

TIGERS, PELICANS DOMINATE ALL-STAR GRID TEAMS

Co-Champs Each Place Five Men; One for Cavemen

All-Southern Oregon Conference Teams

First Team		Second Team	
PLAYER	Pos.	PLAYER	Pos.
Royal Mooers, Grants Pass	E.	Bud Silver, Ashland	E.
Bill Clute, Medford	T.	Al Barrow, Medford	T.
Charles Slaymaker, K. Falls	C.	Kenneth Wilson, K. Falls	C.
Charles Coffman, K. Falls	G.	Harry Thurman, Medford	G.
Dale Howard, Medford	T.	Alden Hibbert, Medford	T.
Hugh Barnett, K. Falls	G.	Richard Espey, G. Pass	G.
Harold Weber, K. Falls	E.	Donald Moyer, Medford	E.
Louis Thurman, Medford	B.	Walter Salsbery, K. Falls (c)	B.
Bob Anacker, K. Falls	B.	Melvin Ramos, K. Falls	B.
Bob Newland, Medford (c)	B.	Bill Rush, Klamath Falls	B.
Al Piche, Medford	B.	John Salsbery, Medford	B.

Honorable Mention

Ends: Stan Winter, Medford; Marion Reginato, Klamath Falls. Tackles: Lyndel Newby, Ashland; Earl Schilling, Ashland. Guards: Ray Crane, Klamath Falls; Roy Davidson, Grants Pass. Center: Edward Young, Grants Pass. Back: Bill Davis, Grants Pass.

A team that would boast almost unbelievable offensive equipment in the backfield, with spectacular speed and shiftness spread among three ball-carriers, with forward passing and punting of a calibre far above par for prep pigskins, and with the excellent blocking and generalship so necessary to make a grid machine roll.

A team that, were it possible to collect its respective members and weld them into a unit, would move into battle with a big, tough 191-pound forward wall capable of tossing back all ground attacks of its opponents and, on offense, unleash a bruising charge for the benefit of its own lightning-fast backs, whose average weight would be 157 pounds.

This is the mythical 1939 All-Southern Oregon conference football aggregation, selected by coaches and sports writers of the four loop towns and released today, for the sixth straight year, by the Mail Tribune.

The first eleven is almost completely dominated by Medford's Black Tornado and the Klamath Falls Pelicans, who battled each other to a scoreless tie and wound up the season with no defeats and deadlocked for the conference championship. Both teams placed five players on the all-conference outfit, while the Grants Pass Cavemen, who finished third in the race, received the remaining position.

Ashland high's Grizzlies, who failed to win a game during their most disastrous season in history, placed one man on the second team. Five Medford players, four Klamath and one Grants Pass lad completed the second team personnel.

The first team backfield is composed of three Medford players and one from Klamath Falls. In the line, Pelican stalwarts earned four posts, Medford men two and Grants Pass one.

Medford's Bob Newland, 150-pound triple-threat left half-back, was the best-liked backfield man in the conference. With each coach and writer selecting his own all-conference teams, first and second, and two points being given for first team mention and one for second team nomination, Newland received a total of 14 points out of a possible 16. In the voting for captaincy, Newland received three ballots, so he becomes the 1939 all-conference first team leader.

Walt Salsbery, Klamath's blocking quarterback, was honored by the balloters for the second team captaincy.

Royal Mooers, big Grants Pass end, and Bill Clute, 250-pound Medford tackle, both polled 14 points to become the most popular linemen. Charles Coffman, 236-pound Klamath Falls center, was the next best liked lineman with 13 points.

Mooers, Anacker Repeat

There were 20 unanimous choices for any position on the first team, and only two repeaters from last year's all-conference eleven. Mooers was awarded a flank position for the second straight season and Bobby Anacker, Klamath's flashy left-half-back, again was named to the first outfit.

Advancing from last year's second team to this season's first eleven was Coffman, Pelican snapper-back. Up from 1938's honorable mention was Medford's Bill Clute. The 1939 second team has two repeaters from last year — Kenneth Wilson, Klamath guard, and Al Barrow, Medford tackle.

Besides Newland, the Black Tornado placed Al Piche and Louis Thurman in the backfield, and Clute and Guard Dale Howard in the line. Klamath Falls got Anacker in the backfield and End Harold Weber, Tackle Hugh Barnett, Guard Charles Slaymaker and Center Coffman in the line. Grants Pass placed Mooers at an end berth.

