

SPORTS

TORNADO PRIMED FOR HOOP OPENER TOMORROW NIGHT

Medford basketball fans will be introduced to the 1944-45 Medford Black Tornado team tomorrow night when they open the season against the Coos Bay Pirates on the local floor. Coos Bay plays Ashland at Ashland tonight.

A preliminary game between the reserve teams of the two schools will get under way at 6:45 with the main game slated to begin at 8 o'clock.

Little is known of the Coos Bay team here except that they lost most of last year's league championship team through graduation.

Coach Al Simpson has been drilling his Tornado squad hard in order to get ready for a tough season schedule. Season opener

was to be against North Bend here next week end until Coos Bay asked for the game to round out their tour of Rogue valley. This places the first game a week ahead of Simpson's plans, but he feels the squad is ready to go and will give the visitors a tough evening.

Medford's starting lineup will probably be Riggs at center, Watson and Fawcett at guards and Hayes and Weatherford at forwards. Officials will be Lee Flink and Norman Sting.

DUKE BANKS ON SPEEDY ATTACK IN SUGAR BOWL

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15—(U.P.)—They dropped four straight games during the regular season, yet they are going into their Sugar Bowl game at New Orleans against Alabama as definite favorites—so don't sell Duke's durable Blue Devils short.

They played the toughest schedule of any college team this year, and improved with every game until at present they are considered the outstanding team in the southland.

On Saturday night, Oct. 28, at New York, Coach Eddie Cameron of Duke would have challenged the sanity of any person who might have suggested that his team would wind up in a New Year's day post-season game.

Against Alabama, Duke will present an all-around versatile attack that gave it an enviable reputation even in defeat. If Alabama chooses to set up a strong defense against forward passes, the "Hades Hotshots" have a running attack that is second to none in the southland. Defensively the Duke line held its own until overwhelmed by teams with superior manpower and even then the opposition generally paid tribute to the ruggedness of its first string.

Compagnoni Leads Sacramento Team In Bowling League

Shooting in the SASC League A handicap circuit, John Compagnoni rocked the maples for a series of 610 not only to lead his league but to roll higher than any of the 40 topnotchers in the Classic league, according to a dispatch received here from Sacramento, Calif.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. Compagnoni, 412 West 4th street, Medford, and while living here he bowled on the Fluhrer team.

Painting the dome of the national capitol the last time the job was done in 1939 cost \$305,906, including the labor and materials.

Air Force Football Teams Serve As Morale Builders

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Many civilians, particularly those with relatives fighting overseas, wonder why the army air forces keep a flock of the nation's finest athletes playing football in this country on super-teams.

We mentioned this to Lt. Col. Alexander B. Hagner from the 2d air force headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is base commandant. The colonel is in New York with the 2d Air Force Superbombers, who meet the Randolph Field Ramblers of Texas tomorrow in a service football classic at the Polo grounds.

He smiled and said, "I'm glad you brought up that point. We want the public to understand

the purpose of our air force teams, and to appreciate that the players are doing a necessary and important job. It's not a question of whether they are here or overseas; they are where they are assigned."

Col. Hagner did not mention it; but 19 members of this squad have seen action overseas, and seven of them have been wounded.

He explained that morale is a very definite and important factor in the training and sharpening of men for any branch of the armed services. And it is particularly important in the air forces, where men in preparation undergo long hours of arduous physical and mental effort daily, with the knowledge in the offing that soon they will be engaged in the hazardous tasks of aerial warfare.

Francisco open. They had 73s along with Charles Sheppard, Omaha, Neb.; David Clark, Houston, Tex., and Mark Fry, Oakland.

WALKUP LEADS GOLF STARS IN RICHMOND OPEN

By Hal Wood
United Press Staff Correspondent

Richmond, Cal., Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Blond Jimmy Walkup, San Antonio, Tex., led a field of 68 professionals and 32 amateurs at the opening of the final half of the elimination round in the \$7,500 Richmond open tournament today.

Walkup, pretty much of a newcomer to the touring golf brigade, scooted around the 6,209-yard course yesterday with a three-under-par 68 to wrest the leadership from Slammin' Sammy Sneed, Hot Springs, Va.; Mike Turnesa, White Plains, N. Y.; Charles Congdon, Tacoma, Wash., and Ky Lafoon, Chicago, who came in with a score of 70 each.

Walkup had four birdies, with only one bogie. While most of the boys were having putter trouble, Jimmy sank a 10-footer on the second and a 15-footer on the 14th, to knock over birdies on each. He had only one bogie—the 12th, where he three-putted.

The two real par-shooters of the day were a pair of amateurs—two of the best in the nation, Ed Furgol, Detroit, and Ernie Pieper, Jr., San Jose. Each came in with 71. The California champion had a 38 on the way out but came back in a 33. Furgol had 35-36.

Trailing them were such pre-tournament favorites as Sgt. Jim Ferrier, Camp Roberts, Cal., recent winner of the Oakland open; and Byron Nelson, the Toledo, O., hot-shot who is the nation's leading money winner and winner of the rich San

SHRINE PRO GRID TILT SET SUNDAY

Hollywood, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Balked in 12 previous attempts to stop the powerful Hollywood Rangers, the rest of the members of the infant and not too thriving American Professional Football league have teamed up to have another whack at Coach Bill Sergeant and his gridiron stalwarts.

The occasion of this particular melee is the Shrine pro grid bowl game at Gilmore stadium Sunday with Sergeant pitting his Roving Rangers against Mike Pecarovich and his San Francisco Clippers, much bolstered by recruits from other league teams.

