

Black Tornado Thumbnails

Following is first in a series of "thumbnail sketches" of members of the Medford high school Black Tornado football squad, defending state champions:

CAPTAIN DARRELL RIGGS, LEFT END

Darrell Riggs, left end and captain of the 1945 Tornadoes, was born in Lakeview, Ore., Nov. 5, 1927. He started his football career nine years ago at Medford's Jackson school, playing later at the junior high school and has been a first stringer at MHS for two years. He is six feet, three inches tall, weighs 183 pounds, has brown eyes and brown hair. Riggs majors in mathematics, science and history and takes part in track and basketball. He would like to go to college but defers any questions regarding to his future to his draft board.

Lynn Bessonette

Lynn Bessonette, left tackle, was born Dec. 10, 1927, in Klamath Falls. He started his football playing in the ninth grade at Medford junior high and is in his second year on the Tornado first string. He is six feet tall and weighs 205 pounds. He majors in history, is a track enthusiast and plans to go to college.

Glenn Tingley

Glenn Tingley, left guard, first saw the light of day in Grants Pass April 28, 1929, but came to Medford at a tender age. His first taste of football came in the fourth grade at Washington school and he is now in his first full year as a Medford regular. He hits the scales at 165 pounds and is five feet, 11 inches tall. He majors in mathematics and history and plans to attend college upon completion of his high school days.

Jim Cave

Jim Cave, in his second year as first string center, was born in Medford May 31, 1928. Like Tingley, his gridiron experiences started in the fourth grade at

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Washington school. He weighs 170 pounds and measures 5-9. Math and science are his majors and sleep his hobby, according to his questionnaire. He also plays basketball and baseball and plans a college career.

Nick Greene

Nick Greene, right guard, plans to become a lawyer. He got his start in life in Medford on March 12, 1929, and began his football playing at Roosevelt school in the third grade. Weighing 165 pounds, he is five feet, nine inches tall and majors in math.

Howard Whillock

Howard Whillock, right tackle, was born in Medford Nov. 12, 1928, and started playing football in the third grade at Lincoln school. Measuring six feet and tipping the beam at 184, Whillock majors in history and plans to be a farmer. Besides playing tackle he is a punter de-duce.

Allan Kircher

Allan Kircher, right end, was born in Silverton, Ore., Oct. 11, 1928, and lived in Lakeview and Toledo before coming to Medford. His football career started in the ninth grade at junior high school and is playing his first year as a regular with the Black Tornado. His hobby is airplanes and other interest is baseball. He would like to go on to college when his high school career ends.

LIPSCOMB TO BE FAVORITE IN GO WITH GRAY MASK

Jack Lipscomb, who won the Pacific coast junior heavyweight championship with the use of his brutal attack which is liberally sprinkled with every form of wrestling known—including various sorts of alley brawling—will mix with the Gray Mask in half of a double main event at Medford armory tomorrow night.

Lipscomb, who stops at nothing if he thinks it will win a match, is by far the toughest opponent yet to be called on to face the Hood. The champion has a murderous offensive and is plenty cagey when it comes to defensive tactics. Street corner experts of the gentle art of mayhem are conceding Lipscomb a chance of bringing the winning streak of the Mask to an abrupt end. Usually despised by one and all, the Hoosier Hot Shot will be the distinct favorite when he crawls through the hemp to take on the mysterious one.

Jones Draws Tartar

Rough Rufus Jones, himself no lily when it comes to drawing hatred of the fans, will tackle a tough customer in the other half of the twin bill when he faces Angelo Martinelli, the Buckeye Beauty.

Twice in as many weeks the Negro ruffian has refused to do battle with the Mask but if both win tonight it is likely Promoter Mack Lillard will tell Jones to get in the ring with "Old Stone-face"—or else.

Joe Lynam, the "body beautiful" from Redmond, will take to the canvas against Herb Parks, the colorful Canadian, in the 8:30 opener. Both are exponents of scientific maneuvers and a great match is anticipated.

Penn Head Coach Ill With Grippe

Philadelphia, Oct. 23—(U.P.)—Head Coach George Munger, whose undefeated, untied and scored-upon Pennsylvania football team meets Navy Saturday, was in the hospital today with grippe.

Munger's family said he became ill last Friday and entered the hospital yesterday when the grippe failed to respond to treatment. The family said he believed the hospital care would enable him to recover more quickly, but that he probably would miss the game.

TO COACH ALL-STAR

Chicago, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Coach Henry P. Iba, whose Oklahoma A. & M. basketball team won the National Collegiate title last year, has been named co-coach of the 1945 college all-star team, Harry Hannin, director of the annual all-star game, said today.

