

Copple, Plumley Unanimous All-Conference Football Selections



DICK COPPLE
Unanimous at End



DICK McLAUGHLIN
Back



ELDON FRANCIS
Back



BOB APPLE
Guard



GARY RILEY
Back

High School Scores

SATURDAY GAMES
Reedport 20 Seaside 12
Eagle Point 21 Pleasant Hill 6
Sherman 25 Merrill 4
Stanfield 13 Wallows 6
Culver 52 Mitchell 6
Alesia 61 Camas Valley 14

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Medford Places 7 Players On 1st Team, Klamath 3, Crater, Grants Pass One

End and kicking expert Dick Copple and giant tackle Neil Plumley, both of the Medford high state semi-finalist Black Tornado, were top selections on the Medford-dominated 1956 Southern Oregon conference all-star football squad picked by coaches, sportswriters and sportscasters for the Mail Tribune.

They were the only unanimous choices among 35 players who made the first or second teams for honorable mention. Medford gained seven spots on the 12-man first aggregation, fourth-place Klamath Falls got three berths, third-place Crater three and second place Grants Pass one.

Copple-Plumley, and hard-driving Medford halfback Gary Riley, were all repeaters from the 1955 first team. Other Tornado performers named to the 1956 No. 1 team were tackle Larry Cranston, guard Bob Apple; halfback Eldon Francis and quarterback Dick McLaughlin.

Riley, Juveland Tie
Riley, unanimous pick last year, barely made the top combination this time, tying with halfback George Juveland, Crater, for the fourth backfield position. End Mike Sparlin was the lone Grants Pass representative on the first team. Klamath choices were center Cal Tichenor, guard Al Siegner and quarterback and halfback Verlund (Butch) Kimpton.

With the exception of Sparlin, a pass-snagging end, the first team members were two-way players for their teams. The combine boasts good weight in both the line and the backfield and the backfield has both power and speed with runners of breakaway ability.

In the voting players got two points for first team selection and one point for a second team vote. With 15 ballots cast Copple and Plumley got 30 tallies each. McLaughlin, ace Tornado field general, and Sparlin were next with 24 each. Francis got 23 and Kimpton 22.

Lasher Shaded
In the close race for backfield spots Juveland and Riley with 21 points apiece just shaded halfback Chuck Lasher, Grants Pass. Lasher tallied 20 to lead the second team choices.

Grants Pass and Crater headed the second team polling with four players from each school. Medford placed three men and Klamath one. Here again 12 men were named. Dave Parker, and Dick Davis, both of Crater, tied for a tackle berth.

Both Copple and Sparlin won first team berths by wide margins. Plumley stood out above the other tackle candidates. Cranston beat Larry Walker, Grants Pass, by two points for the second first string tackle post. Siegner, Apple and Tichenor were voted in by comfortable margins.

Pollsters Listed
Participants in the polling were sportscasters Tom MacLeod, radio station KYJC, Medford, Warren Bunyan, KFJI, Klamath Falls, Larry Gordon, KWIN, Ashland, and Dave Al-



LARRY CRANSTON
TACKLE
(Landis-Shangle photos)



JUVELAND
Crater All-Star Back
(Stanford Payne Photo)

