

SPORTS

MEDFORD QUINTET BEATS ALBANY IN ROUGH BALL GAME

Medford high school's traveling basketball squad won the first game of their road jaunt last night when they defeated Albany 29 to 15. The game was played at Albany.

It was a rough and aggressive game poorly played on both sides, according to a message from Coach Al Simpson. Several infractions of rules were called for poor ball handling, personal contact and other rule violations.

Bob Watson was high point man for Medford, scoring eight points. Other individual scorers were Jerry Ross, 5, Darrel Riggs, 5, Glenn Bostwick, 3, Dick Fawcett, 4, and Carl Reich, 4.

The Black Tornado will move on to Salem today where they will meet the Vikings tonight and tomorrow night.

Stars and Stripes Deplores Disunity

London, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The American newspaper Stars and Stripes editorially deplored today recent rifts in the "unity and solidarity" of the United Nations and urged all the nations again to "join ranks" against Germany.

"For the holy living love of God," he said, "let's listen to the dead. Let's learn from the living. Let's join ranks again—against the foe and toward the future."

JOHNSON WINNER OVER JACK KISER IN BATTLE ROYAL

Gust Johnson, Pacific coast junior heavyweight wrestling champion, bested Jack Kiser, coast light-heavy king, two out of three falls to come out top man in last night's battle royal at Medford armory.

"Gorgeous" George Wagner, who was scheduled to be sixth man in the free-for-all, was unable to appear because of a cracked shoulder received in a match Tuesday night. He had planned to appear despite the injury, but notified Promoter Mack Lillard yesterday afternoon on advice of his physician. Lillard was unable to secure a last-minute substitute so the other five grapplers agreed to go through with the battle royal, first man eliminated to receive only transportation money and the other four to meet in one-hour bouts.

Bulldog Jackson was first out of the battle royal, pinned by the combined efforts of Johnson and Kiser. Milt Olson was second to be eliminated, pinned by Terrible Tony Ross, who was aided by a pile-up of the others. Johnson and Kiser then turned their guns on Ross. Johnson held him while Kiser drop-kicked him, then both piled on and Ross was counted out.

Ross took two out of three falls over Olson in their regulation match. The first was on a hammerlock and Olson evened the count a short time later with three sonnenburgs, a drop-kick and press.

Working for the third fall, Ross used many maneuvers not in the book of rules. Each man took a trip through the ropes, but it was Ross who came up with a back-breaker for the winning fall.

Johnson and Kiser worked a clean and scientific match which was thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators.

The first fall went to Johnson with a shoulder press and Kiser won the second with his pet alligator clutch. Johnson won the deciding tangle when Kiser missed a drop-kick and Johnson fell on him for a body press.

Lillard announced that Pete Belcastro will be on hand next week and the Gray Mask will probably appear here in two or three weeks.

Major League Ball Clubs Expected to Operate Next Year

New York, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Barring a government request that the game be discontinued—and there has been no official hint that such action is contemplated—major league baseball probably will have enough players to operate in 1945, although the going may be tough, a United Press manpower survey disclosed.

The 16 clubs have a total of 530 men on their 1945 rosters and of that number the draft status of 462 will be reviewed under recent selective service revisions. The 462 include 223 players who now hold 4-F classifications. The other 239 are between the 18-38 draft age and hold various classifications, but of that number at least 29 are almost certain to be lost to baseball this year because they hold jobs in defense plants or work on farms.

WACS CONSOLIDATED
Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The War Department announced today that the third WAC training center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., will be discontinued by April 1, 1945, and thereafter all WAC training will be consolidated at the first WAC training center at Fort Des Moines, Ia.

"Going My Way" Here Sunday



Starting Sunday at the Craterian Bing Crosby and Rise Stevens appear in "Going My Way," with James Brown, Jean Heath and Barry Fitzgerald.

Southern California Picked To Beat Vols, East Favored

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The new sports year will be ushered in Monday with some 316,000 fans attending six "bowl" games. Because of the tremendous national interest in these football contests, we have taxed the cerebrum and cerebrum no end in attempting to pick the winners.

After this unprecedented mental effort, we wound up with the following pigskin prognostications:

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Cal.—Southern Cal. over Tennessee.

Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla.—Georgia Tech. over Tulsa.

Sugar Bowl, New Orleans—Duke over Alabama.

Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Tex.—Oklahoma Aggies over Texas Christian.

