

Blue Chips Up for Pel Grab



DAVID PEPPE'S main job this season has been as defensive halfback, but the promising sophomore, a replacement at either halfback position on offense, is no slouch in the running department either. Fans are still talking about his 80-yard kickoff return against Reno last week. — Photo by Don Kettler



THESE TWO GENTS DON'T PUSH EASY — Both-way tackles for Klamath Falls are (l to r) Benny Lawyer and Jack Himelwright. Grants Pass' opposing linemen have a job cut out for them tonight moving the Pels around. Lawver scales 275, while Himelwright comes in at a "mere" 205. — Photo by Don Kettler

Klamaths in Grants Pass for Title Quarrel Tonight

By RED HURD

The football Pelicans of Klamath Union High School will try to quench a four-year thirst with touchdowns tonight in Grants Pass. The Pels and Cavemen kick off at eight in a grid quarrel that has the Dist. 6 title and a first-round state playoff berth hanging in the balance.

A district crown and a place in the state showdown is old hat to Grants Pass. The past few years—but the Pelicans have waited since 1949 for the double pigskin accolade.

Past records mean somewhat less than nothing in this game. Last year pre-game records leaned toward Klamath Falls. But Grants Pass Coach Mel Ingram brought an underdog team to Klamath Falls and bumped the Pelicans 7-0. The upset gave Klamath Falls one-third interest in the district championship. But it was a hollow honor after Grants Pass won in a draw with Klamath Falls and Medford.

ONE LOSS

This year the Pels, fielding a team that has lost just one start

in seven and one that is capable of winning when it counts, will settle for nothing less than a clear-cut right to the throne room.

It won't be easy for Coach Bob Henderson's gridders because Ingram has a habit of tunneling all his big surprises into this game.

His Cavemen have made a habit of whipping the Pels since 1949 when the Klamath club, with superb John Witte anchoring the line and little Gaylor Huck sparking the backfield, caved in the Cavemen 39-21.

But the next year Grants Pass

won in the Modoc Field mud, 14-6, and 33-9 in 1951. Then, to add insult to injury, Grants Pass won when they shouldn't have last year.

NO WHITE

The Pels have no John Witte up front this year but they have had who charge hard and move well on offense and are particular about getting shoved around on defense.

Offensively, the line will have ends Jay Dearing and Bob Smith, tackles Jack Himelwright and Benny Lawyer, guards Don Wells and Erwin Mullin and center Denny Todd.

In the offensive backfield, Don Dexter injects the get-up-and-go from the left halfback spot, with right halfback Jim Dougherty and fullback Greg Schulze handling the dynamite in power thrusts. Quarterback Larry Yarnell does an adequate job quarterbacking.

Defensively, Elvis Mitchell and Todd take care of the wing chores on a five-man line. Lawyer and Himelwright are inside with Modesto Jimenez in the middle. Ken Martin joins Dougherty and Schulze in the line-backing department, David Pepple and Charles Guptill operate at the halfback positions and Dexter is at safety.

WORRY

Grants Pass will worry the Pels mainly with Bob Woods who puts together speed and power to make him one of the outstanding running backs in the state.

Bill Fleming is on the other side, with hard-running Don Korns at fullback and Jerry Yosten at quarterback. It's a backfield that may not equal the Pelicans for all-around brilliance, but will come close.

Woods and Company operate behind ends Mickey Blevins and either Lloyd Zinn or Don Anderson, tackles Dale Tripp and Dick Blevins, guards John Corson and Jim Lockhart and center Dale Jackson.

Defensive changes put quick, 177-pound Tom Cudd at halfback to work with Woods, Don James (University of Oregon's Dick's brother) at safety.

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SPORTS

RED HURD, Sports Editor

Araujo Starts All Over Again

NEW YORK (AP)—The honeymoon is over for George Araujo, the Providence, R. I., fighting man.

Jimmy Carter's right hand ruined his shiny dreams of becoming lightweight champion of the world at the age of 22. That was his last Madison Square Garden fight. A Sept. 10 defeat in Boston by the veteran Teddy (Red Top) Davis rubbed most of the luster off his fine record.

Now Araujo starts all over again

in a third match with Davis.

The 10-rounder at 10 p.m. EST. will be carried on ABC radio and NBC television.

Since the last Davis fight, Araujo was married. Now he goes back to work in a rugged test that could be a turning point in his career.

The odds favoring Araujo at 9 to 5 overlook his upset by Davis at Boston in his first fight after his 19th-round technical knockout by Carter. In 54 fights, since 1948, Araujo has a 49-4-1 record. He was stopped only once—by Carter.

Davis, 30, enjoyed a tremendous upset this year after stumbling

along at a 500 pace through most of his career. He has been fighting since 1946 with a record of 52-46-2. Charley Riley, Tom Collins and Araujo boosted him to the No. 2 spot among featherweight contenders.

Because Davis won the New England lightweight title by beating Araujo at Boston, that championship will be at stake tonight. This is the last time, however, that a New England title will be put on the line in "outside" territory.

The big question Araujo must answer is this: Is he gun-shy after the thumping he took from Carter? Reports of the Davis fight in Boston indicated that he was in the early rounds.

Spartans Warned

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—A football scout warned nationally ranked Michigan State Thursday that Saturday's game with Oregon State will not result in an automatic victory for the Spartans.

The game will have to be won on the field, assistant Coach Bob Devaney said.

Devaney, who scouted the Beavers in their game with Idaho last Saturday, said:

"Oregon State does not have a winning record. However, it is a big team, has 18 lettermen and a completely veteran backfield."

HOCKEY

Thursday's Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Montreal 3, Toronto 1

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Seven District Prep Titles Go on Block

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

District high school football play approaches its annual climax in Oregon this weekend. Seven district titles may be settled.

Only one week of play remains after this before the teams open the three-week-long playoffs leading to state championships.

The class 1-A teams again lead the way. They qualified two teams for the playoffs last week and could qualify four more this weekend.

Class 2-A teams, which have not yet qualified any for their playoffs, could qualify three this weekend.

RAMS ON SPOT

In class 1-A Central Catholic, defending champion and ranked No. 2 in the state this year, could sew up the district 3 title by downing tough Gresham.

Salem, ranked No. 4, could clinch the district 8 crown by defeating Lebanon.

Jefferson of Portland, No. 7 in the state, could win a place in the playoffs by defeating Grant of Portland.

In Southern Oregon, Klamath Falls, No. 8 in the state, could gain the district 6 title by winning from Grants Pass.

In class 2-A Reedsport and Newport will tangle for the title of district 2; Estacada could win the district 4 crown by defeating Canby; and undefeated Oakridge could take the district 5 title by downing Drain. The Drain team also is unbeaten, but has one more

district game scheduled after Oakridge.

WIN TITLES

Last week Benson of Portland and Hillsboro won district titles in class 1-A.

The rest of the district races will be settled next week.

The state's No. 1 team, North Bend, faces a tough test this weekend, playing at Eugene in a district 5 game leading to the climactic game between North Bend and Marshfield next week.

Marshfield, No. 5 in the state, plays a non-counting game at Medford this weekend.

The No. 6 team, Prineville, also plays a non-counting game, but it may be the toughest of the season to date for undefeated Prineville. The game is against strong Albany of class 1-A. Prineville is the defending champion in 2-A.

Ontario, the other 2A team in the top 10, has an open date. Ontario is ranked No. 9.

Among other games important in the district races are: The Dalles at Hermiston and Baker at Milton-Freewater in district 7 of 1-A; Ashland vs. Illinois Valley and Coquille vs. Myrtle Point in district 9 of 2-A.

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