

# Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:

### Bearcat Gridders May Play Marines Here Next Season

Hold your breath, everybody! Little old Medford may provide the setting for a bonafide A number 1 collegiate football clash next autumn.

This gridiron struggle, in case it is staged here, will be between Spec Keene's Willamette University Bearcats and the San Diego Marines, perennial powerhouse of southern California pigskin circles.

The projected game, of course, is still only in the formative stage. As a matter of fact, it is right now merely an idea in the head of Willamette's Mr. Keene. But, there are certain promising aspects of the situation that augers well for Medford's chances of landing the fracas.

The news that Medford had a chance for the game was contained in a letter received by Harry Hitenman from his son Bob, regular end on the Willamette eleven last season and due for another sparkling campaign this year.

Bob, an ex-Medford player, wrote that Willamette and the Marines are definitely slated to tangle next season and that Keene would rather like to bring the game to Medford if financial details could be arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned. Willamette lost to the Marines in San Diego last season and the 1940 clash is a return engagement.

The Willamette coach, Bob wrote his pappy, considers Medford the best football town in the state, and feels that the proposed game here would draw a crowd large enough to "make" the guarantee to the two teams. Something in the neighborhood of \$1,500 is understood to be the sum, said chunk of dough to take care of both elevens.

If such a game should be played here, it would be the first genuine college grid struggle ever to be held in Medford. Of course, the Ashland normal school has made several appearances on the local field, but those games were more on the junior college calibre and not strictly collegiate.

A letter has been dispatched to Keene requesting all information concerning the possibilities of the tilt being brought here, and an answer is expected shortly. 'Till then, palsies, keep your fingers crossed and do some high-powered hoping that things work out.

The Dallas Dragons appear to be the most powerful prep basketball team in the Willamette valley, maybe in the entire northern end of the state. . . in their last start they knocked over Chemawa, 41 to 23, and any quintet that can beat those Indians by such a score must have something. . . Dallas has lost only one game this season, to Salem, which plays Medford in a two-game series here next week-end. . . in a return engagement, Dallas walloped the Vikings which, incidentally, is the only game Salem has lost this far. . .

Billy Scherner writes that Roseburg wants in the Southern Oregon Baseball league this summer, taking the place of Glendale, which won't have a club, according to the writer. . . did you ever wonder what happened to Fidel LaBarba, former flyweight boxing champion, who quit the ring in 1931 to enter Stanford university? . . . well, he's writing screen stuff for 20th Century-Fox, and has been for the past three years.

Al Hostak will stop Ceferino Garcia if and when they collide, says Henry Armstrong. . . don't whisper a word of it, but the fellow mentioned most frequently in Eugene as the successor to Col. Bill Hayward, Oregon's aging and not-so-well track coach, is none other than William J. Bowerman.

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# SPORTS

## MEHALIKIS TRIMS KING KONG; JOE LOSES AS USUAL

Prince Silaki Mehalikis, musician, author, high diver, amateur military expert and about anything else you can name off-hand, proved that he is also quite a wrestler by grabbing a neat two-out-of-three fall victory from King Kong Clayton, the colored flash, in the main event of last night's Mack Lillard grapple shindig in the Medford armory.

It was a fine match, as clean and sparkling as they come, and it found Mehalikis, noted for his scientific ability, at the top of his form. The Prince had his capable hands full with Clayton, another lad with an extensive reputation for brilliant tactics, and it was only after the hardest kind of a battle that he was able to come up with the third and deciding tumble.

The finisher came after 19 minutes of breathless action, with the falls standing one each. Clayton, sensing a victory, was employing his potent chin lift and appeared to have the prince in a bad way. The latter sailed to the canvas three times, but somehow he managed to find strength to fire a sonnenberg that flattened the Negro, after which he leaped on Clayton and applied his famous camel lock. Clayton gave up for the match.

The prince, after 12 minutes of exchanging practically every known hold in the book with his opponent, slapped on a leg strap that forced Clayton to holler when this was the first tumble.

Four minutes later the Birmingham colored boy evened the match. He broke loose from a prince hammerlock and began using his chin lift. He grabbed Mehalikis by the jaw and hoisted him skyward, the prince flopping to the mat squarely on his back. After three of these potent maneuvers Clayton was able to land on the prince and pin his shoulders with a body press.

