

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:
Medford Stands At Crossroads In Casaba Race

After this week-end local basketball teams will have a pretty good idea of whether Medford is destined to seriously challenge the high-flying Ashlanders for the district 4 title, or whether Russ Acheson's people are to let the Grizzlies walk off with the pennant without a tooth-and-nail battle.

Roseburg's Indians, defending champs, will be here Friday night to tackle the Tigers, and the Grants Pass Cavemen are slated to make their first local appearance of the season Saturday evening. The Bengals practically MUST maul the two invaders in order to stay within shouting distance of Jerry Gasline's crowd.

As the race now stands, Ashland is out front with four wins and no defeats, with Medford and Roseburg in second place with one and one and Grants Pass bringing up the rear with none and four.

If the Tigers can whip Roseburg and Grants Pass, thus boosting their won-and-lost record to three and one they will maintain their position on Ashland's heels. However, if the Bengals should drop both these week-end skirmishes, or manage only to divide the pair, they will slip into desperate circumstances, so far as catching the Grizzlies are concerned.

Both games may be tough, and probably will be. Although the Jim Davis Indians have only one returning regular from last season's title crew, Center Ed Hughes, they appear to be coming along rather rapidly and improving as the season progresses. Their last start resulted in a 24 to 20 conquest of Grants Pass, after they had been clawed badly by the Grizzlies.

Wimberley and Stephens man the forward posts and Johnny Ness and Cummings take care of the guard positions. Ness and Hughes are the club's leading point-makers. The team, thank goodness, hasn't that terrific height of 1940-41, but is fairly fast and has spirit.

As for the Cavemen, Medford's Saturday night enemies, they MIGHT be ready to win a game after four consecutive setbacks. Ashland didn't have an easy time of it Tuesday night, beating the Grants Passers by only a 34 to 30 score. This indicates that Mr. Bernard's quintet is not to be regarded lightly. And remember, Grants Pass, for some unaccountable reason, always proves tougher for Medford in Medford than in Grants Pass.

Thus far the race has been dominated by Ashland's veterans, and it may be the same right up to the end. Maybe nobody will beat Ashland, maybe they'll simply coast in.

We are not predicting Ashland will be beaten out for the title, for we never have thought that and do not at the present. But, this corner DOES nurse the opinion that Ashland will be defeated at least twice before the tape is reached. We think Medford will win at least one of its three remaining tilts with the Grizzlies, and that Ashland will drop another somewhere along the way.

Last year, remember, the Griz-

USGA Plans Nationwide Golf Tourney For Physical Fitness

'HALE AMERICA' OPEN TO FOLLOW SECTIONAL TESTS

Money Raised To Go For War Relief—72-Hole Finals Are Slated For Chicago.

By Austin Bealmer
New York, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Its major championships shelved by the war, the United States Golf association went to work today on a tournament designed to furnish competition for many golfers, entertainment for many fans, and relief for many of the conflict's innocent victims.

The tournament will be named the "Hale America" open. It will be 72 holes of medal play, staged on a Chicago course June 18-21—the dates originally set for the national open at Minneapolis.

Earlier this month, the U. S. G. A. called off the open, as well as the national amateur, the women's amateur and the national public links tourney, in order to focus its attention on the nation's war effort.

See "Largest Entry"
Preliminary plans for the "Hale America" event call for a series of district and sectional qualifying tests, dividing the nation-wide program into three stages which may touch 70 or more cities.

Secretary Joe Dey of the U. S. G. A. said the setup would be the broadest ever undertaken by his organization and was expected to attract the largest entry list ever compiled for a national-wide competition.

Not only will the tournament and its qualifying eliminations raise money for war relief, but the whole show is planned to further the physical fitness program sponsored by the office of civilian defense.

NELSON FAVORED IN 'FRISCO OPEN

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The \$5,000 San Francisco 72-hole open golf tournament got under way today with 150 of the nation's touring teenies ready to start firing, and Byron Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, concededly the man to beat.

The large field will shoot 18 holes daily until the final round is played Sunday. Play is on the up and down hill course of the California Golf club.