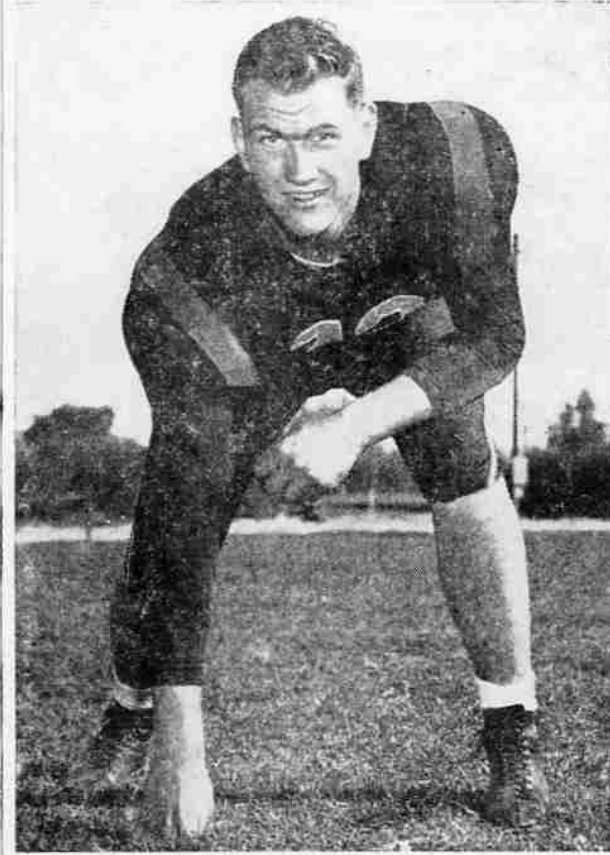
SPORTS

1956 Medford Mail Tribune
SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE
All-Star Football Squad

FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
Player and Points	Pos.	Player and Points	Pos.
Dick Copple, Med. (30)	E	Mike Stearns, Med. (13)	E
Mike Sparlin, G.P. (24)	E	Gary Tompkins, G.P. (7)	E
Neil Plumley, Med. (30)	T	Larry Walker, G.P. (16)	T
Larry Cranston, Med. (18)	T	Dave Parker, Crater (6)	T
		Dick Davis, Crater (5)	T
		Tom Merton, Med. (11)	G
Al Siegner, K.F. (19)	G	Gary Hadsell, G.P. (10)	G
Bob Apple, Med. (18)	G	Neil Green, Crater (13)	G
Cal Tichenor, K.F. (19)	C	Chuck Lasher, G.P. (20)	QB
Dick McLaughlin, Med. (24)	B	Don Goyette, Crater (18)	B
Eldon Francis, Med. (23)	B	Lee McGill, K.F. (17)	B
Verlund Kimpton, K.F. (22)	B	Loren Christean, Med. (5)	B
George Juveland, Crater (21)	B		
Gary Riley, Med. (21)	B		

HONORABLE MENTION:
Ends—Carl Koellner, Crater (2), Tom Hamlin, Medford (2), Phil Paquin, Grants Pass (2), Ted West, Klamath Falls (2); Dennis Eckstein, Grants Pass (2).

Tackles—Bill Morse, Crater (4—also 2 points at guard), Paul Bilant, Klamath Falls (2), Larry Thompson, Grants Pass (2).
Guards—Jack Eberhart, Ashland (3), Doug Smith, Grants Pass (3), Dick Graves, Grants Pass (3—also 2 points at tackle).
Centers—Dick Swinney, Medford (8), Jim Funston, Medford (5).
Backs—Jim Smith, Grants Pass (3), Gordon Owsley, Medford (3).



NEIL PLUMLEY
Everybody's Choice at Tackle
(Landis-Shangle photo)

Paris—(U.P.)—Budge Patty of aroslov Drobny of Egypt, 6-4, Los Angeles and aris won the 6-4, 8-6, in the final round of an indoor tennis tournament.

IOC Session Marks Start of Olympics

By LEO H. PETERSEN
United Press Sports Editor

Melbourne—(U.P.)—American coaches confidently predicted victory in both basketball and swimming today as the official program of the 1956 Olympic games got under way with the solemn opening of the 52nd meeting of the International Olympic committee.

Blaring trumpets and formal speeches opened the IOC convocation with 2,000 officials present in Melbourne Town Hall, although actual competition in the games does not begin for three more days.

The officials heard Avery Brundage of the United States call on "the politicians of the world" to follow the "good example" of Olympic fair play and sportsmanship so that "there will no longer be any necessity for wars."

Meanwhile, U. S. basketball Coach Gerry Tucker of Bartlesville, Okla., and swimming Coach Bob Muir of Williams College summed up their squad's chances in the coming competition very optimistically.

Predicts Victory
Tucker, who scouted the highly touted Russian team in a scrimmage against a local Aussie team, said, "I still think we should win the Olympics rather handily."

The Phillips Oilers coach sized the Russians up as a "fast-breaking team" that "handles the ball well and is in amazingly fine condition," but added that the Soviets' seven-foot, two-inch giant, Yajouy Kulan, "doesn't move very well" and predicted that Canada also may beat the Russian team.

Coach Muir foresaw a sweep in diving events and general U. S. success in swimming events. "Mrs. Pat McCormick should retain both the high and low board crowns in women's diving, with Gary Tobian taking the men's platform title and Don Harper tops in the springboard event," Muir said.

