

Black Tornado, Pioneers Mix in Semifinals

Lions Burst Bubble of Green Bay

By CLARK HALLAS
 Detroit—(UPI)—The bubble of perfection guarded so dearly by the mighty Green Bay Packers finally has burst. But don't count Vince Lombardi's charges out yet.

If, as Lombardi suggests, their 26-14 defeat at the hands of the Detroit Lions Thursday was good medicine, they could make short work of the dwindling National Football league season.

"I don't think anyone expected us to go undefeated, including me," Lombardi said before the nationally televised game.

"But I think this loss will make us a better team. We're still in first place. The object in this league is not to win it all, but to finish first."

The Packers, riding an 18-game winning streak that included six exhibitions, hoped to clinch a share of their third straight Western Division title before an overflow Tiger Stadium crowd of 57,500—second largest Detroit football throng in history. It was not that easy, and the defense-minded Lions still feel it is possible to creep in through the back door.

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the most vicious charges ever put on by a Lion defensive line. Time after time he sparked the onslaught that dunned quarterback Bart Starr and fullback Jim Taylor. Brown set up one Lion touchdown when he forced Starr to fumble and also tackled the quarterback in the end zone for a safety.

Moments after Currie's second score, Sam Williams grabbed Starr's fumble and ran it four yards into the end zone for another touchdown. Wayne Upp's third conversion kicked the Lions lead to 21-0, and later they walked off the field at halftime with a 23-0 margin on Brown's safety.

JOINS WEST SQUAD
 Logan, Utah—(UPI)—Tackle Lionel Aldridge of Utah State will play for the West in the annual East-West Shrine game in San Francisco. Aldridge is a 6-4 235-pounder.

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Probable Offensive Lineups
MEDFORD-OREGON CITY HIGH FOOTBALL
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No.	Name	Wgt.	Pos.	Wgt.	Name	No.
88	Gibb Mitchell	170	LE	181	Rick Seckne	86
73	Jeff Hardrath	196	LT	205	Dennis Brown	75
68	Jerry Fann	190	LG	180	Bernie Carlson	66
50	Darryl Stockton	185	C	216	R. J. Hudson	54
62	Jim Snodgrass	152	RG	187	Rick Bonnicksen	64
74	Gary Miller	185	RT	206	Christensen	77
81	Lloyd Hammons	182	RE	163	Gary Estes	80
13	Dan Miles	160	QB	172	Tim Jones	24
20	Jack Lowery	182	LB	150	Dave Bass	46
24	Mike Barnes	155	RH	142	Ted Clinton	44
45	Mike Watkins	160	FB	175	Denny Weiler	43

A-1 Playoff Tussle Here Tonight

Football season at the Medford High school stadium closes out tonight with a titanic struggle between two unbeaten teams.

The Medford Black Tornado and the Oregon City Pioneers are opponents in an Oregon Class A-1 semifinal conflict. Opening kick is billed for 8 p.m.

At stake is a berth in next week end's championship finale in Portland's Multnomah stadium. The other finalist will be either North Salem or Jefferson of Portland. They are foes also tonight on a Salem field.

Oregon City seeks to add further brilliance to a rag-to-riches season. The Pioneers of 1961 did not win a game. This season's 10-tilt record is marred only by a tie. Now, Oregon City, champion of the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley league, is a gridiron semifinalist for the first time in the history of the school.

Medford, missing from state playoff only once since 1953, is a semifinalist for the fifth time in seven seasons. The Black Tornado is bidding for state titular laurels after last year's crown in 1959.

Tussle in Sand

Tornado gridders go on the field as favorites as the state's No. 1 rated team in all polls. Oregon City also was among the rated. Pollsters ranked the Pioneers ninth. But the District 4 team likely is paying little heed to ratings. Coach Tom Keele has informed a Portland writer that his Big Red was not going south for the climate. He has said he feels his Pioneers capable of playing in any league.

The game tonight may go down in history as "the tussle in the sand." Mud was scraped from the center of the field from hash mark to hash mark this week and replaced with sand in effort to provide better footing for the fray. Plastic covers then were spread. Medford Head Coach Fred Spiegelberg remarked, "The field is untried. It will be strange footing for both teams."

Medford's Big Twister will battle with its well-rounded multiple offense. Oregon City will retaliate with a wing T attack. Generals for the Black Tornado are Dan Miles and Mike Neathamer, both passing and running threats. They operate with Jack Lowery, Frank Van Pelt, Mike Watkins, Mike Barnes, Tim Murray and Greg Gandee as other rushers. Lloyd Hammons, Lowery, Barnes and Gibb Mitchell are main targets in the aerial game.

