

Tornado Mixes With Grants Pass In Pay-Off Battle Here Friday

"This week it's the pay-off." That was the declaration of Fred Spiegelberg, Medford high head football coach, yesterday at a luncheon of Medford Kiwanis club.

Members of the Black Tornado gridiron squad, which encountered Grants Pass high here Friday night in the District 6 A-1 championship conflict, were guests of the service group at Rogue Valley Country club.

The remarks by Spiegelberg pointed up the hard-fought nature of this week that the 1955 district and Southern Oregon Conference crown hinges entirely on the outcome of the Friday game.

"Grants Pass is going to have blood in its eye," the head mentor said. But he added, "This club (the Tornado) has plenty of moxie, too."

Describing the Black Tornado and its season up to now, the coach said, "These kids certainly have come through. They have come steadily along. They came to their own again against Eureka."

Physically Fit

The Tornado should be physically intact for the big game of the year on the local gridiron, Spiegelberg indicated. He voiced this probability again this morning. Backs John Hawley, John Bellack and Eldon Francis and Tackle Mel Morgan have been on the ailing list. Spiegelberg said he expected all to be in action Friday night. However, Bellack was still limping from a leg ailment in drills last night.

Heartening in the outlook for Tornado defense against the huge Grants Pass line has been the showing of Morgan in drills this week. The tackle has missed five games this season because of a broken hand. Right now he's pushing Larry Cranston for a starting defensive assignment and Cranston is going good too.

Medford line play is going to count much in the contest. Both clubs have breakaway backs. For the Tornado they're in the persons of Mike Hawkins, Gary Riley and John Bellack. Grants Pass' four backfield starters all have a quality of speed. They are Chuck Nevi, quarterback; Gary Hermann and Dave Flipse, halfback and Allan Drews, fullback.

George Curtis in the Grants Pass Daily Courier remarks, "All four can move and all four of them have demonstrated that, on occasion, that they can cut and dodge through the secondary defenses."

Ends Have Task

The Medford coach told Kiwanians yesterday that Tornado ends, Mike Stearns, Dick Cople, Maury Butts and Jerry Gattlin have jobs cut out for them in busting up the Cavemen's end sweeps.

Spiegelberg said that Cople and Stearns likely will get starting call at ends both ways. Possible tackles are Neil Plumley and Al Boardman with Cranston to be the defensive starter in place of Boardman. Monte Holst and Jack Gregory likely will get the guard call with Bob Apple a guard on defense, Gregory going to linebacker and Holst backing and playing in the line.

Dick McLaughlin is probable quarterback and a linebacker. Hawkins and Riley or Bellack may start at halves with Larry Guber or Dave Bosworth at fullback. Bellack, Riley and Bosworth may get first defensive call with Francis and Hawkins also to see duty.

The Grants Pass line is expected to be Eddie Guize, 187, and Larry McFarland, 165, ends;

Arnold Slyaven, 200, and Gary Krause, 241, tackles; Bob Allers, 189, and Jim Dean, 195, guards; and Larry Walker, 179, center.

Mammoth Dick Graves, 279,



TOUGH ON DEFENSE—Bob Apple, above, at 147 pounds is outwitted by a lot of opposing linemen but he plays a rugged, sharp and cagey game of defense at guard for Medford high and more than holds his own. He'll be seen in action against the Grants Pass Cavemen here Friday night.

—(Lands Shangle photo).

Warm Southwest Storm Should Improve Angling

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

Southwest: Some rise in the Rogue river is being caused by recent rains, and little success has been enjoyed by steelhead fishermen.

The warm southwest storm is expected to bring the fish up from the lower Rogue canyon to create better angling conditions for the coming week end.

Salmon season is closed throughout the Umpqua drainage above highway 38 bridge at Scottsburg. Steelhead angling slow. All streams throughout the upper Umpqua area are moderately high and muddy. Angling for salmon and jacks is generally good in Tennesse lake.

