

# Medford Tornado, GP Cavemen Do Final Tuning for Friday Tangle

Coach Fred Spiegelberg of the Medford high Black Tornado and Coach Mel Ingram of the Grants Pass Cavemen put their football squads through light but thorough drills this afternoon. It was the last opportunity for each contingent to put polishing touches to offense and sturdiness before the District A-1 championship. And the head mentors and their aides were expected to make every moment count.

after the final horn who'll go on in Oregon eliminations. For total net yardage will decide such issue.

**Depth and Experience**  
The clubs, now knotted in the conference standings, both will carry depth and experience into the ruckus. Each started the campaign with a sizable group of lettermen and these and others have the benefit of a full season behind them. Medford's crew has been helped by a platoon system which has allowed a lot of youths to play and by offensive and defensive interchange when situations necessitated or permitted.

Each aggregation has its crimples but Grants Pass is probably in its best physical shape of the season while Medford is hardest hit and can be real thankful for its depth.

Medford's Tornado will match its combine of power and eruptive force in multiple offense in a multiple and single wing and T attack against the explosive T formation of the Cavemen.

Medford probably has more "horses" with the running talents of Gerry Lyons, Skip Bennett, Ron Reich, Dan Sieg, Ken Durkee and Leonard Griggs and the passing of Bob Pond, Ray Konopasek and several others but will sorely miss the packing and throwing of Dick Ragsdale, sidelined by a knee injury and the flu. Lyons is also trying to shake off the flu bug and may not start.

**Dean Big Gun**  
Jack Dean is the big gun of the Cavemen ground offense and GP has other capable runners in Marvin Terry, Oscar Nealy, Hugh Brown and Ray Meek and a plunger in Larry Drake. Terry has been hobbled by a leg ailment and should see some service although he may not start. Dick Hayes is the Grants Pass chief chucker.

Lyons has been the main Medford workhorse this fall with 97 carries and 374 net yards. Bennett is next with 84 times carried and 280 yards and Reich has totaled 254 net on 57 times with the ball. For Grants Pass Dean has accumulated 494 yards on 72 carries and Terry has 218 for 54.

The forward pass, mostly a surprise weapon for Medford in past recent seasons, has had more use this fall with Ragsdale doing the biggest share of the flinging. He has completed 12 of 26 tosses. Aerials remain an important part in the Grants Pass offensive scheme with Hayes doing most of the casting. He has 14 connects in 38 throws.

**Other Threats**  
Both clubs have their threats on pass interceptions, punt returns and kick-off runbacks. For Medford Don Peck has run up 215 yards on 15 punt returns and has crossed the goal on an 89-yard pass interception run. Sieg on a 55-yard scamper and John Harvey on a 49-yard scotch down. Reich has carried back a punt 75 yards to the goal.

Terry, Nealy, Meek and Dave Mannan are runback threats for the Cavemen. Medford has fared somewhat better both offensively and defensively against its adversaries than have the

## MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



**TOE OF TORNADO** - Mike Murray, above, is Medford's placekick and kick-off expert, and is a mainstay in the middle of the defensive line. The Black Tornado will utilize his talents on Friday night at Grants Pass when Medford meets the Cavemen gridder in the District 6 A-1 tangle. Murray has kicked 15 extra points in 23 tries and has thumped one field goal for Medford.

Cavemen, The Tornado in its seven games has run up 1895 yards from scrimmage for a per game average of 270.7. For Grants Pass the offensive total has been 1650 and the average 234.2. Medford has held its rivals to an aggregate of 876 yards, or 121.1 per game. The Cavemen have allowed 1046 yards, an average of 149.4.

Opponents have run up 73 first downs to 68 for Grants Pass. Medford has 80 first downs for the season while permitting its opposition 58.

**Punting Duel**  
Tremendous defense has contributed to the Tornado's No. 2 rating in the state for Medford has allowed only one touchdown all season. Grants Pass, given No. 5 and No. 6 rankings by the raters, has permitted its goal to be crossed only four times.

