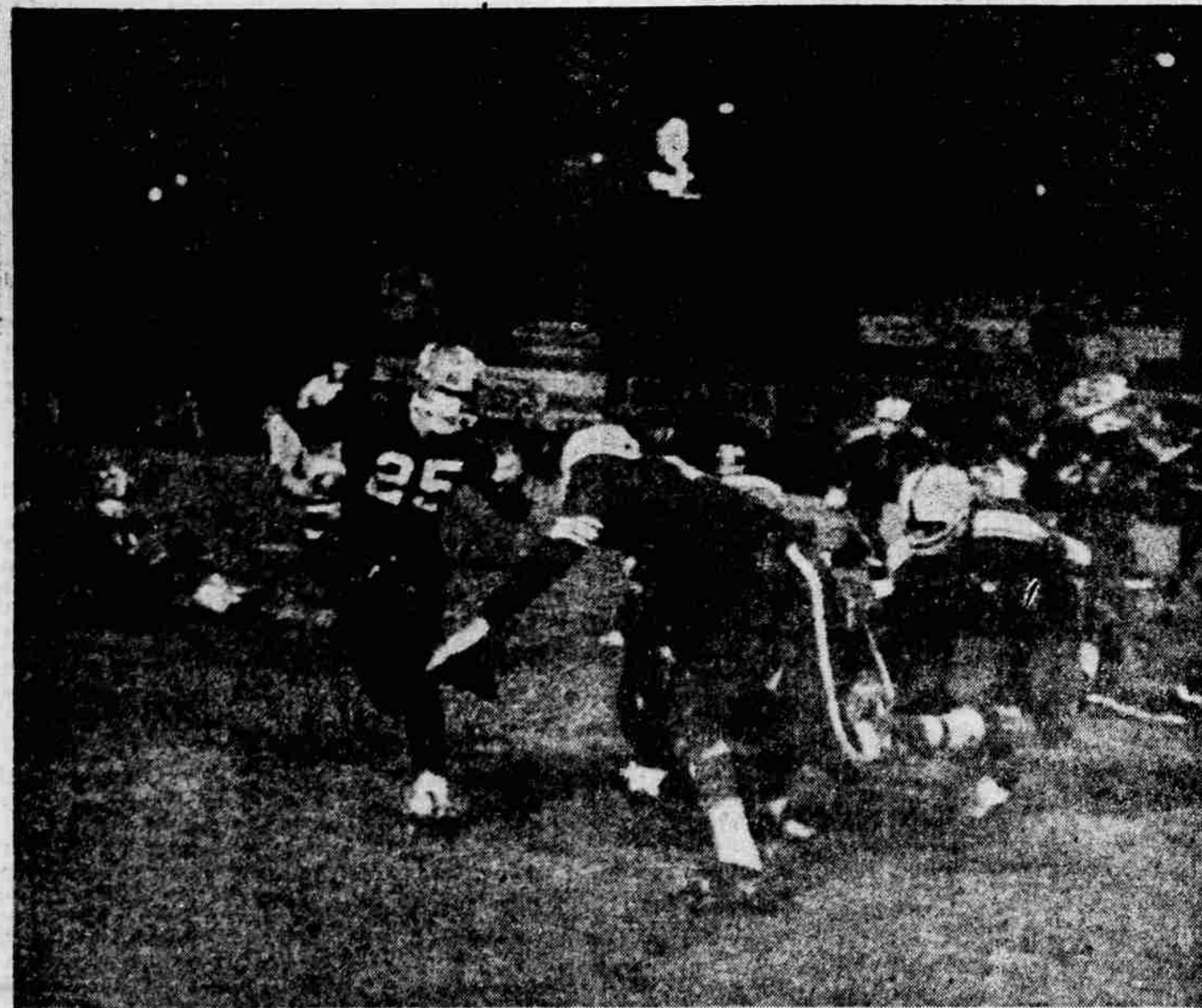
