

# Medford, Grants Pass Prepare For Battle on Muddy Gridiron; Season's Statistics Compared

Weather outlook gives little hope for even a reasonably dried out gridiron when Medford high's Black Tornado plays at Grants Pass on Friday and the aggregation which comes out on top in the showdown ruckus on the District 6 A-1 and Southern Oregon conference pennants likely will be the one which proves the better mudder.

With that in mind the Tornado charges of coach Fred Spiegelberg were scheduled to wade right into the mud in their practice activity this afternoon. It was just another move in the effort to prime for conditions that the Medfordites will meet against the Cavemen.

For two days, however, the Tornado has, as much as possible, avoided the sloppy goo. Last night the Medford squad worked on both defenses against GP plays and on offense against the defenses the Cavemen may throw against them. There was some work in individual departments such as blocking in the line and pass defense and running of plays for the backs.

**Worked in Arena**  
Monday's drill was lighter in a sense but an objective was to keep everybody moving as the squad worked in the rain. The workout consisted mostly of running the offense.

At Grants Pass coach Mel Ingram's club reportedly kept out of the Monday rain by drilling at the Josephine county fairgrounds arena. Yesterday the report was that the Cavemen shifted the practice to the main football field. Some loyal Medford fans may accuse the Cavemen of trying to make the gridiron a quagmire to aid their heavy defensive line. But the GP crew probably has the same idea in mind as the Tornado—to be ready for a muddy battle.

In the battle matching the conference's two unbeaten teams, Medford will match its better offensive scoring record against common foes against the better defensive showing of the GP boys against the same contingents. Against Crater, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Roseburg and Marshfield this fall, the roaring Black Tornado ran up a total of 198 points. Grants Pass against those clubs compiled 123, a 65 point difference. Medford held these five opponents to 65 points and the common rivals tallied 54 against the Cavemen, a difference of 11.

**Four Common Foes Beaten**  
Medford and Grants Pass were victors against all of these adversaries except Marshfield. The Tornado tied the Buccaneers 20 to 20 while the Cavemen fell 0 to 20. Medford defeated Roseburg 40 to 14, Crater 34 to 12, Klamath Falls 47 to 19 and Ashland 47 to 0. Grants Pass got by Roseburg 35 to 14, Crater 26 to 13, Klamath Falls 29 to 7 and Ashland 33 to 0.

For the full season, however, the Black Tornado shows a better mark in both overall scoring and holding back opponents' touchdowns. Over eight games Medford has recorded 293 counters to rivals' 83. The GP tabulation has been 192 and 93, differences of 101 and 10.

Against all foes this season the Black Tornado has outdone the Cavemen 2685 to 2387 in net scrimmage yardage but the Grants Pass club has allowed its adversaries 1501 yards while Medfordites have yielded 1770.

Both Medford and Grants Pass have piled up the bulk of their yardage on the ground but the Cavemen have made more use of the forward pass. The Pear Capital crew has rumbled to 2185 yards rushing and has passed to 500. Grants Pass has compiled 1574 on the ground and 813 through the ozone.

**Tornado Outgains All**  
The Cavemen have been out-gained this season only by Longview, Wash., and Marshfield. Medford has outnetted all opponents in total yardage and its biggest night in passing was against Marshfield when 149 yards were collected.

Halfback Gary Riley, who has packed for seven touchdowns in the last two games, is the scoring leader of the Tornado with 10 TDs and 60 points. End Dick Cople has kicked 28 out of 39 conversion tries and one field goal out of two attempts. Halfback Eldon Francis heads in rushing yards gained with 493 and Fullback Loren Christian is second in total net with 446 and first in yards per carry, averaging 9.1 on 49 tries. Francis has a 6.08 per carry record for 81 times.

Medford scoring includes: Francis 54, Christian 43, Cople 34, Bob Gee 30, Dick McLaughlin 26, Gordon Owsley 19, Mike Russell 12, and Larry Cranston and Dan Lovett each six.

Top gainers other than Francis and Christian have been

Riley 328 yards in 52 carries for 6.3 average, Owsley 217—32—6.78, Gee 219—51—4.3 and McLaughlin 214—50—4.28.

**Lasher Sets GP Pace**  
Leading GP scorers are Chuck Lasher 48, Mike Sparlin 30 and Norris Conner and Don Lewellyn each 24. Dewain Gurule has made good on 19 of 28 point after touchdown kicks and has booted one field goal.

