

SPORTS

BROWNS SIGN UP FIVE OUTFIELDERS

St. Louis, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Getting off to an early start in the business of contract signing, Vice President Bill DeWitt of the St. Louis Browns baseball club today announced the signing of five outfielders—all ex-service men.

The quintet is expected to

add plenty of punch to the Browns' lineup, a department in which they were sadly lacking last year. There were no .300 hitters on the club in 1945 and the team finished seventh in batting in the American league standings.

The big man of the group is Walt Judnich, slugging center-fielder, who starred on an army team and hit .313 for the Browns in 1942, his last year in the majors.

Savold Favored to Defeat Al Hoosman

New York, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Veteran Lee Savold of Paterson, N. J., is an 8-5 favorite to beat brown-skinned Al Hoosman, Los Angeles, in their return 10-round bout Monday night at Madison Square Garden.

Savold, master of the left jab, took the decision over Hoosman in their first meeting at St. Nicholas arena, Dec. 3. It was Hoosman's first major test after coming out of the army, where he had received most of his leather-tossing experience.

HUGHSON RETURNS

Boston, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Tex Hughson, righthander who was one of the Major leagues' leading pitchers before he went in to service, advised the Boston Red Sox today that he had been discharged from the army and will report for spring training in March.

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BATTLE ROYAL TO START 1946 MAT CARDS WEDNESDAY

A six-man battle royal will feature the first wrestling card of the local 1946 season, Promoter Mack Lillard announced yesterday. Lillard said he had signed the cream of the coast's tough guys as well as some of the finest grapplers now appearing in the west.

Topping the villainous side of the lineup will be the return of Earl Malone, who only recently returned to the coast. Malone appeared here in several matches about a year ago and became one of the most detested matmen ever to climb into the Medford armory ring. Pete Belcastro, the rugged Weed Italian, and Jack (Buck) Lipscomb, former coast champion, round out the list of uncouth muscle mangers scheduled for the free-for-all. Others in the melee will be Angelo Martinelli, Herb Parks, and Gust Johnson.

Three regulation matches will follow the battle royal with pairings to be decided in order of elimination. All bouts will be three rounds or one fall.

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MEDFORD DOWNS VIKING CAGERS ON LOCAL COURT

Tornado Gains Comfortable Lead in Fourth Quarter; Wins By 43 to 39 Score

Establishing a comfortable lead early in the fourth quarter, Medford high hoopers offset a Salem rally and outscored a plucky Viking five, 43-39, in a bitterly staged contest here Friday evening.

The Tigers built up a 39-27 margin before the scrappy capital city boys, sparked by "Cub" Houck and Gene Mason, closed in.

Medford garnered a 9-8 advantage in the opening canto and was ahead the remainder of the distance. Half-time score was 23-17 and the third stanza ended 33-25.

Greater ability at the free toss line accounted for the Medford victory as each team looped in 14 field goals. The Tornado tallied 15 gift points to the Viking's 11. Glenn Bostwick sank six out of seven free toss tries. Referee charged Salem with 21 fouls and Medford with 17. Bob Watson of the Tornado and Jack Fitzmaurice and Roger Dasch of the Vikings were booted from the game for too many infractions.

Jerry Ross and Glenn Bostwick of Medford and Gene Mason of Salem divided scoring honors with eight markers apiece.

Harold Hauk, Salem mentor, stated after the game that the Tornado was his proteges' toughest battle this season. Lack of a suitable pair of shoes kept Al Chamberlain, Viking guard, on the bench most of the fray.

Coach Al Simpson substituted players freely to offset the weariness of the Tornado, who had returned from San Francisco Wednesday, Roosevelt downed Lincoln, 17-14, and Jackson beat Washington, 27-9, in local grade school preliminary games.

Lineups

Medford (43)	Salem (39)
Ross 8	Houck 6
Watson 5	Fitzmaurice 4
Riggs 6	Mason 8
Bostwick 8	Hendrie 5
Reich 4	Gibson 5

Subs: Medford—Singler 2, Waldron 1, House 2, Stelle 7; Salem—Mase 4, Province 5, Dasch 2, Chamberlain.

Referees: Norm Worthley and Leonard Warren.

POINTERS CLUB ROGUE QUINTET BY 31-21 SCORE

Central Point, Jan. 5—Superior ball handling and a strong zone defense aided the local high school five to upset the dope by clubbing Rogue River, 31-21, in a "B" conference opener here, Friday night.

The Pointers, after taking the lead in the first period, were never behind. Don Holland, Central Point, with 12 points, and Huntoon, Rogue River, with 10, paced the scoring. Thirteen out of 17 foul attempts were netted by the winners.

Central Point's margin was 20-6 at half-time.

Central Point (31)	(21) Rogue River
Holland 12	4 Davidson
T. Colley 4	2 Bean
Kincaid 4	2 Mills
Saxbury 2	10 Huntoon
Anhorn 2	2 Kille

Subs: Central Point, H. Colley 2; Rogue River, Hilger 4.

Referees: Grant and Schafer.

Other county "B" league scores: Prospect (37) Phoenix (16); Miller 2; Johnson 8; Wright 8; Beck 4; Brown 1; Hite 3; Harper 2; Newton 2; Carlton 4; Wolf.

Substitutes: D. E. Jones; Talent (54) St. Mary's (33); Hartley 23; 13 Rickman Jr.; Quack bush 2; 2 Fasel; Frank 13; 9 Rickman How; Schulz 4; 3 Messer; Hayman 4; 1 Rickman Bob.

