



TIGER LINEUP SHIFT PLANNED FOR CLASH WITH OREGON FROSH

In preparing against the booming attack of the University of Oregon freshmen basketball team, the Medford high school Tiger lineup may be shifted. Coach Bill Bowerman said today, Bob Mettlinger, little guard, and Crow, alternate center, may be shifted to guard, with Bob Wilson and Jack Bowman at forwards. With Hayes at center, the squad may start the encounter, the coach said, adding that all five have shown rapid improvement in practice the past two weeks.

In view of the fact that the freshmen squad from Oregon is made up mostly of tall men, the high school was scheduled to work out against the Blue Raiders, tall and clever independent five, this afternoon after school. The showing made by the new combination will determine whether they will start in Friday night's game. The regulars with Lewis and Van Dyke at forwards, Baker and Lindley at guards, and Hayes at center will get the starting nod only if they make an impressive showing the rest of the week, the coach indicated.

In working out against Frosh plays, the Tigers are not losing sight of the crucial Grants Pass game Saturday night. While there is still a possibility that they will remain in the race for southern Oregon honors, it will be necessary for the locals to dump Grants Pass in the coming game and then return to wallop the Ashland Grizzlies two straight. Later in the season the Tigers meet the Clatsop for another two-game series. Ashland has already tripped the Clatsop City five in two games, by lopsided margins. Medford took Grants Pass 22-21 in the first game played.

TIGERS AND CUBS TO BE FAVORITES

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Jack Doyle, Broadway's betting "price maker," says the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago Cubs, pennant winners in 1935, will be the betting favorites to repeat in the coming campaign. He rates the high priced Boston Red Sox second in the American league, this calculation being based on the premises that the Boston team lacks the pitching power to beat out Mickey Cochrane and his boys. He expects the Yanks to add new strength to their team through purchases of trades but says that in any event they will give Boston a rub for second place.

RAIDERS WIN 60-30 ON PHOENIX COURT

With Virg Swanson, Blue Raider forward, running wild, the Raiders last night swarmed over the Phoenix Tornados to administer a 60-30 thrashing on the Phoenix floor. Swanson ran up a total of 24 points, with Lloyd Hammock, Raider pivot man, amassing 13. Montgomery, Tornado forward, was high for his team with 10.

The Raiders are scheduled to scrimmage against the Medford high school squad after school tonight.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—The southern Oregon A. U. basketball tournament has been tentatively scheduled for February 21 and 22 at McArthur court here instead of a previous date.

SALEM HIGH SWIMMERS DEFEAT EUGENE HIGH

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Salem high school swimmers defeated Eugene high school's aquatic team, 47 to 26, in a dual meet here last night. Eugene won only one first place, when Walling came out ahead in the 40-yard freestyle race.

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BOWLING

Team No. 1, under Captain Earl York last night shellacked the Team No. 3 bowlers under Captain Everett Brayton, 3 and 1, in the Elks' bowling tournament. Tonight Team No. 2, under Captain Jim Murray, rolls against Captain Ransom Webster's Team No. 4.

Individual showings last night: Team No. 3. 1st 2nd 3rd Total. Hads 180 215 191 586. Brayton 202 235 172 609. Ferguson 160 160 160 480. Watson 146 146 146 438. Coleman 125 125 125 375. Duff 134 144 150 428. Handicap 198 168 168 534. Totals 1121 1195 1112 3426.

Team No. 1. 1st 2nd 3rd Total. York 200 183 184 567. Gill 208 195 170 573. Kress 174 174 174 522. Blinnong 164 164 164 492. Meeker 107 107 107 321. Handicap 187 187 187 561. Totals 1195 1105 1141 3441.

The Standard Roofers bowling five last night milled down the Golden Glow squad in a city league game, 3 and 1. The Smoke House and Medco roll tonight.

Individual scores: Golden Glows. 1st 2nd 3rd Total. Crank 141 99 144 384. R. Williams 94 139 127 460. Smith 123 138 128 389. Holmgren 116 122 150 488. T. Williams 128 118 204 445. Handicap 95 95 95 285. Totals 697 778 843 2318.

Standard Roofers. 1st 2nd 3rd Total. J. Burroughs 103 145 172 420. Semon 109 147 138 474. Walsh 187 158 146 491. O. Burroughs 159 177 168 504. Daly 171 108 171 450. Totals 679 835 798 2312.

VINES TRIMS STOEFFEN IN PROFESSIONAL TILT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Ellsworth Vines unleashed smashing drives and bounded about the court like a leaping greyhound to defeat Lester Stoeffen, 6-2, 6-4, in a professional tennis match here last night. Stoeffen and George Lott defeated Vines and Berkeley Bell, 6-4, 8-6 in a doubles match.

