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One Tough, Three Not So Tough

In about 36 hours from the time you read this the eight best high school football teams in the state will try to buy—with touchdowns—a third of the stock in the state football championship.

Two of the tiffs are not hard to figure, one is a safe guess, but the fourth comes a little tough.

The tangle involves our own Pelicans who meet the La Grande Tigers in the northern Oregon town Friday night.

In the Hillsboro-Milwaukie and Marshfield-Eugene fights we'll string with Hillsboro and Marshfield. The reason for this is the very evident fact that in early season games the Spartans toppled Milwaukie, 20-6, and Marshfield took the measure of the Eugene Axemen, 19-6.

The district 7-B tiff should go to Grant of Portland. Central Catholic has a better-than-average record in winning district 7 but Grant's Shaw-Duff-Hansen-Riebert backfield pack too much power for the Rams. The prognostication road gets a little bumpy, though, when faced with the Pelican-Tiger set-to.

Neither eleven has played a common foe and, even though comparative scores are not the final analysis, they help crystal-balling.

Speedy Backfield

La Grande is said to have one of the speediest backfield units in the state but there are too many factors favoring the Pelicans.

The Tigers one big chance to win is by the air. The Pelican line is one of the best in the state and bumping this veteran forward wall would be just plain gridiron suicide and not-so-smart football.

Bob Henderson's boys have, I think, met stiffer opposition during the course of their 5-1 won-and-lost march.

And remember too that the Pels met probably the best team in the state when the Grant Generals took over on Modoc field in the season's opener.

A quick check of the records show that Klamath had the statistical edge in this game and it took a nifty pass from George Shaw to Len Herrie to give Grant a 7-0 win. I look for a free-wheeling game with the Pelicans winning four touchdowns to two. Giving both teams a 500 mark for conversions, I'd put the game down as a 26-13 victory for the Pelican Cinderella team.

Coalers Missing

Basketball Coach Paul McCall is having his troubles.

Cage practice started this week and McCall was shy a lot of players—about 14 in all—including four regulars.

But the missing players get by with excusable absence slips. They haven't finished football chores yet and may not have up pleekin' togery until December 2. If they go all the way to the state finals.

Bill Toole, Dick Dooge, Dorin Van Lue and Tom Schubert all have inside tracks on first-string positions. It will take a while to iron out football kinks and Paul isn't too optimistic about the Pelican casaba outlook this season.

But coaches aren't made that chortle optimistically at the season's outset.

Took Gloves And Went Home

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 17 (AP)—Harry "Kid" Matthews, 170, Seattle, won a six-round TKO decision over Baby Joe Walcott, 176, Omaha, last night.

Walcott was disqualified by Referee Alex Fidler for failing to fight after complaining that the ring was too slippery.

UCLA, Troy May Draw 75,000

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17 (AP)—The annual cross town grid battle between UCLA and Southern California figures to attract some 75,000 onlookers to Memorial Coliseum Saturday.

OMAHA—Harry Matthews, 170, Seattle, awarded sixth round TKO over Baby Joe Walcott, 176, Omaha, (Walcott disqualified for refusing to fight).

OAKLAND, Calif.—Maurice Hills, 163, Oakland, outpointed Milo Savage, 155, Seattle, 10.

'Cinderella' Pelicans Leave for LaGrande Tiff

Klamath, Tigers In State Quarterfinal Fight Friday Night

A Pelican football squad that was given a squeaky outside pre-season chance, boarded a bus this morning for a 462-mile ride to its first hurdle in the race for the highest prep grid honor, the state championship.

The "Cinderella" team, now district 2 kingpins, clash with the La Grande Tigers in the quarterfinal scrap Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The prize for the winner is a shot at the Marshfield-Eugene victor, the district 3-4 quarter-final match, in the semifinals next week.

Other preliminary skirmishes will pit Milwaukie (district 5) against Hillsboro (district 6) and Central Catholic (district 7) against Grant of Portland (district 8).

The Tigers have clawed their way to eight straight victories without a setback.

ONE LOSS

The Pelicans have dropped only one skirmish in nine games, a 7-0 verdict to Grant in the year's curtain-raiser.

Praise for the Tigers centers around a speedy backfield composed of Quarterback Franz Haun, Halfbacks Charlie Brackett and Bill West, and Fullback Wayne Berry.

The Tiger eight-game win streak is impressive although it is generally felt the caliber of competition offered LaGrande would not stack with Pelican grid foes.

