

Medford, Marshfield Contend Tonight In State Play-Off; Clear Skies Seen

It will be on to greater heights—possibly the state championship—for one team and the end of the 1954 trail for the other tonight after two of Oregon's prep gridiron powerhouses, Marshfield high of Coos Bay and the Medford Black Tornado, end their combat on the senior high field here in one of the state's Class A-1 toga quarter-finals.

Which it will be for either team is expected to depend largely on morale. Both clubs are of proven ability.

One of the largest crowds to witness a prep grid encounter at the Medford stadium is anticipated. For, the weatherman has promised a cool, clear night and a sellout is foreseen.

Although approximately 250 reserved seats had not been sold early this morning, they were expected to be gobbled up by game time. About 150 duets were on sale at the high school office today. Some were those which had been held for season ticket holders are not good for the scuffle but holders were given priority through Wednesday for purchase of their regular season seats.

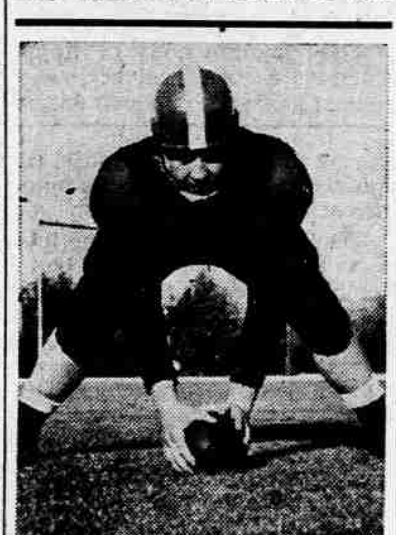
On Sale at Gate

Tickets not sold at the school office today and more than 100 being returned from Coos Bay are to be available when gates at the stadium open at 6:45 p.m.

A fairly fast field is likely for the play-off struggle between the Tornado's champs of District 6 and the Pirates' victors of District 5 as the southwestern Oregon mantle as well as a state semi-finals spot is at stake. A check of the turf this morning showed it "a little soft but not bad." There is good chance that the field may dry out some more before game time. The weather bureau listed the possibility of widely scattered showers today but not enough to hurt. Clear skies will continue a perfect fall weatherwise for football here.

Marshfield's Golden Pirates, unmarred in nine games this season and victors over Medford 28 to 6 two weeks ago, are listed as "heavy favorites" by at least one metropolitan prognosticator. Followers close to the Tornado gang aren't willing to agree.

They feel that score of the previous meeting, when the Medfordites were obviously "down" and the Pirates fired "high," is not indicative of the actual comparative strengths. On "hunches" they believe that the Black Tor-



MAN IN MIDDLE—Mike DeVore, above, 194-pound two-year letterman will hold down center spot on offense and a guard position on defense tonight when the Medford Black Tornado opposes Marshfield high in a state A-1 football quarter-final scrap here. Game time is 8 o'clock.
—(Landis-Shangle photo)

nado has a chance, and a good one, to pull an "upset" on its home field. The Marshfield setback was the only one suffered by Medford in eight games against Oregon foes this year.

Near Top Shape
The Black Tornado, recognizing it will have to be fired up to overcome the heavier Marshfield club, had its last drill yesterday morning and was pronounced in near top shape physically. Its session lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The squad worked hard enough to break a sweat and had a chalk talk. Dick McLaughlin, quarterback and linebacker, had a touch of flu and a sore throat and did not suit down.

Medford hopes are based largely on tighter defense, better tackling, than it showed in the other Pirate clash. And there was indication that the defense will be improved. The task will be to prevent the breakaway running of John Johnson and to repel the line smacking of Denny Baker.

Both clubs this evening are likely to rely mostly on their running games but Medford with Ed McCullough and Alton Stone pitching can take to the air effectively.

Kick-off is set for 8 p.m. Students of Medford and Marshfield highs have priority to the seating in the old grandstand.

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE LINE-UPS

Medford-Marshfield Football Game

Senior High Stadium

Friday 8 p.m.

MEDFORD HIGH

No.	Name	Wgt.	Pos.	Wgt.
31	Bud Kastner	160	E	160
40	Gordon McVay	170	E	180
37	Ken Piland	190	T	207
13	Les Walch	172	T	194
22	Monte Holst	161	G	176
44	Paul Eckel	178	G	190
42	Mike DeVore	194	C	186
4	Ed McCullough	150	QB	190
20	Rocky Stone	175	LH	168
26	Mike Hawkins	162	RH	186
28	Lorin Jacobs	181	FB	161

MARSHFIELD HIGH

No.	Name	Wgt.	Pos.	Wgt.
75	Frank Yeiter	160	E	160
41	Roger Johnson	180	E	180
64	Gene Tankersley	207	T	207
45	Terry Williams	194	T	194
56	Terry Cox	176	G	176
70	Don Brandon	190	G	190
57	Bob Peterson	186	C	186
44	Sandy Fraser	190	QB	190
50	John Johnson	168	LH	168
68	Denny Baker	186	RH	186
47	Tom Metzger	161	FB	161

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Turkey Shoot Set Sunday

Medford Gun club Sunday will have the first of four turkey shoots planned this fall.

