

Tigers Need Impressive Victory Over Cavemen Invaders Tonight

CHANCE FOR TILT WITH MAC-HI IF MEDFORD VICTOR

Post-Season Game to Settle State Title Depends On Successful Hurdle of Cocky Cavemen, Is Word

Medford high school's football team will have a chance tonight to show definitely whether or not it is of state champion calibre.

The Tigers line up on the Medford turf field at the stadium against Grants Pass at 8. It is a conference game and if Medford is to come out decisively on top in the southern Oregon league it must win without any buts and ifs. More than that Medford must win by an impressive score if it is to climb to its claims for the state championship.

How much hinges on tonight's game was revealed by a telegram received from Al Weinel, coach of Mac Hi of Milton-Freewater, the state's major undefeated, untied eleven which itself claims the Oregon prep school crown. Medford had negotiated for a post-season game with Mac-Hi to settle the question only where it can be settled satisfactorily—on the field.

Weinel's terse, subtle telegram merely said: "Willing to negotiate after you beat Grants Pass."

Weinel Has Doubts

So while some of the Black Tornado's over-optimistic boosters might think that tonight's game will be a walk-away for Medford, Coach Weinel apparently has other ideas. His telegram indicates at least a doubt that Medford can take Grants Pass.

And maybe Weinel is right. The unexpected frequently happens on the gridiron and if any local fans were planning to stay away from tonight's game with the notion that it would be a one-sided affair, they are liable to miss a real battle. Better take no chances. Mr. Fan. You can still get tickets.

Coach Bill Bowerman was non-committal on the outcome. Grants Pass presents a hurdle, he is well aware of that, and it is a hurdle that Medford simply must get over if it is to stay in the football limelight.

Bowerman Hopeful

Bowerman was slightly more optimistic about his squad. He will have all but one of the regulars at least on the bench. Frank Jones, left guard, will be the only regular definitely out of play. Jones will be out for the rest of the season with a practice-suffered injury. Bowerman said.

Don Montiehl, however, will be on the bench in uniform and may see action, the coach said. The fast right end, who has been suffering with a cold, returned to school yesterday afternoon after being absent all week. He was recovered enough for Bowerman to order him into a uniform for tonight. He probably won't start, however.

Bowerman announced his starting line-up as follows: John Prentice at center, Wally Eri, right guard, John Childers, left guard, Al Barrow, left tackle, Bill Clute, right tackle, Bob Verbeck, left end, Eugene Miller, right end, Bill Caples, quarter, Rod Stead, right half, Jack Bowman, left half, and Louis Thurman, fullback.

For an alternative backfield Bowerman will have Shorty Campbell, left half, Al Piche, right half, Gene McCurtley, quarter, and Bob Newland, fullback.

Coach Loren Tuttle will pick his Grants Pass starters from this aggregation: Blondel Ownbey, halfback, Jimmy Stinebaugh, quarter, Marvin Johnson, quarter, Fred Gray, half, Ralph Lanning, fullback, Roy Davidson, guard, Norman Headley, tackle, Lloyd Brown, tackle, Elwin McPhedden, center, Lewis Meeks, guard, Don Newman, end, and Captain Royal Mooers, end.

The game will start promptly at 8 o'clock and school authorities asked all spectators to be punctual so that early-comers will not be disturbed during the early stages of the game.

Grants Pass Boasts Time When Medfordites Balked At Playing Return Game

Medford high school's football Tigers are favorites to win over Grants Pass tonight but there was a time when the Cavemen had such a strong, tough eleven that the Black Tornado refused to play a scheduled game, too frightened to take to the field.

R. Allen, Grants Pass attorney, who was the Cavemen's coach back in 1919 when this ignominy was supposed to have come to the Medford eleven. Mr. Allen told all about it in a featured story in the Grants Pass Courier Tuesday.

The subject was opened by Bill Bears, former Grants Pass resident who now works on the Reno Gazette in Nevada. Bears sent the Courier a photograph of the 1919 Grants Pass team and reminded the Courier that the Cavemen that year were state champions. Whereupon ex-coach Allen was called upon for a story.

After telling about the impressive way that Grants Pass swept the state that year and was thinking about taking on Oregon or Oregon State varsity, Allen got down to the quaking Tigers who, he said, got too scared to play.

