Medford Tussles Tonight in Grid Gigantic on Roseburg High Field

Oregon's Class A-1 defending champion against the titlist it dethroned — the state's No. 1 ranked big school football team against an adversary rated No. 2. That's the grid fare on one field of battle tonight as the gridiron season rolls into the opening round of playoffs for championship of the Beaver state.

Medford's Black Tornado will be the guest of the Indians of Roseburg High in one of four weekend Class A-1 quarterfinals. Whistle for the kickoff will blast at 8 p. m. This will be the Hurricane's first varsity grid venture on the Roseburg field since 1955.

Tonight's engagement in the Umpqua Valley city has been billed as the top quarterfinal in the state. Winner of the conflict will be favored to go on and claim the 1963 crown.

Indians Eye Requital

Roseburg ambition is requital. The Indians, 1961 state titlists and seeking to repeat, were knocked out of the 1962 running 14-7 here in quarterfinals by the Black Tornado which fought on to the titular trophy. Medford now goes to Roseburg in the same precarious position as were the Indians when they warpathed here last fall.

Tonight's victor will march into semifinals against either Grant or West Linn. Those two teams are combatants Saturday afternoon. In other A-1 quarterfinals Beaverton is at Parkrose tonight and North Salem at Pendleton tomorrow afternoon.

Metropolitan area forecasts give the nods to Roseburg, Beaverton and Grant and are split between North Salem and Pendleton for these first round elimination games.

Roseburg is picked over Medford despite the Whirlwind's one step higher rating in all three final polls. The Indians did lead the tabulations several weeks and will fight tonight on home ground.

Billed Equal

At Roseburg, the titanic tangle has been billed a tossup. Roseburg News-Review Writer Niel Cellers said, "Medford and Roseburg go into the contest rated as equals."

He also remarked, "All the chips will be down, and fans can bet that all the stops will be pulled out by both teams."

Wet weather likely will hamper the normal operations of both clubs. Victory may go to the club which adjusts best in wet and mud and which best takes advantage of the breaks.

Roseburg, exponent of the belly series with its deceptive plays, will bank on the running and passing of Quarterback Jim Beamer and Halfback Smokey Burgess, the running of Fullbacks Mike Leep and Craig Engle and the pass catching of Halfback Ron Leep and Ends Gary Heeter and Doug Matson. Quarterback Jerry Remick is another passer for coach Roy Thompson's team.

Beamer has been the Midwestern League top passer and Burgess has been a top runner and Heeter a top receiver in the circuit.

Plenty of Talent

While the Indians have been impressive in compiling an 8-1 season standing, Medford has plenty of talent going for it too. Quarterback Mike Barnes also can run and pass. There's power in the packing of Fullback Bill Enyart and Halfback Tim Murray and breakaway ability in Halfbacks Greg Gandee and Jim Cox. And, Fullback Greg Dippel has done a share of toting for coach Fred Spiegelberg's aggregation.

The hurling of Barnes, Halfback Larry Vowell and Quarterbacks Jack Mullen and Rich Knight and receiving of Ends Steve Toews and Walt Verstrate and Cox, Gandee, Vowell and Murray give Medford an air threat which must be reckoned with.

Up front across the line for Medford along with Toews and Verstrate to make the offense go are the likes of Tackles Jeff Hardrath and Bob Methvin, Guards Chip Buffington and Chuck Kimball and Center Ed Coss.

Battling to restrain the Indians will be such forward wall men as Lynn Flanders, Murray, Tom Wooton, John Pierce, Hardrath, Terry Winetrout and Brian Petersen. Backing them will be such as Dippel, George Dames and Dick Bottger with Lance Casebeer, Knight and Ron Edmonds in deep secondary posts.

There are other capable hands in reserve.

No Common Foe

Casebeer, who broke up a pass in a key late game situation against Grants Pass last week, will contend against old teammates tonight. He transferred to Medford from Roseburg at the start of this school year.

Medford (7-1) captured the Southern Oregon Conference and District 6 mantle with a 4-0 record. Roseburg shared the Midnestern and District 6 toga with Cottage Grove which it defeated during the league season.

