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SPORTS

IV Cougars Tackle Phoenix Pirates in Rogue Loop Crucial

CAVE JUNCTION—Ambitions for "an upset of major proportions," the Illinois Valley Cougars will be hosts on Friday night for a crucial football contest which looms as the "Rogue league game of the year."

IV will engage the Phoenix High Pirates, who have taken the District A diadem for four successive seasons. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m.

Winner is expected to go on into the Oregon Class A-2 quarterfinals. Each has won four Rogue league conflicts and the two schools are the only ones left unbeaten in league play.

Said Cougar Coach Bill Stewart: "I think that we have to play our very best ball of the year to stand a chance of winning against Phoenix. If we can win, it will be an upset of major proportions and I think season records will point this out."

Stewart reported also that "for the first time this year we will have all our players ready for action except possibly for Walt Ziesche, a senior wingback, who is still hobbled by an early season foot fracture. Walt may see some duty on defense."

Last year a big share of the Cougar attack was passing. This season, Illinois Valley has the running game to go with the aerial bombs of quarterback Darryl Gellert. Fullback Ron Thornhill and halfback John Baumgardner are fine runners as is the quarterback, himself. End Terry McNaught, wingback Ron Kentfield and Baumgardner are targets for Gellert passes.

A rival Rogue league coach has mentioned that IV has its best line in years and perhaps a better backfield than it's had. IV will go against a Pirate squad which Coach Jack Woodward feels is the best he's had at Phoenix. The Bucs have a depth of personnel, particularly in the line, and with that depth they have versatile power on the ground. Jim Consbruck, Jon Granby, Dennis Grennan, Ron Williams and Dale Sauer are chief backfield threats in a T and single wing offense.

Phoenix Bated No. 1 Phoenix for several weeks has been rated A-2 No. 1 in statewide prep football polls. Illinois Valley this week drew eighth and ninth spots in the rankings. Thornhill is the leading IV rusher with 574 yards in 100 carries, a 5.74-yard average. Baumgardner has a 4.73 average for 260 yards on 55 totes. Gellert has 300 yards for 42 times for 7.14 and Kentfield 102 on eight for 12.7.

Gellert has a 63.4 per cent completion average on 46 connections on 86 throws. He has 599 yards on passing for an average of 13 yards. McNaught has gathered in 19 passes for 320 yards, Kentfield 18 for 181 and Baumgardner six for 81. Thornhill has scored 10 touchdowns and 10 extra points for 70 points total. Gellert has nine touchdowns for 54. McNaught has 21 points, Kentfield 18 and Baumgardner six.

Eagle Pointers To Face Sacred Heart Footballers

EAGLE POINT — Eagle Point High School football team, with only one victory in four games this season, will try to highlight its school's Homecoming this week end with triumph No. 2.

The Eagles entertain Sacred Heart at 8 p.m. on Friday night. Sacred Heart is reported an improving aggregation although suffering as the doormat of the circuit. The Klamath Falls team still will be after its first victory of the year.

"We're eager," said Coach Vern Stewart concerning his Eagle team. He remarked that "the boys' attitude and spirit remains pretty good after they've been kicked over" this fall.

Blocking and Tackling The Eagles had no practice on Monday but they had a lot of blocking and tackling work Tuesday and yesterday. Today it was to be offense and review.

Steward pointed out that statistics point up the dominance of Eagle foes this season. Rivals have outscored, outyardaged and out-first-downed them. EP has tumbled oftener and lost the ball oftener that way than the opposition.

Steward indicated that several starting positions for Friday still are uncertain. He said that for defense it's a choice among Dwayne Hawkins, Dale Herrmann and Dan Loper for one of the guard spots with Vic other. For one defensive end Steward is trying to pick from among Wouter Leuvenburgh, Bob Corliss, Dennis Murphy and Terry Dmith with Dave Blair to be at the other.

At Linebacker At the linebackers it may be Dan Colcleaser and possibly Dale Chamberlain with Mike House and Frank Charley also seeing duty. Three deep backs are to be picked from among Gary Young, Art Harbison, Bob Colpitts, Skip Algeo and Dan Wood.

