



Tournaments and playoffs—they're not far off. . . . It's the cross-country and swimming state tournaments soon and the start of the annual gridiron state playoffs all culminated with state champions.

Cross-country is the first tournament, with the distance runners slated to vie at Willamette University over the 1.8 mile course Nov. 2.

Yesterday, aspirants from the various districts throughout the state met in district tournaments for the purpose of qualification for the state show.



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... Hornets have chance

Two years ago it was North Eugene mile ace Dave Duebner winning the marathon in a time of 8:57.4.

Last year it was Hillsboro's mile standout Wendell Cox pacing the pack to the wire in 9:01.3. Cox ran second to Duebner the previous year.

Sport Comparable To Wrestling . . .

While the sport has never received the reception accorded such sports as football and basketball, it is a sport in which specific athletes receive an opportunity of conditioning themselves for other athletics.

Cross-country is in the same category as wrestling in that it's considered a minor sport.

Still both have gained wider acceptance in recent years.

And in the sport of wrestling, Klamath Falls has been one of the leaders since its start as a prep sport.

The 13-year record of undefeated teams in dual-match competition set by Pelican mat teams in the late forties and early fifties is one still to be equalled.

Following the state cross-country action comes the state swimming tournament at the University of Oregon Nov. 23, with both boys and girls teams competing.

Qualification for this meet is also gained in district tank carnivals, with the Southern Conference teams vying with teams from North Bend, Reedsport, Marshfield and Roseburg.

Last year Reedsport captured the boys state title with 53 points followed by South Salem with 25. Klamath Falls failed to place, with Medford the highest scorer from the southern loop with a fourth place finish and 21 points.

Girl Swimmers Have Chance . . .

In the girls action it was Wilson of Portland taking the state crown with 67 points followed by Beaverton with 49. Medford was again the top scorer from the Southern Conference with three points.

Adolf Faller's Pels have competed in three meets thus far, losing to the strong Medford team 38-27 in the first test and coming back in a second meeting for a 43-41 deadlock.

In a four-way meet involving North Bend, Reedsport and Marshfield, the Pels ran second to North Bend with 70 points, while the Bulldogs piled up 91 markers.

Reedsport was a strong third with 56 points, while the Marshfield Pirates trailed with 11.

In girls action the Pelicans have met Medford twice and dropped a pair of meets by scores of 71-13 and 72-8. In the four-way test the Pel girls ran last with 29 points, while North Bend won with 97.

The Pels have two other meets prior to the state test as they travel to Toledo for a six-way meet and then try the district qualifying meet at North Bend Nov. 16.

The first six finishers in each event in the district test qualify for the state tournament.

Football Playoffs Nearing . . .

And of course football playoffs are the big crowd producer, with the start of this action the quarterfinals set for Nov. 15 or 16 for the A-1 and A-2 schools, while the Class B teams go into semifinal action on Nov. 22 or 23.

It was Medford the A-1 winner last year over North Salem; Central slipping Scaside for the A-2 crown and Monroe—Mr Merrill take your choice—the Class B winner, in the Class B eight-man ball, Herford won over Canyonville.

This year it appears at this stage as if Klamath County had just two state playoff possibilities in the Merrill Huskies and the Henley Hornets.

The Huskies were undefeated going into yesterday's contest and the Hornets, despite a loss to Illinois Valley, still with an outside chance provided they came through Friday night against Lakeview.

Merrill must be given the edge to repeat in the state finals based on the number of experienced griders returning from the Class B playoffs of 1962.

Watch Medford, Roseburg . . .

At this stage it appears the Phoenix Pirates have the edge in the A-2 wars, with the same situation of counting numerous players returning from the 1962 playoffs. A year ago, the Pirates topped Elmira 19-0 in the quarters before losing to the eventual state champ, Central, in the semis, 34-13.

In the A-1 play the teams figured to be in the running Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, North Salem and Pendleton.

If Medford beats out Grants Pass for the Southern Conference crown, my pick goes with the Tornado to repeat as state champs.

If the Cavemen take the conference crown and Roseburg continues to an unprecedented third consecutive Midwestern title, the nod from this quarter goes to the Indians.

