

Sports

Rogue River Downs Pointers 29-18 To Take "B" League Championship

Drubbing Central Point 29-18 on the Medford high court last night Rogue River won the Southern Oregon "B" league basketball championship for the second straight year.

The Rogues will travel to Klamath county this week-end where they will contend with Merrill for the right to represent district five in the state "B" tournament at Arlington.

A tall timber combination of Dick Huntoon and Bruce Davidson were the cogs in the attack as the Rogues completely out-classed the Pointers in the final stanzas. Unguardable Huntoon rang in 15 counters, 11 of them during the last half.

Saxbury Scores First
Bill Saxbury of Central Point tossed in a gift shot in the early moments for the first score of the game. Bean countered with a field goal for Rogue River and Saxbury came back to make the score 3-2 for the Pointers. Kille poked one in for two points and Huntoon added a gift shot to give the Rogues a 5-3 margin at the quarter. Hargus Colley's free toss and field buckets by Bob Kincade and Tom Colley for Central Point while Huntoon flipped a lay-in and a gifter for the victors evened the count at 8-8. Davidson then sank one to give Rogue River a 10-8 midway advantage.

Rogues Hold Lead
Huntoon and Davidson tallied 11 points between them in the third period as the Rogues increased their lead to 21-11. The two combined for six more to make it 27-14 at the last quarter automatic time-out.

The tilt was characterized by raggedness during the first half and Central Point played listless ball until the final moments when they roughed up the contest considerably.

Gold Hill grabbed third place in the play-off by trouncing Jacksonville 30-24 in the preliminary.

Lineups:
Rogue River 29 18 Central Pt.
Davidson 8 3 Holland
Bean 2 2 T. Colley
Huntoon 15 2 Kincade
Kille 3 6 Saxbury
Hilger 1 3 H. Colley
Substitutes: Central Point—Hansen 2.

Gold Hill 30 24 Jacksonville
Ja. Smith 9 1 Wendt

Eskew 2 3 Gunter
Washburn 1 1 Hensper
Miller 4 4 Grinstead
Milkowski 11 2 Adams
Substitutes: Gold Hill—J. Smith 4; Jacksonville—E. Offenhacher 2, Johnson 6, Harris 6, Hueners 1.

WEEK-OLD ANITA STRIKE SETTLED

Arcadia, Calif., Feb. 28—(U.P.) Santa Anita race track today promised immediate action to correct conditions that precipitated a brief but stormy owners' and groomers' strike and threatened to shut down the luxurious racing plant.

The week-old strike was settled in a grievance session yesterday when California owners and trainers agreed to run their horses, the groomers promised to handle them, and track and State Racing board officials agreed to comply with the several minor demands.

Licenses regulations, appeal to state courts in cases of suspension and track facilities for groom and handlers were among the points of dispute.

The strike was touched off last Wednesday when the track took awards to groomers and exercise boys out of owners' purses. For a time it threatened to force cancellation of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby and of the meeting itself.

BISHOP EXPECTED TO JOIN BRAVES

Sumas, Wash., Feb. 28—(U.P.)—Washington State college basketball star Gale Bishop was expected to sign a contract today to play professional baseball for the Boston Braves of the National league.

