

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

No Game Turkey Day, Unless Two Army Teams Play

Medford will have no Thanksgiving day football game involving the Black Tornado.

That is practically a certainty. With The Dalles clash coming up the week following Turkey day, it is the opinion of the Medford coaching staff and school officials that it would be too much of a risk to schedule a tough opponent before the game which may decide the state title.

Nothing could be settled, no championship of any kind could be determined in a game with any team on Thanksgiving day, and it is felt that such a contest wouldn't be worth the chance the Tornado would take in suffering injuries to one or more key men. We agree. Think how the locals would be weakened if Bill Wall or Ike Orr or Cato Wray, say, should be crippled for The Dalles fracas.

So, there will not be a game here November 20, unless—

Unless somebody or some organization takes advantage of the golden opportunity to promote a struggle between two U. S. army teams. It can be done. It is right there, waiting to be arranged.

Battery B, 249th Coast Artillery at Fort Stevens, has a great football eleven. Last weekend they battled John Warren's University of Oregon freshmen to a scoreless tie before a sell-out crowd at Astoria. And they want a game in this section of the state.

Sgt. Jess Barton writes us that "if you think there is a possibility of getting a game lined up down there, let us know. We may be able to get one of these other army teams to travel down there with us and put on a show for you."

So, there it is. There is the chance to provide a gridiron attraction for the thousands of fans here who, down through the years, have always, always had their football on Thanksgiving day. It can be done, and we believe it should be done.

Every player on the 249th squad is a home-spun Oregonian. Sgt. Barton writes, "And, boy oh boy, what a line-up they have. Steve Fowler, ex-Ashland high star and University of Oregon player, is the fullback. Bobby Anacker, now weighing 165 pounds, is the left half. Remember Anacker, from Klamath Falls? Charley Warren, "faster than ever," is the right half. He's from Ashland. Salem's Virgil Teams plays quarter.

The forward wall is gigantic. Frank Pettijohn, 220-pound ex-SONS star, plays center. Pat Patton, 215 from Cottage Grove, and Leland Drago, 205, from Albany, take care of the guard posts. Albany's Dan Newman, 210, and Barton, 200, from Coquille, man the tackle berths. At the ends are Ken Schilling, 185, former Ashland high and SOCE flash and ex-coach of Butte Falls high, and 205-pound Gordon Gemmell of Salem, brother of Ron Gemmell, sports editor of the Salem Statesman.

Other southern Oregon boys are on the squad, namely, Benny Angus of Klamath, alternate quarterback, and George Bullion and Ken LaBranch, both of whom played football at SOCE in 1937, '38 and '39.

The 249th is undefeated. They licked Fort Canby, Wash., 38 to 0; Portland Air Base, 30 to 7; and 18th Coast Artillery, 13 to 0. And, as Sgt. Barton remarks, they would like to play a game here in the near future.

Such a contest, in our opinion, would draw a whale of a crowd. In all probability the two army elevens would come to Medford for bare expenses. Maybe less, for the government is bending every effort to provide recreation for the American youths training to defend their country. And the government is not worrying too much about what it costs.

We suggest that an invitation be extended to the 249th to pack up its grid tools, round up another powerful army aggregation, and come to Medford on Thanksgiving day. It would be a fine gesture on Medford's part, a gesture revealing that we here are willing to do our part in providing recreation for the boys in the army. And besides that, we would have some rough, tough, fighting football on the day that traditionally is a football day. How about it?

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Medford, Ashland Slate Final Drills for Friday Clash

BOTH ELEVEN IN EXCELLENT SHAPE; TORNADO HEAVIER

Jandreau Considered Threat To Tigers—Many Good Seats Still Available.

Medford's Black Tornado and the Ashland high Grizzlies scheduled final practice sessions today for their annual classic here Friday night, and reports from the respective camps were that both squads were in excellent condition for the struggle.

Bill Bowerman's locals, undefeated and untied in six starts and gunning for the 1941 Oregon prep championship, figure to enter the contest substantial favorites over their traditional rivals, who have lost only one game in six trips to the post.

