



FIRST TOUCHDOWN OF THE SEASON — Left Halfback Alton Stone, stumbles over the goal line for Medford high's first goal of the season as the Black Tornado raps Ashland 20-6. Stone almost was dropped on the six-yard stripe in his 10-yard goalward romp Friday but managed to keep his knees off the ground and scramble to the end zone. A trusty right arm kept him from tumbling. It was a fourth down play and he had

to go all the way. Other Medfordites in the picture are Dennis Faulkner (11) and Ed McCullough (4). Ashlanders whose numbers are visible are Ted Tenney (35), Dale Jeffers (37), Dave Hoots (30), Walt McCoy (39) and Gerald Hinkson (53, on the ground). —(Brained photo)

Black Tornado Opens Grid Season With 20-6 Conference Victory Over Ashland Grizzlies

Medford high school's Black Tornado, not yet a polished crew but showing possibilities, got safely over the first hurdle of its 1953 football campaign by dumping the Ashland Grizzlies here Friday night.

Season openers are generally viewed with apprehension, but the Tornado came through in stride, dominating the action almost all the way as it ground out a 20 to 6 verdict over the Ashlanders. It was a Southern Oregon Conference triumph.

Demonstrating that it can have a versatile attack when the rough edges are polished, Medford outgained Ashland about two to one in the conference ruckus and had possession of the ball the greatest share of the 48 minutes. Only once did the Black Tornado really appear to falter, or, perhaps, let down. That was in the fourth quarter when Ashland, its morale high after a magnificent defensive stand, marched 97 yards to its only touchdown.

Grizzlies Threaten

Medford had hit the pay zone once in the first quarter and again in the second for 13 to 0 halfway advantage but the Grizzly surge got the visiting club back into the struggle and threatened to change the complexion of the game. The Tornado, however, came back to score again and as the final horn sounded was knocking once more at touchdown territory.

It was early in the opening quarter that Medford got the tide of conflict going in its favor and began its goalward assault. The drive began on the Med-

ford 33-yard line the second time the Tornado got possession of the ball. It took 14 plays with Alton Stone and Dennis Faulkner doing most of the lugging to achieve the goal. And, at that, the drive almost fell short.

Medford had the ball on the 10-yard stripe with a first down. Dennis Faulkner moved ahead one yard then Everett Kastner made four yards to the five. Alton Stone was smeared back on the 10. Then, on fourth down, Stone started over the right side of the line. He was hit on the six and apparently halted. But Stone, stumbling and scrambling, kept his knees off the ground and tumbled into pay dirt. Lorin Jacobs' conversion try from placement failed.

Lilly Recovers

The Tornado struck again in the second period after Willard Lilly, an iron man guard, dropped on the Ashland fumble on the Grizzly 35. Seven plays later Jacobs powered seven yards into the end zone. His first conversion try was over the bar but Ashland accepted a penalty since Medford had too many men on the field. Jacobs kicked again and made it. Medford led 13 to 0.

Medford took the second half kick and pushed from its 29 to the Ashland 13 in 11 plays, helped by two Ashland infractions. The attack bogged down there.

After an Ashland series of plays, Medford took over on the Ashland 48 yard marker. In nine stabs, including a 24-yard jog by Lloyd Hart on a fake punt, Tornado got to the three-

yard line and it was first down and goal. Medford never got the score that seemed sure. Hart shoved to the one but three plays later Ashland took over on the three and launched the march to its lone touchdown.

Hamilton Scampers

Ted Tenney surged to the 13 yard line. Two line plays moved the ball to the 18 but it was back to the 13 on an Ashland offside.

At that point Ashland's split T formation worked to almost perfection. Bruce Hamilton burst through the line and was off down the sideline toward the Medford goal. He cut toward the center of the field and Stone got on his back and hauled him down on the Medford 28. The play was good for 59 yards.

A pass, Harold Castle to Jim Watrus, after Tenney got six on the ground, carried the Grizzlies to the 13. Harry Johnson gained of the eight and Tenney crossed the goal from there.

Medford fought to the Ashland 49 after the kick-off. Ashland took over on its 13 after Jacobs' punt Hamilton fumbled on the 11 and Bob Steele recovered for Medford.

