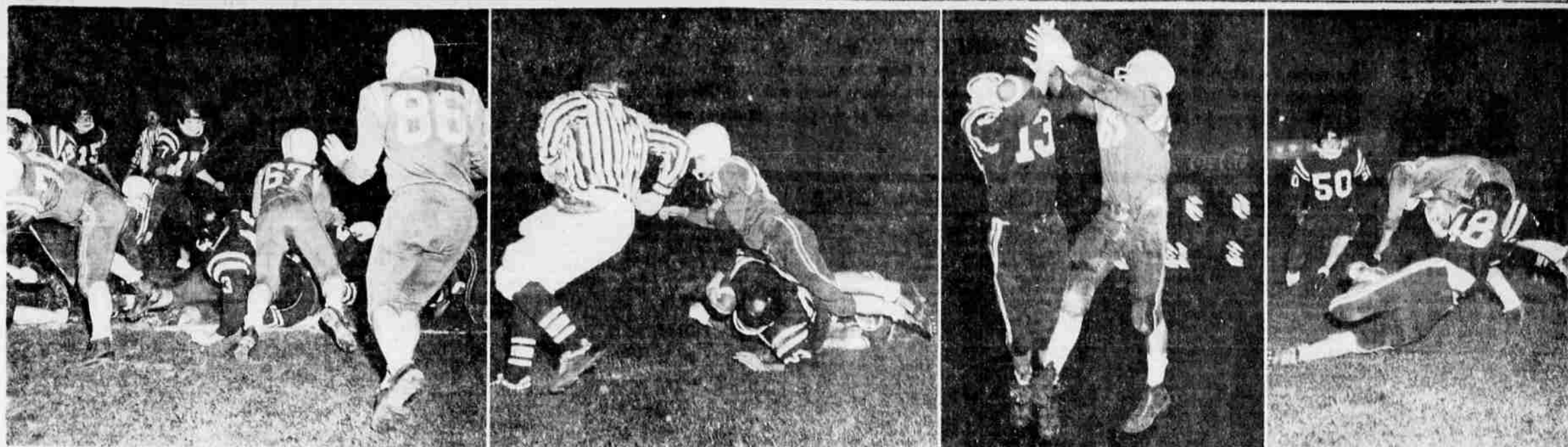




CRATER COMET CONQUEST — Somewhere beneath the pileup in the photo at upper left is Central Point halfback, senior Jim Eldred, and beneath him is the ball. The occasion was the tie-breaking touchdown in the final minutes of the Crater 12-6 victory over the Klamath Union Pelicans

in the Pel's last game of the 1959 season. Gary Buchholz (86), who played a fine defensive ballgame, halfback Blake Griggs (67), who scored the only Pel TD, and Sam Henzel (78) are shown doing their level best to stop Eldred's thrust. In the next shot the referee whistles the ball dead

as Comet powerhouse Don Gillaspay notes into the grass after being nailed by an unidentified Pelican and being tamped down by Griggs. In the third picture from left Pelican co-captain Larry Bunyard (63) spoils Jim Eldred's (13) hopes of hauling in a pass from quarterback Don Johnson.

At far right, senior fullback Bill Santo (71), the Pel's leading ground gainer in the test, comes to an abrupt halt as Harold Twedell (48) ties up his legs. Moving up just in case is Ron Gillaspay (50), brother of Don, the fullback.

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Pelicans End '59 Season With 12-6 Loss To Comets

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CENTRAL POINT—The underdog Crater Comets rose up and beat the Klamath Union Pelicans 12-6 in a Southern Oregon Conference football game here Friday night. Utilizing the theory that he who gets in the first bite has more time to chew, the Comets whipped to paydirt the first time they got their hands on the ball, just one minute and 36 seconds after the opening whistle. From here on the eager Craterians played strictly offense and capitalized on their efforts with a game winning TD with 2:30 left in the ball game.

Senior fullback Don Gillaspay snatched a handoff from quarterback Don Johnson and screeched 60 yards around right end on the first Central Point play. Halfback Jim Eldred bombed in from the one for the final CP tally. Neither try for point was good.

The defeat spelled ruin to the Pelican hopes of emerging from the 1959 grid wars on the tall end of a win-loss record. The Whitebirds headed for home and mothballs, the owners of a 3-win,

1-tied, 4-lost mark for the year. The Central Pointers have one more game before they check in their suits.

