

## Big Group of Lettermen To Return for Football At Medford High School

Head coach Fred Spiegelberg, understandably, is reluctant to venture an outright forecast on the fortunes of Medford High school in football this fall.

But, take it from viewpoint of scribe and avid Medford gridiron fan, the outlook is beaming bright and the potential of the Black Tornado seems terrific.

How else can it be taken. For, 30 lettermen, or more, are to return from the 1958 squad. A good half of these saw regular or heavy duty on either offense or defense, and some both ways, in the Black Tornado's platoon system. And, the head mentor thinks that "some other good kids" will be pushing the monogram men at about every position.

Spiegelberg, whose cohorts reached the Oregon Class A-1 finals last season, has called the first 1959 workout for 10 a.m. on Monday and the second for 4 p.m. in the two-period. The coach and his staff expect 90 or more candidates in honor. Eighty-one were on hand to receive physical examinations on Thursday night and Spiegelberg said he knew of a dozen more who plan to turn out.

**Seniors Mostly**  
Seniors predominate among the lettermen. Among them are Lowell Dean, all-state and all-conference end; Lynn Knight, tackle; and John Frohnmayer, guard, first team all-district player, and Skip Bennett, second team all-conference back. Other senior monogrammers are Jerry Anderson and Booth Deakins, ends; Keith Berg, Reggie Breeze and George Lindemann, guards; Cal Dean, Ken Durkee and Leonard Griggs, halfbacks; Dennis Jensen, end and tackle; Jim Johnston, Gordon Pathman and Bert Lindemann, tackles; Pat McLaughlin, center, and Ray Konopasek, quarterback.

McLaughlin suffered a deep thigh bruise playing touch football during Beaver Boys State in the spring and Spiegelberg says he'll be missing two or three weeks. Doug Kliever, No. 3 center as a junior, and a letterman, is reported still debating whether

to come out for the 1959 campaign or to give full time to studies.

**Juniors Listed**  
Junior lettermen are Bill Charley, Al Funston and Dan Sieg, fullbacks; Dick Connolly, Terry Earl and Bill Hobbs, guards; Chuck Holt, tackle; Larry Hammack, Bob Quinney and Jerry Winetrot, ends; Mike Hood, halfback, and Dick Ragsdale, quarterback.

Medford drew most acclaim last year for its tremendous defense. The offense had its sparkling moments and for the most part came through when needed. Tornado attack could be stronger this year. Again, there appears to be no great backfield weight, although it appears better than last year. A bit more speed is likely and Spiegelberg reports two potential backfields of about equal calibre.

The tutor said that the Tornado will concentrate on offense to begin with. Again, it will be a multiple attack with probably some emphasis on the T formation than the single wing. Just what will be used depends on how the squad comes along.

**Less Platooning**  
Spiegelberg stated that it is questionable that the Black Tornado will platoon for offense and defense to the extent that was done last year. A number of griders are expected to play both ways.

Among the switches slated are shifting Bennett from fullback to left half where he alternated as a sophomore and moving Breeze from end to guard, Johnston from end to tackle, Connolly from tackle to guard and Holt from guard to tackle. Johnston actually was playing tackle at the end of the season. Jensen is expected to see service at offensive tackle as well as defensive end. Knight was a defensive stalwart in addition to handling the punting last year and is expected to see offensive duty, as well, this season.

Ragsdale moves from left half to quarterback where he saw service last year. He's a good defensive back and safety man, as well. Durkee was



**TORNADO GRIDDER**—Players who'll turn out this week for Medford High football drills include Lowell Dean, above. An end, Dean was all-conference last fall and was named to the Portland Oregonian's all-state eleven.

predominately a defensive man last year but came through strong when needed on offense. He's a good safety.

Lowell Dean, Griggs and Pathman, primarily offensive players in 1958, may go both ways. Defensive men last season ticketed also for offense are Hood and Earl.

**Staff of Eight**  
Anderson could see a lot of both ways duty. An offensive regular last year, he made his defensive talent known particularly in the late part of the season. Deakins played offensive end for the varsity but got lots of defensive work with the jayvees.

Spiegelberg will have a staff of eight assistant coaches to start with. Paul Evensen returns as line tutor, Tom Marier as backfield coach and Dean Benson as end mentor. Others are Frank Roelandt, John Kovenz and Art Keith, junior varsity coaches, and Barney Riggs and Ralph (Cy) Perkins, head men at Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools, respectively. Riggs and Perkins will be on hand with the Tornado until school begins.

