

# SPORTS

## TORNADO HOOPERS TO INVADE NORTH FOR THREE GAMES

Medford's basketball team, winners in their three pre-conference games to date, will take to the road for a three-game series this week. Thursday night they will meet Albany high school at Albany and then will move on to Salem where they will clash with the Vikings Friday and Saturday nights. It will be Medford's first basketball invasion of Willamette valley in over 20 years.

Outcomes of these games will give a good idea of Medford's comparable strength against Klamath Falls since the Pelicans defeated both teams on an earlier road jaunt.

Medford so far this season has appeared weak in the free throw department, having made only 13 out of 32 attempts. They have not lacked field goals, however, having run up a total of 55 goals from the floor. They have scored a total of 123 points against their opponent's 91 in three games.

Coach Al Simpson said today he is putting his club through stiff workouts in preparation for the trip, attempting to patch up various weaknesses in both offense and defense which have shown themselves in previous games.

"Our coming road trip will be good experience for the boys and will be a great help toward getting them ready for the tough Southern Oregon conference season," Simpson said.

First conference game of the season will be played against Ashland here January 5.

## SPORTS PROGRAM TAKES BLOW IN NEW DRAFT RULE

Washington, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Sports officials the nation over today awaited word on the status of professional athletes for 1945 and there was grave concern by most that the new year faced more than a possibility of being virtually sportless.

Racing, already a casualty by virtue of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' order on Saturday that all horse and dog tracks cease operation on January 3, readily agreed to back the directive 100 per cent. Santa Anita at Arcadia, Calif., cancelled its 85-day meeting which was to have been one of the richest in the history of the sport.

Tropical Park opened yesterday and planned to continue operation through January 2.

A record-breaking crowd of 14,171 racing fans jammed the park yesterday and poured \$716,716 through the mutual machines, also a record and a brief indication that the meet will be a daily record-breaker during its brief span.

Concern for other sports was raised when Byrnes issued a directive to Selective Service Director General Lewis B. Hershey to re-examine all professional athletes who have been deferred or discharged from military service for physical reasons. Hershey advised Byrnes that pursuant to the demands he was ordering all local boards to review the cases immediately.

## Layden Claims Pro Grid League Should Continue Operation

Chicago, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Elmer Layden, commissioner of the National Professional Football league, said today that professional football has fulfilled every wartime governmental requirement and should be continued as an instrument of relaxation and recreation for both civilian and military sport fans.

Layden, commenting on War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' program for induction into the service of athletes in non-essential jobs, said that the league would have suspended operations had continuance of the sport retarded the war effort.

At the same time, Harold (Red) Grange, president of the newly organized U. S. Football league, said he held little hope that his organization would begin operations in 1945 as planned.

LITTLE HARMON  
Hollywood, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Shapely Actress Elsie Knox, recently married to all-American football star Tommy Harmon, said today she would present him with a baby in July.

## TIGER PITCHERS TAKE AMERICAN LEAGUE HONORS

By Glen Perkins  
United Press Correspondent  
New York, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—The right and left wings of the Detroit Tigers, Paul (Dizzy) Trout and Hal Newhouser respectively, took the lion's share of pitching honors during the 1944 American league season, official figures disclosed today.

Together, and practically double-handed, they won 56 games for the Bengals and pitched the Detroit club to within one game of the junior circuit pennant. Newhouser's 29 triumphs and Trout's 27 came the closest to the all-time record for a duo set in 1904 by John Cressbro and John Powell of New York who had a total of 64 wins. Chesbro won 41 and Powell 33.

Dizzy Work Horse  
Newhouser and Trout, who were selected one and two in that order as the league's most valuable players, formed the most formidable one-two mound punch in modern diamond history. Dizzy was a work horse, pitching in 352 innings, more than any other pitcher, and came through with the lowest earned run average in the league for pitchers working in 45 or more innings, 2.12. In addition he pitched the most complete games, 33, and had the most shutouts, 7.

