

# High-Rated Saxons, Tornado Clash on Turf Here Tonight

Two of the top-ranked high school football teams in Oregon collide tonight at the Medford stadium.

South Salem's strong Saxons are guests of the Medford Black Tornado. Kick-off time is 8 p.m.

For Medford, the engagement will be its last tune-up for the Southern Oregon conference slate. But, the fracas will be more than just a warm-up. There's that matter of prestige with the Black Tornado rated the A-1 No. 1 and the Saxons No. 5.

Contention shapes up as a match of speed against speed and power between clubs which are almost perennially in recent years the leaders in their respective loops.

South Salem has speed. That's a Saxon trademark and the fleet footed men of the Salem T offense are Rod Harp, Kim Clark and Kenny Sawyer. The Black Tornado has speedsters, too, and a dearth of hard-running backs for its multiple attack. Skip Bennett, Mike Hood and Dan Sieg have been the major packers but they are not the only ones who can tote the ball for deep in talent Medford. There's Ken Durkee, Len Griggs, Phil Humphreys and Jim Barry, just for instance.

Passing, Too  
And, Medford has quarterbacks Dick Ragsdale and Ray Konopasek, ends Lowell Dean and Jerry Anderson and receiving backs to make the passing go. Salem reportedly has not used passing much this season and quarterback Steve Stewart hasn't displayed his wares. Yet, this could be the game when the Saxon aerial game blossoms out.

The Tornado is the favored club on the basis of the home field and greater depth. Medford may have the edge in weight but difference is believed not so great as the programs show. In South Salem favor is its desire for upset against a higher rated club. Also, lack of fire and raggedness have been noted in Tornado drills this week. Medford, however, may have been saving their all for the big ruckus tonight.

The Capital city team comes here for the non-league game as favorite in its own District 8 while Medford is rated team to beat in District 6. Last year marked the only season that Coach Lee Gustafson's Saxons have not tried for or won their loop diadem since the school opened in 1954. Fred Spiegelberg assumed the Medford helm in 1952. Medford has been Southern Oregon conference champion or co-champ every year since then, except in 1953.

**TRIPUCKA NAMED HEAD**  
Regina, Sask. (UPI) — Frank Tripucka has been named to replace George Terlep as head coach of the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

## Medford-South Salem High Football PROBABLE OFFENSIVE LINEUPS

MEDFORD				SOUTH SALEM			
No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.
80	Jerry Anderson	180	LE 161	Don Waller	31		
70	Gordon Pathman	208	LT 171	Scott Nelson	43		
64	Keith Berg	160	LG 179	Rick Nelson	37		
52	Pat McLaughlin	195	C 171	Gary Walls	50		
66	John Frohmayer	175	RG 160	Ron Case	38		
60	Dennis Jensen	190	RT 180	Woody Bennett	36		
84	Lowell Dean	200	RE 165	Darrel Covert	40		
14	Dick Ragsdale	160	QB 148	Steve Stewart	22		
25	Skip Bennett	168	LH 155	Kim Clark	29		
35	Mike Hood	166	RH 150	Ken Sawyer	24		
41	Dan Sieg	170	FB 175	Ron Harp	55		

**MEDFORD ROSTER:**  
Q 150; 11 Jim Stever Q 136; 12 Sam Knudsen F; 13 Mike Monroe Q 135; 14 Dick Ragsdale 160; 15 Earl Heyerman Q 124; 16 Dick Byrd Q 140; 17 Mike McCullough H 130; 18 Brent Mitchell T 125; 19 Eric Kessler Q 132; 20 Reinhardt Kustin T 172; 22 Don Cranston FB 178; 23 Phil Humphreys H 170; 24 Jim Schmidt H 146; 25 Skip Bennett H 168; 26 Jim Barry H 165; 27 Charlie McCormack H 138; 28 Steve Smith H 152; 29 Norm Olson E 169; 30 Calvin Lean Q 152; 31 Ken Durkee H 156; 32 Bob Walker Q 158; 33 Len Griggs H 168; 34 Kent Blew H 163; 35 Mike Hood H 166; 46 Monte Jones T 180; 38 Mike Miller T 163; 39 Joe Griffin Q 140; 40 Al Fuston F 177; 41 Dan Sieg F 170; 42 Bill Charley F 164; 43 Stan Smith Q 160; 44 George Clearwater F 177; 45 John Hamlin E 148; 49 Paul Garren H 155; 50 Warren Parke C 175; 51 Don Tichenor C 170; 52 Pat McLaughlin C 195; 53 John James T 175; 54 Scott Eaton E 145; 55 Bob Rix C 165; 56 Chuck McNair F 182; 57 Paul Bauer C 170; 58 Denny Vowell G 132; 60 Dennis Jensen T 190; 61 Bill Hobbs G 164; 62 George Lindemann G 181; 63 Larry Brown G 158; 64 Keith Berg G 170; 65 Lee Cook G 165; 66 John Frohmayer G 175; 67 Terry Earl G 153; 68 Tim White H 150; 70 Gordon Pathman T 209; 71 Chuck Holtz C 192; 72 Bert Lindemann T 170; 73 Terry O'Sullivan T 183; 74 Lynn Kuehlt T 200; 75 Dick Connolly G 160; 76 Phil Baird E; 77 John Pierce G 165; 78 John Tichenor E 170; 80 Gerry Anderson E 180; 81 South Breakins E 178; 82 Jerry Whistroun E 159; 83 Bob Quinney E 170; 84 Lowell Dean E 200; 85 Larry Hammack E 170; 86 Chuck Shaw C 150; 87 Reggie Breeze G 178; 88 Bruce Bray E 178; 89 Craig Lawrence G 156; 90 Gus Gaudette H 165; Wayne Cowan T 180; Dave Elmeren G 158; John Alansky C 153; David Elgin G 156; Richard Knights T 155; Dan Coghill H 160; Steve Ray E 155; Terry Coulter T 195.

