

Green's vs. Rogues Tonight Senior High, AAU Playoffs

Green's confectionery will meet Rogue River town team starting about 8:15 p.m. today in the second game of a double-header at the local senior high gym to help determine which of four basketball teams will represent this area in the state AAU championship tourney.

First game at 7 p.m. today will bring together Fleischman's Lumber and American Legion, both of Grants Pass.

FINALS WEDNESDAY

Finals of the district playoff series will be played Wednesday at the Grants Pass high gym with the winners of tonight's games playing each other at 8:15 p.m. and the losers taking on each other at 7 p.m.

A small admission will be charged both tonight and tomorrow evening.

By Hank Green

Green's confectionery entered the district playoff tournament by edging a battling Mobilgas quintet 46 to 42 at the local junior high gymnasium last night in a game that was nip-and-tuck throughout.

Just to give you an idea how close it really was, take the scores at the end of each quarter. The scoreboard showed a 7 to 7 tie at the first quarter, 21 to 21 at the half and Green's on the long end of a 34 to 29 count at the third quarter pause.

Werner Helps Win

Two quick shots directly under the basket by Billy Werner in which he snatched the ball literally out of the hands of Mobilgas players on a pass in from out of bounds, proved the margin of victory for Green's.

Mobilgas matched with eventual winners practically point for point in the first half and even got more shots in the second quarter than did Green's. They missed more than they made and so Green's seldom was more than a couple of points behind at any time.

Lead Changes Often

The lead changed often in that first half but in the final two quarters the speed and general all-around playing helped Green's gradually pull away until at one point late in the fourth quarter when the confectionerymen were on top by eight or 10 points.

This playoff last night was necessitated by the fact the two quintets had each won and lost the same number of games and were tied for second half honors in AAU league No. 2.

Lineups:

Green's 46 42 Mobilgas
Rogues 4 14 Walden
Russett 1 2 Bray
B. Russell 7 10 Stacey
Robertson 2 2 Colley
Galtlin 1 2 Colley

Substitutions: Green's, Ross 2, Werner 16, Smith 1; Mobilgas, Brunkin 4, Officials—Ted Schoof and Laurence Butler.

WEATHER

By United Press

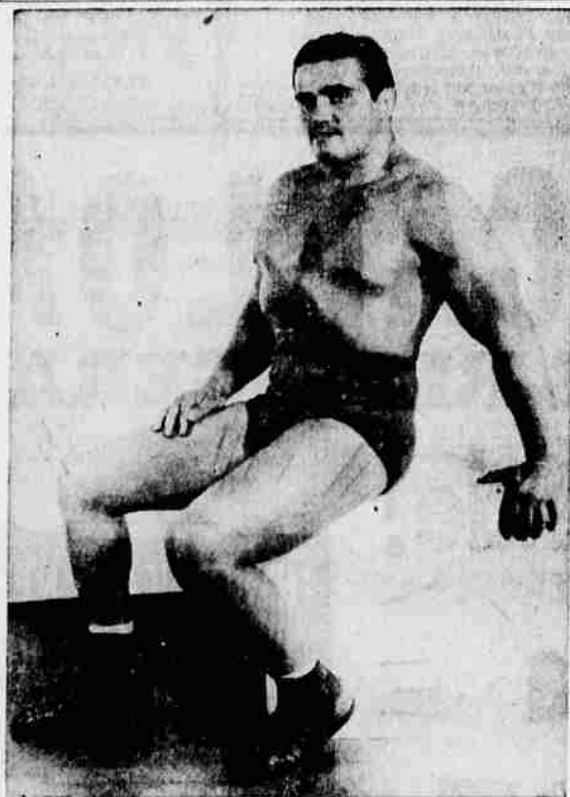
Northern California: Fair today, tonight and Wednesday except for patches of night and morning fog or low clouds in coastal sections. Rising daytime temperatures. West to northwest winds 10-20 m.p.h. off coast.

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



MR. PEACOCK—The Great Atlas, above, who claims to be the world's greatest wrestler, will have his work cut out for himself at the armory Thursday night when he goes against his arch enemy, Georges Dusette, in the one hour finale. The middle match, pitting Jack Lipscomb against Karl Gray, also promises to be a scorcher. The opener, going on at 8:30 p.m., sends George Strickland against Pierre LaBelle.

Medford Nugs Change Nickname to 'Larks'

Medford's entry in the Far West class D baseball league will be known hereafter as the Medford Larks. It was decided at a meeting of the board of directors held at the Holland hotel last night.

The name was suggested by Myron Andrews, who said he obtained the idea from the meadowlark, Oregon state bird. The suggestion met with unanimous approval of the directors.

