

# Phoenix, North Catholic Vie for A-2 Grid Toga

## Title Tilt Saturday At Ashland

ASHLAND — Championship football.

That will be the bill-of-fare here Saturday. And, Oregon's Class A-2 diadem will be the prize. Two terrific aggregations will battle for the honor as the curtain comes down with a flourish on the state's prep gridiron season.

The Phoenix High School Pirates and the Royals of North Catholic will be the foes. Kick-off time is planned for 1:30 p.m. on Southern Oregon College's Fuller Field.

"One of the finest high school games in the state this year" is the forecast of a qualified observer who well-knows the Phoenix personnel and who has seen the Royals in action several times. "Fans," he said, "will see two fine football clubs that will give them 48 minutes of Class A ball."

**Struggle of Unbeaten**  
This will be a struggle of unbeaten. The Pirates and the Portlanders each have subdued 11 adversaries since their campaigns opened in September. They, also, are untied.

Phoenix, the Rogue League powerhouse, scored upon only once this fall, bears the role of favorite. But, it is anticipated that the Buccaneers, ranked No. 1 in all the polls, will engage the toughest foe they've met this fall, and will have to be at their best if they are to claim the mantle for their class.

The Royals rumbled through the Cowapa circuit. They have prevailed over Northern Oregon and coastal opposition and were No. 2 and No. 3 in the final ratings.

**Fine Quarterbacks**  
Both clubs are explosive. If they are given firm footing on the collegiate sod, a spectacular contest could result. They are generated by fine quarterbacks in Ron Williams for the Buccaneers and Ed Gorman for the Royals.

Gorman, a 6-3, 190-pounder, directs North Catholic slot T offensive operation. He's described as being "as fine a quarterback as you'll find in the state." He likes to run and can throw, too. Gorman does a fine job on the option and can block well. He's thrown at least one touchdown pass that traveled in the air for 55 yards.

Mike Hryciw is a fine runner with good balance, who can also block with proficiency. Jim Keever at the slot back and



**STRENGTH IN RESERVE**—When Phoenix and North Catholic Highs contend on Saturday afternoon at Ashland both teams can be expected to pull out all stops for it will be the Oregon Class A-2 football championship game. The Phoenix Pirate "formation," above, exemplifies this all out effort. "Receivers" shown are, from left, Rick Dorman, halfback; Ramon Mata, center, Ed Mitchell, guard; Eugene Hill, end, and Ken

Joe Kniser at fullback are adept at their positions. Keever and End Mike Jarrell are targets for Gorman passes. Another receiver can be End John Amato.

**Big Engineering Job**  
For Phoenix Williams has blazed his ability to pack and pass. He has a big job in engineering Coach Jack Woodward's multiple offense which utilizes both single wing and T formations. Much said about Gorman can be repeated about Williams. The 175-pounder is effective as a blocker and he's a strong defensive player for the club which carries the standard of Southern, Central and Eastern Oregon.

Left Half Jim Conbruck is the main breakaway threat of the Pirates. And Fullback Jon Granby, Right Half Dennis Grennan and all-round back are proven performers in carrying

the ball or in providing the blocking for the runner. Granby matches Gorman's 190 pounds. Reserve Quarterback Mike Hawkins, a speedster, is another running and passing threat and a target for throws by Williams. Others who may be on the catching end of aerials are Granby, Conbruck, Sauer, Gary Smith and Hill.

**Line Cogs**  
Line cogs in making the Pirates a powerful machine include Greg Esp, Ron Patterson, Gary McGarity, Dave Westfall, Ken Tycksen, Paul Diederich, Smith and Hill. McGarity is the best at 190 pounds.

Tackles Dennis Schafer at 210 to 215 pounds and Bill Klein at 205 team to help give North Catholic a weight average edge in the line. Center Ron Molony of Coach Joseph Gillis's Royals has drawn attention in particular because of his blocking on a club which has good speed. Other line regulars for the Portlanders are Guards Tim Akin and Ed Kael.

Phoenix's high scoring total and its tremendous defensive record are factors placing it in the favored role. However there is no measure to compare the caliber of competition that the two finalists have met.

The Pirates have tabulated 384 points this fall. North Catholic has compiled an impressive total of 338. Blanking 10 opponents, Phoenix has permitted just six points by a rival. The Royals have given up just 39 markers also indicative of tough defense. No team has scored more than one touchdown against the Royals. North has zeroed five foes.

