

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Tornado Ends Pre-League Slate Against Cleveland Tuesday, Wednesday Nights

The quintet prognosticators have picked as the team to beat in the Southern Oregon Conference against the club heavily favored to waltz off with the Portland Interscholastic League crown — That combination will provide a natural for cage fans here this week as the Medford Black Tornado winds up its eight-game pre-league campaign by entertaining the Cleveland Indians.

Medford and Cleveland collide on Tuesday and Wednesday. It's a top caliber for the Black Tornado will face. The Indians don't have the height to match Medford's but speed and sharp shooting are their main assets. Cleveland has been flicking the net from the field at about a .400 clip. Other Tribe attributes are smoothness on defense and alertness.

The qualities have helped Cleveland win its first four frays of the season in a breeze. Cleveland has averaged 64.25 points per game to opponents to 46. Coach Al Negretti has been able to substitute freely in wins over Battleground and Vancouver, Wash., Central Catholic and North Salem.

Dick Jolley is figured to be the big gun in the Tribe's bid to move up from fourth last year to first this season in the P.I.L. Jolley, a 6-foot-1-inch lad, was unanimous all-city choice last year as a junior. He traced the P.I.L. last season with 243 points for a 17.4 per game average and had a full season total of 381.

This year Jolley is shooting for second all-time high behind the fabulous Swede Halbrook. So far he has a 63 total for a 17 per game clip and the most he's played in any one fracas is three

quarters. Jolly has the reputation as a tremendous rebounder. Cleveland has other veterans. Jay Bashor, 6-2 and two-year letterman, was a regular last year as was Eric Petersen, 5-7 one-striper. Tallest on the squad is Frank Thatcher, 6-3, who let-tered as a reserve in the 1953-1954 campaign. Others who got letters last year were:

Bob Hevener, 6-2, and Bill Davies. Among those who may see quite a bit of duty against the Tornado is Harvey Jones, 5-5, who missed last year because of an injury.

Medford Averages 57.8 In comparison to the Tribe average against foes, Medford has scored at a rate of 57.8 points per game while rivals have averaged 44.3. Two Medfordites have averaged better than 13 points per game. Larry Copple has an 83 total with a 13.8 per game figure. Jerry Kalapus has 79 and 13.1 counts.

The Tornado didn't rest long after its Thursday triumph over Roseburg. It was on the practice floor yesterday morning. But the drill was light. Medford has only one more drill before facing Cleveland. It took both yesterday and today off. Practice Monday won't be overly strenuous but it will be heavier than the usual day-before-game workout.

Medford had a hot night shooting against the Roseburg variety of Indians with 20 out of 45 for a 44.4 average. The Tornado in the overall picture also had advantage two to one on the backboards. Bud Kastner came up with his second straight fine guarding job, holding Nub Beamer to two field goals. He was previously that effective against Willard Reeve of North Bend.

West Coast Teams Lead Defensively

Portland — (U.P.) — Defense, on the West Coast at least, would not appear to be an art lost in present-day basketball, on the basis of statistics released by the NCAA.

The first four defensive teams in the nation are located on the Pacific Coast, and six out of the first 10 defensive aggregations are from this region.

Southern California, defending Pacific Coast Conference champion, leads the nation with a defensive average of 49.4 points per game in its seven contests. San Francisco is second and Oregon State third. The powerful UCLA Bruins rank fourth.

Other West Coast teams among the 10 best defensive quintets are Santa Clara, eighth, and California, ninth.

The region does not do as well in the offensive department. University of Portland, with an average of 85.2 points per game, leads the Coast in scoring but ranks only 24th in the nation. Portland's Dick Bartel is ranked eighth in free throws, with 44 out of 50, while Oregon's Jim Lostutoff is 16th in rebounds.

New Orleans Awaits Bowl

New Orleans — (U.P.) — Sugar Bowl fever gripped this queen city of the bayou land Saturday as the day neared for the mighty battle between eastern powerhouse Navy and the rebels of Mississippi.

The two teams will meet in Sugar Bowl stadium next Saturday before a capacity crowd of 82,000 persons. Tickets for the struggle, rated by many as the best bowl game in the nation, were sold out long ago.

The Middies, coached by Eddie Erdelatz, will arrive in Moisant International Airport aboard a commercial airliner tonight. The 37-man squad will take up residence at a newly-completed dormitory on the Tulane University campus close to the stadium.

Mississippi also will be on the move today. Coach Johnny Vaught has ordered his Southeastern Conference champions to report at the Gold Coast city of Biloxi, Miss., Monday for a final series of workouts before the New Year's Day classic. The 37 New members are expected to arrive here Dec. 31.

Observers here inspired by the fired-up emotions contrasted the Navy-Mississippi match with the indifferent attitude of last year when Georgia Tech walloped West Virginia.

Orange Bowl Clubs Arrive

Miami — (U.P.) — The Duke Blue Devils and Nebraska Cornhuskers flew into Florida Saturday fired up to prove they're not "third-rate" choices for the 21st Orange Bowl football classic New Year's Day.

