

Medfordites Keep Up Strenuous Preparations for Pirate Game

Medford's Black Tornado swung from individual to team emphasis yesterday in its earnest and strenuous preparations as an interest continued to mount in the state A-1 prep quarter-final football game here this Friday night with the No. 1 ranked powerful and favored

Medford senior high school officials stressed again today that season tickets are not good for the state play-off football game with Marshfield here on Friday night.

Holders of season reserve seats however, had through today to purchase their same seats for the Friday fray. Those not bought by the time the school closed today were to go on sale to the public Friday morning. Other than those in that section, only 30 to 40 reserved seats were still available this morning. They were in section A.

Students, and their hands and pep squads will get first chance for seats in the old grandstand. If there is room after they are seated, adults will be allowed in the remaining space.

Marshfield Pirates of Coos Bay. And, while defense was getting the main concentration, there was speculation as to whether the air arm of the Medford offense will be at full strength.

"Quite a bit of fire" was present as players received individual drill for their various positions on Monday night. It was more than just a light workout, according to Head Coach Fred Spiegelberg. The long practice in fact went overtime as the Tornado sought to make every moment count.

Need To Tighten
In Tuesday's team drill, the Medfordites had offensive scrimmage but defense again got the stress. A "Marshfield" team ran Pirate plays against the Tornado stalwarts. Coaches Spiegelberg and Bob Newland, while they did not elaborate, gave indication that the Tornado still will have to tighten its fortifications quite a bit if they are to successfully stop the split T of the Pirates.

So far as injuries are concerned, the big question is the little sparkplug quarterback Eddie McCullough. He hurt his shoulder in the Crater contest and it was still sore yesterday. The injury badly hampers his throwing arm but it is hoped that heat treatments will relieve him of the ailment by the time Friday night rolls around. McCullough and Rocky Stone are the main passers on the club.

Center Mike DeVore, who has been lamed with a banged up knee, and End Bud Kastner, who had a hip bruise are both back in shape, strengthening the line.

TO QUIT FOOTBALL

Fort Lewis, Wash. — (U.P.) — Cpl. Harry Riley, former Big Ten all-conference center, now playing for the Fort Lewis "Four-by-Fours," said today he would shun professional football offers and pursue a career as a personnel manager. Riley, formerly of Northwestern University and now of Company "I" in the 2nd Infantry Division, said this would be his last season as a football player.

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Reserve Tackle Jim Link, who has missed two games because of torn knee ligaments, is still out of action. A leg hurt suffered by Fullback Lorin Jacobs in the Crater game was a charley-horse from which he has recovered. Halfback Mike Hawkins got hit on the back against the Comets but he also is o.k.

Impressive Record
The Pirates came to Medford boasting an impressive record. Medford doesn't match the statistics the heavier Marshfield club has accumulated. But the Black Tornado isn't willing to concede that its 6 to 28 loss to the Pirates two weeks ago means that the Marshfield club is that much better. The Medfordites learned in the previous game however, that their job is cut out and a tough one.

They take hope from the great North Bend performance against Marshfield last week and they, as the champs of District 6, will aim for the same success that

Grants Pass had against the 1953 District 5 winner.

In the early season last year, Grants Pass was soundly trounced by North Bend. In the state quarter-final between the two, the Cavemen nipped the Bulldogs.

Marshfield this year boasts a spotless record with nine victories. Paced by break-away running of John Johnson and the workhorse plunging of Denny Baker, the Pirates have run up 270 points to opponents 47. They have a net yardage total of 2,970 to opponents 1,196. This figure has been helped along by runs of 91, 70, 65, 62 and 61 yards from scrimmage from touchdowns by Johnson. Baker has 70, 61, 48 and 28-yard runs from scrimmage.

Medford has rung up 164 points to opponents' 80 and has netted unofficially 2,206 yards to rivals' 1,780. Among long runs from scrimmage have been 74, 53 and 52 yarders by Stone.

Grants Pass Plays Crater In Thursday Grid Fracas

Fans will get a preview of the 1955 Grants Pass football varsity and may get a good indication of what the Crater high regulars will be like next year when the two clubs clash Thursday at Grants Pass. The Veterans day game as been set for 2 p.m. and will be the season finale for both schools.

Coach Mel Ingram will strip his varsity squad of its seniors. That means that 11 Cavemen, most of them regulars, either defensively or offensively, will not play. For Crater Coach Leonard Warren has made it optional with his seniors whether they play. So far Back Vern Parent, End Fred Hogue and Tackle Cliff Smith are the only seniors to withdraw from the tangle. Most of Crater's regular crew is sophomores and juniors.

Grid Playoff Plans Near Completion

Portland — (U.P.) — Playoff times and places were practically all set today for Oregon's four high school football divisions.