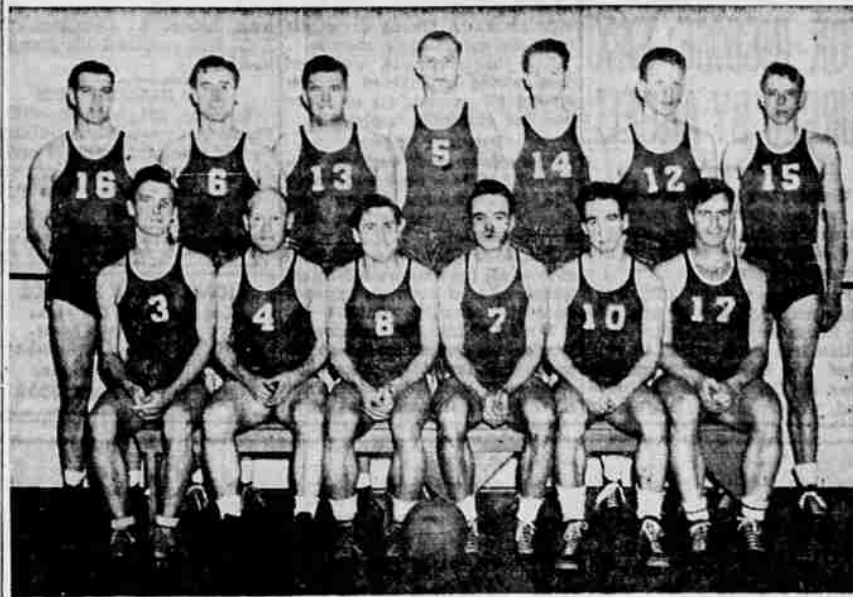
Bishop, 23-year-old former All-American court ace, said he had tentatively agreed to play for the Braves in a telephone conversation yesterday with Boston Scout Johnny Moore. He said he would report for spring training in Florida after signing a contract.

He said his agreement with Boston was a last-minute move and followed negotiations with the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers. Bishop said he also had offers from the Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals.

BASKETBALL

By United Press
DePaul 75, Long Island U. 51.
Akron 54, Case 45.
Detroit 47, Wayne U. 24.
Sampson 62, Ithaca College 49.
Syracuse 62, Canisius 32.
Loyola (Chicago) 60, Naval Armory 46.

West Virginia 73, Washington & Jefferson 42.
N. Y. U. 72, Baylor 37.
Tulsa 59, Creighton 42.
Franklin Marshall 48, Lehigh 47.
Cincinnati 53, Xavier U. 39.
Toledo 77, Marshall 60.



Ashland Elks basketball team defeated the Medford high Ramblers Tuesday night to clinch first place in the Southern Oregon Independent league. Standing, left to right, are Kenneth Harris, Ardis Warren, Harry Hoxie, Wes Peters, Delbert Jones, Bill Green and Bob Dunn. Seated are Leonard Warren, manager; Walt Lee, Charley Warren, Charles DeAutremont, Glenn Bostwick and Darrell Copeland. Dick Fawcett is not shown.

Sport Chips

BY



Harry Chipman
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Basketball fans will get one last look at the Southern Oregon conference members tomorrow night when the district four tournament gets underway at Southern Oregon College gym at Ashland. Each conference member has played the other at least twice, and in some cases, four times yet they must go at it again to determine which is the better team.

Medford high went through the league race in grand style and came out unbeaten to win the conference title. Because of their fine record, fans are expecting to see the Tornado sweep through the tournament with little trouble. We are not going to predict the outcome of the tournament for it all depends on how Bob Watson, Carl Reich, Jim Cave, Earl Stille, Don Waldron and Jerry Ross feel. They have been sick with chest colds and have taken part in but two practices in over a week.

In a brief running practice yesterday they were puffing hard and gave indications they would not be able to play much of the opening game against Klamath Falls tomorrow night. However, they have been in good shape all season and could recover fast. If the six stalwarts are unable to play the larger part of the game, Medford will have to rely on substitutes and a prayer to carry them through the tournament.

Medford's loss is Salem's gain for Al Simpson has signed a football coaching contract with Salem high school. Although we hate to see Simpson leave Medford, we are glad he is joining the staff of such a fine institution as Salem

high school. He is a grand fellow and we wish him all the luck in the world in his new position.

A word of advice to Salem's grid foes next fall: The Vikings are going to be a tough and tricky outfit and anyone beating them will know they have been in a football game.

The Klamath Falls Marines-Ashland Elks basketball game here Jan. 31, for benefit of the Jackson county infantile paralysis fund took in a gross of \$448.75. After \$23.34 for federal tax was deducted, \$425.41 was turned over to Ralph Sweeney, treasurer.

