

# Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT  
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Medford high's Oregon A-1 championship semi-finals football game here this Friday night with the Benson Engineers of Portland gives the Black Tornado the distinction of playing two Portland interscholastic title schools within the season. Jefferson, which produced the 1955 PIL grid tittle, fell to Medford in the season opener for both schools. Benson, of course, is this year's champ in the big city.

**REMINDER OF UPSET**  
Friday's Tornado-Engineer encounter also will mark the first time since 1945 that a Medford and Portland club have met in state grid play-offs. On that former occasion a much heralded Black Tornado aggregation pushed Grant high over the field all afternoon but in the end bowed to the Generals of Portland 7 to 6. That occasion may or not be within the memory of this year's Tornado griders. Some of them were only in the first grade and others not yet in school that long ago. But they'll probably be reminded of the stunning upset numerous times before they go on the field against the Benson.

**TORNADO FAVORED**  
While Medford's Black Tornado has been one of the state's top ranked prep in the polls through the season, Benson didn't rise above the also-rans until well into the campaign, marking it as an upsurging club which has gained increased regard.  
Despite that fact, there's been some tendency here to under-rate the Engineers. This department hesitates in any way to sing that tune. But it ranks the Tornado favorite—and not just the sentimental kind.

**TWO COMMON FOES**  
The Tornado and Benson have played just two common foes this fall. Marshfield walloped the slow starting Mechs of Tech 33 to 6 in a season opener. Medford tied the gray hords of Coos Bay. Medford topped Jefferson 34 to 12. The Demos got it worse from Benson recently 32 to 6.

**MEDFORD FANS SCORED**  
In a letter to the Mail Tribune, Paul Lewis, editor of the Gresham high Argus, praises the Medford high football team and lambasts Black Tornado fans. This writer finds some of the young Gopher supporter's remarks well put but others show his inexperience as a fan. We've taken our own cracks about boing at games. We don't like it. Still we're reluctant to douse on cold water when we realize that no fans anywhere can beat followers of the Black Tornado for their loyalty and support, and we've seen Medford crowds time and again give fine displays of sportsmanship. Spontaneous outbursts when it's felt the team has been wronged are something we'll tolerate. But on some of the methods used to show disapproval and on those prolonged expressions we just don't go along. They only bring the Medford school, as well as the fans, a bad name and accomplish no positive purpose, as young Lewis indicates.  
He says:  
"After just seeing the Medford-Gresham game, I have three things to say for Medford.  
(1) You have a football team that is certainly one of the finest in the state and which outclassed the Gophers almost completely.  
(2) You also have a very fine marching band.  
(3) Overshadowing all of this, Medford undoubtedly has the most unsportsmanlike football fans I have ever seen or ever hope to see.  
One incident that stood out head and shoulders above all others: A Gresham back gained 18 yards and the play was whistled dead before he fumbled. Medford fans boomed, which is natural for they thought they had been 'robbed.' But instead of ending the matter then, they waited until Gresham broke their huddle and then boomed the Gophers. For several plays this happened!  
The gentleman controlling the scoreboard was also a very funny person, toying with the

score after Gresham's second touchdown was on the highest caliber of humor.

"In short, sir, your football fans created more ill will in one game than your Chamber of Commerce possibly could counteract in the next 20 years. May I end this letter by saying that Medford is noted throughout the state for their endearing acts. This is not a reputation I would like to have."

**WORD TO WISE**  
Lewis is entirely wrong about the scoreboard. It's jumping around was purely due to electrical or mechanical troubles. It kept skipping the 2 in the 12 of Gresham's score and had nothing to do with emotions concerning the game. We sincerely doubt that the men keeping the time and the score would vent their feelings in the way Lewis suggests.  
But the Gresham youth's comments concerning sportsmanship here should be seriously taken. His remarks would point up that Medford's reputation for good teams is not the only reason other schools relish in victory over the Black Tornado.  
A word to the wise should be sufficient. Let's turn out and cheer a great Black Tornado team on to the state gridiron championship. But let's do it in a way to make Medford a name respected not deprecated.

**BOWERMAN TO WRITE**  
We received a letter in the mail yesterday. It was signed, "Bill." No other direct identification. But we are certain it was from Bill Bowerman, University of Oregon track coach and ex-Medford high athlete and mentor. Bowerman has headed for Australia to the Olympic games. A lot of people, his friends and track fans, including Medford residents, have helped make the trip financially possible for him.  
Bowerman has indicated he'll make a periodical report of his trip. He said, "Really, Dick, Medford is my home. People there have been very good to me. If they are interested in my ramblings, here they come."  
The first appears in the sports section of the Mail Tribune today.