At tackle positions the probable are Bill Ayres and Morgan Miller. Offensively the lineup could be Blair and Colcleaser or Leuvenburgh, ends: Ayres and



PHOENIX TOUCHDOWN — Jon Granby (25) scored for Phoenix High on this play against Eagle Point last Friday. The Eagles' Morgan Miller dives over the Pirates' Bob Fenton (72) as Ron Williams (12), Phoenix, blocks out EP's Dan Colcleaser (38). Pirates' Dennis Grennan (29) stops another Eagle, Mike House, at right. Jim Consbruck (44), Phoenix, is in background. Phoenix won 46-0. The Pirates have a crucial game with Illinois Valley at Cave Junction on Friday night while Eagle Point entertains Sacred Heart. (Simonson-Walker photo.)

Crater, Grants Pass Tangle On Friday on Caveman Field

CENTRAL POINT — Preparations of the Crater High School Comets for their next big football assignment of the season reached climax here last night when varsity players were guests at the home of Head Coach Keith Johnson.

The Comets, who engage the Grants Pass Cavemen, one of the state's top-ranked powers on Friday night, went over scouting reports, viewed films of the 1962 game with the Climate city boys and discussed game plans.

Kickoff for the Southern Oregon Conference fracas is set for 8 p.m. on the Grants Pass field. It will be the second league tangle for the Crater gridders and the third of the season for the host aggregation.

Big news for the Comets is that halfback Darryl Summerfield will be back in action. Summerfield was held out of action against Yreka because of head injury in the Medford game. Johnson reported that he ran pretty well yesterday and is "ready to go."

"I think we'll start at full strength," said the Comet mentor, Fullback Vern Swanson and tackle and guard Denny Ryerson, lamed last week end by ankle injuries, have been held out of contact all week to have them ready for the Cavemen.

Rest of the squad has had heavy contact work for three afternoons this week. "We've been pushing pretty hard all week to get the boys back where they should be," said the mentor. He pronounced the Fireballs mentally and physically in better shape than they were for last week's Yreka mix.

On Monday the Comets went over some formations and made some adjustments. Real tough defensive drill was on the agenda Tuesday. Yesterday it was offense and the Crater crew sought to polish and to perfect its timing. Measures have been taken to bolster the crew to meet the challenge of the high-regarded Cavemen.

Field May Be Muddy Over at Grants Pass Coach Mel Ingram stated, "We expect a muddy field." And, he indicated that Cavemen tuning for the Comets has been done with that in consideration. Ingram reported that the Cavemen gridiron got a good soaking from Tuesday's rain and was sloppy.

"We're hoping for a dry field, but we're not looking for it," he added. He also said, "I think its going to handicap us a little, but you have to make the best of it."

Grants Pass, of course, has just about the fastest, if not the fastest backfield in the state. Caveman speed is much respected and recognized as "jet-propelled." But, speed is not something helped by mud. "A wet field is the great equalizer," commented Ingram mirthfully.

There is indication that the field might not be in too bad shape because of plastic covers placed on it.

The Comets won't be particularly unhappy if conditions are muddy. But, wet field or not, Grants Pass will be the heavy favorite. The Cavemen are rated third and fourth in A-1 prep polls while Crater drew passing mention for its tremendous game against the Medford Black Tornado.

While the Comets knocked the No. 1 ranked school from its lofty perch, it's still felt that the Grants Pass club, unbeaten and once tied in six contests, have faced overall tougher opposition. Crater is 3-2.

Grants Pass, also has greater depth.

That, nevertheless, does not overlook the fact that Crater does have a good football team and will be burning to prove it again after the debacle last Friday at Yreka. And, the knowledge that Crater is upset-minded, hasn't gone unrecognized at Grants Pass.

"They'll be hot over here," declared Ingram. "I hope we're up for it a little bit."

And said Sports Writer Jerry Acklen in the Daily Courier, "Don't get fooled by that 20-6 beating that the Crater Comets took last Friday at the hands of the Yreka Miners..."

Karts Race This Sunday

Medford Kartways will conduct another race Sunday afternoon at its track at the south edge of town.

Competitors from Yreka and Happy Camp, Calif., and Roseburg and Grants Pass are expected to compete along with local racers.

Juniors who have karts are invited to participate.

There will be trophies for first and second places and ribbons for third and fourth.

Berra Officially Named as Skipper

By GEORGE LANGFORD NEW YORK (UPI) — Yogi Berra, who rose from the sandlots of St. Louis to become one of the greatest catchers in baseball history, was named officially today as the new manager of the New York Yankees and immediately announced his retirement as a player.

The squat, 38-year-old Berra succeeds Ralph Houk, who was appointed general manager of the Yankees on Tuesday after leading the team to three ships and two world titles in American League championships three years.

