

# Eagles Capture J-D-J Title; Pointers Lose

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

## SPORTS

### Raiders Topple E. O. C.; Play Ashland Tonight

SOC and Oregon College of Education will conclude their two-game Oregon Intercollegiate conference basketball series tonight on the Red Raiders' gym floor starting about 8:30 after prelims between two teams entered in the SOC invitational tournament.

Ashland, March 1—Southern Oregon college's high-flying basketball team settled all questions of whether it would go to the district 2 playoffs for the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball when it defeated OCE here last night 62 to 53.

The Raiders together with Portland U., Willamette U. and Northern Idaho college will take part in the district playoffs at the Portland Ice arena March 6 and 7. Winner of this single elimination tournament will go to the national tournament at Kansas City.

Last night's Oregon Collegiate conference game at the SOC gym before a small crowd was one of the roughest of the season as both quints fought hard to pull off a victory.

Up until about the last three minutes of the contest the win could have gone either way with the score tied seven times in the first half and three times in the final half. Except for once or twice for each team neither quieted by more than three points.

At one point late in the first half OCE led by five points and also again about midway in the last half but that was the quiet margin the Monmouth quintet could garner.

**SOC Boosts Lead**  
The Raiders on the other hand could do no better until nearly 16 minutes had been played in the last half when SOC boosted its lead to 51 to 46 and from then on gradually pulled away from the Oregon college quintet.

Losing four or five key players on five personal fouls in the closing three minutes of the game hurt the visitors much and also helped SOC in boosting its win margin. As a matter of fact both teams became cautious late in the game when players had four fouls.

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Burgess 2  
Weaver 2  
Wade 26  
Nightingale 8  
Foster 4  
Substitutions—SOC: Newton 2, O'Neal 17, Trendall 6, OCE: Standinger 4, Morehead 2, Hinkle 5, Hohan 2, Penton 6, Schultz 8, Referees—Tiny Jones and Chief McLean.

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**Major Loops Optimistic**  
Tampa, Fla., March 1—(U.P.)—Optimism swept through 16 major league camps today as spring baseball training got under way and the most confident man was President Ford Frick of the National league, who predicted his league will win "six of the next 10 world series."

There was no mistaking the high feeling with which every team was starting its 1950 operations, for all 16 managers were talking "first division" and quite a few of them "maybe a pennant."

But Frick, coming here to visit the five teams from his loop based in this state, said he was not letting his feelings run away with him in his prediction of triumph over the American league.

"The time has come for us to start getting even and the evidence is very strong that we will," he argued.

Honolulu, March 1—(U.P.)—Frankie Fernandez, 148½, of Honolulu won an unanimous 10-round decision over Milo Savage, 151, Seattle, last night in a hard-fought main event bout.

### Belcastro Eyes Bout With Atlas

Promoter Mack Lillard today announced that he has received word from Pete Belcastro, once known in the wrestling ring as the Weed Assassin, that he is in serious training and is contemplating a return to professional grappling.

Lillard said that Belcastro told him that he would welcome a chance at the Great Atlas, who is slated for action in a tag team battle at the armory tomorrow night. The Atlas will team with Tough Tony Ross against Georges Dusette and Pierre LaBelle. Belcastro said he would be ready to see the New Yorker in action if he could get away from his dairy business in Weed early enough to make the trip.

**Story Published**  
The Atlas, whose real name is Morris Shapiro, claims to be the greatest thing in wrestling today and has published a seven-page story which tells what a great man he is.

"I have had so many requests for my life story that I have ordered several thousand copies which will be off the press in a few weeks. Another publication in the series will describe my strong-man feats and will tell how to become a strong man," the vain Atlas says.

Dusette and LaBelle aren't so impressed by the greatness of the Atlas and will go out tomorrow night to uphold their claims.

**Tough Partnership**  
The Atlas-Ross combo is expected to be a rugged partnership and the smooth-working Frenchmen will have their hands full if they hope to come out on top.

The 8:30 p.m. opener will send Lee Grable against Karl Gray. Grable was injured over a month ago and his physician said he expected him to be able to keep the Medford date.

### Bradford '5' Wins In AAU

McMinnville, Ore., March 1—(U.P.)—Bradford's Clothiers of Portland defeated Pearson's Tavern of Oregon City, 55 to 52, here Tuesday night to win the 1950 Oregon state AAU basketball championship.

