

Merchants Take Memorial Casaba Prelim Seriously

Merchants' teams are in the midst of "preparations" for their preliminary fracas at the Tubby Dean memorial basketball program on Wednesday, March 26, at the senior high gymnasium.

From all reports merchants are taking this "relatively minor" skirmish seriously.

The following notes from the rival training camps were gleaned by Legionnaire Bud Fisher. He reports:

"Dick Finch, the East Side manager, strapped on his trusty six-shooter and took off on Old Paint to round up some of his team for a training session. His training methods are rough and unique. He routed out a contingent of Doc Lemery; Doc Ward; Sam Gilbert of Brophy's; Morris Leonard of Leonard Electric; Sam Samson of Sam's Sporting Goods; Vic David, Restaurant Supply; Murray Bell of Bells Beverage Shop; Freddie Beck of Beck's Bakery; Shook and Britt of the O K Market; Jim Moore of Sherwin-Williams; Harry and Harold of North Riverside Cafe; and Perk Perkins of Consolidated Freightways; and took them for a five mile training jaunt.

Why Truck

"The big mystery was why the big Consolidated truck? And why the music machine furnished by Woody Morse? Maybe Dick was confused with dancing school.

"Coach Bill Gates of the West Side has gone indoors with his training. Its new quarters is at the Union Club Pool hall. Bill says dodging pool tables is tougher training than the East Side competition will be. But Bill is complaining again. He says that he cannot keep Ben Trowbridge

and the Smith-Dynge players in line. They refuse to train.

"Coach Bill has also voiced a serious protest against some of the East Side players. Since this is not a recognized league, there is no head authority and Bill threatens to take the East Side manager to court. He states that Dick has rung in a bunch of professionals in Chet and Rolland Hubbard; Geo. Gates of Bates Furniture; Walt Young of Medford Stationery; and Doc Vogle. However Dick countered that he could pick his team from Adriennes, Burelsons, the Patio, Hadleys, Leon's Women's store, and the Toy House and still beat the best West Side Mexicans can put on the floor.

Extra Linament

Lee Ragsdale, athletic director of the high school, says he is laying in an extra supply of linament and bandages and has had all emergency equipment checked to care for minor injuries. Due to a shortage of ambulances, he has made arrangements with Jack Fitzgerald to have one of the Davis Transfer trucks on hand to handle the casualties.

There has been some speculation down town of a frame up since Bill Barker and Larry Schade, two of the East Side players were seen in a confidential huddle with the West Side star, Gene Farrell of Fluhrers.

"East Side manager, Dick Finch, has not announced his coach as yet. He seems to have a very temperamental team. Now he has an insurrection on his hands among the north end players. McCormick of the Big Y says he can pick a team from his section that can beat Bill 'Groceries' Gates' team all to pieces.

"In fact, Steve Stephenson of the Lumber Co.; Floyd Hart and Andy Anderson of Timber Products; Sam Buffington of O K Meats; Nave of Medco; Schoecher of Richmond Ice Cream; Bob Dunham of the famous trading center; and Lex Weisenberger and Geo. Evans of Western Decorating Co. have been training out at the Y club and they boast that they have a better team than either Dick or Bill. Dick is thinking of recruiting Dan and George Haas Sporting Goods and Earl Hall Sport Shop and sending an expedition of well armed troopers to bring the insurgents back into camp.

"Just a tip to the sheriff. If there are any more mysterious explosions, better check on that angle."

Medford Black Tornado 13th in Final Batting

The Medford high school Black Tornado basketball team placed 13th on the final 1952 press association survey. Medford was given a total of six points to place behind Astoria and The Dalles in the second 10.

Portland schools continued to dominate the poll as Central Catholic, Cleveland and Lincoln placed in the top three spots. Klamath Falls, rated fifth, was the only other southern Oregon team listed on the survey.

JC TOURNAMENT OPENS

Hutchinson, Kan.—(U.P.)—The fifth Athletic Association basketball tournament opens Tuesday afternoon with 12 teams from an unseeded field of 16 scheduled to see action within a complicated double elimination bracket before day's end.