The Coquille-Junction City A-2 game had been scheduled for Thursday night at North Bend but Junction City objected and the district committee was to decide the time—possibly Friday night.

Other A-2 games, all Friday night, send St. Helens to Reedsport; Central at Dallas, and Vale at Prineville.

A1 games include Jefferson at South Salem; Milwaukie at Beaverton; Marshfield at Medford and Pendleton at Lincoln. All are Friday night.

May Need Vote
Class B 11-man pairings include Knappa-Siletz at Toledo Friday night; Monroe at Oakland, Friday afternoon, and St. Mary's of Medford at Moro Friday afternoon. Union and Walwala still are in contention in district eight, and a district vote probably will be needed if Walwala defeats Enterprise Thursday. The 8-B winner will meet Echo, probably on the district eight champs' home field.

In six-man action, Harrisburg plays at Glide Saturday afternoon as does Culver at Richland.

General Manager Will Be Picked First by Johnson

By FRED DOWN
New York — (U.P.) — Owner Arnold Johnson said today that he will kick off his one-million-dollar "first things first" plan to build the Kansas City Athletics into a pennant contender by naming a general manager and field manager in about two weeks.

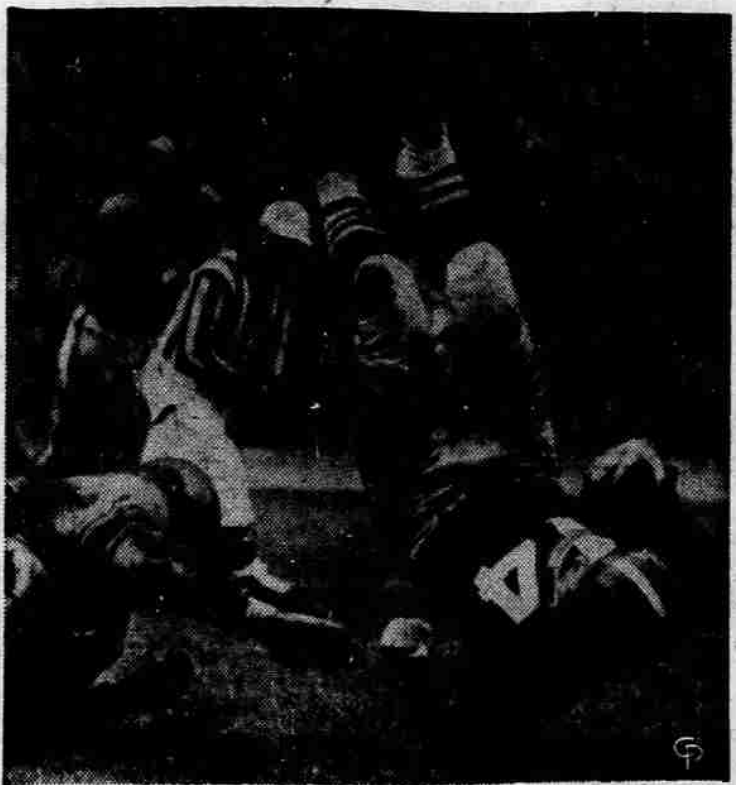
Johnson gave no hint of the men he is considering, but in Kansas City there was speculation that Parke Carroll, general manager of the Kansas City team of the American association, would be appointed general manager and that Lou Boudreau would be the new pilot.

"I think we should select the general manager first so that he may have some voice in the selection of his field manager," Johnson said. "We know that whoever takes over will have a job to do. We know that we don't have an easy road ahead."

Johnson said that Eddie Joost, manager of the Athletics last season, would be considered for the post but did not identify any other candidates.

The 47-year-old Chicago realtor emphasized that money would first be poured into obtaining players for the Athletics and that the farm system would be strengthened "later on." He said "it's simply a matter of first things first."

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday; other days 8:30 previous day.



LANDING ON ELBOW after crashing through Los Angeles Rams line, Y. A. Tittle, San Francisco 49ers quarterback makes eight yards in second period of sell-out game at San Francisco. Rams outpassed 49ers to win seesaw contest 42-34. (International)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Crusaders Leave Thursday For Playoff Mix At Moro

St. Mary's high's football squad will leave Thursday morning for its tussle with Moro in the state B school quarter-finals.

Jordan Selected Coach of Week

By CARL LUNDQUIST
New York — (U.P.) — No student ever came to him for help with advanced algebra problems but on the football field he came up with the equation that X plus Y equals V—for victory.

His team was supposed to be a powerhouse, but somewhere along the line it developed a short circuit on defense. It could score liberally but the opposition did even better. Finally he scrapped his version of the two-platoon system and came up with the Southland's upset of the year.

