

Fanfare

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Oregon City, Medford high's semi-final foe in football here next Friday night, has been recognized as the comeback team this season in the state's Class A-1 football circles. Last year the Pioneers did not score a victory. They lost eight games and tied one. This year they are unbeaten in 10 games. They have won nine and tied one.

The Pioneers are champs of the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley (TYV) league in which their record was 8-0-1. Oregon City's tie was 7 to 7 with Tigard. Most lopsided victory for the Pioneers was 56 to 0 over Dallas.

MEDFORD PROBLEM
A Portland prep writer told us last Friday that Medford's main "problem" this week will be not to take the Pioneers too lightly. Black Tornado Coach Fred Spiegelberg, as a measure to meet this problem, has come up with this slogan: "Remember David Douglas."

He thereby brings forth the recollection of 1960 when a great Tornado team was humbled by the spirited Scots of the Portland area school.

TOUGH GET GOING
Medford high's tremendous offensive fourth quarter march which brought it triumph over defending state champ Roseburg last Friday impressed many people. Coach Al Akins of Southern Oregon college's Oregon Collegiate grid champs came up with this old but applicable cliché:

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Okins added, "It's just like the Yanks. It's the sign of a true champion."

LOWERY INTERCEPTS

It was Jack Lowery who made the pass interception which helped Medford grid-diggers against Roseburg in the closing minutes. Our Sunday story said differently although Jack's name was in our notes. Hope we can change the miscue up to a particularly bad week end.

WORTHY TEAM

Any reluctance on the part of the Phoenix Pirates to be in the state playoffs as the representative of the Rogue league should be cast aside. We said a couple of weeks ago that we considered the Pirates a capable and worthy team. We are even more convinced after seeing the Buccaneers thump Elmira.

RUBBER GAME
It will be a "rubber" game when Phoenix and Central play at Phoenix Friday in the state A-2 semifinals. It will be their third meeting in playoffs. In 1960 Central beat the Pirates 26 to 14. Last fall Phoenix won 26 to 0 from the Pirates.

There's another angle. When Phoenix beat Central last year, it eliminated the defending state champion. Now, the Pirates go into the semi as defenders.

Central enters the scuffle unbeaten in eight games.

SHOULD PLAY RAIDERS

Back to Coach Akins. He feels that any team which is named by the Big 10 to play in the Rose Bowl should have to play his Southern Oregon Red Raiders to gain the right.

This is the way Akins figures:

Southern Oregon defeated Chico state which beat Nevada, which beat Whitier, which beat San Diego State, which beat San Jose State, which beat Washington State, which beat Indiana, which beat Wisconsin, which beat Northwestern. We did not ask Al if he had worked out how many touchdowns Southern

Oregon is better than Northwestern.

ONLY ONE SETBACK

In our bad week end we also wrote that Southern Oregon started the season with two losses. In truth, the Raiders opened with their victory over Chico and have lost only to Lewis and Clark in eight games.

REDISTRICTING

What about this redistricting?

We speak of the recommendation by the Oregon School Activities association redistricting committee to transfer Marshfield, North Bend and Roseburg from Class A-1 District 5 into District 6 for high school athletic competition.

Most of the reaction in this area has been negative and emotional. The proposed shift would put the three schools into the same district as Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Crater and Ashland.

So far, the Medford position has been that of the Southern Oregon conference, which recommended that, if a change is necessary, Roseburg only should be brought into this loop. However, School Superintendent Leonard Mayfield has indicated that he plans a meeting with the coaches to discuss what the Medford stand should be. This session must be soon. The proposal goes before the OSAA board of control on Dec. 1.

WOULD HELP MEDFORD

The Medford situation is this: With the growth of schools and leagues around the state, it is increasingly difficult for the Black Tornado to get football games in the fall. Obviously, the proposed shift would help much in solving this problem along with providing a schedule attractive to the fans. Right now, the redistricting looms as the only answer if Medford is to get football games — unless the Southern Oregon conference goes to a home and home slate each fall, setup which would provide little variety.

