

Tigers Host to Mount Shasta Tonight, All-Stars Saturday Night

FLASHY IRISH TO SUBSTITUTE FOR DUNSMUIR QUINT

Clash Tonight With Shasta Starts at 8 o'Clock — Saturday Tilt at 9—Preliminaries in Both Games

(By Dick Applegate.)

A snowbound Dunsmuir basketball team today telegraphed Coach Burgher at the Medford high school that they would be forced to cancel their scheduled appearance against the Red and Black here, and Burgher, becoming adept through practice in handling cancellations, promptly signed the flashy St. Mary's All-Stars for that date, thus indicating that the Tiger mentor is something of a showman, besides being an exceptional coach.

In many local appearances, the All-Stars have never failed to give a good account of themselves, and have become favorites with local fans. In a close game with that team last Friday night, the Bengals emerged victors by a narrow squeak, coming from behind in the last minute to win, 26-21. Many of the rail-birds doubt if they can do it again, but admit that the game will be a "natural," as far as interest and thrills are concerned. It would be difficult to sign another team on such short notice that could supply as much local color or sport for Medford fans.

Preliminaries Signed

The game Saturday night will be at 8 o'clock, accommodate business people unable to attend games starting at an earlier hour, it was announced. The game tonight with Mount Shasta will begin at 8 o'clock. Preliminaries for both encounters will start an hour earlier than the main event.

The Mount Shasta five arrived here today, and are reported in great shape for the encounter. They boast the best team in years, a formidable threat in that the members have been playing together for four years, and have won two northern California championships, and are securely launched on what looks like a third win.

The Tigers emerged winner by a mere two points in the last encounter with the Snowmen, and that was when the same team was in its early youth, a fact which points to a busy evening for the Burghermentals.

Shasta has had a tough schedule this year, and has acquitted itself nobly, losing only to Ashland and Klamath Falls, teams that are declared unbeatable by prognosticators from their own section.

Earlier encounters this year have ended with the mountain men on the long end of a 40-25 score against a fast Redding outfit, a 43-18 thrashing administered Treka, and a surprising but thorough beating dished out to Chico Normal school, a team which had previously defeated the brilliant Sacramento Junior college quint.

Shasta Expects Win.

With such an array of victories to their credit, the Shasta outfit expects a win tonight, but the tight defense displayed by the Tigers in former games may prove the carburetor in the transmission of the highly-gearred snowman offense.

A new combination has been tried this week by Burgher, using VanDyke at the guard position in alternation with Smith and Kutzman, but the odds are against him starting tonight, in that he will not be eligible for conference competition until mid-year, and the others can use the practice.

The probable starting lineup for Medford:

Lewis and Sears, forwards; Smith and Kutzman, guards; Estenger, center. The Shasta lineup has not been announced.

SOUTHERN SOLOON GREAT ATHLETE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Although congress boasts many former college athletic stars, there is only one "five-letter man"—Hennings Randolph, the tall, robust representative from West Virginia.

Not only that, Randolph can probably be considered the leading sports dopester on Capitol Hill. For after he finished his brilliant career at Salem (West Virginia) college, he was a sports writer on a Clarkburg newspaper and athletic director for several years at Davis-Erkens college.

As a 170-pound athlete—some 10 pounds lighter than he is now—Randolph played halfback in football, forward in basketball, first base in baseball, pole-vaulted and high-jumped and was the West Virginia intercollegiate tennis champion.

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One of these fine days I am going to satisfy a secret ambition and learn some of the fine points of billiards. When I get around to it I'm going to get in touch with one of the 21 billiard stars who are touring the country giving free instructions to amateurs as part of the "better billiards campaign."

I can just picture the amazed expression on the face of my good friend, J. C. Hoffman, the next time he invites me out to the studio for a friendly game, only to see me pull a few of Willie Hoppe's pet trick shots. Maybe I'll pattern my game after Johnny Layton or Welker Cochran. They're good, too.

Because of their activities in the direction of instructing, the billiard professionals have abandoned all championships this year. They have gone professional instead of professional.

One of the amazing things about championship billiards is there doesn't seem to be any age limit. Willie Hoppe won a world's title at 18; Alfredo DeCiro at 73 is still a good match player. In fact, he is the present eastern section three-cushion king.