Tex Hughson, brilliant right-hander of the Boston Red Sox who left the team in August to enter the army, had the league's best won and lost percentage record of .763, compiled on 18 victories and only five losses.

Newhouser, who finished second to Trout in earned run average with a 2.22 mark, was also second in won and lost percentage, his 29 wins and nine losses giving him a .763 percentage. Newhouser led the circuit in strikeouts with 187 and Trout was second in that department with 144. Hughson had the third best earned run average, 2.25.

Potter Third  
Nelson Potter of the pennant winning St. Louis Browns was third in won and lost with 19 and 7 for .731. The league was surprisingly shy of 20 game winning pitchers, Trout and Newhouser being the only two to enter the charmed circle. Only four others managed to win 15 or more. They were Potter, Hank Borowy, New York, (17-12); John (Doc) Kramer, St. Louis, (17-13); and Bill Dietrich of the Chicago White Sox, (16-17).

Detroit won team pitching honors with an earned run average of 3.09 while the Browns were second with 3.17.

For the fourth consecutive year and the 22nd time in the history of the league there were no no-hit games pitched. Kramer had the only one-hit game, a shutout against the Chicago White Sox on September 16. Twelve hurlers authorized two-hitters.

## DETROIT HOCKEY TEAM NEAR TOP PLACE SPOT

By United Press  
The Detroit Red Wings drew within one point of the idle first place Montreal Canadiens by beating the Toronto Maple Leafs 6 to 4 in the only Christmas night game scheduled.

## PORTLAND HOCKEY CLUB WHIPS HOLLYWOOD 7-1

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Portland's Eagles of the Pacific Coast Hockey league handed the Hollywood Wolves a 7 to 1 lacing at the Portland arena last night.

## ECONOMIST MISSING

Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Friends of Carl Snyder, 75-year-old nationally known economics authority, today sought the aid of Sheriff James Ross in locating the New Yorker, who disappeared in the midst of a winter visit to Santa Barbara. Snyder was reported to have checked out of a hotel here last week and gone to Ojai, Calif., where he left by bus. Since then no trace of him has been found.

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## National Lottery Favored To Replace Racetrack Bets

By Jack Cuddy  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
New York, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—With racing banned indefinitely, we suggest that it would be timely now for the government to give serious consideration to establishment of a national lottery—if only as a duration measure.

The public, which bet an estimated \$1,126,308,645 at race tracks alone during the first 11 months of this year, will turn to substitute outlets for their wagering diversions—probably to "numbers" and "pools." This would be unfortunate because it would enrich mobsters and tismale racketeering in this country.

However, if the government establishes a national lottery, an income estimated at \$3,000,000,000 or more annually could be obtained to help the war effort and relieve taxpayers, meanwhile preventing the rise of a new mobster hynasty that might approach the power enjoyed by the gang lords of prohibition days.

It must be remembered that, although more than a billion dollars was bet during 11 months at the nation's tracks, this sum is probably less than half the amount wagered away from the tracks by fans who bet with neighborhood bookies. These bookies, with a certain clientele ready at hand, can be valuable agents for the "numbers" oper-

ors—the "policy" proprietors—if the bookies decide to turn their idle hours to the profitable business of selling numbers. Neither the government nor the states derive any revenue from the rackets, because they are illegal. But from racing, the various states netted \$55,971,232 during 1944. In addition the sport has contributed approximately \$16,000,000 to war relief since Pearl Harbor. The states will miss their revenue from the tracks.

A national lottery, operated by the various states, could provide for a portion of the revenue to go to the states, on a percentage basis. The lottery might be continued after the war to relieve the taxpayers and to cut down the national debt. It also would prevent Americans from spending their money on foreign lotteries—as they did before Pearl Harbor.

It was estimated that the American public, in prewar days, spent more than \$3,000,000,000 annually on foreign lotteries and sweepstakes—particularly on the Irish sweepstakes, and French, Italian and Cuban lotteries. The U. S. government received no cut from the illegal sale of these tickets in this country, although it got a slice from the few American winners.

