Medford High's Footballers Return to Oregon Class A-1 Finals

Democrats Paralyze Scot Eleven

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Medford and Jefferson roared into the Oregon Class A-1 high school football playoffs Friday night with clear-cut victories. The teams will fight it out, like they did last year, for the state championship.

Defending Jefferson, which has made a habit of whitewashing its adversaries, knocked over David Douglass 33-0. Medford romped to a 42-6 win over South Salem.

The only other prep football action Friday was Yoncalla's Class B quarterfinal nod, 59-20, over Knappa at Roseburg. The 59 points brought Yoncalla's scoring total in 11 games to 524 points.

Quarterback Ron Revelle added four touchdown passes to his total and now has 35 for the season. Orlan Wiley went over for four of the Yoncalla touchdowns and Doug Hollaman scored three times.

On the David Douglas field in Portland, Jefferson paralyzed the Scots. After the Democrats first scored—the first time they had the ball—Douglas was unable to move on the enusuing kickoff and punted.

Mel Renfro, who scored 120 points in league play, took the ball on his own 20 and ran back for a touchdown.

Nine second into the second quarter Jeff blocked a Douglas punt and scored again to run the score to 20-0 at halftime. In the thir period Renfrom scored again and was followed by team-mate Ron Hergert's 26-yard ramble to cape the night's work.

Basketball Refs Meet Tuesday

A meeting of Rogue valley basketball referees will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Medford High school. Commissioner Golden Noble said that a matter of much importance is on the agenda and he stressed the need for all who intend to referee in this area in the forthcoming season to attend.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

School Board Asks Saturday Play of Grid Title Scuffle

With the support and appeal of Black Tornado football fans, the Medford school board and administrative staff has made a request to the Oregon School Activities association that the Medford-Jefferson High school state championship football game at Multnomah stadium in Portland be set for Saturday rather than for Friday.

It is pointed out that Saturday scheduling would enable a larger number of Medford residents to attend. Jobs and the great distance to Portland makes it highly inconvenient for many and impossible for others from his area to travel to a Friday night championship encounter.

Lester Harris, Medford High school principal, yesterday telephoned the appeal to A. Oden Hawes, Portland, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon School Activities association. Hawes said that he would poll members of the OSAA board of control beginning at 10 a.m. Monday. A decision is anticipated later Monday morning.

The secretary was inclined to agree with the Medford point of view, Harris stated. He reported Hawes' thinking that the board would be quite receptive to the Medford view and plea.

Petition Signed

The school officials' request pointed to the inconvenience of Friday night to Medford supporters and to the fact that Medford followers have already had to travel far on two Friday nights already this month to see playoffs.

Petitions for Saturday night play have been signed by more than 200 "ardent followers of Southern Oregon football teams" who object to Friday night championship elimination action. The petition says, "We feel that the large following of these teams merits the holding of elimination and championship games on Saturday in order that more people from Southern Oregon may attend."

No plea has been made for Friday play.

No actual directive has been seen absolutely setting the A-1 title mix for Friday. However, the Friday night date has been "understood." Games of the past few years have been that night. The OSAA calendar in its September and October bulletins lists either Friday or Saturday for the clash.

Harris also said that 1,000 adult tickets are to be sent for sale here. A total of 750 student tickets have been requested. Just when tickets can go on sale here is not known. Definite information may be available Monday. It is possible that ticket sales may begin on Tuesday.

Football Scores

SATURDAY COLLEGE GAMES

Delaware 22, Bucknell 6
Citadel 20, West Virginia 14
Syracuse 46, Boston U. 0
Hofstra 40, Kings Point 18
Lafayette 28, Lehigh 6
Gettysburg 35, Temple 0
Florida 18, Florida State 8
South Carolina 12, North Carolina State 7
Maryland 55, Virginia 12
Clemson 33, Wake Forest 21
Auburn 28, Mississippi Southern 7
Alabama 14, Memphis State 7
Detroit 40, Villanova 6
Marquette 30, Hol Cross 12
Arkansas 27, Texas Tech 8
Miami (Fla.) 18, Michigan St. 13
Coll. of Pacific 20, San Jose 7
Furman 35, Davidson 7

BASEBALL OPENER SET

Washington—(UPI)—The Boston Red Sox meet the Washington Senators in the American league's traditional opener here next April 18. It will mark the 15th time these two clubs have met in opening season ceremonies. The other six teams in the circuit play their inaugural games the following day.

