

Tiger Quintet Revamped to Repel Grants Pass Invaders Tonight

VANDYKE, HAYES TO STRENGTHEN LOCALS LINEUP

Teams Meet Again Saturday in Grants Pass — Grade School Leaders to Furnish Curtain-Raiser

A completely revamped Medford high school basketball team will take the floor at 8:30 tonight at the Senior high school gym, in an effort to turn back the invading Grants Pass Cagemen, in a southern Oregon league game. The game will be the first for Sam Vandyke and Bob Hayes, ineligible last semester, and those two will both probably start, Coach Bowerman said today.

Hayes will start at the jumping post, with Vandyke teamed with Lewis at forward. Baker and Lindley will be at the guard posts on the starting lineup. Bowerman announced that his "Sophomore Shocks" team will take over the floor duties a few minutes before the close of the first quarter, and carry the banner for five minutes. If, at the end of that time they are doing well, they will remain in the game and the varsity squad will be held in readiness to provide the punch down the home-stretch.

The squads are beginning to work together as an entity. Bowerman said, but indicated that there are still ragged spots on the team. The short passes and floor work has improved tremendously in the past week of intensive drill, he said, and added that the early season policy of shooting often and following the ball in to the back board will be followed. In the hectic Ashland series the men apparently forgot this bit of strategy, the coach said, and he has been drilling it back into them during this week's practice sessions.

The game is the first of a two-game series with the Clatsop City squad, the second game to be played on the Grants Pass floor tomorrow night. The games are considered critical ones in the southern Oregon race for the annual trip to the state tourney in Salem in March. Both teams have dropped double-headers to Ashland. If one team should take both these games and then come back strong against the Lithia City league leaders, they would still have a chance at the title.

The probable lineup of the shock troops will be with Grow at center, McKee and Childers at forwards, and Santo and Ettinger at guards. The main games tonight and tomorrow night start at 8:30, preceded by preliminaries.

The curtain raiser here will be between the two underdog leaders in the city grade school race, Washington and Roosevelt. These two tiny but scrappy little outfits look upon the city race much as their older brothers look at the state title, and the game tonight is one of the crucial contests in the series. The players under Coach Tucker at Washington and Coach Davis at Roosevelt, have learned lots of basketball this year, and their game has excited considerable advance interest.

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Meets Hoodlum



Dude Crick (above), versatile and dangerous tendon twister, who meets Ken Hollis, the Arkansas hoodlum on Monday's three-star wrestling card at the Armory. Hollis challenged Crick after last Monday's main event went to Crick on a foul from Bob Kennason. The big ex-cowpoke has indicated that he will use the same hold on Hollis which has subdued tough guys before: viz.—his skull scuttling lariat spin. Frank Taylor meets Kennason, and Tiger Taskoff meets Max Glover on the same card.

FOOTBALL HEADS TO DRAFT SKED

The regular yearly football pow-wow of the Southern Oregon Athletic association will be held in the office of the Senior high school this evening at 6:30. It was announced today by Coaches and principals from Klamath Falls, Ashland, Grants Pass and Medford high schools will be present.

The football schedule for 1936 will be drawn up at the conference, with dates chosen for all southern Oregon league games. Until all of the representatives are present it is impossible to tell what games Medford will play on what dates. Coach Bill Bowerman of Medford said today, but indicated that he will ask for early dates.

WINNING BASKET FAILS TO BRING HERO A HAND

COLDWATER, Mich., Jan. 31.—(UP)—John Biefuss, Alhion Center, scored the winning basket while playing the Coldwater basketball team. But today he was not the school hero. The ball went in the wrong basket and Biefuss' team lost, 26-22.

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Beginning of the five-mile road project near Shady Brook February 8 will give employment to nearly all men in this area who are certified relief registrants and not now working. WPA Engineer K. E. Tillotson said.

25 FOOTBALLERS RECEIVE LETTERS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Twenty-five varsity football awards, red and black block "M" letters, were given at a special student body meeting at the senior high school yesterday to members of the Medford football team, claimants to the state championship last year.

Five players, those who did not play the necessary number of quarters, but who were considered worthy of recognition, received numeral awards.

Principal C. G. Smith of the high school commended the men on the squad for their unflinching good sportsmanship and their determined fight through the year, and Harry Hinman spoke to the student body and the athletes on behalf of the business men of the city.

Floyd Baker, line guard, and his running mate, John Dickson, each played 26 quarters of the 28 possible in the seven-game season, the record showed. Others who played that number of periods were Jim Bayliss, pony backfield star, and Bob "Smitheren" Smith, crashing half-back.

