

# Crater Tunes Blocking, Defense for Encounter On Friday With Tornado

Leonard Warren, Crater high mentor, had his linemen drilling on blocking assignments, worked his squad to find a "balanced" defense and made a backfield change this week as the Comets of Central Point prepared for their Southern Oregon conference conflict with Medford.

Medford's Black Tornado is host to Crater on Friday at 8 p.m. in the opening league fray of 1959 for both contingents.

Seating in the old grandstand on the west side of the stadium will be available only to Medford and Crater high students at the Friday night football game here, it was pointed out today. No adult or other general admission tickets will be sold for that stand. Plenty of good seats in the reserved grandstand on the east side of the field are left and can be bought at the senior high office here, it was said.

Warren said that he and his aids were concentrating on getting the line to block and to get out for downfield blocking which was lacking in last Friday's 7 to 0 loss to Ashland high. He reported that a defensive plan is being sought which will "take care of everything the best we can." Speaking of the versatile Tornado offense, he said, "They hit everything the best."

**Backfield Switch**  
The backfield switch involves moving Loyal Higinbotham from quarterback to halfback and Gary Johnson from half to quarter. Johnson and Higinbotham have been doing some alternating between the two positions with Higinbotham handling the quarter job the most. There still will be alternation but with Johnson handling the quarterback most of the time, Warren indicated.

The tutor said that he may play at three backfield spots with Higinbotham, Don Gillaspay and Jim Eldred in one unit with Johnson and Wayne Martin, John Champ and Dean Lamp in the other.

Attitude of the Comets is pretty good, according to Warren. He said that his club was not worried about meeting the No. 1 rated Black Tornado. "Some are looking forward to it," he added.

Medford has its injury and flu troubles this week but still is big favorite over the Comets because of its great depth. Coach Fred Spiegelberg said that both center Chuck Holt and all-state end Lowell Dean will miss the Crater game because of injuries. Dean suffered a broken nose from an allegedly deliberate blow struck by a South Salem player last Friday. Holt suffered a wrenched knee and possible cartilage injury in the fracas.

Guard Bill Hobbs also sustained a wrenched knee in the Salem mix but was to don his pads for today's drill and likely will be available against Crater. The ailing shoulder which has troubled halfback Len Griggs has not responded well to treatment. Word was being awaited from a doctor on whether he will be able to play on Friday.

Halfback Jim Barry and guard Reggie Breeze missed Monday and Tuesday drill because of flu and guard Keith Berg was not at yesterday's workout for the same reason.

# SPORTS

## SOC's Jayvees To Encounter Shasta Knights

Ashland - Southern Oregon college's junior varsity will see its first action of the season Thursday night in Redding, Calif., when they tangle with the Knights of Shasta junior college.

Mostly freshmen will see action in the fracas although a sophomore, Frank Ballard, will be handling the signal-calling duties.

Ballard failed to play any football in his freshman year. He went to a school that did not field a team. Ballard gained his prep experience at Klamath Falls.

His understudy for the game will be Wayne Allen from Crater. Allen has been playing a defensive back slot on the varsity unit.

Kern Bennett and Larry Drake will team with Al McKinnis to make up most of the offensive backfield while Jim Perkins and Jim Dietz will probably get the call from the offensive ends.

Although a number of the varsity freshmen will be down for the game, they will be used only when necessary to insure their safety for the PSC-SOC battle Saturday.

The travelling frosh will really get a workout by going to Shasta Thursday and returning that night only to leave for Portland at 8 a.m. the next day.

**Browns Picked Over NY Giants**  
United Press International - The Browns, eager for their first 1959 crack at the only team ever to deprive them of a slice of National Football league title game money, are three-point favorites to defeat the New York Giants Sunday at Cleveland.

The San Francisco Forty-Niners and Packers, only NFL teams with perfect records after the first two weeks of play, clash at Green Bay. Coach Vince Lombardi's Packers are four-point favorites.