Bob Montgomery got tough with Cowboy Dude Chick in the middle event and the usual thing happened—Mr. Montgomery got a large dose of the larfat spin and the match was all over.

After winning the first fall in the second round with painful hammerlocks, Montgomery started slugging and cutting up and Chick, biding his time, finally got his chance and swung the Georgia bully to his shoulders in the fourth round. Chick revolved 16 times, slammed Montgomery to the carpet and pinned him with a press. Montgomery was unable to continue, although he drunkenly staggered around and gesticulated for Chick to "come on."

Good old Joe Smolinski ran his string of consecutive defeats to 12 in the opening event, this time losing in a slightly different manner than usual. He fouled out to Jim Zimovich, the end coming in the fourth heat when Joseph refused to refrain from ebbing the daylight out of the popular Finn.

A hammerlock gave Smolinski the first fall in the second round, but Zimovich tied the score in the third canto with a body press following sonnenbergs. In the fourth Joe simply grabbed Zim by the throat and squeezed. After about five minutes of this, with Referee Earl Yoakley pulling Joe off his gaging opponent, the ref awarded the match to Zimovich.

## BANKERS, DAIRY COLLIDE TONIGHT

Three AAU loop basketball clashes are on tap for tonight, two of them being scheduled for the Medford junior high gym and one for the SOCE floor in Ashland.

The Salvation Army and Southern Pacific will tangle at 7:30 on the local maple, with the First National Bankers and Lost River Dairy meeting in the same gym an hour later. In Ashland, the Little Sons and Medford's Lewis Super Service will collide at 7:30.

Feature attraction of the evening is expected to be the Banker-Dairy tilt. The Bankers, with such former high school stars as Del McKee, Don Monteith, Bob Verbieck, Bob Wilson, Gene Shaw, Jerry Kubli, Russ Werner, Chris Barker, Larry Schade and Tiny Jones, are expected to give the strong Lost River club a whale of a battle.

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# BOWLING

In a pair of Classic league bowling matches on the Medford alleys last night, Active club beat Maid-Rite, 2 to 1 and Zoric Cleaners beat Gates' Hamblers by the same score. Scores follow:

Active Club		Maid-Rite	
Moore	198	197	180-584
Porterfield	152	192	177-521
Larsen	143	132	144-419
DeVore	189	153	149-491
Sims	236	196	167-509
Totals	918	870	826-2614
Zoric Cleaners		Gates' Hamblers	
Raymond	159	184	159-502
Bean	179	161	170-510
Patrick	155	178	168-501
Saylor	155	150	159-464
Absentee	173	173	178-526
Totals	823	848	851-2522
Gates' Hamblers		Gates' Hamblers	
Cannon	111	145	162-418
Proctor	133	186	169-486
Green	118	162	154-432
Gates	148	202	154-504
Absentee	178	178	178-534
Handicap	2	2	2-6
Totals	688	875	810-2362

## CLASS B QUINTS PLAY TONIGHT IN CRUCIAL CLASHES

Undisputed leadership of division 2 of the Jackson county class B high school basketball loop will be at stake tonight when Central Point travels to Rogue River. The clubs are tied at the top of the heap with three victories and no defeats.

Other division 2 struggles will find second-place Gold Hill moving to Phoenix and Sams Valley playing at Kerby for undisputed possession of the cellar spot. Neither quintet has won a game.

In division 1, Eagle Point comes to Medford to face the St. Mary's Crusaders, undefeated Butte Falls jaunts to meet second-place Prospect at Prospect and winless Talent tangles with Jacksonville at the latter town.

All games start following 7:30 preliminaries.

## INELIGIBILITY HITS 14 GAEL FOOTBALLERS

Moraga, Cal., Jan. 16.—(P)—Football Coach Edward P. "Slip" Madigan was an unhappy man today. Fourteen St. Mary's football players have been "flunked out" for scholastic deficiencies, putting a definite question mark on the Gaels' 1940 pigskin prospects.

"It's tough that had to happen," Madigan said. "We've lost enough players by the regular route of graduation without losing any more for other reasons."

He was quick to deny the Gaels' 22-day post-season tour of the United States and Mexico might have contributed to the poor grades.

## GUARD QUINT SLATES 3 GAMES THIS WEEK

Medford's National Guard basketball team will play three games this week, the first being against the Jacksonville Townies at Jacksonville Wednesday night.