Virtually every country in Latin America has its own national lottery to help defray costs of government.

## Connie Mack 82



(Acme Telephoto)  
Cornelius McGillicuddy, better known as Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics, who will be 82 on Dec. 22, gives the two signal to Father Time to show's he's just two years past the four-score mark. Connie is wintering in Los Angeles.

## ROBOT ATTACKS NEW THREAT TO WORLD'S PEACE

Chicago, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—The nations of the world may be forced to cope with robot or rocket bomb attacks within the next 10 or 20 years unless the Dumbarton Oaks proposals for a general international organization are adopted and "become a living force," Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., warned today.

Stettinius, newly appointed chief of the state department, said in an article prepared for *Kiwanis* magazine that the Dumbarton Oaks proposals "are important because they point an alternative to unspeakable disaster which is almost certain to befall this country unless we are able to establish an efficient and workable organization for the maintenance of peace."

"Many of our outstanding scientists agree that within the space of 10 to 20 years these deadly missiles (robots and rocket bombs) may be perfected to the point where they can travel thousands of miles at incredible speed."

"In that event," he said, "our oceans, our industrial strength, and our manpower would not be able to prevent surprise attack and vast damage by accurately aimed weapons traveling faster than sound."

## Boy Scout News

By Scribe Roland Glass  
Notice to all Troop 2 Boy Scouts: There will be no meeting Tuesday night but there will be one Wednesday night. All Scouts are urged to attend as it is very important.

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## EAST CHOICE TO DEFEAT WEST IN NEW YEAR'S TILT

San Francisco, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Odds continued to climb today in favor of the East to beat the West in the annual Shrine game at Kezar stadium New Year's day.

Addition of Les Horvath, All-American from Ohio State, boosted the eastern stock and Coaches Andy Kerr, George Hausman and Bernie Bierman were believed to have a vast edge in quality over the West opposition.

The clubs were slated for another heavy scrimmage today, with the final rough session tomorrow as the peak, with each succeeding session until New Year's day slackening the pace.

Yesterday the West was without the services of Bob Waterfield, UCLA, who returned to Los Angeles for Christmas and Coaches Babe Hollingsbery and Homer Norton used Dennis O'Connor, St. Mary's; Forrest Hall, March Field; Laverne Merritt, Alameda Coast Guard, and Harold Fischer, Texas, in one backfield. In another unit that got equal consideration were Dick Ofele, Washington; Bob Kennedy, Ex-Washington State, now of the 3rd air force; Walter Heap, San Francisco Coast Guard; and Joe Scott, Texas A. & M.

The eastern squad still was uncertain about assignments, but Andy Kerr had Bob Kelly, Notre Dame; Jack Breslin, Michigan State; Horvath, and Frank Danciewicz, Notre Dame, in what appeared to be the choice for the starting backfield.

## USC, TENNESSEE IN FINAL PUBLIC GRID PRACTICES

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 26—(U.P.)—The Tennessee Volunteers, 19-point underdogs in the Rose Bowl betting, scheduled their last public workout today before drawing the shades on their preparations for the annual New Year's day classis.

Across town on their home campus, the University of Southern California squad put on its only double workout between now and gametime after three days of soft holiday living.

Trojan Coach Jeff Cravath wasn't saying whether his ace halfback, George Callanan, would be on deck for the game, but other members of his staff were shaking their heads.

Callanan's leg is fresh out of a cast after a knee injury, and Trojan followers figured only sentiment could put him into his second Rose Bowl game.

Mindful of the two touchdown passes Callanan hauled down against Washington last year, Tennessee was taking no chances, sharpening aerial defense in all workouts to date.

Despite off-and-on weather, Cravath was reported to have the word from his favorite forecaster that the sun would be shining at game time, and was figuring on a dry ball.

