



FUMBLE—All eyes are on the ball as handoff from Earl Morrill (not shown) to San Francisco 49er teammate Ralph Moody (left) heads for the ground during game with the Philadelphia Eagles in Sacramento, Calif. The 49ers recovered the fumble, but soon lost the ball on downs. The Eagles won, 21-14.

Black Tornado Digging In As Pirate Encounter Nears

"We're just digging in," head coach Fred Spiegelberg declared today as the Medford High school Black Tornado continued its drills for the Marshfield gridiron conflict here Friday night.

The engagement is between the two top-rated clubs in Oregon and, while there is no league significance to the battle, the Tornado aggregation is looking toward the fracas as if the state title were at stake.

Medford's footballers will go into the battle against the defending state champs mindful that morale and the breaks will play an important part. The returning lettermen recall their 1955 quarter-finals ruckus with the Pirates. Tornado stalwarts made it a spirited struggle and, had a few breaks gone its way, Medford instead of Marshfield might have advanced into semi-final play.

Defense Tuned

Spiegelberg said that the Tornado last night started its defensive preparations for the Buccaneers. Work on the means to stop the Pirates got about an hour of attention in a long practice. There was an intensive scrimmage but the head mentor indicated that the Tornado was "not too sharp." He said that the club was going to have to

have another contact scrimmage, although brief, tonight.

Also on last night's agenda was blocking and pass protection for the linemen. Backfield men ran plays.

Gary Harrington, one of the top ends on the squad, missed practice both Monday and Tuesday. He suffered a sprained ankle in the Roseburg mix. It is hoped he'll be able to play Friday. Jerome McQuade, good sophomore linebacker, also missed two days of drill, apparently because of illness. He saw quite a bit of service last week.

Strong as Last Year

In Marshfield the Tornado will oppose a club regarded as strong as the one the Pirates fielded in 1955. Their blocking and tackling again is said to be "terrific." The Bucks are a big club with the weight well distributed and they have a powerful running attack. Marshfield threw only five passes against a stubborn Grants Pass club last week. They could stick pretty much to the ground against Medford but the aerial threat is still to be watched.

Against GP the Bucks established command with two quick early touchdowns and were met on close to even terms the rest of the way. Roger Johnson and

LEAR WITH WARRIORS

Philadelphia—UPI—Hal Lear, the second highest scorer in Temple university's basketball history, has signed a professional contract with the Philadelphia Warriors of the National Basketball association. Lear tallied 1,472 points while at Temple and is the smallest player on the Warriors' squad at six feet.

TOUCHDOWNERS ELECT

Washington—UPI—Alphonse (Tuffy) Leemans, former New York Giants football star currently engaged in dry cleaning and insurance businesses here, was elected president of the Washington Touchdown club Tuesday night.

Jack Shanley were the big running threats against the Cavemen and doubtless will be the men Medford will be watching for most. Johnson carries 186 pounds and Shanley 170. The Pirates also have a capable and hefty fullback in Hardy Spurgeon, 198.

Tackle Dale Cardwell, 195, linebacker Jerry Tankersley, 190, and Johnson were the defensive big guns against Grants Pass. Johnson is a linebacker. The Pirate line also has weight in tackle Barry Bullard, 220, guard Dave Bingham, 202, center Larry Tankersley, 194, and end Jim Johnson, 185. Tim Bullard, 195, is a defensive guard.

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Crater Builds Up Offense For GP Scuffle on Friday

Central Point — The Crater high Comets drilled their offense against possible Grants Pass defenses this week as they prepared for their bow into the Class A-1 Southern Oregon conference football contention.

Grants Pass and Crater meet here Friday night.

Coach Leonard Warren reported that the offense was being primed against the defenses the Cavemen utilized in their fracas last week with Marshfield.

The Comets also, of course, are trying to fortify their own defense. Practice is particularly aimed at stopping GP attempts through the air. The aim is to hold down the Jim Smith to Chuck Lasher pass combination. At the same time eyes will be

Coach Leonard Warren of the Crater high football squad has called a meeting of all interested men in school district 6 for 7:30 p.m. today at the Crater cafeteria. It will be a gridiron clinic and information meeting. The mentor said he feels that fans will get a bit more out of the sport if they have a better understanding of the game as played by the Comets.

on other possible receivers. On the ground Crater hopes to have the holes plugged in the middle and off tackle where Mike Rose is a big gainer for

the Cavemen. The Crater tutor reported his crew in generally fine shape. However, guard Don Hubbard, one of the Comet's best linemen, missed both Monday and Tuesday workouts and his availability against the Cavemen wasn't known today.

Crater Short on Reserves

In facing the Cavemen the Comets will be handicapped in the matter of reserve strength. They've been short in that department all season while GP appears to have plenty of personnel.

Grants Pass's offensive unit isn't expected to greatly outweigh that of the Comets. In fact, offensively, the Crater club has some bulkier players in the line but that Comet crew will face superior weight in the Grants Pass defensive club. For line duty the Cavemen have Dick Graves, 265-pounder, and his brother, Nathan, 270, Paul Slaven, a middle guard, is 192.

The Clatsop city eleven has fleet runners in the persons of Lasher, Norris Conner, Don Lewellyn and Jack Dean and a capable plunger in Rose. Smith was the big passer against Stan Lewman, who usually has first call over Smith at quarterback, can throw well, too. Conner did not go to Marshfield because of an infected knee and Rose suffered a calf bruise in that game and saw little duty.

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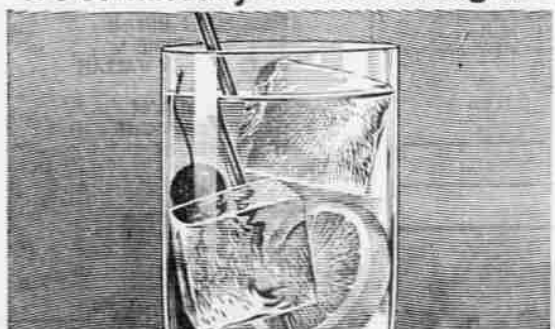
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