NORTHWEST: North coast streams dropping and clearing, and few fresh salmon are in. Tillamook, Necanicum, Salmon river angling fair with occasional good catches of silvers and jacks. Best on dropping water levels after freshet. Occasional steelhead are being taken in larger streams. In good weather Barview jetty is producing perch and kelp bass. Both the Sandy and Clackamas rivers are falling and barring heavy rains should be in good shape by Friday. Fishing is expected to be poor however.

Chicago — (U.P.) — Sam Jones, Dee Fondy and Eddie Miskis have signed 1956 contracts with the Chicago Cubs bringing to six the number of Cubs already in the fold for next season.

More than 1,000 species of trees grow in commercial forest lands in the United States, but most of the nation's lumber needs are supplied by about 35

is a guard on defense, and Drews may be at a flank. Larry Thompson is a 199 tackle who may see much duty and Roger Taylor, 147, is a regular defensive back along with Nevi and Hermann. Slyaven, Dean and Dennis Eckstein could see defensive back work.

A sellout crowd for the game was anticipated today. Principal Lester Harris of Medford high reported all but a few of the 2500 reserved seats sold out. They are in the newer grandstand. The 1200 seats in the old

Quail, Pheasant Hunting Should Hold Up for Hunters With Dogs

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly hunting report as prepared by the State Game Commission:

Southwest: Coos County elk prospects are only fair for coming week end, although substantial kill made opening week end.

Timber areas show best prospects. Coos Bay waterfowl prospects fair, poor in other areas. Fair waterfowl prospects tidal areas below the Rogue.

Jackson county waterfowl population low, but quail and pheasant shooting will hold up well for hunters with dogs.

Douglas county pheasant and elk hunting would improve with dry weather although some elk country roads will not be usable all winter.

NORTHWEST: Ducks are scarce in the upper Willamette Valley, but recent storms should bring in more birds by the weekend. Pheasants are wary and a good dog is needed to flush them out. Elk hunting prospects Clatsop County still fairly good if weather is favorable. A fair number of legal bulls are ranging in or near heavier areas.

CENTRA: Quail hunting slow Crook and Deschutes counties, but the birds are there. Pheasant hunting very slow. Upper Deschutes River area has fair number of ducks, should provide

Ivan Harrington Heads Linksmen In Handicap Play

Ivan Harrington is leader among Rogue Valley Country club golfers who have finished their three 18 hole rounds in the annual fall handicap but two divoters, at least, have a good chance to overtake him by Sunday evening's deadline for completion of play.

Harrington has a 215 net count for 54 holes of play. His net scores by round were 69, 76 and 70. Closest to him is Al Althens with 72-175—218 and Ed Nichols with 73-75-71—219.

Among those with just two rounds played, Bob Johnson and Frank Allen are listed as having a chance to overtake Harrington. Johnson has a 70-68—138 count so far and Allen a 70-69—139 total.

Clayton Lewis had a 74-74-72—220 for his three rounds.

SANTÉE STARTER

Washington — (U.P.) — Wes Santee, ace mile runner who was suspended by the Missouri Valley AAU last week, will act as a starter Saturday when the Quantico Marine Base meets Villanova in a track meet.

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SPORTS

Phoenix Girds Defenses For Coquille Tiff Saturday

Phoenix — Phoenix high's Pirates primed their football defense for the Coquille Red Devils here yesterday while school officials prepared to accommodate one of the top crowds of grid spectators in the history of the school.

The two schools meet here at 8 p.m. Saturday for the District 6 A-2 championship and the right to enter state title playoffs.

While the Pirates were hard at their preparations bleachers were being brought from the Central Point field and more possibly were to be obtained at Eagle Point.

Coach Jack Woodward said that he worked his line on defensive fundamentals and held a good tough defensive scrimmage. He said he believed the work helped the line a lot.

