

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:

Medford Stock Upped By Win Over Coquille

What a game, what a grand exhibition of football as she played by a couple of top notch prep outfits. The issue was in doubt right up to the last two minutes of play, and when that final gun sounded there probably wasn't one person in the huge crowd of 5,000 who could say he had witnessed a more thrilling, dramatic and pulse-throbbing clash this season.

Coquille came here with a remarkable record of not having been scored on in eight ball games, while running up an average of 40 points on their own behalf per tussle. The Red Devils came here with the reputation of being a fine forward-passing aggregation and boasting an equally potent running attack. All the kind things said and written about Spike Leslie's team were born out.

Everett Smith, right halfback, was one of the finest backs we have seen on the stadium turf this season. Krantz, fullback, was not far behind. And, that Coquille line was just short of terrific. The entire team was well-coached in fundamentals, and showed a very deceptive attack based on spinners and reverses, and sharp forward passes. For a town of 2,700, it is remarkable that such a fine football team could be produced. Coquille honestly surprised almost everybody by its balance and polish, and Medford should be, and undoubtedly is, proud of itself for beating such a fine club, 6 to 0. The Red Devils in this writer's estimation, were the strongest team the Tornado has played this season, and could give Klamath Falls a neat grid lesson.

If this was the last game for the Black Tornado, then the locals have a better claim to the mythical state title than any other team. Milwaukie is the only other logical claimant, and the Maroons' 13 to 13 tie with Eugene, which Medford walloped 20 to 6, doesn't make the Tiger claim any weaker.

From a flock of our Ashland operatives comes word that

5,000 Watch Black Tornado Defeat Coquille, 6 to 0

Jean Eberhart, the sky-scraping athletic tutor of Southern Oregon College of Education, is going to have himself a basketball team the coming season.

Not just an ordinarily strong SOCE outfit, these reports reveal, but one to make everybody forget all about those super-hoop arrays turned out by Howard Hobson before he moved up to University of Oregon.

Yes, according to the dope drifting this way, the 1939-40 SOCE casaba crew will be that good, maybe better. With no football to interfere this year, Ebbie's maple court artists have been going at it full blast for several months, and the team is in great shape for its opening game against Oregon's defending national champions in Eugene Saturday night.

Eberhart is blessed with fine players two and three deep at every position. In fact, there are so many good men available he is planning to keep two teams intact and substitute one for the other at the proper time.

At the forward spots are two lettermen—George Bullion and Jack Kennitzer—and a flock of new aspirants who are burning things up. George Bassman, an ex-Marysville, Cal., independent star, and Bob Mulder, six-foot six-inch giant from Vancouver, Wash., high, are looking very good, as are Bob Strickland of Silverton and Gene Creits of Roseburg.

Big Walt Sether, three-year veteran, is being pressed for his center position by Everett Fox, a transfer from Oregon and former Belfountain high all-state player. His brother, Howard Fox, a Monmouth transfer, will be available for action after the fall quarter.

Jean has a horde of excellent guards working out, including Jack Cady and Frank March, lettermen; Bud Patzke of Bly, Dick Wiley of The Dalles, Charles Warren, tiny ex-Ashland high flash; and Jake Fischer of Oakridge, who played with Ladde Gale in high school.

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AERIAL FROM BOB NEWLAND TO BILL PICHE DOES TRICK

Touchdown Scored In Fourth Quarter; State Title Claim Is Earned By Victory.

Game Statistics		
	Medford	Coquille
Yds. (scrimmage).....	234	88
Yds. (passes).....	75	70
Total yardage.....	309	158
1st Downs (scrimmage).....	13	7
1st Downs (passes).....	1	3
Total 1st downs.....	14	10
Passes attempted.....	10	12
Passes completed.....	6	6
Passes intercepted.....	1	1
Number of punts.....	3	5
Av. length punts.....	39	33
Penalties.....	3	0
Yds. lost penalties.....	35	0

Medford's dream of a place in the Oregon prep football sun came true yesterday when the Black Tornado, with one, sharp scoring thrust in the early moments of the fourth quarter, shattered the undefeated, untied and unscored-upon record of Coquille high's Red Devils. The score was 6 to 0.

It was a 34-yard aerial play that brought victory to Medford and sent a majority of the 5,000 spectators into a frenzy of excitement—an unerring 14-yard pitch from Left Halfback Bob Newland to Right Halfback Billy Piche, who dashed 20 more yards to cross the goal line after folding the forward pass to his bosom.

It was a thrilling climax to a tough, hard-socking ball game, and it sent the Medfords rocketing to the pinnacle of the state's high school football machines. The Black Tornado, now can grip the mythical championship with an almost unchallenged firmness.

One Drive Stopped
Until that fourth-period touchdown of the Tornado's it appeared that the gallant Red Devils of Spike Leslie, living up to their terrific reputation in every respect, were destined to check Bill Bowerman's Tigers to a scoreless deadlock.