Medford will open its campaign with a trip to Beaverton on Sept. 11 and will meet Marshfield at Coos Bay on Sept. 19. Home slate will open on Sept. 25 against Orland, Calif. A junior varsity mix will precede the main contest. South Salem will play here on Oct. 2.

Southern Oregon conference schedule begins at Medford against Crater on Oct. 9 and the Black Tornado goes to Klamath Falls on Oct. 16. A non-loop game with Eureka, Calif., is billed for the stadium here on Oct. 23 and the conference rivalry wraps up with two games at home. Ashland on Oct. 30 and Grants Pass on Nov. 6.

## Bend Will Have Legion Tourney

Bend - Three of the outstanding young baseball teams in the nation will arrive next week in Bend for the American Legion junior sectionals tournament Aug. 28th through Sept. 1.

Winners of the Northwest, Southwest and far Midwest regional playoffs battle here for a spot in the four-team national tournament at Hastings, Nebr.

At best the Bend sectionals tournament winner could wind up as the national champion junior Legion club, representing the cream of thousands of boys 15 to 17 competing in the famed program.

Bend Municipal baseball park has been completely remodeled, including a new grandstand, third-base dugout, concession stand, electric scoreboard and other improvements.

All games will start at 8:00 p.m. in the double-elimination tourney. Teams won't be known until Aug. 26.

From the Northwest will come the winner of the Region 11 tournament at Roseburg, where state champions from Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Alaska are battling.

Fighting for a sectionals tourney berth in the Region 12 meet are state champions from California, Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah.

And in the Region 10 tournament, state winners from Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming seek a spot.

Although official Weather Bureau records date back only 70 years, precipitation figures were recorded near Harvard College as long ago as 1715 and barometric readings were documented in Boston in 1725 and 1726.

## SPORTS

### 315 Players Signed For SO Golf Tussle

Another huge entry is already certain for the annual Southern Oregon Golf Championships at Rogue Valley Country Club.

Entrants for the 31st annual tournament on the Medford links numbered 315 actually signed as of yesterday. Of these, 215 were in the men's division, 40 in the senior men's and 60 in the ladies'.

Formal opening date of the tourney will be Wednesday, Sept. 2, when out-of-town contestants play their qualifying rounds. Match play opens on Thursday, Sept. 3, and finals will be on Monday, Sept. 7, Labor day.

First round cards in men's National Amateur qualification play at Portland on Sept. 1 can be counted as qualifying scores for the Southern Oregon. Berg Marten and Eugene Ricker, co-chairmen of the Rogue Valley event, announced this arrangement as an accommodation for some of the state's top linksmen who would like to participate in both competitions. A divot entering both rivalries, otherwise, would have to make a quick trip to Medford for 18 hole play after having toured 36 holes the previous day.

All 1958 Finalists  
All of last year's finalists are scheduled to compete. The defending champions are Lynn Creason, Las Vegas, Nev., in the men's division; Marvin Clark, Grants Pass, in the seniors' and Miss Sue DeVoe, Medford, in the women's. Respective runners-up in 1958 were Dr. Dave Boals, Medford; Bob Henningsen, Astoria; and Mrs. Ray Scott, Eastmoreland, Portland.

Other past champions now signed are Dom Provost Jr., Ashland, winner in 1954; Eddie Simmons, Medford, six times men's titlist, and Mrs. Helen Davies, Medford, seven times ladies' champ. Simmons was sidelined by back trouble last year.

Miss DeVoe and Clark will shoot for their third championships. The senior portion of the tourney is entering its third year. Clark was winner in both 1957 and 1959.

Rogue Valley, itself, will have a strong entry in the men's contention. Among the home players will be Jim Sheldon, Dr. Ralph Odell, Alan Holmes, Dr. Robert Buck, Dr. Bruce Stanley, Clayton Lewis, Justin Smith Jr., Clayton Lewis and Stew Schroeder. Sheldon took the RVCC match play championship last Sunday and Odell claimed the Ashland city tourney title. Holmes and Buck tied for low card in 1958 southern Oregon qualifying with Holmes winning the play-off for the take home trophy.