Dodger Farm Club Signs Negro Shortstop Artist

New York, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Baseball men were cautious today in their comment on the signing of Negro Jackie Robinson by the Brooklyn Dodgers' Montreal Farm team. Only the New York Giants said they would scout negro teams in 1946.

Robinson, 26-year-old former All-American halfback at the University of California at Los Angeles, was the first negro signed to a contract by a team in organized baseball—negro leagues are not a part of organized baseball—and Branch Rickey, Jr., who announced the signing at Montreal yesterday, said that some hall players might quit the Brooklyn organization in protest.

Southerners May Balk

"If they come from certain sections in the south, they may

steer away from a team with colored players," he said. "But they'll be back in baseball after a year or two in a cotton mill." Hector Racine, president of the Montreal team, which won the International league's regular-season championship, said he expected no opposition either from the league or from fans. "Negroes fought alongside whites and shared the foxhole dangers," he said, "and they should get a fair trial in baseball."

The Dodgers signed Robinson after Brooklyn scouts had watched negro teams for several seasons. Dodger Secretary Harold Partott said the former army lieutenant, who batted .340 in 100 games at shortstop for the Kansas City Monarchs after his service release last summer, was the best of 25 prospects.

NCAA CONTINUES GAMBLING DRIVE

Chicago, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association studied new means today for continuing its "highly successful" anti-gambling campaign for as many years as necessary.

Dr. Wilbur C. Smith of Louisiana State, chairman of the N.C.A.A. executive committee which ended a two-day meeting yesterday, called the program a "huge success."

He said N.C.A.A. members, which include most of the nation's leading universities, would pool their information at the N.C.A.A.'s annual convention in St. Louis Jan. 9-10 and map a new 1946 program to counteract the "money menace." The N.C.A.A. began cracking down on gamblers after the Brooklyn basketball scandal last year, laying down a definite plan of attack at its January meeting this year.

Don Ameche Heads Grid Corporation

Los Angeles, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—A corporation headed by actor Don Ameche today was the new owners of the Los Angeles franchise of the professional All-America football conference, which includes teams in seven other major cities.

Ameche, new corporation president, listed the other stockholders as Louis B. Mayer, executive head of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios; Actors Bing Crosby and Pat O'Brien; Benjamin F. Lindheimer, executive director of Arlington Park and Washington Park Jockey clubs; Leo Spitz, board chairman of International Pictures; and Sportsmen Norman W. Church and Daniel F. Rice.

Bay Meadows Race Draws 15,233 For First Day Events

San Mateo, Cal., Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Bay Meadows' 47 day 1945 fall meeting was under way today after an opening day at which 15,233 fans jammed the track to wager a total of \$824,208.

Faced with 17 entries for yesterday's feature handicap, general manager Bill Kyne split the race into two events. Gold Bolt, a long shot owned by the K. and L. stable, won the first, paying \$23, \$9.60, and \$4.30. With Regard, the favorite, finished second, paying \$4 and \$3.10. High Harp, with Robert Trent up, nosed out Hand Torch in the second section. War Allies was third.

RAPIST RELEASED

Salem, Ore., Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Emery W. Tibbets, who was sentenced to serve a 20-year prison term on a conviction of rape in Klamath county, will be released

tomorrow. Governor Earl Snell commuted the sentence on advice of the State Parole board. Tibbets entered the state prison September 24, 1941.

OREGON EN ROUTE FOR UCLA CONTEST FRIDAY

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 24—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon Web-foot squad was en route to Los Angeles today for the UCLA game Friday night. Dean Bond, who stepped into Jim Byer's full-back spot when the latter dropped out of school, is expected to go the full route.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

St. Louis, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Outfielder Stanley Wentzel of Indianapolis, who goes to the Boston Braves next year, has been named most valuable player of 1945 by the Sporting News, national baseball weekly.

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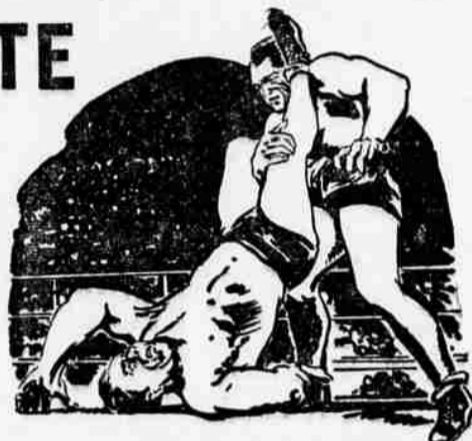
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