

TORNADO FACES GRESHAM FRIDAY SEEKING FIRST SEMI-FINAL SPOT IN EIGHT YEARS

Medford high's spirited football aggregation, already established as one of the greatest in school history, will seek a goal unattained by a Black Tornado gridiron predecessor over the past seven seasons when it encounters Gresham on the stadium turf here Friday night.

Gresham's Gophers and the Tornado mix in the quarter-finals of Oregon Class A-1 championship play-offs. Kick-off time will be 8:15 p.m., standard starting time on the Medford field throughout the season.

Not since 1948, when the Tornado bounced La Grande, has Medford reached Class A semi-finals in football. This year, after being twice frustrated by the Marshfield Pirates, the Medford cohorts will make their third successive try.

Medford, riding on the crest of an unbeaten season and its third straight year as best in District 6 will be favored when it takes the field against the Gophers tomorrow night. But the odds are slight. Gresham looms as a rugged, tough and worthy challenger to Medford efforts to emulate Pendleton, a club which reached the semis Monday after unsuccessful tries in 1954 and 1955.

Strong Defense
Gresham, due in Medford today and to work out on the Tornado grass this evening, comes as District 3 pennant waver, undefeated and untied and holding No. 3 ranking in the prep polls of the state. And Coach Brad Ecklund's Gophers boast one of the top, if not the best, defensive records among the grid powers of the state.

Other than statistical records for the clubs for their full seasons, the ratings the clubs have achieved and the weight comparisons, which give little direct comparison, there's not a lot to go on in forecasting on how Friday's game will go. Medford, rated No. 2, and Gresham have met only one common rival, the Tornado tripping Milwaukie 37 to 6, and the Gophers beating the Mustangs 31 to 21.

Medford with a high-powered offense which has rolled up 321 points in nine games for an average of 35.66 per combat will oppose a defense which has allowed only 52 counters this season, an average of 5.77, or less than a touchdown per game. Tornado defenders have yielded 90 points, 10 per game while the Gophers have rolled up 197 on the attack for 21.88 an outing.

Lines About Equal
The clubs will throw offensive lines of about equal weight into the fracas. Revised weights show a Medford average of 187 pounds on the attacking forward wall; Gopher figure is 188.3. On defense the Tornado will average 192.4 and upward. The exact Gresham defensive line-up isn't known but it could be near the same as Medford's.

In the backfield Medford will have a big weight advantage which Gresham hopes to offset with its speed. Tornado backfield combination will run from 177.7 to 164 while Gresham shows at 160 average.

Gresham play features the quarterback option work of Bob

Schloredt, 180, and the running of Dave Woodford and Jerry McKee, 145-pounders. The Gophers work from the T formation.

Medford displays both single wing power and T explosiveness with Eldon Francis, Gary Riley and Gordon Owsley the statbacks, Dick McLaughlin and Bob Gee the crunchers and

Loren Christean supplying an element of both speed and power.

Both clubs rely heavily on ground assaults but both can pass to vary the attack to provide surprise in the clutch.

Starters Listed
Probable starters on offense for Medford are Dick Copple (190) and Mike Stearns (180).

ends; Neil Plumley (218) and Larry Cranston (209), tackles; Bob Apple (170) and Tom Merton (172), guards; Dick Swinney (170), center; Dick McLaughlin (196), quarterback; Gary Riley (170), left halfback; Eldon Francis (160), right halfback; and Bob Gee (165) or Loren Christean (185), fullback.

Defensively, the opening crew could be Copple and Tom Hamlin (175), ends; Cranston and Plumley, tackles; Apple, guard; McLaughlin, Merton and Jim Funston (196), linebacks, and Riley, Francis and Gordon Owsley (186), halfbacks.

For Gresham the beginning eleven may be Doug Lewis (180), and Larry Olson (195) ends; Jerry Stensland (210), tackles; Gary Martillo (170) and Bob Laughlin (193), guards; Don Sleeper (200), center; Bob Schloredt (180), quarterback; Dave Woodford (145), left half; Jerry McKee (145), right half; and Ray King (170) or Ray Larson (160), fullback.