Once before, in the first quarter, a Medford scoring drive had faltered when the Coquille forward wall rose up to halt the advance on the 14-yard line, and all through the second period and most of the third the Tigers experienced difficulty in consistently piercing the line which hadn't yielded a point in eight straight games.

Finally, near the end of the third stanza, the Medford forwards started breaking Newland and Piche loose into the secondary, and the Tornado's touchdown drive got under way.

It was actually born when Bob Leonard, left end, recovered a Coquille fumble on Med-

Ex-Card Plans Comeback



Bill DeLancey, who four years ago was sent to Arizona with a lung ailment so serious doctors feared he would never play baseball again, will join the St. Louis Cardinals next spring. Bill is shown near Phoenix with his favorite horse. The 27-year-old catcher wrote the Cards' president "not to expect too much, and you might get a pleasant surprise."

ford's 27-yard line. In exactly eight plays the Tornado roared 73 yards to get those six big tallies.

After one pass was incomplete, Newland broke off Coquille's left tackle and rambled 13 yards. Piche then circled his own left end for 12 more to the Coquille 48 as the third quarter ended.

Another pass was incomplete, then Newland got two around left end and Piche ripped off seven on a reverse around right end. Ike Orr hammered center for five, and it was a first down on Coquille's 34-yard stripe.

Came the payoff. Newland, receiving, the ball from center, ran several steps to his right, faded back and fired into the right flat, where Piche was all alone. Billy gobbled it up and was away to football heaven. Only one defender barred his path—Quarterback Johnny Shambo—and the right halfback faked him out of position and flashed into the end zone.

Kick Blocked
It didn't matter that Right Guard Johnny Williams, a bright star in the Coquille line, crashed through to block Piche's attempted place-kick for the extra point. Those six markers were enough.

Although they were plenty, the Tornado apparently wasn't satisfied and launched another drive that was stopped by the game's end, on the Coquille 10-yard line. After Coquille punted to the Medford 20-yard line, Newland broke away for a 45-yard broken-field run, longest of the game, but the Tigers were set back 15 yards for unnecessary roughness. Newland and Orr picked up 15 yards, then Newland tossed a 13-yard pass to Louie Thurman. In four smashes at the weary Coquille line Newland gained 14 yards, placing the leather on the 10. Before another play could be called the struggle was over.

Only once did Coquille threaten the Tornado goal line. In the

overwhelming advantage in yards gained, moving 234 on the ground to Coquille's 88 and 75 through the air to Coquille's 70. Newland, playing probably the finest game of his life, accounted for 120 yards from scrimmage all by himself, an average of seven per carry. In addition, he completed six out of 10 forward passes and averaged 39 yards in three punts. Ike Orr ran for 63 yards in 12 tries, an average of 5.2 yards; John Saulsberry piled up 27 yards from scrimmage in seven attempts and Piche made 24 yards in six lugs.

Smith was practically the whole show for the Red Devils on offense, ripping off 66 yards in 12 tries for a 5.5 average. Krantz got 22 yards for himself. Coquille made all its yardage on spinner and reverse plays, displaying a deceptive attack with fine blocking.

Unbeaten in 15 Starts

Outstanding in the Medford line were Captain Dale Howard, Alden Hibbert and three reserves, Dean Grimes, Bill Wall and Jim Wallis. However, the entire Tiger forward wall played grand ball, clearing the way for the backs and holding tight on defense except for the five occasions when Krantz and Smith broke through for runs of from 11 to 19 yards.

The victory was Medford's eighth in nine starts this season and marked the 15th straight clash the Tornado has played without suffering defeat. Eureka, Cal., was the last team to beat Medford, early in the 1938 season.

Lineups and Summary:

Medford: Barrow, LER; Arnold, LTR; Arrell, LGR; Williams, H. Thurman, C; Landaker, Howard, RGL; Moy, Clute, RTL; Gaulke, Moyer, REL; Goodman, L. Thurman, QB; Shambo, Newland, LHR; Smith, Piche, RHL; Schaefer, Saulsberry, FB; Krantz. Subs: Medford: Gunnette, Grimes, Wallis, Wall, Leonard, Florey, Johnson, Orr; Coquille: Holmstrom, Ray.

Scoring: Medford, touchdown, Piche.

Score by periods:	0	0	0	0	0
Coquille	0	0	0	0	0
Medford	0	0	0	6	6

SPARTANS CRUSH FRESNO, 42 TO 7

Fresno, Calif., Nov. 24.—(AP) San Jose State's powerful football team hoped for an invitation to play in one of the post-season "bowl" games today after swarming over the previously-unbeaten Fresno State Bulldogs, 42 to 7, in a Thanksgiving day battle that meant 12 straight wins for the high-scoring Spartans.

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