**COMETS MADE GOOD**  
Crater high's Comets made good on their vow that they would not be last in the final standings in their first venture into the Southern Oregon conference Class A-1 football competition. In fact they did better than just make good. And we feel, although Klamath Falls may object, that the Comets' third place finish was good for the league.  
It showed that Crater can be depended upon over the years to give a good account of itself and that its addition can be looked upon as strengthening the circuit. The Comets may have their lean years and lean seasons, like any school, but a good share of the time they will rate as contenders in the various sports.

**GOYETTE RUSHES FOR 1017**  
All-star vote indicates that Crater produced some of the top football talent in the conference this fall. And records bear out the high regard gained by two backs. Don Goyette rushed for 1017 yards on 126 carries for an average of better than eight yards a try. He had nine touchdowns and three extra points for 57 points. Juveland ran for 964 yards in 125 packs for 7.7 a carry. He totalled 16 TDs and five bonuses for 101 counters in the nine game season. Crater scored 240 points to 124 by opponents.

**WARREN RESTS**  
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## Reserves Still Left for Benson Football Game

Main rush in the sale of reserved seat tickets for the Medford-Benson high football game was over in about two hours this morning.

Principal Lester Harris of the Medford school said that some 1300 tickets had been sold up to 8:30 a.m. today for the Oregon Class A-1 semi-final play-off between the Black Tornado and the Engineers of Portland. The fracas will be at 8:15 p.m. Friday at the Medford stadium.  
Harris said that around 350 reserve seats, a lot of them good ones, remained to be sold. That figure does not include those being held for persons who had season tickets for Medford's regular slate this fall. Season tickets are not good for the game but persons with those ducats have until noon on Thursday, Thanksgiving day, to purchase their same seats. Tickets cost \$2.

## MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

### EAGLE POINT, SILVERTON VIE AT SALEM ON SATURDAY

Eagle Point — Eagle Point high will play Silverton at South Salem high field on Saturday night, Nov. 24, in the Oregon A-2 football championship semi-finals.  
S. W. Callaghan, Eagle Point principal, said that arrangements were completed yesterday afternoon with Sil-

verton and the Oregon School Activities association.  
The Saturday time will enable a larger delegation of Eagle Point fans to take in the game.  
Winner will play the victor of the Reedsport-Central ruckus for the state title.

### Baseball Rules Committee Gives Top Hitters a Break

Chicago —(UP)—Major and minor league hitters vying for the individual batting crown will get a break next season under a new provision adopted by organized baseball's Playing Rules committee.  
The change, adopted Monday at the committee's two-day meeting in the American League office here, eliminates the total times at bat requirement for winning the batting title and replaces it with one crediting a batter with total appearances at the plate.  
The new provision sets up a formula under which a major

league player will qualify for the championship if he appears at the plate 477 times during the season, regardless of the number of times he is credited with an at bat. Previously, a player had to have 400 official times at bat to receive consideration for the batting championship.  
Committee Chairman James T. Gallagher of Chicago said both the American and National League offices recommended the change and it previously was approved by the Scoring Rules committee. Approval by the Playing Rules committee makes it official, beginning next season.  
Gallagher said it has been felt for some time that the at bat requirement, which has been in effect about 20 years, was unfair to some of the top hitters because they frequently would draw intentional walks, thereby depriving them of an official time at bat.  
A recent example of this was the case of Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams who in 1955 compiled a .356 batting average. However, he was credited with only 320 official times at bat and the individual American League batting title went to Detroit's Al Kaline who hit .340 in 588 at bats.

### John Witte Selected As All-American

Corvallis —(UP)—John Witte, Oregon State college tackle, has been selected on the Colliers' magazine All-American football team.  
Witte, now in his senior year at Oregon State, is the first Beaver player to make the Colliers' team.  
The 232-pounder from Klamath Falls, who winds up his regular season against Oregon Thursday, called the selection "one of the great thrills of my life." He had warm praise for the OSC coaching staff.  
Witte said he had turned down an invitation to play in the Hula Bowl game in Honolulu Jan. 6 because he wants to complete his final season of wrestling at OSC after the Rose Bowl game against Iowa.

**CRATER WRESTLING**  
A wrestling program has been started at Crater high this year. It is under supervision of Ed Knapp with Bob Reaves, ex-Medford high grappler helping with the coaching.

### Tonn Wins Three Turks at Shoot

Forty shooters fired at 2,000 targets for a total of 65 prizes Sunday in the turkey shoot at Medford Gun club.  
Harvey Tonn topped the list by winning three turkeys. Those getting two were Dick Skeeters, Ed Pease, Everett Gibson, Ed Henselman, Robert McIntyre, Jack Burns and Floyd Young.  
Next Sunday practice will be held mainly for the club championship skeet shoot the following week end. However, there will be 16-yard and handicap practice will be available for those who want it.

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