

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE Sports

Klamath Marines, Ashland Elks To Play Polio Benefit Cage Game Here

Two of the top independent basketball teams in this part of the state, the Klamath Falls Marines and Ashland Elks, will clash on the Medford high school court Wednesday night, Jan. 30, in an infantile paralysis benefit game, it was announced today. Groceries Gold Bars and Medford high Ramblers will play a Southern Oregon league game as a preliminary.

The Marines, composed of basketball veterans from all sections of the country, recently lost a close game to University of Oregon while the Elks aggregation, made up of high school and college stars, are virtually untried while rolling over all opposition this season.

Norm Worthley, Medford junior high coach and southern Oregon conference referee, and Bill Bowerman, director of athletics at Medford high, have donated their services to referee the game. Lester Harris, principal of Medford high, has pledged use of the court. All proceeds of the game will go to the Jackson county infantile paralysis fund. The Marines will make the trip from Klamath Falls at their own expense and the Elks also will receive nothing but a workout for their efforts.

The game will be Medford's biggest basketball attraction of the season and will give local casaba lovers a chance to see some big-time stars in action and

at the same time aid a noble cause.

NELSON EXTENDS LEAD OVER FIELD IN L. A. TOURNEY

Los Angeles, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Byron Nelson was on his way today toward adding the \$13,333 Los Angeles open golf tournament to his long list of triumphs.

Nelson yesterday boosted his leadership to two strokes as he posted a 54 hole total of 212 over the Riviera county club course.

Trailing him are Sammy Snead champion and first day leader, and Jim Ferrier, the former Australian champion. Each have 214.

Nelson has been competing in the Los Angeles extravaganza for 11 years. The closest he ever came to winning was in 1945 when he finished in a tie for second with his "gold dust" partner, Harold (Jug) McSpaden.

Nelson shot a 72 yesterday, one stroke better than the scores of Snead or Ferrier.

After Ferrier and Snead came Ben Hogan, Hershey, Pa., with a 73-216, and Jimmy Demaret, 74-217. Tony Penna, Toledo, tied Demaret for fourth place with a 72-217.

Joe Kahut Faces Champion Friday

New York, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Light Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich and Middleweight Champ Tony Zale return to the ring this week after long absences in service. Ike Williams, the NBA lightweight ruler, also sees action on the National boxing schedule which incidentally includes two shows at Madison Square Garden.

Ex-Sailor Zale meets Bobby Giles of Buffalo at Kansas City tonight; ex-Coast Guardsman Lesnevich engages Joe Kahut, Oregon farmer, at Portland, Ore., Friday night, and Williams tackles Charley Smith at Trenton, N. J., tomorrow night. All three bouts are non-title 10-rounders.

"B" League Teams In Kings-X Tilts

Central Point will tangle with Gold Hill at Central Point and Jacksonville mixes with Eagle Point at Jacksonville in high school "B" league kings-X tussles tomorrow evening.

Both games match clubs from opposite divisions and the outcomes may throw light on comparative strengths in "B" conference circles.

Regular league tiffs resume Friday.

In Battle Royal



Earl Malone, mid-western mat toughie, will be one of the participants in the battle royal wrestling card at Medford armory Wednesday night. The card opens the 1946 wrestling season here. Others in the free-for-all are Pete Belcastro, Jack Lipscomb, Angelo Martinelli, Herb Parks and Gust Johnson. Three regulation matches of three rounds or one fall follow the melee with pairings decided in order of elimination.

Sale Of Cooper Is Only Starter For Big Loop Changes

New York, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Major league player deals, some of which might make the celebrated \$175,000 Walker Cooper purchase look like a "bargain basement" transaction, appeared to be on the griddle today and the St. Louis Cardinals were connected with most of them.

Owner Sam Breadon, who finds himself in the enviable position of being able to break up a three-time champion club and still have a title contender left, indicated that the sale of Cooper, his 31-year-old star catcher to the New York Giants, was just a starter.

The wily Breadon almost froze out the Giants on the Cooper deal and forced them to raise their ante at the last minute when the Braves and Phillies raised their bids for the player. Both clubs backed down, however, when Breadon refused to make the sale contingent upon Cooper's release from the navy before the start of the 1946 baseball season, a request which the Giants did not make.

Hollywood Takes Pro Grid Labels

Hollywood, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—The Hollywood Bears today held the Pacific Coast Professional league football title by virtue of a 10-10 tie with the Los Angeles Bulldogs.

