

SPORTS

TORNADO DRILLS HARD FOR LEAGUE TILT HERE FRIDAY

Riding on a winning streak of six games, Medford high's Black Tornado is being put through vigorous workouts in preparation for the opening southern Oregon conference game against Ashland here Friday night. Coach Al Simpson said he was not pleased with the team's showing on their road trip to Albany and Salem and is busy ironing out the kinks.

In the second Salem game Medford took 57 shots at the basket and made 14 of them and they have been woefully weak on free throws, Simpson said. They have been giving away as much as 10 to 15 points in every game by not being able to connect their gift tosses, he added.

Simpson expects Ashland to be a tough team to beat for the Grizzlies, who were steered to the state championship last year by Simpson, will be eager for a victory over their former coach.

Jay Samuelson, who was one of the main-stays in the championship team, will be back in the lineup. Jimmie Jandreau and John Reedy, capable reserves last year, now hold down first string berths and expect to deal a lot of trouble to the Tornado. Donnie Provost, Bill Tison and Bob O'Hara are playing their first year of varsity ball and look good in the Grizzly lineup.

Climaxing a busy week-end, Medford will take on Eureka here Saturday night. Both games will be preceded by preliminaries between "B" teams of the schools.

Race Suspension In U. S. Is Surprise To Great Britain Fans

London, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Suspension of racing in the United States came as a surprise to England where the national pastime—sport of kings and commoners alike—has managed to keep going under wartime handicaps much more severe than those which led the U. S. to ban the sport effective today.

To give up their beloved horse and dog racing is unthinkable to cockney and royalty alike although the former was stopped for a while during the war. The average Englishman sympathizes with what the U. S. horse players are facing.

On this war-weary island, the great spectator sport of racing has become a morale builder for war workers who pack racing plants at pre-war numbers and make the totalizers click at a merry pace.

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WEED MAULER TO FACE CLEVER FOE

Two of the Pacific coast's top light heavyweights will clash in the main brawl at Medford Armory Thursday night with the dubious honor of meeting the Gray Mask when he comes north in a few weeks, at stake. Jack Kiser, coast light-heavy ruler, and Pete Belcastra, the Weed badman, will trade swats and holds in the top spot with the winner in line for a session with the Mask, if he is still a winner when the hooded rascal makes his northward journey.

It will be a case of Belcastra's surfboard maneuver pitted against Kiser's alligator clutch when Promoter Mack Lillard brings them together Thursday night.

Terrible Tony Ross is anxious to show that his victory over Gust Johnson, coast junior-heavy champ, gained a few weeks back, was no fluke even though Ross lost a rematch on a foul. This will be the third clash between these two rugged matmen with Johnson, master of clever wrestling holds, expected to outgrapple despised Tony. Bulldog Jackson will pit his array of finger-stomping, hair-pulling, eye-gouging and hammerlocks against clever Milt Olson in the opening match at 8:30.

Oregon Commended On Arrangement of Grid Championship

Capt. Clinton N. Stuger, a former resident of Medford now stationed with the U. S. army at Seattle, recently sent a clipping from the Seattle Times commending Oregon High School Activities association on its arrangement to determine a state football championship, and Medford high school for winning the crown.

The article, written by Sandy McDonald, favored post-war adoption of a plan similar to that used in Oregon for a state grid championship stating "that our sister state of Oregon again has demonstrated a workable method of deciding an official state football champion for the year."

HORVATH SAID LOOKING TOWARD FILM CONTRACT

San Francisco, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Les Horvath, Ohio State's "player of the year," and one of the stars in the East's team at Sunday's Shrine game, was in Hollywood today, reportedly interested in signing a movie contract, but faced with a probable draft call in the near future.

Horvath said he had "not been approached officially," but had been informed by Francis J. Powers, sports editor of the Chicago Daily News, that he would be when he arrived in the cinema capital.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press
New York (Broadway arena)—Maxie Berger, 147, Montreal, decisioned Shiek Rangel, 152, Fresno, Calif. (8).