Business Manager Mel Carpenter described a discussion with Tommy Nelson, playing manager signed to Medford by the New York Giants, and told of Nelson's plans for the coming season. Medford pitchers will report for spring training at Santa Maria, Cal., on April 6 and others will report on April 10. The club will train with Idaho Falls of the Pioneer League, another Giant affiliate.

The directors accepted a proposition from Ralph (Pop) Reed of Long Beach, Cal., veteran baseball scout, to act as a scout

Beavers Set Training For Early Start

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 21—(U.P.) Manager Bill Sweeney will greet the vanguard of his 1950 Portland Beavers here tomorrow.

Spring training begins initially for pitchers and catchers, with Ad Liska, a Beaver hurler for 14 years and now manager of the Salem Senators, on hand to take over any Beaver hopefuls who fail to make the AAA grade.

Three catchers, Jim Gladd, Johnny Ritchey and Bob Courage, will join some 14 pitchers, including eight newcomers, for the opening workouts.

The hurlers are Vince DeBiasi, Bill Fleming, Cal McElvin, Ray McNulty and Red Lynn from the 1950 Beavers, and newcomers Jack Creey, John Burak, Red Adams, Bob Drilling, Frank Prose, John Tierney, Earl Tolson and Bill Elbert.

The Beavers also plan to look at Gene Valentine, a prep prodigy from Little Falls, Minn., and Dick Waibel, 19-year-old Hillsboro, Ore., pitcher.

Oak Grove Cage Tourney to Open Thursday Night

Oak Grove non-high school invitational basketball tourney will open in the Oak Grove gymnasium Thursday at 6 p.m. when Howard school meets Shady Cove. Games will be played Thursday night, Friday morning, afternoon and evening and Saturday morning, afternoon and night.

St. Mary's of Medford will play West Side at 7 p.m. Thursday and the third game that day will send Lone Pine against Applegate at 8 p.m. in the first round.

Other First Games

Other first games will be held Friday with Griffin Creek taking on Elk-Trail at 10 a.m. and Oak Grove playing Sams Valley at 2 p.m. Wagner Creek draws a first round bye.

The tournament champion will be crowned Saturday evening and there will be a consolation bracket also.

Trophies will be awarded to the tourney champion, second place team, or runner-up, consolation champion, fourth place quintet and the consolation runner-up.

Carpenter also told the directors that contracts sent to Lloyd Jones and Jack Roach, pitchers, and Fred Thrower, infielder, have been returned unsigned.

Pointers Change Cagers Schedule

Central Point, Feb. 21—Changes in Central Point high's 1949-50 basketball schedule to make up games postponed earlier by weather were announced today by Coach Cecil Warner.

The revised schedule: February 24—Grants Pass varsity and jayvees at Central Point; February 25—Central Point at Illinois valley (Kerby); February 28—Central Point at Eagle Point; and March 3—Illinois Valley at Central Point.

Stickel Here For Clash With Berry

Ray Stickel arrived in town last night and was scheduled to go through limbering up exercises today for his scheduled welterweight championship match with Tiltist Bill Berry in the main event of the Southern Oregon Boxing club's amateur ring card at the armory tomorrow night.

Although Stickel has announced that no judges will be necessary this time for "my fists will do the deciding," Promoters Larry Burdette and Owen Thomas are bringing Joe Kahut, prominent coast heavyweight boxer, to Medford to referee the card.

Wanted To Be Sure

"We wanted to be sure that both boys got an impartial deal and that we did not have a recurrence of the controversy the last time they fought," Thomas declared.

Donovan Wolfe, who was bedded by flu and couldn't keep a date on the last card, will go against Don Harper, hard punching Gold Hill middleweight in a semi-windup which should rival the main event for action.

Other matches on the slate will see Corky King go against Paul Garrison, Fort Jones; Dick Adkins opposing Frank Larson, Portland; Eddie Conrad, Fort Jones, meeting Tommy Thomas, Medford; Bill Moore, Jacksonville, facing Jerry Sparling in a rematch; Darrell Johnson taking on Fred Case, Fort Jones; and Freddie Johnson going against Kid Chavez in the 8:30 p.m. curtain raiser.

Following completion of the amateur card, Kahut and Burdette will go three rounds in an exhibition, to be refereed by Jack (Ginger) Snapp.

BOWLING

MAJOR LEAGUE

Bill Hagen took high individual series and high individual game honors with 630 and 245 respectively when the Major Bowling league held its weekly competition last night at the Medford Bowling 1 a n e s alleys.