A field goal in the last 15 seconds of play enabled the Bulldogs to tie the Bears in the season's final game yesterday.

Sixteen thousand fans saw Jack Sommers boot the ball 15 yards between the Gilmore stadium goal posts.

NATIONAL GRID LEAGUE STARTS BIG CONFERENCE

Chicago, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—The National football league, finally recognizing the upstart all-American football conference as a dangerous challenger, opens one of the most important meetings in its 26-year history this week in New York.

The old-time National leaguers, who lifted pro football from sandlot gridirons to the nation's biggest stadia, have dozens of problems to whip at the New York meeting, but No. 1 is the rehiring or firing of Elmer Layden as commissioner.

Contract Expires Layden's initial five-year contract expires March 1. Selected in 1941 when he was athletic director and head coach at Notre Dame, Layden has ruled the league during its most prosperous seasons. There was strong opposition to him a year ago, centering among the eastern clubs, but that has died out and the general consensus predicts that Layden's contract will be readily renewed as the N.F.L. buckles down to fight the all-American.

N.F.L. headquarters, preparing for the opening meeting Thursday, released the following agenda: (1) Layden's contract, (2) 1946 schedule, (3) rules revision, (4) players draft, (5) consideration of the new opposition league and its "questionable interest in operation for the best interests of pro football."

Medford Bowlers Edge Grants Pass

Grants Pass, Jan. 7—A Medford team of bowlers came into Grants Pass Friday night and took home the scalps of two Grants Pass teams by winning two games and total pins for a score of 3-1 over Hammer's and the Hoosier Hot Shots.

Matched in the three-way collision at El Roque alleys, Medford won the first and third games.

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Hot Shots 789 912 797 2498
Hammer's 880 850 872 2602

Hockey Results

By United Press
Coast League
Seattle 8, San Diego 2
Portland 8, New Westminster 5
National League
New York 4, Boston 2
Detroit 3, Chicago 2

BIVINS FAVORED

San Francisco, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Jimmy Bivins, hard-punching Cleveland heavyweight contender, was a 10-1 favorite to whip Watson Jones, Los Angeles Negro, when they meet in the 10-round feature bout at Civic auditorium tonight.

STANDLEE SIGNS

Chicago, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Norman Standlee, who in one season with the Chicago Bears in 1941 gained acclaim as one of pro football's outstanding fullbacks, "jumped" the National Football league today to sign a contract with the All-America conference's San Francisco team.

P.-T. A. Activities

Shady Cove P.T.A. Next regular meeting of Shady Cove Parent-Teacher's association will be held January 11 at 8 p. m. in the school.

A program by Mrs. Prentice's accordion band will be presented at 8 o'clock sharp, followed by business meeting and refreshments.

Members are asked to bring sandwiches and any spare milk they may have on hand for the cocoa.

Let's all attend and have a good turn out for Mrs. Prentice's program.

Nevada is called the "battle-born" state because it was intensely pro-Union during the Civil War and was admitted to statehood under the guidance of President Abraham Lincoln.

Sport Chips



Harry Chipman
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Southern Oregon's first independent basketball league since Pearl Harbor gets under way tonight when the Medford Athletic association team, co-sponsored by General Petroleum, steps out against the high class Ashland Elks at the Jackson school gym.

Medford school district, through the courtesy of City Superintendent E. H. Hedrick, is doing a lot to make the league possible by donating use of the city grade school gyms for the independents.

The Elks are hands down favorites to cop the league because of their array of ex-high school and ex-college stars. The remaining five places in the standings are a toss-up with the MAA-Mobilgas team, Medford Hotel, Medford High junior varsity, Camp White Naval Hospital and Groceries Gold Bars being on about even terms.

Medford high's basketball quintet, defending district champs, is slowly beginning to round back into shape after their trek to the East-West game at San Francisco over New Year's. While in the big city, the 40 boys, including almost all of the hoop crew, were turned loose to do pretty much as they pleased so far as staying out late and their diet were concerned. As Coach Al Simpson put it, "You can't feed a basketball team on hot dogs and let them stay up all hours and expect them to turn in their best performance." It was evident in the Salem game last Friday night but Medford won, anyway.