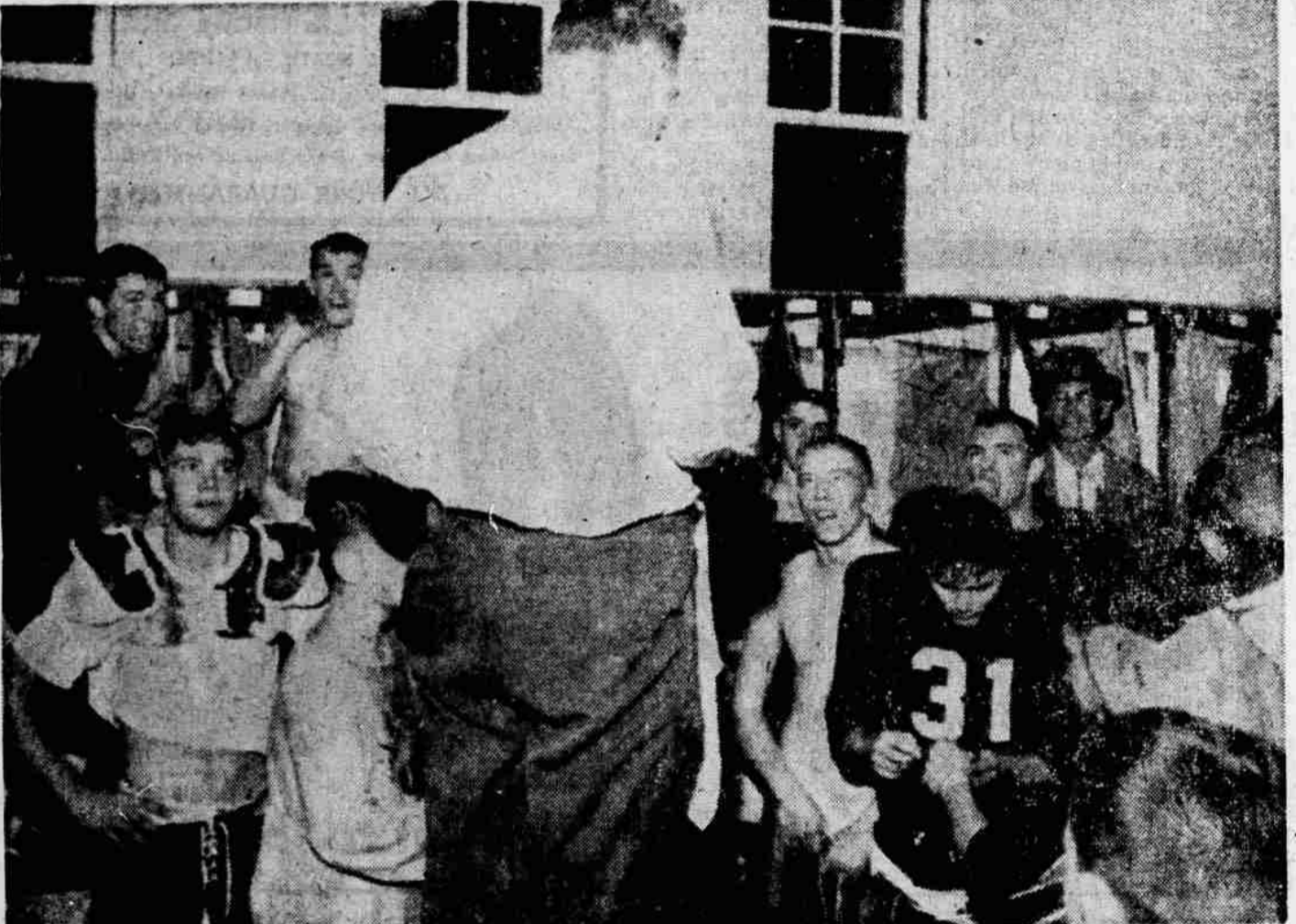