In a consolation game, Portland Outdoor store, last year's state champion, downed Page Woolens of Salem, 66 to 59, to take third place in the four-day tournament at McMinnville's armory.

Bradford's Clothiers quintet will represent Oregon at the national AAU tournament beginning March 19 at Denver.

### Basinski Holds Out As Player

Portland, Ore., March 1—(U.P.) Star second baseman Eddie Basinski of the Portland Beavers Baseball club said today he would not join his club at their Riverside, Cal., spring training camp "until there has been some adjustment in the original (contract) terms" for 1950 play.

"They can suspend me or sell or trade me, but I definitely won't play for the money my contract now calls for," he declared.

Basinski indicated he would continue his work at the office supplies counter at the J. K. Gill company store here until a contract is settled.

### Hamline Vs. Long Island Basketball

New York, March 1—(U.P.)—The winner of tomorrow night's Long Island university-Hamline basketball game at Madison Square Garden—if there is a game, that is—was almost certain today to get a bid to the National Invitation Basketball tournament.

That "if" is a big one. Coach Cliff Beal of LIU was muttering today that the whole thing may not come off if Hamline insists on using freshman players in its lineup. And Hamline Coach Joe Hutton was insisting on using the frosh.

Seems that freshmen are eligible to play on the varsity in Hamline's home stamping grounds, while they must wait until they're sophs around here.

### Bill Pinckard Hits Homerun In Practice

San Fernando, Cal., March 1—(U.P.)—The Gilhousens and Fitzpatrick's went at it again today in another Hollywood Stars intrasquad game.

The Gilhousens outslugged the Fitzpatrick's 11 to 7 yesterday, taking a 3 to 2 edge in their intra-club rivalry. Outfielders Frankie Kelleher, Cliff Anderson and Bill Pinckard each homered. Third baseman Murray Franklin got four hits in the fracas.

### Talent Wins Tourney Opener; More Games Tonight and Thursday

While the final score would indicate the Talent vs. Coos River Indians game was close, the free substitutions by Coach George Bray helped the coast quintet to narrow the margin after Talent had almost run away with the game.

The Bulldogs led at the first quarter 15 to 4, at the half 31 to 17 and at the third quarter 41 to 24.

For the first two or three minutes of the game a well-coached team from Coos River that lacked size and driving power which Talent showed, almost matched Talent point for point. After that there was little question of who would eventually win.

**Thursday's Schedule**  
Games in the SOC tourney for class B high schools will be played in the college gym Thursday at 8:45, 10 and 11:15 a.m., at 1, 2:15, 3:30, 5, 7 and 8:15 p.m.

Winners of this evening's games between Paisley and Brookings and between Oakland and Prospect will play at 7 p.m. tomorrow and at 8:15 the victors in the Westport-St. Mary's (Medford) and the Phoenix-Jacksonville contest will play.

Thursday at 2:15 p.m. victors in this morning's Valsezt vs. Lorane game and the Talent vs. Creswell game will play, followed at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow the winners of the Gold Hill vs. Elkton and the Bandon vs. Butte Falls will meet each other.

**Losers Play Thursday**  
Losing teams in the games played this morning, afternoon and tonight and the loser of the Coos River vs. Riddle contest will play Thursday starting at 8:45 a.m. and continuing through to 1 p.m.

Tourney games are also slated Friday morning, afternoon and evening and on Saturday afternoon and night.

**Talent lineups:**  
Talent 49  
Montgomery 9  
Cowdry 1  
Nichols 4  
Hartley 11  
Combs 8  
Substitutions—Talent: Parrant 4, Zumwalt 4, Smith 3, Williams 3, Henry 2, Coos River, Hendrickson 7.

**METKOVICH SOLD**  
Chicago, March 1—(U.P.)—Outfielder George Metkovich was on his way back to the Oakland, Calif., club today after the Chicago White Sox sold him outright to the Pacific coast team.

### Chiefs Play This Evening At K. Falls

Rogue River, March 1—Rogue River high will try to make it two straight state class B high school tournament berths when it takes on Sacred Heart academy (Klamath Falls) in the first of a two game playoff series at Klamath Union high school tonight and Thursday.

