

Tornado Faces Fast, Quick Caveman in 6 A-1 Decider

Speed is their trade mark. They have a potent running and passing game.

Such are the reports this season of the football Cavemen of Grants Pass. And, they add up to terrific challenge to Medford's Black Tornado.

Medford, undefeated, untied and unscathed upon this fall, puts this unblemished status on the block Friday night against the light but

quick and fast gridders of the Climate city. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. at Grants Pass with Southern Oregon conference and District 6 A-1 laurels and a state playoff berth hanging in the balance.

This is the final game of the regular season for both schools. Whichever wins will move into the state quarterfinals on the following week end against the defending state champion Indians of Roseburg. Just a tie, however, will put the Black Tornado in the playoffs.

Quickest Ever
Coach Fred Spiegelberg of the Tornado said of the Cavemen, "They're the quickest I've ever seen them." He added, however, "We have a little speed, too."

This will be the 53rd meeting on the gridiron between varsities of Medford and GP. Medford has been the victor on 39 occasions and Grants Pass on 11. There have been two ties.

Grants Pass aims for its first verdict over Medford in nine seasons. Not since the 13 to 12 nod of 1953 have the Cavemen tripped a Tornado football team. In the meantime, Medford has recorded 14 to 7 triumphs and decisions of 28 to 6, 41 to 7, 52 to 6 and 13 to 7. Games were tied 20 to 20 in 1957 and 0 to 0 in 1958.

Last year's 13 to 7 triumph was an empty one for the Black Tornado. For, it created a three-way tie for the Southern Oregon conference mantle. And, Grants Pass won the drawing to go in the state A-1 quarterfinals.

Situation Reversed
Last year Grants Pass entered the conference final game as "king of the mountain." This year the situation is reversed. Grants Pass last fall brought a 3-0 league record into the fracas with the Black Tornado. Medford was 2-1. The Cavemen were rated ahead of Medford in two of

the three polls. This time its Medford with 3-0 and GP with 2-1. The Twister of Pear city is ranked No. 1 and Grants Pass No. 3 in the ratings.

Medford bears its spotless record over seven games. Grants Pass has scored five victories, tied one game and lost one.

Here are the comparative records:

Medford - Defeated The Dalles and Marshfield each 27 to 0, South Salem 20 to 0, Crater 7 to 0, Klamath Falls 13 to 0, La Grande 42 to 0 and Ashland 48 to 0.

Grants Pass - Beat defending state champion Roseburg 24 to 18, North Bend and Willamette each 35 to 6, Ashland 59 to 0 and Crater 25 to 0, lost 12 to 9 Klamath and tied Marshfield 6 to 6.

Fine Balance
The Cavemen have totaled 193 points. Medford has scored 184. While the Medford goal is yet to be crossed, Grants Pass has given up eight touchdowns - 48 points.

Medford success has been credited to a fine balance of offense and defense. Grants Pass offense appears to have played the larger role for the Cavemen but its defense has been effective, yielding more than one touchdown to only two of seven foes.

Gary Griffin, linebacker, who suffered a bruised shoulder in the Ashland game, was back at practice yesterday. Mike Mayfield, tackle who turned an ankle in Tuesday's workout, probably will be able to play, but Tim Murray, fullback who reinjured his ankle against Ashland may be able to do no more than the Tornado punting.

Tornado Rolls Up 2,350
Medford on attack has rolled up 2,350 total yards, 1,633 rushing and 712 passing, and has accumulated 92 first downs. The defense has limited the opposition to 793 net yards, 554 on the ground and

239 via air. Adversaries have recorded an aggregate of 43 first downs.

Jack Lowery has gained 452 yards in 91 totes for Medford. Frank Van Pelt has 203 for 44, Mike Barnes 189 for 47, Dan Miles 171 for 34, Greg Gandee 137 for eight, Mike Watkins 121 for 23 and Tim Murray 101 for 125.

Miles has completed 26 of 45 passes for 480 yards. Mike Neathamer connected on three of four for 153 yards last week. His totals are now 10 of 25 for 220 yards. Lloyd has caught 11 passes for 227 yards. Lowery has snared six for 60 and Gibb Mitchell four for 89. Ron Calkins has 85 yards on one reception.

Offensive Skirmish Anticipated

University of Oregon, Eugene - Oregon's fleet Ducks, rolling along with a nifty 5-1-1 record, tangle with dangerous Washington State Saturday at Hayward Field in the Webfoots' Homecoming game.

The emphasis figures to be on offense with both teams boasting a variety of lethal offensive weapons. Oregon's attack revolves around the passing of Bob Berry, the running of Larry Hill and all-around excellence of All-

American candidate Mel Renfro.

Coach Jim Sutherland's Cougars point with pride to All-American end Hugh Campbell, a pair of solid quarterbacks and a capable ground game.

Dave Mathieson had been teaming with Campbell as the Cougars' passing combo until last week when sophomore Dale Ford stepped in at quarterback and came up with a fine effort.

Could Move Ahead
On the basis of that performance, Ford could well move ahead of Mathieson this week against the Webfoots. Senior fullback George Reed, who enjoyed a great afternoon in WSU's 22-21 conquest of

Oregon last season, spearheads the running game and gets able assistance from John Browne, Ken Graham and Clarence Williams.

For the Webfoots, the Homecoming game will mark the final home grid appearance for 15 seniors. Set to perform before the home folks for the last time are ends Greg Willener and John Polo, tackles Steve Barnett and Ron Snidow, guards Mickey Ordling, Ed Thomas, Bill Del Biaggio, Dennis Prozinski and Gayle Laudenslager, centers Rich Dixon and Bill Swain, quarterback Ron Veres and fullbacks Bruce Snyder, Jim Josephson and Duane Cargill.

The opening kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m.

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