

# First Basketball Games Were Stirring Events in Towns Athletic History

(By Eva Nealon Hamilton)

Back in the days of 1901 and 1902 Jackson county was divided and Jackson county was fighting—but by and for her basketball, football and baseball teams. Medford was the center of the conflict and politics didn't rate at all. Bloody noses were gained on the field or the sidelines, according to H. N. "Doc" Butler, Medford's first coach, and there were plenty of them.

Seated on a bench in the Colonial garage yesterday afternoon, "Doc", also heralded as the first man in Medford to don puttees, carried a small audience far from worries of balloon fishing and protest demonstrations, back to the nights when "Shorty Miles made the baskets."

From the ranks of the volunteer firemen, Medford made up her first basketball teams, and they played each other for their hottest combats, Mr. Butler explained. The first games were played in the Angle opera house, "the only place in town big enough."

On the night of the first game, Miles and "Doc" Butler as forwards, Charley King, center, Basil Gregory and Charley Bousom, guards.

In 1902 or 1903, "Doc" wasn't sure which yesterday, the team played the champs of the United States, "The Red Wings of Minnesota." The team stopped here on tour to rest and swell its purse, so took on the locals for a game.

In order to keep the onlookers thrilled, Mr. Butler stated, the Red Wings maintained just a minor lead on the Medford firemen throughout the game. And at its close, the local fans were boasting of the second best team in the nation.

Ashland and Grants Pass also had town teams in those days and so did Jacksonville and some of the bluestreaked hills were waged with the Pioneers. The partnership evolving from the teams spread throughout the county, "Doc" explained yesterday, and it wasn't confined to the masculine ranks. A women's team was organized and harruppling became a common pastime on the basketball floor.

Daisy Bodge was one of the star players and Mabel Wilson a close second. Judge Crowell, then mayor of the town, never missed a game, according to Mr. Butler. The hall was packed for each event and city business was of minor importance when Medford's team was scheduled to meet an enemy.

Colonel E. E. Kelly was also a devoted fan and frequently engaged in a minor attraction on the sidelines. Football was played on "the commons" west of the railroad tracks, where a few houses dotted the landscape. There weren't any bleachers, "Doc" said yesterday. "The teams just went out and fought. The crowd gathered around, also fought a bit, and a good time was had by all."

Mr. Butler couldn't remember the names of all the players yesterday, but some of the stars were Roy Mickey, Claude Hoover, Everett Beeson, Tom Carney and "Pansy" Anderson.

In one of the liveliest games "Beeson" licked a couple of guys from Ashland and broke his knuckles, but the next game, scheduled with Eagle Point, where the Von der Hellens started, was not called off. Broken knuckles or none, Beeson played.

All the teams were coached by "Doc" and when the townspeople couldn't find anything else to fight about, he stated yesterday, they chose the "S" on his sweater as subject of combat.

Coming here from Still college of osteopathy, where he was a prominent athlete, "Doc" brought with him his college sweater. In spite of all his reports to the contrary, many of his admirers maintained that the "S" stood for Stanford and the man who said it didn't, frequently got a shiner hung on for his trouble.

While Mr. Butler was in Clarinda, Iowa, the town had nine baseball teams. He had played football for four years and so arrived in Medford rather "team-minded" and still is.

## SONS, BEARCATS PROMISE HECTIC CLASH TONIGHT

### Two Big Teams to Play Tonight and Saturday in Ashland—High Scoring Games Sure, Is Prediction

SALEM, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The rangy Willamette Bearcats worked out in Roseburg last night and will be in good condition for their basketball games with Southern Oregon Normal at Ashland tonight and Saturday night.

A one-point defeat by Whitman was the only conference loss for Coach "Spec" Leene's championship team. Bud Rieke who is a straight "A" student in school, has controlled the tip-off consistently in all games this year and Kloostera who plays either forward or center is almost as tall.

Coach Keene could place on the floor a team averaging six-foot three, but will probably start Kloostera and Lemon forwards, Rieke center, and Kaiser and Hartley guards. Lemon and Hartley are the small men, the others being well over the six-foot mark. Reserves include Burdette, Frantz, Connors and Griffith. Gus Moore was also with the squad.

The Sons attack will be particularly directed at the Willamette offensive and will include a new type of defense. Willamette this year has averaged between 40 and 50 points per game and is the highest scoring team in the northwest. It will be all the Sons Giants can do to hold the score down, but with such defensive players as Jockisch, B. Jones and Howell, in the lineup, they should be able to hold their own. It is certain that the games this week end will be high scoring, spectacular ball games between two big, fast teams, and should furnish the best basketball exhibition ever seen in southern Oregon.