Sun Bowl, El Paso, Tex.—Southwestern Texas over Mexico.

Shrine Game, San Francisco—East over West.

The Miami Orange encounter shapes up as the best game on the slate. Tech., surprise conqueror of navy, is favored because of its demonstration of combined ground and air strength during a tough schedule. But Tulsa has plenty of backing because of the passing prowess of Perry Moss, and its formidable running attack, spearheaded by Camp Wilson.

For the Pasadena Rose Bowl, the Southern California Trojans are heavily favored over Tennessee's Volunteers, because the Trojan's showed almost prewar strength in late-season play.

The Oklahoma Aggies are favored to beat Texas Christian in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas largely on the basis of their superior showing against four mutual opponents this season—Texas, Texas Tech., Arkansas and Oklahoma.

OREGON QUINTET DEFEATS MEDICS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon basketball team plastered a 49 to 39 defeat on the University of Oregon medical school quintet here last night in a game which featured the playing of Jim Zimmerman, former Washington State college star, who scored 20 points for the medical school five.

The Webfest went into an early lead and were never headed, leading by 28 to 23 at the halftime. In the second half, Coach John Warren used his reserves liberally.

High scorer for Oregon was Bob Hamilton, who tossed in 14 points. His running mate a guard, Jim Bartelt, tallied 11 points.

WAGERS GIVE USC 17-POINT MARGIN

Pasadena, Cal. Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Odds on Southern California over Tennessee in the Rose Bowl, which had dropped briefly from 19 points to 15, bounced back to 17 today when the bookies found themselves up to their ears in Trojan money.

Local enthusiasts grew nervous when Tennessee Coach John Barnhill closed the gates on his workouts and went into a sphinx act. But the drop in odds cured the nerves and the handicappers started shoving their figures back toward the three-touchdown bracket.

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JAPS ENCOURAGED MAKE NEW HOMES IN EAST, MIDWEST

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Harold S. Fistere, new north-west area war relocation authority supervisor, today said the WRA was encouraging Japanese to settle in the east or midwest but added he had every reason to expect Pacific coast residents to respect decisions of the supreme court and the army in allowing Japanese Americans to return to their former homes.

Fistere, who will have headquarters in Portland and Seattle, pointed out that before individuals can leave the relocation centers for the Pacific coast, they must submit an application for approval by WRA authorities, showing they have a way of making a living and have a definite place to live.

"Trained Japanese-Americans are offered scores of opportunities in technical fields in the east and midwest," Fistere said, "and in fact the WRA has received more opportunities for skilled Japanese workers than there are applicants."

"The policy of the WRA to encourage west coast Japanese to settle in the east and midwest hasn't changed since the recent army order allowing them to return to the Pacific coast states. However, those desiring to return to their former locations here on the coast are assured the help and protection of the WRA."

"After talking to Japanese that have been relocated to the east and midwest, it is the belief of the WRA that not more than 20 per cent of the 35,000 now in these sections will return to the west coast."

Marjorie J. Crow Latest Medfordite Enlisted by WAC

Mrs. Marjorie Jean Crow, daughter of S. E. Cox, Medford, is the latest Medford resident to enlist in the Women's Army Corps, it was announced today by Lt. Aida Ingraham at the WAC Recruiting Station in the local postoffice building.

Pvt. Crow was employed by the American Fruit Company in Medford before enlisting in the WAC. She graduated from the Medford Senior high school.

Pvt. Crow will be sent to a dental technician school immediately after receiving her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Ia., it was announced.

Full information about the various army branches to which

WACs may be assigned along with pertinent data on eligibility requirements is available at the WAC Recruiting Station.

U. S. NOW INDEPENDENT OF NATURAL RUBBER
Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—A House Agriculture subcommittee reported today that the United States "could get along" with natural rubber processed from Guayule and with synthet-

ic rubber, if other rubber were not available.

The group, headed by Rep. W. R. Poage, D., Tex., also predicted that unless prices on far-

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LIBERTY RESUMPTION CAUSED BY WAR TURN
Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The serious turn of the war in Europe and critical supply needs of civilians in liberated areas were believed responsible today for the government's decision to authorize resumption of liberty ship construction.

War Mobilization and Reconstruction Director James F. Byrnes announced last night he had directed the war shipping administration to authorize construction of 186 ships, including 24 Liberty ships, for delivery in the second half of 1945.

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

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