Brood at Flank
The mentor reported that because of a shortage of ends, Halfback Delmar Brood may play a flank on defense. That will allow Bill Madden to play at the safety spot with which he is familiar. Woodward commented on the defensive tackle work of Walt Hurlbut and the linebacking of Jim Korth. He said that use of Dave Seizinger at tailback, as well as end and safety, will give Phoenix needed reserve strength.

Fullback Dan Lovett ran against the first string line last night and Woodward said he looked better than he has for a long time.

In Coquille the Pirates will be up against a good solid club. Outstanding man in the line is Howard Wagner, a 193 pounder. While the backfield is well-balanced the leader is Duane Sherwood, tailback in the wing T. He weighs 157 pounds and possesses lots of speed.

Troy Flankman Off of Squad

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Huge Chuck Griffith was off the Southern California squad today because Coach Jess Hill said the 253-pound first-string right end broke training rules.

Neither Hill nor Griffith, a senior who stands six feet seven inches, would discuss what rules the coach said were broken.

In a terse statement yesterday Hill announced before practice: "Chuck Griffith has been dropped from the SC football squad for breaking training."

Griffith said the action was "a blow to me."

EAGLES GET RICCA

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — James Ricca, a guard who was released by the Detroit Lions last Monday, has been signed by the Philadelphia Eagles. Ricca, who stands six four and weighs 270 pounds is in his fifth year in the National Football League.

He played college ball at Georgetown university.

Alan Ameche Heads Pros In Rushing

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — With a backward glance at baseball and the annual "assaults" on Babe Ruth's home run record, it can be pointed out that Alan Ameche of the Baltimore Colts is running well ahead of the single season ground gaining mark Steve Van Buren set seven seasons back.

"The horse" is snorting and pawing at a 635-yard clip for the first six games of the National Football League season, apace 169 yards ahead of the field in the rushing statistics and one which would have him surpass Van Buren's record 1,146 — if maintained.

Weavin' Steven set his mark for the Philadelphia Eagles back in 1949, and a couple of other good runners took a crack at it. The same season, Tony Canadeo had 1,052 for Green Bay, and Joe Perry of San Francisco had 1,049 last year. Perry is the only NFL player to top 1,000 yards two years running.

First Pro Game
Ameche, the rookie from Wisconsin who gained 194 yards against the Chicago Bears in his first professional game and who rolled for 117 against Green Bay last Saturday, is well ahead of Van Buren's record pace.

Big Steve had only 451 in the first six games.

Perry, the 1954 champion, bounced into the championship picture Sunday. Joe-the-Jet rambled for 149 yards to take over second place with 446 yards. Howie Ferguson of Green Bay is third with 444. Fred Morrison of Cleveland with 430 and Fran Rogel of the Steelers with 385 complete the first five.

Graham Tops Passing
Y. A. Tittle of San Francisco slipped into second place in the passing statistics where Otto

Basketball Meet Tonight at YMCA

Medford Independent Basketball League will hold its first meeting of the season tonight. The session will be at Room A of the YMCA instead of the location previously reported. Time is 8 p.m. It is hoped to elect officers tonight and begin planning immediately for the new year. All managers and sponsors of prospective entries are invited, as well as players.

Graham of the Browns continued to rule the roost with a 9.63-yard average gain for every pass thrown. Automatic Otto "skidded" to a 56.8 completion percentage. Tittle is averaging 8.30 yards per pass.

Billy Wilson of San Francisco, leads in total completions with 29, in total yards gained with 493, and is in a three-way tie for the most touchdowns with four. Harlon Hill of the Bears and Billy Howton of Green Bay are tied for second with 27 receptions.

Norm Van Brocklin of Los Angeles led the punters for the fourth straight week. Leon Riley of Detroit was tops in punt returns. Buford Long of New York led in kickoff returns, and Willard Sherman of Los Angeles paced the pass interceptors for the fourth week in a row with eight.

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