

SPORTS

RAFFERTY AGAIN OUTRACES SWEDE

New York, March 10 — (U.P.)—Little Jimmy Rafferty of the New York A. C., did it for the sixth straight time tonight and scored his second triumph over Sweden's famed Gunder Hagg when he won the Columbian mile at the K. of C. games in Madison Square Garden before 14,616 fans.

Rafferty won by eight yards over Rudy Simms of NYU with Hagg fifth again behind the four men who beat him last week when he stepped on the board track just two days off a boat after a 23-day voyage from England. The hard-running little Irishman was clocked in the slow time of 4:16.3.

Annual Junior Hi Smoker Wednesday

Annual Junior High school smoker will be presented at the school gymnasium Wednesday night, beginning at 7:30. Under direction of Coach Norman Sting, there will be plain and fancy tumbling and 10 boxing bouts.

There will be a small admission charge, the money to be used by the Boys' League at the school.

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MICHIGAN TAKES BIG TEN HONORS

Chicago, March 10 — (U.P.)—Michigan, presenting overwhelming power in the distances, won its third straight Big Ten track and field championship tonight by nosing out Illinois 55 1/10 to 54 1/10.

Led by the long-gaited Hume brothers, Ross and Bob, Michigan grabbed 12 out of a possible 15 first places in the mile, two-mile and 800-yard events to win its 10th conference track title in the past 12 years and frustrate Illinois, the only team to master a challenge. The meet was run off in the University of Chicago fieldhouse.

ROSS TO MEET MASK THURSDAY

Terrific Tony Ross, the back-breaking specialist who won last week's battle royal, will face the Gray Mask in the main event wrestling bout at Medford armory next Thursday night. Ross, who has been clamoring for a main event test and a crack at the hooded hoodlum for some time, had to survive a six-man melee to earn the dubious honor of cracking craniums with the mystery man from the south.

Promoter Mack Lillard said he has signed Pete Belcastro for one of the supporting matches with Georges Dusette, Canadian strong boy, in the other.

Beavers Play Oaks In Exhibition Tilt

San Jose, March 10 — (U.P.)—Manager Marv Owen today named Clarence Fedemeyer, Jack Tising and Syd Cohen to pitch for Portland Beavers tomorrow in the exhibition game against the Oakland A's.

The game is the first of the spring training season for the

Portland regulars. Eddie Adams and Earl Norager have been nominated to share backstop duties.

First Baseman Larry Barton joined the club today and went through a lengthy workout. He reported 20 pounds lighter than last spring.

CHILEAN FIGHTER SUFFERS INJURY

San Antonio, Tex., March 10 — (U.P.)—Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavyweight boxer, was hospitalized tonight, suffering from a wrenched left side.

Godoy's manager said the heavyweight hurt himself while throwing a punch at his sparring partner. Godoy was preparing for a Tuesday night match here with Johnny Denson.

Physicians said Godoy probably would be able to resume his training soon. The match was postponed and re-set tentatively for March 27.

'Absenteeism' Hits Big League Squads

New York, March 10 — (U.P.)—Major league "absenteeism" reached a new high this week when 30 players indicated, for various reasons, that they probably would not be around for the 1945 season. Six are hold-outs, however, and probably will fall in line.

That absentee rate added to the already terrific bite into big league manpower from selective service, war plants, and "retirements" left most executives wondering whether they still will muster enough men without special consideration in congressional work-or-else legislation.

McSpaden, By Nelson Go To Miami Finals

Miami, Fla., March 10 — (U.P.)—Byron Nelson and Harold (Jug) McSpaden today won a place in the finals of the \$7,500 International Four-Ball Golf Tournament here. They defeated Johnny Revolta and Henry Picard three and two in their closest match thus far in the tournament. In the other semi-final bracket, Sam Snead and Bob Hamilton were one-up on Denny Shute and Sam Byrd at the end of 30 holes.

GENE THOMAS SCORES 236 TO TOP SHOOTERS

Gene Thomas led pistol shooters at the Medford Gun club's shoot Friday night with a score of 236. Sam Jones scored 218 to appear in the top five for the first time this year. Other high scorers were H. H. Pringle 219, D. J. Bolton 212, and Clyde Clausen, 185.

