

# SPORTS

## TIGERS TO DRILL ON BASKET SHOTS BALANCE OF WEEK

### Coach Dissatisfied With Work Of Quint As Test Tussle With Salem Invaders Looms Thursday.

Hard work under the basket and drill on connecting with the hoop will feature the preparation of the Medford Tigers this week for the invasion Thursday of the tricky Salem Viking basketball team in the season opener.

Coach Bill Bowerman has announced that he is to date dissatisfied with the work of his men in early practice games, and will keep them working on fundamentals until the day of the game, if necessary.

Using the zone defense and a fast-breaking offense, the Tigers will depend on quick, accurate passing and frequent shots at the net to keep them in front of the Salem squad.

The Coach Hillis Huntington has described as one his most promising in years. The Salem team is said to have several rangy men to present against the stubby Medford squad, "a handicap that can only be overcome by low passing and by working the enemy out of position," Bowerman said.

The coach has tried several new combinations in his preliminary workouts, but his starting force will probably see VanDyke in the jumping position. VanDyke's beautiful performance as a "feeder" to Lewis has made him a virtual certainty as a starter in the game. His ability to find openings through which to pass to Lewis for tallies, combined with his uncanny accuracy at the net, is expected to go a long way in leading the Tigers to a win.

Lewis and Ettinger, both short men, will probably hold down the forward berth, with Baker and Dickinson at the guard posts. This lineup is not definite, but has been the one that has been favored in practice games.

The "Sophomore Shocks," those second-year men who are being groomed to take over the heavy duty assignment next year, will probably see action for at least a quarter. Coach Bowerman indicated, if the score will allow.

The Salem squad will arrive Thursday morning and take in early morning workout on the high school court. Following their game here, they tangle with the Ashland outfit Friday night in a game which is expected to serve as a measuring rod between the two Rogue valley schools.

## FANDOM RANDOM

By Dick Applegate

Elimination of the tip-off in basketball, as employed in the California system, is making basketball a much faster and more interesting game. Under the system, the jump is used only at the start of the halves, and after a field goal, or in case of a held ball. If a free throw is awarded a player and he misses the shot, the ball is in play as always. But if he makes the shot, instead of using a tip-off, the ball goes to the team scored against, out-of-bounds under the basket.

It is therefore necessary that the scoring team hot-foot it for the other end of the floor immediately after the throw, to be in position to defend their own goal. Some coaches, in viewing this more wide-open game, have dropped back to the zone defense, abandoning the slower man-to-man checking previously used by New York University for some years now, with wonderful success. Medford high school is now using the zone system.

Oregon and Washington schools are not required to use the California system, except by mutual consent. The official rules call for the tip-off. Coach Bowerman of Medford high school intends using the California system for at least half of every game this year if he can obtain the consent of his opponents, a matter in which he anticipates no difficulty. With a short, inexperienced squad, the California style may prove a distinct advantage to the locals.

So much has been said of the remarkable kicking abilities of Monk Moscrip, Stanford's great end, during the football season just past, that many Oregon people have lost sight of the astounding record turned in this year by Dick Weisgerber of Willamette university. Weisgerber, sophomore who hails from East Orange, New Jersey, place-kicked 10 out of 12 extra points in 1935, running his 2-year record to 32 conversions out of 41 attempts. He kicked one field goal, averaged 37.07 yards on 43 punts, 49½ on eight kickoffs, 4½ yards on 78 line plunges—and he passes, too.

Medford citizens in whom the primeval urge is strong, will welcome the return of wrestling to the city.

Medford a week from today, when the strong silent men go up at it again after a layoff since before the holidays. Promoter Mack Lillard has not yet announced the gladiators selected for the slaughter. We hope that he has not forgotten a promise to this department, made some weeks ago, to match Ken Hollis, the violent meane from Arkansas, against Pete Belcastro. Hollis licked Pete at Klamath Falls, but Pete claims he can't do it again. When Pete makes up his mind, he's a pretty tough cookie to try to eat at one meal, as Leroy McGuirk, light-heavy champ, discovered.