The Pioneers have Tim Jones at quarterback with Dave Bass, Ted Clinton and Denny Weiler as other running backs. At the ends are 6-4 Rick Seckne and Gary Estes.

Defensive Might

Both clubs have defensive might, with Medford showing the top record among the state's big schools and Oregon City right close. The Tornado, uncovered upon its first seven games this fall, has allowed but two touchdowns—one in each of its last two games. The last five teams the Pioneers have faced, plus one other adversary, failed to cross the Oregon City goal. Six touchdowns were scored among four foes.

The Pioneers this fall have defeated Dallas 56 to 0, Forest Grove 14 to 7, St. Helens 22 to 7, McMinnville 30 to 19, West Linn 16 to 0, Newberg 46 to 0, Lake Oswego 27 to 0, Tillamook 13 to 0 and Jesuit 7 to 0. They tied Tigard 7 to 7. Jesuit was the quarterfinal rival.

Medford has won from 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, Ashland 48 to 0, Grants Pass 14 to 6 and Roseburg 14 to 7.

The Pioneers will have the weight edge on the line and Medford among the backs. There are three starters over 200 pounds in the Oregon City offensive line. Medford has no left like that.

SUGAR SEEKS REMATCH

New York—(UPI)—Sugar Ray Robinson will return to Europe early next year to prepare for a return bout with Terry Downes of England in March. The 42-year-old Robinson, former middleweight and welterweight champion, returned Wednesday on a European tour during which he lost to Downes and defeated two unranked fighters.



FULLBACK FOR MHS—Mike Watkins, above, is a hard running fullback for the Medford High Black Tornado which opposes Oregon City here this evening in a state A-1 football semifinal. He is a 160-pound senior—(Landis photo).

IN DEFENSIVE LINE—Mike Mayfield, above, 194-pound junior, is a stalwart of the Medford defensive line which faces Oregon City high here tonight in an Oregon playoff game—(Landis photo).

SPORTS

Webfoots, Beavers Clash on Saturday

Corvallis—(UPI)—Oregon and Oregon State, a couple of the nation's most explosive offensive teams, renew their football rivalry Saturday with the winner expected to get some kind of a bowl invitation.

The Ducks, who have a 6-2-1 record, are favored by two points against the host Beavers, who own a 7-2 mark. A capacity crowd of around 28,000 is forecast for the game at Parker Stadium here.

Oregon State and Oregon rank second and fourth in total offense in the country. The Beavers have rolled up an average of 392.1 yards per game and the Ducks have averaged 367.2 yards per contest.

Two of the Pacific Coast's top All-American candidates will match talents. They are Oregon State quarterback Terry Baker and Oregon halfback Mel Renfro.

High School Teammates
 Baker, a senior, leads the nation in total offense with 2,150 yards, 1,648 by passing, and Renfro, a junior, has picked up 678 by rushing. They were high school teammates at Jefferson of Portland.

Junior end Vern Burke is Baker's favorite target and is first in the nation in pass receiving. He has caught 66 passes for 987 yards.

The Beavers have rolled up wins over University of Pacific, Stanford, West Virginia, Washington State, Idaho and

Colorado State. They suffered losses to Iowa and Washington.

Oregon goes into the contest following a beating by Ohio State at Columbus. The Ducks also lost to Texas and were tied by Washington.

Tickets on Sale For Grudge Bout Thursday Night
 Reserved seat tickets went on sale today for next Thursday night's grudge match on the wrestling mat at Medford armory. The tickets are at Lampport's Sporting Goods store in Medford.

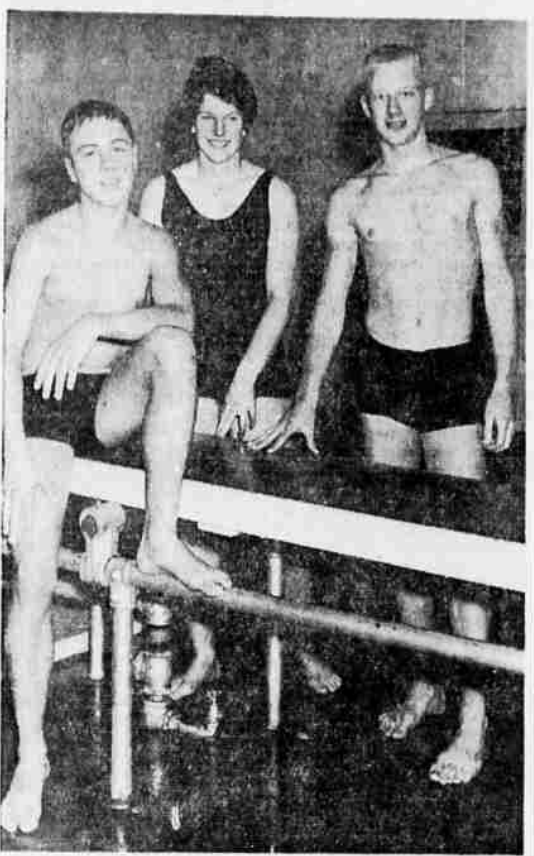
The match pits Nick Kozak, the airplane spin artist, against Haru Sasaki, a judo specialist. The grudge developed on the Nov. 8 card when Kozak, in street clothes, jumped into the ring to break up a Japanese sleeper hold which Sasaki had applied to Tony Evans and which he refused to break.