End Balloting Close

Balloting for the end positions was very close, except for Mooers. Klamath's Harold Weber, the other wingman, barely noted out Bud Silver of Ashland and Don Moyer of Medford, who were named to the second team. Weber polled eight points, Silver seven and Moyer six.

Clute and Barnett won their tackle berths with ease, the former getting 14 points and the latter 11. Medford's Al Barrow and Dick Espey of Grants Pass, second team tackles, both received eight points.

The guard posts were determined only after a dog fight. Slaymaker of Klamath polled 10 points, Howard of Medford nine, Kenneth Wilson of Klamath eight and Alden Hibbert of Medford six. In all, 10 guards were mentioned by the coaches and writers.

Coffman, second largest man in the line, won the center position hands down over Medford's Harry Thurman, who was placed on the second team. Coffman accumulated 13 points, Thurman seven. Only one other center was mentioned, Edward Young of Grants Pass, who received three points for honorable mention.

Newland Best-Liked Back

Except for Newland, balloting for the backfield positions was exceptionally close. Louie Thurman and Piche of Medford both received 12 points and Anacker of Klamath got 11, which barely placed him on the first team over his teammate, Melvin Ramos and Medford's John Salsbery, who both pulled 10 points.

Right behind them was Bill Rush of Klamath, with nine points and Walter Salsbery of Klamath, with eight points. Bill Davis of Grants Pass polled six points for honorable mention.

In order to place in the backfield the four players receiving the greatest number of points, their positions are not designated; they are merely called "backs." As a result of this, the first team backfield actually is composed of one quarterback, Thurman; two left halfbacks, Newland and Anacker; and one right halfback, Piche. By the same token, the second team backfield is composed of one quarterback, Salsbery; one right halfback, Ramos; and two fullbacks, Rush and Salsbery.

Team Is Heavy

The first team would take the field averaging 178.8 pounds, with Clute being the heaviest man at 250 pounds and Newland and Slaymaker the lightest at 150. The second team line would average 169.7, the backfield 179 and the team as a unit 173. Barrow, at 195, would be the largest man on the second eleven and Silver, at 152, the smallest.

Those who participated in the balloting, each naming his own first and second team, were Coaches Arthur (Snowy) Guatason of Klamath Falls, Bill Bowerman of Medford, Forrest (Skeet) O'Connell of Ashland, Loren Tuttle of Grants Pass and Sports Writers Larry Hunter of the Ashland Daily Tidings, Roy Smedley of the Grants Pass Courier, Bill Cummings of the Klamath News-Herald and Bill Hulien of the Mail Tribune.

As in years past, the Mail Tribune, which sponsors the annual all-conference selections and tabulates the votes, will issue award cards to all players named to the first and second teams and to those receiving honorable mention, the latter by polling three or more points.

Following are the players and their qualifications, with number of points they received in parentheses:

Ends: Royal Mooers, Grants Pass, (14)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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This 185-pound flankman was one of the finest players developed in Grants Pass in the past several years. On a rather weak Caveman team he stood out as the best end in the conference.

Harold Weber, Klamath Falls, (8). He was brilliant on both offense and defense, and although weighing only 165 pounds was a savage tackler and blocker.

Bud Silver, Ashland, (7) and Donald Moyer, Medford, (6). These players were only slightly less potent than the two first team ends. Silver was probably the best all-around performer on the Ashland club, while Moyer developed into a fine player for the Tornado.

Tackles

Bill Clute, Medford, (14). A veritable giant of defense, where he used his tremendous weight to stymie plays aimed at his position. Fairly fast on his feet and a great favorite with fans and teammates.

Hugh Barnett, Klamath Falls, (11). One of the best in Klamath's powerful forward wall. A 165-pounder who rocked and socked like a tackle should.

Al Barrow, Medford, (8) and Dick Espey, Grants Pass, (8). Barrow made a great running mate for Clute, using his 195 pounds to the best possible advantage. Espey was a bulwark in the Grants Pass line and opposing teams usually stayed away from his post.

Guards

Charles Slaymaker, Klamath Falls, (10). He weighed only 160 pounds but was a devastating blocker and tackler. He was largely responsible for the success of the Pelican running attack.