Following the game, Pelican coach Bob Williams, who had just completed his first season as boss of the KU 11, and, incidentally, had suffered the first minus year of his career as a coach, said, "I think the boys gave it all they had—so did Crater. Crater won it. We played our good football in the opening of the second half, but it wasn't enough. I guess we just wanted to win this one too badly. We were pressing to hard."

The Pel's, after being on the small end of a 6-0 count for the first two periods, punched over their six points as the culmination of a combination air-ground thrust that originated on their own 43. With 2:44 remaining in the third stanza halfback Blake Griggs, who like 11 other Whitebird seniors was making his last stand under the red and white banner, blistered into the end zone from one yard out with the score tying touchdown.

A go-ahead try-for-point boot by senior guard John Hancock rico-

cheted off the left upright and fell uselessly aside.

The second half opened as the Pel's Bill Santo kicked off to the CP 10. After four tries good for only nine yards the Pointers kicked and Griggs returned it to the KU 43. Just 16 plays later, incorporating four first downs, rushing, two successful passes from quarterback Kent Hunsaker, and two red flags that detracted eight yards, Griggs took a second-man-through hand-off and went over right tackle for the score.

What was undoubtedly one of the smallest crowds ever seen at a SOC football game saw the 163-pound Gillaspay slip, slide and skitter his way to 81 yards in 18 carries, a total more than the combined efforts of all the Pelican ground and air gainers.

The KU eleven collected 74 yards going forward on the sod but a svelte offensive line let too many black-suited Comets into the backfield and the Pel's were charged with 65 yards in reverse.

Added to their nine-yard net rushing gain was 64 yards collected off four completed passes in 11 attempts. The Crater squad totalled 24 overall yards, 119 on the soil, and 125 in the air.

While the Pelican offensive line may have had trouble, the defensive wall dish it out.

On two different occasions in the first half the defenders thwarted ominous Comet scoring threats. They held on their own six at the end of the first frame shortly after they had stopped the CP club within the 13.

Much of the Pelicans' reverse type movements were credited to high passes from center in KU punting situations. Jim Parks, the KU toe, was dropped for a six and 15 yard loss when the ball sailed over his head. Before the game was over, however, Parks got away five punts good for an average of 39.4 yards.

Hunsaker, who could find no place to hide on a number of pass tries, was charged with 28 yards of the losses, being smothered on three occasions, one that soured for eight, and two that went back for 10 yards each.

TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs Rushing 5

First Downs Passing 1

First Downs Punting 1

Total First Downs 7

Yards Gained Rushing 65

Yards Gained Passing 64

Yards Gained Punting 15

Net Yards Rushing 81

Net Yards Passing 64

Total Net Yards 145

Passes Attempted 11

Passes Completed 4

Passes Intercepted By 2

Punts (AVG) 4

Fumbles Lost 1

Touchdowns 1

Conversions 0

Score by quarters: 0-0, 0-0, 0-0, 0-0

Scoring for Klamath: Touchdown—Griggs (1-run).

Conversions—none.

Scoring for Crater: Touchdown—Gillaspay (60-run); Eldred (1-punt); Conversions—none.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player Rushing Yds. Avg.

Griggs 81 15 15.0

Hunsaker 28 15 15.0

Parks 15 15 15.0

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BOWLING SCORES

CITY LEAGUE

Lucas Cafe 21 12

Dicka Chevron 21 12

U.S. Nat'l Bank 21 12

Klamath Hdw. B 21 12

Simplex DeVoe 21 12

Walker Bros. 21 12

Klamath Hdw. A 21 12

McCord Clns. 21 12

Coca Cola 21 12

Northwest Produce 21 12

Harris Machine 21 12

Team No. 3 21 12

Thursday results:

Lucas Cafe 4, Simplex DeVoe 0

Car-Ad-Co 3, Harris Mach. 1

Dicka Chevron 3, U.S. Nat'l Bank 1

Walker Bros. 4, Team No. 3 0

Klamath Hdw. A 3, Coca Cola 1

Klamath Hdw. B 4, Northwest Produce 0

High team game—Coca Cola 1000

High team series—Lucas Cafe 2075

High ind. game—Lucas Cafe 2075

High ind. series—Cliff Stenier 301

MIXED FOURSOMES

Mac's Market 27 1/2

Curley's Clippers 21 1/2

Snowballs 15 1/2

Mac's Market 27 1/2

Curley's Clippers 21 1/2

Snowballs 15 1/2

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Bulldogs Humble Trojans

TALENT (Special) — A pair of solo touchdowns in the first and third periods carried the obviously improved Talent Bulldogs to a 14-6 triumph over Sacred Heart Academy here Friday night in the final game of the season for the two County B League squads.