Two other matches will complete the card, which will start at 8:30 p.m.

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SCORE IN SWIM MEET—These three members of the Medford High school swimming team scored points for the Black Tornado last week end in the state swimming meet at Beaverton. From left are Jim Brinson, state diving champion; Jill Crawford, fifth in 50-yard freestyle and sixth in 100 free, and Bruce Hess, state champ in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 freestyle. He set a state record of 2:14.8 in the medley.

Texas Gains Bowl Spot

United Press International
 Texas and Arkansas once again will represent the South-west conference in major bowl games on New Year's Day and Miami (Fla.) presumably can have its pick of two post-season engagements if it gets by Northwestern tonight.

Texas, ranked fourth in the UPI major college football ratings, sewed up the South-west conference championship and the host berth in the Cotton Bowl on Thursday by rallying for a 13-3 victory over Texas A&M behind third-string quarterback Johnny Gemung.

Only minutes after the Longhorns completed their first unbeaten season in 39 years, Arkansas accepted a bid to the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, where the Razorbacks dropped a 10-3 decision to Alabama last Jan. 1.

Texas also will be making its second straight appearance in the Cotton Bowl. The Longhorns beat Mississippi, 12-7, in the Dallas Classic on last New Year's Day.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 United Press International
 Eastern Division

W.	L.	Pct.	
Syracuse	11	3	786
Boston	13	2	865
Chicago	10	7	580
New York	5	14	263

Western Division

W.	L.	Pct.	
St. Louis	11	7	611
Los Angeles	11	7	611
San Francisco	8	8	500
Chicago	4	13	253
Detroit	3	13	200

Thursday's Results
 St. Louis 106, Detroit 91
 Syracuse 130, Boston 120
 Los Angeles 134, Cincinnati 110

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.	
Long Beach	5	0	1000
Pittsburgh	2	2	500
Kansas City	3	3	500
Philadelphia	2	3	400
Oakland	2	4	333
Chicago	2	5	286

Thursday's Results
 Long Beach 106, Oakland 88
 Kansas City 111, Chicago 83

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE
 United Press International

W.	L.	T.	Pts.	GF	GA
Detroit	10	4	23	46	33
Chicago	9	5	23	44	44
Toronto	9	7	19	32	51
Montreal	7	6	4	38	50
New York	7	10	8	36	61
Boston	1	10	5	7	41

Thursday's Results
 New York 7, Boston 1
 Chicago 4, Toronto 6
 Montreal 3, Detroit 0

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SPORTSCASTS

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Radio Station KWIN will broadcast the Phoenix-Central high state playoff game this evening.

Titans Tip Denver Club

United Press International
 The Boston Patriots, still involved in a tight race for the championship of the Eastern Division, are four-point favorites to down the Buffalo Bills in their American Football league clash tonight.

In Sunday's games, Houston (7-3), which paces the division, plays the San Diego Chargers (3-7) at Houston and Dallas (8-2) entertains Oakland (0-10). The San Diego-Houston Oiler game will be televised (ABC) nationally.

Dallas is a 20-point favorite and Houston is a 13-point favorite.

Boston 6-3-1, handicapped by the loss of quarterback Babe Parilli for the remainder of the season, needs a victory over Buffalo to keep on the Western trail.

The Western Division was virtually decided before a national television audience on Thursday, when the New York Titans (5-6) edged the Denver Broncos (7-5) at Denver, 46-45. Dallas can clinch at least a tie for the title by defeating Oakland on Sunday.

It was a bitter windup of the home season for the Broncos, who were in strong contention for the Western division honors until dropping four of their last five games, including four straight before the home fans. Denver plays its remaining two games at Houston and Dallas.

LINFIELD RANKED 8TH
 Kansas City—(UPI)—Linfield was ranked eighth in the nation in the final NAIA football poll Thursday. Central Oklahoma State was rated first. Linfield finished its season last week end with an 8-0-1 record.

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