

# SPORTS

## TORNADO TEAM IS READY FOR CLASH WITH NORTH BEND

Medford high school basketball team will meet North Bend tonight and tomorrow night on the Medford court in a pre-conference series designed to shape both teams for their coming league schedules.

Tonight's game will be preceded by a grudge game between sophomore and junior teams which are battling for first string berths. Both teams are anxious to show what they can do in order to be elevated to the first squad and victory will undoubtedly come the hard way in this clash. The preliminary begins at 6:30 promptly in order that the main game may get under way by 8 o'clock.

Saturday night's preliminary pits Ed Kirtley's sophomores against Central Point high school varsity.

North Bend is bringing a high scoring combination which averages nearly six feet in height and Coach Al Simpson is expecting a lot of trouble with them. Their attack is based around a forward named Noel who led his league in points scored last year. Both teams use the fast break with North Bend setting up a man-to-man defense and the Black Tornado using a combination of the man-to-man and zone.

Starting lineups:  
Medford. Pos. North Bend  
Hayes F. Frye  
Ross F. Jansen  
Riggs C. Sanders  
Watson G. Noel  
Fawcett G. Why

## PACIFIC VETERANS TO CLASH IN OWN BOWL GRID GAME

By Hal Wood  
United Press Correspondent  
San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The government may have clamped down on the showing of service teams in bowl games around the country—but the boys in service are going to have an extra-special super-extravaganza of their own.

It will be the Service Bowl—Data, Jan. 7; location, military district; estimated attendance, 30,000; gate receipts, none; caliber of play, probably better than any bowls on continental U.S.A.

We gather this information from a communique detailing "central Pacific area headquarters", and the report also tells followers of the game of football where many of their pre-war favorites now are strutting their military learnings.

The competition in the service bowl will be furnished by the army air forces club, recent co-champion of the CPA league; and an all-star team from the navy. Coaching the latter club will be Lt. Cmdr. Gerald A. (Tex) Oliver, former St. Mary's Pre-Flight and University of Oregon mentor; while at the helm of the Bombers is Capt. Edgar Hennig, former Sweetwater, Tex., high school coach, and Maj. James Stacey, Detroit Lions, who is line coach.

## OPPOSITION RAISED TO OPENING OF RACETRACK

Huntington Park, Cal., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Mounting opposition to the opening of Santa Anita race track Dec. 30 today was emphasized by the appeal of the city council to Gov. Earl Warren to do what he could to stop the meeting.

"The opening will result in a waste of gasoline, tires and manpower," the telegram dispatched to the governor said.

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## COAST CHAMPION GIVEN WIN' OVER WAGNER ON FOUL

"Gorgeous" George Wagner dropped his second match in as many weeks via the foul route at Medford Armory last night. Referee Earl Yoakley declared Gust Johnson, Pacific coast junior heavyweight champion, the winner after each had gained a fall.

Wagner caught Johnson's arm around the ropes and refused to heed Yoakley's command to break. Yoakley tried in vain to pull Wagner off and when he couldn't do so, declared Johnson the winner.

Not realizing he had been awarded the bout, Johnson clamped on a leg strap which was immediately broken up. Wagner protested long and loud over the decision amid lusty boos from the fans but it gained him nothing.

First fall had gone to Wagner on a series of knee lifts and a body slam and the second fall was won by Johnson with a leg strap.

Terrific Tony Ross continued his bid for main event rating when he took two out of three falls from Ernie Piluso. Ross won the first spill in the opening round with a Boston crab and Piluso took the second in the next canto with a back body drop. Ross took the winning fall in the third with a hammer-lock.

Bulldog Jackson and Harold (Blood and Guts) Davidson went to a draw in the opener, each gaining a fall.

Promoter Mack Lillard announced there will be the regular program next Thursday night with Jack Kiser probably in the main event.

