



VIE IN A-2 STATE SEMI-FINALS—Eagle Point High school football team, above, has advanced farther toward state honors than any other athletic team in the history of the school. The Eagles play Silverton at Salem on Saturday night in semi-finals of Oregon Class A-2 championship play-offs. Winner of the Rogue league and District 6 banners, Eagle Point goes against the Silver Foxes with a record of 10 straight victories after having lost its opener to Class A-1 Crater at the start of the season. Silverton, champ of the Capital league is unblemished over a 10-game slate this fall. Eagle Pointers pictured in the front row, left to right, are Jim Bunker, Dean

Tibbits, Mike Kaiser, Jack Greb, Ralph McClure, Larry Doderhoff, Monte Axtell, Wayne Christian, and assistant coach Art Art Thompson. In the second row, from left, are head coach Stan Smith, manager Pepper Huffman, Jim Duncan, David Huffman, Doug Chamberlain, Gary Kaiser, Jim Vanderlip, Dale Casey, Bob Greb, Roy Reagan and manager Tom Collette. Those in the back row, from left, are James Wolfe, Bill McClure, Gordon Sharp, Jim Stuart, Roger Hooper, Steve Charters, Mack Lemmon and Jerry Mitchell.

—(Classic Studio photo).

Howell Has Choice of Nightmares

By UNITED PRESS
Coach Jim Lee Howell of the New York Giants has a choice of nightmares this week. He can dream about the Chicago Bears, who visit New York Sunday with the National Football League's top attack, or about his list of injured players. The Bears, tied with Detroit for the Western lead and rated the circuit's best club by Howell and other observers, give Howell plenty to worry about. He also has a number of injured players and a vivid memory of 1954, his first season as head coach of the Giants.

New York currently leads the Eastern Division with a 6-2 record at this state of the 1954 season. But Frank Gifford and Kyle Rote, New York's top offensive halfbacks, both were injured on the first play of the ninth game. The Cleveland Browns stormed into the New York backfield in the first minutes of the 10th game and sidelined Charles Conerly, the club's No. 1 quarterback, for the rest of the season.

Figures Crossed
Weakened by those losses, the Giants blew the title by dropping three of their last four 1954 games. Howell is keeping his fingers crossed now but the signs are ominous.

The Bears are picked to win because they have averaged 36 points a game while compiling a 7-1 record.

This week's other selections with won-lost records in parentheses:
Thursday—Lions (7-1) over Packers (2-6) at Detroit. Sunday—Browns (3-5) over Redskins (3-3) over Steelers (3-5) at Chicago. Colts (3-4) over Rams (2-6) at Baltimore. Eagles (3-5) over Colts-Niners (2-6) at Philadelphia.

Compton Gets On Inside Track

Compton, Calif.—(U.P.)—Compton Junior College appeared today to hold the inside track for a bid to the Junior Rose Bowl following a thumping, 26-0 win over undefeated Mesa College of Grand Junction, Colo.

The powerful Tartars rolled over Mesa Wednesday night before 11,000 fans in Romanus stadium to give them a perfect season and a string of 34 consecutive wins.

Before the game, Mesa was rated as the No. 1 Western team in the National Junior College Athletic association and top contender for the NJCAA bowl game at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Dec. 15.

Compton's Western rivals for the Dec. 8 bowl game are Orange Coast, Coalinga and Stockton. Top teams in the east are Pearl River, Miss., Arlington State, Tarleton State and San Angelo of Texas; Coffeyville and Highland of Texas, and Boise, Idaho.

Selection of the rivals for the 11th annual game will be made Sunday in Pasadena, Calif.

PAL Gym Closed Tonight, Friday

The Police Athletic League gymnasium will be closed this evening because of the holiday and Friday night because of the Medford-Benson high football game, boxing coaches Jim Zack and Hugh Jennings reported.

Pal club will resume its regular nightly gym program on Monday evening.

The coaches said they will make their selections soon for the club's first fight card of the season. Pal boxers will appear in December at Coos Bay.

FOR RESULTS
Dead line Sunday 11:30 a.m. Monday 10 a.m. Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday, other days 5:30 previous day.

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BACKWARD TACKLE—It may not be according to the book but this backward tackle by All Williamson (77) of Washington State upended California fullback Jim Cherry in the second quarter of their contest at Berkeley. Cherry managed to make 10 yards on the play before Williamson threw his weight in the path. Washington State won the game by a toe, 14-13. (Photo by Sam Mikulin)



TRADED—The Philadelphia Phillies traded Del Ennis, 31, (above), their best home run producer (with 259 lifetime) of all time, to the St. Louis Cardinals for slugger outfielder Rip Repulski, 26, and utility infielder Bobby Morgan. Ennis was with Phillies for 11 years, hit 260 with 26 homers and 95 RBIs in 1956.

McDonald Takes Handicap Title

Ashland—(U.P.)—Ira E. McDonald won the Oak Knoll Golf club fall handicap tournament. He defeated Phil Austin to take his first links championship.

The fall banquet for Oak Knoll Men's Golf club is planned soon. Announcement will be made when committeemen confirm the date.

Irene Tallis and Carl Schmidt won the play-off for low gross in the recent mixed two-ball tourney. Bill Keenan and Doris McDonald took low net.

