

# SPORTS

## TORNADO TAPERS FOR CLASH WITH GRESHAM TIGERS

Medford's Black Tornado will taper off with a light workout tonight in preparation for their semi-final state championship football game with Gresham high school Tigers on Medford turf Thursday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Roosevelt of Portland and La Grande play in the other semi-final game at LaGrande. Winners will meet Saturday, Dec. 2, at Multnomah stadium in Portland for the state title.

Medford Coach Al Simpson said his team is in top form for this game, with exception of Bud Cahill who is out with a back injury. His place will be taken by Tingley, who proved himself capable in the game against Coquille last week.

Gresham's powerhouse came through their Saturday game with Newburg in fine shape and will be a tough foe for the Tornado, according to advance information.

Principal Lester Harris said today that reserved season tickets would be honored for the game. The school office will remain open from 7 to 9 o'clock tonight to accommodate ticket buyers who are unable to call at the office during the daytime.

Starting lineups will be:  
Gresham Pos. Medford  
Callister ..le. Riggs  
Mackey ..lt. Sheldon  
Wescott ..lg. Tingley  
Ambrose ..c. Cave  
Eakin ..rg. Porter  
Metzger ..rt. Bessonette  
Cleys ..re. Plaskett  
Owens ..qb. Watson

## MASK EXPECTED TO BE TARGET IN MAT GANG FIGHT

The Gray Mask, whose head-butting and other savage maneuvers has carried him to nine straight wins at Medford armory, will undoubtedly be the target of a mass assault tomorrow night when six of the coast's top notch light heavyweight wrestlers square off in the first battle royal at the local arena in three years.

Jack Kiser, Pacific coast champion, and Bulldog Jackson, two of the principals in the free-for-all, have bowed before the Mask's offensive here and are more than anxious to square accounts by fair means or foul.

Full cooperation is expected from Pete Belcastro, Earl Malone and Rowdy O'Dowdy who themselves have no love for the mystery man.

The battle royal is in addition to the regular three matches and will serve as pairings for the regulation bouts.

Advance ticket sales point to a record crowd for the special Thanksgiving program and Promoter Mack Lillard urges fans to come early to get good seats. The battle royal starts promptly at 8:30.

### ARMY AIR FORCES WILL STAGE SPORTS PROGRAM

San Francisco, Nov. 22—(U.P.)—The U. S. army air forces will sponsor a nationwide competitive sports program for servicemen who have returned from overseas duty. Brig. Gen. James E. Parker, commanding general of the 4th Air Force, announced today.

### FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press  
New York (Broadway arena)—Al (Bummy) Davis, 154½, Brooklyn, knocked out Frankie Ross, 147½, Boston (2).

White Plains, N. Y.—Freddie Russo, 131, Rahway, N. J., dethroned Peje Virgin, 126, Garfield, N. J. (8).

Jersey City, N. J.—Joe Curcio, 150, Newark, N. J., technically knocked out Rudy Giscombe, 150, New York (8).

Portland, Me.—Lloyd Hudson, 125, Portland, dethroned Leo Methot, 130, Montreal (8).

The biggest crop of tree nuts in history, about 15 per cent above last year, is indicated by September estimates of the U. S. agriculture department.

### ZERO CLUB

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## Georgia Tech Selected To Beat Notre Dame Saturday

By Jack Cuddy  
United Press Correspondent  
New York, Nov. 22—(U.P.)—Picking the football winners may be:

**East**  
Yale over Virginia—says devastating Dora.  
Pennsylvania over Cornell—this ain't the Army.  
Brown over Colgate—but just a light pasting.  
Dartmouth over Columbia—Little's Lions are too little.  
Penn State over Pittsburgh—thanks to Aunt Hepzibah's hat-pin.

Bucknell over Franklin and Marshall—repeat performance.  
Also Rutgers over Lehigh.  
Swarthmore over Ursinus, Atlantic City Navy over Princeton, Bainbridge Navy over Camp Peary.

**Midwest**  
Ohio State over Michigan—Les Horvath's passing makes difference.  
Indiana over Purdue—Hoosiers should be fresher after Pitt wait.

Minnesota over Wisconsin—flipping well worn coin.  
Illinois over Northwestern—Buddy Young evades the Cats.  
Missouri over Kansas—tip from Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Aggies over Oklahoma—anything can happen here.

