

Medford-Marshfield Game in Spotlight

Oregon high school football spotlight will be beamed on the Medford stadium this Friday night.

No league or district honors will be at stake but a big prestige engagement will be fought between the Pirates of Marshfield high and the Black Tornado of Medford. For both are rated among the top grid-iron powers on the Oregon scene.

The skirmish will overshadow two other intradistrict conflicts involving clubs of this area and will draw some of the attention away from eight struggles among teams of three conferences in southern Oregon.

Only a few miles north of Medford on the same night Grants Pass and Crater inaugurate the Southern Oregon conference (District 6 A-1) campaign at Grants Pass. Not far to the south, the Grizzlies of Ashland, another 6 A-1 school, will be hosts to Lakeview, an A-2 aggregation. Klamath Falls, also of the Southern Oregon loop, goes out of the district to Springfield.

Rogue League Interest
Jackson county interest will be particularly high in one of the scuffles of the A-2 Rogue league. Phoenix goes to Eagle Point Friday night for the fust. Other loop brushes that night are Glendale against Illinois Valley at Cave Junction and Henley at Rogue River. Friday tangles in District

5B are Jacksonville at Talent, Sacred Heart at Merrill and Chiloquin versus Bonanza at Klamath Falls. On Saturday night St. Mary's meets Malin on the Medford high turf.

For Medford, the tussle with Marshfield, despite its non-district status, rates along with tangles with Grants Pass and Klamath Falls among the season's "big" games. Although their eyes are definitely on the district bunting, the Buccaneers of Coos Bay probably are the crew Black Tornado stalwarts would like most to beat.

Not since 1947 has the Tornado been on the long end of the score against the Pirates. The count was 18 to 12 that season. The two schools have met seven times since. Marshfield has won five times. Two games ended in ties, 0 to 0 in 1953 and 20 to 20 in 1956. Score favored the Bucs 12 to 0 last year.

There's possibility of the Friday game being the first of two this season between the two schools. For this to come to pass, each would have to win its area championship. Medford in District 6 and Marshfield in District 5. The Pirates loom as heavy favorites in their conference while Medford ranks as a top contender in its loop, with many prognosticators making it top choice.

If the two should reach the state quarter-finals, that game would be here, too.

TORNADO RANKS THIRD IN PREP GRID RATINGS

Portland—UPI—Jefferson's defending state champions held down first place for the second week in a row today in the Journal coaches' poll for Oregon high school football teams.

Marshfield, which like Jeff has won three straight, was in second place.

Madison high of Portland moved up to fourth place while Medford held down third and North Bend went to fifth.

The top teams: **POINTS**
TEAM
1. Jefferson 73
2. Marshfield 73
3. Medford 51
4. Madison 43
5. North Bend 37
6. Astoria 32
7. Roseburg 23
8. North Salem 22
9. Gresham 19
10. South Salem 14
Others: Beaverton 13, Grants Pass 10, Springfield 6, Oregon City, Vale, Baker and Cottage Grove 4 each, West Linn 2.

UCLA Drills Against Single Wing Plays

Los Angeles—UPI—Coach George Dickerson concentrated today on perfecting a way to confound the single-wing attack of Oregon State, UCLA's opponent Saturday afternoon at Corvallis.

Both the Bruins and Oregon State use the formation of the late Henry (Red) Sanders, but despite this fact Dickerson put his UCLA squad through defensive drills on Monday.

Coach Tommy Prothro of Oregon State was a former assistant to Sanders.

SPORTS

Torres Gets Nod From Cus D'Amato

New York—UPI—Sugar Ray Robinson protested slugger Jose Torres' latest victory today, but Cus D'Amato proclaimed the young Puerto Rican middleweight "a potential champion."

Torres, 22, registered his sixth straight professional triumph Monday night on a fifth-round technical knockout over Otis Woodard of New York before a near-sellout crowd of 3,216 at St. Nicholas Arena.

Middleweight champion Robinson was in Woodard's corner. D'Amato, manager of heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and young Torres, was at the ringside. Torres and Woodard each weighed 160 pounds.

Dr. Samuel Swetnik examined Woodard in his corner before the bell could ring to start the sixth round. The doctor asked referee Petey Della to stop the bout "because Woodard doesn't know where he is. He can't answer my questions. He's befuddled."

Seattle, Wash.—UPI—The University of Washington Huskies, upset winners over Minnesota last weekend, will get another crack at the Big Ten Saturday when they tangle with rugged Ohio State.

Oklahoma Rated Top Grid Team In UPI Ratings

New York—UPI—Oklahoma's prairie powerhouse, shooting for its third national college football championship within four seasons, took over the No. 1 spot in the United Press International ratings today with Michigan State second.

Ohio State's defending national champions, last week's leaders, dropped to third and Auburn was fourth in a close vote. Only 64 points separated the top four teams in the balloting by the 35 outstanding coaches who comprise the UPI rating board.

Army, Notre Dame, Wisconsin, Iowa, Pittsburgh and Mississippi rounded out the top 10 in that order. The select group thus included four Big Ten teams.

Oklahoma, which displayed a new "pro type" offense in its impressive 47-14 season-opening victory over West Virginia, was the No. 1 choice of 13 coaches. Michigan State attracted five first-place votes, Ohio State had six, Auburn three, Army four, while one each went to Notre Dame, Iowa, Oregon and Wake Forest. Oregon and Wake Forest were tied for the No. 19 ranking.

