Fanfare

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Medford High school had the highest scoring state football champion in the United States last fall. That's the report from a survey by Scholastic Coach magazine. The Black Tornado ran up 474 points in 12 games, 27 more than Ray of Corpus Christi, Tex., which had 447 for 14 conflicts. Springfield, Ohio, had 408 for nine games and led the champs with an average of 45.3 per game.

The magazine's chart lists the coach, the record, basic offense, supplimental offense, points for and against, yards rushing and passing and total yards, weight averages of the backs and linemen of the offensive teams and the two-way men on the top combinations.

T MOST USED

Preponderance of T formation use among the championship teams was noted along with more use of the forward pass than among the top prep teams of past seasons was noted by Scholastic Coach. Only 27 schools contacted were official state champions. Balance of the schools, 31, were picked from commonly accepted newspaper polls and semi-official rating systems. This made a total of 58 champs or co-champs.

NAME OMITTED

Apologies to Lowell Dean, Medford High's big rugged basketball player. His name was inadvertently omitted in the identification of players in a sports page picture in Wednesday's paper.

PEPPIER SUPPORT

Another hand for the fine work of the Medford High pep band and the rally squad at the state basketball tournament last week. There certainly was peppier support for the Black Tornado, because of the band being there throughout the tournament, than there was in 1959. The band did not make the round trip between Medford and Eugene each day, as originally planned to save expense, since such an arrangement was so inconvenient. A place to stay was found at Junction City.

UNFORTUNATE

Quote from Bill Gould, sports writer for the Roseburg News Review in his "Sideliner" column:

"It's very unfortunate that Medford's fine ball club and one of the nicest guys in the coaching business, Frank Roelandt, had to be involved in this (state A-1 tournament) officiating hassle.

"The fact that the game (hoop tournament final with Marshfield) was questioned because of the officials' work takes some measure of glow off the Medford title and this shouldn't be, for the Black Tornado was one of the better balanced clubs to appear in the Eugene show in some time."

IT ALL DEPENDS

Gould in his column severely criticizes the refereeing of Bill Gatch and Dan Jones in the title game, specifically challenging the last three foul calls against Mel Counts. The Roseburg writer says of the suggestions that college referees be used to officiate at the state prep tourney that it might not be a bad idea.

It's still our contention that as long as basketball, or any sport for that matter, has a winner and a loser, there won't be universal agreement with the arbiters no matter how qualified and sharp they are.

STRONG DIAMOND CLUBS

The Roseburg scribe also mentions the Medford threat in the battle for the state A-1 baseball crown. He points out that the Indians of Roseburg and Tornado both will field top clubs "with both teams having much of that vital experience." Medford and Roseburg diamonders play here Saturday afternoon. Gould, like this writer, anticipates an interesting opener.

Comet Track Crew Has 14 Lettermen

Central Point–The Crater high track and field contingent, which opens its 1960 slate on Saturday with a trip to Roseburg, has 14 lettermen on a squad of 55 varsity aspirants.

The majority of Coach Ed Knapp's veterans are seniors. These include Rick Burns and Earl Cooper, half-milers; Glen Cote, quarter-miler and discus man; Don Gillaspey, 440 and 220-yard runner; Nathan Parrish, Don Ryan and Bob Morris, milers; Derrell Williamson, weight man, and Dick Woods, quarter-miler and broad jumper.

Parrish led the Comet cross country team in an undefeated dual campaign last fall.

Junior Vet

Junior lettermen are Max Burton, pole vault, hurdles and javelin; Dennis Edwards, broad jump and 220 man; Don Garrison, high jumper; Steve Howell, half and full miler, and Wayne Martin, hurdles and relay runner.

Edwards' status right now is not definite because of a knee injury suffered in basketball.

Chuck Turner, a senior who was on the squad two years ago, has returned to compete in the broad jump and javelin. Up from the jayvees are Danny Mattson, broad jumper, and Denny Fisher, quarter and half-miler. Among top sophomore prospects are Dwight James, half-miler, Tom Kmball discus tosser, and John Champ, high jumper and hurdler.

Among others looking good or showing promise are Dave Burns, Dave Molloy and Harold Twedell, weightmen; Bob Garrison, from the cross country team, mile and half-mile.