The Bulldogs, celebrating their homecoming in fine fashion, registered their second league win against three losses and one tie.

The loss was the sixth in seven conference tests for the Trojans.

Coach Jerry Kempf's SHA crew, handcuffed for the first three quarters by the scrappy Bulldogs, hit the scoreboard for the first of the game and last of the 1959 season in the last quarter as fullback Jim Ryan piled over from 10 yards out.

But the Talent had been done earlier, the initial Talent tally coming in the first frame on a 50-yard end run by senior halfback Ed Seaver, who also racked up the Bulldog point-after on a line smash.

The second and winning "Dog TD" in the third stanza was the result of a five-yard off-tackle slant by fullback Mike Jacobs. Brother Bob, an end, registered the PAT on a pass from Seaver.

Freshman halfback Mike Wagner was cited by Trojan coach Jerry Kempf for "fine running all night," including one dash for an estimated 40 yards.

"I just don't know what the trouble was," said Kempf following the game. "Our downfall was that they just out played us," he said.

Score by quarters: 0-0, 0-6, 7-0, 7-6

Scoring for SHA: Touchdowns—Ryan (10-run).

Conversions—None.

Scoring for Talent: Touchdowns—Seaver (50-run); M. Jacobs (3-run); Conversions—Seaver (run); B. Jacobs (pass).

PIN BUSTER LEAGUE

Phil's Men Wear 20 12

Pats Apparel 20 12

Highway Grocery 18 13

Marlyns 18 13

Reall Drug 18 13

LaPortas 18 13

Battle Bruins 21 12

RR 7 20

Friday results:

Picketts 4, Gun Store 0

DeWitt & Burke 4, First Nat'l 0

Lois Cafe 4, Cash and Save 0

Jeff's, Martinizing 1

House Of Shoes 3, Russell Glass 1

High team game—House Of Shoes 915

High team series—House Of Shoes 2394

High ind. game—Audrey Thomas 191

High ind. series—Audrey Thomas 497

WOMEN'S CLASSIC LEAGUE

Chuck Wagon 20 10

Lucky Lanes 20 10

Winema Hotel 18 18

Suburban Finance 16 18

Summit Service 16 18

Beech Jewel 16 18

Schultz Tires 13 20

Schultz Tires 13 20

Thursday results:

Lucas Cafe 4, Winema Hotel 0

Audley Apts. 4, Beech Jewel 1

Suburban Finance 3, Chuck Wagon 1

Summit Service 2, Summit 2

High team game—Suburban Fin. 715

High team series—Lucas Cafe 2072

High ind. game—Karen Smith 211

High ind. series—Doris Benedict 614

LADY BUG LEAGUE

Howard Clns. 24 12

Perkins News 22 14

Drive More 22 14

Market Bkt. 22 14

Suburban Finance 22 14

TP Packing 20 16

The Ranch 19 16 1/2

KC 17 19

Frans Foods 17 19 1/2

First Federal 17 19

Als Drive In 14 22

Schultz Tires 11 25

Jesus Z. Smith 10 26

Lucas Lounge 4, Jesse Smith 0

Howards 4, First Federal 0

Frans Foods 3, Market Bkt. 1

TP Packing 3, KC Toys 1

Drive More 3, Schultz Tires 1

Als Drive In 3, The Ranch 1

KC 4, Frans Foods 0

First Federal 0, Als Drive In 0

Schultz Tires 0, Jesus Z. Smith 0

Lucas Lounge 0, Howards 0

Frans Foods 0, Market Bkt. 0

TP Packing 0, KC Toys 0

Drive More 0, Schultz Tires 0

Als Drive In 0, The Ranch 0

KC 0, Frans Foods 0

First Federal 0, Als Drive In 0