

Tornado Gridiron Machine Crumbles Marshfield 34-0

The "little" were mighty Friday night. They showed that football strength is not all in bulk and brawn. In a combat of speed against size and heft, lightning-like agility and fleetness came out best. Medford High school's high-geared Black Tornado, Oregon's Class A-1 defending champions, came through with flying colors in its early season non-conference "acid" test.

In a conflict of southern Oregon's perennial powerhouses, the lighter but more mobile Tornado gridiron forces, operating with spirited finesse, slew the Giants from Marshfield of Coos Bay 34 to 0 on the Medford stadium turf.

Phoenicians Triumph at Brookings

It was the fifth straight Big Wind triumph in three seasons over the Pirates from the coast. And, the outcome was the most lopsided of the five.

Halfbacks Mike Hood and Phil Humphreys crossed the Marshfield goal line twice apiece and Hood passed to end Bob Quinney for the other Medford touchdown. Don Miles, no-bigger-than-a-minute sophomore, booted four straight extra points. Quarterback Dick Ragsdale expertly directed a diversified and deceptive TD and single wing assault that kept the Buccaneers dazzled and off balance. The offense, unveiling a wide-range repertoire, featured the running of Dan Seig, as well as Hood and Humphreys.

Interiors Shine
A quick, sharp, slashing interior Medford line cut the better Pirates back on their heels and provided the backs the running gaps they wanted.

Humphreys swept and slanted to TD territory on five and seven-yard dashes. Hood packed on 13 and 25-yard scoring rambles. Hood's scoring pass from behind the line 30-yard line was gathered in by tail end Quinney on the eight. Coach Fred Spiegelberg's howling Hurricane battered on two 80-yard drives for touchdowns. A pass interception by Al Funston, a fumble recovery by Terry O'Sullivan and a 35-yard punt return by Ragsdale set the stage for other scores.

Defensively, Medford's comparative "little guys" were masters. They stymied the beefier Buccaneers for three quarters of the night. And, when coach Pete Susick's Coos Bay delegation made its only serious promenade with an array of "belly series" plays in the final stanza, the Tornadoes refused to let it cross the goal.

Al Funston, Terry Earl, Terry O'Sullivan, Jerry Wintrout and Monte Jones were the spurs on defense. Funston, whose services had been "doubtful because of boils," was very much in evidence on the field.

The Black Tornado on Friday made 247 net yards rushing with Hood totaling 150 yards on 13 carries and driving, crashing Seig netting 67 for 12 times with the ball. They had Sam Knudsen, Bill Hobbs, O'Sullivan, Holt and Earl much to thank for moving out the bulky Pirates.

Said Spiegelberg of his offensive aggregation: "We were on our toes and they never got set."

Wylie Smith had 58 yards in 15 packs for Marshfield and Austin 54 in 17. Smith and Les Engle were the star defenders.

Medford piled up 342 net yards from scrimmage to Coos Bay's 141 and led in first

downs 14 to 9. Marshfield was held to only 39 net yards and two first downs in the initial half.

Scores by quarter were 13 to 0, 27 to 0 and 34 to 0.

25-Yard Run

Medford's first 80-yard march required nine plays with Hood going 25 on a pitchout and busting through the middle for 22. Seig packed the piskin five times, going 10 yards on one turn. Humphreys, running the last five yards swept right end to the corner of the end zone. Miles' first try to kick was wide.

Three plays after the first TD, Funston snared a pass by the Bucs' Sam Landes, giving the Tornado the ball on the 30. On the first scrimmage play, Hood took a reverse from Humphreys and southpaw-pitched to Quinney just a few strides from the goal. Miles made the first of his bonus kicks.

Second 80-yard goalward jaunt took 12 turns advancing the ball and was slightly balked by a 15-yard clipping penalty. Hood boomed 15 yards on a quickie and Seig slipped through on a 23-yard jaunt. Humphreys went 18 yards on the play on which the penalty was called. On Hood's 13-yard scoring surge, he slanted left across the line, spun out of the grasp of two tacklers and evaded a third. O'Sullivan Recovers

O'Sullivan's recovery of a Phil Austin fumble gave Medford the ball on the Pirate 15 in the late second quarter.

Three plays later Humphreys gained the end zone from seven yards out.

Third quarter was fought for a time at stalemate. Action included a block of a Marshfield (Bob Reichert's) punt by Medford's Bill Charley and recovery of the ball by Wintrout. A Seig fumble was retrieved by the Bucs' Wylie Smith.

Reichert got a later punt away. Ragsdale grabbed on the bounce in a daring gamble and zipped between two Pirates. He ran 35 yards to the Marshfield 25. On the next play Hood took a pitch and went around left end to the goal.

Barry Falls on Fumble
Jim Barry, who played despite a swollen ankle, fell on an Austin fumble to give Medford the ball as the third panel ended. Medford's second line offense pushed 36 yards to the Marshfield 24 before being halted.

Then, the Pirates began their big drive of the evening. One play lost a yard. But 15 plays later Marshfield had second down on the Medford one-yard line. Barry stopped Reichert for a two-yard loss on a pitch. A pass failed and a try by Austin to go around end was stopped when Wintrout dumped him back on the five.

Smith did much of the carrying on the drive, traveling once for 11 yards. Crabaugh once for 13.

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Total first downs...
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Passes intercepted by...
Yards rushing...
Yards passing...
Net yards rushing...
Net yards passing...
Fumbles made & lost...
Punts...
Kick-offs...
Individual Rushing...
Marshfield...
Medford...
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MOORE GOES 44
Brookings followed up the Phoenix bout and moved to the Pirate two-yard line. Jan Nelson rushed from three making it 32 to 6.

Jerry Moore ran 44 yards for a Phoenix TD in the fourth panel but the Bruins countered with a push and Bob Jacobs passed picked up the extra.

On defense the Phoenix line of Bob Dickinson, Jacobs, Rick Seymour, Rick Rieley and Kerns held Brookings to short gains and repeatedly ripped through to throw backs for losses. The linemen were well-backed by the efforts of Gay, Dave Johnson, Monte Combs and Bill Davis. Gerald Sloper was a power with his tackling and offensive blocking.

Go struck so red four touchdowns before retiring after a few minutes of the second half. Colfax completed all four passes he tried and was a decisive bulwark. Coach Jack Woodward on the Pirates' Jerry Moore, a real find at tailback. Terry Hanson had a good game at center after having trouble in his first game with snapbacks.

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