Punting could be a factor in the game and Lynn Knight of Medford may duel with Larry Drake of the Cavemen. Kicking statistics for one Tornado game are not available but in the six others Knight has averaged 37.12 yards for 32 boots.

Medford will have more all-stars in its line-up. Wendell Winterbottom, a guard, Jerry Putnam, a tackle, and Dean, a halfback, were on the 1957 all-conference first team. Reich, a Tornado halfback, gained second team recognition.

Jim Clark, Medford quarterback and linebacker, returned to practice last night after a siege of flu, but was

sent to the dressing room early. End Pete Rasmussen injured a knee in drill on Tuesday and Jerry Anderson may get the call Friday at the left flank.

Specialists on the Medford crew worked at their arts before the regular workout began last night instead of after it. The "switch kept" them from being "shut out" by darkness. Medford had a half hour of goal line scrimmage yesterday.

**POSSIBLE STARTERS:**  
Medford offense—Lowell Dean and Pete Rasmussen or Jerry Anderson, ends; Don Harrison and Monty Penwell, tackles; George Ice and John Frohnmayer, guards; Dennis Barr, center; Bob Pond, quarterback; Ken Durkee, left halfback; Ron Reich, right half, and Skip Bennett, fullback.  
Medford defense—Gary Winterbottom and Dennis Jensen, ends; Don Mann or Gary Heath and Lynn Knight, tackles; Mike Murray, guard; Fred and Al Funston and Jim Clark or Bill Charley, linebackers; Cal Dean and John Harvey, halfbacks and Don Peck, safety.

Grants Pass offense—Rex Benner and John Fox, ends; among Brian Howard, Steve Bennett and Bill Cole, tackles; Wendell Winterbottom and Ollie Woolsey, guards; Reed Daugherty, center; Dick Hayes, quarterback; Hugh Brown, left half; Jack Dean, right half; Larry Drake, fullback.  
Grants Pass defense—Benner and Fox, ends; Ron Houston and Jerry Putnam, tackles; Cole, guard; Lyle Miller, Daugherty, Winterbottom and Jim Purkett, linebackers, and Oscar Nealy and Dave Mannan, deep backs.

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## Willamette In Top 10 In Ratings

New York - (UPI) - Mississippi Southern, undefeated and untied and boasting four shutouts in six games, today topped the United Press International small college football ratings for the seventh straight week.

The board of small college coaches which rates the teams gave Mississippi Southern 31 first-place votes and a total of 373 points this week. Mississippi Southern, a 22-0 winner over Abilene Christian Tex. last week, takes on a major football school Saturday night when it meets North Carolina State of the Atlantic Coast conference at Abilene, Ala.

**Montana State Second**  
Montana State college and Miami Ohio Northeastern Okla. and East Texas State switched positions with the former advancing from fifth to fourth with its 8-0 record. Arizona (Flagstaff) State (8-0) moved from ninth to sixth. Wheaton (Ill.) State, Benedict's (Kan.), Connecticut and Willamette (Ore.) completed the top 10 in that order.

St. Benedict's and Willamette are making their first appearances in the select group, replacing Bowling Green (Ohio) and Chattanooga.

New York - (UPI) - The United Press International small college football ratings (first-place votes and one-point records in parentheses):

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Team Name, Points. Lists top 10 teams in college football ratings.

## Brown Still Air Leader

Portland - (UPI) - Champion Oregon Tech, on the strength of its big victory over Oregon College of Education at Monmouth last Saturday, took over as rushing leader of the Oregon Collegiate Conference.

Oregon Tech increased its rushing average to 174.1 yards per game and its total offense was 303.3 yards per game. Otis Foster of OTI picked up 33 points against OCE for a new single game scoring record and also the lead in the conference scoring race with 51.

George Kane of Portland state led the rushers with 401 yards and a 5.2 average. Jack Brown of Southern Oregon topped the passers with 52 out of 104 for 837 yards.