## HONOR ROLL

Junior high school honor roll for the second six weeks includes the following names:  
7B—James Collins, A1, B2, B2, B2, B1, A, B; Ruth Linsinger, B, B2, B2, B2, A, A; Leah Peabody, B1, B2, B2, B2, B1, A, B.  
7A—Jimmie Grimm, A, B1, B2, B2, A, A; Glennia James, B2, B1, B1, B1, A, A, B.  
8B—Marilyn Anders, B1, B, B1, B2, A1, B; Gilbert Barbee, A2, A2, A2, B1, B2; Kenneth Boshare, A, B1, B1, A1, A2, A; John Byrne, A, B, A1, A1, A2, B; Lovelle Davies, A2, B, B1, A1, A, A, B; Glenda Fields, B2, B2, B2, A2, B; Roy Gibson, B2, A2, B1, A2, B; Eleanor Hoover, A2, B2, B2, B2, A2, B; Helen Jones, B2, A2, A2, B2, A2, B; Doris Kendra, A, A1, A, A1, A2, B; Joyce Kirby, B2, B2, B2, B2, A2; Nancy Lagonson, A, B, B1, A1, A, A2, B; Janet Tuttle, A2, B2, B2, A2, A2, B; Bobbie Zimmerman, A2, A, A2, A2, A.  
8B—Mary Adams, B, B2, A, A, A, B; Lenora Albright, B, A, B, A; Joan Brummond, B, A, B, A; Ann Butler, A, B1, B; Fred Byington, B, B, A, A, B; Marjorie Cox, B, A, B, B; Joy Finch, B, B, B, B, B; Mary Sue Greene, A, A1, A, A, B; Frank Reynolds, A, A, A, B, A; Janet Schell, B, B, B, A; Phyllis Stauffer, A, A, A, A, B; Mary Virginia Wait, A, B, A, B, B.

## Merlin Sawmill Sale Announced

Grants Pass, Dec. 26—(Special)—Ben D. Spaulding, son of the pioneer lumberman, Ben R. Spaulding, and Harry Terrell of Ross-Terrell Brokerage company, have purchased the Dierks Lumber company mill and timber holdings at Merlin for a reported \$130,000.

The mill was built four years ago by the three Dierks brothers, Ben, Fred and William, and their father, Bernard Dierks. The new owners will start operations January 1 with most of the former Dierks' crew. The new company will be known as the Merlin Lumber company.

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## MATMEN SET FOR BATTLE ROYAL AT ARMORY THURSDAY

An array of wrestling talent which will rival any ever assembled at Medford Armory for a battle royal will be on hand Thursday night when "Gorgeous" George Wagner, Gust Johnson, Jack Kiser, Terrible Tony Ross, Bulldog Jackson and Milt Olson clash in the free-for-all.

Wagner figures he has a score to settle since having lost decisions to both Johnson and Kiser on fouls in the past two weeks. On the other hand, the other five grapplers aren't overly friendly with Wagner and indications are that the self-styled toast of the gang will be the victim of a gang assault before hostilities cease.

The battle royal will be followed by three regulation matches with pairings to be decided in order of elimination. First two out will meet in the first bout, second pair thrown will make up the second match and the last pair will clash in the top main event.

Promoter Mack Lillard requires all wrestlers to sign papers to the effect that they will take part in the battle royal at their own risk. Once inside the ring, anything goes during one of these melees and about the only requirement is that the mayhem artists confine their mangling to space set aside within the ropes.

## Al Jolson Suffers Attack Of Malaria

Hollywood, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Stage and Screen Comedian Al Jolson was "recovering slowly" today from a recurrence of a malarial attack, his physician reported from the Beverly Hills hotel where the singer won fame for his "Mammy" songs is staying.

Jolson contracted malaria last year while on an overseas entertainment tour.

## ATTACK NAZI CONVOY

London, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Allied motor torpedo boats attacked a small German convoy off Bergen, Norway, between 1 and 2 a. m. with gunfire and torpedoes, the German DNB agency said today. It claimed that the attacking vessels withdrew after one had been set afire, but did not mention whether the convoy had been damaged.

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