

# Klamath, Medford Battle To 13-13 Deadlock

## Last Second TD Saves Pels From SOC Loss

By CLAYTON HANNON

The old college try and gridiron strategy pulled the Klamath Union High School Pelicans from "sure defeat" Friday night at Modoc Field into a 13-13 tie with the Medford Black Tornadoes in the opening Southern Oregon Conference play for both teams. And what a thriller it proved to be!

A last four-second touchdown pass saved the day for the Pels, who outplayed their arch rivals from the Rogue Valley in almost every department, yet were trailing by six points as the clock ticked off the waning seconds of the first.

Coach John McGinnis' strategy was a gamble, and it worked. Ed Jerry Burke, the "jack-of-all-trades" for the Klamath team, and quarterback Butch Kimpton traded positions as the Whitebirds lined up for what everyone of the Modoc patrons knew was to be the final play of the game. Burke took the snap from center, faded back and shot a clean strike to Kimpton in the Medford end zone to tie the game at 13-13.

The stunned spectators, coaches and players, with the exception of Kimpton, were all wondering how the 145-pound junior managed to snare the sailing pigskin from three Medford defenders, who surrounded him. When the clock stopped for the scoring play, only four vital seconds remained to play. The attempt for the point-after-touchdown failed, when Larry Heaton was stopped short of the goal line after retrieving a bad pass from center and trying to run over the winning counter. But the Pels and their rooters were well satisfied with the last-second comeback culminating in the brilliant pass play from Burke to Kimpton, that the failure to capitalize on the PAT seemed to be forgotten.

**FAVOR PELS**  
The official statistician for the conference battle tallied the final net yardage in favor of the Pelicans and by quite a margin. Klamath rolled up a grand total of 366 yards in rushing and passing, while the combined efforts of the Tornadoes were totalling 289, a difference of 77 yards. In event the SOC race ends in a deadlock at the close of the season, and should Friday night's game have a bearing on the outcome, then Klamath will probably be given the nod on the margin of net yardage.

In other conference action Fri-

## Sooners Top Kansas 44-6; Buffalos Win

**NORMAN, Okla. (AP)—**Oklahoma, the nation's No. 3 team, spotted Kansas a touchdown, then pounded the Jayhawks into submission 44-6 Saturday as the Sooners started on the path to their eighth straight Big Seven Conference football title.

The victory was the 23rd in a row for the Sooners—the longest in the nation—and the 99th straight game in which OU has scored, another national record.

The defeat left Kansas with two losses and a tie in the conference and gave Oklahoma its 48th Big Seven Conference game without a loss.

Six Sooners scored with Oklahoma's speedy halfback Tommy McDonald making two touchdowns.

**MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)—**Colorado's classy single wing Buffaloes, played to a dead heat the first two quarters, riddled Kansas State with four touchdowns in the last half Saturday for a 34-13 Big Seven conference victory and their fourth straight success of the season.

**AMES, Iowa (AP)—**Iowa State's pleasant three touchdown lead was turned into a struggle for survival in the fourth quarter Saturday before the Cyclones eventually turned back Missouri 20-14.

**LOGAN, Utah (AP)—**The Utah State Aggies turned home ground slack which swept over Montana State University 32-6 Saturday for Utah State's second Skyline Conference victory.

**LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP)—**Quarterback Joe Mastrogiovanni ran 61 yards for one touchdown, passed 23 yards for another and kicked vital extra points Saturday in leading Wyoming to a 23-19 victory over Tulsa after the Oklahoma state broke away to a 12-0 first period lead.

## Snider, Kaline Receive Honors

**ST. LOUIS (AP)—**Duke Snider of the world champion Brooklyn Dodgers and Al Kaline, youthful outfielder of the Detroit Tigers, Saturday were named the outstanding players in the National and American Leagues in an annual poll by The Sporting News.

The national baseball weekly reported Robm Roberts of the Philadelphia Phillies and Whitey Ford of the New York Yankees were selected as the outstanding pitchers in the two leagues.

day evening, Grants Pass lived up to its pre-season billing as the conference favorite by dumping Ashland by a 38-14 margin on the Grizzlies' home field in the Lithia city.

Klamath's up-and-down chargers who were definitely on the upward surge for their clash with Medford, completely dominated the play in the first half. The second period was played on a more "even-stein" basis in true "rock-um-squum" football fashion. Lee McGill set the stage for the Pelican march toward another win over Medford, as he scampered 89 yards off his own left-tackle in the first quarter of play. Klamath took the ball on their own 20 yard line after a Medford punt sailed into the end zone, and on the first play, McGill was held for absolutely no gain. Then McGill, on his off-tackle scoot, placed the Pels in the scoring column with his ramble down the left-hand sidelines. McGill took the Klamath extra point, and the Pels led 7-0 with seven minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

**DESPERATELY**  
Medford came back in the second quarter to make the score stand 7-6, as back John Ballack fired a pass to Wayne Hawkins. The scoring play covered 29 yards and came with 6:50 remaining in the half, following a Klamath punt. The Tornadoes tried desperately to take a halftime lead, as Dick Copple attempted a 14-yard field goal, but the pigskin slid to the right of the uprights, and Klamath took possession of the ball with one minute remaining in the half.

Gary Riley, the much-heralded halfback transfer from Baker, brought the football patrons to their feet late in the third period, as he took a direct snap from center and headed around his own right end in what proved to be the most beautiful run of the evening's action. Riley started from the Klamath 41-yard-line, and after being hit on several occasions, one time running five or six yards while stumbling, the 170-pound griddler flashed into the open on the 20-yard line and into the end zone with 4:50 remaining in the half, winning their first lead of the game.

