



ALLY-OOPS — R. C. Owens, San Francisco 49er end, famous for his Ally-Cop catches, goes sprawling one way and the ball another as he drops a pass from his Quarterback Y. A. Tittle in the second quarter of the Green Bay Packers—49er game at Green Bay, Wis. Dan Currie (58) of the Packers helps Owens earthward.

Medford Nips Jeffs, 7-6

PORTLAND (UPI) — Medford High School won the state Class A-1 football title Friday night by handing Portland's Jefferson High its first defeat in 35 games — 7 to 6.

The crowd in Multnomah stadium was 21,312, the largest ever to see a prep playoff game in Oregon.

An 80 yard punt return by senior halfback Ken Durkee and Skip Bennett's run for the extra point gave the Southern Oregon team the points it needed to cop its first prep title since 1944.

Jefferson made a great comeback late in the game in an effort to pull victory out of the fire. The Democrats were shooting for what would have been their third straight A-1 crown.

After halting Medford on its own six yard line, Jefferson moved to the 34 on a pass and a 15-yard personal foul against Medford.

Medford Line Holds
Then the Demo ace Mel Reifro faced back and shot a long pass that end Herb Washburn took in the clear on the Medford 30 and ran for the TD to complete the 66-yard drive.

But, the big Medford line rose up to block Harvey Jackson on his attempted run for Jefferson's extra point.

Good Turnout Of Tiger Basketeers; Fans Yearning For Winning Season

3 LETTERMEN DOT ROSTER OF SPIRITED CANDIDATES

By NEIL ANDERSEN
Observer Staff Writer

There is a new league, a new season and new hope beating the hearts of La Grande High School basketball fans. Coach Jack Rainey greeted 46 candidates, including eight lettermen, for the Tiger hoop squad on the opening day of drills. The Tiger crew boast experience, speed and a terrific spirit.

The Tiger mentor, starting his fifth year at the helm, has "most" of his problems in hand. Heading the list of veterans is the "Most Valuable Player," Ray Westenskow, the man who got the most rebounds, and also Buck Corey and the man with the most points, Jim Hilliard.

The Tigers' most serious problem, as they drill for their first season of competition in the Intermountain conference, is their lack of height. Rod Chandler (5-3) is the tallest member of the squad likely to see action. Three more players top the mark at 6-2. Corey, Gary Voruz, and Ron Coleman. From there on it's all down. Bob Robeson and Erin Endicott both stand in at 6-0 even.

Many Hopesful
The list of lettermen includes Westenskow (5-10), Dave Carman (5-11), Ken Hildebrandt (5-11), Steve Smith (5-9), Corey and Hilliard (5-11), Robeson and Chandler. Five more candidates are seniors in addition to the lettermen. They include Dale Peterson (5-10), Ren Coleman (6-2), John DeBole (5-9), Endicott and Gary Miller (5-9).

The "core" of the ball club will come from this solid group of tested performers. The only three juniors who have a chance to make the club at this early spot are Buddy Hilliard, Dick Marks and Voruz.

Hilliard, displaying the same deft touch employed by brother Jim, and Marks paced the junior varsity in scoring last year. Voruz, at 265 pounds, will give some backboard beef needed to bolster the varsity squad and provide relief for the veterans.

The Tiger speed comes from Carman, Hilliard, Corey, Robeson and DeBole. Carman is rated one of the top sprinters in Eastern Oregon. Hilliard is a football halfback who had his season cut short by a broken wrist. Both boys possess that quick, power speed. Robeson and DeBole have the deceptive speed and quickness so essential to getting points.

Good Spirit
The spirit is a carry-over from the Tigers' successful grid season. The Tiger hoop squad will have eight members of the football squad suited up for their games. The spirit generated by the La Grande drive for top conference honors is being carried over to the hardwood and could be a decisive factor in their success.

Hilliard will be the main threat to the opposition. He has a quick, cat-like grace that frequently breaks him loose under the backboard for lay-ins. He can also score from the outside with a variety of shots.

Rebounding duties will fall on the husky shoulders of Corey, Coleman, Chandler and Voruz. Once league play starts, this quartet will be called on night after night to control the boards against teams that possess greater height. Their ability and success could very well make or break the Tigers' chances.

Smith, Westenskow and Carman are three take-charge men. Rainey can rely on any one of the trio to provide the floor leadership and capable direction needed under pressure on the floor.

The little extra scoring punch will have to come from Robeson, Peterson and DeBole, with help from Buddy Hilliard and Marks.

Still Crippled
The older Hilliard still has his wrist taped, and Hildebrandt recently got off crutches. The veteran Hildebrandt still has to be considered a question mark until he can shake off the effects of the long weeks in the cast.

"This is potentially a very good ball club. How we will stack up with the rest of the league is questionable. The potential for the best ball club in years is here," said Rainey.

