

# Tornado Desires To Continue As Spoiler Against Cleveland

Medford high cagers have been tabbed as spoilers for blasting the hopes of Eugene and North Bend to stay in the unbeaten class. While they have greater ambitions for the season, they'll be out to continue in the spoiler role this week.

This time it will be the Cleveland high Indians of Portland. The Indians come here for Tuesday and Wednesday night clashes with the Black Torando and the contest match the top-rated club on the metropolitan prep scene with the quint which has been picked as team to beat in the Southern Oregon Conference.

The Tornado has had .594, .488 and .444 averages from the field. With the foregoing qualities shown by both clubs, the Medford height advantage should be a good boost to the Tornado cause.

Medford has three men of 6 feet 4 inches or better in regulars Glenn Peterson and Jerry Kalapus, both 6-4 1/2, and reserve Bill Cochran. Frank Thatcher, a reserve, at 6-3, is the tallest listed on the Cleveland roster. Jay Bashor and Bob Hevener of the Indians are 6-2. Jolley reportedly a fine rebounder as well as good scorer, is 6-1.

The usual day-before-game drill. Roeland indicated that he will call on his usual starting five, Peterson, Kalapus, Bud Kastner, Larry Cople and Frank Rector. Bashor may be at center for Cleveland with Jolley and Hevener at forwards. Guards may be picked from among Harvey Jones, Eric Peterson and Bill Davies.

The tangles will be the last for Medford before starting Southern Oregon Conference play. Medford anticipates its toughest rivalry of its pre-conference campaign.

Preliminary games both days will match Medford and Crater high junior varsities at 6:45 p.m. Main games are set for 8:15 p.m. The Tornado Jayvees hold two wins over the Crater quintet.

Cleveland will go out on the Medford court Tuesday unmarred in four games. The Indians have the only unblemished record among the schools in the Portland Interscholastic League in pre-conference tussles outside the circuit. They also boast the best offensive record to date among P.I.L. teams with their 64.25 per game average. Their defensive record is second best. Cleveland has allowed rivals an average of 46 points per game.

## Northern Division Quints Vie in Holiday Tourney

Seattle — (U.P.) — A preview of the 1955 Northern Division basketball season will be given at Edmondson pavilion here tomorrow and Wednesday when Washington, Idaho, Washington State and Oregon State play in a pair of pre-season doubleheaders.

Only Oregon among the Northern division teams will be missing — and there are reports that Duck Coach Bill Borcher won't miss the chance to scout his opposition for the coming conference race.

## R. Marciano Top Fighter During 1954

By JACK CUDDY  
New York — (U.P.) — Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano has been named fighter of the year by the Ring Magazine for the second time, and lightweight Frankie Ryff of New York was tabbed "rookie of the year."

Little Pascual Perez of Argentina, who hammered from obscurity to the world flyweight championship in 1954, was named winner of the "Progress of the year" award.

Rocky, who had first won the "fighter" award for 1952, was praised for his two defenses in 1954 against Ezzard Charles by Editor Nat Fleischer in the Ring Magazine's annual review of the sport.

## Navy Opens Daily Drill For Fracas

By CHARLES OHL  
New Orleans — (U.P.) — Navy Coach Eddie Erdelatz started his Middies on daily workouts deep in bayou land today in preparation for the Sugar Bowl battle with Mississippi Saturday.

Mississippi's Rebels buckled down to work some 60 miles away in the gulf coast city of Biloxi, Miss. The Reds will arrive here Friday on the eve of New Year's Day classic.

The magazine's staff also picked the second Marciano Charles bout on Sept. 17 as the "fight of the year." In that bout Rocky kept his crown by stopping Ezzard in the eighth round after having the title threatened by a badly split nose. It was the third straight time Rocky has engaged in the "fight of the year."

Lightweight Ryff won the rookie award because he became nationally prominent in 1954 and the fifth-ranking contender with seven straight victories over good opposition.

## West Clubs In Eastern Tournaments

By NORMAN RITTER  
United Press Sports Writer  
Major inter-sectional tournaments sample some of the cream of Pacific Coast basketball this week as many of the west's teams continue their Holiday habit of living out of suitcases.