That year Grants Pass and Medford had two games scheduled. The Tigers were taken to see Grants Pass in the opening game against Ashland. They saw plenty. (This is Allen's story and so if any Medford boosters feel inclined to write to the editor, please address the missives to Mr. Allen in Grants Pass). The Tigers, in fact, saw the Ashland boys bounce all over the lot.

The Medford mentors noticed, however, that the Grants Pass gridiron was as hard as granite. So for the first of the two-game series, to be played here, the Medford mentors plowed up the local field until it was a foot deep in mud. That stowed up the Cavemen and they were able to beat Medford by only 39 to nothing.

Came time for the second game in Grants Pass. And now we'd better quote Mr. Allen directly. Wrote Mr. Allen in the Courier:

"But they vowed they'd get vengeance in the second game, which was to be played on our field a couple of weeks later. The boys went on a raw-meat diet and went to sleep dreaming of bouncing those Medford softies of the granite roadway that dissected the field. They'd show 'em."

"But some little bird must have got to Medford and told about it, for two days before the game, the Medford principal called our principal, Myron Gaston, and issued an ultimatum to the effect that we'd have to play our field if we wanted them to play us. Considerable argument ensued. Our field was just the same as it had been all those years Medford used to beat us. It was the same field our team practiced on every day. If we really plowed it as they wanted us to, it would only turn up hundreds of rocks, the like of which every square foot of it had about 100,000 of them—(apologies to WPA) throwing off the field as a regular preliminary to every practice."

"Finally we made a 'peace of Munich', so they wouldn't run out on us entirely and agreed to run a disc over the field. This was duly done in the presence of witnesses. Furthermore the disc marks could plainly be seen on the surface. The field was prepared for the game. The Medford team appeared on the scene and our boys were warming up on the field. The officials were on hand, but the Medford principal hadn't arrived, and their boys said he had to okay the field.

"Game-time approached, but not the Medford team. They were still in the dressing room and they never left it in football uniforms, for the principal arrived, inspected the field and declared it would be outright intubation and crucifix to put his boys on that field. I'm afraid he was right. It would have been mayhem or worse. Our gang was going after that 30 points."

"But they didn't get them. They got one point. The referee lined our boys up for the kick-off, called up on the Medford team to take the field within a specified time, and upon their failure to show their faces, declared the game forfeited to Grants Pass."

"So far as I know, that is the only time in the history of football that Medford, or any other team, was just plain scared out and quit cold."

TRIO PINCH HIT FOR I. PICKEM ON PIGSKIN SCORES

After correctly prognosticating the Washington-Southern California upset last week, Mr. I. Pickem vanished into thin air and hasn't been seen in these parts since.

It is feared that his correct doping went to his head and the poor fellow is wandering around the nation's grid-irons saying "I told you so." Whatever he is doing, Mr. Pickem let the Mail Tribune down with a bang and without a single expert of his rare analytical mind to dope out this week's games for our colony of football fans.

Desperately up against it, the Mail Tribune hastily gathered a regency of three near-experts to pinch-hit (if we may mix up baseball with this) for the redoubtable Mr. Pickem. It was figured that three near-experts would at least approach Mr. Pickem's talent for clairvoyance.

From the choice of the three-man regency, this department took the consensus. But please be warned on one thing: there is only one thing more uncertain than a selection by an individual. That is a consensus.

With that warning though in mind the regency goes to work. Here it is:

Medford-Grants Pass—The Tigers to win tonight by at least 19-0.

California-Stanford—While the Indians are fed up with losses and are ready to smack down any opponent willing to go under, the nod goes to the Bears, 19 to 12.

Rose Bowl winners are down in the slough and Syracuse will keep them there, 20-6.

Harvard-Yale—Harvard is rated as the best team ever to drop four consecutive games. On this baguette Yale is slated to lose, 7-20.

Purdum-South Carolina—The Tar Heelers won't have enough to hold the rampaging burcher from New York's Bronx, Purdum, 19 to 0.

Michigan-Ohio State—The Ohioans are in for a sound thrashing, 13-0.

Minnesota-Wisconsin—It's going to be a tough game but Minnesota will come out on top, 12 to 7.

Notre Dame-Northwestern—The Irish are not going to let down at this stage of the season. An easy win for Notre Dame, 19-6.

Oregon-Washington—It would be nice to see dear old Oregon win a game again but it can't be done this week. Washington, 13-6.

Pittsburgh-Penn State—There will not be much for Penn in this eastern rivalry contest. Pitt, 27-0.

