

Fanfare

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Medford High will seek its fifth straight victory over Grants Pass when the two football teams meet here Friday in the Southern Oregon Conference championship encounter. Grants Pass at the same time will be out for its first triumph over Medford in 10 years.

Does that sound a bit contradictory? It isn't. There have been a couple of ties. The last was in 1955 when neither team scored.

GP last tipped Medford in 1953. Score was 13 to 12. Since then there have been seven Medford victories and the two deadlocks.

Another way of putting it is that GP's Mel Ingram-coached team have beaten Medford only once since Fred Spiegelberg has taken over the reins as Black Tornado head tutor. Medford also won in 1952. Spieg's first season as the head man. That 20-13 decision nipped five-game Caveman winning string over Medford.

Friday's fracas here rates as the big prep game in the state this week. With Medford as defending A-1 champ back at the top in the polls and the Cavemen listed No. 2 and 3. state prestige is at stake.

Medford in its past two games with Grants Pass has scored two touchdowns each time and won by one. It's our opinion that, if the Tornado subdues the quick and speedy Cavemen this year, it will have to score more than twice. And, those extra points may prove important for either team.

We've said before, and we haven't changed our opinion, that comparative scores are very dangerous to go by in picking a favorite. Still they are interesting to review. Medford and Grants Pass played five common rivals.

Here's how they did in the conference:

Medford won from Crater 6-0 and Grants Pass beat the Comets 12-8. The Tornado downed Klamath Falls 34-0 and GP beat this team 19-0 (after a season opening 12-0 non-league win). Both beat Ashland - Grants Pass 24-6 and Medford 42-6.

Against adversaries outside outside the circuit Medford won 32-13 from North Salem, a club Grants Pass tied 19-19, and Medford and GP defeated South Salem by identical 19-7 scores. Only the man the Grants Pass record this fall. The Cavemen here after running up seven triumphs. Medford has six wins and one loss with the defeat out of state - to Boise 25-0.

NOTHING COMPLICATED. There will be nothing complicated about figuring which District 6 A-1 team goes into the state playoffs this fall, unless the clubs deadlock in the score and also in the statistics. Victor in the game will be quarterfinal entry as well as conference winner. If the clubs tie, they'll be co-champs and net yardage will decide who goes into the playoffs. We bring this up just as a reminder. The procedure for resolving ties in final standings was set up several years ago.

LITTLE BIGS BATTLE. The annual battle of the "Little Bigs" will be fought at Central Point this Friday night when Ashland and Crater High's complete their football slates. In this scrap between the two small schools of the Southern Oregon Conference, there's actually a little bit more at stake for the Crater Comets - although the Grizzlies might dispute that point.

Crater can gain lone third place in the final standings by winning. An Ashland verdict would mean a three-way tie among Crater, Ashland and Klamath Falls for third. For the Comets the outcome means the difference, also between a 5-3 winning season and a 4-4 break even one. The Bruins are ambitious for conference victory before hanging up their cleats. They are 2-3 so far for the fall.

SIX COMMON RIVALS

Six opponents were the same for Crater and Ashland this fall. Crater fared better against all but one of them. The Grizzlies base their upset hopes upon the fact that they were 15-6 victors over Yreka, Calif., which a week later tripped the Central Point team 20-6.

Here are Crater's other scores against the teams met also by Ashland:

Beat Lebanon 7-0, Sweet Home 26-2 and Klamath Falls 27-0 and lost to Medford 0-6 and Grants Pass 0-12.

Ashland outcomes included: Beat Sweet Home 20-7 and lost to Lebanon 7-13, Grants Pass 6-34, Klamath Falls 0-13 and Medford 7-42.

The Comets will remember this season for terrific games against Medford and Grants Pass, two of the state's top rated clubs. But only victories over those two schools would truly be satisfying to the Firebells.

LESSER LIGHTS SHINE

Performances of some of the lesser knowns on the Medford High football squad made eyes bulge during the Friday night encounter with Ashland: The passing of Jack Mullen (six completions on seven throws); the extra point booting of Bill Collins (six for six) and kicking off of Dane Smith (two into the end zone, one of 59 yards and one of 52).

SONS OF GRADS PLAY

There ought to be a special recognition night for ex-Medford High football players who have sons on the 1963 edition of the Black Tornado. We count seven on the varsity whose fathers played before them. The boys and fathers are Bill Piche (Albert H. "Bill" Piche), Lance Casebeer (Ray Casebeer), Dana Thurman (Louis Thurman), Dane Smith (Stan Smith), Tim Brown (Russ Brown), Pete Hinman (Bob Hinman).

