

Medford, Grants Pass Vie for Championship Of District 6 A-1 on Caveman Field Tonight

Football joined the weather today as a major conversation piece and as far as Medford and Grants Pass fans are concerned the subjects today go hand in hand.

Medford high's Black Tornado and the Grants Pass Cavemen come together at 8 p.m. at Grants Pass. It's the same song second verse with slightly different flourish. For the second consecutive year the Tornado and Cavemen come together with the District 6 A-1 and Southern Oregon conference championships at stake. The difference is in the weather.

Last year when Medford won 14 to 7 there was a threat of showers, but the Tornado turf was fast. Predictions are for improved weather with variable cloudiness and possible light sprinkles tonight but rains throughout the week have soaked the souls of southern Oregon. The gridiron at Grants Pass, along with rainy throughout western Oregon, is expected to be "muddy at the best."

That brings up the empty-

thousand dollar question, "Who will fare best in the wet and the mud and which way will the dampness and goo make the breaks fall?" Speculation will

SPORTS

Iowa Scuffles Michigan, Stanford Encounters UCLA In Major College Scraps

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Iowa vs. Michigan and Stanford vs. UCLA shape up as the major conference struggles on Saturday's college football schedule—and both games may produce the teams that will knock heads in the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, Calif., next New Year's day.

Iowa, unbeaten in five games, is the surprise leader of the Big Ten conference with a 3-0 record but is a three-point underdog against the Wolverines, who haven't lost to the Hawkeyes since 1924.

However, Iowa coach Forest Bvashevski, himself a former Michigan star, feels this is the year his boys will catch up with the Wolverines. He has been drilling the Hawkeyes extra hard all week, placing extra emphasis on their pass defense.

Michigan halfback Terry Barr may not be able to start because of a twisted ankle and Coach Bennie Oosterbaan is toying with the idea of switching Ron Kramer from end to right halfback.

Stanford, the Pacific Coast Conference leader with a 3-0 mark, is a nine-point choice over UCLA. The Bruins walloped Stanford, 72-0, two years ago but "this is another season, and led by pass master John Brodie, the Indians are expected to make those odds stand up."

Brodie currently leads the nation in total offense and UCLA coach Red Sanders frankly admits "I don't know how we'll stop him. We tried rushing him with four men last year and not even that helped much."

In the Southwest conference, which annually provides the host team for the Cotton bowl, Texas A&M (2-0) is a seven point favorite over Arkansas (1-2). If the Aggies slip, Southern Methodist (1-0) can take over the lead by beating Texas (0-2).

The Southern Conference "showdown" game will pit George Washington (3-0) against West Virginia (2-0). The Mountaineers are slight favorites to win their 19th straight conference game and clear the path to their fourth consecutive league title.

Top-ranked Oklahoma expects its toughest Big Seven struggle of the season against Colorado but the oddsmakers hardly agree. They have installed the Sooners as four touchdown favorites to win their 26th straight game.

Wyoming, another of the nation's perfect record teams, plays Utah State in a battle for the Skyline Conference lead. The Cowboys (4-0) will match Jim Crawford against Jack Hill of Utah State (4-1) in a duel between the leading major college scorers. Hill has amassed 90 points thus far this season against 70 for Crawford.

Princeton and Yale, co-leaders in the Ivy League, have drawn easy pickings this week end. The Tigers (3-0) play Brown (1-3) and the Bulldogs (3-0) engage Dartmouth (1-2).

Second-ranked Georgia Tech and third-ranked Tennessee —

and 8 and 9 ranked in the state, mix in a breakaway ground game with a sharp-striking dangerous passing attack. Wet and mud could provide a boon to the Tornado's potent single wing and T offensive despite a heavy defensive forward wall—if the Medford backs are able to hang on to a slippery ball. Field conditions could slow or limit the Caveman aerial game. Then again improved weather—lack of soaking rain—during the conflict could help it.

At the most, conditions tonight won't be the best for wide open football. But both clubs will be keyed high for this annual skirmish—they always are—and no exception to the usual rule of a bruising, battering contest is expected.

Line Play Factor

A prognostication earlier in the week that the play of the two tough, rugged smashing lines and the jarring line-backers would be major deciding element still goes, but the matter of keen morale, the matter of the breaks and business of getting the jump still promise to enter strongly into the picture.

Medford coaches realize that their Tornado squadmen recognize the importance and significance of beating the Cavemen. Coach Fred Spiegelberg said last

night that no so-called "gimmicks" have been employed to fire up the team.

At Grants Pass, however, the Cavemen squad was to attend a 3:45 p.m. dinner. Mothers of the players will be special guests. If history is repeated, the Cavemen will vow to win the conflict for their mothers. The same vow carried GP to an important state play-off victory three seasons back. Medford's Big Wind will be out to see it doesn't happen again.

Hope For Fast Start

The Tornado, which has taken a bit of time to unleash its might in several combats this season, will aim to get off to a fast start this evening. Events have shown that GP jump could prove the undoing of Medford's bid for a third straight district title.

Against the Klamath Pelicans the Tornado fell behind twice in the first half. In that case the Tornado was able to come back strongly in the second half. Grants Pass, against the Pelicans, jumped out in front and was able to hold command the rest of the way. Medford's chances of rally against a Caveman control game aren't so likely as they were against the Pels.

Both clubs go into tonight's struggle unbeaten in three league games and the scraps wind up

5,000 Mark Shattered By Dellinger

Los Angeles — U.P. — Coach Jim Kelly said today his record-breaking U.S. Olympic track and field team couldn't be in any better shape for the games later this month at Melbourne.

Kelly's optimism was based on his team's performance Thursday in a final practice meet at Memorial Coliseum here.

Pete O'Brien, the world's champion shotputter, topped the list of outstanding performances turned in by the United States best track and field stars.

O'Brien heaved the iron ball 63 feet, 2 inches to record his best toss of his career.

The mile relay team turned in its top performance of pre-Olympic practice by breaking the world's record of 3:08.8 in racing the course in 3:07.3. The team was composed of Charles Jenkins, Lon Spurrier, Tom Courtney and Lou Jones. The second team of Arnie Sowell, Josh Culbreath, Glenn Davis and Eddie Southern was clocked for 3:02.1 in also taking credit for breaking the old mark set by a U.S. team in the 1952 Olympics.

Bill Dellinger, of Oregon also was added to the growing list of record-breakers. He ran the 5,000 meters in 14:16.2, breaking the American record of 14:26.8.

Rosi Takes On Toothpick Brown

Washington — U.P. — Lightweight Paul Rosi of Italy and Harry (Toothpick) Brown of Philadelphia, billed as "two hungry fighters with everything to gain and nothing to lose," meet in a nationally televised 10-round bout at Capital arena tonight.

Rosi, called a "frustrated open singer" by his manager, Charley Johnson, is favored at 7-5. He has won 22 of 25 bouts, 10 by knockouts. He has won 12 of 13 fights since coming to the United States in 1952, knocking out his last four opponents.

Brown, an aggressive slugger, scored one-round knockouts in each of his last two bouts. He knocked his last opponent, L. C. Morgan, with one punch to end a furious first round exchange.

New York — U.P. — The New York Giants added Bill Austin, offensive guard who had been sidelined with a knee injury, to their active roster today and put Jack Spinks, who has a pinched shoulder nerve, on the injured reserve list. Austin will be ready to play against the Steelers Sunday at Pittsburgh.



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