Oregon City's Pioneers Invade Medford for Semifinal on Friday

An Oregon City High school football contingent which is "looking forward to coming down there" will invade Medford on Friday night.

An Oregon Class A-1 semifinal game is the occasion. The Pioneers will go against the Medford Black Tornado. Kickoff at the senior high school stadium is billed for 8 p.m.

Prize to the victor will be a jaunt to Portland's Multnomah stadium for the finale for the championship of the state.

Medford carried the favorite designation as the state's No. 1 ranked team. Oregon City ranked ninth in the polls. But, Coach Tom Keele feels his Pioneers will give Medford "a whale of a ball game." He said yesterday that his players are looking forward to the trip.

Capable Material

The Tualatin-Yamhill Valley league, of which Oregon City is the champ, has been looked upon as one of the state's lesser A-1 circuits. Yet, Keele says, "I think our boys have really got the type of material capable of playing in any league."

Both teams enter the skirmish with unbeaten records. The Pioneers in 10 games have been once-tied. And, both squads have tough defenses. Keele, while recognizing Medford's strong defensive reputation, remarked that he felt his team has fair defense, too.

Medford was unscored upon in the first seven of its nine frays. Oregon City has held six foes without a touchdown, including the last five. Only 13 points have been tallied against the Black Tornado and just 40 against the Pioneers. The top Tornado defensive unit has permitted just one touchdown. Two of six run over against the Pioneers were against the offensive crew.

First Semifinal

Offensively, the Oregon City club has run up 238 points in 10 games and Medford 212 in nine.

Tomorrow evening's conflict matches a playoff veteran Medford school against an Oregon City aggregation giving its school its first state gridiron elimination venture in 12 years. Medford is back in the semifinals for the fourth time in five years. It was sidelined last year by a drawing after a three-way southern Oregon conference tie. This is Oregon City's first time as a semifinalist. A Pioneer team was a quarterfinalist back in 1950.

How does the Black Tornado look toward the battle?

"They want to go to Portland," reported Coach Fred Spiegelberg. "I think the kids know the seriousness of this game," he said. "It would be disaster if they lost." The mentor this week has been pointing to a two-year-old lesson. In 1960 a good and fired up David Douglas team spilled one of Medford's all-time great teams in the semifinals.

The probable starting lineup as listed by Keele, shows that the Pioneers will have more heft than Medford in their wing T offensive starting line. There are three 200 pounders and only one of the seven forwards is under 180 pounds. Keele listed R. J. Hudson, 6-4½ and 216, at center, and Dennis Brown, 205, and Mike Christensen, 206, at tackles. Backfield weight is average. Hudson was the only defensive starter named by Keele who is more than 200.

The Pioneers are ambitious to continue a rags to riches story. Last season the Oregon City team recorded one tie but failed to win a game.

Leo Davis in the Portland Oregonian said last week that Oregon City has written the "comeback story of the year." He added, "Tim Jones, Gary Kmetic and Ron (R. J.) Hudson have been the standouts but this has been a team, rather than an individual effort."

Team play also has carried Medford far.

The Oregon City football team was to arrive here today. It has a workout scheduled for 3 p.m. Medford gridders had their drill this morning.

PROBABLE STARTERS

Oregon City Offense—Rick Seckne and Gary Estes, ends; Dennis Brown and Mike Christensen, tackles; Bernie Carlson and Rick Bonniksen, guards; R. J. Hudson, center; Tim Jones, quarterback; Dave Bass, left halfback; Ted Clinton, right halfback; Denny Weller, fullback.

Oregon City Defense—Positions not listed: Jones, Ed Gettel, Brian Taylor, Weller, Bass, Dennis Hudson, R. J. Hudson, Gary Kmetic; Carlson, Bill Bonniksen, Corky Edens.

Medford Offense—Lloyd Hammons and Gibb Mitchell, ends; Gary Miller and Jeff Hardrath, tackles; Jim Snodgrass and Jerry Fann, guards; Darryl Stockton, center; Dan Miles, quarterback; Jack Lowery, left halfback; Mike Barnes, right halfback; Mike Watkins, fullback.

Medford Defense—Bill Houston and Roy Shaw, ends; Mike Mayfield and John Shaw, tackles; Brian Petersen and Karol Ritchey or Terry Winstrout, guards; Gary Griffin and Bill Enyart, linebackers; Jack Lowery, Rich Knight and Mike Neathamer, safeties.

TORNADO LINEMAN—Jim Snodgrass, above, a 152-pound guard, is a regular offensive lineman for the Medford High school football team. He is among the seniors on the Black Tornado squad who'll make their last home grid appearance of their MHS careers on Friday night. Medford will play Oregon City in an Oregon A-1 semifinal with the victor to go on against either Jefferson or North Salem.

Vanishing Deer Discussion Set

Central Point—Central Point Sportsmen's club will hold its monthly meeting at its club house here at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26.

Officers for the coming year will be nominated.

A discussion will be held on the reported vanishing deer population and the findings arrived at through this discussion will be submitted to the state game commission.

District Court Judge Loren L. Sawyer will speak on the game laws and their enforcement.

Betterment of the club house and grounds as well as establishment of an archery range will be matters on the agenda.

Donald S. Milligan and Edwin H. Hawkins will show two films depicting the wild like of Canada.

Members are urged to bring their friends.

