

SPORTS

TIGERS TO OPEN CASABA CAMPAIGN AGAINST COUGARS

Weed Bringing Strong Quint For Friday Night Game—Locals Show Promise.

By Jimmy Tucker

Medford high's Black Tornado opens the basketball season Friday night against an invading Cougar team from Weed, Calif. Not a great deal is known about the Weed quintet, but information received from that school reveals that the '42-'43 Cougars are expected to be the strongest Weed team in years. This season's squad is made up almost entirely of seniors, who last year gave the California school the strongest team in 20 years, and won for them the title of champions of the northern California district.

The Medford Tigers have been practicing since December 1, and are beginning to show promise in the workouts, but the loss of such fine players as Bill Wall, Hank Herman, Lee Reynolds and R. B. Weber will be keenly felt by the team. There are six returning lettermen from the Tiger team that won the district 4 title and placed sixth in the state tournament last season—Don Fawcett, Darrell Montieth, Jack Kresse, Dale Niedermeyer, Bill Bayliss and Al Weir. These, with the other men showing up well in practice, Bud Nordwick, Doug Plumley, John Ousterhout, Dick McElhose, Herb Edwards, Hob Deuel and Bob Weisenburger will compose most of the playing force of the Tiger casaba squad.

All Berths Open

At the present time no one has any position on the team clinched, and all berths are wide open. Don Fawcett, a guard last year, has tentatively been moved to a forward position, teamed with Montieth. Niedermeyer, center, and Weir and Edwards at the guard posts have been seeing a lot of action in scrimmages lately. However, another team of Kresse and Nordwick,

forwards; Plumley or Ousterhout at the center berth, and Deuel, Weisenburger or Bayliss at guards, has also been showing up well in practices, and will see a lot of action. Bill Bayliss is still hindered somewhat by a charley-horse from football season and has been fairly slow in rounding into condition.

The preliminary game will be a tiff between Norm Worthley's freshmen from Junior high and Alex McDonald's sophomore squad. All preliminary games throughout the basketball season will start promptly at 7 p. m., with the varsity game beginning at 8:15 p. m.

ODT Head Not Pushing Division Of Big Loop Clubs To Save Travel

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—A suggestion that the major basketball leagues be divided into eastern and western divisions to cut down travel is not being "pushed" by ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman, it was revealed today.

A spokesman for the Office of Defense Transportation said that if the suggestion is considered "feasible" the ODT would be "willing to talk it over with the league heads" but that Eastman "didn't originate the idea and is not pushing it."

The ODT said it expects the major leagues to submit suggestions soon after Jan. 1 for further travel-saving revisions in their 1943 schedules. Eastman then will make recommendations in time for the leagues to complete plans at their February meetings.

DEL BAKER WILL COACH CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Delmar (Del) Baker, former manager of the Detroit Tigers, has signed a one-year contract as a coach with the Cleveland Indians, Vice President Roger Peckinpaugh of the Cleveland club announced today.

The salary to be paid Baker was not disclosed. Baker, a coach at Detroit under Mickey Cochrane until he became manager in 1938, succeeds Oscar Melillo, who has resigned.

BOWLING

Commercial league results last night: Crater Lake Lumber & McDonald's Candy company 1; Your Office Boys & Valentine's Cafe 0. Scores follow:

C. Lake Lumber	McDonald's Candy
English 430	Kemler 385
Pinech 470	Boshears 345
Queen (ab.) 510	Gieroch 507
Sims 558	Johnson 484
Schantel 515	Swanson 478
5535	3369

Your Office Boys	Valentine's Cafe
Colton 180	Miksch 498
Adler 583	Jacobson 447
Klatt 538	Vessey 476
Orr, B. 392	Proctor 485
Orr, E. 510	DeMarco 519
2684	2430

FREEZE PRICES BOWLING, POOL AT MARCH LEVEL

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson today cut the cost of bowling to 16,000,000 pin fans and froze maximum charges for billiards and pool at levels prevailing in March.

He said the regulations would insure that members of the armed forces and war workers, who find relaxation and recreation in these pastimes, are not overcharged. They become effective December 23.

The new bowling price ceilings are based on September 1941 ceilings plus an allowance for recent increases in cost. They represent a national average cut of one cent for every three games of league bowling and one-half a cent a game in open bowling. In the case of all three games, proprietors are required to continue special prices for different classes of players.

The new OPA order stipulates that the highest price for league bowling shall be that charged for each price classification in September 1941, plus 10 cents in the case of duck and candle pins, and seven cents in the case of ten pins, for each group of three games.

The maximum price for open bowling is fixed at the highest charge for each classification in September 1941, plus four cents in the case of duck and candle pins, and three cents in the case of ten pins.

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Basketball and Hockey to Fill Sports Program

Thanks indirectly to the war, sports in Medford and vicinity should flourish this winter in unprecedented fashion. Athletes from Camp White will be cavorting all over the landscape.

With Lt. Leo J. Franks, former athletic director of the College of Puget Sound, providing the coaching brain work, an all-camp casaba crew will engage college and university quintets of the state and some of these games, undoubtedly, will be played here.

Franks ought to be able to create a whale of a basketball team from the material at his disposal. There are thousands of young men in their athletic prime now stationed at the military base and many of them are former college and high school stars. A real "big time" team appears a certainty.

Right now scores of outfits are battling for berths in a forthcoming tournament which will determine the camp championship, and it is from those teams that Frank will select his all-camp squad. It should be a humdinger.

