

Medford Quint Opens Hoop Schedule in Grants Pass Tonight

COACH ORDERS DRIVING GAME TO WIND FOES

Small Home Floor Will Be Advantage for Climate Five—Burgher Takes Two Squads.

The Medford high school basketball squad accompanied by a large delegation of local rooters will invade Grants Pass this evening to play the first game of the Southern Oregon conference schedule. Ashland high school will play the Yreka high school at Ashland.

The Medford and Grants Pass teams are evenly matched, with Grants Pass having the advantage of playing on their home floor before a home crowd. The small floor is expected to cramp the style of the locals somewhat.

Coach Burgher will take along both his first and second strings, with instructions to drive from start to finish. All the Medford players are in good condition. A light practice was held this afternoon and last evening on the high school gymnasium court.

The game is the first of the conference schedule to be played by any of the four teams.

The Grants Pass team has been defeated by close scores in most of its games and by a large score by the University high of Eugene.

CENTER CARRIES BALL IN UNIQUE TENNESSEE PLAY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (AP) — Coach Bob Neyland of the University of Tennessee, an old Army star, who has conceived his share of freak plays, offered a new one for the spectators in the Volunteers' final game of the season here.

The play came like a bolt from the blue, was good for 23 yards and placed Tennessee in position for its decisive first touchdown in a 13-6 victory.

Mayer, center and 1931 captain, was the ball carrier in the unusual formation, working much in the style of a quarterback sneak.

Mayer tossed the ball back to Dodd, quarterback, who spun around as if to pass it to one of the backs. Mayer then wheeled out of the line, shot into the backfield and took the throw from Dodd to follow good interference in an off-tackle slant.

The center was nabbed on the 11-yard line, but had been a shifty runner he probably would have scored a touchdown on the play.

The play was so intricate and unique that Volunteer coaches took the officials aside before the game and explained it to them.

EAGLE POINT AND GAELS WILL PLAY ON CHURCH FLOOR

The Fighting Irish of St. Mary's battle Eagle Point in the St. Mary's high gym tonight. Eagle Point is rated as one of the strong teams of the county. The "Galloping Gaels" have one of the finest teams to watch in a number of counties and will give any high school team a great battle.

They have all the fight of their big brothers, Notre Dame university and St. Mary's college, and every player on the squad is planning to attend one or the other of these institutions in the future.

The St. Mary's girls will battle the Eagle Point girls in a preliminary game. First game 7:30 o'clock.

St. Mary's lineup: George Smith and Dick Lewis forwards, Lagoon center, Bob Lewis and Dick Wilson guards.

STRIBLING AND PA READY TO CONFER

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. — (AP) — The arrival of "Pa" Stribling today was expected to forward plans for a heavyweight championship fight in Chicago between Max Schmeling and Pa's boy, William.

State Lewis matchmaker for the Chicago stadium, was in town ready, he said, to talk business with "Pa" and take the big fight to Soldier Field where Gene Tunney took a long count and then got up to defend his championship from a leg weary Jack Dempsey.

William F. Carey, president of Madison Square Garden, also was expected to confer with Stribling during his stay here.

May Tone Down Excess "Pep" in Modern Baseball

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. — (AP) — The modern baseball, the lively behavior of which has led to considerable "viewing with alarm," is undergoing clinical observations that may lead to the removal of some of its pep.

Although experiments being made with the ball are shrouded in mystery by manufacturers and baseball authorities alike, whispers have been heard that a ball with heavier cover and thicker stitches will be tried out in some training camps this spring.

With Rod and Gun

By Ernest Rostel and Dick Green



Trout are trout in Montana, and even the babies insist on wild mustang meat for breakfast.

It sounds like a tall tale of a western yarn-spinner, but officials of the American Game Protective association are assured that it is a solemn fact which is causing a lot of head-scratching among Montana's trout experts.

The baby trout, according to the Montana fish and game department, are helping to cause an alarming reduction in the number of wild canyons on the open range; but it's the fate of the trout, not the mustang, that is worrying the department.

It's all a matter of vitamins, according to the department. Baby trout must have their vitamins like human babies, and that is where the horse comes in. Mustangs rounded up on the open prairie are killed in large numbers and packed at a Butte packing-house for shipment to Europe. But the liver, rich in vitamins, have remained in Montana to supply vitamin to baby trout at the state's 14 hatcheries.

The 72,000,000 "fingerling" game fish raised yearly at these hatcheries have thrived on a mixture of liver and cereal, but now the wild horse is disappearing, and human beings, also in search of vitamins at the doctor's orders, have made the price of beef liver prohibitive.

So the state fish and game department, following modern scientific methods of conserving wild life of all kinds, is trying to find a way to keep the wild mountain trout wild after the supply of liver is exhausted.

Experiments have been conducted with dozens of different kinds of vitamin-bearing foods, ranging all the way from dried carp to Mexican pinto beans, but officials of the American Game Protective association are informed that there is still a chance for some young scientist to make a name for himself by discovering a diet as good as the liver-and-cereal mixture.