IN DISTRICT 5

What has brought the problem to a head is the fact that next fall present District 5 will have 10 schools with the addition of new Sheldon high at Eugene. That means that the seven schools of the Eugene area along with Roseburg, Marshfield and North Bend would have to play a nine game schedule among themselves. Since nine games is the OSAA regular season limit, there could be no football games with other schools. This would cut Marshfield from non-league schedules of Medford, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass plus North Bend and Roseburg from the Grants Pass slate. This is evidence that some change is necessary.

But, there is more than football to be considered — other sports, the size of schools and the travel matters.

COMPACT LEAGUE

SOMETHING FOR SOMEBODY ELSE TO WORRY ABOUT.

CRATER, ASHLAND SUFFER

Hit hardest, so far as competition is concerned if the proposal goes through would be Crater and Ashland, who already have it tough enough as small schools facing three big ones. And, then there's

power-mad people upstate, whose knowledge of Oregon geography ends at Lane county line. When a school no longer has control over the scheduling of athletic contests, then it's time to close up shop.

"Nobody denies the problem in working out redistricting formulas that will provide well balanced leagues and still allow for future expansion as new schools are cropping up hither and yon almost daily and A-2 schools are rapidly growing to join the ranks of the A-1 division. It's going to take a lot of study and we feel that there is some realignment that is really necessary, but it should benefit all concerned, not just one particular little group, whose apparent knowledge of Oregon geography is confined to the Lane county line. From where we sit, it looks like all the nuts won't be in the fruit cake for this holiday season."

Aside from the caliber of competition and economics is the question of just who is running the athletic programs, the schools or some

Second Annual AFL All-Star Game Scheduled

San Diego, Calif. — (UPI) — The second annual American Football League All-Star game, between the top performers of the eastern and western divisions, again will be held at San Diego.

Sponsors announced Monday that the game would be held Jan. 13 at Balboa stadium — home of the AFL San Diego Chargers and site of the first game last year. The West won that one, 47-27.

The nationally televised game is sponsored by the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce to benefit local charities. Coaches and players will be selected later.

that travel matter particularly rough on Klamath Falls and intensified for Roseburg, North Bend and Marshfield.

STILL DISSATISFACTION

No matter how the OSAA sees fit to "solve" the redistricting problem, there will be dissatisfaction. Even now, the setup is not ideal. District 6, for instance, just five teams now because of its geography, gets an even break with much larger conferences in sending representation into state playoffs.

Perhaps, there should be some give and take so that the problems could be shared. It's been suggested that Springfield, Thurston, Cottage Grove and Roseburg could be put in District 6. We have been told, however, that if such a move was decreed by the OSAA, the Eugene area schools would withdraw from OSAA competition and not go along with this redistricting. Seems a rather selfish attitude to take. "We won't play unless we have our way."

ANOTHER PLAN

Nevertheless, it may come to letting those schools have their way. How about this idea? Put Marshfield and North Bend into District 8 with North and South Salem, Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon and Sweet Home and place Roseburg in District 6. That would not be quite so rough on this district.

METRO CLASS

One solution proposed on the redistrict issue has been the addition of a metropolitan class for the bigger schools of the state along with possible readjustment in the average daily membership figures which determine which class a school will be in. Schools over 1,000 ADM would be in metro competition. Medford Superintendent Mayfield has suggested that, perhaps, a variance could be applied. When a school reaches 1,000 under this plan, it could have the option of going metro or staying A-1. After the school reached an enrollment of say 1,200 metropolitan classification would be mandatory.

ELIMINATE PLAYOFFS

Another course would be to eliminate all playoffs. One writer commented that, if this were done, there would be no more use for an OSAA. To him, the idea seemed appealing.