Nelson was rated a favorite because of his brilliant performance in winning the top money in the Oakland open. Golfers agreed, too, that the California club course with its heavy borders of trees, is made to order for the Ohio iron shot specialist's game. Nelson, in practice, has regularly cracked its 36-36-72 par.

zies seemed to have the race riveted until Grants Pass pulled an upset and whipped the Lithians, and Medford followed suit. We are not saying Ashland will LOSE the chase this year, only that the leaders will taste the bitter dregs of defeat before the season ends. Medford might even do it twice, on the local floor.

Mop Replaces Golf Club For Bud Ward



Private Bud Ward of Fort George Wright, Spokane, Wash., the national amateur golf champion, wields a mop instead of a midiron these days, and he does not use the overlapping grip.

HOPPE GAINS TOP SPOT BY BEATING SCHAEFER, 50-23

By Arnold Derlitzki
Chicago, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Chalk up another record for Willie Hoppe, the man whose name has been synonymous with billiards for more than 40 years.

And if running up a 27-0 lead last night before his opponent could score is an omen of things to come, chalk up another world three-cushion title—Hoppe's third in a row.

Since the tournament is scheduled to close tomorrow night, many things might have led to his record achievement against the veteran Jake Schaefer last night. Maybe he grew weary of sharing the tournament lead right down to the finish. Maybe his book on billiards (they're being sold at the door) needed a sales boost. Maybe he was just sharp—a champion in form, or as Schaefer explained, "hot as hell."

Anyway, the 53-year-old Hoppe stunned Schaefer and spectators alike by forcing an intermission call in 14 innings. He got the required 25 points in that time despite three blank frames. Schaefer, runner up to Hoppe in the last two tournaments, meantime had none, had only two good shots in fact, so safe did Hoppe leave the ivory.

The first inning after the intermission Hoppe made it 27. Schaefer finally clicked in the same frame and played on virtually even terms the last half of the match, which went 41 innings before Hoppe clinched the decision, 50 to 23.

The victory also was good for the undisputed lead when Joe Chamaco of Mexico City bowed to Welker Cochran. Forced to quit playing Tuesday because of a stomach ailment, Cochran came back "feeling fine," and showed it in stopping Chamaco, 50 to 33 in 39 innings.

YANKS TO STICK TO DAY BASEBALL

New York, Jan. 22.—(AP)—There will be no night baseball for the world champion Yankees in New York, although it would be easy for the Bronx bombers to step across the Harlem river to the Polo Grounds, illuminated home of the Giants.

"We will play no night baseball in New York," President Ed Barrow of the Yanks declared in commenting on a suggestion that his team follow a proposed plan of the Chicago Cubs to play night games at the White Sox' park. "We are, of course, willing to play two games at all other American league parks with lights."

BOWLING

Commercial league results last night: Mail Tribune 4, Zoric Cleaners 0; Crater Lake Lumber 2, Coca-Cola 2; Office Boys 2, Medford Alleys 2. Scores follow:
Mail Tribune
Gilstrap, B. 149 166 173-490
Murray, J. 129 147 164-330
Schwartz 125 151 121-397
Acher 139 227 164-530
Latham 129 137 111-397
Totals 731 851 762 2344
Zoric Cleaners
Handicap 3 3 3-9
Purter, C. 125 173 152-450
Henzema, J. 136 153 116-404
Curtis, C. 131 129 156-436
Broce, J. 137 246 162-545
De Jarnette, C. 160 137 133-430
Totals 712 841 721 2274
Coca-Cola
Corley 146 174 181-501
Oliver 154 172 138-464
Gustafson 113 129 134-374
Littrell 138 192 141-471
Nicholson 160 164 169-499
Totals 717 831 763 2300
Crater Lake Lumber
Handicap 44 44 44-132
Adler 127 172 144-443
Engler 135 89 116-337
Lewis 149 111 160-420
Baise 138 168 124-430
Weisenburger 184 172 143-499
Totals 777 753 731 2461
Office Boys
Colton 181 155 208-544
Bone 152 116 157-425
Heene 168 148 193-509
Runtz 124 204 159-487
Proctor 190 187 184-561
Totals 815 810 901 2526
Medford Alleys
Handicap 22 22 22-66
Porterfield, D. 168 234 181-691
McCreary, B. 153 158 148-459
Sargent, M. 156 169 173-498
Johnson, K. 154 124 120-408
Gardner, J. 159 190 137-486
Totals 850 887 778 2515
Hohlweg's team took all four points from the Lantia team in an Elks club bowling tournament match last night. Scores follow:
Lantia Team
Lantis 138 119 190-447
Newbury 116 111 127-354
Furrer 194 164 145-463
Johnson 129 139 128-387
Sherwood 122 120 123-365
Handicap 187 187 187-561
Totals 846 830 901-2577
Hohlweg's Team
Hohlweg 156 179 197-532
Mitchell 119 135 123-377
Van Peit 191 180 152-493
Janouch 124 124 124-372
Bullis 144 168 161-473
Handicap 164 164 164-492
Totals 868 920 921-2739