Pedestrians are divided into two classes—the quick and the dead. And poor Bre's Rabbit seems to be in the slow motion class when he becomes a pedestrian on the highways. He is faring much worse than the human pedestrians; for one or more of his ribs is killed to every mile of highway in the United States, according to Charles Avery, president of the American Game Protective association.

In order to meet the motor traffic kill in New Jersey this year, the fish and game commission of that state has placed an order for the importation of 300 additional western cottontail rabbits next year. The order will bring New Jersey's import of rabbits to 20,000 for next year.

The enormous toll taken of Bre's Rabbit and other wild folk is charged to the raising of the speed limit for cars, carelessness of motorists, and deliberate destruction of the helpless creatures by cruel drivers. Most of the animals and birds are killed at night, blinded by headlights. And the pity of it is that most of these wild folk could be saved by the exercise of thoughtfulness and care on the part of the automobile driver.

DIAMOND STARS RESCUE UNKNOWN YOUNG LADY

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 9. — (AP) — A young lady who was in distress in the surf, seems to have missed a great chance to get her name in the papers. She was rescued by Dan Howley, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, assisted by Heinie Maunich, Washington outfielder, Clyde Engels, baseball scout, and then some. But she vanished without giving her name.

Japan imported 2968 motorcycles in 1929 and half of them came from the United States.

TURKEY EARNS DECISION OVER ASHLAND PRIDE

Schoolboy Fighter Carries Battle to Red Hansacker in Main Event On Elks' Card.

Turkey Red, that slashing young 17-year-old fighter of Springfield, Ore., gave Red Hansacker of Ashland a lesson in boxing last night in the main event of the Elks' smoker and took the decision at the end of the six-round affair. The event was preceded by good bouts, giving the crowd a well-rounded out fight program.

Hansacker seemed to be able to do his best fighting by covering up, and did not do much leading, leaving this to the Springfield boy, who shot in rights and lefts with such rapidity that the Ashland fighter was bewildered much of the time. However, Hansacker landed several good blows himself, and kept the bout interesting.

Jud Wilson and Gentleman Jim Jacobs of Eugene, in the 150-pound class, fought an interesting six rounds. Wilson suffered a bloody nose but also gave one to Jacobs, who seemed to have shown considerable improvement since appearing in Medford sometime ago. Jacobs is one of the most loose-jointed young fighters to have made his appearance here and is rapid on his feet.

Mix to Draw.

Chuck Borden, Eugene, and Red Sheppard, Oakland, mixed four lively rounds to a draw, and displayed some clever footwork. Sheppard was hard for Borden to reach but at times blows were freely exchanged. In the opening bout, Paul Abbott, Ashland, lost a decision to Jack Wilson of Klamath Falls. With one eye closed from a vicious blow in the first round, Abbott continued the fight until the closing round. The optic was one of the sorriest looking objects seen at a local smoker for sometime.

It is likely there will be another card this month and fans are promised just as good matches as last night, with bouts matched by Herb Owen, matchmaker for the Medford boxing commission. Music was played between events by the Elks band.

The committees in charge included the following as members: Oscar Sanford, William Young, T. J. Enright, Seely Hall and W. E. Morris, ring committee; P. C. Higgins, fight committee; Larry Schade, E. C. Jerome, T. J. Enright, Fred Erickson and O. O. Alenderfer, ticket committee; R. A. Koppes and D. Rostel, publicity committee.

RIFLE CLUB WILL ELECT AND FEAST AT ANNUAL MEET

The Medford National Rifle club will hold the annual meeting in the basement dining room of the Medford Armory, Wednesday evening, January 14, at 7:30 p. m. Election of officers will be held, followed by an interesting entertainment consisting of speaking and moving pictures of wild game hunting.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting, after which the opening of the indoor range will take place and all those desiring to participate in target practice may do so.

The committee working in conjunction with the National Guard, has installed new backstops on the indoor range and have the range complete for the season's shooting.

Plans will be discussed relative to the rifle practice to be held on the outdoor range which will be started as soon as the weather permits. The National Guards have made some improvements on the outdoor range, making it possible to hold rifle practice at 30 yards as well as 200 yards.

Marksmanship medals have been received from the government for those who have made qualifying scores on the outdoor range. The medals will be given out at the annual meeting. Those who will receive medals are:

Marksmen—Sam Jennings, John Niedermeier, Fred Charles Sanford, Ora E. G. Meyers, De. Fred George Bunch, Sharon Hillman Hawk, Noel Tom Hodges, Stanley Carroll Jones and Harry Ellis Rinsberger. Sharpshooter—Val Albert Stinger and Haywood Alvin Jenkins. Expert rifleman—Noah Sam Goodlaw, Clyde Richmond, Harry Eugene Hawk and Edward Ray Lull. All these members are urged to be present.