HOLY CROSS ELIMINATED—Lanky Dick Ricketts (12) of Duquesne leaps high for a shot during National Invitation Tournament game against Holy Cross in Madison Square Garden at New York. Jumping with Ricketts is Dave Nangle (24) of Holy Cross. Others are Jim Dilling (14), Holy Cross, and Jim Tucker (4) of Duquesne. The favored Duquesne eliminated Holy Cross, 78-68.

SPORTS

State Basketball Tourney Opens Tonight at Eugene

Eugene — (U.P.) — Astoria and Hillsboro launch Oregon's biggest annual basketball show Tuesday night when they meet in the University of Oregon's McArthur court in the first game of the 1952 class A high school tournament.

Cleveland of Portland and McMinnville meet in the only other Tuesday game.

The other 12 teams in the 16-team field will play Wednesday. Championship game is slated Saturday night.

All 16 teams have represented their districts in the state playoffs in the past. Favorites this year for the final trophy are the three Portland entries — Cleveland, Lincoln and Central Catholic. But Portland teams have garnered championship honors only six times in 33 years.

Klamath Falls, McMinnville, Marshfield and Salem were tentatively billed as the four teams likely to give the metropolitan schools their toughest competition.

Central Catholic enters the tournament with the best win-loss record of the lot. It has 24 victories to its credit against one loss, that to Klamath Falls.

Games Wednesday are Marshfield against Scappoose; The

Dalles-Central Catholic; Klamath Falls-Bend; Lincoln-Salem; Corvallis-University of Eugene, and Milwaukie-La Grande.

Rookie Third Sacker

Age of Yankee Camp

St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—Rookie Andy Carey was the rage of the New York Yankees' camp Tuesday and one big reason why manager Casey Stengel believes the world champions may not be hurt by the loss of Billy Martin during the first few weeks of the American League season.

Carey stretched his hitting stream to seven games with two singles as the Yankees beat the Washington Senators, 8-5, Monday.

MAC-HI COACH QUILTS

Milton - Freewater, Ore.—(U.P.)—Gene Holweger, head basketball coach for MacLoughlin Union high school here, said Tuesday he is resigning effective at the end of the current school year.

Holweger, a former prep star at Portland's Franklin high, said he hoped to get a post nearer Portland.

TWO PLAYERS HURT

Tampa—(U.P.)—Pitcher Niles Jordan and outfielder Wally Post of the Cincinnati Reds were sidelined Tuesday with minor injuries. Jordan was struck by a line drive off Ferris Fain's bat in Monday's 6-5 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics' A-team while Post was hit in the face by a thrown ball in pre-game practice.

Man Gets Stolen Car Back; Paint Job Added

North Guilford, Conn.—(U.P.)—James H. Sandbergh isn't too sorry that his "plain blue" automobile was stolen by a 16-year-old youth.

When the machine was recovered, Sandbergh hardly recognized it. It had a snappy two-tone paint job and was equipped with numerous flashy accessories. In addition, some dents in the fenders had been ironed out, the oil was changed and new anti-freeze had been put in. The improvements cost the thief about \$200.

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Giant Pair Hurls No-No

San Bernardino, Calif.—(U.P.)—A no-hitter in the spring doesn't win a pennant in September but it was enough Tuesday to make Leo Durocher of the New York Giants look forward confidently toward the defense of the National League title.

Jim Hearn and Monte Kennedy, appropriately both of Irish descent, authored the no-hitter against the Chicago Cubs, 10-0, Monday on St. Patrick's day.

Hearn, a 17-game winner in 1951 who could be the Giants' best pitcher this year, pitched the first five innings, walked two and struck out four.

Kennedy, who won only one game last season, picked up from there and allowed three walks while striking out three remainder of the way.

4 Comet Cagers Top 200 Points

Central Point—Crater high basketball quint, in winning 16 and losing five scuffles in prep competition this year, scored 1007 points to 863 by the opposition.

