

# MARSHFIELD SMEARS TORNADO HOPES, 40-19

## Third Straight Title Won by Coos Bay Club

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Multnomah Stadium, Portland, Ore.—The winner of the 1956 title was the Coos Bay Club, which won the third straight title by smearing the Tornado hopes, 40-19, and carried off their unprecedented third straight Oregon Class A-1 diadem.

Marshfield shared the title with South Salem as the result of a final deadlock in 1954. Last year, the Pirates thumped Gresham to take the crown alone and now they own the title alone for the second time capping a three-year addition reign which rivals the accomplishments of Medford clubs known as the "Terrors of the 1920s."

In those years there were "mythical" titles and no official mandates decided by play-offs.

Precision geared, the Buccaneers spoiled Tornado aims to wind up 1956 with what would have been its greatest achievement in Medford high's most outstanding year in major sports. The Black Tornado added its football runner-up laurels to the Class A-1 track diadem and runner-up honors in basketball and baseball.

Only Friday's loss to Marshfield and a late September knot with the Bucs dimmed a stirring 12 game season by the charges of Coaches Fred Spiegelberg, Bob Newland, and Paul Evensen, one of the finest eleven Medford has produced.

It was the constant split-second timing of Coach Pete Suckk's Pirate horde which paid off in triumph in Friday's championship. Like children who came off a fraction of a moment ahead of the gun the Pirates got the jump on the Tornado.

Through much of the night, Marshfield's forward wall, working as one, consistently out-charged the Medford linemen. The Bucs came through with renewed downfield blocking blocking and when they lost their interference backs Jim Shanley, Roger Johnson, and Hardy Spurgeon still whammed for extra yards they seldom failed to gain.

Mail Tribune's unofficial statistics showed the Pirates with 437 net yards from rushing to Medford's 111. The Bucs got only one yard from passing to Medford's 53, but intercepted three of Coos Tornado aerials, turning two of the catches into touchdown drives.

Shanley reeled off a 67-yard touchdown gallop and other runs of 58, 26, 17, and 27 yards to spearhead the championship assault. He ran for 267 yards in 19 carries. Johnson toted for 136 yards on 26 carries.

For Medford halfback Francis carried seven times for 55 yards and fullback Loren Christian 10 times for 35.

Marshfield went 77, 63, 76, 44, and 52 yards on touchdown charges. The Tornado had its flashes of brightness and it was a tribute to Medford's fighting heart that it scored twice in the final period not giving up.

Although facing defeat, Medford turned a fumble into a 13-yard TD blast in the second quarter, banged away for 64 yards to score in the opening minute of the concluding stanza, and turned another Marshfield miff into a 28-yard touchdown drive.

Defensive calculations showed quarterback Dick McLaughlin in on some 22 tackles and tackle Neil Plumley in on 12 for Medford.

Shanley romped across the goal on the third scrimmage play of the contest for the Pirates. He had run back and Dick Copple's Medford kick-off six yards to the Marshfield 23 yard line. Johnson bammed over right guard to the 29 and Shanley went to the 33 just short of a first down.

Then Shanley shot over right tackle through the secondary and was away. Ed Hamlin was short on a final desperation dive and the fleet right half crossed the goal alone. Spurgeon's conversion kick was good for 7 to 0 lead.

Medford followed with a march 37 yards from its 24 to the Pirate 39 before calling on quarterback Tony Brauner to punt on fourth down. The Tornado held this offensive try, by the Buccaneers, who gained only to their 39.

Rogue valley's big wind next moved 31 yards from its 26 to the Buc 43 before halfback Eldon Francis was tossed for a three-yard loss and halfback Gary Riley was set back 15 yards to the Medford 39 on a pass or run play.

Brauner got off a punt for Medford which sailed and bounded for 55 yards. The darling Johnson picked up the ball on the Marshfield six and stopped, lateralled to Shanley, who was nailed on the two-yard line as the first quarter ended.

Spurgeon cracked the middle for two yards. Johnson blasted through the line and the ball squirted forward as he was met by Medford's Tornado quarterback McLaughlin pounced on the ball on the 12-yard line.

The stubborn Pirates held Francis for no gain but Christian smashed to the four. On third down, Francis passed to Copple in the end zone for a first.

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The final stripe on the next play and Spurgeon split the uprights again for the conversion and 33 to 7.

Medford fired back with its biggest surge of the disastrous night, fighting to the CB end zone in nine plays after Riley had returned Spurgeon's kick-off from the Tornado 13 to the 36. It was a struggling march with Riley thrown for one loss, Owsley dumped behind the scrimmage line twice, and one procedure infraction losing five yards. But a 22-yard pass play, McLaughlin to Copple, a 22-yard run by Francis, with nice blocking, and a 18-yard fighting romp by fullback Bob Gee made up for the deficits.