Slesser Helps Much
Bolstering Medford hopes in the line has been the return of Larry Slesser, 210 pounder, out most of the season with a foot fracture. He's come along rapidly since rejoining the squad and gives the Tornado added depth for both offense and defense.

The Tornado worked out under the lights last night and had drills on kick plays along with a dummy scrimmage which became somewhat vicious. Drill was mostly of an offensive nature and coaches kept the squad running.

Head mentor Fred Spiegelberg said an object of the workout was to give the players a feel of the turf. It was good on the edges but gummy in the middle. Forecast for tomorrow evening is for rain which likely will make a slippery field.

Joey Giardello Fights Cotton
Milwaukee—(U.P.)—Joey Giardello, ranked third among middleweights after defeating Bobby Boyd of Chicago, will try for the third time to get past unrated Charley Cotton in a bout at the arena tonight.

Cotton decided Giardello twice in New York last May.

Wasco Group Schedules Farmer-Sportsmen Fair
The Dalles—(U.P.)—The Wasco county farmer-sportsmen committee, formed this year to promote better relations between farmers and hunters, yesterday announced plans for a farmer-sportsmen fair and banquet next fall.

Spokesmen said that plans are being made to conduct boat racing, boat parades, archery and pistol shooting contests along with a general carnival. State officials and game spokesmen will be invited to attend.

MYATT CUB COACH
Chicago—(U.P.)—The Chicago Cubs today announced the appointment of George Myatt as a coach for the 1957 season, completing the three man coaching staff. Manager Bob Scheffing said Myatt would coach at third base and Freddie Fitzsimmons at first, although he planned to make periodic appearances in the coaches' box. The third coach, Ray Mueller, will handle the bullpen.

\$32,000 FOR FILLY
Harrisburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—Geddy's Pick brought a record price of \$32,000 for a yearling pacing filly at the annual standard-bred sales Wednesday, topping the previous high of \$25,000 paid for the filly Way Dream in 1954 at Lexington, Ky. J. E. and C. E. Armstrong of Toronto paid the record price.

FALL FATAL
Portland—(U.P.)—George W. Marr, 69, Dayton, who fell from a tree at his home Oct. 26, died in a local hospital yesterday from injuries received in the fall.



OPPOSES GOPHERS — Tom Merton, above, is one of the cogs of the Medford high football offense and defense and should see heavy duty Friday night when the Black Tornado takes on Gresham here in quarter-finals of the Oregon Class A-1 football play-offs. Merton, a 172-pounder, is a guard and tackle for the Tornado. He turned in his best performance of the season in the Grants Pass tussle. Medford's last game of the regular state. —(Landis Shangle photo)

Ducks Greet Return of Phelps; Fournier, Negri Get OSC Call

Eugene, Ore.—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon Ducks staged a full defensive scrimmage Wednesday designed at stopping the running attack of the Southern California Trojans—particularly fullback C. R. Roberts.

Coach Len Casanova said Leroy Phelps, the starting left half, was back in workouts after missing the early week drills with an elbow injury suffered last week end.

Corvallis, Ore.—(U.P.)—Dwayne Fournier and Frank

Red Raiders Bill Action At Linfield

Ashland—Southern Oregon college closes out its 1956 football campaign Saturday night with non-conference action by taking on Linfield, one of the leaders of the Northwest circuit. The game will be at McMinnville.

Question facing the Red Raiders of the Rogue is the availability of quarterback Seymour who suffered a neck injury in the Honolulu game in Hawaii. Seymour is to make this week's trip with the club and is to suit down, according to the last word from coach Al Akins.

Lance Locke will get the quarterback post if Seymour sits it out. The ex-Ashland high grider took over after Seymour was hurt last Friday night and drew commendation for his work.

Colds Plague
Colds are plaguing the Raiders as the result of the change between the weather of southern Oregon and tropical Hawaii. End Larry Schweinfurt rehurt his shoulder and back Chuck Crandall suffered a hip injury last Friday but both are expected to be on duty against the Wildcats.

The Raiders have a consolation for their 59 to 0 loss to Hawaii. They had a "wonderful time." Players brought back reports of the Rainbows' tremendous downfield blocking and the great speed of their backs. SOC gridgers, expecting to meet a smaller line, found a big forward wall across from them with a number of 200-pounders in it.

