

Grants Pass, Medford, Foes Friday In District 6 A-1 Titular Ruckus

Grants Pass high will try for its seventh consecutive football triumph of the season and its first area championship since 1953 when the Cavemen engage the Medford Black Tornado at the senior high stadium here Friday night for the District 6 A-1 and Southern Oregon conference mantles.

The Tornado, host for an 8:15 p.m. outing, goes into the all-out skirmish whirling for a fifth straight triumph and fourth conference title.

Steadily rising and showing strong in the late season, the Cavemen are unbeaten since their season opener loss by a scant 20 to 19 to Albany. Since then they have overcome North Bend, Roseburg, Crater, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Tillamook. Medford, 5-2 for the full year, has tripped Crater, Klamath Falls, Eugene and Ashland since a setback 12 to 0 at the hands of Marshfield.

G P Passing Acclaimed
The ruckus between the favored Cavemen and the Tornado shapes up as a match between the combined running and passing offensive of the T formation GP eleven and the ground onslaught of a Medford attack which mixes the power of the single wing and the explosiveness of the T.

Statewide attention has been focused on the GP passing, a big factor in its march into the district deciding conflict. However, a check of season statistics shows the largest share of Caveman scrimmage yardage gained from rushing. Net yards for GP on the ground in seven games have been 1,367. Through the air the Cavemen have picked up 964.

Key to the important role played by the passes is this: Sixteen touchdowns have been scored on throws by Quarterback Jim Smith.

In all, 61 of 111 GP aeries have been completed. Smith has flung 103 and hit his receiver on 58 for 928 yards and .563 firing average. Only three of Smith's tosses have been intercepted. End Mike Sparlin has gathered in 31 throws for 525 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Many Receivers
Statistics further reveal that Medford pass defenders won't be able to concentrate on Sparlin alone as a receiver. Halfback Jack Dean, End Paul Lindquist, Fullback Mike Rose and Halfbacks, Richie Condray, Marvin Terry, Don Lewellyn and Larry Drake all have caught GP passes. Dean has taken eight for 133 yards, Lindquist six for 76, Rose five for 54, Condray 3 for 60, Terry three for 67, Lewellyn three for 45 and Drake two for 14.

In rushing Dean has been the top gainer with 102 carries, 639 total yards and 6.36 average. Rose follows with 78 for 348 and 4.48. Don Lewellyn has 53 for 210 and 3.95 and Terry 13 for 68 and 5.2 yards. Smith in 22 times with the ball has grossed 87 but has been spilled for losses totalling 50 yards.

Much higher amount of Medford's scrimmage yardage has been picked up on the ground. The Tornado records show a total of 1,618 yards rushing to just 201 gained through the air. That's a total of 1,819 compared to 2,331 for the Cavemen. Medford rushing has been paced by Ron Reich, Bob Gee and John Jones. Only three Medford passes have gone for touchdowns.

For the championship fray Grants Pass will field an average sized backfield behind a lightweight line while Medford will be a bit lighter in its backfield but heavier in the line.

