Navy Confident of Six Straight Wins Over Favored Army Eleven

By FRITZ HOWELL

BALTIMORE, Dec. 1 (AP) — This Maryland metropolis' hotels and restaurants bulged at the seams today as the vanguard of an expected crowd of 70,000 rolled in for football's most colorful clash — Saturday's Army-Navy game at Municipal stadium.

West Point's rampaging Cadets, winners of eight in a row and rolling along at a point-a-minute clip toward the national championship and their first unbeaten season, were favored two to one, or by a 14-point margin.

But Navy, triumphant the last five years—and with Halfback Bob Jenkins set to go ahead after a foot infection—was cool, calm and confident it could make it six straight over the Cadets.

Tested talent will bedeck each roster as the 2 p. m. kickoff comes up. Of the players participating in last year's contest, 46 are still on hand. Each team has 24 veterans. Navy won a year ago, 13-0, after being on the short end of the odds.

Just how many war bonds have been sold to ticket-seekers since the game was shifted from Annapolis to Baltimore is unknown. Although the game was announced as a sellout a few hours after the site shift, ducats appeared fairly plentiful from scalpers at from $20 to $80 each.

Clear and near-freezing weather was forecast.

Hotels have reservations for at least 15 high-ranking generals and naval officers, including Gen. George Marshall, chief of staff, and Gen. H. H. Arnold, head of the army air forces.

Army's squad of 38 players was scheduled for a workout at the newly-sodden stadium this afternoon, but Navy's group of 52 is not scheduled to arrive until just before game time.

Last-minute quotations from the coaches:

Col. Earl (Red) Blaik, Army: "Navy has beaten Army the past five years in a row. Last year and the year before that the Navy line turned the trick, but that won't be the margin Saturday. They will need more than a line to beat us."

Comdr. Oscar E. Hagberg, Navy: "The Navy team is set for its best game of the year. If the boys don't make too many mistakes, I think we have a good chance of winning. No doubt Army is potent, and they have enough to really pour it on us if they get going."

Webfoots, Beavers Win Hoop Contests

The University of Oregon and Oregon State college cage squads added new victims to their preseason campaigns last night, the Ducks bludgeoning the Tillamook naval air base 60-35 and the Beavers dropping the Astoria naval air station 44-38.

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Pelicans Open Basketball Season With Weed Tonight

A basketball squad of 22 Klamath Pelicans left today at 3 p. m. for Weed where they will try their wings in two hoop contests against the California aggregation.

Dwight French, physical education instructor and former Pelican coach, will run the team in the absence of Coach Marble Cook, who will be in Portland attending a meeting of the state coaches executive committee of which he is chairman.

Coach Cook announced the two starting lineups Thursday afternoon. For the main battle Joe Zarosinski and Jim Palmer will be at the forward slots, Jim Pope will handle the pivot position and Jim Noreen and Bob Perkins will occupy the guard berths. Perkins will also act as captain of the team.

In the preliminary fracas Mocabee and Redkey get the nod at forwards, Bus Bussman at center and Wirth and Zupan will hold down the guard posts.

The K-men have been working hard in practice sessions to polish off the rough edges with particular stress being put on lay-in shots and an effort to get the fast breaking offense employed by the Pelicans functioning smoothly.

The Klamath boys have a potentially potent ball club and if they can get working together as a unit they will give any and all opposition plenty of competition.

Soldier MP Meets Marine On Rassling Card Tonight

When Pvt. Carl Walters, soldier MP from Tulelake, twists torsos tonight with Pvt. Hoesa Fowler of the Marine Barracks and a member of the Leatherneck football squad, there will be plenty of fireworks.

This special added attraction put on the crunch card by Promoter Mack Lillard will see both boys out to hold up the prestige of their respective branches of the service. Fowler will probably be the popular favorite due to the many marines here and the slightly unfavorable light in which MP's are regarded by other members of the services.

This bout will precede the headline event which brings together popular Herb Parks, Canadian light-heavyweight champ and Gust Johnson of Minneapolis, junior heavyweight king. Both these grapplers are fast, clever grapplers and the match should be a crowd pleaser.