Refreshments will be served.

SIGNER RESIGNS

Portland —UPI— Bob Signer, head football coach at Lincoln High school here since 1954, said Wednesday he has resigned his coaching position. Signer will continue at the school as an instructor in social studies. He will be succeeded in the football post by Bob Brown, who has been his assistant for the past three seasons.

Band, Precision Groups Coming For Grid Game

Two special girls' groups and the Oregon City high band will be in Medford on Friday in support of the Pioneer football team.

The girls' groups are the Marching Forty Niners, a precision marching group, and he Dancing Majorettes, another precision group of 24. For the past five years the Majorettes have been featured at the East-West Shrine football game at Pendleton.

The Forty Niners were organized in 1949 by Erv Lesser, Oregon City band director, who was formerly at Ashland.

Oregon City's band will put on a pre-game show and Medford high band will perform at halftime in the "Hill Billy Hit Parade," which will have square dancing by the pep club and majorettes and dance steps by the band.

Ex-Bowling Green Hoopsters Reports Receiving $1,000

New York—UPI—A former basketball player at Bowling Green (Ohio) university testified this week in the state Supreme Court that he received $1,000 from Jack Molinas to "fix" a game against Canisius college on Dec. 3, 1960.

William Dennis Reed, 25, told Justice Joseph A. Sarafite and a jury of eight men and four women that he received the money for helping Bowling Green lose the game to Canisius by at least nine points. Canisius won the game played at Buffalo, N.Y.

Molinas, a former college star at Columbia university, is accused of being a "mastermind" in the fixing of 25 college basketball games in several states. Now a practicing attorney, Molinas was barred from the National Basketball association during his rookie season for betting on his own team.

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SPORTS

Stuart Traded To Boston Sox

Pittsburgh—UPI— The Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday traded first baseman Dick Stuart and relief pitcher Jack Lamabe to the Boston Red Sox for pitcher Don Schwall and catcher Jim Pagliaroni in the first big deal of the interleague trading period.

Pirate general manager Joe Brown announced the trade, the second in three days for his club. On Monday he obtained pitcher Don Cardwell and shortstop Julio Gotay from the St. Louis Cardinals for shortstop Dick Groat and relief pitcher Diomedes Olivio.

HOCKEY

WESTERN LEAGUE
United Press International

Southern Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
L. Angeles	12	5	0	24	63	45
Portland	11	6	0	22	64	43
Spokane	8	8	0	16	39	38
S. Francisco	6	11	0	16	64	58

Northern Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	4	1	21	49	39
Seattle	8	7	1	17	47	34
Edmonton	6	12	0	12	51	72
Calgary	4	16	0	8	47	79

Wednesday's Results
Los Angeles 4, Vancouver 2
Portland 5, Edmonton 1
Spokane 2, Seattle 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	10	3	3	23	46	30
Chicago	8	5	5	21	50	44
Toronto	9	7	1	19	52	50
Montreal	6	6	4	16	47	48
New York	6	10	2	14	53	62
Boston	1	9	5	7	40	56

Wednesday's Results
New York 4, Boston 2

DEFENSE WORK

Eugene —UPI— The Oregon football team concentrated on defense Wednesday in preparation for Saturday's game with Oregon State at Corvallis. The Ducks worked mostly on pass defense, anticipating plenty of throwing by OSU quarterback Terry Baker. Oregon has allowed only two touchdown passes this season and has intercepted 16 aerials. Another rough workout was scheduled today. Coach Len Casanova said the team has no injury problem.

Red Raiders End Slate

Central Point — Once-beaten Southern Oregon closed out its football season against Whitworth here today.

The Red Raiders, who captured the Oregon Collegiate conference title, went into the Thanksgiving Day game with a 7-1 record. Whitworth went into the contest with a 6-2 mark.

Kickoff was at noon.

BEAVERS DRILL

Corvallis —UPI— Coach Tommy Prothro sent the Oregon State Beavers through a lengthy football workout Wednesday. The Beavers concentrated on defense during the practice session in preparation for their game against archrival Oregon here Saturday. Oregon State goes into its final contest of the regular season with a 7-2 record.

Washington Gridders Head in Statistics

San Francisco —UPI— The state of Washington has a near monopoly in leaders in the Big Six football conference, according to statistics released Wednesday.

Washington State university leads in four categories while the University of Washington tops the lists in another department.

The WSU leaders are George Reed, scoring, 60 points; Dave Mathieson, total offense with 995 yards and 1,109 in passing; and Hugh Campbell in receiving with 47 passes caught for 671 yards and six touchdowns.

Junior Coffey of the Huskies is the rushing leader with 523 yards in 83 carries for a 6.3 average; and Ernie Jones of USC is the punting leader among the regulars with an average of 39.7 yards per kick.

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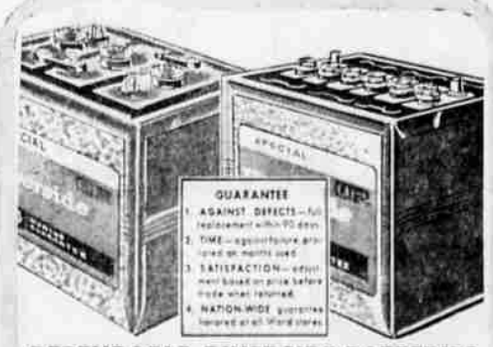

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