PRESCOTT COMMENTS

Most vehement in his outcry on the redistricting matter has been Speed Prescott, sports writer for the Ashland Daily Tidings. He said:

"The whole idea has received a cool reception from most Southern Oregon conference schools. Klamath Falls is especially vehemently against the proposition because of the vast amount of travel involved, which is exactly how the whole thing originated. The upstate schools don't want to travel more than a stone's throw from their own ballpark, but it's okay for other schools to have to do it, Marshfield and Roseburg, along with North Bend aren't very happy about it either. We can't imagine anyone in their right mind wanting to get into the same league with Medford and Grants Pass. It seems bad enough to have to play 'em in the playoffs. Of course, that's just what the upstaters would like to see. Under the proposed realignment, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Marshfield and even Klamath Falls would beat each other brains out during the season and only one would get into the playoffs, thus practically assuring one of the Eugene schools a quarterfinal berth at least, as enrollment-wise they would be the tops in the district."

"The whole thing is especially distasteful to Ashland and Crater, as the caliber of competition is rough enough in this league for the smaller schools without the addition of three more tough outfits. And, moreover, is the economic problem encountered in sending basketball, baseball and track squads to Marshfield, Medford and Grants Pass do not have quite as acute a problem, but from what we've been able to learn, neither city is too hot about the idea."

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SPORTS



IN SOC BACKFIELD—Mike Hood, above, ex-Medford high, will be in the Southern Oregon college backfield when the Raiders take on Whitworth at Central Point at noon in a Thanksgiving day football game. Hood is a triple threat with his running, passing and pass catching. He had a big hand in SOC's victory last Saturday over Weber.



WHITWORTH DEFENDER—Fred Shaffer, above is a defensive end for the Whitworth college football team which plays Southern Oregon college on Thursday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving day, at Crater high stadium at Central Point. A senior, Shaffer is 6-2 and 230 pounds. The two-year letterman senior holds the NAIA discus toss record. He has speed to go with his size and strength. The game will be at noon.

Oregon Players See Ohio St. Game Films

Eugene, Ore. — (UPI) — Coach Len Casanova of the University of Oregon Ducks concentrated on offense Tuesday and planned to work on defense Wednesday to prepare his team for its traditional battle with the Oregon State Beavers Saturday.

The Ducks held a light running drill Monday and watched movies of their 26-7 rout by Ohio State. However, Casanova said his team came through the battle without serious injury.

RULES OUT DOWNES

New York — (UPI) — Jersey Jones, manager of middleweight champion Dick Tiger, said Monday that Terry Downes of England will not be an opponent for his fighter until Downes regains the British middleweight title.

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Ducks Have Chance Yet

Eugene — (UPI) — "I don't think we're out of the running for a major bowl bid. But we're certainly going to have to beat Oregon State to be considered."

Disappointed Oregon football coach Len Casanova spoke these words today as the Ducks began getting ready to end their regular season against the Beavers following a 26-7 loss to Ohio State at Columbus Saturday.

The loss was the second against six wins and a tie in nine games for Oregon.

"Our loss to Ohio State hurt our chances for an invitation," Casanova said. "But our record is pretty good and our schedule is tough. I definitely think we still have a chance for a bid."

However, Casanova pointed out "I really don't know the thinking of these bowl people."

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Whitworth Tangle Thursday Big Test For SO Red Raiders

The big test for the Raiders this year.

That is what Coach Al Akins foresees for his Southern Oregon college football team when it concludes its campaign in a noontime game on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, Nov. 22.

The Red Raiders of the Rogue lake on Whitworth college at Crater High stadium in Central Point.

This fracas will match the champions of two conferences. Southern Oregon won the Oregon Collegiate crown and Whitworth of Spokane, Wash., the Evergreen.

Akins looks for "a real tough game from the Whits." He indicated that, if the weather allows, his Raiders will do a lot of throwing.