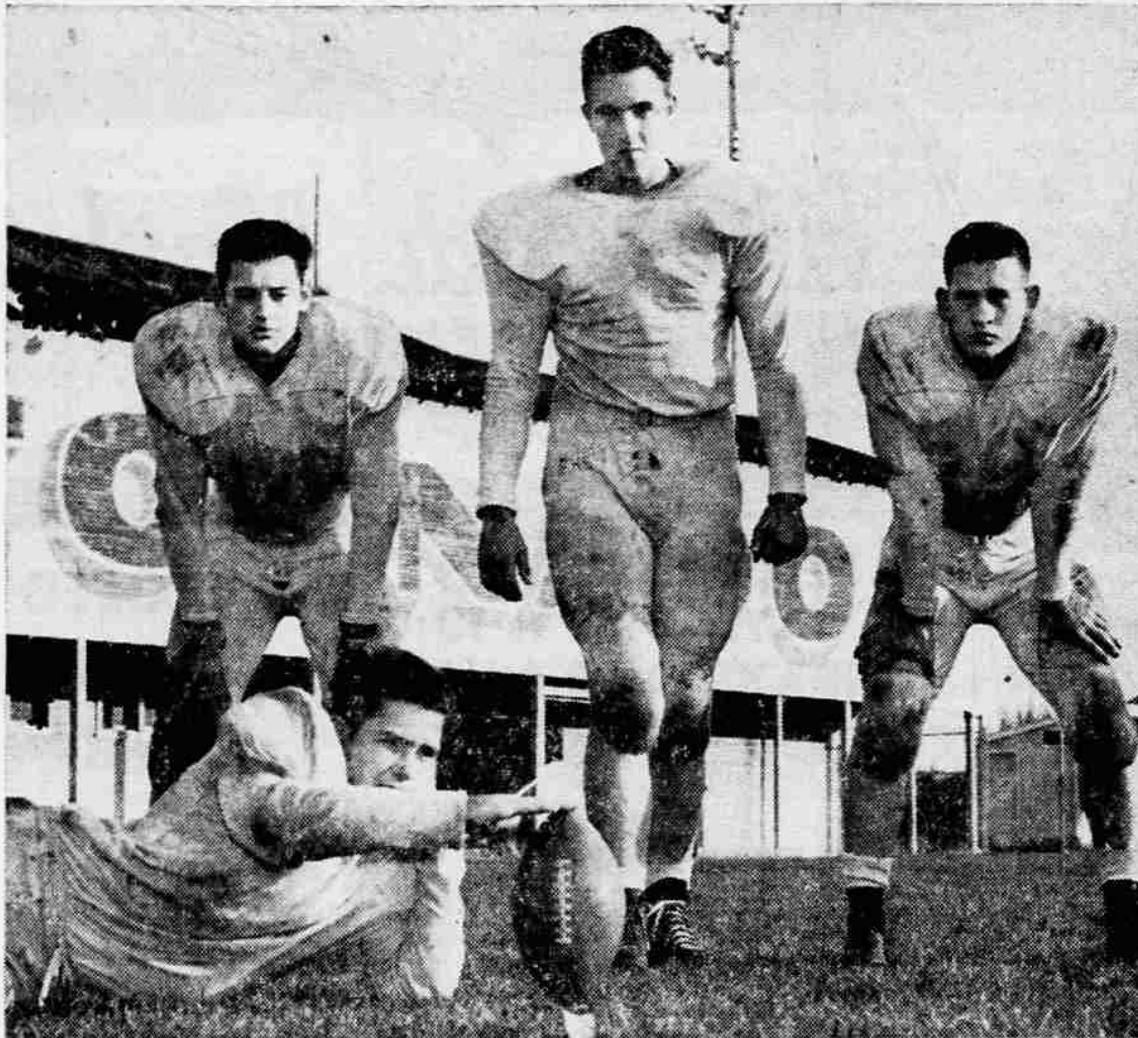
Starters Listed
Possible starters for the Cavemen are Sparlin and Lindquist, ends; Jerry Putnam and Paul Slaven, tackles; Wendell Winterbottom and Ollie Woolsey or Dick Byrd, guards; Dick Caldwell, center; Smith, quarterback; Dean, left half; Lewellyn, right half, and Make Rose, fullback.

For Medford the line may be Tom Hamlin and Mike Russell, ends; Tom Morris and Dick Sorenson, tackles; Tom Merton and Frank Albert or George Ice, guards, and Jim Funston, center. Backs may be Tony Brauner, quarter; Jones, left half; Reich or Dick Durante, right half, and Gee or Larry Brown, fullback.

Reports from the Black Tornado camp indicate that the Medfordites are extending themselves in efforts to be ready for the GP passing. Defensive work got much attention in yesterday's drill. Dummy offensive scrimmage also was conducted.

Head Coach Fred Spiegelberg reported his crew in about the same physical shape as reported earlier in the week. Reich, who turned an ankle in the Ashland game was on hand in uniform last night but confined his work to a bit of running.

