

Benson, Medford High Collide In A-1 Play-Off Hassle Here

Finalist Berth at Stake This Evening In Struggle On Black Tornado Gridiron

Class A-1 prep football makes its first appearance of the long 1956 season at the Medford stadium tonight. But the rivals of the piece will engage in a key-up, determined conflict in which one of them will gain the right to extend its campaign into the finale for Oregon's most esteemed-carrying championship.

Other "big games" have been fought to the hilt on the Medford turf this fall but the semi-final significance of this battle between the Medford Black Tornado, champion of the Southern Oregon conference and Benson

Tech, the class of the Portland Interscholastic league, makes this the biggest and most important thus far this season for both the schools involved.

Kick-off time today between the powerhouse of the Rogue and the kings of the Oregon metropolis is 8:15 p.m. And high-pitched clubs are expected to vie before capacity audience.

Advantages

Winner goes on next week end to meet the victor in the Marshfield-Pendleton semi-final skirmish. The Bucaroo-Bucanneer semi is set for Saturday afternoon at Pendleton.

Both Medford and Benson have their psychological advantages. The Black Tornado has the benefit of playing on its home field for the eighth time this fall and will be cheered by a huge hometown gallery. The Engineers of Portland carry with them the role of the underdog seeking upset. They'll have in mind, too, the 7 to 6 stunner Grant of Portland pulled on a highly-favored Tornado team in 1945. Not since then, until this year, has a Medford club reached the Oregon semi-finals.



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Medford High Stadium			Friday, 8:15 p.m.		
MEDFORD			GRESHAM		
No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
33	Dick Coppel	RE	180	Dick Miller	86
32	Tom Hamlin	LE	200	Dick Blankenship	82
50	Larry Cranston	RT	185	Arlen White	77
72	Neil Plumley	LT	220	Bud Mock	72
5	Bob Apple	LG	215	Jim Blair	61
40	Tom Merton	RG	160	Dick Edgington	65
170	Dick Swinney	C	165	Gary Donovan	50
31	Dick McLaughlin	QB	175	Bob Christiansen	22
20	Gary Riley	LH	170	Bill Newborne	14
30	Eldon Francis	RH	170	Jim Warren	13
28	Bob Gee	FB	167	Bob Butler	25
15	(or) Loren Christean	185			

MEDFORD ROSTER—5 Bob Apple G 170; 18 Dick Corum G 169; 11 Gordon Owsley M 132; 12 Terry Miller G 160; 13 Mike Stearns E 180; 15 Loren Christean F 185; 16 Jay Walker H 147; 17 Jim Corum T 132; 18 Bilbee Lane H 169; 19 Rod Bacon C 125; 20 Gary Riley H 170; 22 Tony Brauner Q 172; 23 John Jones H 145; 24 Gerry Lyons H 149; 26 Mike Russell H; 27 Earl Knight T 182; 28 Bob Gee F 165; 29 Jim Clark H 160; 30 Eldon Francis H 160; 31 Dick McLaughlin Q 195; 32 Tom Hamlin E 175; 33 Dick Coppel E 190; 34 Bob Peery Q 169; 35 Dennis Barr C 165; 36 Dick Sorenson T 215; 37 Gary Guss G 195; 38 Fred Funston F 160; 39 Ken Kumasawa G 125; 40 Tom Merton G 172; 41 Dick Durante H 145; 42 Jim Funston C 195; 43 Dick Swinney E 170; 44 Dean Richard G 180; 45 Gary Harrington E 155; 46 Gary Sadley E 166; 47 Dennis King E 175; 48 Frank Albert T 205; 49 Ron Reich H 125; 50 Larry Cranston T 209; 52 Larry Sessler T 210; 53 Tom Morris G 176; 54 Bruce West T 210; 57 Harold Knips T 178; 72 Neil Plumley T 218.

