

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

SPORTS

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Competition Has Made America Great, Speaker Tells Medford Gridders

Competition is what has made America great and competitive athletes are a must, Jerry Long, assistant football coach at Oregon State University declared in a talk here last night. Long addressed a banquet attended by Medford High football players and their parents. The dinner at North's Church Wagon was sponsored by the Linebackers Club.

It was the second event of the day honoring Medford's Southern Oregon Conference champion squad. Footballers were luncheon guests of Medford Kiwanis Club at Rogue alley Country Club.

At the luncheon, Head Coach Fred Spiegelberg announced that all-state tackle Jeff Hardrath had been voted by his teammates as the outstanding player on the Medford team. Center and Guard Brian Petersen was named outstanding lineman and Fullback and Linebacker Bill Enyart outstanding back.

Makes Things Progress
Long at the evening event rebuked the idea of a "growing element" in this country that football is evil and that something is wrong with competition. "You're competing from the time you're born," he pointed out. He added that competition makes things progress at a more rapid rate.

Speaking of football as "the last great competitive sport," Long spoke of the Marines-like policy of coaches at Oregon State to drive athletes to the maximum. Some are weeded

out. Those that are left are tough competitors, he reported. "You wind up with some great kids," he said. They respect and help each other. This is morale, he declared. There is a common bond.

"The things worthwhile are the things you have to work for," Long told the gridders. He brought out that persons are more appreciative of the things they work for. He maintained, too, that satisfaction breeds mediocrity.

"Your lucky to have a community like this," Long told the players, parents and Linebackers. "The whole state looks down this way" on the Medford school system and athletic program, he stated.

Great Games
Coach Fred Spiegelberg spoke of the tendency to remember the games lost but he pointed also to the tremendous ball played this fall, too. He mentioned in particular the great play in the North Salem and Grants Pass games. Medford defeated Grants Pass when it was supposed to have been the Cavemen's year, he said. The Tornado's 32-13 victory over North Salem was over a team which went on to tie Grant for the state championship.

Spiegelberg had the players introduce both themselves and their parents.

At the Kiwanis luncheon Spiegelberg looked back at the season as "the way things are." He thanked Bob Retzer, Kiwanian and manager of Oregon California Theaters here for having the football players as guests on pre-game nights for movies at the Craterian Theater.



JEFF HARDRATH
MHS Outstanding Player



BRIAN PETERSEN
Tornado Line Standout



BILL ENYART
Top Tornado Back

Blackman Receives UPI Honor

HANOVER, N.H. (UPI)—Robert L. Blackman is a cherubic-faced, slightly pudgy little fellow who looks like he might be a Bible salesman.

Instead he is head coach of football at Dartmouth College—a coach whose successes have made Dartmouth the terror of the Ivy League.

For his latest coup, a stirring 22-21 upset victory over Princeton, Bob Blackman is United Press International's "coach of the week."

Blackman's Indians, one of the few major unbeaten teams in the nation just one year ago, staged a two touchdown fourth quarter comeback to win Saturday and retain a share of the Ivy League title they won outright in 1962.

The victory had special meaning for the 44-year-old Blackman. It was his 100th in a 15-year coaching career. It was Dartmouth's seventh of the season against just two losses, and set Blackman's record at 100-36-8 to rank him among the top winning percentage coaches in college football today.

Linebackers Will Meet

Emphasis will turn to basketball at the Friday noon meet of Medford Linebackers Club at North Chuck Wagon.

Speakers will be Frank Roelandt and Dick Paup, head basketball coaches, respectively, at Medford and St. Mary's High Schools.

They will discuss the personnel and season outlook for their teams.

Miami Beach May Outbid Las Vegas As Site for Fight

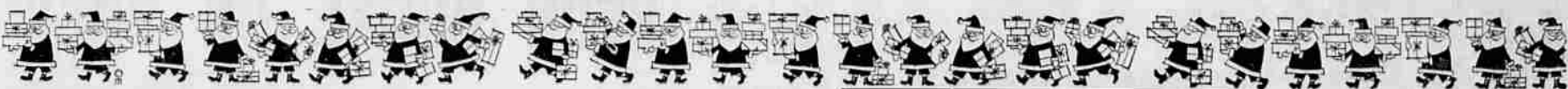
MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Money talks, and that's why Miami Beach is expected to outbid Las Vegas as the site for next February's Sonny Liston-Cassius Clay heavyweight title fight.

Millionaire sportsman Bill MacDonald offered a guarantee of \$625,000 to the fighters Wednesday if they agree to stage their long-awaited bout in Miami Beach.

MacDonald's offer reportedly exceeded by \$225,000 the latest offer by Las Vegas promoters.

If MacDonald's bid is accepted, the bout is expected to be held in Miami Beach Feb. 24—the same date announced earlier this week by Las Vegas promoters when they felt they had the fight locked up.

PILOTS NEW CLUB
MILWAUKEE (UPI)—Bill Adair, who managed the International League's Toronto team for the Milwaukee Braves during the 1963 season, Wednesday was assigned to pilot the Denver club in the Pacific Coast League next season.



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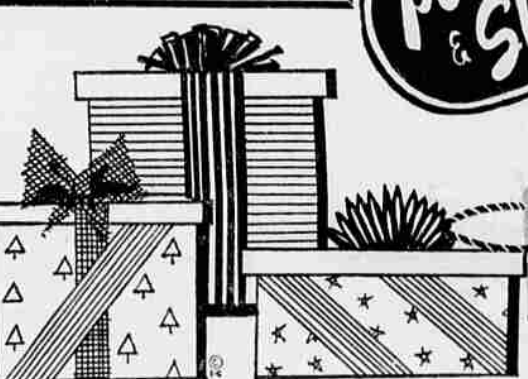
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