DeCiro won his first world's championship, the pocket billiard title, back in 1899 and held it for 10 years. In 1915, a mere strapping of 52, he became the world's three-cushion billiard champion, to hold the title for three years.

Probably one of the most interesting billiard Aces playing today is the armless George Sutton, who has celebrated his 64th birthday. Although both his arms were amputated almost at the elbow in a lumber mill accident, the gray-haired veteran is rated the peer of mass shot-makers.

He has traveled around the world for the last 45 years giving exhibitions in billiards. Despite his infirmity, he has taken his share of matches from the top-notchers.

Another of the billiard-playing patriarchs is Ora C. Morningstar. He has just turned 60. Born in Rochester, Ind., he laid the foundation of his home-made table, using a whittled-down broomstick for a cue. Morningstar won the world's 18.2 ballkine championship in 1909. He has held many championships since that time and is rated in the top 20 of today.

Sixty-three-year-old George Spears is still active in billiard competition. Spears was quite a pitcher in the Tri-State league before he departed baseball for billiards. He holds the unofficial record for straight ball billiards with a high run of 5041 which he made in an exhibition match in Jackson, Mich., in 1895.

Among the present champions is Willie Hoppe, still the "Boy Wonder" although he will count 49 candles on his next birthday cake. He has held the 18.2 ballkine championship a dozen times in his career. In 1923 he bested young Jake Schaefer in a play for the cushion carom title, a championship which had not been played in 50 years.

The youngest of the "billiard professors" is the 17-year-old Robert Moore of Grand Rapids, Mich., former national junior and intermediate pocket billiard champion.

SNOW AT UNION CREEK ASSURES FINE SPORT FOR SKIERS IS WORD

A new fall of snow during the week, increasing the snow depth to more than four feet, will probably lure many winter sports lovers to Union Creek resort this week-end, where District Ranger J. P. "Jen" DeWitt says ideal skiing conditions exist.

The Crater Lake highway has been cleared to the Diamond Lake junction, and at that point a wide turning-around place has been cleared. DeWitt said. At Union Creek the highway has been widened for parking, and there is also room for many cars on the highway near the ski run recently completed by the forest service.

Signatures at the register booth there show that approximately 100 people from Medford visited the ski run last Sunday. A large shelter shed and fireplace, with an abundance of wood, is provided for the use of visitors, and it is said that the increased depth of snow offers some of the best skiing in southern Oregon.

Snow plows are constantly at work keeping the highway clear, but due to low temperature at that altitude, and frozen snow occur on the cleared highway, necessitating extreme care in driving, to avoid skidding.

"Do not exceed a 30-mile per hour speed, and keep your foot off the brake," Ranger DeWitt warned.

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EUROPEAN TRIPS TO SPUR YEAR'S SPORTS EFFORTS

A. A. U. Drops Former Opposition to Athletes Going Abroad in Pre-Olympic Year—Many Invitations

By DANIEL J. FERRIS
Secretary-Treasurer, Amateur Athletic Union

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(AP)—One of the reasons why this should be a great competitive year, in amateur sports, is the inducement to our leading athletes to gain places on teams to be selected for foreign trips. The A. A. U. has discarded its former opposition to having our athletes go abroad in a pre-Olympic year and there will be at least a half dozen expeditions to Europe, Japan and Asia Minor.

Sweden Invites

An invitation has been received from Sweden to have the A. A. U. send another team of six or seven track men across the Atlantic to compete in Stockholm in a big three-day meet next July and thereafter tour Europe.

Finland, which is not on the beat of terms with Sweden athletically, has asked the A. A. U. to send a team of five or six track and field men to tour their country, and the French A. A. U. is anxious to have a small team from France, Belgium and Switzerland. Holland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Norway also have made inquiries as to whether the A. A. U. would send any teams abroad this year.

Greeks to Travel

A team of Greek-American athletes will compete in Greece in July. This international student games at Budapest in August will attract some Americans and a large squad of Jewish athletes will leave New York early in March to compete in international games in Palestine in April.

With the exception of the Jewish team, the athletes who will be sent abroad as members of the different teams will be selected on the strength of the performances in the national A. A. U. track and field competitions

at Lincoln, Neb., early in July.