**Close Margins**  
Of the Phoenix rivals, only two, St. Mary's and Serra, have limited the Pirates to less than four touchdowns. Phoenix scored three each in those games.

While North has run up at least five touchdowns in seven of its games, it has had several closer margins than the Pirates—27-7 against Seaside, 13-7 against Hood River, 13-0 against Rainier and 7-6 against Siuslaw and could be tougher for them.

The Royals reportedly dominated the Siuslaw tussle more than indicated by the score. Both of the clubs, however, were termed "champions" for the way they stayed in the "miserable mud" last week at Florence.

**Shocked Grid Followers**  
Phoenix gained Saturday's finale by sweeping through a seven-game Rogue season, then trimming Douglas 38-0 and Vale 26-0 in quarter and semifinals. The ale success was a shocker to some grid followers in the state. Vale just hasn't been handled that way on its home field in many seasons.

North Catholic defeated nine aggregations in the Cowapa loop, then downed Willamina 33-0 and Siuslaw in the playoffs.

Phoenix is in the A-2 final for the second time in three years. It was co-champ with Myrtle Point in 1961.

It's all general admission to the titular contest with the price \$1.50 per adult. The cost will be 50 cents for each student. There has been no advance sale of tickets.

A weather bureau report this morning indicated "pretty fair chance of good weather" for tomorrow's contest.

Officials for the game reportedly will be Virgil Swanson, Bill Esselstyn and Barney Riggs, all of Medford.

Hawkins, quarterback. In the center stack, top to bottom, are Lex Hamilton, tailback; Dick Unruh, linebacker, and Charlie Roberts, tackle. Coach Jack Woodward of the Pirates declared that, although none of the players shown is a starter, all have put in a lot of playing time and have established a reputation for dependability. Phoenix depth has contributed much to its success.

### Oregon Class A-2 Championship Football PHOENIX HIGH vs. NO. CATHOLIC HIGH Probable Offensive Lineups

Fuller Field Saturday, 1:30 P.M.  
(Southern Oregon College, Ashland)

PHOENIX				NORTH CATHOLIC			
No.	Name	Wgt.	Pos.	Wgt.	Name	No.	Pos.
82	Greg Esp	165	LE	145	John Amato	81	LT
67	Ron Patterson	170	LT	210	Dennis Schafer	75	LG
65	Ken Tycksen	160	LG	165	Jim Akin	66	C
52	Paul Diederich	171	C	185	Ron Molony	55	RT
70	Dave Westfall	175	RG	170	Ed Kael	62	RE
75	Gary McGarity	190	RT	205	Bill Klein	76	RE
55	Gary Smith	180	RE	180	Mike Jarrell	86	QB
12	Ron Williams	175	QB	190	Ed Gorman	11	QB
14	Jim Conbruck	165	LH	155	Mike Hryciw	21	RB
29	Dennis Grennan	165	RH	165	Jim Keever	22	FB
25	Jon Granby	190	FB	175	Joe Kniser	30	FB

### SPORTSCAST

Radio Stations KYJC and KMED will carry the North Salem-Grant High state A-1 championship football game at 7:45 o'clock this evening and the Oregon-Oregon State game at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday.

KMED also will follow the Saturday college contest with a delayed broadcast of the Phoenix-North Catholic High state A-2 title tangle.

### SCORES UNANIMOUS WIN

GLASGOW, Scotland (UPI)—Walter McGowan of Scotland, British and Empire flyweight champion who wants to meet world champion Hiroki Ebihara of Japan, scored a lopsided 10-round decision Thursday night over Ric Magramo of the Philippines, who was floored twice.

### TICKETS SOLD

EUGENE (UPI)—About 1,700 reserved seat tickets for Saturday's Oregon-Oregon State football game went on sale at 9 a.m. today at McArthur Court here.

Seats not sold today will go on sale again at 10 a.m. Saturday. The tickets were those returned following last week's postponement of the game.

### PILOT STARTERS PICKED

PORTLAND (UPI)—Coach Al Negretti said today he would open up with a team of Cincy Powell and Tom Nichols at forward; Steve Anstett at center and Sam Coston and Jim Dortch at guard when the Portland Pilots open their basketball season against San Francisco State Saturday night.

The two teams play at Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver.