**SALEM ROSTER:**  
21 Dennis Perry H 140; 22 Steve Stewart Q 150; 24 Kenny Sawyer H 145; 25 Roy Peiring H 145; 26 Delbert Sheldon H 145; 27 Ed Swearingin Q 137; 28 Don Royce H 162; 29 Kim Clark H 155; 31 Don Waller T 158; 32 Dale Meyers F 159; 34 Roger Schlimmeyer G 155; 35 Skip Kullback G 168; 36 Woody Bennett T 190; 37 Rick Nelson G 180; 38 Ron Case G 155; 39 Kris Bedall C 139; 40 Darrel Covert E 163; 41 Loren Speitz E 156; 43 Scott Nelson T 170; 45 John King E 160; 46 Dennis Kufule E 162; 47 Larry Brown G 140; 48 Gary Mudge C 169; 50 Gary Walls C 160; 51 Dick Pieters T 210; 52 Mike Kowalski I 160; 53 Ralph Shepard T 170; 54 Barry Fuller T 200; 55 Ron Harp F 175.

## St. Mary's Footballers Face Chiloquin Saturday

St. Mary's high of Medford puts its league lead on the line Saturday night in the Medford stadium when it entertains Chiloquin.

The Crusaders unbeaten in three games go for their third straight conference win and a strengthening of their first place position. Game time will be 7:30 p.m.

Main concentration this week has been on the offensive game with a lot of work being done on the passing attack. Coach Bill McKibbin said that the Crusaders plan more of an air attack this game.

Starting offensive line for the Crusaders will include Tom Tomjack at center, George Lucas and Don MacPherson at guards, Jim Valentine and Mike Duggan at tackles, and Roger Hout and Ron Daley at ends.

**Met's Back Better**  
Halfbacks will be Fred Lucas and Dick Evans. At full-back position will be Terry Cooper, while the quarterback will be Bob Evans. Changes for the defensive team will have Mike Moore at an end and Jim Calhoun in the secondary.

In the injury department, Alex Met's back has responded to treatment and he will see more duty in the backfield. Also seeing more offensive action this week end will be Andre Knutson. Fred Lucas received a charleyhorse in the last game and was not at practice the first three days this week. However, he will be able to play Saturday, McKibbin said. George Lucas has the flu.

Talent, the other District 5B school in Jackson county, will meet Bonanza in the home opener for the Bulldogs at 8 p.m. Friday.

Starting time for the Saturday game at Medford will be 7:30 p.m.—to give Chiloquin an earlier start back over the Green Springs.

**ALL-STARS VIE**  
Montreal — (UPI) — Saturday night's all-star game signals the beginning of the National Hockey League's 43rd season and once again the pre-season consensus points to a two-division race — the "habs" and "hab-nots." Freely translated that means the Habits, the defending champion Montreal Canadiens, are expected to win in a breeze while it's a tossup how the other five clubs — Boston, Chicago, Toronto, Detroit and New York — will finish.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

## Injury to Francis Cripples Raiders

Ashland—Losing key football players seems to be the style at Southern Oregon college while the Red Raiders prepare for their game with Linfield college tomorrow night in McMinnville.

Eldon Francis, top ground gainer of the Raiders, was injured in scrimmage play yesterday and doctors fear he has some torn ligaments. Sidelining Francis would take away the Raiders' top running threat and put a serious damper on their hopes of an upset over the Wildcats. There was still some hope the Medford speedster would be able to play after the x-rays revealed no broken bones.

Punk Biddington will move over to play the tailback spot in all probability and Bud Kastner will fill in Biddington's wingback slot.

Two bright spots did hit the Raider encampment this week when another speed merchant, Doyle Branson, ex-Jacksonville high, reported and Jim Dietz began gaining praise for his pass receiving from the split end slot.

Branson, just a freshman, impressed the coaching staff with his running from the wingback position. He will be one of the new faces on the traveling squad this week.

Dietz, who gained athletic fame in baseball for SOC, is a sprinter and of late he has caught 14 consecutive passes in the Raider scrimmages.