Among the jayvees there's Marc Bayliss whose father, Warren Bayliss, is an ex-Medford griddier.

PHOENIX VERSUS DOUGLAS

It will be Phoenix of the Rogue League (District 6b) against Douglas of the Umpqua Valley League (District 6a) at Winston the weekend of Nov. 15-16 in one of the Oregon Class A-2 quarterfinal football games. Unbeaten Phoenix has one Rogue game left this Friday against Hefley but is sure of the playoff spot because it has beaten Illinois Valley, the only school which could tie it in the final standings. Douglas finished unimpaired in its circuit and the schedule calls for it to meet the No. 2 team of the Sunset Six this weekend, Gold Beach and Bandon tied for that place. Douglas already has met Gold Beach.

HOOP DATES FILLED

Crater High has filled two vacant dates and now has a full 22-game basketball slate for the coming season with six pre-league tilts. Filling the gaps are a trip to Fortuna, Calif., on Dec. 14 and a mix with Douglas at Central Point on Dec. 23. Crater's Comets will be remembered for their play last season when they made a tremendous race of the Southern Oregon Conference.

ONE THING OVERLOOKED

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Medford Takes Poll Leadership

PORTLAND — Medford High, the defending state champion, moved back into No. 1 spot in the Portland Oregonians Class A-1 football rating poll.

Roseburg, which had led the balloting for three straight weeks, dropped to sixth place in the ratings. Pendleton took over second spot.

Phoenix paced the A-2 polling for the seventh week. But, Woodburn drew one first place vote to keep the Pirate choice from being unanimous. Woodburn ran fifth in the overall tabulation. Brookings took over second place.

PREP GRID POLL (CLASS A-1)

Team	Pts
Medford (6-1)	94
Pendleton (8-0)	24
Grants Pass (7-0-1)	19
North Salem (6-1-1)	19
Marshfield (7-1)	19
Roseburg (7-2)	15
Grant (8-0)	15
Cottage Grove (7-1)	15
Parsonage (8-0)	15
Beaverton (7-1)	15
Others: Benson 2	15

(CLASS A-2)

Team	Pts
Phoenix (8-0)	99
Brookings (8-0)	81
North Catholic (8-0)	69
Yale (7-1)	69
Woodburn (8-0)	58
Junction City (6-0-1)	33
The Seaside (7-1)	33
Newport (7-0-1)	26
Siuslaw (7-0-1)	25
Yamhill-Carlton (7-1)	16
Others: Douglas 7, Drain 7, Illinois Valley 6, Willamina 5, Bandon 3, Central 3, Burns 1, Concordia 1	16

ball drills. He and Rick Whalen alternated between the first team and reserves Saturday morning in a varsity scrimmage. Eaton, who was a first team starter, scored one point for each team. Whelan had three for the varsity and five for the reserves.

RAIDER GRAD PRAISED

A letter to Southern Oregon College from George F. Brown, principal at Toledo Junior High School, praises the record of Dick Smith, SOC grad as coach of the junior high football team. Smith's teams were undefeated and untied over the past two seasons. The 1962 club was scored on just once and this year's club twice. Browning describes Smith's handling of the athletic program as "excellent."

CONSOLATION

There's one consolation for Klamath Union High School concerning its miserable football season. Basketball practice is reported in full swing, giving the Pelicans a good jump over other schools in the Southern Oregon conference. The Pels played their last football game of 1963 last Friday.

RESERVES GO FAST

Jerry Aeklin in his Grants Pass Daily Courier "Ack Ack" column reports that 400 reserve seat tickets for the Medford game, plus those reserved for players parents, were disposed of in 15 minutes in Grants Pass on Monday morning. Within another 30 minutes more than that number of general admission tickets were sold.

PASS CATCHERS

PULLMAN, Wash. (UPI) — Washington State will have a pair of sharp pass catchers ready to go Saturday against Oregon State.

