

MEDFORD CAGERS FACE FIRST HARD SCUFFLE TONIGHT

University of Oregon 'Super-varsity' Quintet Invades Tiger Lair—Preliminary Will Start at 7 o'Clock

Medford high school's first test of strength on the maple court comes tonight when Coach Burger pits his basketball team against the University of Oregon super-varsity on the senior high floor.

Veteran Bantam



Newsboy Brown has held his position as one of the national bantamweight leaders in California rings and elsewhere the past year.

SARAZEN RETAINS RANK AS LEADING ATHLETE OF U. S.

Final Returns in Nation-Wide Poll Make Few Changes—Runner Tops Ruth for Sixth Place in Rating

By ALAN GOULD Associated Press Sports Editor NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Additional returns in the Associated Press' nation-wide poll on the outstanding American athlete of 1932 failed today to disturb the final ranking of the list headed by Gene Sarazen, winner of the American and British open championships with record-breaking golf.

- Final Ranking Shown Here's the final ranking of the first ten in the contest, based upon votes of sports writers and editors: 1. Gene Sarazen, golf 35. 2. Ellsworth Vines, tennis 36. 3. Eddie Tolan, track 34. 4. Jimmie Fox, baseball 33. 5. Jim Hirsch, basketball 27. 6. Bill Carr, track 25. 7. Babe Ruth, baseball 20. 8. Harry Newman, football 12. 9. Lou Gehrig, baseball 9. 10. Tony Cannoneri, boxing 8.

PUT SCHISSLER ON SPOT IN SALARY CUT WRANGLE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—A Frank discussion between Chancellor W. J. Kerr and Coach Paul Schissler of Oregon State college regarding the salary of the gridiron tutor will precede whatever action the state board of higher education will take towards slashing Schissler's \$666.66 a month salary.

This was agreed by the board at the late session Monday after Schissler's protest that his salary had been cut without his permission drew vigorous expressions of disapproval from the board.

Chancellor Kerr stated openly: "I am greatly disappointed in his attitude." Schissler's communication to the board was brief. He enclosed a copy of his contract with the note in which he complained that his wage had been reduced from \$666.66 to \$385 a month. The reduction was in keeping with the uniform reductions given all faculty members.

This was taken to mean that if Schissler is to remain at the helm at the present salary, results, and good ones, must be had from the state college team.

Schissler now is in the east and further discussion of his status will wait until his return.

ALEXANDER, FOX AND GEHRIG WIN BATTING HONORS

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The 1932 American league batting championship today officially belonged to David Dale Alexander, Boston's first baseman, but the bulk of honors accomplished with the stick went to Jimmy Foxx of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Alexander, who graced the Detroit bench until traded with Roy Johnson to the Red Sox for Earl Webb, amassed an average of .387 to outfinish Foxx, who had led most of the season, by three points.

The big Boston slugger made his mark in 124 games, while Foxx played in every one of the A's 154 contests. Foxx, however, grabbed off three individual leaderships. After crowding Babe Ruth's homerun pace for the year in which the Yankee hero set the major league record of 60, Foxx slipped just a little and finished with 58. He led the league in scoring with 151 runs, and his total base collection of 438 was much the better.

Just to make it unanimous among first basemen for the choice position, Lou Gehrig, the Yankees' great wallower, finished third with an average of .349. Seven points further back was Heinie Manush of Washington, and Babe Ruth landed fifth with .341, although handicapped by illness.

Handy Andy Meets Ben Pelz Tonight

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Andy Bundy, undefeated young negro featherweight, steps out of his class tonight to meet rugged Benny Pelz, lightweight, in the feature bout at the auditorium. It will be a fast, clever boxer against a slugger. Bundy has been installed a slight favorite.

BOWLING

Monday night double results: Geo. Lounsbury, 193 181 183 537; P. Dunn, 187 224 171 828; Handicap, 22 22 22 66. R. Pruitt, 402 427 376 1205; W. Pruitt, 174 197 145 516; Handicap, 16 16 16 48. Herb Guenther, 152 141 223 516; R. DeVore, 184 133 186 503; Handicap, 20 20 20 60. G. Gates, 156 294 420 1079; H. Price, 126 143 128 397; Handicap, 21 21 21 63. Roy Pruitt, 183 178 223 584; W. Pruitt, 158 163 187 488; Handicap, 15 15 15 45. Herb Guenther, 356 356 405 1117; R. DeVore, 221 188 165 574; Handicap, 17 17 17 51. 440 304 352 1106

NORMAL QUINTET DEFEATS OREGON INVADERS 43-26

Sons Hold Reinhart Crew On Even Terms in First Half—Pile Up Lead in Finale—Giant Jones Stars

ASHLAND, Dec. 20.—(Sp.)—University of Oregon basketball squad's first invasion of the Rogue river region proved a dismal failure here last night, as the Webfoots opened their annual barnstorming tour by taking a 43-26 spanking from Coach Howard Hobson's Southern Oregon Normal quintet. In a preliminary Ashland high school defeated Jacksonville high, 28 to 10.

