

Phoenix Overpowers Elmira 19-0 in A-2 Gridiron Quarterfinal



PHOENIX SCORES — Phoenix high's Dave Johnson, shown between Elmira's Dave Mooers (39) and Larry Egan (65) goes over for the Pirates last touchdown in 19-0 Oregon Class A-2 quarterfinal football victory over the Falcons.

at Phoenix on Saturday night. Coming up too late to help are Falcons Ken Marquardt (47) and Tom Tanner (40). The Pirates earned a state semifinal berth against Central Union. (Simonson-Walker photo).

Central Foe Of Pirates Next Friday

Phoenix — Dave Johnson's 62-yard second-quarter run pushed aside the scoring barrier here on Saturday night and the Phoenix Pirates went on to whip the Elmira High school Falcons in an Oregon Class A-2 quarterfinal football game.

Taking complete command in the second half, the District 6 title-bearers raided for two more touchdowns in the final quarter, for a 19 to 0 score, and gained a state semifinal berth for the fourth successive season.

Johnson, a 205-pound breakaway halfback, rambled across the Falcon goal with just 1½ minutes left in the second half. Two long drives and a fumble paid off for the Pirates scores. Jon Granby touchdown from one yard out five plays into the closing period and Johnson boomed over two plays away with 2:11 left to play.

Johnson followed up Granby's touchdown by ramming for the lone Phoenix conversion point.

Elmira got no closer to the Pirate goal than the 18-yard line where a fumble lost the ball.

The triumph placed Phoenix against Central of Mouth-Independence in the A-2 titular round of four. Phoenix will be home team for this fracas on Friday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. Central's Panthers and the Pirates collide in the semis for the third consecutive season.

Phoenix scored its eighth victory of the season against one loss and one tie. The loss was the first in 10 games this season for the Falcons.

Early pass tries backfired for the Buccaneers. So they earned their victory almost entirely on the ground, demolishing the Falcons with smashes of potent multiple attack — T and single wing. The Pirates of Coach Jack Woodward utilized the running talents of big horses Johnson and Granby and ponies Grennan, Jim Conbruck and Ron Williams.

Phoenix Controls Ball

It was about an even-even conflict until Johnson burst out on a spin reverse for his TD jaunt. It was all Phoenix in the second half. After an exchange of fumbles the Pirates controlled the ball with their running game.

They had the ball for 40 scrimmage plays to 14 by the Falcons and ran up 159 yards (unofficial count) and nine of their 16 first down while holding Elmira to a 17 yard gain. Elmira failed to get a first down in the second half.

Full game scrimmage yardage favored Phoenix 275 net yards to 86.

For its second touchdown Phoenix moved out from its own 46-yard line in the late third quarter and reached the one-yard line of the Falcons on the third play of the final period. There the Pirates lost the ball on fourth down. But, the Buccaneers got a second chance. The Falcons fumbled on their first play and John Kerns recovered for first and 10 Phoenix on the one. The Pirates needed just one play for Granby's score.

Pass Goes for 18

Grennan, Johnson, Williams, Granby and Conbruck all were ball packers on this drive. Longest rush was on a keep by Williams for 11 yards. A pass from Williams to Johnson, one of the two that Phoenix completed for the night, was good for 18 yards. The score came with 10:26 left in the game.

Next time the Pirates got the ball they barged out from their 25. This 75-yard promenade used 14 plays. Johnson was called upon most with seven carries but Granby,

Grennan and Williams took their turns. Johnson took the ball into Elmira territory with an 18-yard gain to the 36. The Pirates were aided by a 12-yard penalty on the Falcons for face mask grabbing. That put the ball on the 12.

But Phoenix after gaining to the three was set back five yards on a procedure call. Two plays later it was first down on the two. Johnson scored from there.

Elmira did not get a closing minute comeback chance. Granby recovered a Falcon fumble on the kickoff on the Elmira 30-yard line. When the game ended, Phoenix had the ball on the Falcon 12.

Pass Intercepted

Elmira was in Phoenix territory three times early in the game. On the running of Tom Tanner, Ken Marquardt and Bob Stackhouse and a Stackhouse to Cliff Brock pass, the Falcons got to the 34 where Dave Mooers lost the ball on the first of five fumbles which hurt the Willamette valley club, mentored by Don Swartz.

Mooers retaliated by intercepting a Williams' pass. But, the Falcons got only to the Phoenix 29 on a four-yard rushing play. Passes on three other downs fell incomplete.

As the second quarter opened, it looked that Elmira was really on the move. The Falcons had taken over on their 42 and gained to the 45 on the last play of the first canto. With Mooers, Stackhouse, Tanner and Marquardt lugging, the Falcons in nine plays reached the Phoenix 23.

Mooers made five more on the next play but the ball slipped from his grasp.

