

SPORTS

Tornado Plays Eagles And G.P. Teams Away; C.P. At Home Tonight

DISTRICT 4 STANDINGS

Team	W	L	For	Agst.
Grants Pass	8	0	434	320
Klamath	7	3	470	320
Medford	6	3	438	332
Ashland	5	6	470	404
Eagle Point	3	5	288	375
Central Point	1	7	290	407
Illinois Valley	0	6	133	313

Central Point, Feb. 24—Central Point high basketball team probably will have its "ups and downs" this week-end with a victory quite possible Saturday night but a defeat a probable mark for tonight's game.

The Pointers coached by Cecil Warner meet the powerful and undefeated (in conference—district games) Grants Pass high on the Central Point high floor about 8:15 tonight following a preliminary slated for 6:45 p.m. Saturday over at Cave Junction the C.P. quintet is expected to have little trouble in mowing down a weak Illinois Valley (Kerby) team in a Southern Oregon conference—district 4—JDJ league game. The Points must win Saturday to keep in the JDJ league honor race.

C. P. Has Victory
Central Point has won but one victory in Southern Oregon conference games to date, that a major upset when it defeated the Ashland Grizzlies.

The Pointers still have a mathematical chance to win the JDJ league title but must defeat Illinois Valley tomorrow, Eagle Point next week Tuesday and then down Illinois Valley at Central Point in the season's finale on March 3.

Tonight's game with the Cave-men at Central Point is likely to find the Grants Pass quintet having two many reserves and scoring power for the Pointers.

Medford high's basketball team enters what in many ways is its most important week-end of the 1949-50 season when it takes on Grants Pass high Saturday on the Cave-men's floor after battling Eagle Point high's cagers on the Eagles' gym floor this evening.

The Black Tornado players and Coach Frank Roelandt would like nothing better than to pin a sharp defeat on the high-riding Grants Pass team tomorrow night.

Eagles Tough at Home
Tonight the local youths may have more than a little trouble in taking the measure of the Eagles who are known to be rough customers when playing on their own gymnasium floor. Grants Pass found that out a few weeks ago and so did Klamath.

On paper the Tornado should have little trouble in downing Eagle Point with the local conference standing somewhat better than that of the Eagles five. Medford looked about the best of the season when it walloped Eagle Point 67 to 39 earlier.

This week the local youths have kept up their methodical, precise type of basketball that sets up plays and then depends on accuracy by the shooters to produce baskets.

Tornado Grim
Medford is grim and determined much as it was last fall when an injury-riddled football squad took on high-flying Grants Pass at the Cave-men's field and came within an ace of upsetting the favored eleven.

The Tornado will close its basketball season February 28 against Illinois Valley high at Cave Junction.

Atlas, Dusette Battle to Draw

The bubble of invincibility which has surrounded the Great Atlas since he first came here burst last night when Georges Dusette held the self-styled Mr. America to a draw in the main event of the weekly wrestling card at the armory.

The match was a scorching all the way with both men showing a lot of respect for each other and at the same time showing considerable dislike. The Atlas found Dusette a willing mixer, one who was willing and ready to exchange dirt for dirt.

The French-Canadian frequently used his dynamite-laden elbow smash to rock the New Yorker but when a fist called for a fist, that was what the Atlas received.

Atlas Takes First
The first fall went to the Great One after 40 minutes and 30 seconds of gruelling grappling, mixed with some fist fighting. It was a toe hold which stopped the popular Dusette. Pierre LaBelle, another French-Canadian wrestler, took over as Dusette's second after the fall and during the ensuing session, addressed advice to his cohort via the French language.

Sixteen minutes and 10 seconds later Dusette evened the score with a toe hold. For about half of the remaining 4 minutes and 20 seconds Dusette had the Atlas in another toe hold but he

managed to last until the bell rang to earn a draw.

Although the near-capacity crowd almost to a man wanted to see a Dusette victory, they were just as willing to accept a draw.