But we feel the loss of condition was well worth it for the boys saw things at the East-West game which they will never forget. They saw the world's biggest flag unfurled at halftime, the United States emblem measuring 76 by 128 feet and manned by 185 Coast Guardsmen. They saw 1,000 flag bearers with flags of the U. S. and United Nations. They saw Walter Trojanowski of Connecticut, the nation's leading ground gainer, Allen Dekdebrun of Cornell, George Savitsky of Penn., one of the country's finest linemen and an all-American, and a host of other great East players about whom they had been reading throughout the past season.

And they saw Jake Leicht, the great Oregon backfield star, Ted Kenfield of California, Max Dodge, the huge but fine end from Nevada, Lloyd Rude, also from Nevada, and several other stars who played prominent parts in western football during the past season. And they basked throughout the game in the warm California sunshine, something that has been lacking in these parts for a spell.

Now that the big trip is behind them, it is our guess that the gang will rapidly get back in shape and show their followers some fine basketball.

LEADING SCORER

Los Angeles, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Bob Kloppenberg, star forward of Coach Sam Barry's University of Southern California basketball team, is leading the Pacific Coast conference scoring race with 27 points, official scorer Chuck Weinstock revealed today.

Illuminating gas was first used in the United States in Newport, R. I., in 1813, but was not introduced into New York until 1823—two years after it had been successfully installed in Baltimore, Md.

ASHLAND PLANS IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY'S FACILITIES

Ashland, Jan. 7—Mayor T. S. Wiley told the city council at a meeting Friday night that the city plans vast improvements as soon as material and labor are available. Pipe has arrived for piping Lithia water into the city, Wiley said, and as soon as it is installed Ashland is expected to have an abundance of the health-giving water. The supply dwindled when a dry ice plant was constructed at the springs.

Other improvements expected to be made soon are paving and widening of streets with several bad turns to be corrected. Construction of a new fire hall is expected to begin in the near future and expansion of the public library was urged. Building permits issued during the year totaled \$202,500 which indicated a substantial growth in the city, Wiley told the city dads.

Following appointments of city officers were made for 1946: Elmer Biegel, city superintendent, electric department head, street department head; Earl Hosler, water superintendent; C. J. Baughman, fire chief; H. D. McNair, assistant fire chief; Neal Heard and John Kiel, firemen; C. P. Talent, police chief; C. C. Williams, assistant police chief; R. D. Redifer, William O'Brien and T. A. Ghea, patrolmen; Kenneth King, park and traffic relief officer; C. O. Presnall, city judge; William Briggs, city attorney; and Frank Davis, superintendent of cemeteries. A band leader is to be appointed at a later date.

In making his report covering the past year, Wiley told the council that Ashland has the lowest tax rate of any city of comparable size in Oregon. The present millage rate is 14.2 mills compared with the 27.2 mills of 1936.

Balance on hand at end of the fiscal year was reported at \$389,899.20 against which there is a total indebtedness of \$233,000.

"Old Nosey" Makes Test Up to 525 MPH

Burbank, Cal. —(U.P.)—"Old Nosey"—a Lockheed P-38 Lightning converted into the world's fastest "flying wind tunnel"—has been used to test wing designs of superfighters and transports at speeds of more than 525 miles per hour, Lockheed officials reveal.

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Government Spending in Big Drop With War Contract Cancellations

Washington, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—War spending in the six months of the 1946 fiscal year totalled \$38,574,000,000, a drop of almost \$10,000,000,000 from the same period of the previous year, the treasury announced today.

The 1946 fiscal year began last July 1. The drop in spending was due mainly to the mass war contract cancellations which followed Japan's surrender in August.

Income Stays Up Despite the end of the war, which brought industrial shutdowns and decreases in overtime pay, the government's income continued at a high level. In the first six months of this fiscal year, net receipts to the treasury totalled \$19,903,000,000 as compared with \$20,314,000,000 during same months of the 1945 fiscal year.

The sharp drop in spending was reflected to the same extent in the deficit during the same six months. The difference between income and outgo amounted to \$18,671,000,000 as against \$28,112,000,000 in the corresponding six months last year.

Withholding taxes, which reflect the extent of workers' income, amounted to \$4,993,000,000, compared with \$4,784,000,000 in the first six months of the 1945 fiscal year.

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OLD JUDGE: "Have any trouble getting all you need?"

HARRY: "Yes, at times, even though the distillers produced 1,300,000,000 pounds of it for the year endin' last June. I hope they'll be in a position to produce a lot more next year."

OLD JUDGE: "Then I guess nobody can tell you grain is wasted in distilling."

HARRY: "Not me, Judge . . . I know."

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