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# SPORTS

## Wrestlers Duffy, Gorky Might Draw Suspension For Attack on Referee

Soldat Gorky and Don Duffy face a possible suspension for their unwarranted attack on Luther Lindsey following last night's main event wrestling match at Medford armory.

Haystack Calhoun and Abe Jacobs had been awarded the deciding fall in the tag team

### Allen Thomas Choice Over Johnny Persol

NEW YORK (UPI)—Archie Moore's protege, light-heavyweight contender Allen Thomas of Chicago, is favored at 3-1 to smack Brooklyn's Johnny Persol with his first professional defeat tonight in their nationally televised fight at Madison Square Garden.

Mustachioed Thomas would be a longer choice but for the one-week presidential memorial postponement that gave substitute Persol more time to train.

Last week Thomas was favored at 4½ to 1 after 22-year-old Persol had accepted the 10-rounder as a short-notice replacement for Mauro Mina of Peru, who was officially banned from the bout because of previously secret eye surgery.

### SHOE TO APPEAR

ALBANY, Calif. (UPI)—Jockey Willie Shoemaker will make his second Northern California appearance of the year Saturday at Golden Gate Fields, where he is scheduled to ride top-weighted Wil Rad in the \$10,000-added Sacramento Handicap.

Just two weeks ago, Shoemaker made his first appearance—and booted home three winners in as many mounts. The triple boosted his lifetime total to 4,775 victories—just four short of Eddie Arcaro.

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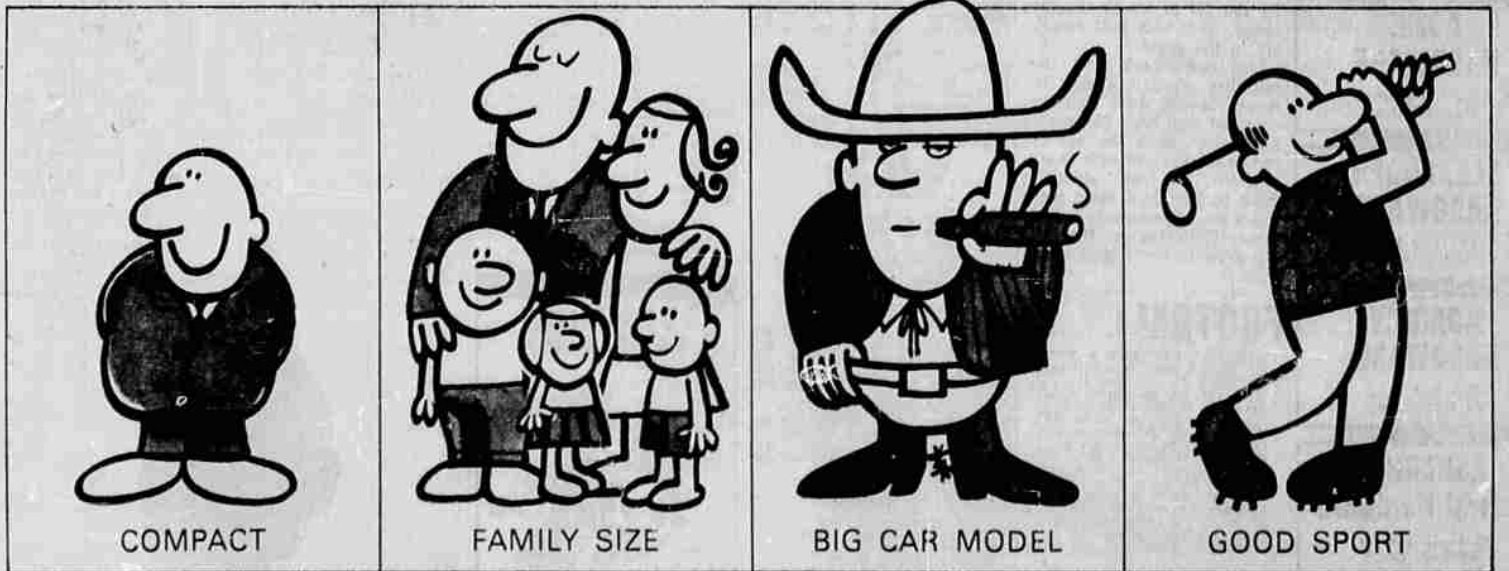
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