

Sports

M'DONALD WON AN ALL-STATE PLACE; FAILS TO GET IT

The Medford high school basketball team, with the handsome silver cup, emblematic of the state high school championship, returning last evening from their triumph, and were greeted by a large throng. They also brought with them two pieces on the all-state team: William Morgan, all-state forward, and Al Melvin, all-state guard, both all-state material of the highest calibre.

By rights, they should have had another member on the all-state team in the person of Fred (Doc) McDonald. The Salem Statesman, in its mythical team selection, placed him at forward. But the coaches, in their profound deliberations, shunted him to one side. McDonald was high point man of the Medford team, a tower of strength on offense and defense, and Saturday night had Thompson of Astoria, named as center of the second team, to a count of 120, made in points. Thompson made no field goals.

For one of the few times in the history of Oregon high school athletics, the high point man of a champion team, is denied a place on both first and second teams and given only honorable mention. In the minds of every Medford fan who saw his brilliant play at the tournament, he is as much all-state material as Melvin and Morgan, and a more balanced selection for center than Lewis of Washington, who is a mighty man against a weak team, but wailed almost pathetically before the rugged attack of Astoria Friday night. Before the end of the first quarter, Lewis was leading along the sidelines, in the second he tired rapidly, in the third he was helpless, and came to life in the final quarter, after Washington had got away with considerable leading, so the long boy could recover his wind. McDonald, in every game Medford played never faltered. Lewis is a point guard when his team is ahead, in a grueling battle, he is not of overwhelming value.

Many in attendance at Salem, predicted that Lewis' showing against Astoria had stimulated him as a first team selection, but they reckoned without their coaches.

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The board of strategy idea that brought a couple of pennants to St. Louis Manager Billy Southworth at Avon Park, Fla. Left to right: Charles (Gabby) end of the battery that made Washington famous; Southworth, and Earl Healy, chief strategists.

DETROIT, MANAGED BY HARRIS, LOOMS AS FIGHTING CLUB

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PHOENIX, Ariz., March 18.—(AP)

Whether Stanley "Bucky" Harris plays or not, he is a factor that cannot be overlooked when the chances of the Detroit Tigers in the forthcoming American league campaign are considered. "Bucky" might be new to the club, but nevertheless he is an experienced hand at putting out good ball terms. His record will attest to that. In the five years that he has been wielding managerial reins, his products never have finished out of the first division.

Considerable interest will center upon Harris' debut with the Tigers for his accession to the manager's job brings them a leader of a type new to Detroit baseball. He has a way of handling the team that is interesting to study. His players readily have accepted them as their pilot and give him their confidence and respect.

The ex-Washington pilot believes the team has more speed than last year, boasts both power and pitching and unlimited pennant spirit. After holding down an outfield berth for the past 10 years, Harry Holloman, whose chief enjoyment appears to be knocking dry knots out of baseball fences, has been assigned by Harris to first base.

Dale Alexander, formerly of Toronto and a fence buster in fact, has been hitting a mighty pace in an effort to delodge Holloman from his new found berth, a promise to have put in a stronger bid for the berth than has Dudley Brannom, drafted from Louisville.

Charley Gehring, ranked as the best second sacker in the league, and a 316 batsman last year, will again fill the berth with Francis Slingshot, drafted from Portland of the Pacific Coast league, as a rival, while Mungler Harris also can play second, but does not plan to do so unless an emergency arises.

Helmie Schulte, one with the team's Cardinals, and last year with the Houston club of the Texas league, has been working his head off to make the shortstop grade. Marty McManus, veteran, is a certainty at third.

If Roy Johnson, \$75,000 fly chaser from the San Francisco club of the Coast league, fits into the place Harris has opened for him, the Tigers will have an outfield possessed of both power and speed. Harry Rice, who was secured in a trade with the St. Louis Browns last spring involving Munnish and Blue, and John Stone, youngster who was brought up from Evansville last fall and proved a sensation, together with Johnson, Harris considers an ideal outfield. All are better than 300 hitters. Robert Fothergill, whose connection with the club dates

'GOLDEN PRINCE' COFFROTH VICTOR; FAVORITE BEATEN

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The tournament was an office success financially and otherwise. Under the management of Coach Roy Keene and Graduate Manager Leslie Sparks, everything in connection with the series went off smoothly.

In spite of the fact that Salem was not represented in the play, the gate receipts lacked but \$200 of last year's record mark. The scoring drive from Salem was entirely as good as last year.

ASHLAND NORMAL TOURNEY LAUDED; DRAIN IS VICTOR

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ASHLAND, Mar. 18.—(AP)

"Splendid basketball, worthy of much older and more experienced players" was the verdict given out after the close of the second Southern Oregon invitational basketball tournament, which was held in Ashland over the week end. Seventeen teams from schools of southern Oregon participated in this very successful event and returned to their home towns inspired to work for recognition in next year's finals. Coach McNeal of the Normal says the improvement over last year's work is phenomenal and quite exceeded all expectations.

Drain carried off the honors of the tournament, winning over Coos River by a score of 14 to 10. The final teams that went into the semi-finals were Drain, Coos River, Central Point and Malin. The finals between Drain and Coos River were played at the Junior high school before a capacity house.

The consolation finals were played on Saturday night when Powers won over Gold Hill. The Powers team was successful last year in winning the championship. A special award was made to Sams Valley, as that team was recognized as the team that was playing under the heaviest handicap. The team had no gymnasium to use until recently and the team has been compelled to work outside on the ground. Nevertheless, Sams Valley team went into the semi-finals.

SALEM TOURNNEY RECEIPTS CLOSE TO RECORD MARK

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