

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Sports

CARDINALS, YANKS FAVORED TO WIN

St. Louis, Mo., March 2—(U.P.) Betting Commissioner James Carroll today did what major league baseball fans had been expecting him to do since the end of last season—he made the St. Louis Cardinals a 7 to 10 odds-on favorite to win the National league pennant.

The Red Birds at that figure probably were the shortest price

ed favorite ever to battle for the pennant in either major league.

Also backing up the judgment of most fans, which is understandable since their waning creates his odds, Carroll put the power-packed New York Yankees at a 5 to 2 favorite's price to win the American league flag.

Last year's pennant winners, the Detroit Tigers in the American and the Chicago Cubs in the National, were relegated to second choice.

SZASZ WILL MAKE WRESTLING DEBUT

Al Szasz, 179-pound Hungarian from St. Louis, will make his initial southern Oregon mat appearance when he tackles Earl Malone, rough and tough Salt Lake mauler, in the opening bout of next Wednesday night's Medford armory wrestling card.

Mack Lillard said yesterday. Sgt. Bob Kenaston of Gold Hill, rapidly regaining prestige in his comeback campaign, goes against popular Joe Lynam, coast champion, in the main event. It will be a non-title bout.

Paavo Kotonen, southpaw Finn, will take on Angelo Martinielli, who has been wrestling in the northern part of the state for the past several weeks, in the semi-windup.

SPORTSMEN TO SHOOT

Central Point, March 2—Members of the local Sportsmen's club will hold a practice shoot at the club grounds this morning, beginning at 10:30.

CARL REICH HITS FREE THROW FOR MEDFORD VICTORY

Tornado Turns Back Klamath Falls, 38 to 37; Grants Pass Beats Ashland 41-39

Carl Reich, Medford high school senior, stepped up to the free throw line and calmly sunk a gift toss to break a 37-37 tie and give Medford a 38 to 37 win over Klamath Falls in a fast and rough game at Ashland's Southern Oregon college gym Friday night. The game was the evening's finale in the first round of the district four basketball tournament. Reich's charity heave came in the closing seconds when he was fouled by Jim Palmer, classy Pelican forward.

Grants Pass surprised everyone but themselves when they turned back Ashland 41 to 39 in the waning seconds when Jack Lutz potted two free throws on Domme Provost's foul to break a 39-39 deadlock.

Ross Ties Score
The first quarter of the Medford-Klamath tilt was a nip and tuck affair with first one and then the other team taking the advantage. Midway in the period the Pels were on top of an 8 to 4 count but the Medford Bengals tied it at 10-10 with Jerry Ross slipping in the tying bucket. From there Medford kept the upper hand, holding a slim 14-12 edge at end of the period.

With four field goals and four charity tosses, the Al Simpson gang extended their margin to 28 to 21 at half-time and it looked like the rout was on. The rest did the Klamath boys good, apparently, for they not only stayed along with the Southern Oregon conference champions in the third canto but gained three points over their half-time deficit to trail 33 to 30 at end of the three-quarter mark.

K's Narrow Count
Shortly after the final session got under way Palmer narrowed the Tornado advantage to 36-34 with a field goal and Jerry Thorn tied it up with a little less than two minutes to go, at 37-37. With about 30 seconds left to play, Reich was fouled and dropped in the winning point which gave Medford the right to battle it out with Grants Pass for a trip to the state tournament.

Darrell Riggs, who turned in a sparkling game at center, and Reich went the route for Medford while chest colds forced Bob Watson, Ross, Jim Cave and Earl Stelle to take frequent rests.

Medford got only one field goal in the second half, by Stelle at the start of the third period, but collected 10 points on free throws.

Too much determination seemed to be the undoing of Klamath Falls, losing Jerry Hover, Leroy Coleman, Ray Craig and Bob Redkey on fouls. Klamath committed 29 infractions while 14 were called on Medford.

Ashland Holds Lead
Ashland seemed to have things pretty much under control in the first half, leading 11 to 5 at the quarter and 20 to 14 when the teams went to the dressing rooms. While Ashland was collecting seven counters in the third session, the Cavemen were accumulating 15 to hold a 29 to 27 edge as the stanza closed. A basket by Wayne Brown late in the fourth period, after Ashland tried a three-minute stall with a two-point lead, knotted the score. The Grizzlies made a gallant effort to get back in the

lead but in their determination, Provost committed his fifth foul and Lutz put the game on ice with but two seconds left to play.