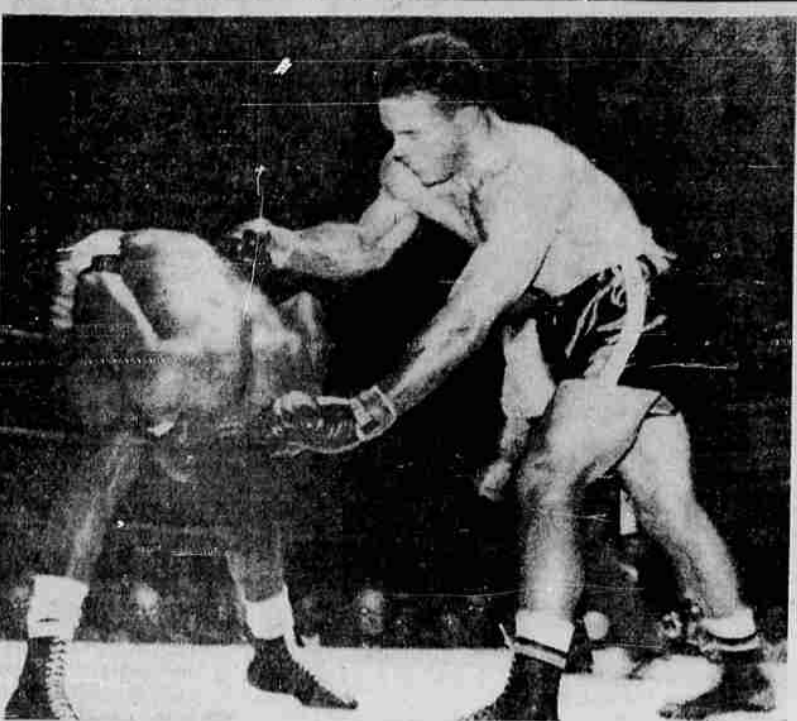
FOSTER IN LINEUP

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — Sophomore tackle Roger Foster, a standout in early season games, will be back in the California Bear lineup Saturday against Big Six leader Washington.

KIRK JOINS RAMS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — Center-linebacker Ken Kirk joined the Los Angeles Rams here today after being called up from the taxi squad.

Kirk, who was injured earlier in the season and placed on waivers, brings the Ram roster up to the maximum 37. The Rams had been one man under the limit since they traded quarterback Zeke Bratkowski to the Green Bay Packers last week.



HITS AT WILL—The "new" Eddie Machen, right, hit Sacramento heavyweight Bill McMurray at will at this stage of last night's boxing bout in the California capital city. Machen won the fight by knockout in the seventh round. Action had been scheduled for 10 rounds. (UPI)

Ed Machen Looks Good

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — Here's bad news for heavyweight boxers: The "new" Eddie Machen looks as good as the old one.

Machen, who looked fit and trim at 197 pounds, Tuesday night knocked out Bill McMurray in the seventh round of their scheduled 10 rounder at the local auditorium.

Eddie was No. 1 ranked challenger before money and career worries caused a breakdown last December.

But since returning to the pros in good shape physically and mentally, he has won three straight and went into Tuesday night's battle as the sixth ranked heavyweight.

Machen almost put away the 208-pound McMurray in the fourth stanza and from then on it was just the latter's grit that kept him in there.

McMurray went down in the seventh and did not regain his feet for some time after being counted out at 2:13 of the stanza.

Delaware Takes Over 1st In Small College Ratings

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Unbeaten Delaware, one-sided victor over major college competition twice this season, Wednesday edged past Northern Illinois into first place among the nation's small college football teams in the United Press International Board of Coaches ratings.

Football Briefs

JACKSON AT FULL. LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Warren Jackson worked out at fullback for the UCLA Bruins today in preparation for their meeting Saturday with the Air Force Academy.

Jackson, who holds a 3.05 yards per carry average this season, was placed at fullback after coach Bill Barnes said Tuesday Jim Colletto, the Bruins' leading ground-gainer, may not start against the Falcons due to a knee injury.

Coach Dave Nelson's Delaware team relies on a 41-point-per-game offense and a stingy defense which has allowed an average of eight points per contest. Chuck Zolak, a senior quarterback, is the offensive leader for the Blue Hens.

Southwest Missouri State, with seven straight wins, tied cross-state rival Washington of St. Louis in 11th place; Eastern Carolina climbed three places to 13th replacing No. 14 Western State (Colo.), and unbeaten Lewis and Clark fell to 17th.

Northeast Oklahoma, undefeated McNeese State, and Southwest Texas State, also unbeaten shared 16th, Montana State ranked 19th and Luther, another unbeaten eleven, No. 20.