The conference finale this weekend sends Eastern Oregon to Ashland to play Southern Oregon. An EOC win would put it into a three-way tie with SOC and Portland State for last place.

**NAME SWIMMING COACH**  
New Haven, Conn. - (UPI) - Yale University has named Philip E. Moriarty to succeed Robert Kiphuth as varsity swimming coach. Moriarty will take over when Kiphuth retires June 30, 1959.

## BOWLING

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## Collection Project Begun For Crater Stadium Fund

Central Point - Coordinating committees have announced the start of another project in the campaign to raise funds in School District 6C for completion of a stadium at Crater High school.

The project involves collection of lids from cans of a certain brand of coffee and the packages or box tops from one brand of potato chips. Collection stations so far have been set up at Crater high, Central Point grocery stores and at the Big Y at the north edge of Medford. A station is planned at Gold Hill.

## Jack Hanel Ski Group President

Jack Hanel is the new president of Rogue Snowmen, local ski club.

He succeeds Bill Moffat. Other officers named at a Monday meeting were Mike Hartley, vice-president, and Mrs. Richard Swan, secretary-treasurer.

A film on the new skiing technique, "wedeln," was shown at the meeting. The new officers said that persons wishing to join the club will be welcome. Information on the organization may be obtained from Rogue Ski shop, 415 Oak st., Medford.

## Russell Sparks Boston Celtics

One of the most sensational performances of Bill Russell's career today eased the Boston Celtics' concern over the possibility that playmaker Bob Cousy may be sidelined for two or three games.

Russell, 6-foot, 10-inch ex-San Francisco ace, connected for 28 points and grabbed 27 rebounds Wednesday night as the Celtics nipped the Syracuse Nationals, 117-115. The Nationals rallied in the final minutes to tie the score but the Celtics won on Sam Jones' 17-foot jump shot with one second remaining.

Cousy suffered torn ligaments in his right leg just before halftime, did not return to action.

The New York Knickerbockers, meanwhile, remained in first place in the Eastern division of the National Basketball association when they beat the Cincinnati Royals, 108-97, for their third win in four games.

## Emperor Penguins Said Unavailable

Portland - (UPI) - Jack Marks, director of the Portland zoo, talked with Portlanders via radio from McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, Wednesday and said it appears he will have to return home without any Emperor penguins.

Marks said he had captured 30 of the smaller Adelle penguins but sighted no Emperor birds. He said he planned to leave the Antarctic Sunday by plane with the Adelle penguins for Portland.

## Ontario Approves Sewage Disposal Plan

Ontario - (UPI) - A city bond issue of \$300,000 for a sewage disposal plan was passed here Tuesday 965 to 275. The State Sanitary Authority ordered Ontario to establish facilities for sewage disposal by July, 1959.

Vernon Reed was elected mayor.

## 25,000 Kilowatts Added To NW Pool

Portland - (UPI) - Twenty-five thousand kilowatts of hydroelectric power have been added to the Northwest power pool by a sixth generator put on the line at Faraday powerhouse on the Clackamas river, Portland General Electric Co. announced Wednesday.

The Faraday plant, located two miles upstream from Estacade, now has a total output of 44,000 kilowatts.

## Nyssa Council Has First Woman Member

Nyssa - (UPI) - Nyssa elected its first woman city council member this year. Kay Brendle polled 339 votes to be elected to a two-year term.

## John Busso Decisions Joe Brown

Miami Beach, Fla. - (UPI) - Young Johnny Busso asked today for a February title shot with Joe Brown because of his upset non-title decision Wednesday night that snapped the lightweight champion's unbeaten string at 20 straight bouts.

Busso, of New York, who tagged the highly regarded 135-pound ruler with his first defeat in more than three years, said, "I promised me a title fight if I beat Brown-and I did."

Busso, 24, weighed 139 3/4 pounds as he forced 32-year-old Brown about the ring in every round. Johnny was a 3-1 underdog. The champion scaled 140 1/2. Since he weighed more than the 135-pound limit, by agreement, the title was not at stake.

