

SPORT NEWS

Pointers To Face Heavy Schedule of Basketball Games

Coach Ken Hulburt announces that his basketball team will tangle in the first game of the season with St. Mary's five in Medford Monday night. The strength of St. Mary's is not known but a good game will be assured as each year they have always put up a tough kind of playing against the Pointers.

Hulburt also said that two games have been arranged with Grants Pass high but the dates have not yet been decided upon yet. Games are being arranged with Jacksonville high, not in the Pointer's league, to be held soon.

The first league game of the season for the Pointers will be on Friday, December 9 on the Pointer floor, with Gold Hill five.

The Pointers will play ten league games which are shown in the schedule below:

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1938-1939

Dec. 9	Gold Hill, Here
Dec. 16	Rogue River, There
Jan. 6	Kerby, Here
Jan. 13	Phoenix, There
Jan. 20	Sams Valley, There
Jan. 27	Gold Hill, There
Jan. 31	Rogue River, Here
Feb. 3	Kerby, There
Feb. 7	Phoenix, Here
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BOWERMAN'S BOYS NAME ALL-STARS OF ENEMY TEAMS

Coach Bill Bowerman and members of Medford high school's great 1938 football team, their season ended, yesterday looked back over one of the finest campaigns in Tiger history and came up with an all-opponents team they figure could play considerable football in anybody's prep league.	
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Bodner, Eugene	Tackle
Bishop, Eugene	Guard
Coffman, Klamath Falls	Center
Tomanovich, Eureka, Cal.	Guard
Elliott, Eugene	Tackle
Steele, Hood River	End
G. Sanders, Roseburg	Q
Owenby, Grants Pass	HB
Coughlin, Eugene	HB
P. Redden, Bend	F

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try for point after the touchdown. They are too many coaches that can not take it when it comes to losing by one point to a weaker team. Well, it is all in the game. Can you imagine how a weak small team would feel after they have fought 60 minutes from crossing their goal line only to lose the game because of that new idea that the team with the most downs win the game. Or if the weak team make a touchdown, and make the try for point so perfectly, then the other team make a touchdown, then their try for point got blocked or hurriedly kicked because the weaker team just rose in their effort and stopped them. They are perfectly entitled to the victory. So I just cannot stomach the ravings of the coaches who are poor losers.

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Economic Highlights

As we approach the Christmas season, business continues its march forward on practically all fronts. It is true there have been some sharp reverses in the security markets of late, but they have been due, not to the business situation, but largely to the severely strained relations between this country and Germany—an immensely serious matter whose end is not yet in sight, and whose ultimate effect on commerce and trade cannot now be accurately forecast.

A glance over the complete figures for October shows it to have been a very good month in almost all lines. In some, it was exceptionally good. This same favorable trend extended into the first three weeks of November, and there seems no reason why it should change in the near future. One of the best signs is the fact that rise in demand for certain basic products, such as steel, has been materially greater than the rise in production. This indicates that further gains in activity may be confidently expected before long. And, of equal importance, the inventory situation, which was extremely bad last spring, is steadily improving.

It is obvious that the anti-administration gains in the last general election have pleased and heartened a large segment of business, which has been worried and afraid of what it considers New Deal extremism. It is almost unanimously forecast that the next Congress will be highly conservative, in comparison to its immediate predecessors, and that the President will be forced to compromise his "reform" program.

Some briefs of interest follow:

CONSTRUCTION: Building in October touched the highest peak in a number of years. Unusual activity is found in the residential field. Future steady improvement is expected here, and also in industrial construction.

ELECTRIC POWER: Output is at good levels for some season. The utilities' new expansion program is slowly getting underway. The apparent "truce" reached between this industry and the Administration is an encouraging factor.

AGRICULTURE: Is still a comparatively dark spot in an otherwise brightening economic picture. As this column has observed before, the government's farm program has suffered practically complete collapse. On the other hand, farm income for the year will reach a fairly good total, and no "crisis" in agriculture is to be expected.

PRICES: Commodity prices have been strengthening, but most authorities regard them as being still too low in the light of the gains in industrial activity. Gradual rises over a considerable period of time are anticipated.

RETAIL TRADE: Is improving in most sections of the country, along with purchasing power. Many stores are revising their buying programs, in the belief that sales will be substantially greater this winter and spring than seemed possible a few months ago.

TRANSPORTATION: Railroad carloadings are tending upward, but the industry's financial position remains almost as precarious as before. Hopes are pinned to a large extent on possible congressional action to alleviate some of the lines' troubles.

It is an interesting and important fact that no one seems to expect recovery to attain boom proportions. Most experts think that the rate of improvement will be comparatively slow—that we are in a steady, long-pull trend.

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Only on rare occasions do top-flight government officials openly and directly criticize the government or policies of another power. Thus, when President Roosevelt recently spoke of the Jewish persecutions in Germany as being horrible and almost unbelievable, he was doing the unusual and the daring. The immediate response was a bitter campaign of vilification against this country in the inspired Nazi press. The response here was about 100 per cent favorable to Mr. Roosevelt's stand.

Furthermore, there is a growing sentiment in this country for breaking off all commercial and diplomatic relations with the Reich. That would be an economic blow to Germany, which is shaky financially as it is. But few think it could produce much result unless other powers joined in, notably England and France. And inasmuch as these countries are now trying to cultivate German "friendship" there seems small chance of that.

More immediate is the problem of aiding the persecuted Jews. There is a fair chance that one of Germany's former African colonies may be turned into a Jewish haven and homeland. This would not solve the problem by any means, but it would do a great deal to lessen it. And, inasmuch as Germany has been seeking the return of these colonies, it would be an ironic, back-handed slap at Hitler.

In the meantime, don't be surprised if the American Ambassador to Berlin, who was recently called home to "report," doesn't return to Berlin for some time to come.

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