That 92 to 42 shellacking Ashland Elks hung on the Medford high Ramblers tops anything in this section of the state this year. Herb Edwards forward on the Southern Oregon college basketball team at Ashland, has rolled up 72 points in three games. Can any southern Oregon hoop player top that?

JUNIORS CLOSE CASABA SEASON

Medford junior high basketball season came to a close yesterday when the varsity handed Grants Pass Frosh a 28 to 25 defeat in an overtime and Jake Schaefer's eighth graders eked out a 24 to 21 win over the GP eighth graders in two overtimes. Both junior high teams are undisputed champions in their divisions.

Earlier in the week the juniors thumped Jacksonville 35 to 20 and the Schaefer Mites halted the J'ville eighth graders 16 to 7.

Lineups:
Junior High Pos. Grants Pass
Richmond 2 f Williams 4
Reich 7 f Reese 2
Niedermeyer 7 c Warren 6
Riggs 4 g Craft 6
Brewer 5 g Wissing 5
Substitutes: Medford—Kramer 2, Sherman 1, Grants Pass: Russell 2.

BIG CROWD SEES TAG TEAM MATCH

An overflowing crowd of wrestling fans at Medford armory last night saw the tag team combination of Pierre LaBelle and Sgt. Bob Kemaston thump Pete Belcastro and Tony Ross and cheered wildly as popular Rita Martinez dumped Clara Mortenson in the feature clash.

With falls standing one each in the tag bout, LaBelle fired a sonnenburg at Ross but missed and caught Belcastro squarely in the middle, knocking the Weed Terror into the spectators' laps. LaBelle won the last fall for his team by pinning Ross with a body press. It was a wild and thrilling match all the way with Referee Red Dawson frequently having his hands full keeping the participants in line.

Miss Martinez used La Mortenson for a mat dusting device most of the evening and won the deciding fall when Clara threw her from the ring and would not let her return.

Gust Johnson won on a foul from Red Dawson in the opener.

VIOLETS RANKING TEAM OF NATION

New York, Feb. 28—(U.P.)—New York University exploded the "lucky team" myth today and laid undisputed claim to being the nation's No. 1 college basketball team as a result of its 72 to 57 rout of Baylor University.

Before 18,371 spectators at Madison Square Garden, the Violets romped to a 34 to 23 halftime lead against the south-west conference champions and then turned the game into a runaway in the second half to become the nation's leading prey for post-season tournament promoters.

ELKS REPRESENT SOUTHERN OREGON IN AAU TOURNEY

Ashland Elks, winners of the Southern Oregon independent basketball league, will represent district 9, composed of Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties in the AAU tournament at Portland March 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The single elimination tournament will have 16 teams competing with Tillamook, Oregon City, Astoria, Bend, Salem and Ashland definitely entered from the out-of-Portland circle. Enough teams from Portland were to be entered to make up 16 clubs.

The Elks swept through the Southern Oregon league with no difficulty. During the season the Ashland quint dropped but two contests, at the hands of Rogue River whom they later gave a sound thrashing, and a four point loss to House of David. They also have held the upper hand in games with Klamath county teams.

Paced by Chuck DeAutremont and Charley Warren, two of the finest independent hoopers in the state, and with lanky Wes Peters under the backboards, the Elks are considered an excellent chance to make a good showing in the AAU meet.

The Elks will headquarter at the Benson Hotel while in Portland.

MAX TERZENBACH TOP RIFLE CLUB SHOOTER

Max Terzenbach was high among 15 shooters at Medford Rifle Club last night. Terzenbach blasted the target for a 377 score. Other scores were Phil



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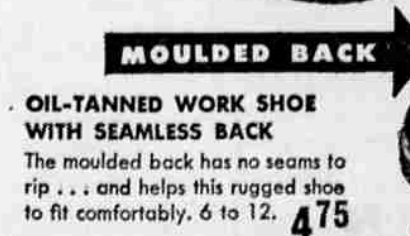
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