Six Game Strings
Southern Oregon goes into the contest with a 7-1 record while Whitworth is 6-2. Both teams are riding on six-game winning streaks. The Pirates rested last week end while the Raiders were battling by tough Weber college 26-3.

Pirate statistics are impressive. In the NAIA release of Nov. 15 Chuck Reed, Whit, was fifth in the nation in individual rushing. He has carried the ball 139 times for 965 yards and a 120.6 per game average. In team rushing the Buccaneers were 25th nationwide. They have averaged 347.6 yards in total offense. For team defense the Spokane club ranked 12th. They have allowed opponents an average of 151.9 yards per game. In United Press International small collegiate ratings, at last report, the Whits had 15th spot.

Whitworth has a reputation for strong teams. The Pirates gained fourth ranking of Associated Press in 1961.

But the Raiders do not take a back seat with their stats. Bennett leading.

Kern Bennett is leading ground gainer for the Raiders. He has carried the ball 99 times and has gained 438 yards. The speedy halfback is also leading the Raiders in the scoring department, with a total of 60 points.

In passing Doug Olsen has attempted 175 and completed 100 for 1,403 yards and 13 touchdowns. The leading pass receivers on the squad are Howard Hartman and Dave Hughes. Hartman has caught 50 for 684 yards and seven touchdowns. Hughes has taken 31 for 385 yards and six TD's.

Southern Oregon's defensive unit has allowed the opponents a total of 1,523 yards, an average of 190.4 per game. The Raiders have given up 725 yards rushing and 798 passing. In team rushing defense the Raiders are ranked 21st in the nation.

The Raiders have been required to punt only 17 times this season, with freshman Denny Ellis doing the booting. He has a 33.9 average.

Hood To Play
Only loss this season by the Raiders has been 20-7 to a strong Northwest conference. Whitworth dropped its first two frays, 48-7 to Fresno State and 7-0 to University of Puget Sound. The Bucs since have avenged the UPS loss.

Thursday's game will mark the second game of the season for ex-Medford High halfback Mike Hood. He was ineligible, as a transfer, before the Weber fray. Against the Utah club he got the Red Raiders on the scoreboard with a pass to Dave Hughes.

He was also the leading ground gainer for SOC on 10 carries for 63 yards. Hood also caught two passes for 15 yards.

The three B-boys from Central Point will be in their last SOC football game together Thursday on the Crater field. Seniors Doyle Branson, Al Barnes and Bennett have helped the Raiders to a successful season. Bennett is followed in rushing by Barnes who has carried the ball 71 times for 317 yards and Branson who has carried 42 tries for 223.

Head coach Sam Adams of

Mid-November Golf Is Attraction At White City

White City — Golf in mid-November has been another attraction of the Rogue valley at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary as member golfers and volunteers of the United Voluntary services continued competitive team play, according to Al Birman, chief of the domiciliary sports program.

Steve Mostowski, member who runs the pitch and putt course, turned in eight birdies for a four under par for 13 holes and a gross score of 50.

The first matches had volunteers from the Rogue Valley Country club including Mrs. Les Schneider, Mrs. Ren Taylor, Mrs. Randall Gifford, Mrs. Ken Teeter and Mrs. Tom Culbertson.

With an average low gross of 63 for 18 holes, the team led by Mrs. Gifford included Steve Mostowski, Gerald Frey and Dan Yarno was low.

Mrs. Taylor's team with an average 57½ garnered the laurels for low net which included the members' handicaps. Lester Termin and sharp shooting Archie Peterson, who had a two under par 52, were Taylor's companions.

The second day of play had volunteers Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Bill Schei, Mrs. F. G. Bunch and Mrs. Al Williams.

The Bunch team, which leads VA golf, turned in a low gross of 237 — a 64½ average and a 228 net or an average of 57. It included Archie Peterson, Henry Houle and John Lee.

Peterson, playing without a handicap, had a 54 low gross for a second placing net score.

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