With Hobson's outfit playing essentially the same style of ball as that used by Bill Reinhart, Oregon mentor, the Sons held the Eugene boys on even terms throughout the first half and then came back to pile up an imposing lead as the game neared its closing moments. Willie Jones, six-foot-five Sons forward, led the last half scoring spree and emerged with high point honors, having 18 digits to his credit.

Teachers Carry Fight. Even with only two weeks' practice and having a lineup without a single letterman, the Ashland teachers whom Hobson not so long ago characterized as "the greenest squad I have ever seen," carried the fight to Oregon's entry in the Pacific coast conference. The great height advantage possessed by the Sons more than made up for the smoother floor play of the visitors and forced the Webfoots defensive men to foul repeatedly in their attempts to keep Hobson's giants from dropping in crumples.

After the Sons had held a one-point lead at half time with the count standing, 20-19, it was not long before the rangy Jones, with excellent support from Cliff McLean, Ward Howell and Dick Jockisch, began sinking baskets in rapid succession on a pivot shot from around the four line. For the Sons the floor work of McLean, flashy Indian ball-

Watts, f 4 0 1; Stevens, f 1 0 2; Stahl, c 3 0 2; Berg, g 2 1 1; Simons, g 0 0 0; Robertson, s 0 0 1; Houghton, s 0 0 1; Miller, s 0 0 2; Rosenber, s 0 0 0; Clay, s 0 0 0; Totals 11 4 13. Southern Oregon Normal: McLean, f 2 0 0; W. Jones, f 2 2 0; Howell, c 2 4 2; Jockisch, g 3 3 3; Reeder, g 0 0 0; B. Jones, s 1 0 0; Fornbrook, s 1 0 0; Totals 17 9 6. Referee: Clyde Young, Ashland.

SPORTS REVIEW

"How can you play Bill Jockisch on your basketball team when he was ineligible for play on the Willamette university football team?" This query was put to Coach Howard Hobson of Southern Oregon Normal school last night, but it did not stump him any.

"Because the normal schools of the state have been in the practice of paying little attention to eligibility rules," he declared. "There will be a change in the system at the athletic meeting in January, was his prediction."

The Jockisch incident, which Saturday caused the northwest conference officials to forfeit the Albany, College of Idaho, and College of Puget Sound games, placed Willamette University in fifth place instead of third. Coming out from Indiana, where he played for the Purdue freshmen, Jockisch enrolled at the Salem school and played an outstanding game at tackle. He weighs more than 200 pounds and is a valuable man on any team, football or basketball. The German boy dropped out of Willamette near the close of the season and Hobson grabbed him up and used him in the line against Chico State Normal Armistice day. Larry Wolfe, whose month-long lineup includes several "veterans" of numberless years experience, objected to Jockisch playing against his eleven, so he adorned the bench.

There has been a need for closer observance of the eligibility rules in normal school football in Oregon, but as none of the coaches wanted to take the initiative and start throwing stones, nothing was done.

Ashland had several men on the team this year who might be ruled out of play, but so did Monmouth and LeGrande normal, so a mutual hands-off policy existed. Now it seems a cleanup is in the offing and the day of the "tramp athlete," the five-year man, and the "transfer athlete" are nearing an end.

Oregon's normal schools, like California's junior colleges, act as "feeder" to the University of Oregon and Oregon State college. A good football or basketball player plays a year at normal and is then eligible for varsity competition. Most of the stars are "drafted" by the bigger schools. The normal coach's job is one long round of finding new players to fill vacancies, hence the tendency to ignore eligibility rules.

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BASEBALL STATISTICIAN IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Official scorer for the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball club for 40 years, John H. Gruber, 70, first man to tabulate batting averages—a milestone in sports writing—has passed out in major league ball parks for good.

Gruber, whose interest in baseball transformed him from a type-setter to a sports editor and finally to a statistician of the game, died at his home shortly before midnight last night, a victim of bronchial pneumonia.

Young Corbett Decisions Glick

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Young Corbett of Fresno, challenger of Jackie Fields for the welterweight title, displayed championship form to win a 10-round decision from the veteran Joe Glick here last night.

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Sports Calendar

Tonight. Medford High vs. University of Oregon super-varsity, at Senior high gym. Preliminary at 7 o'clock between Tiger Cubs and Central Point high.

Wednesday. University of Oregon super-varsity vs. Texaco All-Stars at Senior high gym. Preliminary at 7. Jacksonville town team vs. Butte Falls town team at Jacksonville high gym.

Thursday. Medford High vs. University of Oregon super-varsity at Senior high gym. Preliminary at 7. Broken windows glazed by Ironbridge Cabinet Works.

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