Lasher has been the rushing workhorse for GP with 549 yards in 96 totes and an average of 5.7. The passing arm of Jim Smith poses a real threat to the Tornado. This Caveman has completed 24 out of 57 passes for 584 yards in the last six games, bettering 90 per game in five straight contests and averaging better than 10 yards for each time he has thrown the ball. Stan Lewman, the other GP quarterback has 11 completions for 29 throws and 181 yards.

Other top GP rushers have been Jack Dean 327-35-9.3, Conner 227-55-4.1, Mike Rose 206-53-3.9, Lewellyn 101-31-3.3 and Roger Taylor 89-28-3.2.

End Sparlin has caught 16 passes for 399 yards and five touchdowns, pulling in five of them in the Roseburg game and scoring three TDs. Gary Tompkins has eight catches for 175 yards and Lasher eight for 198 gained.

## Football Briefs

### COUGARS REVISE

Pullman, Wash. — (U.P.) — Coach Jim Sutherland has revised his Washington State college lineup again to bolster the Cougars for Saturday's battle against the Trojans of Southern California.

Bill Steiger, one of the nation's top pass receivers, was moved from left end to right halfback, and Don Gest took over the left end spot. Dave Jones and Chuck Morrell will alternate at the left half positions.

### CARR MOVED

Seattle, Wash. — (U.P.) — Luther (Hit and Run) Carr, speedy sophomore halfback, has been moved into the University of Washington varsity backfield to replace the injured Bobby Herring.

### CAS WORKS GROVER

Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.) — Coach Len Casanova had quarterback worries as his University of Oregon Ducks sought additional offensive power for Saturday's game against the University of California Bears. Jack Crabtree, the number two quarterback, probably is lost to the squad for the season, and the man behind him, Roger Daniels, is nursing a charley horse and may not see action against the Bears. Fourth string signal caller Paul Grover is working out in the position.

### OSC GOES HARD

Corvallis, Ore. — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Beavers got a good, stiff workout Tuesday as Coach Tommy Prothro warned that Washington has one of the best potential running attacks on the Pacific coast. The coach singled out tackle John Witte and guard Jim Brackins for special acclaim for their defensive work in the Beaver line. Paul Lowe, reserve tailback, stood out in a brief offensive drill.

### DOCTOR READY

Stanford, Calif. — (U.P.) — Coach Chuck Taylor got a little good

news—and a little bad—Tuesday as he drilled his Stanford Indians for Saturday's crucial game with the rugged Bruins of UCLA. Halfback Paul Camera, one of Stanford's top pass receivers, received a back injury in last week's game against Southern California and is a doubtful starter against the Bruins. However, first string tackle Steve Doctor, out of action for three weeks, is ready to go against UCLA.

### BEARS HAVE JACKSON

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — The University of California Bears staged a long, wet workout Tuesday that wound up under the lights in preparation for Saturday's game against the Oregon Ducks. Coach Lynn Waldorf was pleased to see first string fullback Herb Jackson back with the squad and running at full strength. Jackson did the work while Jerry Drew rested his injured ankle.

### TROJANS TO PASS

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Coach Jess Hill indicated Tuesday that the University of Southern California Trojans would stress a stronger passing attack from now on to make up for the loss of All-American halfback Jon Arnett. Arnett played his fifth and final game for SC last Saturday. Hill had senior Ellsworth Kissinger take over for quarterback Frank Hall in Tuesday's drill in which the Trojans demonstrated a sharp passing game.

### UCLA STRESSES DEFENSE

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The UCLA Bruins continued to stress pass defense Tuesday in preparation for the Stanford game Saturday.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

## Webfoots Maintain Defensive Leadership

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The University of Southern California's strong ground attack gave the Trojans a slim hold on total offense honors over Washington State, the Pacific Coast Conference commissioner's office announced today.

The Trojans have averaged 385.6 yards a game while Washington State was only a fraction of a yard behind with a 385.2 total. Southern California has averaged 314 yards a game for the rushing leadership to 281.2 for second ranked Washington. Washington State challenged the Trojans on the basis of a strong passing attack which has netted 234 yards. Stanford was ranked second in passing with a 203 yard total.

Oregon maintained the lead in total defense for the sixth straight week, having given up 241 total yards to 260.7 for Oregon State. Oregon also leads in pass defense with 62.3 yards to 78.2 for California.

In individual statistics, Southern California's Jon Arnett, whose eligibility ended last week end, and John Brodie, of Stanford, share the spotlight. Arnett topped the PCC in rushing with 625 yards while Brodie, who leads the nation, also heads the conference in passing with 969 yards and in total offense with 1,034 yards.

Arnett was second in total offense with 758 yards and first in the scoring department with 44 points. Bunny Aldrich of Washington was second in passing with 700 yards and third in total offense with 657 yards.