Dale Howard, Medford, (9). Captain of the Black Tornado, the 170-pound Howard was considered one of the best guards to wear the red and black in many seasons. Like Slaymaker, Howard did terrific mop-up work on offense.

Centers

Charles Coffman, Klamath Falls, (13) and Harry Thurman, Medford, (7). Coffman's weight made him a highly valuable member of the Pelican forward wall, and he is considered a promising college material. Thurman of Medford didn't make a bad pass all season, and was a fine line backer.

Backs

Louis Thurman, Medford, (12). According to remarks made by the coaches and writers, Thurman was placed on the first team principally because of his excellent signaling for the tigers, which was well-nigh perfect. He was also a good blocker and pass receiver.

Bobby Anacker, Klamath Falls, (11). Although this 165-pound speedster didn't run so wild this season as he did last, he was Klamath's big ground-gainer and scorer. He was especially dangerous on punt returns and, once in a broken field, was very hard to bring down.

Bob Newland, Medford, (14). A triple-threat of a runner, passer and punter to gladden the heart of any coach, Newland was the spark plug of the Tornado offense and was on the throwing end of the loop's most effective aerial combination—Newland to Piche.

Al Piche, Medford, (12). From his right halfback position Piche made fine style. Ramos was a hard-hitting right halfback and Rush averaged over 44 yards on his punts for the entire season. Salsbery of Medford was probably the league's best line-plunger.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press

Chicago—Henry Wacker, 194, Taylorville, Ill., knocked out Leo Bruce, 182½, Pittsburgh (3).

Pittsburgh: Frankie Covelli, 128, Brooklyn, outpointed Sixto Escobar, 123, Puerto Rico (10).

Washington — Harry Jeffra, 124, Baltimore, outpointed Johnny Buff, 122½, Jersey City (8).

Atlanta—Ken Overlin, 163, Washington, and Ben Brown, 160, Atlanta, drew (10).

NURMI ABANDONS PLAN FOR TOUR OF AMERICA

Helsinki, Dec. 12.—(P) Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner who has been driving a truck in removing citizens from Helsinki said today he had abandoned plans to take Taisto Maki, currently Finland's outstanding distance runner, on a tour of the United States.

CLAYTON EMPLOYS BOSTON CRAB TO VANQUISH BOZELL

King Kong Clayton turned the tables on Paul Bozell in their wrestling rematch in the armory last night, springing out of one of Bozell's Boston crab holds and clamping on one of his own to win the third and deciding tumble of a rough brawl before a near-capacity audience.

It was a thrilling climax to a thrilling match. It came when Bozell seemed to have clinched his second straight victory over the Birmingham Negro, and how Clayton ever managed to weather a series of punches that apparently left him goofy, and then flip out of Bozell's crab hold only to slap the same maneuver on Bozell, was nothing short of remarkable.

Bozell wasted no time in gaining the first fall. He opened up with body punches and arm twists and made Clayton give up in three minutes. It was a Boston crab that did the work.

Six minutes later the Negro flash had the equalizing tumble, on a foul when Bozell refused to heed Referee Earl Yoakley's ultimatum to stop using the ropes illegally.

It looked to be all over when Bozell, five minutes later, weakened Clayton with clouts to the body and managed to flop him over and apply the crab. However, Clayton gave a mighty heave, broke the hold and started firing dropkicks. Two of them landed flush on Bozell's chin and the Negro quickly took advantage of Bozell's weariness to whip on his own crab hold. Bozell was forced to give up and the fans went home happy.

Clara Mortensen, world's woman lightweight champion, took two out of three falls from Gladys Nolan, a capable and pretty blonde matwoman, in the special semi-windup. Considerable hair was pulled and foul punches tossed, by Miss Mortensen, before the exciting match was completed.

The champion used a flying body-scissors and a press to win the first fall in 13 minutes, but Miss Nolan came back to even the score with a body press in 16 minutes.

La Mortensen hammered her opponent with doubled-up fists to set the stage for her deciding fall, finally obtaining it with a ferocious body slam.

Miss Nolan staged a game fight and several times had the champion on the run for the ropes, but Miss Mortensen's experience and slightly better condition proved deciding factors. Referee Earl Yoakley became entangled in the brawl a number of times.