MEET OPENS MONDAY

Kansas City, Mo., March 10 — (U.P.)—The bracket was drawn, starting times set and the revived National Intercollegiate basketball tournament tonight awaited only the referee's whistle at 7 p. m. Monday to open a week of the cage sports in Kansas City's municipal auditorium.

FRISCH MISSING

Pittsburgh, March 10 — (U.P.)—The Pirates will entrain at noon Thursday for camp at Muncie, Ind., with Manager Frankie Frisch among the missing. The first workout will be held Friday morning.

BLACK TORNADO WINS BERTH IN STATE TOURNEY

Medford Trims Prineville 53 To 26 In Second Game of Series; To Meet Vernonia

Medford high's Black Tornado annexed their 26th win of the season here Friday night when they turned back Prineville, district 3 champions, 53 to 26 to win a berth in the state basketball tournament at Salem next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Medford will meet Vernonia in the first evening game Thursday.

Jerry Ross made the first field goal for Medford but two quick ones by Herbert Henry and one by Don Page of the Cowboys gave Prineville a 6-2 lead which they extended to an 8-7 margin at end of the first quarter. Ross, on a foul by Page, tied the score at 8-8 and Dick Fawcett put the Tornado in the lead with a field goal. J. C. McPhetridge tied it up at 10-10 when Bob Watson sunk a nice long shot giving Medford a 12-10 lead. It was the last time Prineville had a chance for Medford continued to extend their lead from there on out.

Medford was out in front 21 to 15 at halftime and had extended their bulge to 39 to 19 at end of the third quarter.

Henry was high scorer for the game, netting 13 points while Darrell Riggs led in that department for Medford with 11. Medford made 21 baskets out of 76 attempts for a .276 average while Prineville hit nine out of 36 tries for an average of .250.

Medford made nine free throws out of 17 chances while Prineville made six out of 15. Medford was penalized 15 times to 12 fouls called on Prineville.

Lineups:

| Medford | Pos. | Prineville |
|-----------------|-------|---------------------|
| Hayes, 4 | | Noble, 1 |
| Ross, 5 | | McPhet'ge, 7 |
| Riggs, 11 | | Sybouts, 1 |
| Fawcett, 6 | | Henry, 13 |
| Watson, 9 | | Page, 4 |
| Whillock, 4 | | Durkee House, 5 |
| Goodwin, 5 | | Goodwin Bostwick, 8 |
| Almack Reich, 1 | | Chalfant Cave |

Officials: Don Fawcett and Don McPike, Portland.

THE MIGHTY WEAK

New York, March 10 — (U.P.)—A "weaking" University of Connecticut team which has won only five of its 16 games found itself in the fastest of company tonight as the last ditch choice of the New England district for a representative in the "Blue Ribbon" N. C. A. A. basketball tournament.

NAB DARING ESCAPEE

San Francisco, March 10 — (U.P.)—Stanley R. Darcey, 32, army deserter and fugitive from justice, who made a spectacular escape from the Oakland, Calif., jail Feb. 12 by lowering himself 14 stories on a fire hose, is under arrest in Safford, Ariz.

EYE TENNIS TOUR

San Francisco, March 10 — (U.P.)—A "round-the-world tennis tour of outstanding net stars now in uniform, to entertain servicemen on the far-flung fighting fronts, was announced here today.

ASTORIA, THE DALLES WIN

Salem, Ore., March 10 — (U.P.)—Astoria and The Dalles won the first prizes of the first two divisions in the Oregon cities traffic safety contest for 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., announced today.

NEW BIG 10 BOSS

Chicago, March 10 — (U.P.)—Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson, 49-year-old director of athletics at Northwestern University, today became the second athletic commissioner in the history of the Big Ten.

FARMS FOR SALE

San Francisco, March 10 — (U.P.)—The Farm Security Administration today announced it will sell California and Arizona farm properties worth an estimated \$1,776,000.