In the semi-windup the venerable Bulldog Jackson will bend bodies with always rugged "Blood and Guts" Davidson, the ex-marine from San Diego.

Lillard has secured the services of Tough Tony Ross in the prelim, but no opponent has been named as yet.

The card will get underway at 8:30 p. m. and a capacity house is expected.

Blind Servicemen Row In Crew Race

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1 (AP) A marine-navy crew of blind and partially blind war veterans defeated a crew of similarly handicapped soldiers yesterday in the first race of its kind on the Schuykill river.

The army crew, from Valley Forge General hospital, held a slight lead over most of the half-mile choppy course, but the Marine-Navy Oarsmen, from the Philadelphia naval hospital, surged ahead to win by half a length in a spectacular finish.

Only the coxswains and tillers of each crew were not blind.

Slammin' Sam Liked in S. F. Open Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1 (AP) More than 150 professional and amateur golfers tee off under threatening skies today in the 72-hole San Francisco open for $14,500 in war bonds.

Slammin' Sam Snead, Hot Springs, Va., long hitter, is the sentimental favorite to win the 1944 event but many golf experts string along with the defending champion, Byron Nelson. Bracketed with these two is Harold McSpaden, Philadelphia, runner-up in this meet last year.

The Harding public course is fairly flat, long and tree-bordered and made to measure for Nelson and McSpaden, who have the further advantage of being familiar with the layout.

Snead, who hit the comeback trail by winning the Portland, Ore., open last weekend after more than two years in the navy, has turned in low-score practice rounds. In one tune-up round he whacked out a 66, six under par, over the Harding course. This, coupled with his one-over-par 289 for 72 holes at Portland, has made him the popular choice.

Also rated high among the possible winners are U. S. open champion, Craig Wood, who is shooting better than he did at Portland; PGA Champion Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., and Denny Shute, Akron, Ohio

Mike Turnesa, veteran from New York who was runner-up to Snead in the Portland open, Willie Goggins, White Plains, N. Y., Les Kennedy, Pawtuckett, R. I.; Fred Wood, Vancouver, B. C., and Sgt. Jim Ferrier, former Australian champion who received army induction notice while a pro at Elmhurst, Ill., can slip into first money.

From MIDFIELD

By PAUL HAINES

CLOSE SHAVE

The Medford Black Tornado almost had to play its title clash with the La Grande Tigers tomorrow without the very much needed services of Marvin Doty, fullback, and Dean Sheldon, 200 pound tackle.

The two stalwart gridders enlisted in the navy some weeks ago and were to report at Portland Wednesday, November 29, but, according to a story appearing in the Oregonian, they have been granted a deferment until December 5.

This virtually saves the life of the Medford eleven as Sheldon is perhaps the most potent defensive player on the team and Doty is the boy who carries the mail when the chips are down. Without these two standout ball players Medford's chances would not only have been dimmed, they would have been blacked-out.

This puts the Tornado at full strength for the championship battle and will also probably give the boys a bit of a boost psychologically. We hope so, at any rate, as Medford is going to need to be on their toes at all times during the toga tilt if it is to bring back the prep crown.

Coach Al Simpson carried 22 boys, or two complete teams, to Portland and this should provide the Pearpickers with sufficient reserve strength in case of a breakdown in their starting grid machine.

As his opening lineup Simpson announced Cave would be at center, Green and Cahill at the guard slots, Sheldon and Porter at the tackle positions and Plaskett and Riggs will handle the end assignments. Watson will direct the Medford "T" attack from the quarterback position, Clark and Bostwick will occupy the halfback berths and hard driving Doty will be at fullback.

This presents a formidable array of grid talent to the rampaging La Grande Tigers, but whether or not it is good enough will not be known until the timer's gun barks the end of the game Saturday afternoon at Multnomah stadium!

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Here is a song for pigskin pickers taken from the sports pillar of Hugh Fullerton Jr., that we found darn amusing—or would you rather be a fish?