Basketball

By UNITED PRESS
Two week end victories over the Rochester Royals enabled the Boston Celtics to open a one-game lead in the Eastern Division of the National Basketball association.

The Celtics whipped the Royals, 108-86, at Boston Saturday night and then roared to a 101-87 uphill triumph Sunday night at Rochester.

The Syracuse Nationals snapped a five-game losing streak by edging the Philadelphia Warriors, 99-97, on John Kerr's last second field goal, while George Yardley's 22 points helped the Fort Wayne Pistons to a 111-107 victory over the Minneapolis Lakers.

PCL MEETING
San Francisco—(U.P.)—The Pacific Coast League met here today to consider a proposal by a group of Vancouver, B.C., businessmen to purchase the franchise of the Vancouver Mounties. The PCL directors also discussed the 1957 schedule, considered a proposed new park in San Francisco, and instructed league President Leslie O'Connor on how to vote at the major-league meetings in Florida.

Oregon Staters Eye Conflict With Ducks

was looking forward only to the Oregon game, he had some comments on Iowa. The Hawkeyes took a 14-13 decision from Oregon State early in the season at Iowa City after the Beavers held a 13-0 lead after three quarters. "Iowa was lucky to win it after we held that 13 point lead," Prothro said.

But he added hastily: "But we were lucky to hold a 13 point lead."

Oregon Bruised
Prothro didn't allow the smell of roses to bother his plans for the Thanksgiving day game with Oregon. He sent his charges through a workout Sunday afternoon.

Oregon, meanwhile, counted bumps and bruises. Three Webfoots left halfbacks, Charlie Tourville, Jack Brown and LeRoy Phelps, were suffering leg or muscle injuries. It was Tourville who climaxed a 50-yard drive by scoring from three yards out Saturday against USC. Fullback Jack Morris, who made his 21st straight conversion, also had a minor injury.

OSC Flat
And Oregon State proved flat against Idaho as the Beavers sewed up the Rose Bowl bid with a 14-10 win over lowly but fired-up Idaho by scoring a touchdown in the final three minutes.

UCLA, ineligible for the bowl for two reasons, could wind up in a tie with Oregon State if the Bruins whip USC's Trojans Saturday even if the Beavers win. However the Uclans can't go to Pasadena because (1) they went last year, and (2) they are sitting out a three-year penalty imposed for conference rule violations.

So the Beaver win over Idaho, shaky as it was, insured the Beavers of their second Rose Bowl bid—but the first one they will play in Pasadena. In 1941 Oregon State got the bid—and the game was immediately moved to Durham, N.C., where the Beavers trounced Duke 20-6.

Lucky To Win
"We were lucky to get out alive Saturday," Prothro said, in reference to the conflict with Idaho. He added that he planned to work all week in preparations for the Oregon game and hoped his starting ends, Bob DeGrant and Norm Thiel, would be back in shape for the game. Both were injured in the 20-19 victory over Stanford Nov. 10, the game that virtually settled the PCC Rose Bowl representative.

Even though Prothro said he

HOCKEY

By UNITED PRESS
Two former members of the New York Rangers led their teams to important victories in the American Hockey league Sunday night.

Bronco Horvath, sold by the Rangers to Montreal and then eventually farmed out to Rochester, scored the goal that enabled the Americans to beat Springfield, 4-3, and climb out of the AHL cellar.

Pete Conacher, peddled to Buffalo at the start of the season, slapped in the Bisons' final goal in a 4-2 win over Providence which shot his team into second place—a lone percentage point behind Hershey.

By UNITED PRESS
Ted Lindsay of the Detroit Red Wings, who seems to be improving with age, has joined Gordie Howe, Maurice Richard and Nels Stewart as the only 300-goal scorers in the history of the National Hockey league.

The 30-year-old left wing passed the 300-goal milestone Sunday night by tallying three times as Detroit routed the Montreal Canadiens, 8-3. Lindsay now has scored 301 goals in 13 seasons with the Red Wings.

The pace-setting Boston Bruins, meanwhile, remained one point ahead of Detroit by edging the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-3, and the Chicago Black Hawks came from behind to tie the New York Rangers, 2-2.

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Chicago Cardinal Coach Ray Richards was hospitalized today for a suspected gall bladder ailment after he was seized by acute abdominal pains.

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