Tornado Shellacks South Salem 42-6; To Meet Jefferson

McCulloch Stadium, Salem—This Capital city football field on Friday night was a rain and wind-swept scene. But, the rampaging Medford High school Black Tornado from distant southern Oregon swooshed in to kick up a much more vicious gale.

Coach Fred Spiegelberg's howling, hammering Hurricane, with offense in high gear, decisively thumped South Salem's Saxons for the second time this fall. It thundered into the final playoff mix for Oregon's Class A-1 gridiron mantle for the second successive year.

Medford parlayed the long gain, the long march, a couple of key passes, the breaks and a delaying defensive game on sodden turf into convincing triumph. Score in the state championship semifinal scuffle was 42 to 6. And, an 89-yard kickoff runback by Mike Hood for the Tornado was the thriller of the night.

Retribution Chance

Victory gives the roaring Big Wind a chance for retribution and to prove the No. 1 ranking pollsters have accorded for 1959. It takes on defending champion Jefferson next Friday or Saturday at Multnomah stadium in Portland in the big school state title brush. Jeff's Demo's last year humbled Medford 21 to 7 in the A-1 finale game. That's been the only loss over 23 tussles spanning two seasons for Black Tornado gridders.

Jefferson lashed David Douglas 33 to 0 last Friday in the other semifinal scrap.

Hood scored two other times here against the Saxons, on five and 31-yard runs while Skip Bennett crossed the goal on one and eight-yard shots. Len Griggs touchdowned on a two-yard smash. Medford made all its conversion tries. Bennett ran for three, Dick Ragsdale tossed to Dan Sieg and to Hood and Knight toed one placement kick.

South Salem smashed much yardage and three times penetrated deep but could muster just one scoring punch. The Saxons gained their touchdown on a blazing explosive dash. Kenny Sawyer burst through the middle of the line and scampered 60 yards to tally. Medford's Jerry Anderson blocked the conversion kick by Salem's Lyle Tweet.

Tide Turns

That Saxon marker followed two Medford touchdowns and temporarily put the Salems back into the game. But, Capital city hopes tumbled as the Big Wind scored again before halftime. After Hood's second half kickoff runback the tide definitely had turned. Medford led 14 to 6 at the quarter and 21 to 6 at the half. Third period status was 35 to 6.

The Black Tornado began point making after the opening kickoff by driving 77 yards. A 34-yard coffin corner kick by Lynn Knight and a fumble recovery by Jerry Winetrout set up the second counter. Next came Sawyer's TD run for Salem. Then Medford moved 62 yards for another score. After Hood's 89-yarder with the help of a well set screen, Medford promenaded 88 yards for touchdown No. 5.

A South Salem punt which actually lost a yard paved the way for a close out score.

On the ninth play after Medford took the opening kickoff the first touchdown went up on the scoreboard. Hood swept the weak side on a pitch and rounded five yards to the goal. Ragsdale's pass to Sieg on a fake kick got the extra point. Jerry Anderson's tumbling snare of a Ragsdale heave covered 22 yards and gave impetus to the drive. Sieg chugged on tries of 16 and 24 yards as the Tornado journeyed deep into Saxon land.

Long Runback

South Salem's first scrimmage turn made little headway and Steve Stewart punted to Medford's Ken Durkee on the Tornado 20-yard line. Durkee reversed to Ragsdale who ran the ball back 41 yards to the Salem 39 and with the aid of a forward fumble which Bennett saved. Three plays made just three yards. Knight's only punt of the night went for 34 yards and out of bounds on the Saxon two.

Ed Swearingen ran five for South but Kim Clark fumbled on the eight and Winetrout nabbed the ball. Bennett slashed right tackle the full eight to the end zone and also ran the conversion try.

A 26-yard kickoff runback by Durkee put the Tornado on its 38 to begin another touchdown spree. Six plays later, Hood got a gap through the Salem forwards and another fine block by Lowell Dean. He got out of the arms of a would be tackler and rambled 31 yards to the TD zone. Bennett got over the goal on the conversion run but a penalty put it back to the seven for another try. Ragsdale passed successfully to Hood to assure the added point.

