Trojans have games with U. C. L. A. and Notre Dame left. If they lose to the Irish—which is beginning to look like a sure thing—they will have three demerits against them.

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LON STINER HAS RIGHT TO MOURN COSTLY FUMBLE

Bobble That Probably Cost Game With California Also Lost Possible Chance at Conference Pennant

By Fred Hampson Associated Press Writer.

If Lon Stiner wants to cry over spilt milk this week there never was a man with a better right to do it. Had it not been for that five-yard fumble that probably cost O. S. C. a victory over California Mr. Stiner's organization would be right in the middle of a scorching stretch battle for the Pacific Coast conference pennant.

And if Mr. Stiner's numerically weak but competitively strong company had also managed to Atave off that one touchdown U. S. C. scored, they would now be leading the pack.

And if Mr. Stiner's fellows had also shaken off their September jitters and beaten Idaho—well, they'd practically be in the Rose Bowl.

Saturday the Orangemen ran up their colors by thumping Stanford for the first time in history and the victory, accompanied by Washington's amazing win over U. S. C. put them only one game behind the leaders with still a remote chance for a tie.

John Hogg, Random Glance columnist in Baker, conjectures pertinently on the possibility of an attempted comeback by Freddie Steele as the result of the thrashing Solly Krieger gave Al Hoatck.

"This may bring Steele out of retirement," writes Hogg, "and have him try to wrest the title from Krieger. . . . Krieger has always felt that Steele couldn't lick him so he would probably give him a crack at the belt. . . . If Steele stays smart he will let well enough alone."

Mac-Hi, last of the unbeaten-united major prep teams outside Portland, is hot for a state championship game but it balks like most other prep schools. At playing the Portland champs. The point of dispute is the nine-semester rule which it asserts gives Portlanders an edge.

Two weeks ago Mac-High coach Al Wiensel suggested a game with Salem for the prep crown to Ron Gemmel, Salem Statesman sports writer. Ron thought the plan sounded dandy but since then Eugene smashed Salem's non-defeat record.

Klamath Falls is proud of its point-after-touchdown kickers as well as of its touchdowns. The Pelicans have plenty of both.

For example in the Klamath Falls-Pendleton game a few weeks ago Krieger . . . Krieger has always felt that Steele couldn't lick him so he would probably give him a crack at the belt. . . . If Steele stays smart he will let well enough alone."

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BOWLING

The Ramblers took all three points from the Studebaker outfit in the city classic league bowling tournament play at the Medford bowling alleys last night.

Maid Rite won 2 to 1 over M & M, and the Active club won by a similar score over Pruitt's Mobilgas. Jim Moore of the Active club rolled the high individual score of 240 for a high three-game total of 613, record for the league season to date.

Scores follow:

Studebaker				
Pruitt	191	214	151	556
Stark	147	147	147	441
Sanderson	147	147	164	458
Paake	163	173	182	518
Pads	177	197	172	546
Totals	825	878	816	2519

Maid Rite				
Murray	154	174	176	504
Hagan	175	146	178	499
Bell	158	181	135	474
Gable	153	165	158	476
Saylor	161	126	168	455
Handicap	16	16	16	48
Total	817	808	851	2476

M & M				
Rengstorff	193	178	174	545
Adair	157	158	154	469
Daws	146	179	178	503
Jones	126	141	137	404
Semon	169	135	128	432
Total	791	821	771	2383

Pruitt's Mobilgas				
Bean	203	178	156	537
White	148	160	130	438
Weisenberger	195	162	187	544
Lantis	124	112	179	415
Pruitt, W.	207	153	161	521
Total	874	845	863	2582

Active Club				
Moore	216	177	220	613
Preytag	161	180	149	490
DeVore	171	149	170	490
Burroughs	185	139	212	536
Handicap	156	162	156	474
Total	899	807	907	2613

The Pintals and Wood Ducks bowled even in last night's play in the Elks bowling tournament, each taking two points.

Boyd of the Pintals was high individual scorer with 445 plus his 168 handicap for a total of 613.

Pintals				
Bierma	106	132	156	394
Sanderson	117	163	167	447
Lantis	133	198	128	459
Boyd	131	164	150	445
Dr. Johnson	113	125	136	374
Handicap	176	176	176	528
Totals	776	958	913	2647

Wood Ducks				
Piche	145	169	176	490
Tolly	139	148	180	467
Frazier	140	135	125	400
Williams	126	132	115	373
(Clarkin)	169	1	69	207
Handicap	143	143	168	454
Totals	862	896	908	2666

BEND HIGH ABANDONS TURKEY DAY CONTEST

BEND, Nov. 15.—(AP)—A Thanksgiving day game against some strong upstate team was virtually abandoned today by the Bend high school squad when one member contracted scarlet fever, exposing the whole team to the disease. Talk for a turkey day battle developed after Bend held the powerful Klamath club to a 6-6 tie the several weeks ago. No other players have shown symptoms of the disease.