Too much offense for the rambling backs of Mel Ingram or the passing of Pendleton's Dick Jones—if the Bucks or Cavemen should meet the Tribe.

The reason for the Tornado pick.

The same as that of the Southern Conference coaches in selecting Medford for the loop title over Grants Pass—an opportunist ball club.

Add to this a much more powerful offense than that of a year ago.

New Addition To Stat Chart . . .

Statistics play a large part in the athletic picture.

In football, reams and reams of stat copy comes from schools here and there.

Backs are charted as to number of carries, yards gained, yards lost; passers watched for attempts, completions, interceptions, touchdown passes; punters checked for average length of punts; fumbles, penalties, first downs all recorded.

The one item now lacking in football stats which certainly would make for interesting reading whether it be high school, collegiate or pro ball:

Total yardage by a player leaving or entering the game with the play from the bench.

Terry and The Brat currently lead . . .

Pels End Losing Skein Downing Ashland

Rated Teams Score

By United Press International
Unbeaten Roseburg, the top-ranked team in the Oregon Journal Class A-1 high school football poll, defeated South Eugene 21-0 at Roseburg for its seventh straight win of the season Friday night.

Third-rated Grants Pass topped Crater 12-0 at Grants Pass.

Fourth-ranked Grant edged Marshall 6-0 at Portland and fifth-rated Pendleton walloped Prineville at 34-0 at Prineville in a rough contest marked by the ejection of several players on both teams.

Grant and Pendleton also have 7-0 records, and the victory gave Pendleton at least a tie for the Intermountain Conference championship.

Central Catholic, seventh in the poll, won over Astoria 14-0 at Astoria and Beaverton, No. 8, nipped Sunset 27-26 at Beaverton.

Parkrose, ranked 10th, defeated Reynolds 25-0 at Troutdale to clinch at least a tie for the Willen League title. The Broncos are the only other team in the top 10 with a 7-0 mark.

Sixth-ranked North Salem plays Albany at Salem and ninth-rated Cottage Grove meets Sheldon at Eugene tonight.

Second-ranked Medford is idle this weekend.

Phoenix, the top-rated team in the Class A-2 poll, shut out Illinois Valley 25-0 at Cave Junction.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Grants Pass	3	0	0	1,005	45	4
Medford	2	0	0	1,000	49	0
Klamath Falls	1	2	0	232	13	53
Ashland	0	2	0	500	6	47
Crater	0	2	0	600	0	18

Friday results: Klamath Falls 13, Ashland 0; Grants Pass 12, Crater 0.

By BILL GOULD
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MODOC FIELD — Its quest-

Pelican JVs Downed By Ashland '11'

The Klamath Falls JVs fell to the Ashland JVs Saturday on the baby Grizzlies' field by a score of 13-7.

The Ashland eleven tallied first in the contest on an 80-yard run and added a second TD on another long scamper, this for 60 yards.

The baby Pels lighted their side of the scoreboard in the fourth period as Greg Scott capped a sustained drive by scoring from the one. He also added the PAT via a run.

The Pelican JVs scored another touchdown, however, this was disallowed on a clipping penalty. Jim Scott had traveled 50 yards on the touchdown jaunt which was called back.

Coach Jim Peterson cited the Pelican defensive line for a top job, with the exception of the two Ashland scoring probes.

The Pel JVs wrap up the season next weekend against the visiting Crater JVs at Modoc Field Saturday.

tionable if winning the league title would have prompted any more KU joy than witnessed here Friday night.

Ending a seven-game losing streak stretching over a two-year period was the reason.

And it was the Ashland Grizzlies cooperating in the Klamath Falls effort as Bob Williams' crew posted their first victory of the season after six consecutive setbacks this year in collecting a 13-0 decision.

However, all was not happiness in the KU home grounds.

"The defense looked great, but the offense didn't do the job it should have, was Williams' post-game analysis.

"Or maybe it was a case of the Ashland defense being stronger than I thought," he added.