BENSON ROSTER—11 Wes Soderback 121; 13 Jim Warren 120; 14 Bill Newborne 178; 15 Frank Weston 135; 21 Carl Seeley 135; 22 Bob Christiansen 163; 23 Bob Butler 167; 28 Joe Thompson 160; 32 Duane Eberley 168; 33 Wayne Corah 155; 34 Jim Coons 156; 35 Terry Barber 155; 42 Jerry Jones 180; 44 Mike Hyland 141; 45 Jim Peller 135; 49 Gary Donovan 165; 55 Dave Kutter 145; 58 Dennis Schnell 170; 60 Dennis Sands 145; 61 Jim Blair 215; 62 Don Warnock 145; 63 Fred English 150; 64 Bruce Samuelson 175; 65 Dick Edgington 146; 66 Larry Brindley 175; 69 Don Peterson 165; 70 Fred Gramlich 145; 71 Bill McCoy 215; 72 Bud Mock 220; Jerry Dowd 180; 74 John Novak 169; 75 Randy Hawke 185; 76 Roger Schloe 185; 77 Arlen White 200; 80 Carl Barker 165; 81 Robert Duncan 170; 82 Dick Blankenship 200; 83 John Banks 175; 85 Bill Beeber 165; 86 Dick Miller 180; 89 Cecil Dillard 202; 90 Lee Buckley 175.

Sports Broadcasts

KYJC—Friday, 8 p.m., Medford-Benson high football. Saturday, 1:15 p.m., Stanford-California football. Saturday, 8 p.m., Eagle Point-Silverton high football.

KBES-TV—Friday, 7 p.m., Gaspar Ortega-Tony DeMarco boxing. Saturday, 1:15 p.m., UCLA-USC football.

KMED—Friday, 7 p.m., Ortega-DeMarco boxing. Friday, 8 p.m., Medford-Benson football. Saturday, 10:15 a.m., Ohio State-Michigan football.

KWIN—Saturday, 11:20 a.m., Notre Dame-Iowa football.

SOUCHAK BEATS OLIVER

Phoenix, Ariz. — (U.P.) — Mike Souchak, former Duke star, shot a 65 to top Ed (Porky) Oliver by seven strokes Thursday in the second in a series of golf matches being televised for later release on a nation-wide basis.

noon by going over field defenses and taking its usual Thursday warm-up in a morning workout. Medfordites were to gather at the Rogue Valley Country club this afternoon for a chalk talk to be followed by a pre-game dinner.

A report from the high school office this morning said that all but 100 reserved seats remained to be sold. Those were low in front or in th ends of the stand.

Traditionals Brew Grid Excitement

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Three traditional "Big Games" slated for this weekend had alumni, students and football fans in a fever of excitement today up and down the Pacific Coast.

At Berkeley's Memorial stadium Saturday, 79,000 fans will be ready for the 1:30 p.m. kick-off when the Indians battle California's Golden Bears. It will be the 59th renewal of the rivalry between the two schools.

The game will not be televised unless an "angel" appears to sponsor a telecast at the last minute.

Stanford is favored, mainly because of the presence of passing great John Brodie on the squad. But it will be the last game for California pilot Pappy Waldorf, who announced his retirement Wednesday. His Bears will be in there fighting for a "last" victory for him.

In other traditionals, UCLA meets Southern California in Los Angeles, while Washington plays Washington State at Spokane.

Bruins Favored

The Bruins are favored against the Trojans on the strength of a better record and a stronger defensive team. But the Trojans may come up with a good offense this Saturday. If so, they are likely to shoot holes through the Bruin line.

Washington seems to have the nod over Washington State. However, some experts felt the Huskies may be slightly overconfident on the strength of showing against Stanford, while the Cougars were getting by California.

In another game of interest to the West Saturday, College of Pacific clashes with Arizona State at Tempe at night. The Sun Devils rate as strong favorites to defeat COP and record their ninth win in 10 games.

One traditional western big game took place Thursday at Corvallis, Ore., where University of Oregon tied Pacific Coast Conference Champion Oregon State 14-14.

At San Jose, Fresno State defeated the San Jose State Spartans 30-14. The Bulldogs took advantage of Spartan miscues in the first half to build up a 23-0 lead.

Idaho Victorious

The heavily favored Idaho Vandals scored two quick touchdowns, then held on against Montana university to win 14-0 at Missoula.

Elsewhere, Humboldt State defeated Whitman College of Walla Walla, Wash., 54-20, at Eureka, Calif. Monterey Peninsula defeated Hartnell, 24-14, at Salinas; Cal Poly defeated Wichita Falls, Tex., 24-13; Utah defeated Utah State, 29-7 at Salt Lake City; Everett, Wash., J.C., defeated Shasta, Calif., J.C., 39-7; and Los Angeles Valley defeated Santa Monica City College, 13-12.