**Cirich Entered**  
Out-of-town contenders will include George Cirich, Eastmoreland, the 1959 Southwestern Oregon champ; Bob McKeivitt, Ocean Lake; Red McLean, Coos Bay; Ron Mitchell and Vic Santa Maria, Chico, Calif.; Ed Kovacovich, Eureka, Calif.; Jack Matton, Eugene; Gordon Marlatt, Eugene and Southern Oregon college; George Parsons, Seattle, Wash., and Larry Hiron and John Kerr, prep stars from Eugene. Kerr, who formerly attended St. Mary's High here, was an all-stater this spring for St. Francis of Eugene.

Red Porterfield, Grants Pass, and Dr. Arnie Inches, Columbia - Edgewater, Portland, are among senior contenders.

While the tourney is to get into full swing on Sept. 2, local participants will have advance qualifying. High handicappers not trying for championship flight berths will play their 18-hole rounds from Aug. 25 through 31. Locals aiming for title flight spots will qualify on Tuesday, Sept. 1, when any senior players who wish also may play their prelim rounds.

**64 in Top Flight**  
The low 64 qualifiers in the regular men's class and the low 16 in the seniors' and women's will form the championship flights. Balance of the flights will be of 16. Consolation play is slated in all flights.

An enlarged kitchen and dining room and increased parking facilities plus added help will enable the country club to handle the large number of people expected during the tournament. Two dance bands will play nightly, one in the Crest room and the other in the main dining hall.

It was stressed that the Saturday noon women's luncheon will be for lady contestants and the wives of men players in the tourney.

Of the 315 players registered, 100 are from Jackson county, 125 from elsewhere in Oregon, principally from Portland and Eugene areas, 75 from California and 15 from Washington. This total does not include Creason whose formal entry is not in but who has given his word he'll defend.

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## Boys Take Bike Trip to Caves

Ten youths made a YMCA bicycle trip to Oregon Caves last week, leaving here on Thursday and completing the jaunt on Friday.

Participants were Curt Saltmarsh and Jerry Smith, leaders, and Pauly Jenny Jr., Darryl Stockton, Mike Gilhousen, Ken Rodgers, David Jones, John Foster, Jim Lonzway and Jim Dunnington.

They visited points of interest along the way and swam in streams along the route. Some food was prepared on open fires and some bought in restaurants to keep bike packs light as possible.

## Rand Captures Junior Crown

Norbeck, Md. - (UPI) - Judy Rand of Aurora, Ohio, the new national junior girl's golf champion, now aims for the United States women's amateur title next week at Washington, D.C.

Judy, 16, easily won the junior crown Friday with a 5 and 3 triumph over Marcia Hamilton of Evansville, Ind.

## Shift Eyed to Strengthen Crater High in Backfield

Central Point-A bit of experience in the line may be sacrificed to provide more strength in the backfield for the Crater High football club.

Coach Leonard Warren has indicated that Tom White, who lettered at end as a sophomore last year, will be shifted to the backfield.

Warren has just four lettermen who were Comet backs last year. Six other returnees, including White, lettered in the forward wall.

Graduation of Wayne Allen, Kerman Bennett and Allen Barnes has taken from Crater three-fourths of what was regarded, generally, as the best backfield combination in the Southern Oregon conference last season. Backs who'll carry on are Royal Higinbotham, Jim Eldred, Dean Lamp and Don Gillaspay.

Line lettermen include Harold Twedell, end; Darrell Williamson, Glen Cote and Bryson LaCasse, tackles, and Larry Ryerson, guard.

The Comets open practice Monday along with many Oregon preps. Workouts are set for 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Crater's first game is here against Cottage Grove on Sept. 11.

**TULSA TOPS PORTLAND**  
St. Joseph, Mo. - (UPI) - Tristate Insurance of Tulsa, Okla., defeated Barnard Motors of Portland 7-4 Friday in an opening round baseball game of the first annual Connie Mack world series here.

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## Drain Trips Dairyman

Wichita, Kans. - (UPI) - The defending champion Drain, Ore., Black Sox scored six runs in the top of the ninth inning to defeat the Caledonia, Mich., Dairyman 13-10 in the National Baseball congress tournament Friday night.

Threatened with becoming the earliest eliminated defending titlist in the torney's history, the Black Sox came up with a five-hit attack mixed with three walks and an error in the final inning.

Lon Smith, Ellis Olson, Ray Stratton and Jim Pifer hit home runs earlier to drive across five of Drain's first seven runs.

## Shasta College Drill To Start

Redding - The Shasta college Knights will begin football practice at 8 a.m. Friday Sept. 4, head coach Bill Rhyme announced.

The start of drills will coincide with new student registration at the junior college campus.

Rhyme's Knights won six of nine starts in 1958.

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