Ray Turner Threatens Gale's Point Record; Beck Also In Running

Eugene, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Ray Turner, veteran Idaho center, has a good chance to break the northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball scoring record set in 1933 by Laddie Gale of Oregon who scored 191 points in a 16-game schedule against OSC, WSC, Idaho and Washington.

Turner, according to unofficial statistics, has scored 41 points in three games for an average of 13.7 points per game as against Gale's 1938 average of 11.9 points per contest.

But Bobby Lindh of Washington, who has played twice the number of games as Turner, is the current scoring leader of the division with 53 points. Other statistical leaders are: Lew Beck of OSC and Gall Bishop of WSC lead in field goals with 19 each. Lindh paces the free throwers with 25. Doug Ford, sophomore Husky from Washington, has the best free-throw average with .889, and Turner the worst gift-shot percentage with .412.

Chuck Gilmur of Washington leads in number of personal fouls with 16, but Paul Jackson of Oregon and John Mandic of OSC have the highest fouling average—2.7 per game.

HOOP MEET MOVE TO BE SETTLED

Salem, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The question of whether the state high school basketball tournament site in March will continue to be the Willamette university gymnasium or be moved to the horse show pavilion at the state fairgrounds will be settled next week when Troy Walker secretary of Oregon High School Activities association, returns from the east. L. J. Sparks, Willamette graduate manager, said today.

Sparks said, however, he believed the tournament would be held at Willamette.

10 DIE IN PLANE FALL

Algeciras, Spain, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A British four-motored plane carrying passengers and mail between London and Cairo crashed today near Algeciras shortly after taking off from Gibraltar, killing the 10 occupants.

LAW DEAN NAMED
Salem, Jan. 22.—(AP)—President Carl S. Knopf of Willamette University appointed Professor Ray L. Smith as dean of the college of law yesterday. Smith, a member of the Willamette faculty since 1916, replaces George McLeod, who has enlisted in the army.

JOE LOUIS NAMED BEST IN HISTORY BY GENE TUNNEY

Ex-Champ Praises Bomber At Boxing Writers Dinner—Receives Other Honors.

By Sid Feder
New York, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A fellow who would be inclined to look lightly upon the stunt of an army bomber making a three-point landing on the tower of the Empire State building, pointed to Joe Louis today as probably the greatest fighter who ever lived.

This overcautious individual is none other than your old pal Gene Joseph Tunney, who retired undefeated as heavyweight champion, who took a long count in Chicago one night that they said gave him all the best of it, and who looked on the dynamite of Dempsey without blinking an eye.

The occasion for his sudden discovery of Louis as a pretty fair country beak-buster, after seven years of varying degrees of pooh-poohing the Brown Bomber, came last night at the annual dinner of the Boxing Writers' association of New York. At this clamor, Louis, decked out in the appropriate costume for peeling potatoes or standing guard or whatever else they hand out to buck privates, received not only the Edward J. Neil memorial plaque as the man who did the most for boxing in 1941, but also the Ring Magazine merit award as the fighter of the year.

Trophy For Gene
What is more remarkable about Gene Joseph's song of praise was that Gene Joseph himself was among the reward receivers. He got a special trophy from the boxing writers for his services as head man of the navy's fistic follies collection.

"I saw Joe beat Buddy Baer down in less than a round a week ago last Friday," explained Tunney, who has been more or less snickering at the Bomber ever since he came down the pike back in '35. "It was the greatest exhibition of human destruction I have ever seen."

"Joe is probably the greatest and most complete workman the ring has ever seen. The only other fighter in all ring history who might have done his job as well as Bob Fitzsimmons, and I never saw him, I'm going only by what they tell me."

Gene Joseph passed on his delayed pat on the back in the presence of such ear-scrambling operators as Jack Dempsey and Jim Braddock, but it's doubtful if Louis got more of a kick out of Tunney's speech than he did out of the wire from Lieut. Col. Howard Brenner of Camp Upton, where Louis is stationed.