Two line plays gained a yard. Hart's pass to Joe Anthony was incomplete but a roughing the passer penalty put the pigskin on the one for Medford. Faulkner hit pay soil but a Medford penalty nullified the play and put the Tornado back on the six. Faulkner boomed across the goal again. This time it counted. Jacobs kicked the extra.

Medford was close to a score at the final horn. Mike DeVore recovered for Medford when an attempted Ashland pass fell behind the scrimmage line on the 30. A Stone to Anthony pass carried to the 20. Faulkner cracked to the 14. Hart threw into the end zone where there were three Medford receivers. Tom Gail made a desperate but unsuccessful lunge for the ball. Hart heave to Dick Pepper who was halted on the five as the game ended.

Flaws and raggedness showed up in the Tornado performance. But, this was to be expected in a season opener. And, all in all, the consensus is that the Tornado turned in a satisfactory job in getting the campaign under way. The tackling was good and the boys were hitting hard.

Seven Completions

Indications were given that Medford has a passing threat with which opponents must reckon with Stone and Hart as throwers and Dick Pepper, rugged, booming transfer from Eureka, and Joe Anthony as receivers. The Tornado tossers heaved 13 passes and seven were complete for 73 yards. Ashland, on the other hand, connected one in four times for 10 yards. Medford was in possession of the ball twice as much as Ashland and it showed up in the fact that the Tornado outnetted the Grizzlies 267 to 139 yards in scrimmage. In first downs Medford had the edge 18 to 5.

Only injuries reported Saturday were a sore ankle suffered by Steele and a charley horse that Stone is nursing. Both are expected to be in shape for the Crater hassle this Friday.

Coach Fred Spiegelberg reported that Lilly, small but scrappy guard, saw action all but one minute of the fracas, somehow being neglected when came to the matter of being replaced for rest.

The mentor expressed satisfaction, for the most part, with his aggregation's first time out in regular action. He has called a workout for 4 p.m. Monday.

Spiegelberg said the week's effort in preparation for Crater will be devoted to a considerable extent to polishing the offense and honing up on assignments which players missed during the course of the Ashland struggle.

Grants Pass Victor Over Roosevelt

By UNITED PRESS

The 1953 Oregon state high school football season got off to a rousing start last night with bruising action in all parts of the state.

Defending State Champion Central Catholic of Portland tuned up for its league and district battles by walloping Albany 18-0. Jefferson, the Portland City League champion, also came through in fine style in the Democrats' opening contest with a 13-0 win over Vancouver, Wash.

Portlanders Lose

Other Portland teams didn't fare so well, however, with Salem smothering Cleveland, 21-0; McMinnville ripping through Washington 32-0; Beaverton edging Lincoln, 13-7, and Grants Pass defeating Roosevelt 26-13. Only other Portland win was Franklin which downed Camas, Wash., 14-7.

Upstate the early season favorites came through as expected. Lebanon beat Dallas, 15-6; Prineville scored a 12-7 victory over Pendleton; Eugene walloped Roseburg, 33-0; Redmond downed Sweet Home, 14-6; Medford defeated Ashland, 20-6; La Grande blanked Union, 33-0; Corvallis upended Newberg, 20-0; Marshfield of Coos Bay upended Myrtle Point, 32-0, and North Bend won over Coquille 26-18.

PRYOR TO TECH

Klamath Falls — (UP)—Vern Pryor, former Klamath Falls high school lineman and a member of this year's upstate team in the Shrine all-star game, has enrolled at Oregon Tech and is working out with the football squad. Coach Rex Hunsaker said he would use Pryor at a tackle spot.



31 Gridders Vie for Jobs On Southern Oregon Team

Ashland — A squad of 31 hustling football players are seeking starting assignments at Southern Oregon college and head coach, Alex Petersen, Jr., expects several other men to put in their appearance.

Leading a group of 12 returning lettermen are All-Conference End Ernie Bretzel and Tackle Morris Jimenez. Len Heston, 215-pound halfback, is another standout letterman expected to help the Red Raider cause.

Most conspicuous by his absence is Glen Nelson, Ashland speedster, who was the fastest man on the squad last year. Nelson had been counted on for heavy halfback duty on offense, and was expected to handle the safety chores on defense. If Nelson is unable to return, Coach Petersen will have a full size headache in reorganizing both offensive and defensive planning.

