



INVADE PIRATES' DEN FRIDAY—The Medford high football squad, shown here in an early season photo, will aim for a state semi-final berth Friday night when they oppose the favored Marshfield high Pirates at Coos Bay. Medford copped the District 6 A-1 championship last week end by trimming Grants Pass 14 to 7. Marshfield, unbeaten this year, so far, took District 5 laurels. In the front row, from left are Dave Drummond, Maury Butts, Jim Coleman, Al Boardman, Bill Hall, Larry

Gober, Mel Morgan, Darrel Ross, Monte Holst, Jack Gregory, Dave Bosworth, Jerry Gatlin, Rod Hammer, Gary Shaffer, Lloyd Cearley and Ed Reinking. Those in the second row, left to right, are Gary Guss, Tom Cox, Fred Linton, Gordon Owsley, Larry Perkins, Dick Swinney, Dick McLaughlin, Eldon Francis, John Hawley, Dick Coppel, Bob Apple, Mike Stearns, Gary Picard and Larry Cranston. Manager Butch Graff leads off the third row at the left. Others are Mike Hawkins, John Jones, Earl

Knight, Ken Kumasawa, Terry Miller, Jim Funston, Mike Russell, Bob Gee, Tony Brauner, Dave Bergman, Gary Harrington, Tom Hamlin and Larry Sessler. In the back row, from left, are Head Coach Fred Spiegelberg, Back Coach Bob Newland, Manager Dan Andrews, Gary Safley, Jay Walker, Dick Sorenson, Tom Urdiel, Tom Merton, Tom Morris, Frank Albert, Pete Kershaw, Line Coach Paul Evensen and Junior Varsity Coach Frank Roelandt. (Landis-Shangle photo).

Tornado Has Gigantic Task At Coos Bay on Friday Night

Hearts set on pulling the biggest upset of the 1955 season, Medford high football players go to Coos Bay on Friday.

There they'll have the gigantic task of defeating the potent Marshfield aggregation. It will be a state quarter-final encounter in Class A-1 with the winner to advance to semi-finals next week end.

Medford will be a decided underdog in the battle. The Golden Pirates of the Oregon coast, unmarred in eight battles this fall, have sailed through their state with impressive scores. Regarded by many as on par with a good junior college team, Marshfield is rated the state's best prep eleven. Medford has been ranked eighth and ninth in the most recent press polls.

But there is every indication this week that the Tornado will be primed to give the Pirates a stormy tussle. Helped along by fine practice weather, Medford attitude and morale have been great this week. There doesn't seem to be the pressure of the district race on the squad despite the formidable foe to be met. And Tornado's physical strength is reportedly at its best of the season.

After Perfection

The Tornado gridders are still after perfection and they are willing to work overtime for it. Coach Fred Spiegelberg reported last night. He spoke of the "whoop and holler" in Wednesday's elongated drill. The squad was on the practice field at 3:15 p.m. and didn't leave until 5:30 p.m.

Group work was conducted last night. The Tornado worked on blocking downfield and on pass defense. A pass scrimmage was held and there was both defensive and offensive scrimmage as four units took part. Blocking of the whole line was pretty sharp. Spiegelberg said, "not singling out any particular man in the wall. He reported that Halback John Bellack was "going like the dickens" and that Halbacks Gary Riley and Mike Hawkins both ran well in the practice.

The Medford squad will leave by bus at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow. Thirty-five players will make the trip. Spiegelberg has not named which 27 will be in uniform for the game. A 27-man limit is set by the Oregon School Activities association.

Starters Listed

Spiegelberg indicated that

Rooks To Oppose Husky Pup Eleven

Oregon State College, Corvallis—Toughest battle of the season looms for Oregon State's unbeaten Rook football team this Friday afternoon in Parker stadium in Corvallis when the University of Washington Frosh come to town.

The Rooks, who have posted a win and a tie against the Oregon Frosh, will run into another undefeated squad. The Husky Pups have posted victories over Washington State and Idaho freshmen clubs on successive week ends, and seemingly match the Rooks in both offensive and defensive power.

Both backfields contain highly-touted runners. For the Rooks tailback Paul Lowe, wingback Earnel Durden and fullback Nub Beamer will match forces with quarterback Lee Grosscup, halfback Don Millich and fullback Luther (Hit and Run) Carr. Lowe, a speedster from Los Angeles, hit his stride against Oregon two weeks ago, streaking 86 and 94 yards for touchdowns. Grosscup turned in a superlative performance against the Idaho freshmen last Saturday, completing 11 passes for 254 yards. Game time for the two clubs is set for 2 p.m. Friday with all seats going on a general admission basis.