Top Crowd
Medford's top football crowd of the season is not just expected. It's certain for this big one. Reserved seats have been sold out in both Grants Pass and Medford. There should easily be



TORNADO "FOOTNIK" LAUNCHERS — Shown here is the ball-booting combination of the Medford high football squad. Their kicks probably won't reach outer space and become satellites but they will make every effort to thump them far and accurate Friday night in the scrap at the senior high stadium for the District 6 A-1 championship. The

Black Tornado meets Grants Pass. The kickers, left to right, are Guard Tom Merton, on kickoffs, Tackle Mike Murray, for points after touchdowns, and Quarterback Tony Brauner, on punts. Holding for Murray and seeming tired after a long drill is Fullback Fred Funston.

Sport Parade



By OSCAR FRALEY
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United Press

New York — Fraley's Follies and the weekend football "winners" — along with a few recollections on around the world in 80 hours.

Game of the Week
Navy over Duke — The Middies are rolling in high gear and the Blue Devils have been stuttering of late. The Navy attack plus a good defense should win, barring a letdown.

The East
Holy Cross over Syracuse — So the Orange can give me more juice.
Army over Utah — Jimmy DeMaret wowed 'em signing autographs in Japanese.

Dartmouth over Columbia — Sam Snead made me sorry I play gin rummy.
Princeton over Harvard — But Red Smith made me wish for a slow boat.

Also: Brown over Cornell, Yale over Penn, Pitt over West Virginia, Boston College over Boston U., and Colgate over Bucknell.

The South
Alabama over Tulane — The Commies rap those who use Hong Kong's rickshaws.
Mississippi over LSU — The Reds claim it's degrading.

Auburn over Mississippi State — But they don't give the boys free rice.
Maryland over Clemson — And the natives are the biggest riders.

Also: Tennessee over Georgia Tech, Kentucky over Vanderbilt, Florida over Georgia, VPI over Wake Forest, North Carolina over South Carolina, North Carolina State over W&M, and Miami over Florida State.

The Southwest
Arkansas over Rice — Bangkok is a sardine fisherman's paradise.
Texas Aggies over SMU — They're up to their gutters in canals.

Texas over Baylor — Everybody fishes, for anything edible.
Oklahoma State over Wyoming — It's fishing, strictly from hunger.

Also: Texas Tech over Tulsa, Tempe over Texas Western and Hardin Simmons over Arizona.

The Midwest
Michigan State over Notre Dame — Rome's Circus Maximus would make a great race track.

Iowa over Minnesota — That's where Ben Hur swung low his chariot.
Ohio State over Purdue — The

standing room only. But a championship game isn't necessary to draw a big throng. Just put the Medford and Grants Pass football teams on the same field. That will assure a crowd.

Medford will rate the roll of underdog for the first time this season, if comparative scores and state rankings are considered. But there's considerable feeling that a close battle is in the making and odds among the betting fraternity for the most part are sentimental.

The old grandstand has been reserved solely for Grants Pass and Medford high students. Adults who do not have reserved seats will have to find a place on bleachers.

Eagle Point Opposes IV

Eagle Point—Eagle Point and Illinois Valley highs wind up their football seasons Friday night with a Rogue league game at Cave Junction. Both clubs are out of the race for the crown. The Eagles will seek to keep third place in the final standings.

On Tuesday Eagle Point jayvees rallied from 12 to 0 first quarter deficit to turn back a similar Talent team 20 to 18.

Mike Palmer scored on a sensational catch of a pass from Jim Nease for a second quarter EP score. Bill McClure crossed the goal twice on short runs in the second half. Paul McLean ran two extra points.

Talent got a fourth quarter TD.

Giants, Dodgers In Conference With PCL Men
New York — Officials of the Dodgers and Giants meet in secret with the representatives of the Pacific Coast league today in an effort to settle upon satisfactory indemnity sums without going to court.

Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick called the meeting, and will sit in on it, but denied he would serve as arbitrator. He said he set up the meeting "at the request of the interested parties" and that they would discuss "the reorganization of the Pacific Coast league and the questions of realignment."

Money Problem
However, it was known that the big problem was the money to be paid the PCL for encroachment on its territory by the Brooklyn now Los Angeles Dodgers and New York now San Francisco Giants.

It was reliably reported from last week's meeting at Sacramento, Calif., that the Giants and Dodgers each offered only \$50,000 to the PCL. Some PCL owners were talking of sums as high as \$1 million, and have threatened law suits.

Iowa Leads
Iowa led in rushing defense, limiting enemy ball carriers to 66.2 yards per game. Auburn 76.2 was second, followed by Miami Fla. 88.7, Arizona (Tempe) State 96.0 and Princeton 105.5.

The leading defender against passes was Georgia Tech. The Engineers have limited their opponents to only 213 yards in the air for an average of 35.5 per game. Their closest rivals were Missouri 43.4, Tulane 44.6, Florida 45.2 and Kentucky 51.9.

Charlie Johnson At Bear Guard
Berkeley, Calif. — Charlie Johnson moved into Harley Martin's guard spot today as the California Golden Bears continued to work on defense for the Oregon State game this week end.

Martin was forced to give up football on the advice of the team physician because of recurring head injuries. He suffered a concussion against Navy earlier this season and another against UCLA last Saturday and doctors advised him to quit the game to avoid possible serious consequences.

Crabtree's Play Quiets Faultfinders

By HOWARD APPLGATE
United Press Sports Writer
Eugene — A much-criticized senior from Lakewood, Calif., is making his faultfinders eat their words this football season and as a result the University of Oregon is nearing its first Rose Bowl appearance since 1920.

He's Jack Crabtree, playing his first season as regular quarterback for Oregon. Quarterback is the key position in Oregon's split-T offense and it was generally agreed at the season's start that the Webfoots would rise or fall on how Crabtree made out.

There were many who said he simply didn't have it. After Oregon's first two games it appeared they might be right.

Against Idaho, fullback Jack Morris ran 79 yards to the one-yard-line in Crabtree's first play from scrimmage as the regular quarterback. But on the next four plays the Ducks traveled backwards and were stopped on the eight. They barely managed to beat Idaho 9-6 and the Monday morning quarterbacks had plenty of unkind things to say about the quarterbacking.

Pitt Game Worse
The next week against Pittsburgh it was even worse.

Oregon led 3-0 late in the game when on a fourth down play near midfield Crabtree called a pass instead of a punt. It went awry. Pittsburgh went on to score a touchdown on a pass with 22 seconds to play—over Crabtree's defensive position—to win 6-3. It turned out, according to the Oregon coaching staff, that Crabtree had been hit hard on the play preceding the questionable pass call and actually thought he had called a punt. But this didn't silence his critics.

Coach Len Casanova admitted he then received letters suggesting that Crabtree be put on the "fourth team." But Casanova ignored the suggestions.

The next week, against favored UCLA, Crabtree was at the signal-calling slot and definitely was on the spot. All he did was call one of the finest games ever seen in Multnomah stadium as Oregon won 21-0. Crabtree hit seven out of eight passes as well as handling the ball well and faking beautifully.

But it took some more sterling performances by Crabtree to really convince Webfoot fans that the 21-year-old kid had it.

He Comes Through
Two weeks later against Washington State, Crabtree came through like a pro. With time running out in the first half, he called his plays without a huddle to save time and on the last play of the half sneaked over for a touchdown. Oregon won that game 14-13.

Against Stanford last Saturday he did exactly the same thing and scored himself just five seconds before the half ended. Oregon again won by one point, 27-26.

In that Stanford game Crabtree hit eight out of nine passes. He's also been keeping the ball on the option more often. It is this type of playing which keeps the defense guessing and allows speedboys Jim Shanley, Charley Tourville and Morris to ramble on the ground. For the season Crabtree is 31 for 56 in passing, a neat 55 per cent.