High team games series went to Chalkers with 2,714 and Bates Candy company took high team game with 983.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W.	L.
The Bohemian Club	16	8
Chalkers	15	9
Barber Shop	14	10
E. H. Mann Company	13	11
Walker Real Estate	11	13
Domestic Laundry	10	14
Bates Candy Company	8	16

Laundry 2

Player	Score
Paske	517
Kantor	528
Johnson	499
Anderson	567
Bates	2610

Barbers 2

Player	Score
Barber	529
Tennant	513
Little	418
Morgan	527
Proctor	486
Bates	2473

Mann Co. 2

Player	Score
Oreglia	514
Landale	563
Mann	532
Klatt	501
Hilley	570
Bates	2672

Chalkers 2

Player	Score
Gilstrap	484
Bohemia	571
Koblik	506
Morgan	524
Burroughs	537
Bates	2714

Bakers 1

Player	Score
Gardner	458
Colley	537
Doty	499
White	527
Hawley	517
Bates	2538

Coast Leaguers Begin Training

Los Angeles, Feb. 21—(U.P.)—Seven Pacific Coast league baseball teams prepared to launch spring training programs in Southern California today, and their managers predicted stiff competition in the 1950 circuit.

The managers agreed that expansion programs at San Francisco and Los Angeles, the seventh and eighth clubs in the league last year, and light team losses throughout the circuit would make the season tougher than 1949.

They tabbed defending champion Hollywood and San Diego tops.

J'ville Lions, Riders Basketball Wednesday

Jacksonville, Feb. 21—Jacksonville Lions will roar and the Applegate Night Riders will gallop on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Both will be trying a little plain and fancy basket shooting also.

Recently Ed Kubli, last spokesman of the Applegate Night Riders issued a ringing challenge to the Jacksonville Lion's club for a game of this here so-called basketball—all holds barred if detected.

The Lion's club led by Art Davies gleefully accepted and scheduled two practices, the first in 20 years.

Training Rules Set

Strict training rules have been meted out by both coaches. Lions may not smoke more than one pack of cigarettes a day and must get to bed before the next morning. Night Riders must drink their beer without salt and cut themselves to two pieces of pie per day.

Beat Grants Pass Slogan At Local High School Now

Medford high varsity basketball squad took a breather yesterday so the boys could get a rest for those that needed it and others might get "loosened up," by which were scheduled to resume this afternoon after school closed.

Coach Frank Roelandt and every member of the Black Tornado cage squad has one big thing in mind this week—beat Grants Pass Saturday night on the Cavemen's floor. While the local victory would not change the Cavemen's standings, a defeat for G.P. would be a tough blow.

Grants Pass is undefeated in Southern Oregon conference-district 4 games to date and already has practically clinched the championship. As a matter of fact the Cavemen have dropped but two basketball games all the year—one to the SOC frosh and the other to Marshfield.

Medford plays at Eagle Point on Friday evening, at Grants Pass Saturday and will play Illinois Valley (Kerby) at Cave Junction Tuesday, February 28. The latter is a change from the earlier March 3 scheduling. The February 28 game will be the final for the Tornado.

Notre Dame Griddler Breaks Neck In Fall

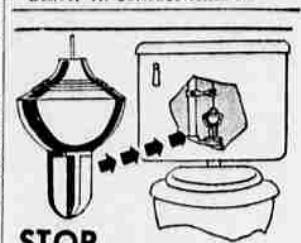
South Bend, Ind., Feb. 21—(U.P.)—Notre Dame's 4,800 students prayed at mass today for the recovery of Football End Ray Espenhan, 24, who was in a critical condition after breaking his neck in a fall.

Espenhan, a physical education senior from New Orleans, La., broke a vertebra in his neck yesterday demonstrating a back flip for students at South Bend Central high school.

Basketball

MONDAY'S RESULTS

City College 66, Fordham 62.
Columbia 54, Brown 51.
New Britain 70, Hawaii 68.
Duquesne 55, Indiana State 54.
Kansas 67, Drake 50.
Oklahoma 76, Iowa State 48.
Iowa 64, Minnesota 62.
Nebraska 55, Missouri 48.
Wisconsin 56, Purdue 45.
Northwestern 61, Marquette 52.
Michigan 70, Michigan State 53.
Ohio State 75, Indiana 65.
Florida 43, Auburn 41.
Virginia Tech 60, William & Mary 47.
Tennessee 67, Louisiana State 65.
Arizona 71, Beloit 61.
Wyoming 59, Utah State 35.
Montana State 55, Wiltworth 73.
Santa Clara 50, Stewart Chevrolet 49.
Denver 41, Colorado A&M 36.



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