That basketball team, formerly the St. Mary's All Stars, before the rightful owners of the title happened along, are still nameless as far as a non-duplicate of any real worth is concerned, so far contenting themselves with hiding behind the nondescript title of "Medford All-Stars." Evidently they are determined to call themselves stars of some kind. Maybe "Shooting Stars" would be appropriate. In the milky way of "All-Star" teams that practically covers the earth, it would seem possible to get a more distinctive moniker, and with a fatherly sort of interest in the lads, we intend to keep trying until they adopt one of worthier caliber.

The All-Stars will scrimmage with the high school some time during the week, and the Crescent City All-Stars (papa, there's that name again), have offered them any of five open dates. The Medford team nosed out the Crescent City bunch by one point in a thrilling match last year, and the Sea-weed city is anxious to see them again.

## RING COMMISSION IN ANNUAL MEET

Election of officers of the Medford Boxing commission will be held at the annual meeting of that body at 8:30 this evening at Hotel Medford. Present officers are P. C. Bigham, chairman, and J. F. Fliegel, secretary and treasurer.

The only other matter of importance to come before the meeting is the renewing of the franchise now held by Promoter Mack Lillard. This is expected to be a mere formality, it was stated by various members of the committee today.

Members of the commission are, besides Bigham and Fliegel: Jerry Jerome, Larry Schade, Fred Erickson and Dr. A. F. W. Kresse. Commission members are appointed by the mayor, with the duties of levying a tax on all boxing and wrestling performances, and protecting the interests of the city.

## THREE NEW FACES WILL BE SEEN IN JAN. 13 MAT CARD

Three new faces will glare across the Armory ring Monday night, January 13, when Promoter Mack Lillard resumes his weekly wrestling cards, after a holiday layoff, he announced today.

After wandering the southwest on a journey of over 4,000 miles, seeking new talent, Lillard has announced that his search was not in vain, and he has a galaxy of new starts to present.

In the opening bout, one of Medford's pet hates, Ken Hollis, will clash with "Toughy" Cleve, New York hard-guy, who expressed a willingness to enter the ring with Hollis, or any other fire-eater Lillard might have on hand. "Cleve can take care of himself in any company," the promoter said in announcing the bout, adding that the "Toughy" is a well-built young man, not tall, but powerful and fast. He is, according to Lillard, built along the same lines as Leroy McGuirk, light heavy champ who wrestled here some time ago.

The second match will feature "Killer" Shikuma, giant Nipponese black-belt jiu jitsu champion, in a mixed jiu and catch-as-catch-can bout with Frankie Peck globe-trotter. Peck has wrestled under the jiu rules in Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore, to mention only a few of the world's crossroads in which he has wrestled for his dinner.

This match is expected to prove as great a drawing card as the all-meane encounter between Hollis and Cleve. The curtain-raiser will be a combat between two new men, "Tiger" Tankoff, bulky Bulgarian, whose handle-bar mustaches have recently been serving as handholds for the Los Angeles wrestlers, and "Dude" Chick, Oklahoma coo-puncher.

Lillard found Chick swagging about the streets of El Paso, fully arrayed in a flashy cowpoke outfit and announcing to all the world that he is a wrestler of marked ability. Lillard went to see him fight that night, and signed him immediately. A real cowpuncher, who knows one end of a cow from another, Chick has studied under several teachers of wrestling, and has evolved a hold of his own which he calls his "ariat spin," a dizzying combination of air-plant spin and whip wristlock, which reputedly has dislocated many an elbow.

## Phoenix

PHOENIX, Jan. 6.—(Sp1)—Business and school activities are temporarily paralyzed as Phoenix is staying at home with the measles. There are few families without at least one case.