The Pel offense moved to 136 yards rushing in the fray while allowing the Grizzlies 26 yards total. And it was a pair of long gainers by quarterback Bob Williams in the final quarter—one for 21 yards and the other for 18, giving the Pels additional rushing yardage and taking them over the 100-yard mark.

Both clubs went to the air frequently, with the Pels hitting two of 16 attempts for 59 yards and the Grizzlies connecting on four of 14 tries for 51 yards.

"This was another thing looking real bad. We couldn't hit

on those passes," the head man offered.

Assistant Wade Patterson chimed in, "Two of them were touchdowns for sure."

He referred to a Williams-to-Bob Moore aerial intercepted by Ashland's Denny Ekwall on the Grizzlies' two to stop a sure Klamath Falls third touchdown in the last period. And to the John Parisotto-to-Moore aerial in the opening moments of the third period good for 31 yards and a first down on the Grizzlies' 23.

Had Moore been able to elude an Ashland tackler, the third KU touchdown of the game would have been registered.

However, there were other attempts which either fell short, were off the mark or another which was intercepted by Ekwall all of which are indicative of the passing problems faced by the Pels.

The running game was good in the first half and particularly in the second period when the Pels tallied their touchdowns.

And it was on the drive for the second KU touchdown that the Pels lost the services of Mike Kitching. Kitching fell on the game with a badly sprained ankle and did not return.

The first drive started in the closing minutes of the first period on the KU 25 after an Ash-

land drive had been stopped as Terry Christianson picked off a Grizzlie pass on the 12 and returned to the 25.

The Pels put their offense into high gear on this drive and went the 75-yard distance in seven plays.

After a loss of one yard, Chuck Mills opened the Pel gaining with a 25-yard romp to the 49. It was no gain on the next play and a five-yard motion penalty on the next setting the Pels back to their 44.

An incomplete second down aerial set up the critical third down play and the Pels came through.

The Pelicans called the screen pass and Parisotto hit Kitching on the left side behind a wall of blockers and he rambled to the Ashland 28 and a first down.

It was Kitching and Mills gaining seven and five yards respectively down to the 16 and then the reverse was called, with Kitching streaking around the right side the distance for the score.

The PAT attempt was blocked and with 9:45 left in the first half the Pels had a 6-0 advantage.

The second TD was collected following an exchange of fumbles as Steve Campbell fell on the second Ashland bobble on the Grizzlies' 21 and five plays

later the Pels scored as Parisotto went over from the one on a sneak. This time Don Plozman's PAT kick was good for a 13-0 lead.

With the exception of a pass interference penalty ruled against the Pels giving the Grizzlies the ball on the KU 22 in the final period, the second half was played entirely in Ashland territory.

Following this first down on the KU 22, the Grizzlies moved the ball to the Pel 19 where a third down fumble was grabbed by the Pels' Chuck Church to end this late threat.

Glenn Miller was a defensive standout as the Grizzlies attempted to run their favorite end sweep. But time and again the Pel defensive man was there to nail the runner.

Christianson, Plozman, Ernie Badger, Kern, Terry Eccles and Verne Petrick were all cited for top defensive efforts.

So the end of the losing skein was accomplished by a battered Klamath Falls eleven.

Now the Pels will be seeking to start a winning streak as they travel to Crater for the final game of the season next Friday night.

This chore is not expected to be easy.

Scoring by quarters:
Ashland 0 0 0 0—0
Klamath Falls 0 13 0 0—13
Klamath Falls TDs: Kitching

(16-yard run); Parisotto (11-yard sneak); PAT: Plozman (kick).

ASHLAND

First Downs	15	K.F.	10
Rushing	3		8
Passing	2		2
Penalties	2		0
Yards Gained Rushing	58		159
Yards Lost Rushing	22		23
Net Yards Rushing	36		136
Passes Attempted	14		16
Passes Completed	4		2
Passes Intercepted By	2		1
Yards Gained Passing	51		59
Total Yards Gained	87		195
Points - Average	5.240		5.320
Yards Per Return	2.21		4.22
Fumbles - Lost	5.3		1.1
Penalties - Yards	8.54		8.50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	TC	YG	YL	Net	Avg.
Lohnan	3	11	-10	-3.3	
Ekwall	5	14	9	5	1.0
Torrison	2	0	2	1.0	
Atherton	6	17	0	17	2.9
Buck	7	21	0	19	2.7
Crater	2	3	0	3	1.5
Totals	25	58	22	36	1.4

