

Eagle Point Foe of Tornado Tonight; North Bend Here on Saturday Evening

Prep basketball returns to the Medford senior high maplecourt tonight after a couple of weeks absence and the Black Tornado has the first of live straight December warm-up games at home as it gears for its Southern Oregon Conference and District 4 openers in January.

Its Black Tornado against the Eagle Point Eagles tonight. On Saturday Medford is a host again—to the North Bend Bulldogs. And word from the Tornado is that, while neither conflict has conference or district significance, the two frays are not being taken lightly.

Both games will shed light on Medford's chances with the defending champion of its loop, the Grants Pass Cavemen. For, while the Tornado is playing Eagle Point tonight, the Cavemen will entertain North Bend. And Grants Pass will go to Eagle Point on Saturday.

A lot can happen between

now and March, but tonight's tussle between the Eagles and Tornado could well be a preview of the District 4 play-offs at the end of the season. Eagle Point a club which has been abuilding for a couple of years, has been tabbed the team to beat among the Little Six schools in this sector. Medford has been rated in a like category in the Big Four section of the district.

Medford will carry a height advantage into the mix with the Eagles but Eagle Point has some height, too, and an observer has indicated that the 1954-1955 version of the Eagles can run hard and shoot well.

Against North Bend the Tornado will encounter a club rated the favorite in its own area. The Bulldogs have been picked by coast prognosticators as fairly certain to make the state tourney journey this season. They have fair height, a

quality of ruggedness and good eyes for the baskets.

Medford will have the edge in one department, height. Tornado ability to use that asset will count a lot. It may find the Bulldogs tenacious under the backboards. Word from Grants Pass is that North Bend may show a football-type of ruggedness. Willard Reeve, 205 pounds and 6 feet 1/2 inch, with 304 rebounds for North Bend last year, is evidence of that quality.

Veterans On Hand
The Bulldogs, like the Eagles, have a good handful of veterans on hand plus 6-3 1/2 Dave Hartley, two-year veteran at Nyssa before transferring to North Bend.

Coach Frank Roelandt likely will call on his regular starting five to open both week end frays for Medford. That would put Bud Kastner and Glenn Peterson at forwards, Jerry Kalapus at center and Larry Cople and Frank Rector at guards.

Just what use of reserves will be made depends, of course, on how the games go. But, with the frays being tune-ups for the important ones, all the top reserves might get into action. They include Bill Cochran, Dick McLaughlin, Ed McCullough, Lloyd

Cearley, John Foust and Bob Tisdell.

Roelandt reported last night that the Black Tornado apparently will be in top shape physically for the week end.

A likely line-up for Eagle Point is Harvey Nelson and Carl Christian at forwards, Bill Caldwell as center and Ken Bitterling and Jack Greb at guards.

Caldwell hurt his knee in a game with Rogue River on Tuesday and there was some question as to his availability. The report was circulating here that he would be in the line-up. Medford hopes so. Games this week end are expected to determine pretty well the real caliber of the Tornado and Medford would like to face both North Bend and Eagle Point at their strongest possible.

Ed Abernathy or Jerry Cave would be in the center spot in place of Caldwell. Jerry Tuttle is giving Greb and Bitterling a battle at guard, according to Coach Jerry Mosby.

A possible line-up for North Bend isn't known for sure but is likely to include Hoddy Schepman, Dick Woolstenhulme, Hartley and Reeve. Reeve scored 304 point for NB last year, Schepman got 27 and Woolstenhulme 149. Coach Ray O'Dell may pick from among Al Van Leuven, LeRoy King and Jack Shanley for the fifth starter.

Medford rounds out its pre-conference slate against Roseburg here December 2 and Cleveland of Portland here on December 28 and 29.

Turkey Shoot On Sunday

The fall and winter series of turkey shoots at Medford Gun club wind up this Sunday with the fourth shoot of the season.