Tulsa over Arkansas—according to Miami Orange Bowlers.  
Also Kansas State over Nebraska, Iowa Pre-Flight over

Iowa, Great Lakes over Fort Warren.

**South**  
Georgia Tech over Notre Dame—no Sherman's ramble this time.  
Tennessee over Kentucky—but much closer than earlier.  
Wake Forest over South Carolina—says crystal-peekin' mamma.  
Mississippi State over Mississippi—with or without McWilliams.

Georgia over Clemson—youth has its fling.  
Duke over North Carolina—Debbils' last bid for a Bowl.  
Auburn over Miami—Prognosticating Prunella has auburn hair.

**Southwest**  
Texas Christian over Rice—is that Owl-right with you?  
Texas Tech over Southern Methodist—just spinning the wheel.

Randolph Field over Amarillo AAF—Randolph has s-o-m-e record.

**Far West**  
Southern Cal. over UCLA—Trojans smell Rose Bowl.  
St. Mary's Pre-Flight over California—Golden Bears get bombed.

Denver over Colorado—but rather rocky mounting.

Utah over Utah State—what a state we're in.

Fourth Air Force over Second Air Force—Roger!

(Last week — 35 right, 11 wrong, 1 tie.—761. Season, 788.

## PAIRINGS MADE FOR PORTLAND GOLF TOURNEY

By John W. Dunlap  
United Press Correspondent  
Portland, Ore., Nov. 22—(U.P.)—Top-flight golfers from all parts of the United States and Canada today turned in their final practice round before teeing off tomorrow for the glory and gold in the \$15,500 Portland Open Golf tournament.

Undaunted by lengthened fairways and weather none too good for championship golf, the field of 125 played creditably around the rolling hills of the Portland Golf club. This is the of the major winter tourneys but he pros, amateurs and women in the three-day event were shooting better-than-average scores.

**Low Practice Scores**  
P. G. A. Champion Bob Hamilton already has carded a sparkling two-under-par 70. "Jug" McSpaden cracked an even 72 while Byron Nelson, the All-American champion who was upset by Hamilton in the PGA open at Spokane, has posted a 73. Several Portland pros, familiar with the home course, also were in the low 70's.

Last of the big-name golfers to arrive was Slammin' Sammy Sneed, the ex-sailor from Hot Springs, Va. Drawings released today paired the long-driving Sneed with Willie Goggin of White Plains, N. Y., and Amateur Edward E. Lowery of San Francisco.

Nelson was paired with Charles Congdon of Tacoma, Wash., and Amateur Harry Givan of Seattle. Another hot

trio combined Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind., Sam Byrd of Detroit and Amateur Johnny Robbins of Portland.

**Ends Sunday**  
The tournament ends Sunday after 72 holes of medal play, with the pro angling for \$13,333 in war bonds and stamps. The winning amateur gets the huge Hudson silver cup and part of the \$1,500 in prizes and 13 women entrants will split the remaining prizes.

Mrs. Betty Hicks of Chicago, Women's National champion, tees off with Betty Jean Rucker of Spokane, who probably ranks next to Mrs. Hicks, and Mary Mozell Wagner, Portland expert who carded a practice 82 this week. Edean Anderson, 14-year-old Montana champion from the Last-Chance Golf club at Helena, may give her elders a close contest.

Since proceeds of the tournament are going for the Welfare of service men, promoters instituted an innovation by building grandstands along the route of play so that convalescent soldiers form Barnes Army hospital can watch the tournament with the civilians.

### JIM CROWLEY TO HEAD NEW PRO GRID LEAGUE

Chicago, Nov. 22—(U.P.)—Lt. Cmdr. James "Sleepy Jim" Crowley, one of the famed "Four Horsemen" of Notre Dame and formerly head football coach at Fordham University, today had a five-year contract to serve as commissioner of the All-America conference, a newly-organized professional football league.

Arch Ward, acting head of the new league, said last night that Crowley, a veteran of 16 months service in the south Pacific, accepted the contract.

### THE GRANGE

Sams Valley Grange held regular meeting November 18. Ralph James, Albert Straus and M. A. Schulz were elected to the executive committee for 1945. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Coulter and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Doland were elected to membership and will receive first and second degrees at next regular meeting, December 2.