La Grande's lowest scoring game was a 19-point effort against Mac-Hi while the latter was racking up only one touchdown.

In eight games La Grande has rung the scoreboard bell for 281 points which is a neat 35.1 average per game.

The Pels, blanked only in the General game, have averaged 25 points per outing, posting a minimum of seven points against Salem in early season.

BEST LINE

A stout forward wall is on the Pelican side. Factors favoring the Tigers include an evident weakness of Klamath pass defense, a feature Bob Henderson has been working on all week after the Bend scare.

Playing on home ground will also favor La Grande. However, in the general over-all picture, it is felt if the Pelicans can put a stop-gap to the Tiger passes, the long trek to the northern part of the state won't be an injury.

TWO INJURIES

With the exception of Dick Pettold and Jim DeChaineau, the Pelicans are in robust shape. The aggressive guard hurt his back in the Bend tussle and the substitute back is nursing a shoulder injury.

However, Pettold may fully recover by game-time.

Joe Demetrakos' return to health is a bright note. The steady, hard-running fullback saw only partial action in the Bend game when a charley-horse refused to mend.

Bob McPherson will probably get the opening call at quarterback, Joltin' Joe Nichols and Gene Carlson will operate at the halfback posts, with Demetrakos at fullback.

BOUDON MAY OPEN

In the event Pettold cannot start, Bob Boudon will fill in at guard, along with Roy Lundgren at the other guard position. Keith Donahoe, center; Tom Abner and John Witte, tackles; Dorin Van Lue and Tom Schubert at ends will complete the Pel line.

The Klamath lads work out at Arlington tonight and continue the trip Friday morning with arrival time in La Grande set for approximately noon.

LaGrande mentor is Don Mabee, a classmate of Henderson's, at the University of Oregon.

Fan Decline Cools Deal

SALEM, Nov. 17 (AP)—A steady drop in attendance has cooled the enthusiasm of fans who had planned to buy the Salem Western International league club.

Howard Maple, one of five civic leaders backing the purchase, said the deal had progressed at one time to the contract writing stage. But, he added, the group now wants no part of it.

He indicated the dropping attendance played a big part in the decision. Salem drew 103,000 fans when Portland first bought the franchise in 1946, but had dropped to 68,000 last year.

U of BC Wins Gallop Grind

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 17 (AP)—University of British Columbia won the Pacific Northwest cross-country championships here yesterday, defeating Washington State college 21-15.

Coast Hockey

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Seattle 6, Victoria 2.
San Diego 4, San Francisco 3.

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SEATTLE, Nov. 17 (AP)—A diminutive coed—with experience—at breaking up huddles—wriggled through a flying wedge at the university of Washington campus yesterday.

When she touched the runner, the game was over. Delta Gamma sorority claimed a 14-7 touch football win over the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

It was a clean game. The lone penalties were called against the boys. One was for illegal use of the hands, the second for offensive holding.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — Bobby Volk, 159, Portland, Ore., outpointed Nap Howard, 159, Los Angeles, 10.

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THIS IS SAMBO, promising young labrador, owned by Jiggers Koschnick. Sambo placed third in the non-winners class at the recent Boise, Ida., field trials. Sambo is handled by Jack Hales.

Strikes 'n Spares

The race in the Booster league at Klamath Recreation hit mid-season form as Matt Finnigan's shut out the leading Grant Northern team. Herald and News came to life and led three from Superior Troy to top undisputed third place. The bowling as a whole in this league was very mediocre with Finnigan's 227 being tops in the series and their 820 opening game being the best single effort. Tom Milne of the 20-30 club rolled the high three game series of 538 and Don Thomas of Finnigan's posted the high single game with a 221 count.

The leaders in the Industrial league also took a beating as the Suburban Firemen trimmed Lost River 4 to 0. Motor Investment Co. took over first place by handing the Eagles a shut-out. They likewise took series and single game honors with 2552 and 848 respectively. Laron Griggs of Griggs' Foods was the "hot-shot" in this league with a 538 series and Joe Wachter, rolling with the Investors copped the high single with 213.

This seemed to be a bad week for league leaders. The Jones-Miller Studio team moved ahead of Sessler Inc. in the Commercial league Wednesday night. A tie for total pins between Grems and Klamath Lumber & Box will be decided next week.