Texas-Christian-Rice—Watch out for this one. It may provide the week's upset. Nevertheless on past performance, the Christians to win a tight game, 19-13.

Army-Princeton—Watch out for this one too. Princeton must come out on top some time just by the law of averages but the crystal ball says Army, 20 to 12.

Oklahoma-Iowa State—19 to 0 for Oklahoma.

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MRS. GALL LEADS SHARPSHOOTERS

Mrs. Ceell Gall demonstrated her shooting ability last night on the Medford Rifle club indoor range to lead many of the members by a safe margin.

Mrs. Gall's score of 390x400 and Roscoe Edwards' 389 were 10 points ahead of the score of their nearest competitors over the four-position indoor course at the 50-foot targets.

Because next Thursday is Thanksgiving, record scores will be fired on Wednesday evening, with Monday night devoted to practice as usual.

Complete scores last night were:

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R. L. Edwards	389
Ivan Waddell	379
S. M. Tuttle	379
Clyde Richmond	377
Ed Lull	376
C. C. Gall	376
Hilbert Young	376
Otto Howard	374
Pick Tuttle	371
Mrs. Ivan Waddell	370
Low Conger	368
Mrs. S. M. Tuttle	359
Division II.	
Jack Denison	283

JEFFERSON COPS PORTLAND TITLE

PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The Portland interscholastic league's football season officially ended last night with Jefferson sealed securely in the championship chair for the third straight year.

Jefferson showed power to burn in defeating Grant 7 to 0. Jeff finished the season undefeated and ran its consecutive victory string to ten games.

Benson topped Lincoln, winning an afternoon game 14 to 0.

JVILLE TOWNIES SEEKING GAMES

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 18.—(Sp.)—Jacksonville town team played their second game in the 1938 basketball season Tuesday night at the Jacksonville high school gymnasium, defeating Butte Falls, 27-22. It was a fast and even game.

The half period ended with the score 11 to 10 in favor of Jacksonville.

Jacksonville's schedule is open for any team that cares to play them. They boast a good team this year and will probably enter the Medford league.

Jacksonville lineup: Eddie Glover, Tommy Dunnington, Bud Reinking, Gail Lusk, Junior Ayers, Roger Card, Dick Hoffman, and Cal Lusk.

APOSTOLI, CORBETT SET FOR TONIGHT'S BATTLE

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Having finished their training without the fracture of a single sacro-iliac, Freddie Apostoli and Young Corbett met, clash at Madison Square Garden tonight for the "world middleweight championship" as it is understood by the New York state athletic commission.

Prospects are the two Californians will settle their argument in semi-privacy, with fewer than 10,000 scattered about the big arena. The fight has failed to catch on, partly because the house has been sealed at championship prices and many fans do not think it is a bona fide championship fight.

ELK HUNTERS GET TWO IN BARNYARD

BAKER, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Two North Powder hunters learned that luck is a relative term, depending upon the angle from which it is considered.

John Cutting and a man whose name was not learned had about completed arrangements for an elk hunting trip when they were called to the farm home of John Brant on an errand.

As the men reached the Brant farm they were astounded to see two bull elk calmly eating from a hay stack in a field. Recovering from the shock, the hunters fiered and two elk fell dead. The men returned home with the elk with conflicting feelings of happiness and regret.

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NEW MUSCLE MANGLER TO MAKE APPEARANCE ON MONDAY MAT CARD

A new face will be seen in the Medford Armory ring Monday night when Rusty Nescott lines up against the popular Ceell McGill in the opener of Promotor Mack Lillard's weekly grappling card.

Nescott will be making his first appearance on the west coast and Lillard said he will be in there working his head off to uphold the record he has established for victorious wrestling in the south and middle west. The rusty one hails from Waco, Texas.

Nescott weighs 190 pounds and is rated a clever but rough matman. If he gets too rough Ceell can be counted upon to take the wind out of him with some of the famous McGill dropkicks.

The tough mugs will meet in the main event, Pete Belcastro, the screwball Italian, and Red Lyons, the scouring Ghost from Joplin, Mo. With Pete carrying the fight to the hefty red-head, the match ought to be a whirlwind and one that will permit plenty of boogie since both are exceedingly unpopular because of their dirty tactics.

It will be here versus villain in the middle event between the popular Frankie Schroll and the tough ex-lagger, Sockeye Jack McDonald. Sockeye used to be a hero here too, just because of his roughness. He was rough and tough but never dirty. But of late he has lost some of his roughness and his popularity has waned.

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