Others who received awards were Ray Lewis, Russell Blair, Ray Ettinger, Bob Ettinger, Dick Fraley, Rex Gilinsky, Eldon Gray, Jim Henry, Stan Kuzman, Ray Offord, Don Root, Leo Sakrada, Hubert Santon, Glenn Stewart, Ardo Stocks, Phil Todd, Bill Townsend, Bob Wilson, Kouso Maruyama, Lawrence Pennington and Don Wright.

Those getting numerals were Ed Vallier, Truman Bishop, Bill Dickie, Sam Richardson and Cecil Reich. Managers who carried the brunt of the "dirty" work during the season were also rewarded, letters going to Jack Thompson, head manager; Wayne Curry, assistant manager; and Earle Pichtner, Thomas Wright, Chester Ferguson and Harry Fredericks.

MEDFORD GIRLS WIN CLOSE TILT

Staving off a desperate last minute rally by the Sams Valley girls' quint at the Roosevelt school gym last night, the Medford Girls Community club basketball five moved in to victory by the close squeak of 28-27 in one of the fastest girls games here in years.

The local ladies whizzed in three lobes early in the game to take a 6-0 lead, an advantage which the Valley quint had whittled to 16-11 at half time and to a one point lead early in the third. By the end of that period the Medford team had again romped into the vanguard 20-17, and maintained their slim lead through the dying minutes.

The victory evened the series, Sams Valley having taken an early season encounter, also by a small margin.

Summary:
Sams Valley (27) (28) Medford
Wyatt (16) F. (8) Bateman
Shula (11) F. (16) E. Brockway
Straus J. C. (4) Russel
Seigmiller SC. Green
Duggan G. Hedges
Wilson G. B. Brockway
Substitutes: Medford, Foster, C. Young, G. Referee: Marjory Kelly.

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FANDOM AT RANDOM

By Dick Applegate

Chuck Taylor, the "ambassador of basketball" and member of the old world champion Chicago Celtics team, will give a free public demonstration of all of the finer points of basketball in the Ashland Junior high gym at 8 o'clock Monday night.

Coach Jean Eberhart of the Ashland Normal has arranged for the demonstration by Taylor. All basketball fans, players and officials of southern Oregon are invited to attend. SONGS players will be used in the demonstration, taking different formations to illustrate the maneuvers which Taylor will point out. The "clinic," as it is being called, will be the first of a series to be given at schools and colleges in the northwest.

Eberhart says: "Chuck is a great fellow and an excellent performer and lecturer. He will be glad to answer any questions about the game and to go into details on any points that might be of greatest interest. Although he will use Normal school players as assistants, he will take the lead in the whole show, both in demonstrating and lecturing.

"We feel that this is a real opportunity for basketball-minded people of southern Oregon. Girls are welcome and will have an opportunity to get a great deal from the demonstration in regard to basketball fundamentals, passing, shooting and floor play."

Taylor has the following to say regarding his demonstrations: "The keynote of my clinic is conservation of energy and the psychology of simplified basketball tactics, which I call 'fundamentals.'"

"These fundamentals in no way interfere with any coaching system. My sole aim is to improve and promote the game for schools, coaches, players and spectators over the whole nation.

"Catching and passing the ball correctly are two fundamentals first to be stressed as the basis of good basketball. To pass equally well with both right and left hand; deception in handling the ball—passing, dribbling, rolling, or shooting—depend largely upon the snap of the wrist and fingers. I have developed certain exercises which will, in a short time, make players capable of executing these deceptive movements perfectly.

"For deceptive play, all ball handlers should learn to use split vision to the extent that they can see the entire floor but continue watching the ball. Deceptive play is outstanding and equally effective when all

players are playing heads-up ball, but it is fatal to play deceptive ball when there are sleepers on the team.

"I stress passes that are hard, carrying enough speed to make it difficult for the defensive man to catch the ball. This will prove an advantage to a team as well as add color to the game."

The original Celtics professional basketball team was one of the truly great machines of all time. Organized in 1918, they rampaged through all opposition of stiff seasons until they disbanded in 1929.

They played independent ball until 1920, entering the Eastern league the next year and grabbing the championship. In 1922 they played in the Metropolitan league, won 13 straight games, and had to quit after that for lack of opposition. They barnstormed away the rest of the year and played independent ball again in 1926.

That year they took over the Brooklyn franchise, joined the American league, and won the championship by winning 108 games out of 118 played. The next year they again grabbed the title by winning 109 games out of 120, but in the latter part of '28 and early in '29, the American league big shots ruled that the league was going to pot because the Celtics were too strong for the opposition, and ruled them out of the league. The team disbanded, but three of the players went with Cleveland, and that squad proceeded to take the championship for two straight years.

