

# SPORTS

## TORNADO TAPERS OFF FOR LEAGUE CONTEST FRIDAY

Coach Al Simpson of the Medford Black Tornado will put his team through only tapering-off practice tonight in preparation for the southern Oregon conference game with Grants Pass at the Medford Stadium tomorrow night.

Although the Tornado, favorites to win the district 2 championship and to be among contenders for the state title, are nursing a few bruises and bumps as a result of their 21 to 0 defeat of Klamath Falls last week, they will be almost at full

strength for this important game. A few shifts in the starting lineup are being planned by Simpson but the majority of the players will be in their usual positions.

Reserved seats are on sale at the high school office and persons reserving these are asked to call for them by 5 o'clock Friday evening.

## MERGER OF PRO LEAGUES TALKED

San Francisco, Oct. 25—(U.P.)—A merger out of the two floundering west coast professional football circuits is in the making—a statement that is not exactly news, but at least worth repeating.

President J. Rufus Klawans of the Pacific Coast Professional Football league has returned from Los Angeles where he attended a gathering of representatives of the two leagues. "We didn't get very far, it is true," said Klawans, "but there is the chance we have laid the groundwork for something that may prove beneficial to all in the future."

Klawans said overtures were made at the session for a consolidation of the American league and the Pacific Coast league immediately, to finish out the end of the season in a grandiose style.

## Louis Not To Box Until War Is Over

Philadelphia, Oct. 26—(U.P.)—S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, paused during a tour of eastern war plants yesterday to announce he had no plans for boxing professionally until after the war.

Commenting on a report that

## Mask On Card



The Gray Mask, who will face Paavo Katonen in the top main event at Medford Armory tonight in what promises to be a wild contest.

Mike Jacobs sought to match him with Billy Conn next summer, Louis said he could not discuss such a match, adding "let's get the war over first."

## TALENT, POINTER GAME POSTPONED

Central Point, Oct. 26—The six-man football game between Talent and Central Point high schools, scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed until 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, according to local school officials. The game will decide leadership of the eastern division of the league since both teams are tied for first place.

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## California Bears Selected To Defeat Huskies Saturday

By Jack Cuddy  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
New York, Oct. 26—(U.P.)—Picking the football winners—maybe:

**East**  
Navy over Pennsylvania—Mysterious weapon ready to explode.

Duke over Army—Cadets flunk first big test.  
Bucknell over Temple—Came up heads.

Dartmouth over Brown—Gaspin for straws.  
Colgate over Columbia—Lathering the Lions.

Also Syracuse over Boston College, New York U. over City College of N. Y., Holy Cross over Coastguard, Chatham Field over Pittsburgh.

**Midwest**  
Notre Dame over Illinois—Much closer than it looks.  
Indiana over Iowa—Hoosier line now?

Purdue over Michigan—Bar-tender Ned favors Boilermakers.

Ohio State over Minnesota—Speed's the thing.  
Great Lakes over Wisconsin—Or we'll be badgered.

Also Iowa Pre-flight over Marquette, Tulsa over Oklahoma A. and M., Oklahoma over Texas Christian, Iowa State over Kansas State, Missouri over Nebraska.

**South**  
Georgia Tech over Georgia Pre-flight—After tough fight.  
Georgia over Louisiana State—Should be free-scoring affair.

Tennessee over Clemson—Volunteered information.  
Mississippi over Arkansas—Don't give points.

Also Tulane over Southern Methodist, Florida over Maryland, Mississippi over Arkansas, Mississippi State over Jackson Air Base.

**Southwest**  
Texas over Rice—That's the way we're steered.  
Oklahoma over Texas Christian—Could be a tie.

Also Randolph Field over Third South Air Force, Texas Aggies over North Texas Aggies.

**Far West**  
California over Washington—Whinny from the Trojan horse.  
Southern California over St. Mary's—Just a breeze.

Denver over Utah State—Why not?  
Also Coastguard over U. C. L. A., El Toro Marines over Fleet City, 2d Air Force over Norman Training, Ft. Warren over Lincoln Air, Utah over Nevada.

(Last week—Forty-three right, eight wrong, four ties for .843. Season, .805.)

## KATONEN TO USE MASK'S METHODS IN BOUT TONIGHT

Paavo Katonen's threat to unmask the Gray Mask or "get whipped in the attempt" will be the main event offering at Medford Armory tonight when these two head-butting gladiators clash in the final bout on the evening's card. There is expected to be little or no actual wrestling in this match, but instead a lot of unorthodox maneuvers. Katonen has promised to meet the Mask on any terms the mystery man sees fit to use and in the past these have been anything but legal.

The Mask claims that he weighs 180 pounds but wrestlers who have met him in the ring, as well as spectators, complain that he will undoubtedly tip the scales at over 200 pounds.

Ernie Piluso and Herb Parks are down for a four-round go in the second spot—a match that should be the exact opposite of the final bout. Both are masters at science of the mat game.

Another bout that shows prospect of having no little amount of rough stuff is the opener between Tony Ross and Rowdy O'Doudy. Ross, who was hampered by a touch of flu last week, leans toward the dirty side and O'Doudy is unquestionably a character of that type. This match goes to the mat at 8:30 promptly.

## Pep Wins Decision From Negro Boxer

Montreal, Oct. 26—(U.P.)—Featherweight Champion Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., added another decision to his long record today, a 10-round verdict over Jackie Leamus, negro boxer from New York, which he gained unanimously from Montreal Athletic commission judges last night.

There were no knockdowns but Pep was at all times the aggressor, keeping his heavier opponent backpedaling toward the ropes.

Pep weighed 127½, Leamus 131½.

## Thomas Wins Easy Bout At Oakland

Oakland, Calif., Oct. 26—(U.P.)—John Thomas, 139-pound slugger from Los Angeles, last night scored an eighth round technical knockout from Raimaro Almagro, 140, Havana, Cuba, in the main bout at the Oakland auditorium.

The Cuban's eye and mouth were cut badly by continuous rights to the face. Thomas had the edge in each round.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 8:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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he has received of Medford—"Well, the southerners are literally 'Black Tornadoes' this fall."

According to Hunt Clark, who saw the Medford-Klamath Falls game and relayed information on

to Lightner, Grant is one or two touchdowns better than Medford right now, but adds that the potentialities on the Tornado club are nothing short of terrific.

As for Eugene, they still have

four and possibly five games standing in their way of district honors. They must get by Corvallis, Albany, Salem, Milwaukie and possibly Newburg to earn the District 3 berth.

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