Punk Monroe was top scorer with 222. Three others tallied more than 200. Gordon Carrigan 213, Larry Bigham 202 and Herb Weber 201. Others among the top Comet scorers were Bill Boye 67, Bob King 55 and Rocky Spence 22.

Crater beat St. Mary's of Medford, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Sutherlin and Illinois each twice, won three out of four with Ashland, topped Coquille, split with Rogue River and Myrtle Creek and lost two to Eagle Point.

NICHOLS READY

St. Petersburg — (U.P.) — Chet Nichols, the National league's earned run leader in 1951, appeared Tuesday to be ready—just in case. The young Boston Brave southpaw showed excellent form as he faced only 12 batters in four innings as the Braves beat the Red Sox, 2-1, Monday.

Seattle — (U.P.) — Light-heavyweights Abel Fernandez of Los Angeles and Eddie Cotton of Seattle tangle Tuesday night in the 10-round main event of a boxing card here. Cotton is a slight favorite.

Fabulous Buried Treasure Spurs Searchers in Japan

Tokyo—(U.P.)—To paraphrase R. L. Stevenson: Fourteen hundred and 71 men on a dead man's chest, Yo ho ho and a bottle of sake.

One of the century's greatest searches for hidden treasure is on in Japan, near the foot of majestic Mount Fuji.

The object is the fabulous buried wealth in gold coffins, chests of gold coins and jewels of Japan's last great feudal lord, the Shogun Togugawa. Legend values the treasure at more than \$20,000,000.

The director of the search, 62-year-old Hidemori Kawahara, insists he is working from factual records, not legend. He already has poured 10,000,000 yen (about \$30,000) into an elaborate excavation program, using mining rigs and derricks and a gang of laborers directed by a mining engineer.

He reported exciting progress. The diggers reached the crumbling remains of human skeletons, a clue that convinced Kawahara he was near his goal.

There must be the bones of 1,471 laborers who were massacred after burying the Tokugawa's wealth, to insure secrecy of the plot, he told Japanese newsmen.

Three sets of "documents" handed down to Kawahara by his grandmother, the mistress of a Samurai warrior in the service of the Tokugawas, are the key to the search.

When the power of the Shogunate began crumbling in 1863, the loyal Samurai, who served as the Shogun's treasurer, prepared for trouble. He foresaw the coming revolt against the Tokugawas and the drive to westernize Japan, but he was convinced it would not last.

According to the documents, he made elaborate preparations to protect the wealth of his master, Generalissimo Yoshinubi Tokugawa, and prepare for a comeback.

He built vaults in caves near Mount Fuji and slowly moved the entire wealth of his feudal

lord—some 5,000,000 oval-shaped gold coins, gold bullion, gem-studded swords and other jewels in gold coffins—from the Edo castle in Tokyo to the secret cache.

Five years before the Shogun finally was overthrown and the emperor Meiji was restored to the throne in 1868, the work was completed.

With diabolical method, the Samurai then poisoned an entire battalion of 1,471 laborers who had worked on the project, the story goes.

The excavation site has been put under guard and further protected at night by a big floodlight.

The treasure-seekers, believing the goal of their quest was near, began erecting a reception hall to handle the crowd when the golden fortune is brought out.

Laborers on the job were relieved by Kawahara's plans for publicity. They remembered the fate of their 1,471 predecessors.

CONTACT AFTER 72 YEARS

Pemberville, O.—(U.P.)—Seventy-two years, two generations and two wars after leaving Germany, Mrs. Fred Nolte has re-established contact with her sister, Charlotte Wamker of Osnabruck, Germany. Mrs. Nolte lost track of her sister after leaving Germany to come here. A grandson, Donald F. Rahe, now of the U. S. Army in Germany, succeeded in finding his grandmother's sister.

HOLDS HIS 'BURGERS'
Kalamazoo, Mich.—(U.P.)—For several years a restaurant's offer of free hamburgers for anyone who could eat 13 at one sitting was ignored. Then John Carey, 21, came in and qualified. Three cups of coffee and two glasses of water aided him.

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