Lineups:
Medford (38) Pos. (37) K. Falls
Watson, 9 f 13. Palmer
Ross, 9 f 3. Hover
Riggs, 8 c 6. Thorn
Stelle, 4 g 6. Coleman
Reich, 5 g 4. Craig
Substitutes: Medford, Singler
2, House 1, Cave, Klamath
Falls, Linman 3, Redkey 2, McLean.

G. Pass (41) Pos. (39) Ashland
Lutz, 12 f 9. Provost
Everton, 8 f 2. Hovland
Mull, 4 c 11. Peterson
Dubbs, 5 g 2. Jandreau
Bertrand, 5 g 6. Williams
Substitutes: Grants Pass, Orr
2, Brown 7, Burdell 2, Boyce 1.
Ashland, Kannasto 3, Beare, Merriman.

Officials: Al Lightner, Salem; Chuck Schmidt, Eugene.

KENTUCKY WINS SOUTHEAST TOGA

Louisville, Ky., March 2—(U.P.)

Top seeded University of Kentucky tonight won their ninth Southeastern Conference basketball championship by defeating Louisiana State university 59 to 36. It was their third straight conference victory.

A sellout crowd of 6000 watched the final game.

There was no doubt about the outcome from the opening gun. The LSU five seemed to have lost the knack for catching them off the backboard which was responsible for their winning a place in the finals.

BEAVERS HAVE 10 REGULARS ABSENT

San Jose, Cal., March 2—(U.P.) Manager Marvin Owen was worried tonight with 10 regulars still absent from the Portland Beavers' spring training camp. The absentees included four pitchers, four infielders and two outer garden men.

The Bevos went through another routine batting and fielding workout. Joe Orenco, recently given his release by the Chicago White Sox, drilled with the squad, but announced afterward that he still was shopping around for the best offer.

MERRILL BEATEN BY ROGUE RIVER

Klamath Falls, March 2—Rogue River, champions of the Southern Oregon "B" league, took a 28 to 21 victory over Merrill, Klamath-Lake county champions, in a playoff game here Friday night. The two teams were to play here again Saturday night and if a third game is necessary, it will be at Ashland Monday. Winner will represent district five in the state "B" tournament at Arlington.

Baseball Scores

Los Angeles, March 2—(U.P.) The St. Louis Browns opened the major league spring exhibition schedule here today with a 10-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates before 2800 fans at Wrigley Field.

St. Louis 10 13 0
Pittsburgh 5 9 1
Sanford, Iott, Pavlick and Martin, Turner, Bahr, Albosta, Wilkie and Baker.

Ed Bahr was the losing pitcher. Fred Sanford, followed by Clarence Iott and John Pavlick, was credited with the win.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:30 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

Pitching Points



(Acme Telephoto)
Lt. Harry Eisenstat, left-handed pitcher for the Cleveland Indians for five seasons before he joined AAF, talks baseball with Pfc. Bill Obst, San Bernardino, Calif., custodian of Hamilton Field gym. Eisenstat will join Indians in spring training at Clearwater, Fla., after his release soon.

BOBBY VOLK AND HOAG WIN BOUTS

Portland, Ore., March 2—(U.P.) Bobby Volk, Oregon's No. 1 middleweight, was over another hurdle in his quest of fistic fame and fortune today, after earning a six-round technical knockout here Friday night over rugged Gilbert Whiteside, 155-pound Negro puncher from Santa Monica, Cal.

The cagey and stout Negro suffered an eye cut in the third round which turned into a gaping wound midway through the fifth as Volk, a deliberate marksman, shot his left time after time into the Negro's crippled eye.

Duane Hoag, 126-pound Portland featherweight, went to a well-earned decision over Benny Jerome, 127, Pasco, Wash. Hoag forced the fight all the way.

DUKE WINS TITLE

Raleigh, N. C., March 2—(U.P.) Paced by Center Ed Koffenberger's 13 points, smooth-working Duke defeated Wake Forest, 49 to 30, here tonight, before a capacity crowd of 4,000 to win the Southern Conference basketball tournament.