Writer Called By Commission

Chicago – (UPI) – Magazine writer James Stewart - Gordon today was scheduled for a return visit to the Illinois Athletic commission to explain his charges of fixed fights on television.

Gordon's article in a current issue of the Readers Digest said that members of "boxing's monopoly, known as the 'Octopus'," decide the outcome of TV fights "for virtually every boxer."

Commissioner Chairman Frank B. Gilmer questioned Gordon for almost an hour yesterday and then recessed the hearing until April 19 when Gordon said he would return to Chicago with "proper documentation" of his charges.

SPORTS

White Reports His Retirement Plans Definite

Boston–(UPI)–Catcher Sammy White's next trip to the post office will negate the deal in which the Boston Red Sox traded him and first-baseman Jim Marshall to the Cleveland Indians for catcher Russ Nixon.

White said Wednesday night after flying in from Scottsdale, Ariz., that he definitely "is quitting baseball" to devote his time to a bowling enterprise in which he has a partnership.

Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick said in Belair, Fla., that as soon as he receives official notification of White's retirement "the deal which sent him to the Indians is definitely off." A player's voluntary retirement becomes official only when he notifies the commissioner's office by letter.

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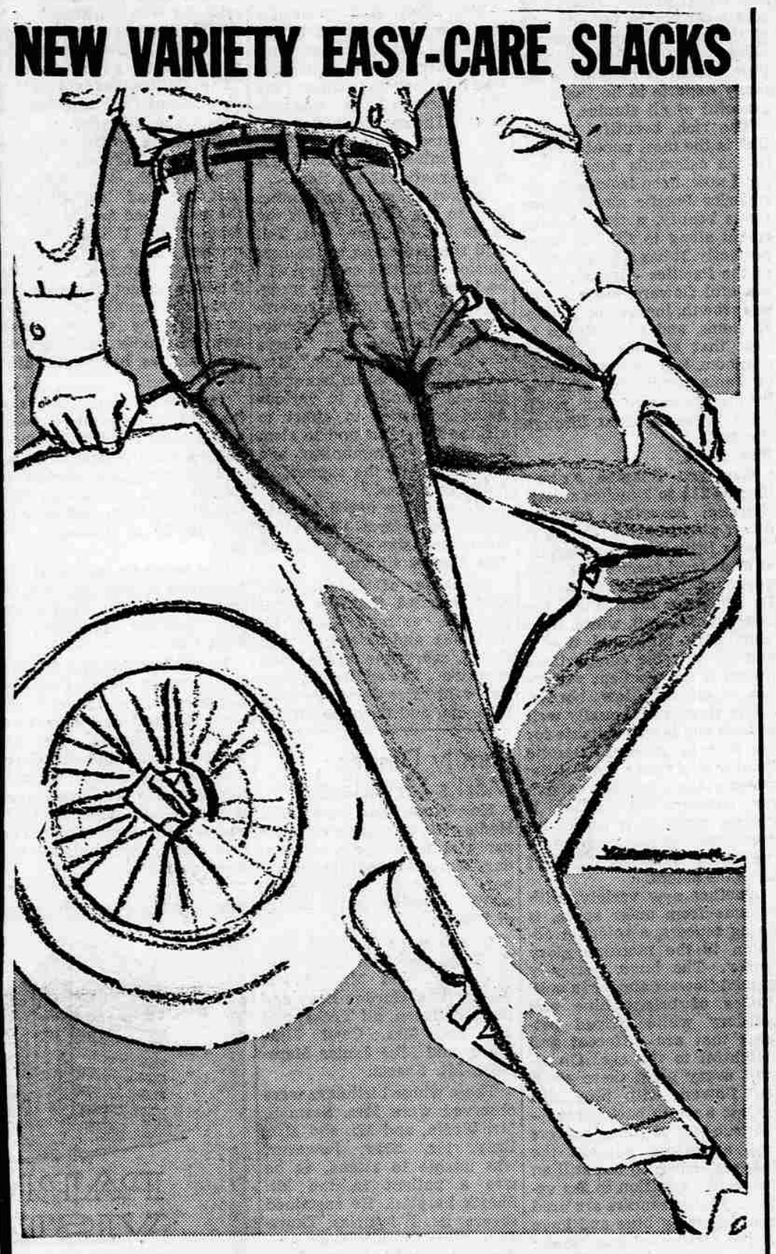

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