Substitutes: Talent: Dorman 4; Sanders 2; Williams 2; Fenton, Hart, St. Mary's: Horton 4, O'Brien 1, Murphy, Harden.

CATCHER COOPER SOLD TO GIANTS FOR RECORD SUM

Cards Get \$175,000—Third Largest in History — For Battery Star

New York, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—The New York Giants purchased catcher Walker Cooper from the St. Louis Cardinals for \$175,000 tonight. It was the third largest player cash transaction in baseball history.

Cooper, 31 next Tuesday, was the outstanding catcher in the major leagues when he left the Cardinals to go into the navy shortly after the 1945 season started. Owner Horace Stoneham of the Giants expects him to be discharged in April.

Only Joe Cronin, manager of the Boston Red Sox, and Dizzy Dean brought more money in the player market. Owner Tom Yawkey shelled out \$250,000 and shortstop Lyn Lary to the Washington Senators for Cronin. The Chicago Cubs paid the Cardinals \$187,000 for Dean, who developed a sore arm almost at once which forced his retirement from baseball.

The sale of the hard-hitting catcher climaxed a busy day for the Cardinals for they also sold infielder Jimmy Brown to the Pittsburgh Pirates for an estimated \$30,000.

In announcing the sale, Stoneham revealed that the Cardinals accepted the Giant offer—they also had bids from the Philadelphia Phillies and Boston Braves—because it was not contingent upon Cooper being discharged from the service.

Stoneham said owner Sam Breadon of the Cardinals advised him that Cooper, who is stationed at Lambert Field, St. Louis, now has 31 points—four short of the lower navy discharge point score which went into effect today—and expected his discharge in mid-April.

"I'm sure Cooper will help our pitching and be a steady influence on our club," Stoneham commented.

The deal broke up baseball's most famous brother combination. Pitcher Morton Cooper was sold to the Braves last spring shortly after Walker was inducted. They had spent their entire major league careers with the same club—the Cardinals—being vital factors in the three pennants and two world series which the Redbirds won in 1942, 1943 and 1944. Only in '43 did the Cardinals miss the world's title.

Closing time for Sunday Tea Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember

High School Scores

La Grande 40, Baker 37. Corvallis 47, Albany 35. The Dalles 44, Kennewick 28. Rainier 36, Scappoose 39. West Linn 44, Tigard 35. Astoria 46, Milwaukie 39. Lebanon 43, Sweet Home 38. Forest Grove 44, Newberg 29. Marshfield 25, North Bend 20. Molalla 50, Silverton 33. McMinnville 47, Beaverton 34.

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NELSON BACK ON GOLD DUST BEAM

Los Angeles, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Byron Nelson, golfdom's Mr. Big during the 1945 season was back on the gold-dust beam today as he compiled a 35-34—69 to add to his 71 yesterday and take the lead on the basis of early returns in the second round of the Los Angeles open golf tournament.

Finding the long and rolling fairways to his liking today Nelson hit the green with his second shot on all 18 holes and took 34 putts in compiling the 69.

Meanwhile, the first-day leader, Slammin' Sammy Snead had his troubles on the out nine, taking a four-over-par 39. He had a 68 for the 18 yesterday.

Independent Hoop League Will Start With Monday Tilt

Southern Oregon independent basketball league gets under way Monday night when the Medford Athletic association meets the powerful Ashland Elks on the Jackson school floor here, beginning at 8 p. m. A small admission will be charged to defray expenses of the season, officials said.

Other league games this week pit the Medford Hotel against the Medford high Ramblers at the high school Wednesday night and the Groceteria Gold Bars against the Camp White Naval Hospital at Camp White Friday night.

RACING

Arcadia, Cal., Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Col. C. V. Whitney's Enfilade won an easy victory today in the \$25,000 Santa Susanna stakes at Santa Anita park.

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CORVALLIS COACH TO GUIDE ROOKS

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Al Cox, Corvallis high school coach, has been appointed freshman mentor at Oregon State College commencing next fall, it was learned today.

Percy Lacey, athletic director at Oregon State, revealed the choice after President A. L. Strand and the athletic board approved the appointment which also carries instructorship in physical education.

Cox entered the coaching game in 1926 at Newberg high after a successful athletic career at Colorado College where he was a four-sport letterman. His experience includes terms at Beaverton, Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, The Dalles, Oregon State as assistant coach, and Corvallis where his football team the past season won the No-Name league title and went undefeated in league play.

Juniors Defeated In League Contest At Ashland, 17-14

Medford junior high's basketball team dropped a 17 to 14 conference game to Ashland juniors at Ashland last night. Richmond of Medford and Graham of Ashland tied for high point honors with six apiece.

The game was close all the way with the lead changing hands several times. Ashland scored the winning points in the closing seconds of the fast game.

Medford downed Grants Pass 23 to 21 in a league clash here Thursday afternoon. Medford eighth graders trounced a similar team from Grants Pass 30-15 in the preliminary.

NAVAL HOSPITAL FIVE BEATS MEDFORD HOTEL

Camp White Naval hospital basketball team downed the Medford Hotel quintet 45 to 32 in a practice game at Camp White Friday night. Both teams are in the Southern Oregon independent league. The hotel crew defeated Jacksonville 48 to 19 Wednesday night.

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