Copple's try-for-the-extra point split the goal posts, and the Tornadoes held a commanding 13-7 edge.

Riley's touchdown run came just as the Pelicans needed, ending play in the third period.

**DOWN FIELD MARCH**  
In the fourth and final period of play, Klamath took a Medford kickoff on their own 35, where Leeling returned to the Klamath 47. Kimpton fired a second-down pass to McGill good for 28 yards on Medford's 35 yard line. Then Tommy "T-Model" Ferrell ripped his way for 23 yards in four plays to place the ball on the Medford 12 yard line, two plays later, after a five-yard penalty against Klamath, the Pels fumbled, and Medford recovered to halt the Klamath downfield march, which was sparked by two first downs.

Klamath's not-to-be-moved line held Medford, and forced the Tornadoes to punt. Medford in turn stiffened to end on downs to their own 25. With three minutes of play remaining, Medford tried to stall out the game, but again, the Pelican line held, forcing the Rogue Valley team to punt.

It was McGill again, who sent the Pelican rooters to their feet as he returned Larry Guber's punt from the Klamath 45 to the Medford 24, setting the stage for the evening's classic play, Burke-to-Kimpton.

The line play of both teams was outstanding with the Klamath front lineers being a slight edge by throwing Medford runners for a minus-total of 34 yards. Medford's Ballack and Riley led the visitors offense, while McGill, in the first half, and Ferrell, in the second, sparked the Klamath machine.

Klamath's "last-ditch" drive was news to several fans Saturday morning, as many spectators, hurrying to their cars to escape the bumper-to-bumper traffic that followed such a contest, failed to see the night's heart-stopping finish.

**Statistics:**

UNOFFICIAL			
	KY	MO	4
First downs rushing	1	3	1
First downs passing	1	3	1
Total first downs	2	6	2
Total net yards	366	289	
Passes attempted	19	4	
Passes completed	4	2	
Passes incomplete	15	2	
Passes intercepted by	0	0	
Fumbles lost	4	4	
Yards penalized	30	40	
Ball lost on downs	1	1	
Number of punts	3	7	
Average length punts	31.0	37.0	
Turnovers	1	1	
Conversions	1	1	
Points	13	13	
* Denotes official yardage			

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS			
KLAMATH FALLS			
	T	Yds.	Avg.
Norm Taubler	14	36	2.7
Lee McGill	10	106	10.6
Dave Leeling	2	11	5.5
Butch Kimpton	2	28	14.0
Tom Ferrell	10	37	3.7
Core Hicks	1	-1	-1.0

MEDFORD			
Dick McLaughlin	3	12	4.0
Mike Hawkins	1	43	43.0
Gary Riley	9	43	4.7
Dave Howarth	4	32	8.0
Larry Guber	7	25	3.6
John Ballack	7	45	6.4

**Score by quarters:**  
Klamath Falls 7 0 6 0 — 13  
Medford 7 7 0 0 — 14

**Scoring for Klamath Falls:** Touchdowns—Lee McGill, Butch Kimpton. Conversions—McGill.

**Scoring for Medford:** Touchdowns—Dick Copple.

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**JOHNNY ON THE SPOT** was Herald and News photographer Don Kettler as he snapped the game-saving scoring play for the KUHS Pelicans Friday night against Medford. The play, a 24 yard pass from Jerry Burke to Butch Kimpton, tied the score at 13-13 with four seconds remaining. Trying to guard Kimpton are Medford gridders Dave Riley (20), John Ballack (back of Kimpton) and Dick McLaughlin (31).



**IT COULDN'T HAPPEN** to us is the expression of head Coach Fred Speidelberg to two Medford High football players as the Klamath Union Pelicans make a sizeable gain against the Tornadoes. The same thought raced down the Medford bench when the action to the left took place. With Speidelberg are Jerry Gatlin (32) an end, and Mike Hawkins, standing back of his coach, a halfback.

## Spartans Bounce ND, Michigan Rolls Again

**EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—**Intercepted one Villanova pass and caught a 20-yard pass on the Villanova 7 just as the first half ended.

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—**Duke's Big Devils spotted Ohio State an 18-point lead Saturday, then roared back with a late surge of power and passing to defeat the national champion Buckeyes 20-14.

**IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—**Purdue shocked 52,117 homecoming fans Saturday by deadlocking Iowa 20-20 in a wild and spectacular Big Ten football game with Len Dawson's 14-yard touchdown pass and his conversion on the final play of the contest.

**ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—**Top ranked Michigan lost some of its glitter to an inspired Northwestern football team Saturday, but finally posted a 14-2 win to remain undefeated.

**CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP)—**Illinois' blend of passing and running Saturday brought a 21-13 Big Ten football victory over the Minnesota Gophers, who bunched their touchdowns in the third period on spectacular plays good for a combined 129 yards.

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—**National high hurdle champion Milt Campbell was Indiana's football sparkler Saturday in a 14-7 victory over Villanova.

**STATISTICS:**  
Michigan's fourth straight victory and second in the Big Ten but its offense was ineffective and its defense was strangled by the enraged Wildcats.

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## Browns, Redskins Collide

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
The Cleveland Browns have another crack at one of the upstarts challenging their five-year reign in the Eastern Conference of the National Football League Sunday, meeting the Washington Redskins in the nation's capital.

**WASHINGTON** suffered its first defeat last week, beaten by the Cardinals 24-10. Cleveland, the defending NFL champ, got past Philadelphia 21-17 on some last minute heroics by quarterback Otto Graham, back from "retirement."

**DETROIT**, the Western Conference champ for the past three years, still is looking for its first 1955 triumph going into Sunday's game against the San Francisco 49ers at Detroit.

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