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IRISH VOTED TOPS IN WEEK'S POLL OF SPORT SCRIBBLERS

Defeat of Army and Navy Carries Notre Dame to Favorite Rank — Texas Christian Second Choice

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The way things have been going lately, almost any team that hasn't had the tar licked out of it is good for at least a vote or two in the weekly Associated Press football ranking poll. Right now, however, Notre Dame is on top of a heap that includes 31 colleges.

Where the Irish will be in another week or two is another question. They were hardly in sight a few weeks ago. Then they whipped Army, Navy and Minnesota on successive Saturdays and earned the No. 1 ranking by a comfortable margin over Texas Christian, last week's leader. They play Northwestern, first conqueror of Minnesota, next Saturday, then go on to tackle Southern California December 3.

60 First Votes Notre Dame drew 60 first place votes from 92 sports writers who participated in the fifth poll of the season. The total was 887 points against 710 for T. C. U., which was picked No. 1 by 19 writers. Northwestern drew 23 points for 16th place and that combination easily makes the tussle of the Irish and the Wildcats this week's foremost gridiron attraction.

T. C. U., which didn't meet such tough opposition when it bowled over Texas, apparently dropped from the lead for that reason, and the horned Frogs will find it hard to go ahead if Notre Dame keeps on winning. T. C. U. plays Rice, an in-and-out-of-the-Southwest conference, Saturday.

Major Tilt's slated Other major contests listed for the leaders are Duke (No. 4) against North Carolina state, Pittsburgh (No. 5) against Penn State, Oklahoma (No. 7) against Iowa State in a game which will decide the exciting Big Six title race, and California (No. 9) against Stanford.

The complete ranking (first place votes in brackets, points scored on 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis) follows:

Team	Points
Notre Dame (60)	887
Texas Christian (19)	786
Tennessee (5)	639
Duke (3)	586
Pittsburgh (2)	532
Carnegie Tech	407
Oklahoma (1)	314
Cornell	194
California	138
Woly Cross	130

Second ten: Santa Clara 79, Wisconsin 52, Southern California 40, Dartmouth 38, Villanova 26, Northwestern 23, Michigan 19, Fordham 18, Texas Tech 17, Alabama 16.

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Sid Feder on SPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Herman Taylor, the Philly promoter, is willing to guarantee Maxie Baer 50 G's to tangle with Tony Galento in Atlantic City in February. For a couple of football Connie Mack's, how about Chick Agnew, 30-year-old coach at Whitewater (Wis.) Teachers, and Bob Kolf, 18 years, at Oshkosh. . . . Incidentally the grand old Mr. Mack still reports regularly to his desk in Shibe Park, even during these off-season days. . . . Don Budge tells the folks why he turned pro in that nickel mag—doesn't that \$75,000 speak for itself, Don? . . . Trinkleotes Selkirk reports the Yanks will come up with more punch and power in '39. . . . with Charlie Keller and Buddy Rosar in from Newark. . . . Just for the records, that was Baseballer Eddie Collins' boy who scored Yale's one and only touchdown against Princeton.

Silvio Council, the jockey, will have to be remembered when you're listing your grander comebacks for the year. . . . Since his nerve came back last spring, the Bronx horseman has booted home about 80 winners. . . . Mary Burke, Jack Dempsey's old No. 1 sparring, is match-making for the Auditorium Boxing association, down N'Awleens way. . . . A hundred business and professional men got together to form the outfit, and contributed to a pot of 15 grand to take care of any losses. . . . still haven't heard the exact whereabouts of Fred Fussell, the old pitcher. . . . is someone holding out?

Prize money is already in the safe for the \$5000 Augusta (Ga.) open December 2-4. . . . And Sammy Sneed, Denny Shute, Lawson Little and Jimmy Thompson are already in line for it. . . . And iron men: Baylor's Bullet Joe Patterson is still looking for his first minute off in 13 games over two seasons. . . . And Joe Shepherd, Kentucky's pony quarterback, was in there for only 60 minutes against Vandy, W. & L. Barna, Georgia Tech and Clemson.

U.S.G.A. STANDS PAT ON OFFICERS FOR 1939

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The United States Golf association will stand pat on its 1938 officers for the coming year. Archie M. Reid of the St. Andrews golf club, Yonkers, N. Y., has been nominated to succeed himself as president, and the entire list of officers presented by the nominating committee remains unchanged.

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