The Red Raiders have another week to get ready for their season opener on September 19 against Oregon College of Education with the game being played in Coos Bay in the annual Myrtle Bowl Shrine Benefit tilt.

Lettermen returning from last year's squad are: Ernie Bretzel (E), Myrtle Point; Dave Campbell (Q), Cave Junction; Lloyd Fisher (FB), Springfield; Lloyd Hale (T), Eagle Point; Len Heston (HB), Klamath Falls; Morris Jimenez (T), Klamath Falls; Jim Owen (FB), Cave Junction; Chick Quinowski (G), Klamath Falls; Bob Smith (C), Grants Pass; and Jim Wright (HB), Crescent City, Calif.

Two lettermen are back this year from the 1951 team: Ken Kimura (H), who is also on outstanding basketball guard from Waipahu, T. H., and Leroy (Red).

Springer (E) from Hood River.

Prospects reporting for the first time are: John Bassett (G), Glendale; John Bigelow (H), Glendale; Gene Breceda (G), Hornbrook, Calif.; Dick Chamberlain (E), Central Valley, Calif.; Robert (Buck) Moore (E), Coquille; Doug Pennington (G), Coos Bay; Chuck Plummer (G), Roseburg; Tom Quinowski (C), Klamath Falls; Bill Seymour (Q), Hornbrook, Calif.; Bill Stewart (T), Lakeview; Vince Swinney (Q), Medford; Rick Taylor (F), Ashland; George Ward (E), Bandon; Len Weber (H), Malin; Jason Wilson (C), Ashland; and Al Winter (T) Roseburg.

High School Scores

- By UNITED PRESS
- Tigard 13, St. Helens 6
 - Grants Pass 26, Roosevelt 12
 - Vernonia 7, Forest Grove 6
 - Central Catholic 18, Albany 6
 - Beaverton 12, Lincoln 6
 - Jefferson 13, Vancouver 6
 - Marshfield 32, Myrtle Point 6
 - North Bend 26, Coquille 18
 - Culver 52, Fossil 18
 - Amity 33, Dayton 6
 - Eagle Point 39, Glendale 0
 - Prineville 12, Pendleton 7
 - Tillamook 12, Na-Kah-Nie 6
 - Lake Oswego 21, West Linn 6
 - Drain 19, Willamette 7
 - Silverton 33, Clatskanie 6
 - Parkrose 13, Sandy 12
 - Williamina 6, Banks 6
 - Rainier 7, Hood River 6
 - Wy-East 13, Maupin 13
 - Springfield 12, Cottage Grove 6
 - St. Francis, Eugene, 16, Creswell 14
 - Crater 37, Rogus River 7
 - Pleasant Hill 10, Elmira 6
 - Redmond 14, Sweet Home 6
 - Milwaukie 25, Hillsboro 7
 - Gresham 15, Oregon City 13
 - Corvallis 20, Newberg 0
 - La Grande 33, Union 0
 - The Dalles 26, Battleground, Wash. 0
 - Bend 6, Madras 0
- Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Halfbacks Grants Pass Team Cogs

Grants Pass — A football team which definitely has possibilities but which could be wrecked by injuries to key players is being developed by Coach Mel Ingram at Grants Pass high this year.

The Cavemen's offense is expected to center primarily around the running of Bob Woods and Don Korns, seniors, plus whatever passing attack Ingram can develop.

Woods and Korns, both halfbacks, each stand about six feet one inch with Korns weighing 176 and Woods 169. Both were sprinters on the track team last spring. Last fall Woods was regular left half. Korns was an alternate fullback. He was moved to right half this year to give the Cavemen approximately equal speed from either side.

Yosten Leads

Behind Woods are Ernie Zoltola, Rowan Moine, Roland Cook and Henry Doerfling. Trailing Korns are Tom Cudds, Terry Martin, Mitchell Biles, Art Mitchell and Dave Johnson.

Jerry Yosten, starter last half of last season, has the nod at quarterback currently over Don James. Yosten has the edge in signal calling. Otherwise the boys are about equal.

Bill Fleming so far has the call at fullback but is being crowded by Al Drews, sophomore from Coquille where he lettered as a freshman.