Barnes, Hill Bid for Grid Rushing Toga

New York—(U.P.)—Fullback Bill Barnes of Wake Forest and halfback Jack Hill of Utah State made final bids today to win the major college individual rushing championship for 1956.

Wyoming's Jim Crawford, who completed his season last Saturday, still leads in the latest figures of the NCAA Service Bureau released today but Barnes or Hill could overtake him with stellar performances. Crawford completed 1,104 yards in 200 rushes this year.

Barnes, a solid 195-pounder, has a better chance than Hill as he goes against South Carolina at Charlotte Thursday. He has pounded out 992 yards in 161 carries so needs "only" 113 yards to win the title.

Hill must come up with a truly great game Thursday if he's to make it. He has gained 826 yards in 125 carries so needs a whopping 279 against Utah at Salt Lake City to top Crawford.

Brodie Clinches Passing
The NCAA figures reveal that quarterback John Brodie of Stanford, has clinched the passing title but that Paul Hornung of Notre Dame can overtake him in total offense.

Brodie, who plays his final game against California on Saturday, has completed 130 of 221 attempts for a .588 percentage, 11 touchdowns and 1,541 yards. Brodie's total offense figure is 1,546 yards in 272 plays but Hornung still can overtake him because Notre Dame has two games left. Hornung's current figures are 1,296 yards in 193 tries.

TALLEST AT 6-9
Greenville, S.C.—(U.P.)—Six-foot, nine-inch Steve Ross of Furman is the tallest basketball player in the Southern Conference this year.

Rick Casares Continues as Pace Setter

Philadelphia—(U.P.)—Rick Casares of the Chicago Bears, with more yards gained on the ground in two thirds of the current season than he recorded all last year, continued today as the pace-setter among running backs in the National Football League.

The hard-running Bears ace gained 761 yards from scrimmage in his first eight games this season, eclipsing his mark of 672 in 1955 when he finished sixth among the NFL backs. His average this year is only a half yard less per game than the Philadelphia Eagles' Steve Van Buren had when he set the record of 1,146 yards gained in 1949.

Casares has carried the ball 165 times for an average gain of 4.6 yards, with his longest gain a 50-yard bolt.

Teammate Eddie Brown continued his mastery over other NFL passers with an average gain of 11.72. He has completed 70 of 109 passes for 1,278 yards and nine touchdowns.

A three-way tie for leadership among pass receivers was shared by Billy Howton of Green Bay, Bill Wilson, San Francisco, and Frank Gifford of the New York Giants, each with 35 catches.

In scoring, Casares racked up 12 touchdowns for 72 points, and a two-point lead over Detroit's Bobby Layne. Norm Van Brocklin of Los Angeles regained first place among the punters with a 44.2-yard average and Frank Bernardi of the Chicago Cardinals became the new leader in punt returns with an average runback of 11.5 yards. The Pittsburgh Steelers' Lynn Chandnois, although on the injured list, held first place in kickoff returns with a 36.4 yard average.

UMC Fight Card Planned

Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce and Medford Police Athletic league are making arrangements for a boxing card Dec. 29 at Hedrick Junior High school to boost United Medford Crusade funds.

Alan Holmes of the Jaycees and Hugh Jennings of the Pal club have been named chairmen of the event for their organizations.

Judges for the fights will be Bill Prentice, UMC president, and Jackie Pucas, former national AAU champ who recently turned professional. Don Cain, state policeman, will be referee, and Paul Haviland, Medford attorney, will be an announcer.

Chestnut Takes Split Decision

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Ike Chestnut, world's fourth-ranked featherweight, rushed back to New York today with hopes of meeting Miguel Berrios again.

The New Yorker left Los Angeles for the East Wednesday night shortly after winning a split decision over Irish Tommy Bain in a 10-round nationally televised bout at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Despite the split decision, ringsiders applauded the California featherweight champion. Referee Frankie Van scored the bout 87-92 in Chestnut's favor, while Judge Mushie Callahan gave the fight to the New Yorker 95-94. Judge Dick Young gave Bain an edge of 95-94.

SEASON START SET
Baltimore—(U.P.)—The Baltimore Orioles start their 1957 baseball season against the Senators in Washington's Griffith Stadium, April 15, and open their home season the next day against the Boston Red Sox.

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Montana State Choice for Bowl

Little Rock, Ark.—(U.P.)—Montana State of Bozeman, undefeated and untied in nine games and termed "the pride of the West," today was named to play in the first annual national championship bowl game of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

The list for the possible opponent in the Aluminum bowl game here Dec. 22 has been cut to six, the NAIA said. Winner of the bowl game, the first one undertaken for the national small colleges, will be named national small college football champion.

The six teams still in the running were Lenoir Rhyne of Hickory, N.C.; Westminster of New Wilmington, Pa.; New Haven, Conn., State; Hillsdale, Mich., College; St. Joseph's College of Collegeville, Ind.; and Trinity University of San Antonio, Tex.

CAGE CLUBS SEDED

Oklahoma City—(U.P.)—Oklahoma City University, Seattle and Memphis State have been seeded one-two-three in the eight-team field of the 21st annual All-College Basketball tournament here, Dec. 27-29.



PLAYING EXHIBITION GAME against Australia, Soviet Russia's Janis Kruminis (No. 9), who measures 7 feet 4 inches in height, leaps into air with Australia's Dangis trying to get possession of ball. (International Soundphoto)

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