Balmy weather and bright sunshine will greet Duke's players and assistant coaches who are due to arrive first. Coach Bill Murray is making the trip by train.

An 80-man contingent of players, coaches and managers is due to land from Lincoln, Neb., three hours later.

Murray of Duke and Coach Bill Glassford of Nebraska have scheduled few contact drills during the before-game week. They will spend most of the workouts in perfecting play timing and acclimating their squads to Miami's humid, warm weather, a strength-draining thing on the walled-in Orange Bowl turf.

Duke, as winner of the Atlantic Coast Conference, was installed as an early 13½ point favorite to beat the Nebraskaans who lost four of their 10 games this season. The Blue Devils lost only to Army and Navy and were tied by Purdue in 10 contests.

Because of the teams' records, the Orange Bowl committee drew sharp criticism for sticking by its pact for the Atlantic Coast and Big Seven Conferences to furnish the Jan. 1 football contestants. But bowl officials predicted a hard fought and close contest between the two teams which have no national rankings to preserve by cautions play.

Both coaches promised to deliver. Despite the criticism, tickets for one of the 69,000 seats in the bowl are as hard to get as ever.

INK DIAMOND PACTS New York — (U.P.) — The world champion New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers demonstrated they're both tops in Christmas spirit with the announcements that outfielder Monte Irvin and pitcher Carl Erskine had signed their 1955 contracts. The Giants indicated that Irvin would receive a duplicate of his \$27,500 contract of last season while the Dodgers indicated Erskine received \$25,000 — about the same amount he received in 1954.



43 SWANS HAVE BEEN KILLED in the Lower Klamath lake area this year, according to game enforcement officials, and at least seven have been wounded by careless hunters. In an effort to prevent the killing of these protected birds large silhouettes have been erected and an intensive education campaign is underway by federal game management officers, fish and wildlife personnel and both Oregon and California game officers. Here (top) is a comparison of actual birds, snapped at the Lower Lake refuge area by photographer Don Kettler. Left, Thomas Garratt, U.S. Game Management agent, holds a typical snow goose, showing the black wing tips, while Jim Savage, U. S. Agent (right) and Gene Branson, assistant manager, Tulelake Wildlife refuge, display a mature whistling swan shot down by a hunter. The educational silhouettes, the brain child of Johnny Johnson, Tulelake refuge patrolman, are shown below. The big figures are mounted on posts at points of entry in the open shooting areas, the snow geese bearing the legend "OK to Shoot" and the swan being lettered with a warning "Do Not Shoot." Officials feel that these silhouettes have helped materially in cutting down on the whistling swan cases this year. Last year over 100 swans had been killed by hunters at this same time. It is the belief of observers that 80 to 85 per cent of the hunter hours in the basin this year were used by non-resident gunners, sportsmen from the Bay area, from Portland, the Willamette valley and other spots in the surrounding states. Many of these hunters are not familiar with the swan as a bird and consequently, officials feel, mistake him for the common snow goose.

Actually the difference is easy to mark. Your whistling swan is a huge bird, averaging a wing spread of six feet or better, twice that of the snow goose. The snow goose has plainly marked black wing tips, the swan has no black on him at all except for his beak and feet. The swan has a fluteline, musical call that can be heard for miles over the marshes and grasslands, while the snow goose calls in a harsh, discordant manner. The wing beat of the swan can only be described as stately, while the snow goose has the quicker beat of the average goose. To date approximately a dozen cases of swan killing have been brought into courts, where fines average a trifle over \$100. At the present time there are some 2500 swans using the lower Lake and Tule areas and spread over certain other popular feeding and resting grounds in the Klamath basin. (Courtesy Klamath Falls Herald and News)

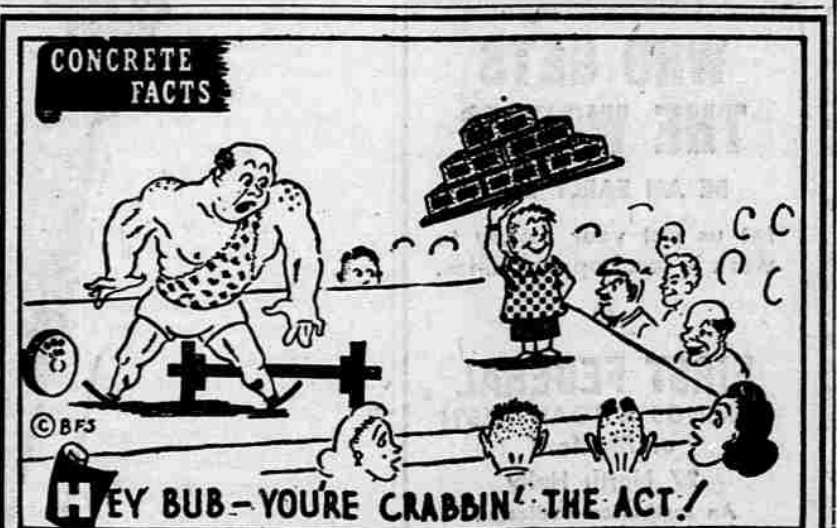
O'Brien Chosen Athlete of Year For California

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Parry O'Brien Jr., the only man in the world ever to toss the shot beyond 60 feet, today was named Southern California Athlete of the Year for 1954 by the Helms Athletic foundation.