Despite the impressive record rolled up by the Rangers in rambling to the championship, they will be little better than even odds. Last time the Rangers met the Clippers, the former emerged with a skimpy 3 to 0 victory and they worked quite hard for that one.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press
Belleville, N. J.—Johnny Juliano, 12444, Paterson, N. J., decisedion Clyde English, 12644, New York (8).

Fall River, Mass.—Oscar St. Pierre, 135, Fall River, decisedion Jeff Holloway, 135, New York (10); Jean Boulden, 150, Providence, R. I., decisedion Frankie Ross, 146, Boston, (8).

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

WAGNER NEARLY STARTS RIOT ON WRESTLING CARD

"Gorgeous" George Wagner lost the final fall in last night's Medford Armory wrestling match and nearly incited a riot in doing so.

With falls standing at one each, Wagner grabbed Jack Kiser, Pacific coast light heavyweight champion, by the hair, rapped him with four successive punches to the jaw, and draped him over the ropes with Kiser's knees over the top strand and his head dangling on the apron outside of the ring.

Referee Earl Yoskley made several attempts to pull Wagner loose, all in vain, so Yoskley declared Kiser the winner on a foul. Wagner was greatly displeased with the decision and started to protest by pushing the referee around but saw the crowd beginning to swarm around the ring and permitted himself to be ushered to the dressing room by the arbiter.

Wagner took the first fall with knee lifts and a body press and Kiser evened the count seconds later with an octopus hold.

Gust Johnson, coast junior-heavy champion, won on a foul from Tony Ross in the other half of the double main event. The champion had taken the first fall with a leg strap and was given the match when Ross failed to heed the referee's continued warnings against using the ropes with which to throw Johnson to the mat.

Herb Parks was unable to appear for his opening match with Milt Olson and Bulldog Jackson was secured as a substitute. They went to a draw with Jackson getting a fall in the second round, with a stomping hammerlock and Olson evening the count in the next canto with an octopus hold.

CALIENTE TRACK AGAIN IN COURT

Tijuana, Baja Cfa., Mex., Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Whether the ponies will run again soon at the famed \$2,000,000 Agua Caliente racetrack today hinged on settlement of the question of who owns the property.

The Mexican government seized the property Wednesday in the name of the Arguello family which had claimed ownership to most of Tijuana for many years. The seizure was provided in a 1938 Mexican supreme court order.

But, Eddie Neals, president of the group which has operated the track recently, said he would ask the supreme court to set aside its earlier ruling and hoped that he could continue operation. Neals, who recently became a Mexican citizen to protect his interests, said he was hopeful of presenting the regular racing card Sunday.

Basketball Scores

By United Press
Concordia College 40, Jamestown 29.
Loyola (Louisiana) 37, Algiers, La., Naval Air Station 29.
Assumption 34, Toledo 33.
Ball State Teachers 79, Anderson 20.
Penn State 34, Marshall 32.
Long Island 50, Floyd Bennett Field 45.
Indiana 55, Wabash 39.

BOWLING

In Ladies' league last night Medford Alleys defeated First National bank three straight (A. Swoape 198-568), Waincott's Drugs defeated Rolling Pin two to one (Sims 168-Frisbie 440) and Henry's Drive-In took two out of three from Tolley's Gilmore (Barr 168-Jefferson 460).

Rialto Star



Helen Vinson, in a story of adult delinquency, with Lyle Talbot, comes to the Rialto screen Sunday for three days in "Are These Our Parents." Playing as the companion feature on the Rialto's twin bill will be "The Girl in the Case," with Edmund Lowe.

RANDOLPH FIELD, GIANTS FAVORED IN GRID CLASHES

By Carl Lundquist
United Press Correspondent

New York, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Football fans along New York's subway circuit, who have operated on limited gridiron rations since the war began, get ready today for their biggest week-end in years in which they can beat a path to the Polo Grounds for championship games on successive days.

The army air forces decided to favor New York with the setting for their A.A.F. championship game Saturday between the Randolph Field Ramblers and the Second Air Force Superbombers. After that affair, through which \$79,000,000 odd dollars has been raised through war bond purchases, the decks will be cleared for Sunday's meeting between the Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants for the world professional grid title.

The Broadway betting gentry, ever-anxious to help direct the spending of an honest dollar, installed Randolph's "West Point of the Air" eleven as a 5 to 2 favorite to top the Superbombers from Colorado Springs, Colo., in the Saturday bond bowl feature.

Although the Giants, one of the most opportunistic teams in National League history have been underdogs through most of their schedule, they won the eastern championship by beating Washington's Redskins on their home field, 31 to 0.

Moreover, they won an earlier test from Green Bay, beating the vaunted Packers 24 to 0 in a regular league contest, all of which might be expected to influence the odds in favor of the New Yorkers.

SEABEE, LISTED MISSING, TO BE HOME FOR YULE

San Francisco, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Homer Barnes, a machinist's mate, second class in the seabees who was officially reported missing after the invasion of Leyte, will be home in Stonewall, Okla., by Christmas. Barnes, who has left the U. S. naval hospital at Oakland, Cal., for New Orleans, La., was one of nearly 100 seabees who dove for foxholes on D-day plus two when an enemy bomb crashed nearby. He said he didn't remember anything after that un-

til he was evacuated by an LST at noon the following day.

Barnes' wife and son live at Stonewall.

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