BOOSTER LEAGUE

Great Northern 22 10
Matt Finnigan's 21 11
Herald & News 18 14
Superior Tropic Laundry 16 16
Ashley Chevrolet 15 17
Specialized Service 13 19
20-30 Club 13 19
Rickys Jewelers 10 22

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Motor Investment Co. 17 7
Lost River Dairy 15 9
Griggs Foods 15 9
Suburban Fire Dept. 11 13
Dick B. Miller Co. 11 13
Eagles Lodge 6 18

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Jones Miller Studio 23 9
Sessler Inc. 22 10
Weyershaeuser-Timber Co. 18 14
John Wieland Lager 16 16
Dick Reeder's 15 17
Klamath Lumber & Box 13 18
Grems Roofing Service 10 21
K F L W 10 22

Beaver End Honored

Stan McGuire Named Lineman of the Week

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—Curly-haired Stan McGuire said, "I'm overwhelmed."

Told that he had been named lineman of the week in the Associated Press poll today for his sparkling work Saturday in Oregon State's 25-20 upset football win over Michigan State, the 22-year-old right end said, "I just did what the coaches taught me."

What they taught him, apparently, was how to kick field goals (one), how to convert (two), how to block kicks (one for a safety), how to snag passes (one paved the way to a touchdown) and assorted other information to the discomfiture of Michigan State.

A full-time five foot 11-inch, 192-pound player who backs up the line on defense, McGuire was the spark in OSC's surprising win. But Head Coach Kip Taylor said he wasn't particularly surprised.

"McGuire hasn't turned in a bad game all year. He does a workmanlike job on both offense and defense," Taylor said. "He's good at everything he does. He isn't the country's greatest pass receiver and he isn't the greatest defensive player—but for all-around work, on both offense and defense, he's one of the best there is."

McGuire sandwiched in his military service after a year's 1945 eligibility. He has been winning 55 to 60 minutes a game—a rarity in platoon football.

A business administration major who has a 2.8 grade average (B minus), he speaks softly and says being lineman of the week "is the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

"It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy," said Taylor.

Lawrence Scouts

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Wocus Turkey Shoot Sunday

Grab your gun and set your sights and a free Thanksgiving gobble is yours for the aiming.

The Klamath Gun club is sponsoring a turkey shoot at the Wocus shooting range Sunday. The competition, open to the public, will get underway at 10 a. m.

Turkeys will be given to the best marksmen at the traps.

Mustangs Free Of Injuries

Coach Jim Conroy divulged late yesterday that his Mustangs, district 5B champs, will be injury-free Saturday afternoon when they tangle with the Moro Huskies in the state quarter-finals on Modoc field.

The only casualty, that of long standing, is Len Weber's leg injury. The speedy scabbard back to wear shin splints which slows him considerably from his early-season scampering.

Wily Knighten, Moro halfback, was described by last year's Henley coach, Max Marvin, as the best back faced by the Hornets all season. Kickoff time on Modoc field is 1:30 p. m.

Pels Run In State Grind

Seven Pelican cross-country runners will be in the field Friday at Lewis and Clark college when the state cross-country meet is held.

Coach Paul Deller's harriers recently won the district title in the lengthy grind.

Making the trip from Klamath are Tom Thornton, 1949 captain, Jerry Garrett, Jim Thornton, Jack Lyon, Harry Lyon, Harold Simmers and Eugene Book.

The L and C course will be new to all the 15 teams competing. Salem, Lincoln high and Benson high of Portland are all ranked with Klamath Falls in running strength.

The first five runners to complete the course laid out for between a mile and a half and a mile and three-quarters, will count in the scoring column.

The KUHS squad will attend the Oregon-Oregon State football game Saturday, acting in the capacity of ushers.

Tulelake Loses Bud Greenbank

TULELAKE, Nov. 17.—The Tulelake Honkers will be minus the services of its ace quarterback, Buddy Greenbank, when the Del Norte team of Crescent City, Calif., invades Tulelake Saturday.

Kickoff time for the non-league season closer is 2 p. m.

A double casualty to Greenbank—an ear and kidney injury—will keep the signal-caller on the sidelines. Coach Chuck DeAutremont of Del Norte will bring 27 players to Tulelake.

For the records Bud Weaver beat Jack Lipscomb, but the Davidson-Lipscomb rubebush highlighted the match.

Davidson insisted on stopping The Lip's nefarious tactics and, as a result, Lipscomb battled with Davidson more than he did with Weaver. But the unpopular grappler lost both decisions, Davidson won the knee-to-chin and fist-to-kisser route to break Lipscomb's illegal capers.

Actually, Lipscomb won the first fall with a Boston Crab in 15:05 but Davidson hoisted Weaver's hand.

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