Little Theater Group Makes Bow in Well-Received Farce

COAST CHAMPION ENDS TRAINING

San Francisco, March 10 — (U.P.)—Charles Burley, the state middle-weight champion who now makes his home in San Diego, completed his workouts here today for his 10-round battle here Monday night against Joe Carter, clever Rome, N. Y., boxer.

Taking his first fight since f. acturing his hand six months ago, Burley remains the favorite in San Francisco's finest ring attraction in months. Betting odds are being quoted around 10-7 for Burley now, but are expected to be down to 2-1 by ring-time.

WHITE SOX OPEN SPRING DRILLS

Chicago, March 10 — (U.P.)—The Chicago White Sox, preparing to shove off for their Terre Haute, Ind., training camp Monday, announced tonight that 28 players have signed contracts out of a squad of 38.

Vice President Harry Grabiner said that 19 of the signed players will report to camp either Monday or within the week. Ten squadmen, four of them hold-outs, haven't agreed to terms, he said, including Hal Trosky, veteran first baseman who has announced his retirement from baseball.

GUINTEINI CLOUTS HOMER FOR SEALS

San Francisco, March 10 — (U.P.)—Ben Guintini hit the first home run of the season for the San Francisco Seals as Manager Lefty O'Doul's club swamped the U. S. Maritime Service club of Alameda, 14-4, in an exhibition game here today.

Okey Flowers went the full nine innings for the Seals and scattered seven hits. Guintini had two other hits in four times up to lead the swatsmiths.

ASTORIA AFTER COACH

Astoria, Ore., March 10 — (U.P.)—A five-man public committee will set out next week to "investigate and recommend" a new Astoria high school football and basketball coach.

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By Dorothy Pruitt
 With the presentation of "Deadlier Than the Male," three-act play by Pete Williams, The Little Theatre Group made its bow to the Medford public on Friday night at the Holly Theatre. A large and warmly responsive audience continued to express its enthusiasm even after the last curtain was down.

"Deadlier Than the Male" was a well-chosen play, with a timely plot, good pace, varied characters and nice balance of comedy and tragedy. All roles were handled by a cooperative and sincere cast.

Jackie and Topsy, beauty operators, with illusions somewhat shaken in their dealings with their feminine public, were played outstandingly by Mary Lee Rasmussen and Patricia Thompson, respectively. Repeated hits were scored with the audience in their deft handling of the crisply ironic comedy lines.

Laura Porter, as Maxine Luray, who uses her fashionable beauty establishment as a means to gain military information from her unsuspecting clients, gave a thoroughly capable performance. In keeping her characterization independent both in intonation and timing from the rest of the characters, she displayed a quality rarely found in amateur dramatics.

Margaret Ann Brown contributed a charming and sincere portrayal as Susan Gardner, the receptionist of the beauty shop, who with her sound outlook on life exerts a naive but powerful influence over the neurotic lives of some of the women clients.

The difficult role of Anna Stoll, a refugee, and dictatorial partner in crime to the ulterior Maxine, was handled with consistent intensity by Julie Jones who gave it an extremely convincing quality.

Alicia Ruhl, as Barbara Vane, an American government agent under the guise of frivolous society girl, gave a smooth and natural performance and displayed an excellent sense of timing.

Moments of really outstanding work were contributed by two character parts: Kay Schlankey as Harriet Josslyn, the hysterical wife, and Virginia Hammond as Irene Alton, the vain and aging actress.

Betty Brewer lent a tender and sensitive note as Dotty Mayer, the salesgirl who clung to her dreams. Charlotte McCorkle added a colorful flourish to the varied cast as the debutante suddenly carried away by publicity. Callista Farrell was convincing as Phyllis Wood, the young actress rightfully coming into her

own. The play was capably directed by Margo Collins and Joan Moore. Stage and business managers were Margaret Alley and Betty Root, respectively. All proceeds of the play were donated to the American Red Cross. Medford's newest drama group deserves much credit for a highly successful and worthwhile production, and it is sincerely hoped that further work by this promising group will be seen in the community.

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