## HILLIS WILL HEAD HILLAH SHRINERS FOR COMING YEAR

The meeting of the Phoenix Thursday club scheduled for January 9 has been postponed until January 16, according to an announcement made by the president. The club will at that time meet at the home of Mrs. Vaughn Quackenbush, with a covered dish luncheon served at one o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith and three daughters, of Portland, spent the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Miller, parents of Mrs. Smith. At the regular meeting, December 30, of the Phoenix Townsend club, the following members were nominated as candidates for office to be elected at the next meeting, Monday, January 13: advisory board: J. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Cornelia Barnes, W. D. Barnes, W. V. Foster, J. J. Robertson, Mrs. Mabel Loucks, and Mrs. Cora Foster; president, F. A. Denzer, M. Brownrigg; vice-president, Mr. G. C. Crow, O. Bohrer; secretary-treasurer, Arnie Lee Jewett. Four new members were added and several new residents who belong elsewhere expressed a wish to transfer to the Phoenix club. The new members bring the total membership to 164.

Members of the cast of the Grange play tried out Friday night under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Hockersmith.

The birthdays of Mrs. Telitha Pickett, Miss Elva Caster, and Mrs. Nettie Hallcraft were celebrated Friday evening at the L. O. Caster home.

Meeting of Oak Circle No. 242 scheduled for last Thursday was postponed until a future date to be announced later. The Thimble club and juvenile meeting dates will also be announced soon.

The old Germanic custom of offering bread and salt to newly wedded couples has been revived by the Protestant clergy in the region of Ballenstedt.

## New Hillah Shrine Heads



George W. Hillis, (left) Klamath Falls, elected Illustrious potentate of Hillah Shrine temple at the annual meeting in Ashland Friday night. J. C. Thompson (right) of Medford, was advanced to the office of chief rabban.

P. Loomis of Ashland; orator, O. D. Frazier of Medford.

Following the business session presided over by retiring Potentate P. F. Whittle of Ashland, light refreshments were served in the dining hall of the temple.

The 1936 season promises to become a busy and successful one for the southern Oregon temple with plans now well underway for participation in the Imperial Shrine session, a national convention, this year at Seattle, Washington. These plans include a special Shrine train from southern

Oregon to the Puget Sound metropolis.

Reich postoffice figures show that 2,700 newspapers are being published in Germany today while 11,300 were printed in 1933. The number of daily copies sent through the mails has shrunk from 1,400,000 to a round million.

There were 393 Poles and 365 Americans in German schools of higher learning the first half of this year. Rumania was third with 352.

## KLEIN WINS MIAMI OPEN GOLF HONOR

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 6.—(UP)—Sandy haired Willie Klein of Wheatley Hills, L. I., won the \$2500 Miami open golf tournament Sunday with a 62 hole score of 272 that shattered the old tournament record by six strokes.

Klein pulled ahead of Gene Sarazen, four times winner of the tourney who set the pace Saturday, by shooting a 64 on the morning round and finishing with a 68 on the final 18 holes. His afternoon card included an eagle three on the 500 yard fifth hole. For the entire tournament he had 16 birdies. First place brought him a purse of \$500.

Sarazen smashed through the 72 holes with a 277 for second and a purse of \$400.

Favorite Johnny Hevotta recorded a 66 for the morning round plus a 70 for the afternoon to take a 276 for the third money of \$300.

Wes Scott, Bobby Cruickshank ended one stroke behind the P. O. A champion with 278. Paul Runyan tied Cruickshank after shooting a 69 and a 71 Sunday.

## HINES CAPTURES RIVERSIDE OPEN

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Jimmy Hines, former Long Island caddy, moved into the select money class today with the winner's purse of the annual Riverside \$3,000 open.

As the golfing bonanza looked ahead to the rich Los Angeles open late this week, Hines, blond-haired pro from Garden City, Long Island, pocketed \$750 as his reward for a brilliant 72-hole score of 276.

Hines took charge of the tournament with a sensational 68 second-round total, and breezed in eight strokes in front of Harold Molspaden, an unattached pro formerly of Kansas City, Kans.

Molspaden took \$475, his third consecutive runner-up purse in southern California's winter parade of golf. Molspaden outstroked Byron Nelson, Ridgewood, N. J., and Orville White, St. Louis, who finished with 280. They split \$600.

Johnny Swertsen, young Ogden Utah, professional, came in with 288 and \$180, and three tournament favorites, Horton Smith, Chicago; Vic Ghersi, Deal, N. J., and Ky Laffoon, another Chicagoan, shot 292 to tie for sixth place money of \$100.

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