Rosemus Prospect

At ends Mickey Blevins and Don Anderson are being pushed by Sam Dean and Lloyd Zinn. Tom Rosemus, 219 pounds at the last weighing, is expected to be a standout tackle although he has no previous varsity experience. Dick Blevins, 189 pounds and 6-2 or 6-3 is expected to be rugged in the tackle spot. Others are Jim Writz, Marvin Norrick and Dale Tripp.

Jim Lockhart and Chuck Dorn are listed as top guards although John Corson is close. Candidates include Jim Dean, husky transfer from Olympia, Wash. Centers are Dale Jackson and Mel Drews.

The line is expected to function at least fairly well and the Cavemen, it is figured, will be hard to stop as long as Woods and Korns both keep healthy.

Queens Whip Florists In Softball Tourney

Portland — (UP)—The defending Champion Arizona Queens of Phoenix took an extra inning to defeat the Ery Lind Florists of Portland, 3-2, in a women's world softball championship tournament here Friday night.

In the second game of a doubleheader, the Salt Lake City Shamrocks blanked Seattle Air-Flytes, 2-0, behind the four-hit pitching of Wilma (Miss Iron Arm) Freston.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	P
Chicago	5	2	1
Philadelphia	5	2	1
Rogovin, Consegna (7) and Wilson, Lollar (8); Coleman, Martin (8) and Murray.			
Detroit	4	10	1
New York	3	14	0
Hoist, Scarborough (7) and Bucha, McDonald (8-6) and Berra.			
Cleveland	2	12	1
Washington	4	11	0
Houtteman, Wight (7) and Hagan, Ginsberg (7); Porterfield (20-10) and Fitzgerald.			
(12 Innings)			
St. Louis	6	12	1
Boston	3	13	1
Kretlow, Stuart (6), Paige (7), Littlefield (8) and Moss; Brown, Hudson (4), Sullivan (5), Flowers (7), Kinder (8) and White.			
NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	P
Chicago	1	5	0
Hearn, Wilhelm (7), Kennedy (8) and Calderone; Willis (2-0) and Garagiola.			
(12 Innings)			
Pittsburgh	8	10	1
St. Louis	7	12	2
Friend, Hall (2), Dickson (9) and Albee; Romonosky, Fresh (3), Brazie (9), Staley (9), Chambers (11) and Rice. Winning pitcher—Dickson (10-18).			
Philadelphia	2	12	1
Cincinnati	2	11	0
Drews, Rizik (8) and Lopata; Nuxhall (8-10) and Seminick.			
Brooklyn	5	5	2
Milwaukee	2	7	3
Erskine (16-4) and Campanella; Buhl, Surkont (6), Burdette (6) and Cooper.			
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE	W	L	P
Portland	2	5	1
San Diego	2	5	2
Linde, Heard (7) and Gladd; Kerrigan and Mathis.			
Oakland	5	10	0
Hollywood	5	11	1
Flores and Neal; Hittle, O'Donnell (8), Maltberger (9) and Malone.			
Los Angeles	8	14	0
San Francisco	3	15	0
McLish, Chandler (9) Molson (8) and Evans; Wright, Coggin (6) Bradford (8) and Torsny.			
FRIDAY'S RESULTS	W	L	P
Chicago 5, New York 2			
Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 1-3			
San Diego 5, Portland 4			
Seattle 4, Sacramento 1			
Oakland 9, Hollywood 0			
National League	W	L	P
Chicago 5, New York 2			
Milwaukee 9, Brooklyn 3			
Cincinnati 6, Philadelphia 3			
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 3			
American League	W	L	P
Detroit 2, New York 2 (10 Innings)			
St. Louis 2, Boston 0			
Chicago 9, Philadelphia 4			

Umpqua Fishing Halted During Dam Repairs

Portland — (UP)—The North Umpqua river near Roseburg is now closed to angling from the present closed area below Winchester dam to a marked point at the head of Davis Rapids.

The Oregon State Game Commission ordered the emergency closure yesterday to protect the population of game fish which will be concentrated below the California Oregon Power company's dam at Winchester while the water level is lowered to make repairs on the dam. The fish ladder will not be operated during this period.

The commission said the closure would remain in effect until further notice.

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