

Klamath Falls Pelicans Host Medford Tonight

Quarterback Frank Ballard May Be Able To See Action

The Klamath Union High School Pelicans host their across the mountain rivals, the tenth ranked Medford Tornadoes, tonight at Modoc Field with the kickoff scheduled for 8 o'clock.

If KUHS had a homecoming game, this one would be it, as the 35th consecutive meeting of the two schools promises to bring out a packed stadium and produce one of the hardest fought contests Modoc Field has seen this season.

It will be an all-out effort on the part of Pelicans, who have won only one of their five outings. And on the practice field Thursday one could sense the determination and tenseness by both the players and coaches.

For the first time this season the Pelicans did not don their fancy game uniforms on a Thursday for light no contact drills on kickoff and punt returns, but instead turned out in their everyday, muddy practice togs for a full session of defensive drills, with only the backfield men receiving lighter blocks and tackles.

The Whitebirds' hopes received a little lift Thursday when it was learned that regular quarterback Frank Ballard will have his hand X-rayed today to determine whether he will be able to return to action in the Medford game.

If the X-rays reveal that Ballard's left hand has not healed sufficiently for him to play, the quarterback position will go to Tom Ankeny, who has taken over the signal calling spot during the last two games.

Knudsen said Ankeny has improved considerably and that he maneuvered the team very well for the Pelicans lone tally against Vancouver, and with a dry field to work on for the first time and the added experience, he may show even more promise in tonight's game.

Co-captain Rich Humphrey is a sure bet to start at one of the halfback positions, while the other halfback is yet to be named. However, Ron House will have to carry the fullback chores alone since Bill Shreeve will definitely not be able to suit up.

End Mike Probst was taken down with the flu Tuesday and is listed as questionable.

Medford will bring its own following, more than 200 tickets were sent to Medford High School, and the Tornado marching band will perform during the halftime ceremonies.

The Medford squad will come swaggering into Klamath Falls with a record of two wins and two losses, the only team in the state's top 10 that has lost two games, and will definitely be the favorite.

The Medford offense is one of the quickest the Pelicans will face during the season and their backs are all ranked among the best. The Tornadoes operate off the same offense as KUHS, using both the single wing and the T-formation off an unbalanced line.

The two teams will match up evenly as far as weight goes, but the Medford backs have the edge on speed and versatility, all of

them being able to throw the ball very well.

The big work horse on the Medford squad is fullback Bobby Gee, who weighs in at 170 pounds, runs hard and is also a sprinter.

The Pelicans have had the book thrown at them this week by coach Andy Knudsen and his staff. Nothing in the game of football has been overlooked and Knudsen said their offense looked real well in Wednesday's scrimmage.

Modoc Field is in good condition and barring any upstart rains the turf will be fast and the footing will be good. This will be a good break for both teams, but the better for the Pelicans who have not been able to operate too effectively in wet weather, suffering their two biggest losses in wet weather against Springfield and Hudson Bay of Vancouver, Washington.

Punting specialist Bob Drace has shown a lot of improvement in his kicking for the Pelicans, but still has not had the needed experience to keep him from showing hot and cold. The foot of this boy can be a definite asset for the Pelicans.

Coach Knudsen said the boys played hard and had plenty of hustle at Vancouver, but it was again mental errors that really hurt them.

The Pelicans have played good ball and had ball about evenly so far this season. When they have been good, they have been real good, and when they looked bad they have looked real bad.

With all of the traditional rivalry tonight's game carries, this could be the one time when they could put together all of their good football to play 48 minutes of football the way they did against the top rated Marshfield Pirates during the first half.

This will be the opening District 6-A-1 game for the Pelicans, while Medford posted its first conference victory last week by defeating Central Point (Crater) 40-14.

Coach Andy Knudsen is still undecided whom he will start in tonight's game, saying that it will all depend on who is available and ready.

For Medford, the probable starting line up will be Mike Russell (186) and Tom Hamlin (170) at ends, Tom Morris (180) and Dick Corbin (168) at tackles, Dick Corbin (168) and Tom Merion (180) at guards, and Jim Funston (200) at center.

In the backfield, Tony Brauner (170) will call the signals, with John Jones (151) and Ron Reich (130) at halfbacks and Bobby Gee (170) in the fullback slot.