Find No Trace Of Missing Airliner

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The French air line "Air France" announced today it was still without word concerning the fate of its airliner "Ville de Buenos Aires," long overdue on a flight across the south Atlantic with five crew and one passenger. Brazilian air authorities estimated that if the airplane had descended in the Atlantic, it would be at a point near the Sao Paulo rocks, 730 miles northeast of Natal, seaport of Rio Grande Do Norte.

GIRL BASKETEERS CONTINUE WINS

The Girls' Community club basketball team continued its string of victories Tuesday evening with a 27-5 win over a determined Williams Creek squad in the tiny, low-ceilinged Williams gym.

In spite of a slick floor, which kept the game slowed down to a walk and made frequent collisions unavoidable, Medford showed occasional flashes of its usual fast running attack. Held scoreless in the second quarter by close guarding, Williams Creek, with the score 16-2 against them at the end of the half, tallied three shots in the third quarter which ended 19-8, but were again held scoreless in the last period as Medford ran the score up 27-8 before the final whistle.

Although definite arrangements have not yet been completed, plans are underway for a doubleheader here Friday evening between the Medford "A" and "B" teams and the Grants Pass Community club first and second strings. In their series last year the locals took all four games by narrow margins. Starting lineups were: Williams Cr. (6) Medford (27) Vencil F. Lent (4) Johnson (8) Lang (3) Varenwold J.C. Green Cresson R.C. Brockway (20) Miller G. Clark Mollister O. Young Substitutes: Medford—Russell, C. Hedge, S. C. and G. D'Albini, S. C.; B. Brockway, G. Williams—Moomaw, G.

BASKETBALL

By the Associated Press College: Bellingham Normal 36, U. of British Columbia 20. Pacific 35, U. of Portland 29. Linfield 27, C. P. S. 25. Whitman 50, Lewiston Normal 38. High Schools: Salem 35, Eugene 27. Walls Walls 38, Milton-Freewater 23. Franklin 49, Roosevelt 31. Benson 26, Lincoln 12. Commerce 31, Washington 30. Jefferson 34, Grant 21.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press.) SAN JOSE, Cal. — Freddie Miller, 128, Cincinnati, NBA featherweight champion, stopped Bobby Gray, 134, San Jose, (1); non-title. LOS ANGELES—Moon Mullins, 126, Terre Haute, Ind., outpointed Frankie Castillo, 124½, Los Angeles, (10); Johnny Paek, 187, Chicago, stopped Wally Hunt, 215, Long Beach, Cal. (3). SAGINAW, Mich. — Frankie Wolfgram, 126, Detroit, outpointed Armando Sicilia, 126, Springfield, Ill., (10). FARGO, N. D.—Ace of Spades, 160, Minneapolis, outpointed Jimmy Statler, 160, Fargo, (8). WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Bob Godwin, 179, Daytona Beach, Fla., outpointed Tony Cell, 174, Boston, (10).

FANDOM AT RANDOM

By Dick Applegate

Superlatives are going to be at a premium in this department if Mack Lillard continues to improve his wrestling cards as rapidly as he has the past two months. In that time we've had nearly every Los Angeles drawing card appearing on local bills, including Duke Chick, Shinuchi Shikuma, Ken Hollis, Tiger Taskoff, Frankie Peck and Wayne Long, and now comes George "Wildcat" Wilson, probably the most colorful wrestler in the game, and Ted Christy, who is so tough that he has been barred from every ring in California for 30 days.

You get a pretty fair idea of how tough Christy must be when you realize that Ken Hollis is a Los Angeles favorite. The favorite party, but what we mean is that Los Angeles fans will turn out in numbers on the off chance that they will see him take a thrashing. He gets thrashed from time to time, but to date he has kept his record intact in Medford. He has shown some surprising luck in doing so, both against Chick and Long, but he can't keep that up forever. Some people, like us, wonder how come the big time wrestlers will condescend to appear here at all. Surely they can't make the coin they make in the big cities. We had it explained to us very clearly a few days ago, and hereby pass the information on to you: The same thing holds true in the cities that is true here—namely, they don't like to see the same wrestler every time for two months, no matter how good that wrestler may be, any more than you do. So the big shots write in Los Angeles, Hollywood, Oakland and San Francisco for a time, and then take to the road. They are all under a booking office that guarantees to keep them in matches. So if they make \$250 in one night in San Francisco, instead of laying around for six weeks before they appear again, they hit out for the smaller circuits and pick up what they can before going back. In that way interest in the sport is maintained all along the coast from here south, and everyone is happy. Very few of the Los Angeles wrestlers ever get further north than Medford.