## ST. MARY'S BOWS BEFORE LOGGERS

In a basketball game that was fast and clean all the way, Butte Falls Loggers defeated St. Mary's Wildcats 23 to 13 at Butte Falls last night. Height told the tale as Butte Falls, with Madden and Ellis towering above the Wildcats, dominated the play. Ellis led all scorers with 12 while Jim Miller made six for St. Mary's.

Lineups:  
St. Mary's pos. Butte Falls  
Rickman, 2 f Baker, 2  
Iven, 1 c Madden, 7  
Miller, 6 e Ellis, 12  
Rickman, 0 s Conley, 3  
Murphy, 0 s Phillips, 0

Substitutions — St. Mary's, Fasel, Messer, 4, Noud. Butte Falls, Lowe, Conley, Stenson.

## AIR FORCE STAR STANDS OUT ON WESTERN FRONT

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Forrest Hall, Fourth Air Force back from Oil City, Pa., is expected to be the west football team's "climax" runner against the east in the annual Shrine game here New Year's day.

Following a second day's practice by the eastern team and a fast workout by the western club the western coaches said Hall appeared to be the only really fast man on the club.

Hall, who weighs only 153 pounds, is the smallest player on the squad.

## BIG SANTA ANITA DERBY DRAWS NAME ENTRANTS

Arcadia, Cal., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—With top eastern nominations representing some of turfdom's fabled names the \$50,000 added Santa Anita derby today drew 114 nominations for the eighth running of the event Feb. 22.

Scratch off the ancient joke about the Swiss Navy, says Ships Magazine. There is one, and it consists of 10 merchant ships—all operating under protection of the world's belligerents.

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## Tense Hunt for Snipers



(Acme Telephoto)  
An American soldier warily opens door of deserted home as two fellow soldiers cover him during tense moment in sniper hunt in Niederbronn, France, newly taken in Seventh Army drive against Siegfried Line defenses along the Rhine. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

## Flying Swede May Remain In United States After Races

By Jack Cuddy  
United Press Correspondent  
New York, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Rumors around the Smorgasbord circuit indicate that Gunder Hagg, the swift Swede who is scheduled to arrive next month, may remain in this country, get married and raise a few American Hagglets for future Olympic games.

This would not surprise us, although Gunder-the-wunder's current plans ostensibly provide for his return to Sweden in April, after participating in several indoor meets in the east and midwest and one outdoor run at San Francisco.

The haberdashery salesman of Malmoe is scheduled to head for the U.S.A. about January 1. He opens his American invasion in the Philadelphia Inquirer's meet January 27. The rest of his indoor itinerary is now being decided upon by meet representatives of various cities who seasoned last week at A.A.U. headquarters in New York.

Hagg is NOT being handed to these meet promoters on a silver platter. If they want the world two-mile record holder for their games, they must first agree to give a large cut of the gate to a certain war fund, the name of which will be announced later. Because of his feather-footed fame, most of the major meets probably will accept the proposition.

On his previous American visit, in 1943, the slender, long-legged Swede registered eight consecutive victories in various cities. He is expected to run about nine times on this tour, appearing probably in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco. It is likely that he will run four times in New York—at the Millrose, New York A.C., and Knights of Columbus games, and at the national championships.

## SINGLE PRO GRID LEAGUE ON COAST

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—A single West Coast Professional Football league next year will replace the two loops in action during the past season. Rufus J. Klawns, president of the Pacific Coast Professional Football league, announced today.

Revealing the merger of teams in the PCL and the rival American Professional league, Klawns said the reorganized circuit would comprise ten teams, with only San Francisco continuing to furnish two clubs. However, Klawns said, one team franchise still has not been selected. It will either be a second Los Angeles team or a Fresno-backed club, he added.

## OLD MOVIES STUDIED

Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Old movies are being revived at the University of Texas to study their art, direction and design in drama classes. Rented from a New York film library, to be shown over a 10-week period, are such old-timers as "Robin Hood," "Beau Brummel," "What Price Glory," and "Maedchen in Uniform."

More than 23,000 tons of military cargo, including trucks and jeeps, were flown across the Himalays from India to China in one month.

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