MEDFORD STATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS A-1 FOOTBALL TITLIST



BENNETT GAINS FOR MEDFORD—Medford high's half-back Skip Bennett (25) skirts end for good gain in first half of game with Jefferson in Portland for state A-1 foot-



TORNADO COACH VOICES PRAISE—It was a happy bunch of Medford high footballers that listened to coach Fred Spiegelberg's words of praise Friday night in locker room following 7 to 6 victory in Portland over Jefferson of

Tornado Beats Jeff 7-6 on Durkee Run; Bennett Conversion

Multnomah Stadium, Portland — Medford high's wonderful and terrific football Black Tornado, pride and joy of this City of the Pears, made their hometown backers forget about past prep gridiron frustrations here Friday night. They annexed the school's first Oregon football championship in 15 long years.

Tribute had to go to the spirit of Tornado players—their desire and fighting heart—and to resolute defense which stood up courageously and solidly when it was needed most. For the Medford aggression fought against an evening of adversity to rise up and wrest the mantle from Jefferson of Portland's defending champs.

Jefferson headed the statistics. The Democrats also got the breaks. Each team scored a touchdown on a dazzling, spine chiller play. But, Medford battered for an all-important extra marker to end Jeff's two-year reign. The 7 to 6 margin brought Medford, five times a state grid finalist, its second official Oregon diadem. Its last was in 1944. Victory gave the Black Tornado the laurels only in Class A-1. But the trophy is emblematic of THE championship for the A-1's are Oregon's bigger schools.

Demos Stopped
Ken Durkee romped for Medford's touchdown in the second quarter on a 77-yard punt return. Jefferson struck for its tabulation in the fourth and final period on a 66-yard Mel Renfro to Herb Washburn pass. Skip Bennett smacked right tackle for the winning conversion point. When the Democrats tried to run their extra counter, the Tornado defenders aroused to hurl Harvey Jackson back.

The titular engagement, a "natural" between Oregon's No. 1 and 2 ranked teams, who were the finalists in 1958, was one of the tensest, heart-palpating tussles in the annals of the playoffs and it drew the all-time biggest crowd, 21,512 fans.

Medford with the joyful triumph evened for last year's 21 to 7 loss to Jefferson and stopped at 34 the Demos three-year winning string. The Tornado accomplished the school's first unbeaten gridiron season since 1944. Its record is 12-0. Jeff took 11 straight this season before falling Friday night. For Medford coach Fred Spiegelberg the title came in his eighth season at the helm. He's had two other state finalist contingents—in 1956 as well as in 1958.

Defense Takes Cue
Black Tornado offense Friday night, beset by penalties, did not match the efficiency of most other games this fall. But, defense took the cue. It threw back Jeff's deepest penetration other than on the touchdown throw, rejected the conversion bid and effectively contained Mel Renfro, the Democrats' great backfield ace. The spongy, shock absorber Tornado protection did give 73 yards to the elusive Demos but it required 20 carries with the ball and only twice did Renfro shake free for any gain of length.

Lowell and Cal Dean, Jerry Anderson, Bennett, Reggie Breeze, Terry Earl, Dick Ragsdale and Durkee were among the defensive giants. Neither team had gone closer to its opponent's 31-yard line when Medford erupted for its tally. Ragsdale took a 32-yard punt by Jeff's Mike Barnes on the Tornado 23. Just before he was tackled, he reversed to Ken Durkee, who scooted toward the right sideline. He was able to turn the corner on Lowell Dean's crashing block which took out three men. With other good screening Durkee romped away to score.

Penalty Hurts
The Jefferson counter came with 4 minutes 52 seconds left in playing time and after the Demos had their backs to the wall in a seemingly hopeless cause. Jeff had taken over on its own six-yard line after fizzle of Medford's best offensive march. Renfro chucked a pass to Jackson good for 13 yards. Jackson struggled to break loose from a horde of Tornado tacklers and their efforts to bring him down resulted in a personal foul ruling. That put the ball out to the 34.

