

Showeroom Gossip

The big barrier that loomed between the Bombers and an undefeated season, seemingly was overcome last Friday night in the Bomber Bowl as the Richland eleven scored a 19-7 victory over the Lewiston Bengals.

However G a b b y Williams' crew left many people disappointment and sort of with a let down feeling after his team picked up 103 yards both running and passing. The Bombers combined efforts netted 279 yards.

The Bengals were either greatly built up or Richland is fielding one of the top teams in this part of the state. Tonight's game is going to have a lot of bearing on the outcome for the 1953 season. Yakima always has a strong club and is continually dangerous once they cross the midfield stripe, but the power Richland displayed last week, both offensively and defensively, can't help but give them a slight advantage.

Kenny Gardner, Lloyd Kent, and Ron Snowden were definitely three standouts in the Lewiston game. Kent gained, both rushing and passing, close to 200 yards. Gardner, during the first half appeared to be a fifth Bengal back, and Snowden made everyone forget about all-stater Bob Gandy.

Richland's other big opponents, Pasco and Walla Walla, gave some indication as to what the Bombers might expect later on this year. The two clubs tangled at Pasco with the Bulldogs scoring a 7-6 victory ending a string of 23 straight for the Bluedevils. Despite the loss Walla Walla still looks like a

team that could be strong by the time. Richland plays them Nov. 6.

Walla Walla is basically an inexperienced team and considerably smaller than the one last year. Don Casper, quarterback, isn't exactly a Bob Cox, but still a good passer and fine signal caller. At fullback, size really showed when you looked at Ben Milam, the big ground gainer from Pasco, and then glanced at 150 pound Bobby Becker of Walla Walla.

Em Morgan's club which was rated as a sure bet to dethrone the Bombers at the end of last season played a good game, but most people agreed should have come closer to winning by one or more touchdown than one point.

One problem that seemed to be bothering Bomber fans was where Richland was going to get a safety man that could compare with Ken Chubb of last year's eleven. It was partially erased when Jim Gibson returned Denny Shoemaker's punt 38 yards to set up the second Richland touchdown. It was wiped out when Gibson intercepted Gene Hurley's pass and raced 20 yards to the end zone with the final Bomber tally.

Richland's sophomore talent didn't get much chance to show themselves in last Friday's game, but during the practice sessions have proven to be capable replacements for members of the starting team. However, Gary Hinkle did get into the contest and kicked 30 yards the only time the Bombers were forced to punt.