La Grande finished fourth in the now defunct Blue Mountain league last year with a 6-19 record. The Tigers were 6-14 for the season but by all indications should improve that mark.

Only two players have gone from last year's squad. The second leading scorer, Bernie Simpson, and Jim Driscoll, were lost via graduation.

With the large group of candidates on hand, the Tigers will attempt a three team schedule. There will be varsity, junior varsity and sophomore action scheduled through the year.

The Tigers open their 1959 schedule against Union Dec. 4. Their home opener is a week later, Dec. 12, against the same team. Tickets for all home games may be obtained by calling the high school.

American Loop Attendance Figures Up

BOSTON (UPI) — The American League attracted 9,149,454 fans to games during the 1959 season, its best year in attendance since 1949, President Joe Cronin announced today.

The total represented a net increase of 1,533,420, or about 25 per cent, over the 1958 season which drew 7,996,034 fans.

The New York Yankees drew the largest crowds last season, 1,332,030, and seven of the eight clubs showed attendance increases over the previous season. Only the Boston Red Sox showed a loss.

The Cleveland Indians led the way in topping 1958 totals by drawing 1,677,978, an increase of 234,171 fans. The pennant-winning Chicago White Sox, by drawing 1,423,144 fans to Comiskey Park, had a gain of 625,692.

Ski Enthusiasts Eagerly Await Opening Of Winter Season Here

Winter has dropped its snowy mantle across the shoulders of the Blue Mountains and more skiers than ever are waiting on the approach of another season.

Where only a few years ago a half-dozen skiers hounded Oregon ski enthusiasts now the state highway department lists 19 ski areas in the state.

The best known area in North-eastern Oregon is the Tollgate-Spout Springs, on state highway 204, north of La Grande and east of Pendleton. La Grande skiers have a choice with the Little Alps, just 20 miles off Highway 20 west of North Powder.

The Little Alps offers skiers a variety of tow, rental facilities and eating places.

There are three cable tows at the Little Alps area with one being used as a "bumby tow." The major tow has a drop of 300 feet and is 1000 feet long. The second tow has a drop of 500 feet and is more than 1500 feet long.

Lunch Coaster
There are no overnight facilities available at Little Alps. During the day there are parking spaces for more than 125 cars and a lunch counter where short order meals are available.

Little Alps also offers a complete line of rentals, including skis, boots and poles.

Tow tickets are \$1.75 a day with a reduced rate for children under 12. Season tickets are also available. An individual membership for persons over 12 is \$20 for the season. A family ticket can be purchased for \$30 for the season.

Little Alps ski personnel are uncertain as to when the area will open. Last week's warm spell all but caused the eight inches of snow in the area to disappear. No special events have been confirmed at the Little Alps area so far. A spring frolic has been held in the past and is tentatively scheduled for this spring.

The Tollgate-Spout Springs area will offer a variety of attractions through the year.

Night Skiing
The area has overnight accom-

modations for more than 100 persons with night skiing possible on weekends. There is parking space for 500 cars.

Three rope tows operate every day except Monday and will be supplemented this year by a new T-bar tow. The T-bar is a \$50,000 project.

The Blue Mountain Ski Club will sponsor three major Pacific Northwest junior ski events at Spout this year.

Spout generally has 10-12 instructors available for lessons. This year a French National Ski School instructor will be at Spout Springs.

Pete Eyrands received confirmation from immigration officials that the instructor will be leaving Marietta within the week. He will be at Spout Springs full-time.

EOC Ski Club
The Spout Springs area had planned to open Thanksgiving

weekend but recent warm weather may have curtailed the plans. A ski instructor's clinic is set for the weekend.

While the ski areas are preparing for the skiers' arrival, the skiers themselves are doing a little preparing. The ski club at Eastern Oregon College recently held an election of officers.

Jack Hoffman, Pendleton, was elected president; Bob Miller, Milton-Freewater, was named vice-president, and "Vad" Kelson, La Grande, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The college ski club is planning to develop a ski team and to participate in intercollegiate meets. They will also participate in the ski Carnival held annually at Mt. Hood by Portland State College.

High school officials are planning a trip to an outside ski area for members of the senior high school ski club.

Once the snow gets here, the skiers will be gone.

Bowling Results

Grande Ronde Valley League	
Daniels	29 15 28296
Glass Drug	28 16 27992
Colonial Hut	28 17 27612
Baums Ins.	25 19 28074
Inland Mach.	24 20 28017
W. C. Tele.	23 21 27217
Falks	21 22 27635
P. N.W. Pipe	19 25 27694
Reynolds Ins.	19 25 27177
Farnaam's Sup.	18 25 25750
Singer Sew. Ma.	16 26 27916
Hills Of Ma.	14 29 27292
Daniels (2571)	Brownie Brimm 211, 562.
Glas. Drug (2630)	Myrna Woodell 171, Virginia McLaughlin 404.
Colonial Hut (2441)	Meiba Cater 179, 466.
Baums Ins. (2464)	Shirley Down 178, 428.
Inland Mach. (2477)	Elizabeth Seyre 168, 490.
West Coast Tel. (2537)	Pat Peterson 184, 495.
Falks (2526)	Thelma Vaughn 165, 430.
Pac. N.W. Pipeline (2532)	Jeanne Fraser 171, Jessie Fowler 460.
Reynolds Ins. (2510)	Betty Deni-

Farnaam's Sup. (2562)	Miriam King 158, 448.
Singer Sew. Mach. (2508)	Blanch Brown 167, Maxine Reed 407.
Hills Off Mach (2410)	Judy Chadwick 166, 459.