That's a bird's eye view of the background Chuck Taylor has for his basketball teachings. The clinic should be vastly interesting.

WOLGAST SUSPENDED FOR REFUSING FIGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—(UP)—The Portland boxing commission today indefinitely suspended Midget Wolgast of Los Angeles, former flyweight champion, and fined him \$150 for being disqualified in the seventh round of his fight here Tuesday with Ritchie Fontaine, Missoula, Mont. The fine was the unpaid balance of his \$400 purse.

The fight was stopped when Wolgast, master of defensive boxing, refused to do anything but retreat and protect himself.

DETROIT, Jan. 31.—(UP)—Willard Cote, 47, today began serving 60 days in the house of correction for non-payment of alimony. When sentenced, he told the judge, "that's O. K. I was planning to stick around a while so I brought my suitcase along."

CAMP RAND HOOPMEN TO INVADE COQUILLE IN TWO-GAME SERIES

CAMP RAND, Jan. 31.—(Sp.)—Rand basketball team will go to Coquille today and Saturday, for games with Camp McKinley and Camp China Plats. The game with McKinley will be played at Coquille at 7 p. m. Friday and the one with China Plats at 2 p. m. Saturday.

The Rand team is playing in the Grants Pass City league, and will meet the Lang Rangers, February 11, and the 20-30 club February 13. Rand also will play two games with the Williams high school in Grants Pass on February 7, with both first and second teams competing. Rand will play in Medford February 15, when the team will meet the squad from Camp Prescott at 10 a. m.

Rand's scores in games played to date are: Grants Pass high school 22, Rand 19; Camp Oregon Caves 22, Rand 4; Oregon Lime 32, Rand 25; Williams high school 22, Rand 27; Williams high school seconds 11, Rand seconds 22; Camp Oregon Caves 17, Rand 14.

Players going to Coquille with the Rand team are: Ray Brockman, Thomas Edgeworth, Alvin Kuehn, Claude Markwell, John Schmidt, John Bock, Leonard Hoffman, George Canada, Andrew Bik, Joseph Pirelli, Bill Hummel, Joseph Seliga and Thomas Reynolds. W. W. Belcher, educational adviser, will have charge of the team on the trip.

Firemen Bombaraded
ROCKFORD, Ill., Jan. 31.—(AP)—As if the hazards of fighting fire in freezing weather were not enough, Rockford firemen had to dodge bullets and birdshot as they played streams of water on a burning hotel and sporting goods store. The flames set off the store's supply of ammunition.

False Alarm
FISHER, Okla., Jan. 31.—(AP)—The fire alarm hit. Fire Chief Charles Safford jumped from his chair and hit the floor running. In the excitement he forgot his car, sprinted off down the street and beat the fire truck to the scene. It was a false alarm.

CENTRAL PT. CAGEMEN WILL INVADE PHOENIX HIGH COURT TONIGHT

PHOENIX, Jan. 31.—(Sp.)—In what promises to be one of the closest games in the high school secondary league, Phoenix and Central Point schools meet tonight in the Phoenix gym.

Central Point now rests in second place in the league with two wins and one defeat, and Phoenix in third with one win and one defeat.

Both teams have improved greatly in recent games, so the fans are assured of a real battle.

A preliminary between the two second teams starts at 7:00. Probable starting lineups are: Phoenix—Hill, Newlin, Jacobs, Purry, McReynolds. Central Point—Copingier, Jones, Grimes, Jewett, Lathrop.

JUNIORS TO FACE ROSEBURG HERE

The Medford Junior high school Bulldogs swing into southern Oregon league action tomorrow night when they mix with the Roseburg Juniors on the Senior high school floor here. Coach Achison's crew of fast shooting and clever passing lads are given the edge in the betting, but Achison himself was doubtful today.

"Our boys are getting their passing game down better," he said, "and if I watch them close enough they play pretty fair ball in practice. But they have to do better blocking and short passing if they expect to get past Roseburg Saturday."

The locals have employed a combination zone and man-to-man defensive system, and will probably use both tomorrow night.

Ray Henderson's Toy Bulldogs made up from the 7th and 8th grade at the Junior high school, will provide the preliminary action when they tangle with the Central Point 7th and 8th graders at 7 o'clock. The main game will follow at 8.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Sheriff C. A. Woodward said he was waiting today for a legal ruling on the status of pin games under the gambling laws. He said all slot machines had been cleared out of Walla Walla county.

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