Strategy Backfires

A bit of Salem strategy backfired on the second half's starting play. The Saxons had won the pre-game toss and elected to kick to Medford, utilizing the heavy breeze. Medford had its choice for the second half and determined to receive.

Hood took the ball on the eleven, looped to the left side of the turf. A terrific block by Anderson took out a Salemite who was knocked into another Saxon player. This enabled Hood to turn the corner and get advantage of the screen set up by Gordon Pathman, Keith Berg, Pat McLaughlin, John Frohnmayer and John James. With this help the Medford halfback outran the opposition although he labored at the end. Bennett ran this extra.

Medford accumulated six first downs on the long push to its second touchdown in the third stanza. Two eleven-yard runs by Bennett and 25 and 17-yard gains by Hood livened the 10-play surge. A diving desperate catch by Hood of a Ragsdale throw made a 10-yard gain to the three. Sieg dove to the one and Bennett slanted right across the final line then made another converting run.

Bad Kick in Wind

A punt by Salem's Ralph Fletcher, a poor kick caught by the wind, on fourth down lost a yard and Medford took over on the Saxon 22. Bill Charley hit for two yards and Griggs on a pitchout skirted end 18 yards to the two. Griggs hit right guard to score and Knight thumped his extra.

South Salem penetrations got to the Medford 15-yard line, to the six and to the 22. The first to the 15 in the late second quarter moved from the Saxon 28 in 14 plays. A pass try went incomplete when end John King's back was turned. Swearingen lost a yard when he couldn't get off a throw and a heave to Dale Meyers got just a yard. The Tornado took over on downs and the half time ran out.

In the third quarter the Saxons marched from their 34 to the Tornado six in 13 ground maneuvers. Swearingen chucked to King, who could have scored, but there was trouble with the timing and the wind. Next Swearingen, trying to pass, was smothered for a nine-yard loss and Tornado Reggie Breeze recovered his fumble.

Griggs Gains

Thirty yards of penalties on South Salem offset 10-yards assessed on Medford and Len Griggs had 16 and 14-yard sweeps. The Tornado moved to the SS 25. Charley ripped ahead for nine yards but fumbled. Woody Bennett fell on the ball for Salem to spoil the drive.

George Clearwater kicked the ball into the end zone after the final Medford score. South Salem sallied from its 20 to the Medford 22. Bob Quinney broke up a pass intended for King and one to Meyers was incomplete. A final pass was intercepted with seven seconds left.

There was some grandstand second guessing in the second quarter when Medford got the ball on the SS 36 after a short Stewart punt. Three plays gained eight yards and with fourth down and two to go a surprise element was injected with a pass rather than a running play. The aerial was incomplete and the Tornado lost the ball.

Delaying Game

While Tornado offense worked wonders, defense was the fluid kind which firmed up in the clutch. The attack was a source of elation for Spiegelberg and his staff of mentors. But, he said, "we were a little disappointed with the defense. The defense left a [illegible] reporter, 'his crew was following orders to give some ground, fight a delaying game, thereby to run out the time.

The head coach also expressed the sentiments of all of Medford when he declared, "I'm real proud of the kids."

Most prognosticators thought the game would be much tougher than early in October when the Black Tornado dumped the Saxons 39 to 6. But, where in the early fracas Medford passing made it a decisive battle, this time the Tornado stuck mainly and effectively to the turf. Completing two of four regular scrimmage passes and adding the two for extra points.

In Its Element

Driving, soaking rain fell and wind blew with gusts up to 38 miles per hour before the game. But the Black Tornado functioned well despite the wind and slippery wet. It was just in its figurative element.

Hood paced the evening rushing with his 101 yards in nine times with the ball. Bennett ran 61 for 11, Griggs 57 for six and Sieg 55 for nine. For Salem Sawyer had 81 for 8 and Meyers 63 for 10.

Medford had 291 yards rushing to South's 232.

The Tornado snapped a six-game Saxon winning string. South Salem finished football with an eight-win, three-loss record with two defeats at the hands of Medford. The six straight victories were between the Medford games.