SUGAR AT 165

Greenwood Lake, N. Y. — (U.P.) Sugar Ray Robinson, who defends his middleweight title against Gene Fullmer at Madison Square garden on Dec. 12, weighed 165½ pounds Thursday after sparring four rounds and doing two - and - a - half miles of roadwork.



TORNADO FULLBACK — Bob Gee, above, fullback who scored two touchdowns last week against Gresham, will aim to do as well or better tonight when the Medford Black Tornado faces Benson High of Portland in Oregon class A-1 football semi-finals at the Medford stadium. Kick-off time is 8:15 p.m. — (Landis-Shangle Photo)

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
By UNITED PRESS

The Boston Celtics have the Philadelphia Warriors' "number" and that's why they are leading the Eastern division race today in the National Basketball association.

The Celtics, paced by backcourt ace Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman, handed the Warriors their second defeat in as many nights Thursday, 101-78, to open up a two and one-half game lead. The Fort Wayne Pistons beat the Rochester Royals, 104-102, and the Minneapolis Lakers buried the Syracuse Nationals, 111-78, in other games.

Cousy tallied 29 points and Sharman netted 30 to lead the barrage of baskets against the defending champion Warriors.

Pendleton, Marshfield Vie Saturday

Oregon high school football playoffs are in the semi-final stage this week end with the Benson-Medford game highlighting the Friday night menu.

Medford, which tied state champion Marshfield 20-20 earlier in the season, is favored to down the Portland champs on its home field in one of two class A-1 games this week end.

Saturday afternoon, Marshfield invades Pendleton for a tussle with the eastern Oregon king-pin.

Class A-2 action is scheduled Saturday night with Central of Monmouth-Independence meeting Reedsport at North Bend and Silverton colliding on the South Salem field with Eagle Point.

Class B action sends Sherman of Moro to Stanfield for a semi-final game Friday afternoon while Colton and Monroe clash at Corvallis Saturday night.

The six-man title will be decided Saturday afternoon at Corvallis when Alsea meets Culver, the defending champ.

WRIGLEY MOST LIKELY

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — John E. Roberts, city planning director, and George Hjelte, general manager of the city Recreation and Park department, said in an official report to the City Planning commission today that Wrigley field is the most likely spot in Los Angeles for a major league baseball field.

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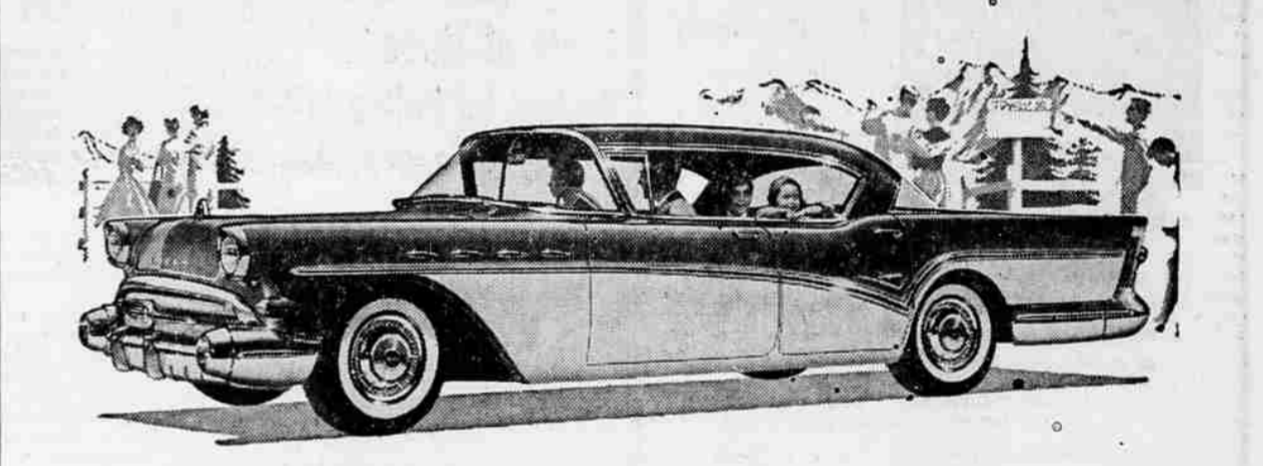
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