Thursday evening the Guards travel to Ashland to clash with the Little Sons in an AAU league clash, and Friday night they meet the Ashland Guardsmen in a preliminary to the Ashland-Grants Pass high school game.

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## YANKS PLAN NO CHANGES; EVEN DAHLGREN SAFE

New York, Jan. 16.—(P)—The New York Yankees, like a poker player with a fistful of aces, are going to stand pat.

And there is a suspicion that Manager Joe McCarthy's terse statement, "Naturally I plan to start the season with the same lineup I had last year" will bring joy to a lot of Yankee hearts—and to Ellsworth (Babe) Dahlgren's in particular. Joe made that remark yesterday while here to check over the Yanks' rookie list with president Edward Barrow.

Di Maggio, Selkirk, Keller, Gordon, Rolfe, Dickey, Ruffing all appeared certain to start again where they left off last fall. The lone figure of first baseman Dahlgren seemed to be the exception.

Babe, who took over baseball's toughest job when he replaced Lou Gehrig that fateful day last May, frankly hadn't measured up to the rest of the Yankees at bat. Afield, he is perfection and has made the Yank infield again a coordinated unit almost without a defensive weakness.

But McCarthy's statement, plus the knowledge that Babe is seriously trying to improve his hitting by taking lessons from wise old Lefty O'Doul, means that the cavalcade of players who suddenly decided to become the Yanks' first baseman can now go back to the bull pen or the bench.

## 200 GOLF STARS IN 'FRISCO OPEN

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—(P)—More than 200 of the country's top-ranking pros and amateurs took final practice shots today for the \$5,000 San Francisco national match play open golf tournament opening with the initial qualifying round tomorrow.

Byron Nelson, of Hershey, Pa., the national open champion, is on hand for the tournament, as well as Jim Demaret, Houston, Tex., the Oakland victory, and his runner-up, Clayton Heafner, Linville, N. C., and Lawson Little of Bretton Woods, N. H., winner of the Los Angeles open a couple of weeks ago.

## Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press  
Baltimore—Bill Boyd, 187, Baltimore, knocked out Al Boros, 202, Bridgeport, Conn., (eight).  
Sarasota, Fla.—Johnny Payne, 189, Des Moines, Iowa, knocked out Jack LaCroix, 184, Montreal (2).  
Helena, Mont.—Hubert (Kid) Dennis, 137, Bozeman, Mont., outpointed Truman Kennedy, 140, Seattle (10).  
New York—Al Reid, 131, New York, outpointed Mickey Farber, 134, New York (8).

## PRESSURE AGAINST BELISHA IS DENIED BY CHAMBERLAIN

Denying he was faced with the alternative of releasing the resignations of officers holding high office, Chamberlain said "that story is pure invention from beginning to end."

"I did not want to lose Hore-Belisha," Chamberlain went on, "and therefore I offered him another very important post. . . I much regretted his decision (not to accept), but I respected it and do not make any complaint."

Echoing the words of Hore-Belisha himself, the prime minister added: "I judge all matters by one criterion alone—whether they will or will not contribute toward an early and successful conclusion of the war."

Chamberlain said that in war time it is essential that the machinery of government work with a maximum of efficiency and a minimum of friction.

Reviewing the war, Chamberlain made the following points: 1. Export of war materials to Finland has been authorized and although it is not in the public interest to give particulars, the amounts involved are "substantial."

2. Economic and financial agreements among Turkey, France and England were signed in Paris January 8, including a 25,000,000 pound (\$100,000,000) loan to Turkey for the purchase of armaments.

3. The position of Belgium and The Netherlands is "not enviable" and "they are undoubtedly wise to neglect no measure which may contribute to their security."

4. The Mediterranean area has happily been spared so far from suffering and the horror inseparable from war. "I trust," said Chamberlain, "that this will long continue."

5. "While there are as yet no definite indications that might warrant any optimistic forecast of a peaceful settlement in the near future, we have welcomed the recent action by the Japanese government in the direction of relaxing some of the restrictions (in China) which have from time to time caused difficulty and tension in relations with third powers."

The armament loan to Turkey was agreed upon late last October at conferences which paralleled military staff talks following signing of the Turkish-British-French accord.

Chamberlain told commonsense Germany apparently is pursuing "a policy of deliberate depopulation" in Poland, and it appeared that intellectual leaders were being singled out for execution.

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