This wire, voicing the colonel's regrets for being among the missing, also pointed out that Joe is "developing into as fine a soldier as he was a boxer and a gentleman."

"Well," Joe said, "I always thought I'd never feel as good again as the night I won the heavyweight championship. But tonight tops 'em all. I've never felt this good."

Seattle, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Charging that his wife preferred a career to marriage, Byron Haines, former University of Washington football star, has filed suit for divorce here. Haines alleges that Mrs. Haines, the former Corinne "Dash" Johnson, girl orchestra leader of Spokane, wants the divorce so she can continue traveling as a professional musician.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

McLeod

McLeod, Jan. 22.—(Spl.)—Mrs. Helen Axtell, Mrs. Pauline Walker and Mrs. Carrie Harding were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton January 13. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnston have gone to San Jose to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clair Stearns and family.

George Murphy of Hollywood spent a few days last week on his Rogue River ranch here.

Executive committee of Elk creek school met Monday at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Olga Brill. Present were Mesdames Arlee Bapadale, Helen Axtell, Clara Ditsworth and Caroline Harding. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chamberlain entertained the pinocle club at their home on Rogue River January 19. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ramald Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Ebbert, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Tate were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Weisbrodt in Medford, January 11. Boy Scouts of Troop 12 were out recently collecting magazines and newspapers.

Mrs. Lella Ousterhouse entertained the Bridge club at her home January 5. Present were Mesdames Helen Axtell, Olga Brill, Gabriel, Vera Chamberlain, Helen Coons and Gays Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramald Axtell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grives Jan. 5.

H. E. club of Upper Rogue Orange is giving a public card party in the Orange hall Saturday evening, January 24. Half of the proceeds go to the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Alworth and Mr. and Mrs. Ramald were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman McFarland January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Ulrich were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton January 12.

McLeod Extension unit meeting at the home of Mrs. Mattie Byrd January 14 was opened by the chairman, Mrs. Caroline Harding. After the business meeting Miss Marian Farrell, county home agent, was introduced.

McLeod unit voted to buy defense bonds and saw for the Red Cross. Present were Pauline Walker, Caroline Harding, Zella Tullis, Dee Roth, Jennie Hoeg, Mattie Byrd, Mrs. Bond, Ethel and Casey, Clara Ditsworth, Mrs. Koger and Miss Farrell.

Miss Mary Pence, who has been

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Jan. 22.—(Spl.)—Wallace Iverson left Monday evening for Portland for his physical examination before joining the air corps.

Members of the Gold Hill Ski club who enjoyed the day sking at Crater Lake Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Dorman, Mrs. Frank Carter, Leroy Carter, Raymond and Buddy Blair, Gerald Lewis, Ruth Leno, Alvin Winn and Mary Lou Tygart.

Laverne Walker and Buster Mullin arrived here Tuesday from Los Angeles, where they are both employed in an aircraft factory. Laverne was called here by the sudden passing of his brother, Asil.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hayes returned home Monday from a visit with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hayes of Croville, Calif. They were accompanied here by Mrs. Ruby Quakenbush of Albany, Calif., who will visit relatives here for several days.

Billy Hancock suffered a broken arm last week when he fell from a grape arbor at his home.

A Cub pack meeting was held Jan. 19 at Orange hall. Dens 2 and 3 presented skits for the evening's entertainment. A court of awards was also held at which time a bear badge was given to Lionel Mooter, who also received a gold arrow award.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blankenbush of Grants Pass have received announcement of the birth of a daughter, Karen Beth, born in Grants Pass on Jan. 10th. The Blankenbushs are former well-known residents of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Evans and son, formerly of Yreka, have moved into the Gold Hill Auto Park, while Mr. Evans is employed in this vicinity.

Mrs. Mae Forbes of Jacksonville was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Emmett Sutton, on Tuesday.

Lester Foley left Tuesday for Portland for his examination for army service.

Mr. and Mrs. Linsley Dorman, Ruth Leno, Jack Martin and Loren Demers drove to Roseburg on Monday night and returned after meeting a friend at the train in Roseburg.

Ray Sutton of Medford visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marian Belcher and family this week. Mr. Sutton is leaving soon for army service.

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