

Sports

MEDFORD FACES ASHLAND IN CAGE FRACAS TONIGHT

After two week-end battles in which they broke even, the Medford high basketball team, leading the Southern Oregon conference, will go against Ashland on the Medford high court tonight in a non-conference game.

Medford won a league mix from the Grizzlies in Ashland Friday night after halting an Ashland rally in the fourth period which brought the score to within eight points of the winners.

The Tornado will likely miss Glenn Bornick, who became ineligible after Saturday night's game with the Oregon Frosh. Bornick is a mid-term student, graduating this week. His place will be taken by Carl Reich, a capable guard but he lacks Bornick's playing experience.

Coach Al Simpson said the red and black were considerably bruised following the rough skirmishes over the week-end and had only light drills slated for the team last night. They were pretty stiff and sore last night, the coach said, but will be ready to go again tonight.

The league leaders will get back in the conference harness Friday night when they travel to Grants Pass for a circuit clash. They meet the Oregon State Rooks in a return game at Corvallis next Tuesday and Klamath Falls here a week from Friday and the Oakland Boys club here Feb. 9. While at Corvallis the team will see the

Washington-Oregon State game. Simpson said tonight's lineup likely will be Jerry Ross and Bob Watson at forwards, Darrell Riggs at center and Jim Cave and Carl Reich at guards.

GOLFERS URGED TO SPEED GAME

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 29.—(U.P.) As the nation's leading professional golfers moved across the state to prepare for the \$7500 Tucson open, tour manager Fred Corcoran of the Professional Golfers Assn. warned today that the customers will lose interest if they don't speed up their play. Corcoran's warning came in an interview after Ben Hogan, Hershey, Pa., shot a three-under-par 68 to defeat Herman Keiser, Akron, O., in an 18-hole playoff for first prize money in the \$7500 Phoenix Open yesterday.

Hogan's 35-33 round gave him the \$1500 top money while Keiser, with a one-under 34-36-70 wound up with the \$1000 second purse.

Keiser led by one stroke at the end of the first nine. But he faltered with two bogies on the return trip while Hogan was scoring a pair of birdies.

Fur Buyers Shell Out Record Price For Beaver Pelts

Portland, Jan. 29.—Fur buyers paid an average of \$53.40 for 608 beaver pelts offered for sale recently by the Oregon state game commission. The sale established a new record for fur that first brought white men to Oregon. Highest bid for a single blanket was \$69.

Under the new plan of distributing the sale price, one-third goes to the owner of the land on which the beaver were trapped, one-third to the independent trapper working on contract and one-third to the state.

Landowners desiring to participate in the income from furs should contract with the commission which agrees to prevent damage to their lands by removing active rodents by controlling the population at a point where watersheds are protected.

Bishop Little Help To Cougar Quintet As OSC Wins 50-48

Pullman, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Despite the return of Gail Bishop, the nation's leading scorer last year, to the Cougar lineup, Washington State college dropped a 50-48 decision to the Oregon State Beavers in a northern division Pacific Coast conference basketball game last night.

The Cougars took an early lead and hung on until less than seven minutes before the final gun. Then the Beavers took over for keeps.

Bishop was held to eight points—a pair of field goals and four free throws.

BOWLING

In classic league last night Signal Oil won two out of three games from Domestic Laundry (White 541-Gardner, Bradley 561). Hi-Way Club took three straight from Hawkinson Tires (Cannon 491-Jennings 508). Beck's Bakery won two out of three from Valentine's Cafe (R. Pruitt 566-Eads 632). Maid-Rite won two from American (Green 620-Wood 538).

STARTING TIME FOR WRESTLING IS SET AT 8:45

Starting time for tomorrow night's wrestling card at Medford armory has been moved to 8:45 to allow fans to attend the infantile paralysis benefit basketball game at the high school court and still get to the armory in time to see part of the program. Mack Lillard has announced.

Two new faces will feature the offering. In the semi-windup Chester Hayes, all-service champion from the Hawaiian islands, will take on rough and tough Jack Lipscomb in his Oregon debut. Hayes is a clever and fast workman but how he will stack up against a man of Lipscomb's type remains to be seen.

Pierre LaBelle also will make his first local appearance when he collides with Herb Parks, Canadian champion, in the three round opener.

A match that fans have been waiting two weeks to see is the six round main event between Pete Belcastro and Joe Lynam. Belcastro claims Lynam is a "cheese champ" and demands a title shot. Lynam says Belcastro's record is too spotty to qualify him for the chance at the crown. Hot words were exchanged between them in the dressing room following last week's matches and Lynam finally agreed to a non-title match. If Belcastro can win that he will be considered for a title shot.

Navy Quint Thumps Mobilgas To Grab Loop's Top Place

Camp White Navy moved into the lead over the idle Ashland Elks in the Southern Oregon Independent basketball league when they handed a 49 to 38 trouncing to Mobilgas on the Jackson school floor last night.