The official announcement of Berra's appointment was made by club President Dan Topping at a press conference in the Savoy-Hilton Hotel.

Topping announced that Berra's contract was for one year "at his own request."

The Yankee president also disclosed that Berra's salary will be "exactly the same as was given Casey Stengel and Ralph Houk in their first year as manager."

That salary was believed to be \$32,500 a year.

Rags to Riches

The official announcement — it was an open secret for two days — caps a rags-to-riches career that has become accepted as the typically-American story. Born on the "Hill" in St. Louis on May 12, 1925, Berra took naturally to athletics and

right move on the field quickly established him as a big league star.

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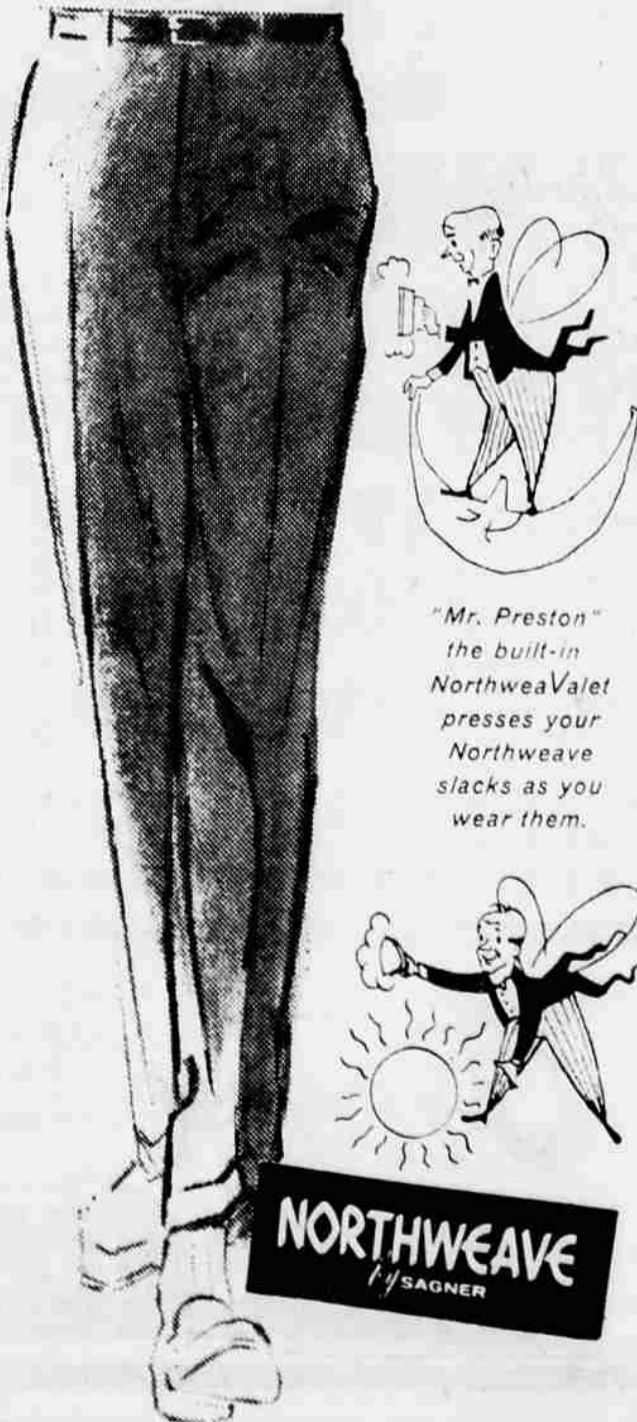
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Denver	4	1	1	9	25	23
San Fran.	3	3	1	7	26	26
Seattle	3	1	0	4	19	17
Los Ang.	3	0	0	4	13	25
Portland	1	3	0	2	14	15
Vancouver	1	3	0	2	20	24

Wednesday's Results Denver 4, San Francisco 4 (tie)

AMERICAN LEAGUE Eastern Division

W	L	T	Pts	GP	GA	
Providence	3	2	2	8	26	26
Hershey	3	3	1	4	24	25
Quebec	4	0	0	4	24	25
Springfield	2	2	0	4	12	15
Baltimore	1	5	1	2	14	28

Western Division

W	L	T	Pts	GP	GA	
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	8	22	11
Buffalo	3	3	0	8	19	24
Rochester	3	2	0	4	25	17
Cleveland	2	2	0	4	12	12

Wednesday's Results Hershey 5, Rochester 4