Sgt. Bob Kenaston took two straight falls from Leo Mortensen, Clara's brother, despite the fact that Leo displayed great improvement over his previous appearances here. The Gold Hill pad boy's first tumble came in the second round, after three stunning dropkicks and a body press. He ended the match in

UCLA Battles USC to Scoreless Tie



In a football game that kept 103,000 Los Angeles fans thrilled to the final gun, the University of California at Los Angeles and Southern California battled to a scoreless tie. Here Bill Overlin, hard-driving UCLA fullback, dove through a big hole in the USC line for five yards. USC players in white jerseys are Winslow (73), Gaspar (44), Stoeker (68), Sohn (55), Fisk (50). UCLA players include Frawley (12), Robinson (28) and Simpson (44).

the fourth heat with a Gold Hill swivel and press.

Bobby Chick needed just one fall to win the opener from Eddie Rogers. It came in the third round, and was manufactured with an airplane spin. Just before Chick hoisted Rogers to his shoulders the latter sent Chick spinning into the ropes with three dropkicks, but as he moved in to take advantage Chick bent over, caught Eddie around the waist and up he went.

CHALLEDON NAMED 'HORSE OF YEAR'

Baltimore, Dec. 12.—(P)—As easily as he romped to victory in the Preakness or the Pimlico Special, Challedon today scampered off with top honors in the Turf and Sports Digest's fourth annual poll for the "horse of the year" designation.

But if Challedon, W. L. Brann's great three-year-old is the king of the turf, Col. E. R. Bradley's Bimelech must be called the crown prince.

Running alongside of those two favorites are Kayak II, C. S. Howard's importation, which won the vote for the best four-year-old, and Now What, named the best two-year-old filly.

Of the 208 turf writers and experts participating in the poll, 156 picked Challenger II's big son for top honors after he took charge of the three-year-old parade, following Johnston's crack-up, and climaxed his triumphs with that great victory in the Pimlico Special.

Alice Marble Chosen Year's Outstanding Woman Athlete

New York, Dec. 12.—(P)—Encountering no more opposition than she met on the tennis courts this year, blonde Alice Marble was named today the outstanding woman athlete of 1939 by a record landslide of votes of the nation's sports experts.

Rolling up the widest margin ever compiled by a winner in the nine-year history of the Associated Press annual poll, the queen of the courts was named No. 1 on the ballots of 54 of the 63 experts who voted. Her triumph put a tennis player on top for the first time since Helen Wills Moody turned the trick in 1935.

There was strictly no competition for California Alice. With the experts voting for first, second and third place choices, and ballots counting three, two and one points respectively, the year's Wimbledon and national champion polled a total of 167 points. Far back, in second place, was the U. S. women's golf ruler, Betty Jameson, of San Antonio, Tex., with two first-place selections and 35 points.

The 1938 winner, little freckle-faced Patty Berg, whose golf hopes for the year were shattered by an appendectomy, was third, with 31 points, although she did not receive a first-place mention. Those were the only three to run their point totals into double figures.

Surprise of the balloting was the support shown for Eleanor Holm, star of the world's fair

BOB SMITH VOTED 'MOST VALUABLE' WEBFOOT PLAYER

Eugene, Dec. 12.—(P)—Robert "Lefty Bob" Smith, senior right halfback of the University of Oregon football team, sported a handsome 21-jewel wrist-watch today—emblematic of the Hoffman grid award presented annually to the Webfoot gridders voted the most valuable player on the squad.

Forty teammates selected the Medford journalism student instead of his more famous partner in the "touchdown twin" tandem—Jay Graybeal. Smith, a 190-pounder, was the team's leading ground gainer this season. He carried the ball 64 times for 325 yards and completed 23 of his 51 passes for an additional 405 yards, bringing his season's total to 730 yards on the ground and in the air.

Since they were sophomores, Smith and Graybeal have combined to complete a long list of touchdown passes, and last year "Lefty Bob" came into his own with a near-record 92-yard touchdown run against Idaho.

Other leading contenders for the award besides Graybeal were Tackle Jim Stuart, Guard Ernie Robertson, Quarterback Dennis Donovan and End Vic Reginato.

JIM PHELAN SIGNS 1 YEAR CONTRACT

Seattle, Dec. 12.—(P)—Coach Jim Phelan attached his signature to a new one year contract yesterday which will carry him through his 11th year of University of Washington football.

Athletic Director Ray Eckmann in announcing the renewal of the contract did not disclose the salary figure but said it would be same as in the three-year contract which expires December 31. Phelan's salary has been reported around \$9,000 annually.

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