Granby Snafes Ball

Phoenix held Elmira to six yards on its next time with the ball and Granby intercepted a Mooers' pass to wreck the last chance of the Falcons in the first half.

No play netted Elmira more than five yards in the second half, so far as could be determined from a press box seat. The most the Falcons gained on a scrimmage series in the last two quarters was seven yards. Longest single rushing gain of the night for the visitors was a Tanner run for seven yards.

Johnson carried 17 times for 127 yards according to unofficial press box tally. Grennan packed 15 for 31, Granby 14 for 50 and Conbruck 6 for 25. Williams had a gross gain of 26 yards but a couple of big setbacks and a small one gave him a net of three.

For Elmira Mooers had 41 yards for 14 carries.

Mud from the playing field soaked into and smeared on the players' jerseys. It was often difficult to determine who had packed the ball.

Coach Woodward felt that his Pirates wore down the opposition in the second half. He commented on the effectiveness of the straight ahead plays with the use of the T formation plays and pointed out that defensive shifts made at halftime helped his team.

All-around play of Granby with his ball packing, defensive work and blocking drew citation as did the defensive scrap of Ron Patterson. Granby's downfield blocking was an instrument in Johnson's long touch down run. When backs were not packing, they effectively cleared the way and there was fine blocking from line-men Greg Esp, John Kerns, Rick Richey, Dave Westfall, Ken Tycksen and Tim O'Mara.

Action was on a water-soaked field which was muddy in the middle. Rain fell during the day but halted

during the game.

STATISTICS:

	Ph.	El.
First downs rushing	11	4
First downs passing	3	0
First downs penalties	3	0
Total First downs	17	4
Net yards rushing	256	81
Net yards passing	19	5
Net scrimmage yards	275	86
Passes tried, completed	5-2	10-1
Passes intercepted by	1	3
Fumbles lost	1	5
Penalties and yards	3-15	4-47

United Press International

One-man teams are okay but the Los Angeles Lakers prefer to take their chances with their terrific trio of Elgin Baylor, Jerry West and Rudy Larusso.

It's paying off pretty well, too, with the Lakers closing in on the first-place St. Louis Hawks in the Western Division of the National Basketball association.

The Lakers downed the Detroit Pistons, 116-98, Sunday night with Baylor scoring 36 points and West and Larusso 26 each for a three-man total of 88. The game was close until late in the third period when Baylor led a breakaway from a 71-71 tie to an 82-74 Los Angeles lead.

The Syracuse Nationals defeated the Chicago Zephyrs, 110-107, and the Cincinnati Royals beat the San Francisco Warriors, 132-120, in other games.

Johnny Kerr had 22 points and four other players scored in double figures for the Nationals while Woody Saunders had 26 and Walt Bellamy had 24 for the Zephyrs.

Jack Twyman and Oscar Robertson scored 32 points each for the Royals while Wilt Chamberlain had 59 for the Warriors.

Houston Will Oppose Miami

Orlando, Fla. — (UPI) — The 17th annual Tangerine Bowl football game here Dec. 22 will pit Miami of Ohio against the University of Houston.

Chairman Ted Griffith of the charity bowl's committee said both accepted invitations Sunday.

He said the two teams will be the biggest football names ever to appear in the Tangerine Bowl.

Miami scored an impressive 10-7 upset over Purdue this season and took the University of Cincinnati Saturday, 38-16, to end its regular season with an 8-1 record.

Houston, with one game left, is 4-4.

Houston beat Florida State, Baylor, Texas A&M and Tulsa while losing to Mississippi, Alabama, Mississippi State and Boston College.

Houston faces Cincinnati Dec. 1.

State Titles Won By Hess, Brinson

Bruce Hess captured two swimming championships for Medford high and Jim Brinson the diving title for the Black Tornado on Saturday in the state-prep meet at Beaverton.

Their first places gave Medford 21 points and fourth place in boys' competition. Jill Crawford took fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100 free for three points, all Medford collected in the girls' rivalry.

Hess set a new record of 2:14.8 in winning the 200-yard individual medley. The old time was 2:15.4. He won the 100 freestyle in 1:18.

Reedsport won the boys' meet with 53 points. South Salem scored 25 and Sweet Home 24. Wilson gained the girls' team crown with 67 total. Beaverton was next with 49.

Hess, Brinson and Miss Crawford were the only Medford natators to qualify for finals in the stiff competition.

LOSE OR ELSE

Catania, Sicily — (UPI) — The visiting Massimilian team tied the local Leonzio soccer team Sunday night and the fans got mad. Five soccer players were hospitalized after the riot and police had to escort the referee out of town.

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Auto Goes Into Crowd At Phoenix

By JOHN D. KENDALL

Phoenix, Ariz. — Injury to 23 spectators when a car crashed into the crowd at Sunday's Bobby Ball 100-mile race cast a new cloud over the auto racing sport, but one official said today it could have been worse.

