

Rogues Vs. Talent, Phoenix Vs. Loggers Dated Tonight

Phoenix high will take on Butte Falls at 7 p.m. and Rogue River high will meet Talent at 8:30 p.m. today in the semi-finals of the county class B basketball tournament in the Eagle Point high school gymnasium.

Finals in the tournament will come Saturday at 9 p.m. when the victors in tonight's semi-final round play, preceded by a game between tonight's losers for third place starting at 7:30 p.m. and the consolation round championship tilt at 6 p.m.

This afternoon St. Mary's was slated to take on Gold Hill in the first consolation round game and Prospect was to play Jacksonville in the second tilt of the consolation round.

TROPHIES PRESENTATION SLATED SATURDAY NIGHT

Presentation of the trophies to teams placing first, second and third in the tournament and the tournament ball to the consolation round winner will take place Saturday night after the final game. Announcement will also be made Saturday night of the all-tournament quintet selected by the coaches and the team showing the best sportsmanship as selected by the officials. The referees this year are "Dutch" Meyer, Frank O'Neill, Virgil Swanson and Lawrence Butler.

Rogue River high is defending county and district 5B champion and was given the regular 1949-50 season trophy Thursday afternoon. This trophy was presented by the School Superintendents' association.

Eagle Point, Feb. 17—Rogue River high, undefeated in the county "B" high school round robin and seeking its second straight county tournament and district championship, almost got knocked out of the running last night.

The Chieftains got by the first round of the 1950 tourney by the merest whisker. They nudged Gold Hill 30 to 28 in an overtime.

In other first round games yesterday Butte Falls ousted Jacksonville 37 to 31, Talent licked St. Mary's of Medford 43 to 21 and Phoenix conquered Prospect 53 to 23.

Long Shot Artists
It was a group of long-shot artists that almost bested Rogue River. The Chieftains seldom gave Gold Hill a chance close in and all the Beaver field goals were cast from way out. Gold Hill jumped into the lead when the encounter was 45 seconds old and Rogue River didn't catch up until only two and one-fourth minutes remained in regular playing time.

In the end it was the calm, steady fourth quarter performance that paid off for the Chiefs, who came back like true champs while the Beavers were, perhaps, a bit eager.

Gold Hill held margins of 10 to 7 at the quarter and 21 to 17 at the half then spread the gap to 26 to 18 by holding Rogue River to one point in the third period.

Fourth Quarter

Gold Hill got its only points in the fourth quarter on four tosses by Tink Palmer and Jerry Eskew. Pete Purrier, Charles Jacobs, Don Poitvent and Gene Deputt tallied from the field for Rogue River to narrow the count to 28 to 26.

On fouls by Bud Morgan and Jack Smith of the Beavers, Purrier and Deputt canned free tosses to tie the score. Purrier pushed through the winning basket after two and one-half minutes of the overtime.

The Jacksonville-Butte Falls brush was close until Butte Falls pulled away in the final three minutes. In the first quarter Butte Falls emerged 5 to 3. The Loggers were still on top 15 to 13 at the half although Jacksonville tied the game up once.

Score Tied Two

During the third frame the score was knotted five times with Jacksonville finally getting a 27 to 24 advantage and then leading 27 to 26 at the quarter's end.

The Loggers tied it up in the fourth stanza on Pinciole's foul toss but Paul Hardy sank a gifter for a 28 to 27 Jacksonville edge. Butte Falls went ahead 29 to 28 on Poole's shot. LeRoy Clay of the Redskins evened the game at the free throw line. Then Chuck Bartlett gave the

Loggers permanent lead with a field goal for 31 to 29.

The Loggers added six more points in the final three minutes while Greenamyer hit for Jacksonville with seconds remaining.

Afternoon games yesterday went pretty much as expected with Talent finding little trouble in outclassing St. Mary's 43 to 21 in a game that never was in doubt. The Bulldogs had much the better attack and smoother offense.

Talent led 15 to 3 at the first quarter, 23 to 5 at the half, 34 to 9 at the third quarter and 38 to 13 at the automatic timeout whistle pause.

Phoenix Has Rally

The second game of the afternoon found Phoenix displaying a second half scoring offense paced by the sharp-shooting Fred Furry to easily wallop Prospect 53 to 23. Furry, who had seven out of 10 foul shots and could hit from anywhere, tallied 23 points for Phoenix.

Phoenix led 12 to 7 at the first quarter and 20 to 11 at the half but built it up to a 29 to 15 third quarter margin and 44 to 18 at the automatic timeout.

Lineups:
Rogue River 30: 28 Gold Hill: 30
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Substitutions—Rogue River: Butler, Martin; Gold Hill, B. Morgan 2, J. Smith.