Roseburg and Medford did not meet a common rival through whom they might be compared.

Medford and Roseburg once had an annual football rivalry going. It was abandoned after 1956 by the Indians and the schools did not meet again on the gridiron until the playoffs made it necessary last year.

Medford mentor Spiegelberg reported that the Tornado "beat the rain" and had a "real good workout" yesterday. The squad was to eat at North's Chuck Wagon at 4 p. m. today before heading to the scene of action.

ANNOUNCES FIGHT

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Promoter Herman Taylor announced Thursday that former lightheavyweight champion Harold Johnson of Philadelphia will meet Henry Hank of Detroit on Dec. 6 in a nationally televised 10 round bout.

It will be the first bout for Johnson since he lost his title to Willie Pastrano in Las Vegas last June 1.

Probable Offensive Lineups
MEDFORD-ROSEBURG HIGH FOOTBALL
(Class A-1 State Quarterfinal)
Roseburg High Field — Friday, 8 P.M.

MEDFORD No.	Name	Wgt.	Pos.	Wgt.	Name	ROSEBURG No.
89	Steve Toews	175	LE	170	Gary Heeter	89
84	Walt Verstrate	183	RE	176	Doug Matson	84
73	Jeff Hardrath	230	LT	205	Doug DuFresne	75
80	Bob Methvin	170	RT	195	Don Boerste	70
67	Chip Buffington	178	LG	163	Tom Thomas	60
71	Chuck Kimball	190	RG	180	Bob Palmateer	63
50	Ed Coss	185	C	160	Wayne Gray	53
12	Mike Barnes	170	QB	190	Jim Beamer	14
44	Tim Murray	194	LH	175	Bob Burgess	20
34	Greg Gandee	167	RH	192	Ron Leep	24
41	Bill Enyart	215	FB	210	Mike Leep	30

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE
SPORTS

TACKLE ON DEFENSE—John Pierce, above, 185, is a defensive tackle for the Medford Black Tornado football team which goes to Roseburg this evening for a state playoff game.

TORNADO CENTER—Ed Coss above, is 185-pound center for the Medford High football team. He'll be the ball snapper when Meford plays Roseburg in an A-1 quarterfinal game tonight at Roseburg.

NEW YORK (UPI) —The New York Jets Thursday released former Oregon State linebacker Ted Bates to make room on their roster for tackle Paul Rochester.

St. Mary's Hoop Drills Under Way

Basketball drills got under way this week for St. Mary's High School with 13 boys practicing on a full time basis.

Four others are expected to be on hand full time starting next Monday and a fifth should report shortly.

Lettermen include Randy Corliss, John Batzer, Ron Roberts, Jeff Randolph, Don Zeleznik and Ray Richter.

Coach Dick Paup indicated that Corliss, Batzer and Roberts have been out but not completely involved in practices yet. Roberts has been favoring a shoulder hurt in football.

Hobbled

Jeff Randolph has been hobbled by a knee injury in football but may be on hand in another week.

A player from the 1962-1963 jayvees yet to report is Anthony Mete.

Among prospects are Doug Vakoc, Mike Soran, Pat Thompson, Steve Cook and Ted Scott. Vakoc and Cook are tallest on the squad at 6-2.

Randolph, Zeleznik, Vakoc, Soran and Thompson are seniors and the others juniors.

Laval Meunier is handling the junior varsity and Gordon Johnson the freshmen.

Much work has been done this week on defensive drills.

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Fish Plant More Than Million

PORTLAND — Late fall fish distribution activities of the game commission brought the total weight of trout, steelhead and salmon released in Oregon waters in 1963 to well over 1,069,000 pounds, the highest total weight achieved in a single year.

Reino Koski, in charge of fish distribution, said the total in numbers of fish released from game commission hatcheries through October was just over 20,773,000 fish of all species.

During October, Koski said final releases of fingerling trout were made to most lakes, and some grade-out asimon and steelhead were released. Yet to be stocked this year are several recently rehabilitated waters, which will receive fish in readiness for next summer's angling season as soon as toxicity disappears.

NEW JOB

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — The Milwaukee Braves announced Thursday that Jack Tighe will have a different job next season. He managed the Braves' Denver farm team this past year.