The former University of Southern California weight star was selected by the Helms board which also considered four

other top stars of 1954 — International Diving Champion Patricia McCormick; Bob Lemon, star pitcher of the Cleveland Indians; Quarterback Norman Van Brocklin of the Los Angeles Rams and Jack Ellena, All-American tackle on UCLA's national championship football team.

O'Brien set the world's record for the shot, put of 60 feet, 10 inches on June 11, one of three times he sent the iron ball beyond the 60-foot mark.



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Among the many ex-Medford high athletes home for the holidays is Gary Boshears, now a student at far off Yale university. Boshears, lightest man on the team, was regular center and co-captain of the Branford eleven which won the Yale inter-college football championship last fall. His club then lost to Harvard university's champ Dunster college, in the annual rivalry which pits the 10 intramural teams of each school against each other the day before the traditional varsity conflict between Harvard and Yale. The grid program of the two schools had a two-page spread in the December 13 issue of Sports Illustrated.

Activities of the local club are on Garfield slope at the lake. A group of Snowmen went to the lake today to make preparations for he season. President Bill Brooks said the club's small tow likely will be taken. A more powerful tow is planned this year. The present small one is 7½ horsepower and one person capacity. The new one will be 25 horse. It is hoped it will haul four people.

Centennial Titus was the only casualty on the Southern Oregon college basketball squad which was at Arcata, Calif., last week when the earthquake struck that area. He slipped on glass which broke out of a window and fell and cut his thumb. Coach Alex Peterson of the Raiders said that the Arcata hotel rocked like a bucking horse in the two-minute jolt. Petersen, shaving with a double edged razor, when he jolt came, didn't get cut. He said half the water sloshed out of the bowl. The coach found a spot under an archway in a move to seek a safe spot.

Petersen said that the people who stayed in the building generally escaped injury. It was the people running outside who got hurt. Glass reportedly piled up 1½ feet deep in the aisles of the Arcata liquor store.

Ashland high thought it had won a basketball game last week-end then learned in the dressing room that it was the loser. When the final gun sounded, the scoreboard showed 51 to 50 in Ashland's favor. Recheck of the scorebook gave Bend the victory 52 to 51.

In Southern Oregon college's recent 84 to 71 verdict over Oregon College of Education on the hoop court, the Red Raiders got more points from the free line than they did from the field. They flipped in 20 field goals for 40 points but at the free stripe, where buckets count only a single point, they sank the huge total of 44 — thanks to the new bonus free shot rule which allows a second shot if the first is made. Lloyd Hoffine, who got 38 points for SOC, got 18 of them on gifters. He shot 20 times from the charity spot for an accuracy average of .900.

READ-4 SPORT ATHLETE

Medford high gained a four-sport athlete with the transfer of Stan Read from St. Mary's parochial school. Stan who played in his first basketball game for the Black Tornado on Thursday, was a standout in football, basketball and track at St. Mary's. With a minimum of training Read won the broad jump, took second in the 220-yard dash and grabbed third in the 100-yard sprint for the Crusaders last spring in the state B track meet. He transferred to Medford high because of the parochial school policy of not permitting married students to attend.

AWAITING MORE SNOW

Rogue Snowmen have been awaiting one more good snow before beginning their skiing season at Crater lake. Up until two days ago there reportedly

Paul Meyers Has High Score in Golf Tournament

Paul Meyers with 162 points is current leader in the holiday handicap golf tournament at Rogue Valley country club.

Larry Butler is now second among the 35 entries with 150 and Clayton Lewis with 141 is listed as fourth.

The tournament concludes on January 2.

Winner of the meet will be decided on the highest total tabulated from the best four rounds entries, turned in. Then points are being awarded for a double eagle, five for an eagle, three for a birdie, two for a par and one for a bogey. Players are permitted 85 per cent of handicap.

Meyers picked up point totals of 44, 40, 36 and 42 on his rounds.

Parry O'Brien Helms Winner

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Parry O'Brien Jr., former southern California shot-put star, was named Southern California athlete of the year Saturday by the Helms Hall of Fame board.

O'Brien, who is the only man in history to put a shot more than 60 feet, beat out such heralded performers as diving champ Pat McCormick, Cleveland pitcher Bob Lemon, Los Angeles quarterback Norm Van Brocklin, and UCLA's All-American, Jack Ellena.

The award winner is in the Air Force and will receive the award in nearby Santa Monica when he returns home next year.

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