Gray Takes 2 Falls
Tempests flew frequently in the semi-windup when Karl Gray took two straight falls from Jack Lipscomb. The first came with a Boston crab and the second by disqualification when Lipscomb refused to break a reverse headlock.

LaBelle used a whip wrist lock to spill George Strickland after a dandy match opening the sizzling card.

Ashland High To Play At Pels Gym Tonight; Saturday On Own Floor
Ashland, Feb. 24—Ashland high will be out to cut another deep notch in its opponents' district title honors when the Grizzlies battle Klamath Falls in the Klamath gym tonight. Klamath currently is third while Ashland is fourth in conference-district standings.

Neither has any chance of displacing First Place Grants Pass but a win by Ashland could knock Klamath out of second place should third-place Medford defeat Eagle Point. Saturday evening the Grizzlies will take on Weed high on the Ashland floor.

Church Cagers To Play Saturday At Local 'Y'
Final games of the regular season in the local Church Basketball league will be held Saturday in the YMCA gym with St. Mark's slated to take on First Methodist in the 6 p.m. opener.

Other cage tilts slated include St. Mary's Catholic vs. Four-square at 7 p.m., Central Christian vs. First Presbyterian at 8 p.m., and First Christian vs. St. Peter's at 9 p.m.

A round-robin playoff will start next week Saturday night.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Orlando, Fla., Feb. 24—(U.P.) Teams headed by Louise Suggs and Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Zaharias meet in the key match of the Orlando mixed two-ball golf championships today.

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Junior High Plays At KF On Saturday

Eighth and ninth grade (varsity) basketball teams of the local junior high school will try to make it two 1950 victories over the Klamath eighth and ninth grade quintets when the teams get together Saturday starting at 2 p.m.

Last Friday the local eighth and ninth graders had a rough time of it against the close man-to-man defense Klamath used but finally emerged on top in close games.

Hard Won Victories
The local varsity or ninth grade team edged Klamath 35 to 33 in an overtime last week with Center Bon Cordier providing the winning basket. The Medford eighth graders had a similar tough time but finally emerged a 33 to 31 victor.

Medford's Bulldogs varsity has lost but one game in two seasons, that going to Grants Pass a few weeks ago, and tomorrow they will be out to keep this record in tact. The eighth grade boys likewise have lost few games in two years.

There will be no seventh grade game tomorrow at Klamath.

Bowser Trophy Shoot Sunday

Central Point, Feb. 24—Central Point Sportsman's club will conduct its annual Bowser trophy handicap shoot Sunday at the club's grounds west of the railroad tracks near the baseball park starting at noon. It is open to anyone whether a club member or not.

Already four men have captured one leg on the trophy with the first shooter to get three consecutive "legs" retaining permanent possession of the cup. The quartet includes James Ross, Jim Gleason, Harry Elden and Ray Watkins. Watkins took top honors last year.

A 16-yard event at 10 a.m. will precede the Bowser handicap shoot with the latter slated to open about 12 noon. Refreshments will be on sale at the grounds throughout the shoot.

Irish Grigger Dies of Injury

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 24—(U.P.)—The parents of Notre Dame football player Ray Espanan, who died of a broken neck, prepared today to return to their New Orleans home with the athlete's body.

Espanan died late yesterday in St. Joseph's hospital. He had been completely paralyzed since last Monday when he fractured a neck vertebra while demonstrating gymnastics to a group of high school students. Doctors said he died of the neck fracture and double pneumonia.

His friend, Jerry Ramsberger of Dunellen, N. J., witnessed the accident. He said Espanan was trying to do a back flip but that he landed on his head.

High School Scores

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Eugene 53, UNI (Eugene) 42

Basketball

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Syracuse 83, CCNY 74
Cincinnati 83, Long Island 65
Seton Hall 80, Hawaii 69
Fordham 64, Georgetown 63
Kentucky 86, Xavier 53
Eastern Kentucky State 54, Evansville 52 (Ohio Valley conference tourney)
Notre Dame 55, St. Louis 52
Oklahoma A & M 34, Tulsa 27
Eastern Oregon 72, Vancourt 68
Carroll 70, Montana 36
Arizona (Tempe) 96, New Mexico 75

Oak Grove Cage Finals Slated Saturday Night

Two basketball games in the Oak Grove invitational tournament for non-high school districts will be played in the Oak Grove gym today when Howard takes on St. Mary's of Medford at 7 p.m. and Lone Pine plays the winner of this morning's Griffin Creek-Elk-Trail game.