Butte Falls 37: 31 Jacksonville: Bartlett 9, Henshaw 4, Moore 7, Poole 15, White 2, K. 1, Taylor 1, Substitution—Butte Falls, Casey; Jacksonville, B. Morgan 2, D. Clay 1, Greenmayer 11, Johnson.

Talent 43: 21 St. Mary's: Henry 9, Montgomery 12, Nichols 4, Combs 9, Hartley 4, Substitutions—Talent, Parron 7, Williams 2, Zumwalt 2; St. Mary's, Reed 3, Gleason 2, Romback 4, Referees—Frank O'Neill and Laurence Butler.

Phoenix 53: 23 Prospect: Furry 23, Holloway 6, Thompson 8, H. Schmeizer 3, Bacon 7, Substitutions—Phoenix, Bean 2, Hite 2, L. Schmeizer 2; Prospect, Moore 8, Nelson 3, Grievens 2, Linderman 6, Referees—O'Neill and Butler.

High School Scores
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Grants Pass 49, Southern Oregon College Freshman 41
Rogue River 30, Gold Hill 28 (Jackson county B tourney)
Butte Falls 37, Jacksonville 31 (B tourney)
Talent 43, St. Mary's 21 (B tourney)
Phoenix 53, Prospect 23 (B tourney)

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Tornado vs. Ashland; Kerby Here Saturday

Illinois Valley (Kerby) will be in Medford for a Southern Oregon conference-District 4 basketball game Saturday night and this evening the Black Tornado will take on its arch-rival from Ashland, the Grizzlies, in the junior high gymnasium of that town.

Medford still is second in the conference-district with five wins and two losses while the league-leading Grants Pass Cavenen have won seven and lost none. The Tornado must win both games this week-end to continue

any chance of overtaking the Grants Pass team.

Varsity Slated 8:15
Varsity games both nights are scheduled about 8:15 after a pre-lim between the junior varsity teams at 6:45.

Saturday night between the halves of the varsity game, the four Medford grade schools will play two exhibition games with Lincoln meeting Roosevelt on one cross-court and Jackson taking on the Washington quintet on the other.

The traditional rivalry between Ashland and Medford alone will probably draw a more than capacity crowd to the Ashland junior high gym tonight with some observers rating the final outcome a toss-up in view of the closeness of the early game between the two teams.

Special entertainment has been planned between the halves with the Ashland high band to take part.

Tornado Favorite
Saturday's game on the Medford court with Illinois Valley is likely to be an easy one for the Black Tornado considering that the ex-Kerby players have failed to win a game. However, Coach Wes Peters of the visitors may have something up his sleeve to pull.

Tomorrow night's game will be the final home game for the Black Tornado this 1949-50 season.

The Medford quintet plays at Eagle Point on February 24, at Grants Pass on February 25 and at Illinois Valley at a date to be announced soon.

Rogue Snowmen To See Color Films On Monday
The Rogue Snowmen will hold their monthly meeting in room 45 of Medford senior high school at 7:30 p. m. Monday, February 20.

Following the meeting a color film of the 1948 winter Olympics will be shown through the courtesy of Standard Oil company. Everyone interested in skiing will be welcome.

The Rogue Snowmen have enjoyed good skiing the last two week-ends at Crater Lake and are preparing for many more Sundays throughout the season.

Mel Ott Fails 'Hall of Fame'
New York, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—Mel Ott, who arrived at the Polo Grounds a frightened schoolboy and left it two decades later a national legend, failed by 11 votes to be elected to baseball's hall of fame, it was announced yesterday.

This was the first time in four years that the Baseball Writers Association of America failed to elect a man to the hall of fame in its national poll.

The former New York Giant manager was nominated on 115 of the 167 ballots cast. A total of 126 votes was necessary for election.

Bill Terry, like Ott a New York Giant immortal and former manager, was second in the voting with 105. Then came Jimmy Foxx, ex-Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox slugger, with 103. No other players got 100 votes.



IN EXHIBITION—Larry Burdette, above, will step three rounds in an exhibition of boxing with Joe Kahut, coast heavyweight champion, at the armory Wednesday night. The exhibition will follow the card's main event, which pits Ray Stickle and Bill Berry in the year's hottest rematch. Kahut will referee the amateur fistic card.

C. P. Group Plans Year

Central Point, Feb. 17.—Plans for a young men's team to play in the Valley Baseball League were made last night and officers of the Central Point Athletic association were elected when the group met at the Legion hall.

Robert Colley was named business manager of the youth team and he with a committee will select a playing manager.

Chuck Bateman was elected president and Bert Smith secretary of the association.

Plans were also made for the Central Point Studs to enter the semi-pro Southern Oregon Baseball league with Hoosier Hafford once again as field manager.

The team will be backed by the Cheney Lumber company and indications are that once again it will be strong.

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