Little wonder that Coach Chuck Taylor of Stanford said "Crabtree leads the team marvelously." The faultfinders are beginning to agree.

Boston Streak Now Seven Frays
By UNITED PRESS
When the National Basketball association season started there were some joking remarks about whether the powerful Boston Celtics, defending champions, ever would lose a game, but today it appeared that may be no joke.

Certainly the Celts have done something no other pro team in so powerful a league ever has done—win its first seven games, six on foreign courts. The latest was a 103-94 victory Wednesday night over Minneapolis at Minneapolis.

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Winner of the Medford-Grants Pass high District 6 football game here Friday night will meet the District 3 champion in state A-1 quarter-finals and winner of that tussle will face the Portland victor in semi-finals.

Beaverton appears almost a sure bet to win in District 3, which is the Metropolitan league. The Beavers are 6-0 in their circuit and are favored over Gresham in the loop finale this Friday. Milwaukee is in second spot in the Metro with 5-1. Jefferson and Grants are unmarred in the Portland Interscholastic league and play this Friday. The PIL makes up Districts 1 and 2.

The District 6 champ will travel for its quarter-final scrap.

JACK MORRIS PRAISED
High praise for the play of

Wood Picks Both Oregon Grid Clubs

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer
Los Angeles — Pacific pigskin picks:

Stanford over Southern California; This always is a bruiser, but the roll-outs that beat UCLA should be able to accomplish the same result against the Trojans, by 13.

Washington State over UCLA: The curse of the Palouse country still rides high when California teams invade Spokane. Even with Red Sanders' new defense scrimmage gimmick of having the Bruins use two passers throwing balls at the same time won't stop the Cougars. By six.

Oregon State over California: We're still waiting for the day when the Golden Bears break out with that 50-point scoring rash that a scout recently predicted. Can't see it happen against this strong Beaver defensive outfit. By one.

Oregon over Washington: The Ducks flying high and they'll give the fans in Portland a show as they head for the Rose Bowl. By 12.

Idaho Choice
Idaho over Utah State: Vandals get back into their own class and prove again that they have one of their better teams this year. By 14.

College of Pacific over San Jose State: Traditional rivalry and a battle for the independent championship of the West. The Tigers by 20.

Arizona (Tempe) State over Texas Western: As we keep saying, those Sun Devils should get a big bowl bid. By 13.

San Francisco Forty Niners over Los Angeles Rams: Biggest crowd of the year out to see one of the great young stars of the game, the incredible R. C. Owens. By three.

Also: Santa Barbara over Pepperdine, Los Angeles State over Long Beach State, Brigham Young over Fresno State, Cal Poly over San Diego Marines, Cal Tech over Cal Baptist, Occidental over Redlands, Pomona-Clairemont over Whittier and University of Mexico over San Diego University.

Souchak Winner In Links Tourney
Apple Valley, Calif. — Ex-football player Mike Souchak today held the Lloyd Mangrum Clambake tournament laurels as the circuit-traveling host of pro golfers packed up to head for the \$11,500 Long Beach, Calif. Open, starting Friday.

Souchak came from behind on Wednesday with a powerful tee shot to catch another long hitter, George Bayer, and win with rounds of 69-67-136, giving him a three-stroke edge.

FIFTH DEADLOCK
Hanover, N.H. — When Dartmouth and Yale played to a 14-14 tie in New Haven, Conn., Saturday, it marked the fifth deadlock between the two schools in football in their long and colorful series.

Shanley Has Touch of Flu

Eugene — Oregon halfback Jim Shanley was recovering from a touch of the flu today but Coach Len Casanova said he expected Shanley to be able to play against Washington in Portland this week end when the Webfoots try to wrap up a tie for the Pacific Coast Conference title and a trip to the Rose Bowl.

Casanova said reserve center Larry Newsom reinjured his knee leaving only sophomore Bob Peterson and Milt Blevins at the center position. Earlier, regular center Norm Chapman was sidelined for the season with an ankle injury and Dave Fish broke a hand against Stanford.

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