However, some observers are inclined to believe that Frank O'Neill's red and white eleven, led by Charlie Jandreau, the left halfback with the slingshot passing arm, figure to cause the Tornado more trouble than any of the latter's opponents thus far.

Tornado Weighs 188½. The big, high-powered Tornado will move into action with a decided weight advantage over the Grizzlies. According to the weight charts released for public consumption, the Black Tornado will average 176 in the line and 158 in the backfield for a team average of 169.5 pounds per player. Ashland, on the other hand, and according to its published weights, will take the field with a 161-pound forward wall and a 149-pound backfield for a team average of 156.8.

Left Tackle Bud Mayfield, at 195 pounds, will be the largest man in the Tornado line, which will include Curt Hopkins at left end, Bob Mitchell at left guard, Dan Winter at center, Roger Barker or Wes Davis at right guard, Stan Smith at right tackle and Big Bill Wall at right end.

Medford's backfield, with no one player tipping the scales at over 166 pounds, will include Bob Stead at quarter, Cato Wray at left half, Ike Orr at right half and Cliff Jones at fullback.

Herrin Largest. Martin Herrin, right tackle, will be the largest man in the Grizzly line, at 190 pounds. Bob Dunn is expected to open at right end, Clyde Garrett at right guard, Russ Hawk at center, LaMar Ormond at left guard, Chet Fowler at left tackle and John Bell at left end.

The Ashland backs will include Bill Elam at quarterback, Jandreau at left half, the lightning-fast Ken Caton at right half and Bud Provost at fullback.

Local high school officials said that plenty of good reserved seat tickets were still available. A block of 80 was sent to Ashland.

BOISE WELTERWEIGHT WHIPS MEXICAN PUG

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 6.—(AP)—R. J. Lewis, Boise welterweight, felled Cecilio Lozada of Mexico City for a nine-count in the fifth round here last night, and was awarded victory on a technical knockout at the end of the round. Lewis weighed 154, Lozada 152.

PROSPECT IN 22 TO 18 VICTORY OVER TALENT

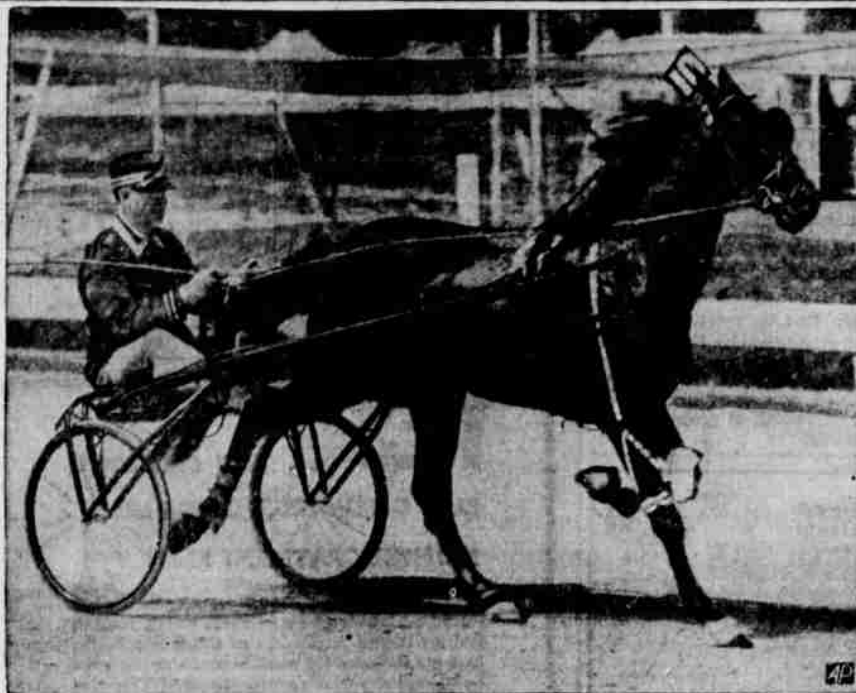
Prospect, Nov. 6.—(Sp.)—In a six-man football game Tuesday, Prospect high defeated Talent, 22 to 18, in a Jackson county class B conference tilt played at Talent. Dickey, R. Redding and Lenderman scored touchdowns for the winners.