The SOC club did not get home until Monday and had Tuesday as a day of rest, cutting down the practice session in preparation for Linfield.

QUICK ACTION
Sacramento, Calif.—(U.P.)—A woman seeking information at the North Sacramento fire department got more than she had bargained for. Walking up to the front of the station, she pressed a button she thought was a buzzer to attract firemen. She attracted them all right. She had pressed a button that set off the station fire alarm.

Dead this Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Thursday, November 15, 1956

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THIRTEEN

Non-Shooter Events at Turkey Shoot

There will be events for non-shooters as well as shotguns Sunday, Nov. 18, at the second pre-Thanksgiving turkey shoot at Medford Gun Club.

The competition will be open to the public. It will start at 10 a.m. Participants will fire in their respective classes.

There will be hams and bacon, as well as turkeys for prizes. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

The shoot is the second of four scheduled for November and December at the Medford club. Last Sunday 40 turkeys went as prizes.

Spectators will be welcome.

MANY BANANAS

Tegucigalpa, Honduras—(U.P.)—The Tela Railroad company's banana plantations in northern Honduras will produce a record 2-million stems this year, a company spokesman estimated Wednesday. The company is a subsidiary of the United Fruit company.



UPSY DAISY—Iowa halfback Collins Hagler flies through the air after being tripped up by Minnesota's Kelvin Knepper on a reverse end run during the first quarter of their Big 10 battle at Minneapolis. Iowa came away with an upset 7-0 win. —(NEA)

Prospect Lions Shoot on Sunday

Prospect—Prospect Lions club will hold a turkey shoot on Sunday, Nov. 18.

The shooting and games are open to the public. Fifty turkeys will go as prizes. There will be a food concession and a bonfire. Activities will be under shelter from noon to 5 p.m.

Profits will go to the Lions' club community welfare fund.

Castro Valley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Tennis star Art Larsen, unconscious from a critical brain injury suffered in a motor scooter accident, showed "slight improvement" today. Dr. M. B. Corbett, physician for the former U.S. national singles champion, said his patient was able to take some liquid nourishment, by mouth Wednesday, but that a 24 hour watch is still being maintained.

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



OLYMPIC CAGERS IMPRESSIVE—All-American Bill Russell (6) of the University of San Francisco spreads his long wings, leaving his opponents flat-footed, as he flips in another two points for the U.S. Olympic Games team at Kezar Pavilion in San Francisco in game against the San Francisco Olympic Club All-Stars. All-Stars are Barry Brown (9) and George McLaughlin (12). Bill's Olympic teammate is Bill Hougland (4) of Kansas. The Olympic Games team won, 73-54.

Soph May Have Main Task Of Running Pleasant Hill Offense Against Eagles

Eagle Point—When the Pleasant Hill Hillbillies engage Eagle Point high here Saturday night, the job of running the offense of the Willamette valley club may be entrusted to a sophomore, who has been playing behind a four-year veteran.

Pleasant Hill and Eagle Point lock in an A-2 state quarter-finals play-off game at 8 p.m. The Eagles are District 6 titlists. The Hillbillies took District 5.

Word from Eugene has it that Ken Ward, the veteran signal caller, is still crippled by a slight shoulder separation and likely will see duty if needed for clutch play in the final portion of the skirmish. If that is the case, coach Bob Huston will turn the bulk of the quarterbacking chores over to the soph, a 145-pounder, Ken Lockman.

Heart Of Offense

If he's able, however, Ward, 160, might be called for some spot action. He's a fast and shifty boy who rolls out on Billy plays and either passes or keeps. Ward has been called "the heart of the offense" for Pleasant Hill. And last week's result with Junction City could bear out the contention. The four-year quarterback was out of action and the Hillbillies lost 24 to 6. They had won all their previous games.

Ward is the second high scorer for the Hillbillies with 49

Independent Cage Loop Session Set

Virtual completion of organization for the Medford Independent Basketball league's 1956-1957 season is expected tonight. A meeting has been set for 8 p.m. at the Medford Armory by Jack Burns, newly elected president. Matters of schedule, by-laws, fees and gymnasium arrangements will be discussed. Burns has requested all team managers to attend.

WAIT FOR ME, TOO!



November 18th