KLAMATH FALLS

Player	TC	YG	YL	Net	Avg.
Parisotto	3	2	1	-1	-2.3
Mills	22	83	7	76	2.4
Kitching	7	34	0	34	4.8
Petrick	2	1	-2	-2.5	
Williams	3	29	6	23	7.0
Eccles	1	0	5	-5	-5.0
Howard	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	159	23	136	3.7

Sports Briefs

ORIGINAL POSITIONS

NEW YORK (UPI) — Only two coaches — Hank Stram of Kansas City and Sid Gillman of San Diego — currently hold their original American Football League positions.

FAR APART — CHEVY CHASE, Md. (UPI) — Fred McLeod, PGA professional at Columbia Country Club here, won two national championships 50 years apart. He won the U. S. open in 1908 and the PGA seniors title in 1958.

HARD RIDER — NEW YORK (UPI) — Retired jockey Eddie Arcaro rode 24,092 mounts in 31 years and they earned \$30,039,543.

Gilchrist Runners Gain 3rd

Pleasant Hill won the District 5-A-2 and B cross country qualifying meet at Pleasant Hill Saturday by posting a score of 30 points to 31 for second place McKenzie.

Gilchrist ran third with 53 points, followed in order by Elmira 107, Junction City 116, and Central-Linn 128. Crow, the other Class B school to have competed did not field a team and this fact knocked Gilchrist out of a state meet berth.

Gilchrist runners placed as follows:
John Arnold, 10th; Bob Anderson 15th; Don Hoff 16th; Ken Erickson 20th and Jay Tomlinson 21st.

A field of 42 runners was competing for state berths.

Passing Game Takes Weed To 19-6 Win

Weed came back from a 6-0 deficit in the second period at Yreka Friday night and went on to post a 19-6 victory over the host club.

Again it was the passing of Weed's Larry Blankenship making the difference as he connected on two touchdown heaves and ran for another tally in leading the visitors to the win.

Yreka took advantage of a Weed fumble in the first quarter of the game to score its lone touchdown. The ball was re-

covered on the Weed 30 and in three plays the host team had tallied with Bob Laustalot scoring from the 10.

Weed came back in the second period to knot the count as an 84-yard drive in 11 plays was capped with a 23-yard pass from Blankenship to Bill Duchi for the score. The longest gainer in the drive was a 40-yard pass from Blankenship to Dennis DeRoss putting Weed on the Yreka 26.

The Weed eleven scored again in the third period as a 78-yard drive in 13 plays was capped when Blankenship again hit Duchi for a 26-yard scoring aerial.

The big gain in this drive was a 29-yard romp by Bob Delgado.

On the final TD for Weed, a drive was started on the Weed one-yard line and the 99 yards were traveled in 15 plays. Delgado again broke loose for a 29-yard gain, with Blankenship carrying over from the three for the score. Blankenship tallied the PAT via a run.

Weed piled up 459 yards, with 87 coming via a three-for-six night for Blankenship in the air.

In the JV game, the Yreka eleven collected an 18-6 decision.

Scoring by quarters:
Weed 0 6 6 7—19
Yreka 6 0 0 0—6
Weed TDs: Blankenship (three-yard run); Duchi 2 23 and 26-yard passes from Blankenship; PAT: Blankenship (run).
Yreka TD: Laustalot (16-yard run).