Medford starters will be about the same as usual. End choices may be Dick Coppel and Jerry Gatlin for offense with Mike Stearns and Maury Butts for defense. Neil Plumley and Al Boardman are likely offensive tackles with Larry Cranston probably replacing Boardman when Marshfield has the ball. Monte Holst and Jack Gregory should be at guards when Medford is on the attack with Gary Shaffer at center. Holst and Gregory may be guards or line-backers on defense with Bob Apple also at a guard.

Dick McLaughlin is expected to hold down quarterback and line-backing chores. It's between Bellack and Riley at left half with Hawkins at right half. Larry Gober or Dave Bosworth should get fullback call. Bosworth and Bellack may have first summons at defensive halves with Riley or Eldon Francis the safety.

For Marshfield offensively the line up may be Chuck Amsbury and Leonard Creasey, ends; Barry Bullard and Dave Cardwell, tackles; Larry Hines and

Braves' Bid, Prexy Status On Coast League's Agenda

Vancouver, B.C. —(U.P.)—Milwaukee's offer to buy the San Francisco Seals and the future of Claire V. Goodwin as president of the Pacific Coast League were the main topics today as the PCL opened its annual meeting here.

The National League club, represented by Braves Vice-President Joseph F. Cairnes, said it was interested in the debt-ridden Seals. However, Cairnes has remained mum on what kind of an offer he has in his pocket and only will disclose it when he and the league's directors are behind closed doors.

Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Cleveland Indians, also made a proposition last month to run the club but withdrew it when the league asked for more time to study his plan.

Cairnes indicated before leaving San Francisco that his offer will be on a take it or leave it basis.

"We're not going to Vancouver to barter," he said. If this deal falls through, the league may take over the Seals as a charity case and operate them until another prospect is in sight.

Open Status Threatened But should the league accept Cairnes' offer, it would have to junk its "open status" and become a full-fledged minor league again as it was before the winter of 1952-53. It was at that time that the PCL changed its constitution to throw out all major league farm ties. However, the Chicago Cubs were allowed to keep their Los Angeles baseball club.

Milwaukee is all the more interested in San Francisco because it has to find a new farm spot since they are leaving Toledo, O., where the American Association park is being torn down. Goodwin has no contract with the PCL and the directors merely were to vote whether to retain him for another year or not. He

Scoring Titlist Spurs Warriors

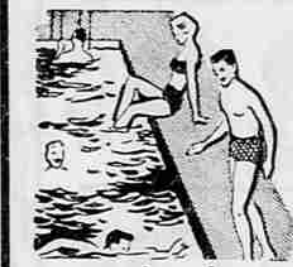
By UNITED PRESS

Lantern-jawed Neil Johnston, the scoring champion of the National Basketball association for the last three seasons, is on the target again and the Philadelphia Warriors have begun their hopeful quest for the title.

Johnston, six-foot, eight-inch former baseball pitcher, notched only 13 points in the Warriors' opening game loss, but Wednesday night he found the range for 29 points and that helped Philadelphia to a 117-106 triumph over the Minneapolis Lakers.

New York —(U.P.)— Frankie Ryff, third-ranking lightweight contender from New York, and Paolo Rosi of New York have been matched for a 10-round fight in Madison Square Garden, Dec. 23. Rosi formerly lived in Italy.

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Tornado 8th In AP Rating

Medford's Black Tornado rated eighth in the final Associated Press prep football poll.

The Tornado got 51 points in the voting of sportswriters and sportscasters to move up from a tie for 10th place last week.

Powerful Marshfield continued in No. 1 position and Gresham remained No. 2. Pendleton moved from fourth to third when Corvallis, beaten by Albany, sank to seventh. Jefferson of Portland rose a notch to fourth and Albany got the No. five position. Vale retained sixth position.

Trailing Medford among the top 10 were McMinnville and Eugene, respectively. McMinnville was seventh a week ago and Eugene was an also ran.

THE VOTING:
Marshfield, 8-0 169
2. Gresham, 9-0 148
3. Pendleton, 9-0 129
4. Jefferson, 7-0-1 95
5. Albany, 7-2 86
6. Vale, 8-0 65
7. Corvallis, 7-2 62
8. Medford, 6-1-2 51
9. McMinnville, 7-1 47
10. Eugene, 6-2 17
South Salem, 13; Prineville, 10; Milwaukie, 9; Junction City, 8; Ontario, 7; Hillsboro and Cottage Grove, 5; Central Catholic, Roseburg and Washington, 3; Dallas, 2.