Coach Millard Webb of the Chiefs and a squad of 13 players left about noon today for Klamath Falls where they will play about 8:30 tonight and Thursday.

Players making the trip are Jim Boulter, Durwood Carter, Glenn DePuy, Gene Dupuy, Harry Frantz, Charles Jacobs, Jim Martin, John Paisley, Don Polivert, Pete Purrier, Joe Reid, Cletis Webb and Ralph Milton. Two managers—Phillip Hillis and Ronald Burk—are also going.

The Trojans of Sacred Heart academy are rated underdogs in view of the Rogue River undefeated record in many more games than Sacred Heart played. The Klamath B school which will be out to cop its first state tournament berth in history, boasts of a top defensive record.

The winner will go to the state class B tourney at Astoria.

### Tornado Tops Valley Quint Score 66-27

Medford high basketball team closed its 1949-50 season last night in impressive fashion by wallowing a hapless Illinois Valley (Kerby) quintet 66 to 27 at Cave Junction.

"Everybody got into the act" for the Black Tornado team as the youths coached by Frank Roelandt piled up a 20 to 11 first quarter lead, 36 to 16 at the half and 47 to 23 at the third quarter mark. Fourteen Medford boys played in the game.

**Denman Big Help**  
Don Denman, one of the most improved boys on the local quintet this season, collared 10 points in the game with six of them coming via the free throw line. Connie Holzgang tallied four out of five attempts from the same point.

Larue Smith, Denman, Jack Morris and Holzgang were high scorers for Medford.

**Lineups:**  
Medford 66  
Shores 8  
Smith 12  
Denman 10  
Soederland 2  
Morris 13  
Substitutions—Medford: Holzgang 10, F. Morris 3, Grimm 2, Goodman 2, Oldfield 2, Illinois Valley, Crowl 2, Hale 1, Mauer 7, Rauben 2.

### No Semi-Pro Baseball In City In 1950

Formal announcement was made today that Medford will not have a semi-pro baseball team this year and that last season's manager of the Medford Craters of the semi-pro Southern Oregon league has been named coach of the Medford Rogues of the Far West league.

It also was learned a year late that the Medford Athletic association had been disbanded. This long-time local group up to last season had sponsored the Craters.

Last year a Central Point lumber company sponsored the Craters but this year no money could be raised to make a semi-pro nine possible. Playing-manager Tex Chandler of the 1949 Craters reported. Chandler has agreed to terms as coach for the Rogues.

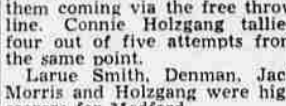
Whether this will mean definitely that there will be no semi-pro baseball here was not certain today. Rumors flew around town this morning that

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Vancouver 3, Victoria 0

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### BOWLING LADIES LEAGUE

Phyllis Curry took high individual series and high individual game honors last night when the Ladies' Bowling league held its weekly competition at the Medford Bowling lanes. Her scores were 355 and 234 respectively.

Medford Feed and Seed tallied 2,217 to capture high team series and also recorded a 768 for high team game.

#### LADIES' LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Medford Feed, Seed	14	1
Shaw's Apparel Shop	10	4
Eik Lumber Company	23	21
Western Thrift	21	21
Oregon Finance	20	24
Hubbard's	20	24
Western Decorating	18	22
Elis Grocery	14	20

#### Hubbard's 3 West Thrift 1

Harrison	407	Medford	380
McGraw	330	Ludwig	412
E. Beck	430	Cummings	372
S. Beck	410	Damon	471
Klatt	367	Little	421

#### 1971 1906

Shaw's 3	Ore. Finance 1		
Shaw	395	Lowd	413
Swooge	481	Corvus	414
Littrell	375	Johnson	382
Carbriener	431	Knips	401
Tollefson	381	Burrighaus	403

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Eik Lumber 3	West Dec. 1		
Sacchi	265	Leaming	404
Tannoy	413	Virtus	444
Barrywell	351	Hagen	364
Kepley	368	Gardner	368
Willet	406	Rhoades	402

#### 2008 1941

Med Feed 3	Eik's Groc. 1		
Tennant	512	Crawford	421
Hawley	347	Knock	278
Mann	303	Somerville	417
Curry	355	Hill	372
Barr	326	Weber	324

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