

BLACK TORNADO FACES JEFFERSON IN A-1 TITLE CONFLICT

Medford Gridders Edge Pendleton in Offensive Sparkler

Medford High school's Black Tornado, its vaunted defensive might mastered by a fired, quick and deceptive foe, dug deep into its T and single wing resourcefulness here Saturday night, came up with one of its finest offensive efforts of the year and by the slender nod of a conversion point rose into the finals for the Oregon Class A-1 football banner for the second time in three campaigns.

The Black Tornado, undefeated upon in eight straight previous combats, had to match four Buckaroo touchdowns and come from behind for the final one to emerge over Pendleton 27 to 26 in the state semi-final fray.

A block of some 200 tickets to the Medford-Jefferson high football game next Friday at Portland is being mailed from Portland today. They are expected to arrive here Tuesday and will go on sale immediately at the senior high school office. The high school gets its mail about noon. Price of the seats is \$2 each.

Victory in the furious, super-charged and heart-pounding but sparkling offensive battle carried Medford into a Friday, Nov. 28, finale with Jefferson in Multnomah stadium at Portland. Jeff, powerhouse of the Portland Inter-scholastic league, drew West Linn 38 to 0 last Friday in its semi-final tilt.

Medford Underdog
Today, the Black Tornado faced an underdog role against a gridiron giant. For the explosive, speedy Democrats have been blazoned the finest aggregation of football talent in Oregon prep athletic history.

The championship encounter aptly will put together Oregon prepdom's No. 1 and No. 2 ranked schools. Jeff, No. 1, has crushed 11 foes this year, racking up a massive 496 points and allowing just 44 points scored against it. Medford is unbeaten but once tied in 10 conflicts and had a tougher struggle reaching the title game. It has run up 216 points to rivals' 33, 26 of them by Pendleton.

Pendleton on Saturday proved no respecter of Medford's defensive and just once-scored-upon reputation. With the tricky ball handling of Dennis Tyler, with his passing and with the hard running of Ray Sharrah and Ladd Horn, the well-mixed quick-hitting eruptive attack of the Buckaroos faked and thrust through Medford defense and drew first touchdown blood. And, the eastern Oregonians outgained the Big Wind of Medford in yardage to make it a battle to the final gun.

Well-Executed Assault!
The Tornado, thus chal-

lenged, responded in sharp, well-executed multiple assault. Gerry Lyons, Skip Bennett and Ron Reich did the totting behind some effective blocking. Lyons carried the heavy load as the Tornado started with T offense then shifted predominately to reliable bulldozing single wing. Medford stuck almost entirely to the ground but three pass completions by Bobby Pond gave life to touchdown drives.

Medford safety Don Peek's 89-yard punt runback was the scoring highlights of the night. Lyons crossed the goal on three and seven-yard crashes and Ron Reich on a 38-yard jaunt. For the Buckaroos, Tyler pitched four and 13-yard touchdown passes to rugged, rangy Dan Eckles and rolled three yards to score himself. Horn swung five yards for a Pendleton TD.

Mike Murray's three kicked extra points in four attempts enabled the Tornado to whip the Buckaroos. Tyler tossed to Sharrah and Horn ran for Pendleton extra markers.

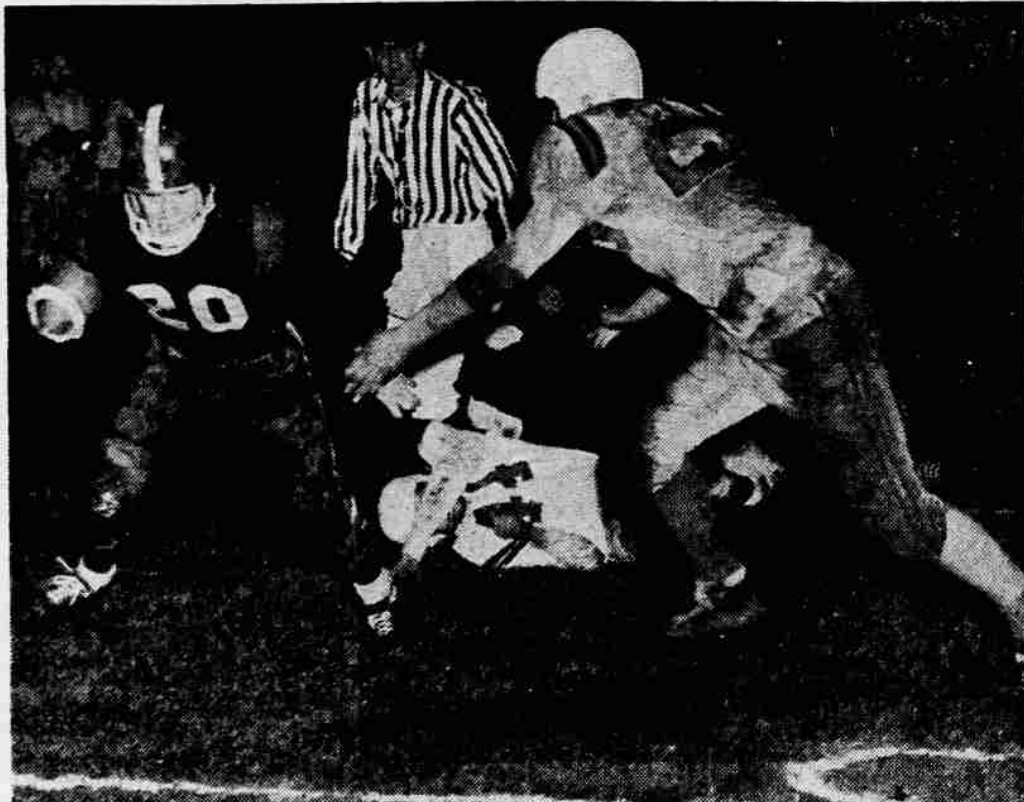
Scoring during the night went this way: Pendleton 6 to 0, Medford 7 to 6, Medford 13 to 6, 13 to 13, Medford 20 to 13, 20 to 20, Pendleton 26 to 20 and Medford 27 to 26. The Tornado led 7 to 6 at the quarter and count was 20 each at halftime. Pendleton struck in the early fourth quarter and Medford gained its tying touchdown and winning bonus boot midway through the period.