Renfro faded and hurled long down the field. Washburn on the run snared the ball around Medford 25 or 30-yard line with an over the shoulder catch, despite Jim Barry's defensive efforts, and raced on to the goal.

The Tornado's big offensive push opened in the early fourth stanza with the ball on the Medford 36 and barged 82 yards to the Demo two only to have two penalties ruin the effort. Ten plays with Bennett and Mike Hood totting made it first down on the two. Hood ripped off 14 yards on one run and Bennett 13 and 10.

Offside Shove Medford
back to the seven but Durkee gained back to the five. A backfield in motion assessment penalized the Tornado to the 10. Ragsdale passed in to the end zone to Anderson who was covered by Renfro and Mike Christy and could not retain the ball. A short pass, Hood to Ragsdale, got back to the six, but intended receiver Lowell Dean was tripped on a fourth down aerial try by Ragsdale, and Jefferson took over the ball.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

full time possession of the ball. They started out from their 38 after Mike Wyborne's 28-yard kickoff return. The march seemed stopped in mid-field when Barnes had to punt, but a personal foul was flagged on the Tornado. That gave Jefferson first down on the Medford 35. Three more plays, including a 15-yarder by Barnes moved to the 14-yard line.

There Ron Hergert, trying to pass, was hemmed in by Anderson and Breeze and Bennett slashed into knock him down. Renfro on an end slant gained three yards back to the 19. Then came a mis-fired reverse play and the Medfords broke in to down Hergert for a six-yard loss. Medford got the ball on the 25.

Jeff Gets Ball
Dan Sieg, booming for the Tornado, fumbled and the ball bounded to the 40. It appeared that Lowell Dean had saved it for Medford but officials awarded Renfro the recovery for Jeff possession.

A couple of infractions charged to Jefferson helped Medford spurn another threat. After Earl and Durkee kept Jackson from nabbing a Hergert pass, Medford had the ball on its own 36.

Three plays made just five yards for the Tornado but Lynn Knight, who averaged 37.8 yards on five punts for Medford, got off his best kick of the night. It went for 49 yards and rolled out of bounds on the Jefferson nine.

Jeff made the evening's first invasion into rival territory, reaching the Medford 37, but Renfro was trapped for a five-yard loss with Cal Dean forcing him over the sidelines on the fourth down play. A Bennett fumble wrecked the Tornado's next try to march. However, Medford looked goal bound its next time with the ball.

Good Return
Ragsdale caught a Barnes punt, faked to Durkee, and with a good block by Anderson, almost got away. Washburn stopped him after a 28-yard run to the Tornado 48. Medford carried in seven plays to the Jefferson 31. It seemed a sure first down. But the ball was moved back a bit before the measurement, and Jefferson was given the ball on downs.

A promenade by Jefferson in the late first quarter and early second took the pighide

from the Demo 31 to the Medford 33. There Bennett smeared Renfro for an eight-yard loss. Anderson and Bennett teamed to set back Renfro another four on a reverse off a fake punt on fourth down. Medford assumed possession on its 45.

The final moments of the fracas had fans on the edge of their seats. After the Jeff TD, three plays failed to yield first down for Medford and it had to give up the ball. Knight's 37-yard punt put Jeff back on its 34. Ragsdale, Durkee and Cal Dean teamed up to bust up a Renfro pass thrown toward Lee Elertson. Anderson's interception of a Renfro hanger cracked the last Democrat danger. Medford ran out the clock.

Smartly Stall
Medford's stalling game wasn't popular with the Jefferson fans but it was the intelligent thing to do. Two runs by Bennett moved the ball from the Jeff 43 to first down on the 32. With just seconds left to play the ball was snapped to Ragsdale on keeper plays. One lost two and another one yard.