Chiefs Take District Carnival

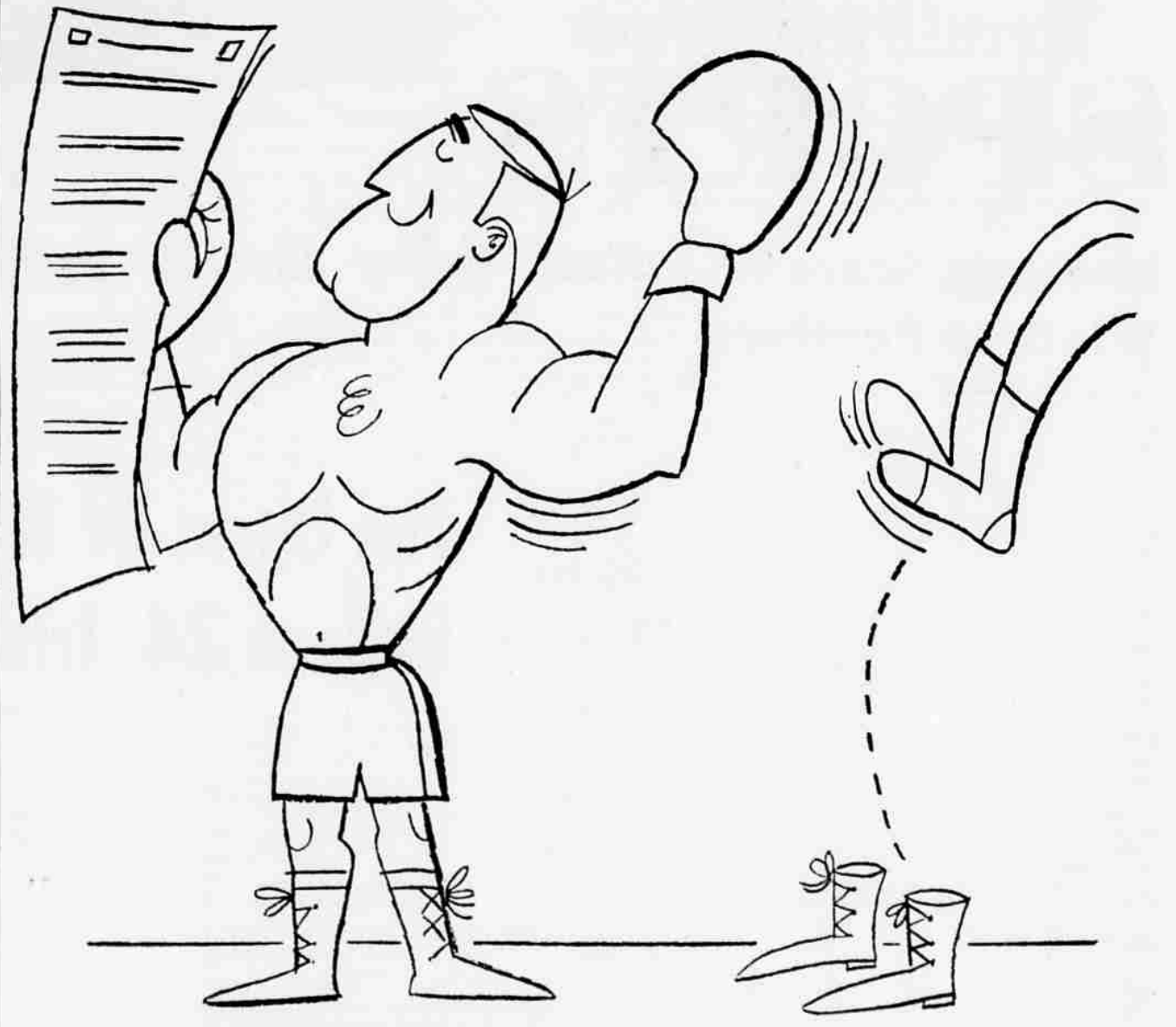
The Rogue River Chiefsains won the District 6-A-2 and B cross-country qualifying meet Saturday, with the Bonanza Antlers second and Phoenix third.

Rogue River opened the action with 30 points to 36 for the Antlers and 71 for Phoenix.

The Chiefsains' Ron Halaik won the meet with a time of 9:12. Bonanza's Fred Dearborn was third in 9:44 and the Antlers' Gene Spillane fifth in 9:47.

Other top finishers for the Antlers were Porter Willis, seventh; Benny Brown, 11th; Roy Stroube 12th; Jim Brown, 15th and Larry Beck 16th.

The entire Rogue river team now has qualified for the state carnival next weekend at Willamette University and the Antlers' Dearborn is an alternate.



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