In points distributed on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis for votes from 1st to 10th place—Oklahoma had 290, Michigan State 248, Ohio State 243 and Auburn 226. Army beat out Notre Dame for the No. 5 rating 166 points to 153; Wisconsin was seventh with 118 points. Iowa had 110, Pitt 81 and Mississippi 63.

Coach Bud Wilkinson's

Sooners, acclaimed national champions in 1955 and 1956, wound up fourth last season when their 47-game winning streak was snapped by Notre Dame. Traditionally a close-to-the-vest team, Oklahoma broke out an attack featuring split ends, flankers and long passes last Saturday. The Sooners' next opponent is 19th-ranked Oregon at Norman, Okla.

In other leading games next week end, Michigan State takes on 15th-ranked Michigan; Notre Dame meets 17th-ranked Southern Methodist; Ohio State plays Washington, tied for 23rd place, and Army meets Penn State.

Purdue headed this week's second 10 group, followed by Navy, Clemson and Mississippi State. Michigan and Texas were tied for 15th place; Southern Methodist and Louisiana State tied for 17th; and Oregon, Southern California and Wake Forest tied for 19th.

Baylor, Washington, College of Pacific, Houston, Colorado, Kentucky, Texas Christian, Penn State and Syracuse were other teams among the 30 teams which received votes this week.

Ex-Grants Pass Man Named Best All-Around Player

Washington—UPI—It was in the press box Sunday, just after the Redskins had licked the Philadelphia Eagles, that the official scorer approached Washington General Manager Dick McCann.

"I need your nomination for the outstanding offensive player," said the scorer.

"I guess it would have to be Dick James," McCann replied.

"How about the outstanding defensive player?" asked the scorer.

"James," said McCann. The scorer looked puzzled. No, they are not brothers. But Richard Alwin James, Redskins' halfback (formerly of Grants Pass) is that rarity in specialized pro football—a player equally adept on offense and defense.

James went all the way on defense against the Eagles, contributing one sparkling knockdown of a Norm Van Brocklin pass that would have meant a sure touchdown. Then in the fourth quarter, with the Redskins trailing and halfbacks Jim Podoley and Sid Watson both injured, James went in to play offense.

All the little halfback from Oregon did was gouge out most of the yardage in a touchdown drive that put Washington ahead, and he duplicated this in the Redskins' march for a clinching touchdown.

"There isn't a better offensive back on the squad," backfield coach Mike Nixon lamented. "But he's also the best man we have on pass defense. He can't play both ways all the time."

James, 180 pounds of bone and gristle, is only five-foot-10—fairly short for a defensive back. But he's fast and seems to have steel springs in

both feet. "He's one of the few short backs I've ever seen who could jump with a six-foot-five end and beat him to the ball," Nixon said.

James joined the Redskins in 1956 and won "Rookie of the Year" award with the local club. But last year, Washington was hurting for defensive backs and Coach Joe Kuharich shifted him to defense.

No Complaints
James never complained, but for the first two-thirds of the season he was miserable. A deadly tackler, Dick had trouble covering the opponents' ends and was faked out of position many times. In the team's last three games, the Redskins held the Bears, Eagles and Steelers to a pair of field goals and one meaningless touchdown. And James was covering his defensive post like a guy armed with a sub-machine gun.

"Joni" an inevitable nickname he was tagged with the days he reported to training camp even likes to play defense now.

"Makes no difference where they put me," Dick said. "It's fun to carry the ball but I'll play where I'm needed."

Ironically, James is not the only good offensive back playing defense with Washington. So is halfback Joe Scudero, who also got in for a few offensive plays against Philadelphia Sunday. He spurred 27 yards in four tries and threw one of the key blocks that sprang James loose for the winning touchdown.

Both their performances were bad news for the rest of the league—they indicate that for the first time in five years, the Redskins have depth to offset Kuharich's perennial injury jinx.



SOUTHERN OREGON TOUCHDOWN—Somewhere at the bottom of this heap of football players is Lance Locke, Southern Oregon quarterback. He sneaked into the end zone for the third touchdown as the Raiders defeated University of British Columbia at Ashland Saturday night. Raiders identified in this scene are Phil Sword (55), on ground, Jim Tacchini, above Sword, and Eldon Francis (30). Among the white-clad UBC Thunderbirds shown are from left, Ray Towers (55), Jim Beck (68), John Hudak (63) and Roy Bianco (25). SOC plays Lewis and Clark at Portland next Saturday.

JIM FUNSTON NAMED TO STATE ROOK TEAM

Corvallis—UPI—Don Kasso, star halfback for Berkeley, Calif., high school, and three Oregon all-stars headed the list of candidates for the 1958 Oregon State Rook football team today.

Kasso was one of three northern California gridders to enroll at Oregon State. Others included Dick DeBishop, a guard from San Anselmo, and Don Delver, a back from Lodi.

The Oregon all-stars are half-back Paul Goddard of Lincoln, center Jim Funston of Medford and Frank Hawley of Vale. Another back on hand is Steve Picard of Seaside who set an all-time Oregon high school scoring record with 35 touchdowns last season.

Basketball players on hand at Oregon State include Bruce Fleming of Corvallis and Bob Jacobsen of North Bend, each 6-7; Jay Carty, a 6-6 forward from China Lake, Calif.; Dale Drake, guard and track prospect from North Salem, and Bob Newton, a 6-5 forward from Lander, Wyo.

Other freshmen athletes on the campus include Jackie Mattison, all-state golfer from South Eugene, and Bob Semon, state tennis champ from Springfield.

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