Deflection Crushes Bid
But the Tornado had to crush a final minute Buckaroo bid that reached its 13-yard line. Jerry Anderson and Lowell Dean rushed in to deflect a Tyler pass and smash the surging threat.

Had Murray made only two of his conversion tries and a tie score resulted, Pendleton would have gone into the state final game on the slim margin of 12 yards in net scrimmage total. The Buckaroos outgained Medford 292 yards to 280. Pendleton had 200 to 194 edge in rushing and 92 to 50 bulge in passing. Other yardage included punt and kickoff returns and pass interception runs. Penalty yards were subtracted from the totals. Although the Tornado ran up 89 yards on one punt runback, it suffered losses on three others.

Action reached the climactic stage, appropriately in the concluding stanza. Late in the third period Medford had been backed up to its four-yard line by punt return and scrimmage losses. Skip Bennett quick-kicked to the Tornado 33.

Horn Rolls Over
Pendleton took over and after Horn failed to gain, Tyler hit Eckles on a 12-yard passing spurge. Horn made



TYING TOUCHDOWN—Gerry Lyons, Medford, is shown going over for the tying touchdown in the fourth quarter Saturday night in the state semi-final football game with Pendleton High school. Mike

Lyons ran Eckles kickoff 28 yards to the Medford 46 then moved 11 more to the Pendleton 43. Skip Bennett cracked for four and Lyons for two more to the 38. Reich, on a reverse, with good initial blocking, zipped over left guard, evaded Buck tacklers with some fancy footwork and scooted to the goal.

The Rodeo Riders kept up the spirited exchange of scoring with a 73-yard campaign. Eight plays took the Bucks from their 27 to the Medford 28. The Tornado was charged with holding and the ball moved to the 13. Tyler found Eckles for another TD drive just at the halftime gun. Horn took the ball on a pitch around right end for the extra point to deadlock the game once more.

Medford has yielded more yards on passing this fall but two touchdowns against it Saturday showed the greater effectiveness of the Pendleton aerial game. Tyler had 12 completions in 21 throws for the 92 yards.

Lyons, living up to his workhorse role for Medford, was the evening's leading rusher with 117 yards for 23 carries. Teammate Reich had 49 yards for nine times with the ball. Sharrah toted 99 in 12 and Horn 90 in 23.

The Tornado, outmaneuvered frequently was led in tackling by Linebackers Jim Clark and Al Funston, halfback Cal Dean and linemen Murry and Gary Winetrot.

Horn, Tim Corfield, Eckles and Larry Hodgen sparked Pendleton on defense.

STATISTICS:	Pen.	Med.
First downs rushing	7	8
First downs passing	8	3
First downs penalties	2	2
Total first downs	17	13
Yards gained rushing	200	194
Yards gained passing	92	230
Total scrimmage net	292	244
Passes completed, tried 12-21 ..	3-4	
Passes intercepted	2	0
Punts and average	5-32	3-28.6
Fumbles lost	45	70
Yards lost	0	2

Moyer Awaits Rawlings Mix

Portland (UP) — Phil Moyer and Luther Rawlings were set today for their 10-round fight Tuesday night at the Auditorium here after Rawlings was pronounced in top shape after physical examination.

Rawlings, who has seen little action in the past two years, once decisioned the new welterweight champ Virgil Atkins. Moyer has won 12 of 13 pro fights.

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LSU Heads Undefeated Grid List

New York (UP) — Louisiana State, which earned a Sugar Bowl berth with its 62-0 route of Tulane heads a list of 14 colleges with unbeaten and untied records.

LSU, the nation's No. 1 team, is the only major college on the perfect-record list and Mississippi Southern is the only team which has not completed its season. LSU's 10-0-0 record is matched by only one other team—Arizona State college.

Mississippi Southern completes its season Thanksgiving day against Chattanooga.

The perfect-record list: Ten victories — Louisiana State, Arizona State college, Flagstaff.

Nine victories — Kearney Neb., St. Benedict's, Kan., Northeastern Okla.

Eight victories — Wheaton, Ill., Rose Poly, Ind., Sewanee, Tenn., Gustavus-Adolphus, Minn., Rochester, N.C., California, Pa. Teachers, Mississippi Southern.

Seven victories — Missouri Valley college, Chadron, Neb., Teachers.

Prep Scores:

SATURDAY FOOTBALL
Medford 27, Pendleton 26
Vale 42, Eagle Point 0
Yoncalla 7, Tillamook Catholic 0
Merrill 31, Umatilla 0
Alesia 38, Culver 20 (Six-Man Title)

Yoncalla To Be Foe Of Merrill

United Press International
Merrill will play Yoncalla for the state Class B football next week end.

Merrill thumped Umatilla 31 to 0 and Yoncalla tripped Tillamook Catholic 7 to 0 in semi-finals on Saturday.

Alesia topped Culver 38 to 0 also Saturday for the state B six-man title.

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