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Tornado Hoopsters Meet Bucs Friday

Only one letterman is expected to be in the starting lineup for the Marshfield High school Pirates Friday when the Coos Bay club opposes Medford in the basketball opener for both schools. The game is set for 8:15 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High school floor. Medford will play North Bend here on Saturday.

Lone letterman starter for the Pirates will be Bob Reichert, 5-10, who has earned two monograms but was a non-regular last season. Others who may get the opening calls of Coach Bruce Hoffine are all up from the junior varsity. One is Gary Crabaugh, 5-8, top scorer for the Buc javees last season. Then are Stan Traxler, 6-3, Bill Chandler, 6-2, and Willey Smith, 5-11. Reichert, Chandler and Smith are seniors and the others juniors.

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Termed "the sixth man" is Arnold Sampson, 5-10, a senior who has played JV ball. Marshfield's only returning regular is Bob Burles, 6-1 senior. He suffered a broken ankle in the football game with Medford this fall and has just "thrown away" his crutches. It may be another two weeks before he'll be with the hoop team.

The Pirates lost a diamond in the rough about 10 days ago when Mike Mattox, 6-6 junior, moved back to Independence, Mo. He had transferred from that school to Marshfield last fall. Loss of Mattox, after having worked him in drills, reportedly has forced Hoffine to switch his offense. Hoffine, however, has said he thinks he will have a real interesting ball club which may run more than did last year's Pirates.

Medford will meet a veteran team when it goes up against North Bend. The Bulldogs likely will have five lettermen starting and four other monogram men may be among reserves. Of the possible North Bend starters Chuck Johns, 6-6, Ron Kersey, 5-10, and Jeff Allen, 5-11, were regulars last season. North Bend has played one



OUTSTANDING MHS GRIDDERS — The seven Medford high football players shown here were voted "outstanding" by their teammates. From left in the front row (seated) are tackle Terry O'Sullivan, fullback Dan Sieg and quarterback Dick Ragsdale. In the back row, left to right, are halfback Phil Humphreys, tackle John James, halfback Mike Hood and guard and linebacker Al Funston. Funston was named the outstanding ball player of the year. Voting was close between O'Sullivan and James and they were named outstanding

Stayton Week End Opponent of Crater

Central Point — Home inaugural for the Crater High basketball varsity is set for Friday night when the Comets entertain Stayton of Marion county.

Five lettermen are on the squad that Coach Don Carey will bring from Stayton. The Eagle vets are Frank Sherwood, 6-2; Jim McGill, 5-10; Larry Larimer, 5-9; Melvin Grimes, 5-8, and Bill McCready, 5-6. All are seniors.

It is not known just whom Carey will call upon to open play. There are three non-lettermen 6-footers on the roster. These are John Bryant, 6-1, and Ray Johnson and Bob Nelson, each 6-even.

Eagles' scores in their jamboree and in their loss to Mt. Angel were low, indicating that they may use a ball control type offense. The Comets anticipate a zone defense on the part of Stayton.

Crater tutor Lloyd Hoffine likely will choose his starters from among Jeff Anhorn,

lineman. Balloting, also, was so close among Hood, Ragsdale, Sieg and Humphreys that all four were accorded the outstanding back honors. Funston and Ragsdale were named team captains. Awards were announced yesterday at a Medford Kiwanis luncheon honoring the squad at Rogue Valley Country club. Head Coach Fred Spiegelberg said, "In my coaching, I've never had a finer team." He rated the 1960 club over the state champion 1959 crew because "it could do more things."

Jim Norris Called Big Boxing Boss

By NORMAN G. CORNISH
Washington—UPI—Senate boxing investigators were expected to decide today whether multi-millionaire promoter James D. Norris will testify in private or must face the glare of a public hearing. Norris has pleaded a weak heart. His lawyers sought a closed-door hearing because they said doctors feared the excitement of an open session might bring on a third and fatal heart attack.

Chances were considered good that Norris would reach the witness stand today.

Norris was president of the International Boxing Club (IBC) which was broken up by federal court order last year on grounds it held a monopoly "strangle-hold" over boxing.

Called "Big Boss" Norris has been described in congressional testimony as the "big boss" of boxing—the man with the money—who shared control with a "little

Fundamentals Get Attention Of UO's Ducks

Eugene—UPI—Oregon's football Ducks stuck to fundamentals Wednesday. Coach Len Casanova's Ducks concentrated on offense for one hour as they continued to prepare for Penn State and their Dec. 17 Liberty Bowl date.

"We look fine," Casanova said. "By next Tuesday we should be just about ready." Oregon is scheduled to leave Tuesday for Philadelphia where the Liberty Bowl is played. Casanova said he would work on offense again today.

Brown Passes 3,000 3rd Time

New York—UPI—Jimmy Brown of the Cleveland Browns, who gained 135 yards against the Washington Redskins last Sunday, has passed the 1,000 yard mark in ground gained rushing to become the only back in the history of the National Football league to accomplish the feat three times.

His most recent pickup gave Brown a total of 1,047 yards gained in 10 games, enabling the former Syracuse university All-America to pass Joe Perry of San Francisco and Steve Van Buren of Philadelphia, both of whom gained more than a thousand yards in two seasons.

It also gave Brown the Cleveland club high of 4,845 yards gained in just four seasons of play. Marion Motley held the previous Cleveland record, but it took him eight seasons to set the old record.

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