The Pelicans have not gone down in defeat at the hands of Medford on Modoc Field since 1945, although in 1950 and 1955 the two teams battled to ties.

In the previous 34 meetings of the squads, the Medford squads have won 21 of them while the Pelicans have topped the Tornadoes eight times, five of the games having ended in ties.

The game will be broadcast locally over Radio Station KFLW, with sportscaster Floyd Wynne calling the play by play.

Herald and News Sports

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Flu Causes Shakeup In Weekly Grid Card

By ED CORRIGAN
The Associated Press

The flu germ has cut a heavy swath through the collegiate football schedule for the third straight week. Still, there will be the usual jockeying for position in the upper echelon.

Michigan State, reigning king, enters winless Purdue, and Oklahoma, the shaky but plotting former monarch, plays Kansas tomorrow.

Numerous games have been canceled and many teams weakened by the flu bug. But all the prestige games will be played. In several instances teams which would have been idle because of their opponents' physical condition have agreed to play each other.

Drake called off its game with Colorado State. Omaha also canceled its contest with Bradley. So Colorado State will play Bradley at Peoria, Ill.

In western Pennsylvania, St. Vincent canceled its scheduled meeting with Waynesburg, and California Teachers called off its game with Edinboro Teachers, thus setting up a Waynesburg-Edinboro clash. Wheaton, Ill.,

Pro Cagers Start Season Next Tuesday

NEW YORK (UP)—The Boston Celtics and the St. Louis Hawks will pick up where they left off last spring when they meet at St. Louis next Tuesday night in the opening game of the 1957-58 National Basketball Association season.

The Celtics captured the Eastern Division pennant last season and then won their first world championship by defeating the Hawks, 123-123, in double overtime in the seventh game of the final playoffs.

A total of 288 games will be played in the pro circuit this season, with each of the eight member teams engaging in 72 contests.

The Boston-St. Louis game is the only contest scheduled next Tuesday night. The following night the Hawks play the New York Knicks and the Celtics meet the Detroit Pistons in a doubleheader at Detroit.

The Philadelphia Warriors, with Tom Gola back from Army service, open their season against the Nationals at Syracuse on Oct. 23. All eight teams will be in action Oct. 26, with Boston at New York, Philadelphia at Detroit, Minneapolis at St. Louis, and Syracuse at Cincinnati.

Two franchises were shifted following the 1956-57 season. The Pistons were moved from Fort Wayne to Detroit and the Rochester Royals transferred to Cincinnati.

ORIOLE COACHES STAY

BALTIMORE (UP)—The Baltimore Orioles have retained their three coaches—Harry Brecheen, Luman Harris and Al Vincent—for the 1958 baseball season. Brecheen is a holdover from the Jimm Dykes' regime while Harris and Vincent have been at Baltimore since Paul Richards became the manager in 1951.

TO MEET WINNER

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Vince Martinez, second-ranked welterweight from Paterson, N.J., is scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles Friday to complete arrangements to meet the winner of next Tuesday night's bout between Gaspar Ortega and Kid Gavilan at Wrigley Field.

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scheduled Kentucky State to replace flu-crippled Illinois Wesleyan.

Among other games canceled were, Washington and Jefferson-Thiel, Johns Hopkins-Haverford, Rip - Union, Bowdoin - Williams, Slippery Rock-Western Reserve, Washington University (St. Louis - Western Michigan, Brandeis-Springfield, Alfred-Hobart and Montana Miner-Northern Montana.

Many major schools also have been weakened by the virus. But no manpower shortage has been reported at Oklahoma or Michigan State. Neither the Spartans nor the Sooners are expected to have any undue difficulty, although Oklahoma has proved, at least, that it's human in its three victories.

The suspicion that Bud Wilkinson's outfit might get beaten somewhere along the line - plus its relatively weak schedule - undoubtedly influenced the voters in this week's Associated Press poll to send Michigan State to the top.

Last week, Oklahoma had to come from behind to defeat Texas, which had not been rated a problem, 21-7. Meanwhile, Michigan State was grinding out a 35-6 conquest over a strong Michigan outfit.

There are loads of other top games around the country.

If Washington State can get by Oregon, the Cougars are almost certain to be elected the Pacific Coast Conference representative for the Rose Bowl.