The Tornado got its last chance to score when linebaker Jim Funston pounced on a halfback Gary Smith miff on the Marshfield 28 yard line. Francis packed over right tackle 13 yards to the 15 and Gee went for four to the 11. Then Francis got the pigskin on a reverse and slanted over right tackle again for the touchdown. Copple's TD sailed off wide to the right.

The shove started in the third quarter and ended in the fourth. Gee's run put the ball on the four but Owsley lost to the five and to the 12. However, Riley passed to Francis to put the ball on the seven, and Francis went the remaining distance to the end zone on a reverse. Copple's conversion try was kicked wide to the left.

After the TD, Copple thumped the kickoff for Medford. It was recovered by a Pirate lineman on the Marshfield 46. The Pirates promptly got themselves a touchdown.

"Powering Shanley opened the first downs passing. Med. Marsh. First downs passing 2 17. First downs rushing 6 17. Total first downs 8 34. Passes tried 19 34. Passes completed 4 14. Passes intercepted 3 14. Net yards passing 111 457. Net yards rushing 134 438. Total scrimmage yards 245 895. Yards neutralized 4 30.5 148. Points 35 7. First downs rushing 10 36. First downs passing 10 36. Total first downs 20 72. Passes tried 20 72. Passes completed 10 50. Passes intercepted 10 50. Net yards passing 111 457. Net yards rushing 134 438. Total scrimmage yards 245 895. Yards neutralized 4 30.5 148. Points 35 7.

## Patterson Wins Heavyweight Title With Knockout in 5th

Chicago — (U.P.) — Pantherman young Floyd Patterson who won the vacant world heavyweight championship "with the Lord in my corner" Friday night by knocking out Archie Moore in the fifth round, washed-up Archie Moore in the fifth round, announced Saturday, "I'll be ready to defend within three months."

And promoter Jim Norris, who staged the historic ageless youth fight before 14,000 at Chicago Stadium, said, "I'll try to have this eager youngster make his first defense against an outstanding opponent at Miami Beach in February."

Patterson, almost as elated as being a father for the first time as being the youngest heavyweight ruler in ring history, flew home to Brooklyn to greet his six pound, two ounce daughter, born less than four hours before his triumph over 39-year old Moore.

"They never told me about the baby until after the fight," said poker-faced Floyd with the semblance of a grin. "And it was surely good news. I guess we'll name her Seneca."

The first interception gave Marshfield the ball on the Medford 33. After two plays gained to the 29, the Pirates were set back to the 44 for clipping Johnson. Johnson gained three yards around end, then Shanley went through the middle 26 yards to the 15. He made it to the 12 and 40 the three, and Johnson went two yards to the one. Johnson passed to Chuck Ambary for the touchdown and Spurgeon made good on the bonus kick for 26 to 7.

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## Sooners Defeat Oklahoma A&M

Salliswater, Okla. — Oklahoma's greatest football team kept its blaze of glory bright Saturday defeating its home-state rival, Oklahoma A&M, 53-0, for its 40th straight victory—a new national record.

The Big Seven Champions apparently clinched their second consecutive national championship. They are not eligible for a bowl trip this year under conference agreement with the Orange bowl.

Oklahoma gained 320 net yards rushing and set a new national record for a season with an average of 391 yards per game.

S.F. Dons Run Unbeaten Hoop Streak to 56 Games

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The University of San Francisco Dons ran their unbeaten basketball string to 56 games Friday night by rolling over little Chico State, 63-34.

Although the Dons lacked the polish of last year's national champions, Coach Phil Woolpert described it as a "typical first game."

## Bears to Defend Slight Lead Against Lions

By UNITED PRESS

The high-wiring Chicago Bears, stopped cold on the ground at New York last week, may face an even tougher all-around defense Sunday when they invade Detroit to defend their half-game lead against the rungrump Lions.

Chicago, limited to only 12 rushing yards by the Giants, clung to its slim Western Division lead in the National Football league by rallying for a 17-17 tie on two spectacular touch-down catches by Marion Hill.

Now the Bears tackle a Detroit team which has allowed its opponents to average only 14.8 points per game. The Lions have one of the league's best defensive backfields in Jack Christiansen, Jim Davie, Bill Stits and Carl Karlovac.

Still, the odds makers rate the Bears, who averaged 36 points a game until they met the Giants.