Navy's record is now four wins against no losses while the Elks have won three and dropped none.

Mobilgas, with Ellwood Weber pacing the attack, came from a 26 to 17 halftime deficit to within three points, 28-25, but the sailors found the range and pulled away to lead 37 to 28 at end of the third period.

Chris Barker, Mobilgas center, was high point man with 15 points, 13 of them in the first half. Kluba led the Navy with 14.

Tall, High-Scoring Marines Clash With Elks Wednesday

Coming fresh from a 31 to 27 victory over Willamette university which was their 11th straight basketball victory this season, the Klamath Falls Marines will meet the Ashland Elks in an infantile paralysis benefit game at Medford high school Wednesday night.

A preliminary between Groceries Gold Bars and Medford high junior varsity will start the program off at 7 p. m. with the main game to follow immediately after. The Gold Bars and Jayvees, members of the Southern Oregon independent league, will be gunning for their second and first league wins, respectively.

Donate Services

The leathernecks, donating their services for the game, have dropped only three games this season; two to the University of Oregon and one to the Astoria Naval Air Station, whom they later defeated. The Elks, likewise donating their services, have lost one game, that to Rogue River after scoring a lopsided victory.

Referees, also working without pay, are Norm Worthley and Bill Bowerman. Worthley is a Southern Oregon conference official and Bowerman, director of athletics at Medford high school, is a "B" league official. Tickets, on sale by Lions club and Rotary club members and at the sports desk of the Mail Tribune, were donated by Commercial Printing company. Medford high school is donating use of the floor.

Lanky Center

Lanky Ernie Semsky of Kellogg, Ida., plays center for the Marines. He is a high-scoring pivot man, measuring six feet, two inches in height. Six-foot Paul Adams, guard, is captain of the leathernecks. He is a superb defensive ball player whose scoring potentialities lie in a spot back of the free throw circle from where the Buckeye Marine is automatic with a set shot. He will get a starting call against the Elks.

Art Verment, five feet, eight inches tall, is a native Oregonian who could easily be classed the "star" of the Klamath quintet. The diminutive forward hails from Westport where he played on the state championship team of 1942. The following year he played at Linfield college at McMinnville and was second highest scorer of the conference. A favorite with all fans, he constantly heckles the opposition with his ball stealing habits. He wears unstealing glasses in every game and a

SIMPSON DENIES APPLICATION FOR K. FALLS BERTH

Al Simpson, Medford high school athletic coach, today denied he has applied for the football coaching job at Klamath Falls high school. An Associated Press dispatch from Klamath Falls said Simpson was among the applicants for the job when Arthur (Snowy) Gustafson and Frank Ramsey resigned.

Simpson, whose Tornado grid squad won the 1944 state prep championship and was a strong contender for the 1945 crown, said he had been approached regarding the job and was asked if he was interested. Simpson said he is looking for a football job and was open to offers but had made no application.

Bill Bowerman, now director of athletics at the high school, will take over the football job here next September. Simpson was substituting for Bowerman when the latter was in the army.

TO COACH AT KANSAS

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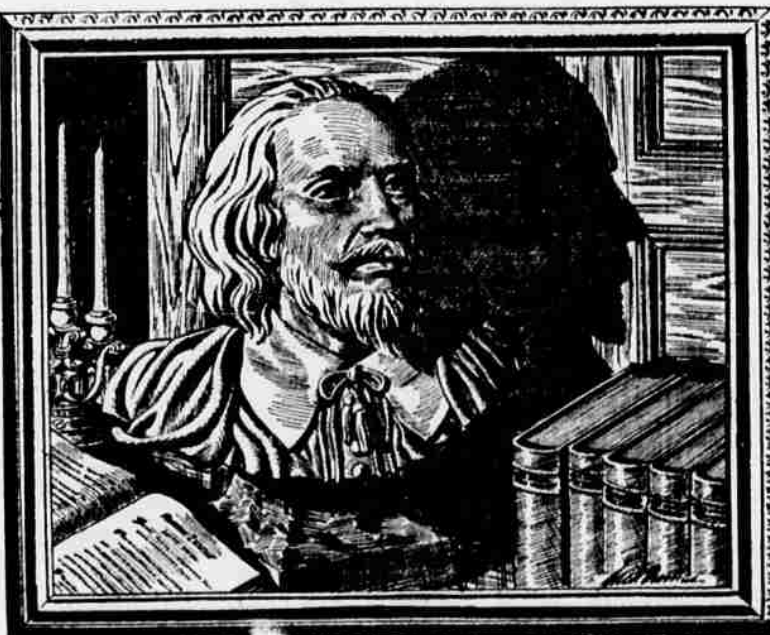
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