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The mule is an animal with
long funny ears.
He's the mascot that draws
the Army's cheers.
The mule he gallops from the
Army T
And scores those touchdowns very easily.
So the Army will have to get
the vote,
Or would you rather pick
the goat?
The goat is an animal with a
head like a rock.
Which shows how the Navy
team can sock.
He scores lots of points from
the single wing
And when he hits they hear
the birdies sing.
So you'll have to choose the
Navy school.
Or would you rather take
the mule?

Medford Ruled Slight Favorite Over La Grande

Both Elevens In Tip-Top Condition For State Championship Tilt Saturday

PORTLAND, Dec. 1 (AP) — Oregon's two greatest high school football machines were reported by their respective coaches today to be in prime mental and physical condition for their 2 p. m. clash Saturday in Portland's Multnomah stadium for the 1944 state championship.

Youthful Al Simpson, mentor of Medford's gigantic Black Tornado, declared his charges were in their best shape of a season that has seen them bowl over nine straight opponents in their headlong charge into the title finals.

Only Jerry Clark, hard-running right halfback, is the least bit ailing, Simpson said. Clark twisted his neck in a scrimmage session in Medford Wednesday, but will probably open the game.

Cecil Sherwood, boss of the La Grande Tigers, made statements similar to Simpson's. He said the eastern Oregonians, who hammered out 10 straight victories, never were in better shape. Every man, he stated, was in the "pink."

The Tornado, district 2 champion, hit Portland yesterday morning and blew through a two-hour drill on Kamm field, which was just as muddy as Multnomah's playing surface is expected to be.

The Tigers reached town yesterday afternoon and delayed a pre-game workout until today. Medford also will have another practice session this afternoon.

Despite La Grande's 33-7 shellacking of Roosevelt, Portland champ, in the semi-finals, Medford has been installed the slight favorite here among the citizens who back up their judgement with cash. The Tornado blanked Gresham, 6-0, in the other semi-final contest.

Both teams operate offensively from the "T" formation. Medford's chief ground-gainers are 183-pound Marvin Doty, fullback, and Glen Bostwick, 155-pound halfback, the team's "breakaway" runner. Quarterback Bob Watson does the passing.

La Grande's scoring punch is provided mainly by Fullback Bob Terry, negro line-smasher deluxe, and Lefthalf Jim Courtney, the club's ace runner and a grand pass receiver.

Medford has relied principally on a terrific ground attack thus far, while La Grande is noted for its fine aerial offense.

The Tornado will boast a considerable weight advantage over the Tigers, what with its 193-pound forward wall, which may give it some advantage if the field is soggy, a condition that is expected.

Starting lineups:

Medford	Pos.	La Grande
Riggs	LE	Marrs
Sheldon	LT	Cyr
Cahill	LG	Eldgridge
Cave	C	Marshall
Porter	RG	Cantrell
Bessonette	RT	Hyde
Plaskett	RE	Sherwood
Watson	QB	Carey
Bostwick	LH	Courtney
Clark	RH	Kilgore
Doty	FB	Terry

Officials Selected For State Grid Tilt

PORTLAND, Dec. 1 (AP)—Four Portland area officials were named Wednesday by the Oregon high school activities association to superintend the Medford-La Grande state grid championship game here Saturday.

The officials, approved by both contending schools, are Ted Rohwer, former Grant high coach, referee; Chappy King, former Franklin high coach, umpire; George Eilers, field judge; and Dan Jones, Oregon City high school coach, head linesman.

Longhorns Dump Texas Aggies 6-0

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 1 (AP)—Ponderous Harlan Wetz, whose duty it has been to plug a hole in the line while more agile teammates gained whatever glory the University of Texas may have salvaged from a disappointing football season, was a man of the hour—or rather of a minute and twenty-five seconds—today.

The 285-pound tackle performed the unusual feat of kicking off for Texas against bitter rival Texas A. and M. yesterday, then lumbering down to tackle the receiver on the cadet two-yard line and lead to a 6-0 victory for the Longhorns.

It put the Aggies in a hole they couldn't get out of before blonde Bobby Layne, great Texas back, plowed over from the nine-yard line to uphold the jinx of Memorial stadium where no A. and M. team ever has won a game.

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