In Sunday's other pairings, the Baltimore Colts are 6½ point choice to tame the Lions at Detroit; the Bears are favored over the Los Angeles Rams by seven at Chicago; the Eagles are favored over the Pittsburgh Steelers by two at Philadelphia, and the Chicago Cardinals-Redskins game at Washington is rated a toss-up.

## Red Raiders Slate First OCC Ruckus

Ashland - When Southern Oregon college tangles with Portland State college Saturday, each team will seek its first win of the season after suffering three consecutive setbacks.

The tussle is considered a tossup. PSC's Vikings will be hosts. The Red Raiders have never been beaten by the Vikings.

This will also be SOC's first venture of the season into Oregon Collegiate conference play. The luckless Vikings suffered a 20-7 pasting at the hands of Oregon Tech last week.

Allen Barnes, the only freshman on the starting offensive unit, took over the rushing lead with a total of 157 yards in three games. The Crater fullback replaces Eldon Francis who had to sit out the last game with injured ligaments in his foot. Francis had racked up 149 yards in a pair of games.

The Red Raider wingmen lead the pass receiving department with a total of 21. Gordy Carrigan is tops in yardage gained with 172 on 10 snafes but Jim McAbee has 11 receptions for 105 yards.

Lance Locke and Jack Brown have thrown the major part of the Raider aerials although the backs have thrown on occasion.

Brown has completed the most with 16 bulleypes on 30 attempts and Locke has hit on 11 of 19 for 163 and 146 yards respectively.

The big question mark of the week for the men of SOC is whether the speedy Francis will have recovered enough to get back into the lineup. Observers feel the foot ligaments will not have healed enough to support the hard running and thus the tailback slot will have to be patched again.

**Biddington Switched**  
Punk Biddington moved from his regular wingback spot to cover for Francis and in 12 plays he covered 40 yards.

Bud Kastner filled for Biddington and gained 15 yards on three carries.

## Eliot Selected Coach of Week

Champaign, Ill. - (UPI) - His defeated foes from Army went away mumbling about a "new attack" that caught them by surprise, but he insists that his team "did about the same things we've always done."

In fact, after taking a 20-battering from Indiana a week earlier, he says he spent the past week's practice sessions "coaching morale rather than football" and "getting down to the bare facts of the game."

He's Ray Eliot of Illinois, named college football's Coach of the Week by United Press International today as a result of the Illinois' shocking 20-14 victory Saturday over an Army team ranked fourth in the nation and rated a 10-point favorite.

The honor, won in the past several times by Eliot, comes now in his final season at Illinois-for he has announced he will move up to the assistant athletic director's post after this season.

Niagara Falls, Ont. - (UPI) - The Queen Elizabeth Way was covered by a giant, well-done omelet as firemen fought to extinguish flames on a truck carrying 198,000 eggs.

## Webfoots Fit Defensively for San Jose State

University of Oregon, Eugene - Defensively fit and a two-touchdown favorite, Oregon's Webfoots throw their unblemished 1959 record of three wins and no losses against the San Jose Spartans this Friday night at San Jose.

The young Webfoots of Coach Len Casanova boosted their perfect mark with a precision-like 14-6 defeat of Washington State last Saturday-aided strongly by a magnificent goal-line stand and a last minute touchdown drive which preserved the victory.

The Spartans provide a different test to the Ducks. With wins over Denver and Hawaii on their side, San Jose State unloosed for a bevy of touchdowns while drubbing the Rainbows 44-14 Saturday night.

Casanova said the WSU triumph was the Webfoot's best defensive game of the season. He added, after the contest, that the Ducks will have to be as strong in their attack to preserve their immaculate mark against the Spartans.

Early in the week, there is one question mark and he is a big one. Fullback Dave Powell, the Oregon bread-and-butter offense, missed all but one play of the second half against the Cougars after sustaining a pinched nerve in his right shoulder.

He has worked out lightly this week, and for all intents and purposes will be available come Friday night. Powell, a senior from Eugene, is the Ducks' best rusher with 196 yards in only 49 carries. He has yet to be stopped.