It will be one of two pre-Thanksgiving events. Hams and bacon will be prizes along with turkeys. Shooting will start at 10 a.m.

There will be activity for non-shooters and all persons interested are invited to participate in the affair. Lunch will be available at the grounds.

The grounds are just west of the Crater Lake highway Four Corners.

UO Gridders Play Huskies

By UNITED PRESS
Oregon's Webfoots try to keep their Northwest football record clean tomorrow in a Homecoming game against Washington State at Eugene, while Oregon State travels to California for a game against Paul Larson & Co. Coach Len Casanova's team this year is out to defeat all opponents in the Northwest. Until this year, the team had never won a game in the Northwest.

George Casanova, head coach, says the team is in good shape to improve its record. But at Berkeley, Larson may be in for another big day, and the Golden Bear ace traffic Shaw by only a few yards.

Oregon State is a decided underdog, but the Beavers are back at near full strength with end Wes Ediger, and backs Ray Westwall, Ernie Zwahlen and Kealoha on the traveling squad.

FOOTBALL
THURSDAY COLLEGE GAMES
Idaho State 48, Arizona State 7
Lower Columbia JC 20, Portland State 12
Crays Harbor JC 32, Wenatchee JC 7
San Diego Marines 20, Fresno State 0

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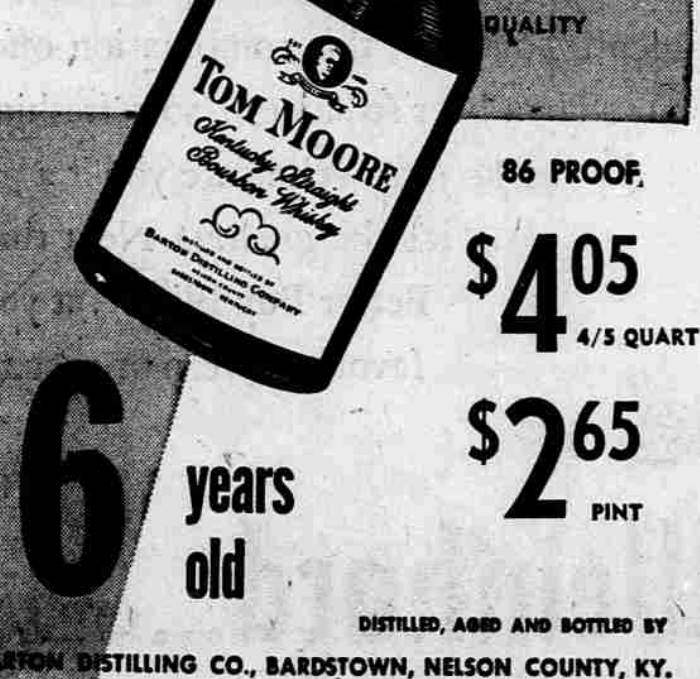
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California over Ore. State
Duke over Wake Forest
Oregon over Wash. State
Ga. Tech over Alabama
Stanford over San Jose State
Wisconsin over Illinois
So. California over Washington
Minnesota over Iowa
Oklahoma over Missouri
Michigan over Michigan State
Northwestern over Indiana
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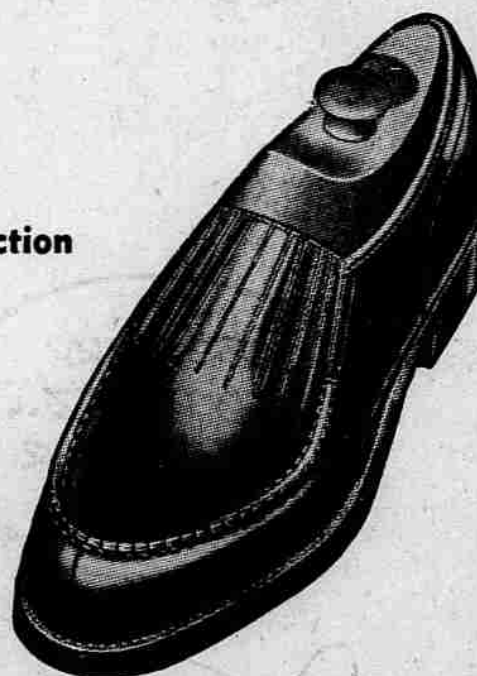
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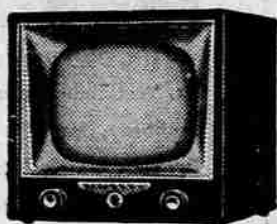
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