Apparently the Tornado came through without injuries and should be well set for the Jefferson game. South Salem tackle Woody Bennett received a shoulder dislocation.

STATISTICS:

	Med.	SS
First downs rushing	13	13
First downs passing	2	1
First downs penalties	2	0
Total first downs	17	14
Net yards rushing	291	232
Net yards passing	32	21
Net scrimmage yardage	323	253
Passes tried and completed	4-2	11-3
Passes intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles lost	1	2
Penalties	5-25	4-40
Punts and averages	1-34	4-23.5

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING:

Medford	TC	Yds.	Ave.
Konopasek	1	-5	-5
Ragsdale	2	4	2
S. Bennett	11	61	5.54
Durkee	2	8	4
Griggs	6	57	6.5
Hood	9	101	11.2
Sieg	9	55	6.1
Charley	2	11	5.5

South Salem	TC	Yds.	Ave.
Sawyer	8	81	10.12
Sheldon	4	18	4.5
Swearinger	4	-3	-.75
Royce	4	-1	-.25
Fletcher	12	33	2.75
Meyers	10	63	6.3
Clark	6	23	3.83
Harp	3	18	6

Gold Rey Fish Count

WEEK ENDING NOV. 21:

Silver salmon — 2.

Winter run steelhead — None.

FULL SEASON:

Silver salmon — 102 (includes 3.84 per cent jack salmon) since Oct. 17.

Clemson Gets Title, 33-31 Win

Clemson, S.C. (UPI) — Halfback George Usry's 73-yard run with an intercepted pass set up a touchdown that carried Clemson to a 33-31 victory over Wake Forest and the Atlantic Coast conference championship Saturday.

The winning core came with just four minutes left to play—and Wake Forest was leading 31-27.

Usry nimself scored the touchdown, plunging over yardsfrom two yards out. Until that point, Wake Forest had held a slender lead through most of the wide-open, free-scoring contest before 34,000 fans.

Gun For Tie

The Demon Deacons, gunning for at least a tie for the ACC title, scored first and in spectacular fashion as halfback Bobby Robinson intercepted a Clemson pass on his 31 and raced 69 yards.

In the third period, Wake fullback Neil Maclean set a new conference record by taking a pass from quarterback Norman Snead and running 7 yards to the Clemson 11. It was a record for a non-scoring pass reception.

It was the second straight ACC gridiron title for Clemson, 0-7 losers to LSU in last year's Sugar bowl. The Tigers sufered their only conference loss last week in an upset by Maryland.

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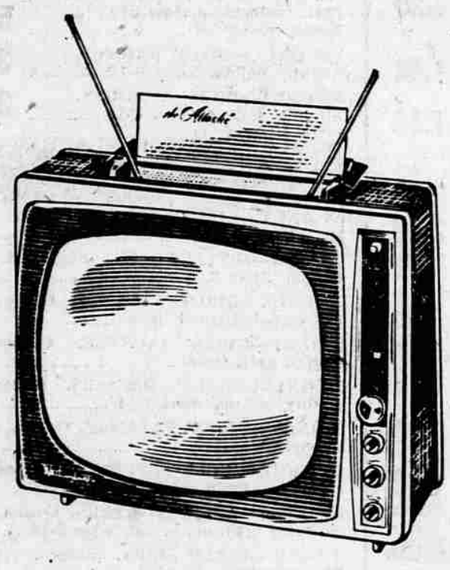

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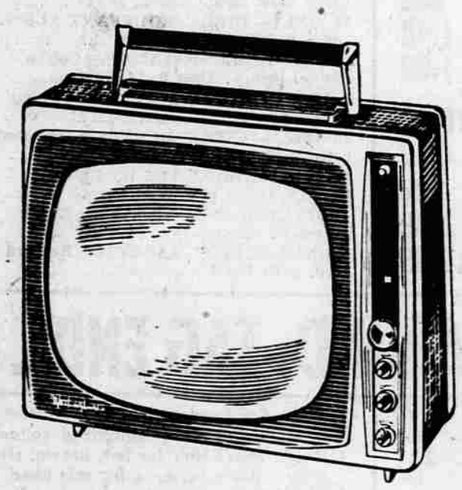

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