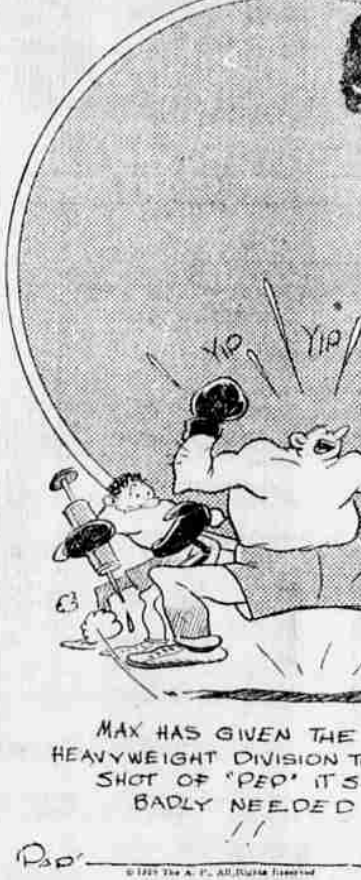
This will be an open meeting and all those interested in rifle marksmanship are invited to attend.

PORTLAND PUCKMEN DEFEAT VANCOUVER

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9. — (AP) — Portland today shared second place honors with Seattle in the Pacific coast hockey league standings as a result of the Buckaroos' 5 to 1 victory over Vancouver here last night. Vancouver leads the league.

Loaded for Bear

MAX BAER. — THIS BOY HAS COLOR. HE GRABS THE HEADLINES EVEN WHEN HE LOSES.



BIG WAYNE MUNN, ONCE MAT CHAMP, PASSES IN TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 9. — (AP) — Wayne Munn, 25, former heavyweight wrestling champion, died early today in the base hospital Fort Sam Houston, from Bright's disease.

The gigantic athlete, who gained fame in football at the University of Nebraska and later became recognized as world's heavyweight wrestling champion by defeating Ed "Strangler" Lewis in Kansas City in 1925, came to San Antonio for treatment about a year ago. His father-in-law lives here.

Munn refereed a few wrestling matches, gave exhibitions on request and spoke before schools and clubs, but his condition gradually failed and about a day ago doctors put him to bed as gravely ill.

Georgia counties last year received \$2,180,999 as their share of tax on gasoline.

PROSPECT BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATS ST. MARY'S SQUAD

Prospect high school defeated the St. Mary's boys 12 to 10 Tuesday night in a hotly contested game. At the end of the first half the score stood 10 to 6 in favor of St. Mary's, but the Prospect boys rallied in the fourth quarter to pull out ahead.

The Prospect town team won over the Associated Oil team by a score of 28 to 16. It was a good game, both teams playing hard, with a close score until the second half when Prospect took the lead.

—By Pap

End of Babe's Ball Career Will Come From Bad Legs Is Opinion of Ban Johnson

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9. — (AP) — The departure of Ban Johnson, former president of the American league, from St. Luke's hospital here, where he has been for several months suffering from diabetes, has been delayed by an operation. He went through the operation, performed early this week, without the aid of anesthetics. A bone was removed from his foot.

Johnson will remain at the hospital until he is able to bear his weight on the foot, after which he will head for Florida via Exelior Springs, Mo.

Although long in poor health, Johnson is keeping in close touch with baseball.

Speaking of Babe Ruth, Johnson said: "Ruth will find his hardest fight will be to save his legs. That's where ball players begin to fail. The American league will miss Ruth when he is forced to give up. He has been the greatest single attraction the league developed."

A visitor reminded Ban Huck Wilson hit more home runs last year than Ruth.

"As nearly as I can judge from reading," Johnson said, "Wilson is not the ball player Ruth is. He cannot field nor cover ground like Ruth. Ruth is a natural star."

Ruth, Johnson said, is a different man today from "the rather wild young man he was a few years ago." He is behaving and nursing his opportunities. That is true of all baseball players today. Baseball players have seen the light. They do not fritter away their earnings as they did 20 years ago. Baseball was something of a joyride a quarter of a century ago. Today it is a profession with a future to it."

YALE EDITORIAL ASKS ABOLITION OF PAID COACH

Would Place Varsity Football in Hands of Team Leader—Advocate Freshman Coach

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 9. — (AP) — The Yale alumni weekly, in an editorial published today, urges abolition of paid football coaches, except for freshmen teams.

"In football," the editorial says, "a practicable plan would be to have the freshman team under a competent, salaried, year-round coach, attached to the university, who would develop incoming material each year to go on later in the upper class, inter-house teams and into the varsity eleven."

"Varsity football would be in the sole hands of its captain. The coaching would be under a field coach, chosen from recent players and assisted by other returning graduates, all unpaid."

No Head Coach.

"Under such a scheme there would be no occasion at all for a win it for 1931."

COPCO EXHIBITING BASKETBALL CUP

The Copco Basketball trophy, a handsome silver cup on display in the window of the California Oregon Power company, is attracting much favorable comment from passers-by, particularly members of the Medford high school student body.

This attractive trophy, which has been provided by the local utility is awarded each year to the basketball champions of the Southern Oregon division.

Each winning school has its name engraved on the cup and the school winning the trophy three times retains permanent possession. Needless to say the Medford basketball squad have their eyes on this fine trophy and hope to win it for 1931.

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