### Morris Leads Returns

Bill Steiger of Washington State has 28 catches for 376 yards to his credit to lead conference receivers. Stanford's Paul Camera has 24 receptions for 317 yards. Kirk Wilson of UCLA continued to lead in punting with 13 kicks good for 592 yards and a 45.5 average.

Oregon has two individual leaders, Jack Morris in kickoff returns and Leroy Phelps in

punt returns. The Ducks, who have lost four straight games, are tops in total defense, giving up 241 yards per game; in pass defense with 62.3 yards per game, and in punt returns with a 19.9 yard average.

Oregon State leads in rushing defense, allowing 157.8 yards per contest. Morris has returned nine kickoffs for 225 yards and Phelps six punts for 141 yards.

Oregon also ranks fourth in rush offense, sixth in passing offense, sixth in total offense, sixth in pass interceptions, third in punting, second in kickoff returns and fourth in rushing defense.

Oregon State ranks third in rushing offense, eighth in passing offense, fifth in total offense, fifth in pass interceptions, fourth in punting, fifth in punt returns, seventh in kickoff returns, sixth in pass defense and second to Oregon in total defense.

## Rick Casares Professional TD Leader

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — A four-touchdown performance by Rick Casares boomed the Chicago Bears fullback into first place in the National Football league scoring race to match his position as the league's leading ground gainer.

Rampant Rick scored four times against the San Francisco Forty-Niners Sunday to run his point total to 60 and his touchdowns to 10, both individual highs for the five-week-old season. His four touchdowns in a single game also is a high for the current campaign.

Casares, a 225-pounder, held first place in rushing for the second straight week with a 458-yard total, an edge of 12 yards over Ollie Matson of the Chicago Cardinals and Hugh McElhenny of the Forty-Niners, tied for second.

Eddie Brown of the Bears kept his No. 1 ranking among the passers with an average gain of 10.83 yards for each pass thrown. Brown completed 44 of 84 for 704 yards and six touchdowns. Lamar Machan of the Cardinals is second.

Billy Howton of Greenbay continued to pace the pass collectors with a total of 25 receptions. Howton has gained 598 yards and scored seven touchdowns. Harlon Hill of the Bears holds the one-game mark in total receptions with nine, also set two weeks ago.

Bobby Layne of the Detroit Lions was second to Casares in scoring with a total of 51 points. Norm Van Brocklin of the Los Angeles Rams took over the No. 1 spot among the punters, and Carl Tassef of the Colts and Frank Bernardi of the Cardinals were tied in punt returns.

Lynn Chandnois of Pittsburgh led in kickoff returns, with Bobby Dillon of Green Bay the leading interceptor with five.

## Eastern Oregon Grid Fray SOC Homecoming Feature

Ashland — Southern Oregon college is going all out to feature the greatest Homecoming festivities ever sponsored by the Ashland college.

Arrangements are in their final stages this week on the Southern Oregon campus to welcome graduates back for the annual Homecoming celebration, featured by the football showdown between Eastern Oregon college and the hosting Red Raiders of Southern Oregon.

The up-and-down Raiders of Coach Al Akins, and the favored Mountaineers of Archie Dunsmoore will take to the Fuller field turf at 2 p.m. Saturday to determine the Oregon Collegiate Conference football crown. An Eastern Oregon victory would give the Mounties a clear cut title for the trophy, while SOC has to win to necessitate a co-championship for the second year in a row.

Eastern Oregon, favored to win the gridiron fracas, will be near full strength by kickoff-time this Saturday afternoon. So far this season the Mounties have won four games and lost three. They defeated Oregon College, 20-19, Oregon Tech 25-18, Portland State 14-6 in conference games, and edged past Westminster 7-6 in a non-league. Teams posting triumphs over the Easterners were: Pacific 13-6, Whitman, 32-31, and College of Idaho 40-13.

**Even Record**  
Southern Oregon will go into the game with an even three won and three lost record. SOC took the measure of Chico State 27-25, Oregon college 12-7 and Portland State college 13-6. Teams giving the Red and Black a rough time were, Humboldt

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## Washington Club Now Senators

Washington — (U.P.) — From now on you can start calling the Washington baseball club the "Senators," in case, that is, you have been calling them the "Nationals" all along.

Club President Calvin Griffith officially changed the team's nickname Tuesday from the "Nationals" to the "Senators."

son in McMinnville with Linfield college. This Saturday afternoon, Southern Oregon fans will have their last opportunity to see the Red Raiders' Little All-America Billy Seymour in action. Seymour and center Ray Thies are the only two lads on the team that are seniors this year.

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