A personal foul was called on Medford, then illegal procedure on Jeff. For some reason, the officials ruled it fourth down, instead of third, giving some hope to the apparently Jefferson cause with just 16 seconds remaining. The ball was given again to Ragsdale who faked and dodged tacklers, letting the time tick by. He was finally brought down with some time left but the horn blared before the Portlanders could run a play.

Sportsmen Set Meeting

The Central Point Sportsman club will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the Sportsman's clubhouse on Pine st., Central Point.

Bob Pruitt, Grants Pass, will show pictures on Salmon runs of rivers in the Pacific northwest, including the Rogue river. The Hunter Safety program for young hunters also will be discussed.

| | Med | Jeff |
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| First downs rushing | 6 | 7 |
| First downs passing | 1 | 2 |
| First downs penalties | 0 | 1 |
| Total first downs | 7 | 10 |
| Yards rushing | 129 | 143 |
| Yards passing | 15 | 109 |
| Net scrimmage yardage | 144 | 252 |
| Passes tried and completed | 8-2 | 9-4 |
| Punts and average | 5-37.8 | 4-35.25 |
| Punt returns and average | 4-25.5 | 3-23.3 |
| Kickoffs | 2-53.5 | 2-47.5 |
| Kickoff returns and average | 2-15.5 | 2-23.5 |
| Fumbles lost | 2 | 0 |
| Yards penalized | 7-65 | 8-35 |

| Individual Rushing | TC | Yds. | Ave. |
|--------------------|----|------|------|
| Medford | 7 | 129 | 18.4 |
| Ragsdale | 3 | 12 | 4 |
| Bennett | 14 | 48 | 3.43 |
| Durkee | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Hood | 11 | 42 | 3.82 |
| Sieg | 9 | 49 | 5.44 |

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Seaside Defeats Vale by 28-21

Vale, Ore. — (UPI) — A spectacular pass reception in the end zone in the third quarter gave Seaside a 28-21 victory over Vale here Saturday and the Oregon A-2 championship.

Seaside led throughout much of the game and then claimed the win in the third quarter on end Jimmy Roth's outstanding catch.

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OSAA Use Of Portland Refs Irks

Multnomah Stadium, Portland — With all the sweetness of victory here Friday night, Medford's state championship football game with Jefferson left a bitter taste.

This stemmed from use of four Portland area officials as arbiters for the tussle when a Portland high school was participating. Portland men used despite a Medford protest.

"We won, I'm thrilled, I'm happy but I'll never bring a team up here again under those circumstances," Tornado head Fred Spiegelberg declared. He expressed the thought that Medford "had to beat 15 men."

Penalties and the fact that Medford was given only three downs with the ball in the final seconds instead of four were reasons for ire. Medford in these closing moments was trying to run out the clock and hang onto the ball. It did no good for the Tornado to protest that a down had been taken away.

The program listed the field officials for the game as Dan Jones, Len Younce, Lloyd Zimmerman and Bill Love. Spiegelberg praised his team's defense which held up when it was needed most.

SF Coach Takes Leave

By SCOTT BAILLIE
San Francisco — (UPI) — Ross Giudice, one of the University of San Francisco's great come-through men, took over Saturday for basketball coach Phil Woolpert who will start a one-year leave of absence due to a bad case of nerves.

Woolpert, who coached USF to a pair of NCAA titles and was hailed as a genius, announced Friday that he would take a year off on doctor's orders. There was speculation he might make it permanent.

that he was tripped while trying to go for a pass in the end zone and pushed on another receiving try but that he did not know whether it was intentional.

Coach Tom DeSylvia of Jefferson praised the running of Skip Bennett of Medford, opined that his team would have come out better had it been able to handle the Tornado quarterback. He spoke of the punt runback for a touchdown by Medford's Ken Durkee as the turning point of the game and claimed that a Tornado clip occurred on the play. DeSylvia remarked, oddly, that his Democrats just didn't get the breaks.

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