Brown of New Orleans, but now living at Houston, Tex., hadn't been beaten since Aug. 1, 1955, when he dropped a decision to Arthur Persley.

Busso forced the fighting in every round and earned the verdict with his long left jab, left-right and shots to the body. He kept the retreating and side-stepping champion so busy, he rarely was able to nail Johnny with his explosive right counters.

Only in the fourth and eighth rounds did Brown hurt Busso, who is ranked fifth among contenders by the NBA and sixth by the Ring Magazine.

## Gals' Grid Mix Friday

Cave Junction - The all-girl football game between Junior Jazzies and the Senior Saints is building up to a hilarious contest which will be played 'rain or shine' under the lights on the Illinois Valley High school field Friday night, Nov. 7.

The seniors, with Jackie Williams and Carmel White as captain and co-captain, are coached by Howard Ollis, assisted by Russell Beem, Junior captain and co-captain are Arlene Hoover and Phyllis Beard. Coaches are Robert Tucker and Jerry Buckholz.

The game is planned as a mock homecoming and at half time a king will be crowned from two senior candidates, Mike Whitely and Fred Davis, and junior entry, Davey Lewis.

Cheer leaders from both classes and the junior rally squad, made up from the enthusiastic Cougar boys varsity team, will encourage the girls efforts. It is to be a full scale game with 48 minutes of play. Regulation football gear will be worn by the girls.

## Jerry Coleman May Get Post

New York - (UPI) - Jerry Coleman, 35-year-old ex-second baseman, is considered the No. 1 candidate to succeed Lee MacPhail, who is leaving his post as director of player personnel for the New York Yankees to become general manager of the Baltimore Orioles.

Coleman has been assistant director of player personnel for the last year. Johnny Johnson, an assistant director of the Yankees' farm system, is another leading candidate.

## SUGAR BOWL SELLOUT

New Orleans - (UPI) - The Sugar Bowl Stadium is completely sold out for the 1959 New Year's Day football classic. Although the competing teams have not yet been named, Louisiana State university's near assurance of a berth caused an early demand for tickets.

Half the world's adults can neither read nor write.

## Senators Have Right To Move

Washington - (UPI) - Federal Judge David A. Pine ruled Wednesday that the Washington Senators have a legal right to transfer their American league franchise to another city.

H. Gabriel Murphy, a 40 per cent stockholder in the club, brought suit against the Senators contending that a 1954 law prevented the Senators from making a transfer. The law requires companies incorporated in the District of Columbia to have their place of business here.

Pine held that this did not deprive an already-incorporated group of the right to move.

John E. Powell, attorney for the Senators, declined comment on whether there are any future plans to shift the Senators to another city. American league owners blocked a proposed transfer last summer.

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## Motorcycle Turkey Run Scheduled

White's Cycle shop will sponsor its fifth annual turkey run on Sunday, Nov. 23. Jack White of the firm reported that an increased number of participants should make the run one of the best which has been held here.

The event is open to all classes of motorcycles. Entries are accepted from various Oregon communities and from northern California.

Prizes include three large trophies. There will be the usual Thanksgiving turkey for the winner.

Participants will meet at White's shop on North Pacific highway and the run will be over valley roads.

## Rees Takes Job in East

The weekly hunting and fishing column which has appeared in the Mail Tribune under the by-line of Mel Rees, has been discontinued.

Rees, a Grants Pass writer, has accepted a position in New York in public relations and will leave southern Oregon.

He said, in telling the Mail Tribune of his plans, "I shall miss the good people of the Rogue valley and the pleasure it has given me to report the hunting and fishing.

## WSC Winds Up Heavy Practice

Pullman, Wash. - (UPI) - The Washington State Cougars wound up heavy practice Wednesday for their important game against league-leading Oregon State.

The Cougars ran through a tough two-hour scrimmage, which sidelined reserve guard Kevin Scanlan with a severely pinched shoulder nerve. Scanlan was listed as doubtful for the Beaver game Saturday.

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