Activity will start as usual at 10 a.m. There will be events for various classes of shooters in skeet and 16-yard competition. Events are planned for non-shooters. It is hoped to wind up the series with the largest turnout of the four occasions.

Club officials said that there will be plenty of prizes. They will include hams and bacon along with the turkeys.

Lunch will be available at the grounds.

FIGHTS

Akron, O.: Carmen Basilio, Canastota, N.Y., stopped Ronnie Harper, Detroit (6).

SPORTS

Oregon State Plays Dons in Cow Palace

By HENRY RIEGER
San Francisco — (U.P.) — Basketball displaces championship fights and livestock shows at the San Francisco Cow palace tonight as big time collegiate doubleheaders return to the massive pavilion after a year's absence.

Abandoned last year when the 1952-53 crowds dwindled to the size of a Senate subcommittee, the twin bills are being resumed this season on a modified basis —featuring Pacific Coast conference quints along with independent San Francisco bay area clubs.

If the 1954-55 program is a success, it will be expanded next year with weekend doubleheaders featuring the best of the West against the best of the rest of the country.

An anticipated crowd of 8,000 will watch University of San Francisco tangle with Oregon State and UCLA tackles Santa Clara in tonight's kickoff presentation. Saturday night it is "switch partners," with UCLA and USF coupled and Santa Clara and Oregon State paired.

Rematch

It is the UCLA-USF game that the San Francisco bay area basketball phiberts are talking about. The game is a rematch of UCLA's 47-40 win over the San Francisco Dons last Saturday.

UCLA, one of two undefeated major west coast clubs, edged San Francisco in the Uclans' sweaty, crackerbox gym.

French Boxer's U.S. Manager Given Suspension

San Francisco—(U.P.)—George Kanter, American representative for French boxer Pierre Langlois, today began a two-week suspension by the California Athletic Commission for "mouthings" to the press after his fighter's loss Wednesday night.

Middleweight champion Carl Olson scored a technical knockout over Langlois in Wednesday's fight when the Frenchman suffered a severe eye cut.

Thursday Kanter and Langlois' manager, Jean Bretonnel, appeared at a meeting of the commission, presumably to ask that Langlois be given a draw on the grounds that the cut was opened by a butt.

Apology Requested
Instead, Commission Chairman A. P. Entenza blasted the manager for what he called "mouthings" to the press and the commission suspended Kanter for two weeks, subject to revocation if Kanter apologizes by letter for statements he made concerning the fight.

Kanter told reporter in Langlois' dressing room that Dr. Robert Ladd, who ordered the bout halted in the 11th round, was as responsible as anyone for Langlois' defeat because he aggravated the cut while examining it.

Kanter maintained that he was only translating for a boxer who was speaking in the heat of a bout which he had just lost.

Medford Wrestlers Go To C. Junction Tuesday

Medford high school's first wrestling match of the season is set for next Tuesday. The Black Tornado will oppose Illinois Valley at Cave Junction. Coach Paul Everson said that about 30 grapplers will make the trip.

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY COLLEGE GAMES

East
Temple 77, St. John's N.Y. 69
Brandeis 90, Boston College 81
Fordham 58, Colgate 51
Niagara 90, Syracuse 74
South
W. Kentucky 75, Colo. State 67
Florida 70, Miami (Fla.) 61
Pittsburgh 88, Drury 59
MAIA Tournament (First Round)
Tenn. A & I 77, Southwest Mo. St. 57
Arkansas Tech 87, St. Benedict's 59
Gus Adolph 59, E. Tex. State 51
Southwest
Okla. City 68, Texas Christian 44
West
Portland U. 94, San Diego State 85
St. Martins 71, Linfield 68
Willamette 67, College of Puget Sound 63
Whittman 78, Eastern Wash. 51
Humboldt State 68, Pasadena Nazarene 63
Whitworth 82, Cal Poly 54
Lewis & Clark 78, 55, Portland U. 78, 51

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