White Plains, N. Y.—Billy Grant, 181 1/4, Orange, N. J., knocked out Walter Thomas, 183, New York (1).

Newark, N. J.—Teddy Randolph, 182 1/4, New York, decisioned Johnny White, 211 1/4, Jersey City (10).
The Suppering Mother vine on Roanoke Island, N. C., is said to be the largest grapevine in the world.

Gene Tierney In Sunday Show



Gene Tierney and Vincent Price in a scene from the romantic mystery drama, "Laura," a story of the most fearful love that ever haunted a woman, with Dana Andrews, Clifton Webb and Judith Anderson. The picture starts Sunday for a three-day showing at the Craterian.

Book-Makers Expected to Dodge Work in War Plants

By United Press
The shut-down of race tracks in the United States caught the gambling fraternity in a maze of confusion today with many of the book-makers still undecided whether to close shop or keep going with what was left to bet on, but generally not interested in war work.

Some of the bigger bookmakers, such as the \$1,000,000 operators, in New York and California, called it a day and planned to take winter vacations in Florida or California while the ban was in force. The smaller fellows, who make up the bulk of the nation's bookmakers, generally intended to carry on with book on Mexican and Cuban horse races, with some expanding into the numbers racket on

baseball or basketball pools. But there were strong indications that only a very small minority of gamblers will go into defense work, a move which the ban by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes had hoped to achieve.
A number of the bigger gambling houses did not expect the shut-down to last very long. One outfit in Buffalo even predicted the ban would be lifted shortly after a powerful gambling lobby gets working.
Law enforcement authorities in many places took advantage of the opportunity to crack down on the remaining betting places. Some officials feared that a lot of agents, thrown out of work by closing of the betting places, would turn to the black market rather than go into war plants.

DINING STEWARDS FINED \$250 EACH

Los Angeles, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—More than 100 railroad dining car waiters, accused of juggling meal checks on the Union Pacific Challenger, today crowded into federal court to plead no

contenders to conspiracy charges. They were fined \$250 each and given suspended six months jail sentences.
Federal Judge Ben Harrison told the 103 defendants that the jail terms were suspended on provision they pay the fines and not work again on a diner. When a waiter protested he might have difficulty in getting work, Judge Harrison answered:

"The California Shipbuilding Corp. can use all of you."
Those sentenced were part of a group of 135 stewards, assistant stewards and waiters indicted last November 25 on charges of conspiracy to commit theft in interstate commerce.

The railroad contended it lost \$500,000 a year by the defendants' actions in serving "short" food portions and manipulating food checks so they could transfer some of the money they collected into their own pockets.

FITZ FITZPATRICK USES 28 SECONDS TO KO FOE

Los Angeles, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—It took Fitz Fitzpatrick, wartime light heavyweight sensation, just 28 seconds to dispose of Gregorio Gonzales, billed as the "Mexican Joe Louis," in last night's 19 round main event at Olympic auditorium.
Gonzales, 166, Hermosillo, Mex., didn't throw a punch as Fitzpatrick pounded him into helplessness with six left hooks.

Basketball Scores

By United Press
Purdue 44, Notre Dame 32.
Indiana 53, University of Mexico 33.
Kansas State 54, Oklahoma 53.
Bergstrom Field 32, Texas A. & M. 26.
Texas Field 45, Marquette 42.

DEAD YANKS FOR NAZI PRISONERS IS UNFAIR TRADE

Germans Yell Kamerad Before Too Late—Americans Fight to Death

By Boyd Lewis
United Press War Correspondent
On the Western Front, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Dead Americans for German prisoners!

That is the exchange we are compelled to make on the western front—and it probably will continue for months to come. It is obvious now that victory cannot be bought with just a prodigious expenditure of guns and shells. We must also pay—and heavily—with American lives.

The German soldier is the best defensive soldier in the world and his commander is a ruthless realist. They know they can hold out to the bitter end—killing and killing and killing.