CITY LEAGUE	
Final Standings—First Round	
	W L
Cherry's Florists	32 12
Hall's Typewriters	29 15
Hub City Foods	28 16
Pacific NW. Pipeline	27 17
Fire Dept.	25 19
Elks No. 1	23 21
Meadow Gold	19 25
Glass Drug	18 26
Armstrong Furnace	16 28
Farnaam's Supply	16 28
Laurence's Jewelry	16 28
Lennox Furnace	15 29
Lennox Furnace (2799)	Wayne Jones 198; A. Thompson 526.
Cherry's (2837)	Howard Zumwalt 213, 546.
P. N.W. Pipeline (2945)	Jack Cochran 204, 597.
Armstrong (2803)	Warren Jelderberg 209, 533.
Meadow Gold (3015)	Mel Elder 552; Bill Cummings 215.
Laurence's (2832)	Bob Turner 205; Hal Cochran, 526.
Elk's (2827)	Glen Young 180, 496.
Glass (2860)	Don Bradshaw 176; Karl Lacer 477.
Fire Dept. (2868)	Bernard Graus 197, 505.
Hub City (2971)	John Shephard 244, 672.
Farnaam's Supply (2782)	Don Payne 191; Hank Miller 527.
Hall's (2885)	D. W. Hall 234, 571.

ONLY ONE SCHEDULED
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The San Francisco Giants will play only one home doubleheader next season — a memorial day twin-bill with the Chicago Cubs.



COACH WITH THE MOST
Jack Rainey, right, coach of the La Grande Tigers is a mentor with the most. Ray Westenskow, left, was voted the Tigers "Most Valuable Player" last year. Buck Corey got the most rebounds and Jim Hilliard scored the most points for La Grande last year. The three veterans form a solid core for the Tiger hoop team. (Observer Photo)

Billy Hunter Shades Miteff, Earns Shot Against Machen

NEW YORK (UPI) — Heavyweight contender Billy Hunter gets a shot at fourth-ranking Eddie Machen in Madison Square Garden, Dec. 18, for rising from the canvas and beating pory Alex Miteff again Friday night in their return TV fight at the Garden.

Machen of Redding, Calif., accepted the match by telegram.

Tall, slender Hunter of Detroit, weighing 191-1/2 pounds to Miteff's 203-1/2, won a split 10-round decision over the broad-shouldered Argentine contender whom he had stopped in the seventh round at Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 25.

Friday night's verdict was hooded by the 3,000 fans.

Billy almost scored another seventh-round technical knockout over Miteff, who suffered two cuts on the brow and outside corner of his left eye, where he had been sliced at Syracuse. Friday night's wound on the brow was more than an inch long.

Dr. Samuel Svetnick examined the bloody cuts but permitted the fight to continue and thereby prevented Hunter from scoring his third consecutive seventh-round knyo. In addition to the September victory over Miteff, Billy had stopped Tony Anthony in the seventh round at the Garden, Oct. 23.

SPENCER RECALLED
NEW YORK (UPI) — The New York Ranger have recalled Jim Spencer from the Springfield Indians of the American Hockey League to aid a defense weakened by the injury of Bill Gadsby. Spencer, 21, appeared in nine games earlier this season.

Dave Ragen Cops Lead In Palm Beach Open

WEST PALM BEACH (UPI) — Tall, Dave Ragen, 22, Orlando, went into the third round of the West Palm Beach Open golf tournament today with a three-stroke lead, knocking seven strokes off par for a 65 and two-day total of 135.

Jay Brewer stood second with a total card of 132. Arnold Palmer shot a 75 Friday for a 3-way third place tie at 139. Pacing him were Gardner Dickinson and Pete Cooper.

Scores

By United Press International
AHL Results
Buffalo 3 Rochester 2 (overtime)
(Only game scheduled)
College Basketball Results
Okla. Bag. 65 Friends (Kan.) 52
N.M. Hills 79 St. Joseph's 62

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College Opens With 4 Games Here Next Week

Coach Bob Quinn's Eastern Oregon College basketball team opens its 1959-60 season here this week with 4 games at the college coliseum. Opening game is with Northwest Nazarene on Tuesday, followed by College of Idaho on Wednesday and University of Nevada on Friday and Saturday. All games start at 8:15 p.m.

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