Chicago Cardinals are five-point kicks against the visiting Colts. In the other games, the Colts (4-4) are favored over the San Francisco Forty-Niners (2-6-1) by seven points at Baltimore; the Browns (3-6) are six-point favorites against the Philadelphia Eagles (3-5-2) at Cleveland; and the Steelers (3-6) and Los Angeles Rams (2-7) are rated even at Pittsburgh.

All games will be televised on regional networks by CBS.

## Frank Robinson, Aparicio Are Named Rookies of Year

New York — (U.P.) — Heavy hitting Frank Robinson of the Cincinnati Redlegs and fancy fielding Luis Aparicio of the Chicago White Sox were named Saturday as the major league Rookies of the Year in the annual voting by the Baseball Writers of America.

Robinson, 20-year-old left fielder who hit 38 home runs, was the unanimous choice of the 24-man selection committee in the National league.

Aparicio, 22, one of the finest shortstops to reach the majors in years, was named on a 19 but two American league ballots. The other American league votes went to outfielder Tip Franks of the Baltimore Orioles and outfielder Rocky Colavito of the Cleveland Indians.

Robinson clearly was the National league standout, tying a rookie record for homers.

Yet last spring, he was not even on the Cincinnati roster and after he made the club at the start of the season, Manager Birdie Tebbets said "I'm going to bring him along as slowly as possible—I don't want anything to happen that will cause him to lose confidence."

Robinson kept on being such a standout Tebbets couldn't follow his strategy—and didn't want to. Robinson played in 152 games, batted .290, and drove in 83 runs. He was elected by the fans to starting post in the All-star game, a rare feat for a rookie. And he was an adequate, though not brilliant, outfielder.

Aparicio was not as impressive as Robinson at bat, but he made up for his light stick work in the field. And he wound up with a respectable .266 batting average built up during the latter part of the season when he seemed to conquer the problems of hitting major league pitching. He also stole 20 bases, tying for the league lead.

Aparicio also played in 152 games and covered so much ground that he had all shortstops in total chances with 759. He was tops in assists with 474 and in putouts with 259. He was in 91 double plays and committed only 35 errors.

## Big Ten Winter Conference Set

Chicago — (U.P.) — The Big Ten will be back next week to approve tougher rules on aids to athletes with a provision that a coach could be fired for violation.

The conference winter meeting will begin Tuesday, but athletic directors and faculty representatives will take up the major issue of new regulations on Friday.

The legislation was prepared by a special committee. In August it circulated a report criticizing conference practices which, though legal, granted large amounts of aids to athletes.

The new plan will permit schools to furnish athletes all aid on a basis of need.

## Olympic—Ramblings

By BILL BOWERMAN  
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Unless one sat in the Melbourne Olympic stadium at 6 p.m. of a lovely November spring evening, one could not understand what went on in the first final event, the 10,000 meter, 25 lap, just over six miles. In other words, unless I had seen it, I would not have believed it.

Here were 47 of the best distance runners in the world, and the co-favorites were Russia's Kuts and Pirie of England. American training methods changed drastically 10 years ago. This Kuts and Pirie have convinced me that additional pages and revisions are needed in our book.

This was not just a race of endurance, it was a playing with the opponent, a sprinting for a straightaway, then a stride for a turn—first it was Pirie who had the crowd's support as he matched each burst and move of Kuts. From the first 61 second lap through the fourth (61, 69, 68, 69) it was Pirie running smoothly behind, and sort of peering over the Russian's shoulder to see how he was doing.

They drew away from the field. Here Kuts threw in a 75 dash, and it was a body blow, but Pirie moved up and first over one shoulder, then the other, seemed to say "well, old fellow, here I am."

It was 65, 70, 70, 70, through eight, with Pirie looking like a dance master following an axeman. Well axeman or gladiator, in the 9th lap Kuts would sprint 50 to 75, stride about 50 then trot a bit. He did this continuously and Pirie first looked amazed, then hurt, and finally on lap 21 it was Kuts running from lane 2 to lane 3 and inviting Pirie to stop being an observer and set the pace. Pirie wanted no part of it, but Kuts stepped out, slowed to a walk, and Pirie was in front. For 100 yards only he led, then Kuts, who obviously is a fighter, tired of observing, and blasted by with a 100-yard dash. Pirie hung on for only the 100, and then came so unglued that in the last 4 laps, he was lost in the crowd. Kuts had fought as he ran, planned, thrust and countered.

It was dark when Dumas finally won the high jump at 6 feet 11 1/2 inches. The Czech national anthem for women's discus and Kuts for Russia had long since been played. A flood light played on Old Glory as it was raised to the beautiful strains of our Star Spangled Banner.

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