The latter game is scheduled for 8 p.m. opening whistle.

Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Oak Grove gym the losers of today's Oak Grove vs. Wagner Creek tilt will play the losing quintet in the Lone Pine vs. Griffin Creek and Elk-Trail contest slated tonight. At 11 a.m. tomorrow losers in this afternoon's games are scheduled.

Tourney Champion
The tournament champion will be decided Saturday at 8 p.m. after the consolation round championship is crowned starting at 6 p.m. and fourth place in the tourney is decided starting at 7 p.m.

Games this afternoon found Shady Cove playing West Side, Sams Valley playing the loser of this morning's Wagner Creek vs. Oak Grove game and Applegate played the Griffin Creek vs. Elk-Trail losing team.

Tournament games played last night in the opening round found Howard school downing Shady Cove 33 to 19 after leading 19 to 10 at the half. St. Mary's edged Shady Cove 19 to 16 after a 9 to 5 halftime lead.

Raiders Play Humboldt '5'

Ashland, Feb. 24—Southern Oregon college will be out to bounce back into the win column when it takes on last-place Humboldt State in the SOC gym tonight and Saturday evening in Far Western conference basketball games.

Last week-end the Red Raiders dropped two games to second-place Cal Aggies 51 to 42 and 64 to 45 while Humboldt was losing to Chico State 72 to 36 and 52 to 41 the same nights.

SOC currently is in third place behind Cal Aggies and Chico with this week-end games the final conference ones for the Raiders. Coach Ted Schopf's youths are out of the running for conference honors with but five wins and as many losses.

Capt. Keith Wade of SOC maintained his sixth position in the conference point-making race with a 13.6 average and Bill O'Neal of SOC went from 10th to ninth with a 9.5 average.

Game In Oregon Survive Weather

Portland, Ore., Feb. 24—(U.P.) Game generally survived the severe January weather in "good shape" in Oregon and there will be no need to close the hunting season this year, Robert Mace, chief biologist for the Oregon game commission, reported today.

"If people could see the herds of deer on the ranges in Lake and Grant counties now, they wouldn't worry about any shortage," Mace said.

Deer and elk in eastern Oregon survived the snow and low temperatures particularly well, Mace said. The major problem was in the Tillamook burn, where some deer concentrated in draws and died of malnutrition or over-exposure in deep snow.

A total of 79 deer carcasses were found in Tillamook burn gullies "but the casualties were only a small fraction of the total herd there," Mace said.

Boxer Death Under Probe

New York, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Two separate hearings sought today to find out if negligence caused the bloody ring-death of ex-Marine Laverne Roach.

Young Roach of Plainview, Tex., died yesterday at St. Clare's hospital from brain injuries suffered in Wednesday night's gory fight with Middleweight George Small at St. Nicholas arena, a fight which took place on Roach's 24th birthday.

Today's inquiries were being conducted by the district attorney's office and by the New York state athletic commission.

Each probe was pointed primarily at physicians who examined Roach before the tragedy, and at Referee Frank Fullam, who failed to stop the mauling earlier.

FAR WEST HURLER SIGNED
George Simons Jr., former Albany, Ore., high school pitcher and last season hurler with Redding, Cal., of the class D Far West Baseball league, has been signed by San Antonio of the Texas league, it was learned today.

Suislaw And Roseburg Winners Cage Tourney

Roseburg, Ore., Feb. 24—(U.P.) Suislaw defeated Reedsport 57 to 48 and Roseburg posted a 49 to 33 win over Sutherlin last night in the third day of the Douglas sub-district basketball tournament.

At halftime it was Reedsport 28, Suislaw 26; and Roseburg 13, Sutherlin 10.

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