"Kamerad" At Last
Then, when the last bullet is spent, they have only to come over to our lines with their hands clasped on their head, shouting "Kamerad."

They then spend the rest of the war, better fed, housed and cared for than in Germany. It is not the cream of German manpower which is being sacrificed in this war. The prisoners will be repatriated to Germany after the war. But much of the cream of American youth will return in burial clothes or hospital ships.

Knife War Better
One high-ranking officer, a West Pointer who saw the action at Guadalcanal before fighting the Germans, told me he preferred the "knife war" of the Pacific to the European style, which plays into the hands of the tricky nazis.

He said casualties in the Pacific style of fighting were far lighter, even though prisoners taken by both sides were negligible.

This officer believes he should tell the Germans to "surrender or die," and stick to it. If the Germans once found out they had only one chance to surrender or be killed, they would surrender before killing so many Yankies.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Jan. 3—The Red Cross surgical dressing unit of Gold Hill finished another year of work with a tea and gift exchange on Dec. 28. During the year there were 45 different persons working a total of 1798 hours and making 26,555 dressings. This unit has made 45,480 dressings since organized in March, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bornaman spent Christmas with their son, Ralph and family, of Grants Pass.
Miss Vonnie Tepovae, who is attending school in Yreka, Cal., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bozy Tepovae.
Sunday guests at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Smith were Mrs. George Brown and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston and children, all of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and daughter and Mrs. Cleo Swindler and children of Springfield, Oregon.
Mr. and Mrs. James Cummings and Leon Stanfield of Central Point visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lance.

Mrs. C. L. Dusenberry and son, Donald, were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Iversen and family of Medford.
W. Wert of Trall was transacting business in this city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Sutton spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art Mullen of Medford.
Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Mathews and children of Klamath Falls visited Sunday with Mrs. Mathews' mother, Mrs. C. L. Dusenberry.

Mrs. William Wyatt and son, Tommy, of Medford are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Snider.
Mrs. Neal Bush of Portland, Oregon, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Byerly, and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Windus of Grants Pass spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kies. Charles Avena attended the funeral of his brother, Joe, in Sacramento, Calif., last week.
Milton Steinmetz of Oakland, Calif., is spending the holidays with his wife and son, Harry Lee.

Harry Newnam returned home the last of the week from Klamath Falls, where he has been working.
Fred Hancock, S 2/3 of Farngut, Idaho, left Wednesday evening after spending a short

leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock and family.
Miss Leona Holderness, attending U. C. L. A., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Holderness and brother, Gene.
Mr. and Mrs. Mel Kirkman of Bremerton, Wash., came Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Kirkman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sutton.
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Daily Weather Report

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight. Fog or low clouds Thursday morning, clearing in afternoon. Little change in temperature.
Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Light rain occasionally in northwest portions. Local valley fog. Little change in temperature.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest 42 degrees, lowest 22.
Total monthly precipitation, trace.
Deficiency for the month 18 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 6.22 inches. Deficiency for the season 1.22 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 75%; 4:30 today 100%.

Tomorrow
Sunrise 8:26 a. m.; sunset 5:53 p. m.
Past 24 hours: High Low Prec.
Boise 38 16
Boston 32 18
Chicago 42 25
Denver 53 40
Eureka 24 12
Havre 44 24
Los Angeles 76 41
Medford 44 24
New York 24 13
Omaha 28 19
Portland 45 31
Reno 47 11
Roseburg 54 33
Salt Lake 43 24
Seattle 49 39
Spokane 35 28
Washington, D. C. 23 21
Yakima 48 35

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

MOSTLY WORSE
New York, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Army Pvt. Robert J. Belvin, Jr., of Bridgeport, took a wife for "better or for worse" and meant it. Wac Pvt. Priscilla Fordor Belvin, 24, of New York, was released from jail long enough to become his bride, then re-imprisoned. She was charged with stealing from nurses at a hospital where she was serving.

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