

Big Medford Eleven Faces Weed Here Tonight In Season's Opener

TIGERS TO FIRE "T" FORMATION AT CALIFORNIANS

Locals to Field 181-Pound Starting Lineup; Contest Called for 8 Sharp.

Operating from the Clark Shughnessy "T" formation and with one of the hottest aggregations in Medford history, the Black Tornado launches its 1944 gridiron campaign at the stadium tonight against the Weed, (Calif.) Cougars. The kickoff is at 8 o'clock sharp.

One of the largest opening-game throngs in years is expected to be on hand to see what sort of a machine Coach Al Simpson, last season at Ashland, has developed in his first year here.

The Tigers will open the clash with an eleven averaging 181.4 pounds per player. The forward wall punishes the Fairbanks at 187 pounds and the backs average 172.

Despite all this beef, the Tornado does not lack speed and dash. Glen Bostwick, 155-pound left halfback, is lightning fast; 182-pound Marvin Doty can ramble from his fullback post and Bob Watson, 162-pound quarterback, is far from slow. Jerry Clark and Earl Barnhart, right halfbacks, can also step.

Reserves Weak

While Coach Simpson is fairly well pleased with the manner in which the squad has assimilated the intricate "T" formation plays during the past three weeks of practice, he is frankly worried over the dearth of experienced reserves. The entire squad numbers only 32 men.

"I believe we have a good first team," the skipper said, "but after that the boys just simply lack experience and size, although some of them are turning into fine players. In a nutshell, we are one deep and there's no way of getting around it."

The Tornado will take to the turf with touchdowns uppermost in its mind. It will shoot the works for tailies, with Watson handling the ball from center on every play and tossing the passes, and Bostwick, Doty, Barnhart and Clark scooting off the tackles or hitting through quick-opening holes in the line.

Cougars Light

The Cougars, according to the weight chart they sent Medford, will field a team much lighter than the Tigers. The team will average 154 pounds. However, Weed won the northern California title last season and is expected to be just as potent this year. Last game between the two schools was in 1941, when Medford walked off with a 38 to 6 victory.

Starting Lineups:

Medford	Weed	
Riggs	LE	SanCedo
Sheldon	LT	Andreghetto
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Cave	C	DelGada
Porter	RG	Black
Plakett	RT	Cusick
Whillock	RE	Murtha
Watson	QB	Catuzzo
Bostwick	LH	Shaffer
Barnhart	RH	Wilson
Doty	FB	Perey

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New York, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—If the St. Louis Browns can pull the American league pennant out of the fire, and they were only half a game out of the lead today, the credit well may go to an allegedly damp base ball which Pitcher Nelson Potter threw during a game with the Yankees last July.

Potter drew a 10-day suspension for the alleged use of illegal pitch and he's been fighting mad ever since, so mad in fact that he has won eight out of 10 games, the only pitcher on the club to show a semblance of consistency since the team hit its late season slump.

Throwing dry baseballs all the way, he defeated the Washington Senators 9 to 4 last night and the victory, coupling with a lapse by the leading Detroit Tigers made the American league race skin-tight again.

Things even looked a little better for the Yankees, who salvaged the finale of their series with the Tigers by winning 5 to 4 in 10 innings.

The Boston Red Sox, out of the running with everything but slide rules, remained six games behind by losing their third straight to Cleveland 5 to 2.

The St. Louis Cardinals clinched their third straight National league pennant at Boston, when they won the opener of a double header 5 to 4, then went on to make it a sweep by taking the second game 6 to 5.

The Chicago Cubs took a firm grip on fourth place by defeating the New York Giants in a double header 11 to 8 and 6 to 4, while Pittsburgh pushed the Brooklyn Dodgers deeper into the cellar by toppling them twice, 10 to 4 and 14 to 6.

The Cincinnati Reds maintained their place behind the Pittsburgh Pirates by winning a double header from the Phillies at Philadelphia, 5 to 3, and 8 to 4.