The Sons also boast an unusual record, having met and defeated some of the best quintets in the northwest this season.

Tonight's and Saturday's games will both be played in the Ashland junior high school, starting at 8:15 tonight and at 9:15 Saturday. Reserved seats may be obtained at The Toggery in Medford.

Probable lineups are:  
Sons: W. Jones, F. Yandle, Howell, C. Rieke  
Willamette: W. Jones, F. Yandle, Howell, C. Rieke

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NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The cream of America's indoor track and field athletes put in their final training ticks today in preparation for the National A. A. U. championships in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

Through such engagements as the Millrose A. A., New York A. C., Boston A. A., and Prout Memorial games, they have gradually rounded into top form for the all-important nationals.

In the field of 275 competitors will be nine defending champions—Emmett Toppino, New Orleans, in the sprint; Dale Letts, Illinois A. C., 1000 meters; George Lermond, New York A. C., 8000 meters; Gene Venekie, Penn., 1500 meters; Joe McClusker, Fordham, 3000 meter steeplechase; Percy Beard, New York A. C., high hurdles; George Spitz, New York university, high jump; Everett Uterback, University of Pittsburgh, running broad jump, and Leo Sexton, New York A. C., 35-pound weight throw.

## RING ROPES USED TO CHOKE FOEMAN

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Ralph Wilson, physician and professional wrestler, was reported "greatly improved" at Ball Memorial hospital today from an intra-cranial hemorrhage and concussion he suffered in a match with Wee Willie Davies last night.

Dr. R. A. Beeson said the hemorrhage was "slight" and that "we expect recovery." He said Wilson, former 175-pound champion of the western conference, was "fairly clear mentally."

Referee Walter Fisher, teammate of Dr. Wilson at Indiana university in 1924, awarded the bout to him on a foul, after fans clambered into the ring, protesting the tactics of Davies, a Virginian. Fisher, ringholders said, knocked Davies down when the Virginia grappler placed Wilson head in a sort of noose he made by crossing the upper and lower ring ropes, and applied pressure to the ropes.

## BILL TERRY LATE TO WORK AS USUAL

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Even though he's manager now, Bill Terry's record of falling to arrive at training camp in time for the New York Giants' opening practice sessions remains intact.

In former years, "Memphis Bill" usually was locked in a salary argument when training began. He had no such excuse yesterday when the advance guard of the Giants went through a light workout. Terry came in on a later train and explained the first official workout was not scheduled until today.

## LONE BRITON LEFT IN GOLF TOURNEY

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—The British invasion of the South Atlantic woman's golf tournament was reduced to a single representative today as Diana Fishwick and three Americans entered the semifinals.

Miss Fishwick stayed in competition by virtue of a 3 and 2 victory over Mrs. Robert Maest of New York. Frances Williams of DeLeon Springs, defending champion, eliminated one English contender, Barbara Pymon, 3 and 2.

Mrs. Estelle Drennan of Tulsa, Okla., defeated Kathleen Garnham of England, one up. Mrs. Stewart Hartley of Detroit eliminated the other British invader, Gwen Hartropp, 5 and 4.

## WEBFEET INVADE SEATTLE TODAY

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Led by Captain Roberts, high-scoring center, the University of Oregon Webfeet invade Seattle today for a two-game series with the University of Washington, to close the Huskies' basketball schedule near the end of their own disastrous season.

After winning only one game of 12, the Webfeet face the second-place Washington team tonight and tomorrow night, and then play two games with the league-leading Oregon State five next week. Roberts is in second place in the scoring standings in northern division, with 93 points.

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Columbia Brew Near Beer (here is a good chance to get bottles for home use). 12 bottles	58c	Candy Bars—regular 5c. 3 for	10c	Ivory Soap—the large family bar. 3 bars	23c
Oatsup—California Home—18 oz. bottle (4 oz. more than any other)	15c	Cigarets—all 15c brands. Pkg. 10c. Carton of 10	99c	Flour — Mapleleaf. 89¢. White Rose 99¢. Drifted Snow	\$1.27
Comb Honey—fancy quality. Each	15c	Sperry Hot Cake and Waffle Flour, family pkg. 14c. 4-lb. sack 18c. 10 lb. sack	37c	Dromedary Dates — pitted or plain. Pkg.	15c
Strained Honey—5-lb. pail	39c	Sperry Wheat Hearts—family pkg. 22c. 5-lb. bag 25c. 10-lb. bag	45c	Karo Syrup—10-lb. pail. Blue label 59¢. Red label	63c
Salted Peanuts—fresh and crisp. Lb.	10c	Sperry Rolled Oats—Quick Cooker or plain—family pkg. 14c. The big sack	25c	Clothes Baskets—No. 2	59c
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