We hear a lot about the alarming rise of colored athletes in this country in track and field events as well as in boxing. It shouldn't be too surprising, since one out of every 10 of our population is negro now. While Joe Louis is not yet heavyweight champion of the world, he undoubtedly will be as soon as he has a chance to fight for it. So now we'll have to listen to cries of a "White Hope," until Louis is too old to hang onto his laurels any longer, and tapers out of the picture. The first American boxing champion, you know, was a negro. Bill Richmond lost a fight to Tom Cribb of England in 1803, when Richmond was U. S. champ and a few years before Cribb became champion of the world. Cribb also defeated Tom Molineaux, a Virginia 8x-slave, in a 30-round slugfest in England, in 1810. Molineaux was the first American ever to fight for the world title, which is what his battle with Cribb was. There are two outstanding negroes who did battle for this country over a hundred years ago. Molineaux should have taken that fight, after giving Cribb a terrible beating for 30 rounds. At the opening of the 31st, Molineaux rushed Cribb and knocked him kicking with a right hand punch. In scampering out of Cribb's way he lost his balance, lunged, and fell into a ring post—knocking himself out. They revived the two battles through the 32nd and the two wobbled through the 33rd. In the 33rd Cribb summoned a last ounce of energy, hit the negro once, and the fight was over. To those who feel that colored gents can't take it, it was discovered later that Molineaux had fractured his skull when he hit the post.

ALL POSTAL WORKERS TO GET CLEAN SLATE ON MERITS-DEMERITS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The postoffice department said today it planned to wipe off all "demerits" against postal employees and start fresh on a new system to "give the man a break." Postal officials said the new system is aimed at: "Eliminating the human element in rating postal employees. "Giving the man a chance to wipe out his demerits with merits. "Separating the demerits from the efficiency rating, so that one of two 'unfortunate incidents' will not ruin a man's efficiency record." Postmasters were recently ordered to cancel all demerits as of March 31, and start with the new merit-demerit system. Under the old system, each demerit was cancelled at the end of 12 months after being covered into the employee efficiency rating. Under that system, a man having 600 demerits in a year was subject to a reduction in pay. A man having 700 demerits in a year might be removed. Under the new system, the demerits will be kept separate from a man's efficiency rating, and the man will be given an opportunity to offset with merits, starting anew at the beginning of every fiscal year.

RUFUS FOR TRYING TOWNSEND PLAN

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP) State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, addressing the local Townsend old age pension club last night, told the group that "we can do no more effective work than to bring about those results the Townsend people desire." "We cannot know whether the Townsend plan is impractical or impossible until we try it," Holman declared. "If it needs correction, let it be corrected by its friends and not by its harping critics." The state treasurer said there would be no difficulty getting money for the Townsend plan if savings could be made in state, county and city government by proper management.

PORTLAND IN GRIP OF SILVER THAW; WIRES COLLAPSE

ST. PAUL, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A national third party drive to reach a climax in 1940 was launched today by Howard Y. Williams, national organizer of the farmer-labor political federation, who named Senator Gerald P. Nye (R., N. D.) as a desirable presidential candidate for such an organization. The new party, for which he recommended Minnesota farmer-laborer and Wisconsin progressive as leaders, possibly could elect 75 congressmen, Williams said in a formal statement, and thus swing the balance of power. Williams, home from a month's organization and speaking trip in the east, said a new party could carry Minnesota, Wisconsin, Oregon, Washington, Oklahoma and at least 750,000 votes in California in 1936.

CLIPPER DELAYS HAWAII HOP OFF

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Feb. 12.—(AP)—The flight of the China Clipper from Alameda to Honolulu was postponed again today because of unfavorable weather. Pan American Airways officials said the outlook appeared more favorable, however, and the big plane possibly may depart on its airmail trip tomorrow.

FOUR BAIL OUT OF BIG ARMY BOMBER

ATLANTA, Feb. 12.—(AP)—An LB-6 army bomber, abandoned by its parachute-equipped crew when motors faltered over dangerous terrain, was demolished in a crash 16 miles southwest of here today. Four aviators, assigned to the plane for a mass flight with ten other bombers and thirteen pursuit ships from Langley Field, Va., to the Panama canal zone, escaped with only bruises and scratches.

\$50 Average Tax On Automobiles

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Taxation of motor vehicles in the United States reached a new high in 1935 of about \$1,300,000,000, William J. Gottlieb of the New York Automobile club announced today. This represents an average tax of \$80 on every one of the 26,000,000 vehicles registered, he said.

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Jackie and Betty Robbery Victims in Chicago Loop

(Continued from Page One.) back to the Sherman hotel, where they were staying during a stage engagement. A few blocks from the Congress, he said, he saw a car following and suspicious of it, speeded up. The second automobile following, he said, although he drove at 50 miles an hour and finally made a sharp U turn in an effort to shake off pursuit. He then drove rapidly around the outskirts of the loop he told police, but the gunmen continued to gain and at the southwest corner of the loop forced him to the curb. One of the robbers, armed with a pistol, entered Coogan's car, the actor said, and told them, "Take it easy, now, Jackie. This is a stickup. Miss Grable, give me that ring." "He had the toughest voice I ever heard," Coogan declared.

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