USC-UCLA GAME COAST FEATURE

San Francisco, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—An opening day clash that may go far toward deciding Pacific Coast Conference Rose Bowl honors will bring the University of Southern California Trojans and UCLA Bruins together before an estimated crowd of 60,000 in the Los Angeles coliseum tomorrow in the feature Pacific Coast gridiron game.

At Berkeley, the traditional opener between the University of California Bears and St. Mary's college was expected to draw the west coast's second largest crowd of the week-end, perhaps 35,000. University of Washington, the remaining conference team, entertains Willamette university at Seattle.

Other games tomorrow will send the St. Mary's navy pre-flight team against College of the Pacific at Stockton in a night game, while Whitman college meets the Second air force at Boise.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 6:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

Most Major Grid Contest Saturday Rated Toss-ups

By Carl Lundquist
United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—The first big football Saturday of 1944, full of hazards for teams that go at each other without benefit of comparative scores or past performances, rolls around tomorrow with major eleven in every sector putting hopes for perfect seasons on the block.

The day's big games are near toss-ups in most cases. Cornell, expected to be one of the powers of the so-called Ivy circuit, meets a spunky Syracuse eleven, returning after a year's layoff from football, in the Eastern feature. Indiana and Illinois square off to open the Big Ten season, with both teams rated offensively powerful on the basis of high scores in preliminary tests last week. Purdue, the defending Big Ten champion seeks to carry on its 1943 record of eight straight victories, but the going may be tough against Great Lakes Naval, expected to be close to the top among the service teams.

Two long-standing antagonists, Southern California and U.C.L.A. renew hostilities in the West Coast feature with the Trojans favored to start a successful defense of the Pacific conference title.

In other eastern games, Sampson's Sailors should have less trouble with Colgate than against National League professional teams, Rochester is a distinct favorite over Union, Pittsburgh gets a nod over West Virginia, Scranton and Villanova rate about even and Bucknell should repeat last Saturday's triumph over Muhlenberg. Harvard's Informals rate over Bates.

Other midwestern matches find Michigan favored over Marquette in the first night games in Wolverine history. Iowa Pre-flight is expected to win easily from Minnesota's Civilians, and Northwestern should top Depauw in a game tonight.

Two Southwest conference teams, Tex A & M playing Bryan AAF and Rice meeting Galveston AAF, may encounter trouble since the service teams are an unknown quantity while Texas Tech may have the same difficulty against Lubbock AAF in a home town battle that completes the array in that sector.

CHAMPION BREAKS RIB IN BOWING TO "GRAY MASK"

Jack Kaiser, the Pacific coast light-heavyweight wrestling champion, dropped a non-title match to the "Gray Mask" in the armory last night and it was an extremely costly setback, for Kaiser suffered a broken rib and a badly sprained wrist in losing to the stocky, powerful and unorthodox hooded man.

The champ had captured the first fall in 12 minutes with a series of resounding Sonnenbergs and a press after softening his opponent up with several flying mares.

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PIERETTI HURLS BEVOS TO SECOND WIN OVER ANGELS

By United Press

Marino Pieretti, Portland's 26-game winner, turned in a five-hit pitching job that gave the Beavers a 3-2 win over the Los Angeles Angels and a two game lead over the pennant holders in the Pacific Coast League Governor's Cup playoffs.

Oakland's Manuel Salvo choked the San Francisco Seals off with seven hits in last night's other playoff game, the Acorns winning 5-1 but finding themselves with only a 1-0 series lead after their opening victory was ordered replayed on a Seal protest.

The playoffs continue tonight at Los Angeles and Oakland, with Portland needing only two more wins to eliminate the Angels in the best four games out of seven series.

Johnny O'Neill's single and Spencer Harris' long double to leftfield in the seventh netted the Beavers the winning run against Los Angeles. Red Adams was the losing pitcher as the Portlanders got 10 hits.

Line scores:
San Francisco 1 7 2
Oakland 5 12 2

Seals, Werle and Ogrodowski; Salvo and B. Raimondi.
Portland 3 10 1
Los Angeles 2 8 1

Pieretti and E. Adams; C. Adams, Horton and Fernandez, Sarni.

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