A team of 14 swimmers will be selected following the A. A. U. swimming championships next summer to make a tour of Japan.

The 1934 A. A. U. middleweight and heavyweight champion weight lifters, Steve Kratochewsky of Detroit and William Good of York, Pa., have accepted the invitation to participate in a display of strength in London the middle of March.

LEATHERS AND KARASICK SIGNED TO GRAPPLE ON NEXT THURSDAY'S CARD

Promoter Mack Lillard is back from Portland, bringing word that he has signed up Sad Sam Letthers, popular rubber-legged Texan, for a main event appearance next Thursday night at the armory against "Gentleman" Al Karasick of Russia. In the semi-final bout, Harry Kent, giant ex-Oregon State athlete, will tussle with Tony Catalano, rough-neck Italian grappler.

The Russian Lion and limber Sam wrestled here once before, and put on such a battle that fans have demanded more ever since. When these two artists of the groin and grunt game come to grips, it's the tall and the short of the profession. Letthers, one of the most popular wrestlers ever to come here, stands fully eight inches higher than Karasick, but the dwarfish foreigner is capable of taking care of himself even in the grip of Sad Sam's famous legs.

Harry Kent, weight about 235, who has been seen here before, is remembered as a hard man to stop, possessing besides his weight a knowledge of the scientific points of the game. His opponent for next Thursday night has been seen here twice, rating unquestionably the roughest if not the toughest racial in both bouts.

While Michigan State college footballers played in the Spartans' 1934 games, only three started every game, and only nine played at least part of every game.

Don Faurot, new University of Missouri football coach, had the unique record of having played varsity football at three different Missouri high schools.

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CLOSE DECISIONS MARK CCC FIGHTS AT ELKS' SMOKER

Starting with a battle royal in which eight boxers exchanged gloves in a wild scramble, the first of a series of five boxing cards to determine the championship of the Medford CCC district was held last night at the Elks temple, before a large crowd of brothers.

Five three-round matches the contestants having been picked by several preliminary cards held throughout the district, all ended in decisions rendered by judges.

"Shorty" McDonald, 130, Camp Oregon Caves, gained a close decision over "Peanuts" Houghman, 133, Camp Kerby, in the top-notch bout of the evening. Both fighters drew blood during the match, but McDonald carried slightly more power in his punches, according to the Mall Tribune score card.

In the fourth bout, another close contest, Mike Kinderaki, 156, Camp Oregon Caves, outpointed Guy Teague, 151, Headquarters detachment, the judges decided. There was some disagreement before Kinderaki was given one round, the others being even.

The Tribune score sheet gives the results of the other three bouts as follows:

Ellis, 132, Camp Carberry Creek, gained a one-round decision over Ed Davis, 133, Camp Applegate; Max Gordon, 138, Camp Oregon Caves, held the edge through two rounds, while Bill Padgett, 132, Camp Winner, outpointed him in the third; Walter Scerzafinski, 122, Camp Oregon Caves, won all three rounds from Cliff Ledwick, 118, Camp Gasquet.

In the battle royal, Hope, Camp Gasquet, was given the prize after falling to connect a blow during the latter part of the fracas, but keeping his feet. Two of the biggest fellows in the battle put themselves out of the match, according to the rule book, by tumbling onto the floor in a clinch.

First Lieut. Alfred H. Hopkins of Camp Oregon Caves was matchmaker. Before the boxing program, business was discussed in a brief lodge meeting, and the evening was completed with a free feed and beer.

BEAVERS SPARKPLUG LEFT AT CORVALLIS

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The Oregon State college Beavers' brilliant early season march, now standing at three straight wins, will be endangered tonight in the first of a two-game series with the Washington Huskies, with one of their star men missing.

The Orangers were in town today, ready for the clash, but Coach Slat Gill had to leave Mose Lyman, sparkplug of the Oregon attack and defense, at Corvallis. Coach Hec Edmondson, however, has his regular

Washington lineup in shape, the one which divided two games with Idaho here.

George Ireland, backguard on the Notre Dame basketball team, has played in every one of the last 20 Notre Dame games. He was the only member of the squad to participate in all of last season's 24 games, and his record was still unbroken in the first six this year.



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