He's the United Press Coach of the Week, Ralph (Shug) Jordan of the Auburn Plainsman, who last Saturday turned Miami's mighty Hurricane into a gentle gulf zephyr with a 14-13 stunner that surprised everybody but him.

"If we had played all year as we did Saturday against Miami, I believe we'd be undefeated right now," Jordan said. "We got a slow start because our defense didn't work out well, but I feel now we've hit our stride. The defensive improvement was the big difference. We have been good on offense all year."

Crater reportedly may be on Grants Pass' regular slate next year.

The game will be played at Moro at 2 p.m. on Friday.

The Crusader squad is to make the trip by bus. It had not been determined at last report just where the team will stay overnight Thursday. Likely, the stop will be at The Dalles.

Coach Ed Hummel said last night that, with one exception the St. Mary's squad has pretty well recovered from the battering it took from Chiloquin in the District 5B title game last Saturday. Back Laval Meunier is still troubled by a bruised knee.

Dick Paup Ready
If Meunier is unable to see much action, his replacement will be Dick Paup, whose regular assignment has been sharing an end berth. Paup reportedly has recovered from heel blister trouble which has hampered his running and limited his work pretty much to defense.

Any injuries to the Crusaders are damaging because 13 men have been carrying the heavy part of the load.

St. Mary's players along with those of Medford high were dinner guests last night at Mon Desir. The Rev. Nicholas Deis was host. Coaches and other "dignitaries" also attended. Deis gave a brief talk.

EXPECTED BACK

Pullman, Wash. — (U.P.) — Quarterback Bob Iverson, who received a mild concussion in the Michigan State game last Saturday, was expected to be back with the Washington State College squad today.

Overall Superiority Retained by Bruins

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — California leads in passing while UCLA maintains its overall superiority, in the Pacific Coast conference weekly statistics from the PCC commissioner's office disclosed today.

California took over the aerial lead with an average of 177.6 yards a game during the first eight weekends of play. California also leads in kickoff returns with a mark of 20.7 a run-back and Oregon has given the fewest yards on passing, 88.5.

Otherwise, all statistical honors belong to undefeated, untied UCLA.

The Bruins have averaged 307.2 yards a game rushing and lead in total offense with a 379.9 yard average, well ahead of the second-place team, Southern California, which has averaged 337.

UO 2nd in Defense

Defensively, UCLA has given up but 81.8 yards a game rushing and an even 200 yards in total defense. Oregon is second with 236.2.

UCLA has intercepted 23 passes and has returned them 338 yards for the leadership in that department. The Bruins also lead in team punting with a 38.8 yard average and in punt returns with a 19.3 yard mark.

In individual statistics, California's Paul Larson and Oregon's George Shaw continue their battle for top honors. Shaw now leads the nation in total offense, with Larson second, while Larson leads the nation in forward completions with Shaw second.

Larson posted an average of

65.4 per cent in the PCC and appears certain to break the conference mark of 60.9 per cent.

He has completed 104 passes for 1259 yards to pull well ahead of his nearest rival, Shaw, who has completed 76 for 1094 yards. Stanford's John Brodie is third with 63 completed for 737 yards.

The conference percentage and national record of 60.9 per cent was set in 1950 by Washington's Don Heinrich.

Larson Presses Shaw

Larson is pressing Shaw for total offense leadership as a result of the Oregon player being held to 29 yards by UCLA last Saturday. Shaw has 1274 yards to Larson's 1246. Primo Villanueva of UCLA is third with 794.

Stanford's Bill Tarr took over the rushing leadership this week with a net of 587 yards. Duke Washington of Washington State fell to second with 524 while Villanueva was third with 485.

In scoring, UCLA's fullback Bob Davenport, led with 60 points, California receiver Jim Hanifran led in pass receptions, catching 36 for 455 yards.

Bob Iverson of Washington

State led in pass interceptions with five. In punting, UCLA's Bob Heydenfeldt was first with an average of 41.4. In punt returns, UCLA's Sam Brown led with a total of 235 yards. Larson led in kickoff returns with 244 yards.

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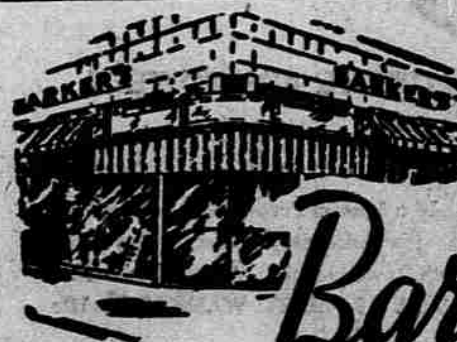


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