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PURCHASE PRICE SETS RECORD—Colby Hanover (above), two-year-old trotter that ended the 1941 season as leading money and race winner, has just been sold to E. J. Baker of St. Charles, Ill., the price, \$15,000, being the highest sum paid for a harness horse in a decade. This favorite for next year's Hambletonian was owned by the late Eugene Frey, of York, Pa.

HANK ARMSTRONG QUILTS FOR GOOD

By Mortimer Kreeger
New Orleans, Nov. 6.—(AP)—Because he was the only one hurt in an automobile accident, Hammering Henry Armstrong of the triple crown has given up all thought of returning to the ring in which he won nearly 300 fights.

"I sort of took it as a warning," said the only man who has ever held three world boxing titles at once. "I've been appearing in some exhibitions and thought if I felt all right in those bouts I'd try a comeback."

"But a month ago in Oklahoma our auto turned over. I broke my finger and nobody else was hurt. My finger's all right, but that incident decided me. For the first time I say definitely I'm not going to fight any more."

"I don't want to tear down with one poor fight the reputation I built up in 12 years."

3 Prep Teams Place Undefeated Records On Block This Week

By Matt Kramer
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
Clashes involving undefeated teams in three sections of the state will resound Friday in an otherwise quiet week-end of Oregon high school football play.

Loudest din will come from central Oregon, where unbeaten Vernonia invades the home of the once-beaten Prineville Cowboys. The highest scoring teams in the state, Vernonia has piled up 233 points in six games and Prineville 279 in seven.

The largest attendance in Prineville's history is predicted for what is expected to be a high-scoring contest. But points may be few. Vernonia has the best defensive record in Oregon.

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Three Backfield Stars Surpass Tommy Harmon's 1940 Mark

By Gail Fowler

Seattle, Nov. 6.—(AP)—A year ago Tom Harmon of Michigan and Al Ghesquiere of Detroit were hailed as the nation's most prodigious football ground gainers, but maybe it's just as well the boys have graduated.

Because American football statistical bureau figures released today show that they would be trailing a threesome consisting of Bill Dudley of Virginia, Elmer Madarik of Detroit and Frankie Sinkwich of Georgia.

At this stage last year Harmon was the nominal total offensive leader with 833 yards from rushing and passing. This year the three leaders are Dudley with 1,173 yards; Madarik with 1,131 and Sinkwich with 1,003, putting Harmon 180 yards behind the third man.

Ghesquiere last year led the rushers with 617 yards. This year Sinkwich has gained 653 for the same period, despite playing with a broken jaw.

Dave Allerdice of Princeton was pacing the 1940 passers with 51 completions out of 103 attempts. This year Owen "Mugsy" Price of Texas Mines has completed 63 of 135. Price is shooting for Dave O'Brien's modern record established in 1938 when he completed 93 of 167 for Texas Christian. Price has more attempts and completions per game for his five games than O'Brien did.

J'VILLE EXTENDS VICTORY STREAK

Jacksonville high's Redskins continued to roll over all six-man football opposition yesterday, scoring a 26 to 12 conquest of Phoenix for their 20th straight victory over a three-year period. The game was played at Phoenix.

Campbell, Smith, Hyde and Hardy tallied touchdowns for the winners, while Johnson and Lewis scored for Phoenix. The Redskins led at halftime, 20 to 6.

The 1941 Jackson county class B high school conference championship will be decided Armistice day when the Redskins meet Prospect, also unbeaten and untied this season.

The game is scheduled for Jacksonville, but an attempt is being made to bring the game to Medford as part of the American Legion celebration.

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