Other than the jumble in the case of Francis, the Raider lineup will be the same alignment that opened at Chico. Jack Brown has been installed to lead the attack from the beginning but he will alternate with Lance Locke. Alben Barnes will remain the fullback starter and John Buck will be his main understudy in addition to playing on the defensive unit.

**Line Starters**  
Gordy Carrigan and Jim McAbee are the ends, Troy Bellah and Willie Garner the tackles, Tony Brauner and Jim Tacchini the guards, and

**Pointers Win Over South GP**  
Central Point — Vern Swanson made touchdown runs of 80, 60 and 50 yards yesterday as the Central Point eighth grade football aggregation licked South Grants Pass 26 to 6.

Dave Twedell went two yards off a drive for the other score.

Grants Pass tallied in the third quarter.

The Pointers led 12 to 0 at the quarter and 19 to 0 at the half.

### TO TRY FOR RECORD

Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah — (UPI) — Mickey Thompson of El Monte, Calif., begins preparations today for a week end assault at the world land speed record of 394 miles an hour set by the late John R. Cobb of England. If present favorable weather conditions hold, Thompson says he will make the attempt either Saturday or Sunday.

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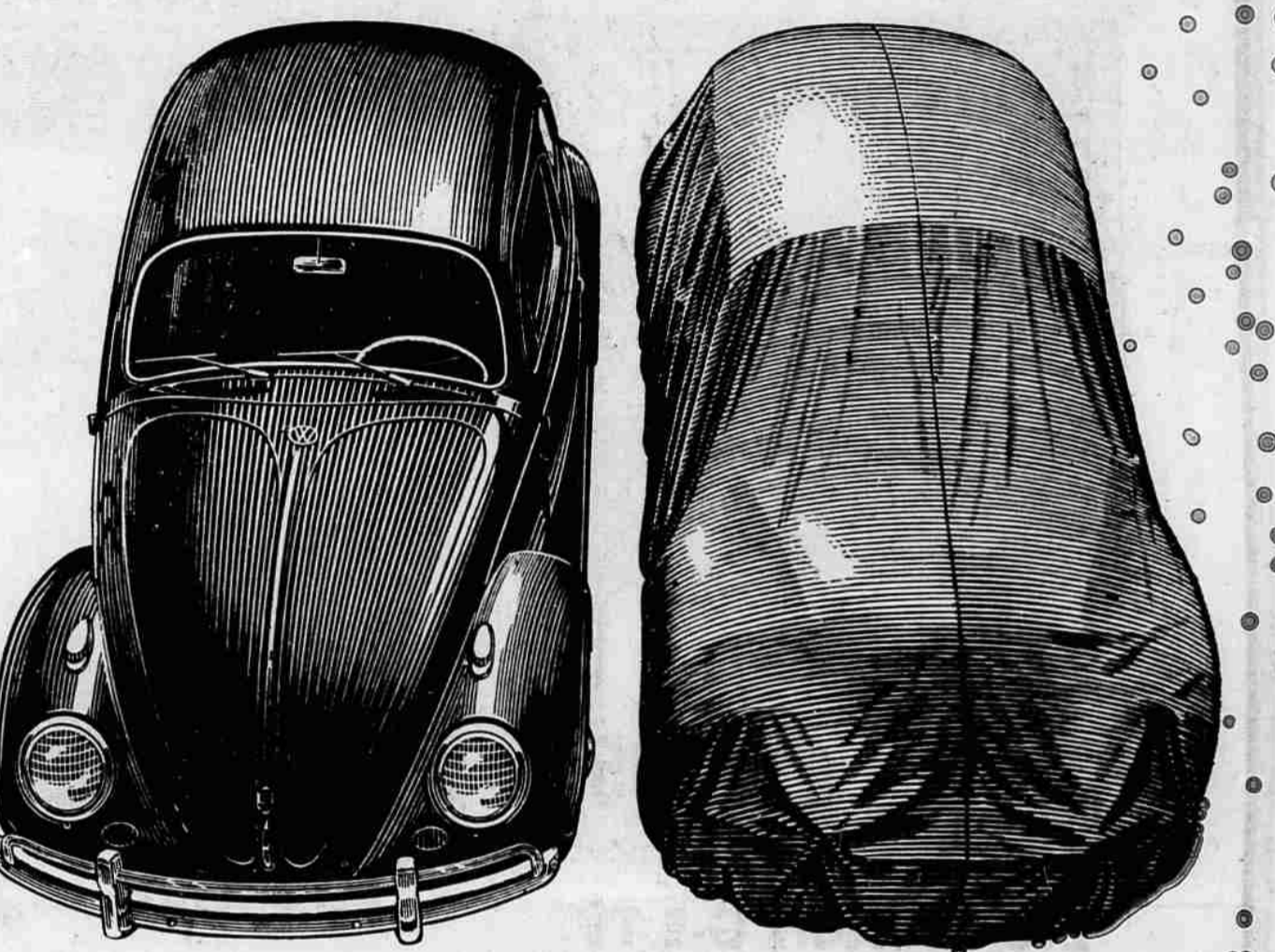


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