Then there is this ice hockey league which opens its schedule next Saturday night at the Medford Ice Arena. With four clubs entered—three to be composed entirely of camp soldiers and the other, sponsored by the USO, to draw its players from camp and civilian circles—the loop will bring to Medford fans a real taste of the fastest game in the world. Last winter Denny Edge, manager of the arena, attempted to make Medford hockey conscious with a two-team circuit composed of the Bombers and the Loggers, but the effort met with not much success. The game just didn't catch on with the majority of the local sport fanatics, due probably to the fact there weren't more teams in competition and to the rather decided superiority of the younger Bombers, led by Ashland's Mark Marquess. Incidentally, the Ashland

boy will play for the USO team. The picture will be radically changed by the formation of the four-club wheel. Many of the khaki-clad lads stationed at Camp White hail from the middle west, where kids grow up with a hockey stick in their hands and a pair of skates on their feet. Some of them played on college hockey teams before entering the service, and the brand of play expected from the new league is considerably higher than that displayed last winter. The rivalry should also be far more intense, for the teams will be battling for the honor of their respective units.

Completing the winter program of spectator sports will be the operations of the Medford high basketball team, which, we believe, is due for a great season. We pick the Tigers to repeat for the district 4 championship. As a matter of fact, the team, on paper, looks to this department like one of the best to be developed here in several seasons.

Vindication note: Following the state basketball tournament in 1940, when Medford lost to Salem in the finals, we wrote a piece denouncing the pickers of the all-state team for failing to give the Tigers a single berth on the first quintet and only one position—Bob Newland at guard—on the second team—Especially did we yelp at the ballot-result that placed Pete Susick of North Bend on the first team instead of Newland, who, we firmly believed, was so much better that it wasn't even close.

Well, that column brought forth more than one "Hulen, you bum" letter, some signed and some anonymous. Their content was mostly along the line that we were a poor sport and were so bitterly disappointed over Medford's loss to Salem in the title game that we had to knock something, so hit upon the All-State selections to vent our ill feelings.

Wrathful out of all reason was one letter from a gent who was put out because all season we had given Newland more credit for the success of the Tigers than this fellow's favorite. He even went so far as to ask: "What has Newland got on you, anyway, Hulen?"

We take a great deal of delight in pointing out that events since that tournament certainly leave little doubt as to which of the two players was the better. Newland, in his freshman year at the University of Oregon, led the team in scoring. Last year illness prevented him from playing regularly but not from winning his varsity letter. This season he is a first-string guard, probably Hobson's best shot and all in all a full-fledged regular.

Susick? Well, he failed to even make the University of Washington freshman team in his first year, and so far as basketball is concerned has not been heard from since.

So, y'see, even a dumb sports writer is right once in a while, and can enjoy the last laugh as well as the next guy.

BATISTA LEAVING
New York, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—President Fulgencio Batista, of Cuba, concluding a week's official visit to the United States during which he conferred with President Roosevelt, said last night that the war must be won before post-war reconstruction can be arranged.

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Baseball's 'Clown Prince' Invents Training Snowball

By Jack Cuddy

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Al Schacht, the "Clown Prince" of baseball—the right-handed pitcher who always thinks left-handed—was having difficulties with the help at his 52nd street tavern last night. It seemed he had locked himself in the pantry to work unmolested on his latest invention.

With aid from the fire department and insurance patrol, Schacht finally was shaken out of his pantry retreat. And he bellowed, "why can't you leave me alone? I have just perfected a machine that will build the perfect snowball for baseball teams that can't go to Florida for the training season because of transportation difficulties."

"This training snowball of mine will conserve unlimited rubber that might be used as a core for baseballs. It also will conserve Balata," Schacht said. "You've got to watch Balata because he always pitched himself out in the exhibition season." Schacht is very proud of his snowball-making machine. But this strange and large-nosed man gets even greater satisfaction from the success he has had in training a squad of large and liquid-eyed St. Bernard dogs, owned by a friend, who will serve baseball players conditioning in the north.

"Just as in Switzerland," Schacht says, "these St. Bernards will set out with their little casks of giggle soup beneath their furry necks to lend succor (and I don't mean sucker) to the snow-bound infielders and outfielders."

"I am training those dogs to help the game that has been so good to me. And if those dogs carry, in their little casks, what I think they will, I'll be only too glad to serve as guide for the canines on their routes."

In making his plans for the approaching training season, Schacht figures that most of the major league teams will be conditioning at Lake Placid, N. Y., instead of Florida. This is because of the transportation difficulties raised by Washington.

"Third base normally is known as the hot corner," Schacht said. "But when our athletes are training on snow-mantled fields, I am confident that bonfires will be built above every base, so that the runner—coming in on skis or skates—can distinguish the bag."

BEAR FLANKMAN NAMED
1942 HONORARY LEADER
Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—All-Coast End Johnny Ferguson, of Whittier, Cal., today was elected honorary captain of the University of California football team for the past season. Ferguson previously had been

REDSKINS BEATEN BY 'PASS, 26-25

In the first game of the season for both teams, Russ Werner's Jacksonville high Redskins traveled to Grants Pass last night and were nosed out by the class A Cavemen, 26 to 25 in a battle that saw the lead change hands over a half dozen times. Halftime score was 13-13. Johnny Gray led the district 4 Cavemen with nine points, while Dick Rians scored eight for the class B Redskins. The

quints will play a return engagement at Jacksonville December 29.

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