The blue and white HOW special, driven by Elmer George, bounced off another racer at the end of the stretch and crashed through a chain-link fence in front of the Fairgrounds grandstand.

"If the crash had been stronger," said promoter Mel Martin, "it would have flipped the car over and over into the people." He said this would have made for a higher injury toll.

But the accident as it occurred was one of the worst of the year in American auto racing.

George, of Speedway, Ind., son-in-law of Indianapolis Raceway owner Tony Holman, escaped with a deep shoulder laceration.

A dozen ambulances carried 17 persons to Good Samaritan hospital, including critically injured David James, 15, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Fred Gouthier, 59, Phoenix. Six

others were taken to St. Joseph's hospital. Several were released after emergency treatment.

The race was called immediately after the accident, with Bobby Marshman, Pottstown, Pa., declared the winner. A. J. Foyt, Houston, Tex. (was second and Lloyd Ruby, Houston, third.

George readily explained the cause of the accident, after inquiring about the condition of the injured. He said he bumped the back of a car driven by Chuck Hulse of Studio City, Calif., and hit the brakes to slow down.

But when he did, the car went into a spin, smashing through the fence into the spectator area where it flipped and landed face down.

STAUACH NAMED

San Francisco — The Big Six conference reached out of its own ranks today to honor Roger Staubach of Navy as its "back of the week" for his play against the University of Southern California. Although the Badgers are tied with Minnesota for the Big Ten Conference lead, but the Gophers are ineligible because they made the trip last season.

Fifth-ranked Texas can clinch the Southwest Conference championship and a Cotton Bowl invitation by defeating or holding Texas A & M to a tie on Thanksgiving Day. Texas reached the pivotal point by downing Texas Christian, 14-0, on Saturday to remain a half game in front of ninth-ranked Arkansas, a 9-7 winner over Southern Methodist.

Ole Miss Wins

Third-ranked Mississippi took undisputed possession of the Southeast Conference lead by topping Tennessee, 19-6, but may not clinch the title and the Sugar Bowl bid that could accompany it until Dec. 1 when the Rebels play Mississippi State.

Alabama, ranked second, dropped out of a tie for the SEC lead when Georgia Tech snapped the Crimson Tide's 19-game winning streak, 7-6.

Oklahoma moved into the Big Eight lead with a 13-0 victory over sixth-ranked Missouri and hopes to retain the front-running spot for an Orange Bowl engagement by whipping Nebraska this Saturday.

Gophers Edge Purdue

Seventh-ranked Minnesota, gearing for Saturday's showdown battle with Wisconsin, edged Purdue, 7-6, while

USC Still Needs To Cinch 'Best in West' Laurels

By HAL WOOD

UPI Sports Writer

It looks like Wisconsin and Southern California in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day — but the Trojans haven't clinched their crown as the "best team in the West."

USC, with an 8-0 record, still has two games to play — against UCLA on Saturday and Notre Dame the following week.

The Trojans are the Big Six champions. But the Big Six picks what it calls the "most representative" team on the basis of over-all play. Washington has a 7-1-1 record and still must play Washington State. And UCS beat the Huskies, 14-0.

"We've still got a chance," maintains coach Jim Owens of the Huskies.

Only A Ghost

But, inwardly, he must admit it's only a ghost.

Coach Johnny McKay's USC squad got off the floor to edge Navy, 13-6, on Saturday while UCLA was being drubbed by Washington, 30-0.

Their clash this coming week will attract about 60,000 fans to the Coliseum.

But the biggest crowd of the day probably will be at Berkeley, where 75,000 are expected to be on hand to see a California team that has a 1-8 record take on Stanford, 4-5.

This is the 65th renewal of the annual "big game" — a battle that always draws a crowd no matter what the records.

In the other major rivalries this week, Oregon, still hopeful of a bowl bid, takes on Oregon State and Washington meets Washington State.

WIN GOLF CAROUSEL

Southern Pines, N. C. — (UPI) — Pete Tufts of Pinehurst and Clyde Mangum of Southern Pines, operating as a team, won the Southern Pines Amateur Golf Carousels played on two courses Sunday.

Northwestern, tied with the Gophers in the ratings, lost all chances of a Big Ten title by bowing to Michigan State, 31-7.

Other Bowl aspirants turned in eye-catching victories. Penn State, which has received feelers from four bowl groups, routed Holy Cross, 48-20, and Duke clobbered Wake Forest, 30-0, for an unprecedented third Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Tenth-ranked Louisiana State shutout Mississippi State, 28-0, and Miami of Ohio won a Tangerine Bowl bid by clipping Cincinnati, 38-16.

Seventh-ranked Minnesota, gearing for Saturday's showdown battle with Wisconsin, edged Purdue, 7-6, while

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