BASKETBALL

Wyoming 66, Utah State 52.
Oklahoma 50, Missouri 40.
Lafayette 61, Lehigh 28.
Boston U. 58, Mass. State 39.
Columbia 65, Brown 50.
C. C. N. Y. 61, Drexel Tech. 30.
Army 77, Navy 60.
Louisiana State 60, Georgia 41.
Kentucky 51, Alabama 30.
Loyola (Chicago) 56, Camp Grant 34.
Syracuse 69, Rensselaer Poly 29.

Kent State 59, Allegheny 53.
West Virginia 81, Pittsburgh 61.

Manhattan 52, LaSalle 45.
Duke 49, Wake Forest 30.
(Southern Conference tournament final)

Findlay 49, Wooster 44.
Harvard 71, New Hampshire 43.

North Dakota U. 49, North Dakota State 47.
Rhode Island State 60, Connecticut 54.

Notre Dame 66, Detroit 39.
Temple 62, St. Joseph's 42.
Colorado Mines 50, Denver 40.
Minnesota 58, Iowa 47.
New Mexico 49, Texas Tech. 44.

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SOUTHEASTERN TO SEEK TITLE AGAIN

Kansas City, Mo., March 2—(U.P.)—Southeastern State College of Durant, Okla., returns to the national intercollegiate basketball tournament here this year to make a bid for the title it missed by a field goal in 1942.

The Oklahoma team, coached by Bloomer Sullivan, is bringing along two of its former All-Americans, Cotton Patton and Otto Curtis, both guards who recently returned to school after more than three years in service.

Montana State, Bozeman; High Point, N. C.; Dakota Wesleyan, Mitchell, S. D., also have qualified for the week's tournament play, bringing the field of starters to 14. The meet begins March 11 in Municipal Auditorium.

High School Scores

By United Press
Milwaukee 36, Hood River 34.
Hill Military 38, Puget Sound Navy Academy (Seattle) 24.
Oregon Freshmen 48, Washington High (Portland) 44.
Columbia Prep 27, Sandy 22.
Central Catholic 36, Gresham 13.
Silverton 48, Woodburn 21.
Sacred Heart (Salem) 30, Stayton 27.

The Dalles 39, Pendleton 32.
Baker 38, Ontario 35.
Corvallis 64, Toledo 45.

Milwaukee 36, Hood River 34.
Beaverton 44, Forest Grove 23.
Lebanon 37, Sweet Home 25.
Hillsboro 35, Tigard 23.
Pleasant Hill 42, Alsea 31.
Sheridan 48, Valse 19.
St. Paul 58, Corbett 33.
McMinnville 31, Newberg 29.
Taft 50, Shedd 22.
Willamina 26, Dallas 21.
Myrtle Creek 24, Glide 13.
Roseburg 39, Sutherlin 11.

RACING

Miami, Fla., March 2—(U.P.) Armed, Calumet Farm's 5-year-old handicap star, made a show of the field today to win the \$50,000 added Widener classic as the turf's latest Cinderella horse. Concordian finished a poor second, five lengths back.

Arcadia, Cal., March 2—(U.P.) Aaron Hirschberg's Canina came on with a rush in the stretch to nail front-running Be Faithful and Happy Issue and win the \$50,000 added Santa Margarita handicap, world's richest race for fillies and mares at Santa Anita today before a crowd of 49,000.

BULLETIN

New York, March 2—(U.P.) Leslie Mac Mitchell, top miler of the year, tonight scored his sixth straight victory of the season in the Zamperini "ghost mile" in 4:16 in a special feature of the 25th annual IC-4A track and field championships at Madison Square Garden.

ARMY BEATS NAVY

West Point, N. Y., March 2—(U.P.)—The army basketball team, which had suffered more defeats this season than in the three previous years combined, ended its card today with a victory that made the season a success—a 77 to 60 conquest of navy.

REDS WARNED

Tampa, Fla., March 2—(U.P.) "Keep away from gamblers," A. B. "Happy" Chandler admonished the Cincinnati Reds today as the baseball commissioner made his first talk of the year to a professional team.

New Orleans is situated on the Old Spanish Trail which extends from San Diego, Cal., to St. Augustine, Fla.

HEADS LEAGUE

Denver, March 2—(U.P.)—J. P. (Pete) Carroll of Los Angeles, sponsor of the Carroll Shamrocks basketball team, was named president of the American Basketball league today, succeeding G. J. (Bud) Fischer of Hollywood.

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