Five small college coaches from each of the seven geographical areas of the nation comprise the UPI 35-man board. Each week they select the top 10 teams and points are awarded on a 10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

NEW YORK (UPI) — The United Press International small college ratings with first-place votes and won-lost records in parentheses:

- | Team | Points |
|---|--------|
| 1. Delaware (16) (6-0) | 301 |
| 2. Northern Ill. (12) (8-0) | 289 |
| 3. Florida A&M (2) (5-1) | 157 |
| 4. Wittenberg (6-0-1) | 122 |
| 5. Massachusetts (6-0-1) | 121 |
| 6. San Diego St. (1) (5-1) | 107 |
| 7. (Tie) W. Ky. (1) (6-0-1) | 88 |
| 7. (Tie) Tex. A&I (1) (4-2) | 88 |
| 9. St. John's (Minn.) (8-0) | 59 |
| 10. So. Dakota St. (6-1) | 51 |
| Second 10-11 (tie), Washington (Mo.) and Southwest Missouri State 39; 13. East Carolina 34; 14. Western State (Colo.) 33; 15. Lewis & Clark (1) 32; 16. (tie), Northeast Oklahoma State, McNeese State (1) and Southwest Texas State 28; 19. Montana State 26; 20. Luther 24. | |

Top-Ranked Texas Choice Over Baylor

NEW YORK (UPI) — Top-ranked Texas was selected to beat Baylor by seven points in a Saturday meeting that could break their first place tie in the Southwest Conference standings.

Texas, which has won its last three games by the margin of Shoeless Tony Crosby's kicking, has a perfect 7-0 record for the college football season. Baylor has been impressive in its last two victories that were led by Don Trull, the nation's leading passer.

The country's two other major teams with unblemished records are slim picks to go through another Saturday unscathed. Auburn, 6-0 and ranked 5th nationally, is a three-point choice over Mississippi State. Princeton, also 6-0, is favored by the oddsmakers to beat Harvard by at least seven points.

Illinois, the nation's No. 2 squad, is a 9-point pick over Michigan in a Big Ten battle that could give the Illini the impetus for a Rose Bowl trip. The contest also has a personal touch. Pete Elliott coaches Illinois and brother Bump is the Michigan mentor.

Navy 14 Over Maryland. Mississippi, rated third, isn't even on the boards for this sectional game with Tampa. The Rebels are prohibitive favorites.

Jolly Roger Staubach and a Navy team steaming toward a mythical Eastern championship are picked to beat Maryland by 14 points. The No. 4 Middies are expected to hand the Terps their sixth loss of the season.

The remaining top teams are expected to win, but only Oklahoma (No. 6) is a big favorite. The Sooners are rated 17 points better than Iowa State. Michigan State, ranked eighth, is a field goal choice over Purdue.

Cigarette Tax Referral Promised

PORTLAND (UPI) Representatives of the Oregon AFL-CIO and the Oregon Tobacco Distributors Association said Tuesday that the state cannot count on any revenue from a proposed cigarette tax.

State Rep. Morris Crothers, R-Salem, said Monday that he will introduce a 5-cent-a-package cigarette tax bill when a special session of the Oregon Legislature opens Monday.

James T. Marr of Portland, executive secretary of the state AFL-CIO, said his organization "will support the referral of any sales, cigarette or other regressive taxation measure."

Attorney David Barrows, legislative representative for the tobacco association, said enactment of the bill would result in a referendum which labor would support.

Vancouver Area Bond Issues Pass

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UPI) — Three building bond issues totaling more than \$2 million were passed by voters here and in the nearby Evergreen School District Tuesday.

A bond issue to provide funds to build a new city hall and police station passed by 61 per cent—3,184 to 1,991. It required 60 per cent to pass.

A second city issue, for construction of a new parks and recreation building, passed by a 63 per cent majority—3,226 to 1,896.

The Evergreen bond issue, for construction of schools, passed by 70 per cent—1,085 yes to 465 no. It amounts to \$700,000.

The new city hall will cost \$1.5 million and the parks and recreation building will cost \$480,000.

Jewelry Workers Accept New Contract

PORTLAND (UPI) — A one-day strike by Local 41 of the International Jewelry Workers Union ended here Tuesday. The local accepted a three-year contract.

Some 100 workers went on strike against 20 jewelers here Monday in a dispute over renewal of their contract, which expired Oct. 1.

The union voted to accept a 37 1/2 cent hourly wage increase over three years.

Iowa Voters Given Bacon as Reward

CHARLES CITY, Iowa (UPI) — Citizens who voted Tuesday also brought home the bacon.

A livestock buying firm and a supermarket promised a half-pound of bacon to each person who voted. Spokesmen said the offer was an effort to improve the city's poor voting record.

Only 633 of 5,820 persons registered voted in the last city election.

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