The Cougars already have licked California and Stanford, so if they get by Oregon, they will have no one else to beat among the eligibles.

Army and Pitt are in the thick of the fight for the Eastern championship-mythical though it is.

Pitt lost its opener to Oklahoma, but has won three in a row since. Army is hoping to rebound from its defeat by Notre Dame last week.

In the South, possibly the biggest game is the Auburn-Georgia Tech affair. Unbeaten Auburn has its eyes on the Southeastern Conference championship.

Louisiana State, still in the thick of things, plays Kentucky in a league game.

In the Big Ten, two of the pretenders to Michigan State's throne Minnesota and Wisconsin, play important games. The Gophers go to Iowa.

The big one in the Southwest Conference is Texas A&M, No. 3 team in the country, against Texas Christian, Arkansas, which might give Texas A&M a run for the league crown meets Texas.

Duke, No. 5 in the country, bested Minnesota, plays Wake Forest in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Fights

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
LOS ANGELES — Paul Jorgensen, 128, Port Arthur, Tex., knocked out Ernesto Figueroa, 128, Mexico City, 10.

PUEBLO, Colo. — Jake Sanchez, 145, Denver, stopped Henry Brown, 145, Wichita, 6.

REVERE, Mass. — Ray Lancaster, 144, Spartanburg, S. C., knocked out Don Preston, 146, Everett, Mass., 2.

HARTFORD, Conn. — Billy Lynch, 147, Hartford, outpointed Charlie (King) Cotton, 150, Toledo, Ohio, 10.

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OTI Owls Ready For Game With SOC Red Raiders

The Oregon Technical Institute Owls put their Oregon Collegiate Conference lead on the chopping block Saturday night when they travel to Ashland to do battle with the second place Red Raiders of Southern Oregon College at 8 p.m.

Coach Rex Hunsaker said all of the Owls are in good shape and are expecting to retain their number one position in the OCC.

The contest shapes up to be a defensive battle, since both teams are strong defensively and have been stressing defensive drills all week.

Hunsaker said he had six boys missing from practice Wednesday because of the flu, but that starting tackle Jack Bitzer is the only one who is questionable at this time.

The Red Raiders have not been exempt from the flu bug, and had 12 boys, seven of them starters, missing from practice sessions Tuesday and Wednesday. However, a SOC spokesman said that most of the starters should be able to play Saturday.

Both teams are shy of depth in the forward wall, but have good reserve strength in the backfield. Hunsaker said he believes the Owls depth will match that of Southern Oregon and that the team as a whole will be able to play on an even basis, if not better than the Raiders.

Richard Pekala is the top ground gainer for the Owls, averaging 4.9 yards per carry and is fifth in the conference. Belton Ollison, who missed action against Eastern Oregon College last week, is close behind Pekala with a 4.8 average and is number six in the conference.

Raider quarterback Lance Locke is the leading OCC passer, completing 23 of 64 attempts for 282 net yards, while for the Owls it is Charlie Ginter who is third in the conference and has completed 16 of 42 attempts for 209 net yards.

When the Owls and Raiders square off on Fuller Field the game will be pretty much of a tossup, but OTI coach Rex Hunsaker feels his charges have enough spirit and have the win-

ning mental attitude to come out on top in the end.

Last year the Owls pulled an upset over the favored Red Raiders, winning 27-20 at OTI's homecoming game.

In other past games the Owls were defeated 55-14, and 19-12 in 1949 and 1950. The two grid squads did not meet in 1951, but in 1952 the OTI posted an overwhelming 89-0 victory.

In 1954 the two schools did not meet and in 1955 the Owls were defeated 33-0.

Coach Hunsaker said he will take 30 boys to Ashland for the game and that the team will leave the OTI campus Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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The Owls are leading the conference in rushing yardage, having gained a total of 954 net yards for a game average of 190.8 yards.

The Red Raiders are leading the conference in passing, attempting 106 passes, completing 45 for a total net yards passing of 567 yards for an average of 141, seven yards per game.

Southern Oregon has averaged only 141.2 yards per game rushing, and the Owls have been able to pick up only a 45.8 average in yards passing per game.

Ron Maurer of Southern Oregon is the big ground gainer for the Raiders, averaging 9.3 yards per carry so far this season and is the leading ground gainer in the OCC.

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