A dance will be given Saturday night, November 25, with music by Sonny's orchestra. Supper will be served and a large crowd is expected to enjoy the evening.

November 16 the degree team visited Gold Hill Grange and initiated a large class of candidates in first and second degrees. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Closing time for classified ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

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## MARION RECEIVES VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD FOR YEAR

By Glen Perkins  
United Press Correspondent  
New York, Nov. 22—(U.P.)—Martin Marion, star shortstop of the champion St. Louis Cardinals, nosed out Big Bill Nicholson, slugging Chicago outfielder, by a single point today to win the National league's most valuable player award for 1944 in the closest race in the history of the balloting.

On the basis of votes cast by a committee of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, Marion polled a total of 190 points — including seven first place ballots worth 14 points each.

Nicholson received four first place ballots. He was a tower of strength to the fourth place Cubs and the most feared clutch hitter in the league. He led the circuit in runs driven in with 120, scored the most runs, 118, and hit the most homers, 33, to become the first man in history to lead the National league in the important runs driven in column and home runs for two consecutive years.

Dixie Walker, with three first place votes and a point total of 145, was third in the balloting. The veteran outfielder of the Brooklyn Dodgers won the Major league batting crown in his 16th year of organized baseball with an average of .357 in 147 games.

Last year's award winner, Stan Musial, hard-hitting St. Louis Cardinal outfielder, was fourth this season with 136 points which included three first place votes. Musial, who won batting honors last year also, fell 10 points off his average with a .347 mark in 146 games.

### ALBANIAN PARTISANS TAKE OVER MAIN PORT

London, Nov. 22—(U.P.)—Albanian partisans have captured Durazzo, Albania's principal port, Marshal Tito's free Yugoslav radio said today.

### MITSCHER DECORATED

Washington, Nov. 22—(U.P.)—Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, commander fast carrier task forces, Pacific fleet, and leader of the famed task force 58, has been awarded the gold star in lieu of a third distinguished service medal for his operation against Japanese-held islands, the navy disclose today. He is 57.

## CAN'T LOCK JAPS UP INDEFINITELY, SAYS ROOSEVELT

Washington, Nov. 22—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt expressed the belief today, under questioning at his news conference, that Japanese-Americans who are American citizens cannot be locked up in concentration camps indefinitely.

This remark was the product of a question about whether he thought that the danger of sabotage on the Pacific coast had decreased to a point where 1942 Japanese evacuees could be returned. Earlter, Rep. John Z. Anderson, R., Calif., said 800 Japanese evacuees had been permitted to go back.

The president, noting that he was talking about Japanese-American citizens, said the danger had diminished in most cases but that as a matter of practical fact about 25 per cent of the evacuees had replaced themselves in other parts of the country.

He said there is a feeling among lawyers that under the constitution these people cannot be kept locked up in concentration camps because American citizens have certain privileges.

This feeling, the president said, was activated to a great extent by the wonderful record of Japanese-American soldiers in Italy.

Asked whether military restrictions would be relaxed to

permit these people to return to areas from which they had been excluded, the president said he did not know.

## GOLD HILL SERVICES THANKSGIVING NIGHT

Gold Hill, Nov. 22—The Gold Hill Christian Science society will hold services Thanksgiving day at 8 p. m., at the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## LANDIS UNCHANGED

Chicago, Nov. 22—(U.P.)—Little change was reported today in the condition of Judge Kene-

saw Mountain Landis, 78-year-old baseball czar who is seriously ill at St. Luke's hospital.

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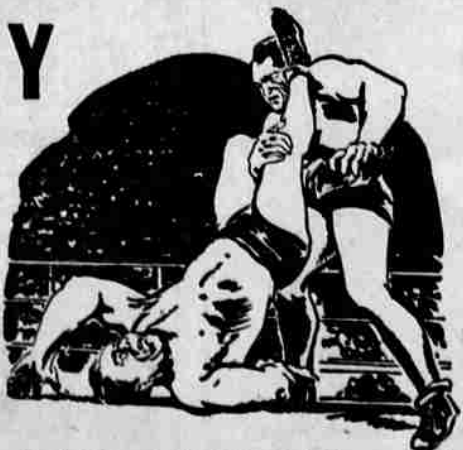
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