Tighe, the former manager of the Detroit Tigers, will scout both major leagues and do special assignment work.

Green Bay Favored By Four In Tilt With Chicago Bears

By United Press International

The champion Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears square off Sunday in a showdown that has generated more interest than any regular-season clash during the modern era of the National Football League.

Green Bay is a four-point pick to beat the Bears at Chicago and break the first-place deadlock in the Western Division. Both teams have 8-1 records, the Packers having won eight straight games since losing the season opener to the Bears, 10-3, in Green Bay.

A sellout crowd of nearly 50,000 will jam Wrigley Field; tickets are being scalped for as high as $50 apiece; security guards have been posted to keep practice sessions secret, and the CBS television network for this game has been expanded to 116 stations.

Owner-Coach George Halas, who has experienced remarkable success in converting his Bears to a ball-control and defensive team this season, fretfull commented that "anyway you look at it, the Packers have the edge."

Have Controlled Ball

Commented Coach Vince Lombardi of the Packers; "It's true the Bears haven't scored too much this year. But one thing they've done is control that ball. Frankly, we have to break up that control if we're going to win Sunday."

Only one other game on this week's NFL program has serious bearings on the championship race. That's the battle in the Eastern Division between the Cleveland Browns (7-2) and the St. Louis Cardinals (6-3). The Browns are 7½-point picks for the game at Cleveland.

In Sunday's other games: The New York Giants (7-2) will be out to retain at least a share of the Eastern lead at home against the San Francisco Forty Niners (2-7); the Pittsburgh Steelers (5-3-1), also in the race, play the Redskins (2-7) at Washington; the Detroit Lions (4-5) are at home against the Los Angeles Rams (2-7); the Minnesota Vikings (3-6) entertain the Baltimore Colts (4-5), and the Cowboys (2-7) take on the Philadelphia Eagles (2-6-1) at Dallas.

New York is favored by 17 over San Francisco; Pittsburgh is 7 over Washington; Detroit 10 over Los Angeles; Dallas 5 over Philadelphia and Baltimore 3 over Minnesota.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE
By United Press International

	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Chicago	9	2	4	22	50	3
Montreal	6	4	4	16	45	39
Toronto	7	4	2	16	41	34
Detroit	6	6	1	13	29	33
New York	4	10	0	8	34	45
Boston	3	9	1	7	26	43

Thursday's Results
Toronto 5, New York 4

WESTERN LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Seattle	8	5	1	17	51	42
San Fran	7	7	2	16	47	48
Denver	7	5	1	15	53	44
Los Ang.	7	6	1	15	45	51
Portland	6	7	1	13	41	45
Vancouver	5	10	0	10	55	64

Thursday's Results
Los Angeles 5, Seattle 1

SPORTSCAST

Radio Station KYJC will carry the Medford-Roseburg High football game at 7:45 o'clock this evening and will follow with a broadcast of the Oregon State-USC game at 10:30 o'clock.

Radio station KWIN will air the Phoenix-Douglas High football game at 8 o'clock this evening and the Southern Oregon College-Santa Clara mix at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Radio Station KMED will have the Medford-Roseburg game at 7:55 o'clock this evening and the Oregon-Indiana tussle at 1:45 p.m. on Saturday.

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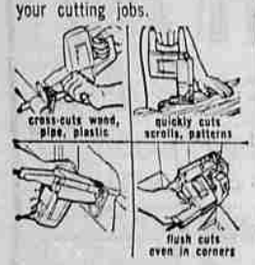

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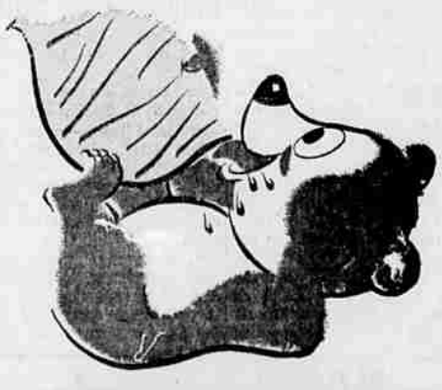

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