UO Seventh In Rushing

New York —(U.P.)—Latest NCAA statistics revealed today that Oregon's football team is seventh in the nation in rushing, and 10th in the nation in total offense.

The Ducks have averaged 254.4 yards per game in rushing and 328.4 yards in total offense.

Oklahoma is the nation's rushing leader with 311.8 yards while West Virginia is tops in total offense with 436.9.

Quarters Sought By Rogue Archers

Rogue Archers of Medford are looking for indoor range in which to conduct their activities this winter.

Members of the club say they need a basement room or building 25 feet wide and 75 feet long.

Anyone who has a place which is suitable is asked to contact Herb Gifford. His telephone number is 2-6080.

Minor Loop Ball Seems In Comeback

By CARL LUNDQUIST

New York —(U.P.)— Minor league baseball is making a comeback.

A year ago there were doubts in some quarters about its survival. Now the executives of the big minor leagues, which were in the most trouble, feel that they not only will survive but prosper.

"We hear much about the deplorable condition of the minors but the comments are not based on fact," said George Trautman, the national president of minor league baseball.

"I am optimistic. Certainly there is no thought of liquidation. If we have a cup on our hands, it is a most unusual one because it is alive and kicking." Ed Doherty, president of the American Association, said "The 1955 season was the best for us since the late 1940s and we figure to do even better next year."

Frank Shaughnessy, the veteran head of the International League, said bluntly that "The only trouble with the minor leagues is the majors."

"We would be a lot better off if they would leave us alone," he declared. "Our league is working toward complete independence of the majors. The only exception is Montreal, where Brooklyn keeps the team well-stocked with players. It is the only way. We have enough troubles of our own without worrying about what some major league club is going to do."

Claire V. Goodwin, who took office last winter as the new Pacific Coast League president, acknowledged that in some spots there was trouble last year, but "the outlook for next season is very good."

"The franchise shift from Oakland to Vancouver in British Columbia will be very beneficial and attendance also should be much better in Portland where the club is shifting into a different stadium," he said.

Goodwin said the chief menace to baseball in the Pacific Coast League was talk of major league expansion, but that because of an edict by Commissioner Ford Frick, baseball peo-

Independent Basketball Loop Meeting Tonight

Team sponsors and representatives were reminded today concerning this evening's meeting of the Medford Independent Basketball League. It will be at 8 p.m. at the YMCA. Tonight is deadline for entry of teams for 1955-1956 play.

OSC-Washington Pictures Slated

Motion pictures of the Oregon State college-University of Washington football game will be shown here on Wednesday, November 16. The showing will be at 8 p.m. at Skinner's garage. Alumni of Oregon State may see the films.

HARTACK HAS 377

Laurel, Md. —(U.P.)— Willie Hartack, the nation's top jockey this year, booted home two more winners at Laurel Park Wednesday to boost his victory total to 377. Willie Shoemaker, the only jockey to score more than 400 victories in a year—he had 485 in 1953—had one winner on the eight-race card to boost his total for 1955 to 294.

Johnson Wants Major Pro Club At Kansas City

By ED SAINSBURY

United Press Sports Writer Chicago —(U.P.)— Arnold Johnson said today he was looking for a professional football franchise to put in the park of his Kansas City Athletics for the fall season.

"I would be interested in a football club on the right basis, and it wouldn't make too much difference what club it was," he said.

Johnson said that as yet he had made no offers to buy any pro team, but that he would listen to any proposals concerning purchase of a team.

He stipulated, however, that he would not be interested in any franchise except in the National Football League.

Johnson anticipated that a pro football team would make off-season use of the facilities he acquired in Kansas City for his baseball club. He purchased the Athletics from the Mack family a year ago and in its first year, 1955, the team drew more than 1,000,000 fans.

There had been rumors that the Chicago Cardinal franchise might be transferred to Kansas City, but managing Director Walter Wolfner denied the report. Johnson said he had not talked to Wolfner concerning a possible purchase.

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ple have stopped doing that.

Other Transfers

In addition to the Oakland switch to Vancouver, there have been various other transfers in recent years. The American Association now stretches 1800 miles from Charleston, W. Va., to Denver, Colo. The league's two newest members, Denver and Omaha, Neb., had big years at the gate in 1955. Denver led all minor league clubs with 426,248 paid admissions and Omaha was well up on the list with 316,012.

Moving a franchise has not always been a panacea for baseball's ills. But, generally, it appears such action is helpful to a league—provided the move is to the right spot.

Tomorrow: The minor league situation, by clubs.

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