Hollywood - (UPI) - Actress Laraine Day said Tuesday night there is "absolutely no truth" to a report she and former baseball manager Leo Durocher were splitting up. The denial of the "ideal" Day-Durocher marriage was on the rocks followed published reports of a breakup. Mrs. Durocher flatly denied any split.

507 1447; Pin Ups 2½ (R. Phipps & Mark 484) 1431; High series - H. Clark 209. High series - H. Clark 536.

**LADY ELKS NO. ONE**  
Standings: W. L. Break Aways 10 5 Cherry Pickers 10 5 Trioettes 8 8 The Goofers 8 8 Pin Pushers 8 8 Threatless Three 7 9 Slagettes 7 9 Lucky Strikes 5 11

Results: Slagettes 1 (V. Lusk 483) 1182; Pin Pushers 2 (E. Gifford 541) 1263; Trioettes 2 (F. Hogue 485) 1292; Threatless Three 3 (V. Bateman 446) 1285; Break Aways 1 (D. Jantzer 508) 1297; Cherry Pickers 2 (W. Booth 455) 1248; The Goofers 2 (L. Jantzer 445) 1246; High Games - Dorothy Jantzer 200; Faye Hogue 199; Alice Thompson 184; High Series - Dorothy Jantzer 508; Split Conversations - A. Thompson 3-10, 2-7, F. Bittle 3-10, E. Gifford 10, V. Lusk 2-7, E. Hlew 2-7, T. Isasca 5-7, B. Hazlett 5-10.

## Sport Parade

United Press International - Chicago - (UPI) - The Chicago White Sox limped home today just glad to be alive after tangling with "the thing."

They were just barely alive, because they have to sweep the next two games to win the World Series from the Los Angeles Dodgers. But even though they were down, three games to two, they were happy to escape that short left field fence in the Los Angeles Coliseum and return to "the barn."

"Now," asserted shortstop Luis Aparicio, "we go back to a good ball park."

"The thing," and the ball park laid out in the oval clutch of the Coliseum, gave them the jitters. This despite the fact that they rattled six shots off the wire barrier a mere 251 feet from home plate while the best the Dodgers could do was lay three balls up against its mesh face.

But to all of the White Sox, accustomed to the regulation confines of ancient but spacious Comiskey Park, that screen seemingly had crouched at their shoulders for three games just as if it was some horrifying monster ready to pounce.

"You try not to be conscious of it," said pitcher Bob Shaw, whose fifth game triumph was saved in a melodramatic eighth inning Tuesday by Brawny Dick Donovan. "But as soon as you get into trouble, you think about it."

The Dodgers have learned to live with it, and must until their new Chavez Ravine Stadium is completed late next summer. Meanwhile, they will grow calloused to winning - or losing - games on pop fly home runs which make the old "Chinese" homer of Polo Grounds' fame look strictly Occidental.

Asked what he thought of this substitute for a baseball diamond, congenial and kindly Al Lopez replied: "Let's just call it a stadium and let it go at that. But I'll tell you one thing, I'm mighty glad to be getting out of here."

There is also in that concrete bowl on the shores of the Pacific another hazard that drives both infielders and outfielders to protracted distraction. It's the sun, which late in the afternoon sends its rays streaming from in back of home plate into the eyes of the waiting eight. Twice Tuesday it's blinding glare could have cost the White Sox the ball game.

Jungle Jim Rivera, fortuitously stepped into right field on one of Lopez' payoff stratagems, defied its brilliance to make a running catch of a Charley Neal blast and keep two Dodger baserunners from destroying the ultimate 1-0 White Sox victory.

## FIGHTS

Miami Beach, Fla. - (UPI) - Jimmy Beecham, 154½, Miami, out-pointed Randy Sandy, 154½, New York (10).

Sacramento, Calif. - (UPI) - Hilaro Morales, 135, Mexico City, defeated Joey Lopez, 135, Sacramento (10).

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