UCLA headed for the third annual Holiday Basketball Festival in New York's Madison Square Garden. The Bruins (7-1), stung only by once-beaten University of San Francisco, open the tourney today against Niagara, defeated in overtime by LaSalle.

Coach Johnny Vaught, of Mississippi, worried that his grid-ers may have picked up some excess poundage at the Christmas dinner table, planned stiff workouts for his squad.

But Erdelatz, who arrived here Sunday, wasn't worried about the holiday layoff and didn't plan any rough work.

The ring's selection of Marciano because of his decision over Charles and his kayo of Charles did not agree with the recent selection of the Boxing Writers' Association, which picked Middleweight Champion Carl (Bobo) Olson as "fighter of the year." However, the choice of Ryff as "rookie" was in accord with that of the BWA.

Fleischer deplored the fact that 1954 was one of the worst years in boxing history, although "death took a holiday" and only six fatalities were recorded as a result of competition.

Rosewall, trailing 3-5 in that last set, summoned a last desperate effort and took a 40-15 lead on his service. Then he doublefaulted, and then he hit a long volley too far for deuce. Another "out" gave Seixas the advantage and then the American simply powered his way to the final point.

"He did it by sticking to his pattern," said Billy Talbert, gleeful captain of the U.S. team. "We always knew he'd beat Rosewall if he stuck to the pattern of playing Rosewall's forehand. In those other matches, he strayed from the pattern."

Warm Up Sessions  
"I'm going to limber them up at sessions lasting about an hour and a half each up until Saturday," said Erdelatz.

The Navy will run into the top defensive outfit of the nation Saturday when it takes on Mississippi's Southeastern Conference champions in a game that promises to outshine the other bowls this season.

Erdelatz, who exchanged game films with Vaught, said his Middies will have to deal with a team that has "more speed than any team I've ever seen."

He stressed that there were less than 4,000 professional boxers competing in the rings of the world in 1954, whereas in 1950 there were 5,000 in the United States and 2,200 in other countries. Moreover, from the standpoint of attendance and receipts the year was one of the worst, "if not the worst," since the end of the first World War in 1918.

He picked two principal reasons for the decreases in attendance, gates and number of boxers. They were (1) television and (2) bad publicity resulting from the numerous investigations of racketeering and other evils apparently in the sport.

Trabert ignored the pain of a split middle finger in drubbing Hoad. There wasn't much to choose between the two young stars through the first three sets, but victory in that marathon third set turned the trick for Trabert. Hoad broke his service for a 3-2 lead in the fourth set, but then the Cincinnati, Ohio, star stormed through the next four games to close out the match.

Heavy Rebel Line  
Speedy backs Eagle Day and Houston Patton operate behind a Rebel line that averages above 210 pounds. The Navy line is relatively light but hits with ferocious power.

Navy's hopes got a boost when Erdelatz announced that Captain Phil Monahan, sidelined by injuries most of the season, "will play but he won't start." Erdelatz credits Monahan with putting the "will to win" in his team that was beaten only twice this season, by Notre Dame and Pittsburgh.

By way of contrast, powerful Utah will be idle until Jan. 6, while USE, home with the Oklahoma City All-College tourney crown, plays only once this week. The Dons host San Diego State Wednesday in San Francisco's Kezar Pavilion.

Earnstorming Stanford (4-1) winds up its five-game road trip with games against Seton Hall, Vanderbilt and Iowa in that order tonight, Wednesday and Thursday. The Indians suffered their lone loss at the hands of Tulane last week in the second game of their current tour.

Trabert's brilliant marathon triumph, giving him revenge for his five-set beating by Hoad in the most important match of last year's series, was a jarring blow to Aussie hopes for it made the Americans slight favorites for the cup. But Seixas' thunderous walloping of young Rosewall was the crusher — because Rosewall was supposed to own a "jinx" over the 30-year-old American champion.

Rosewall, only 19, had whipped Seixas seven times in their last eight meetings but you'd never have known that from today's match. After splitting the first two bitterly-fought sets with the dark-haired Aussie, Seixas suddenly seized control and bombarded his way to victory.

Mississippi was beaten only once, 6 to 0, by Arkansas.

Fleischer came to the conclusions: "Television is here to stay. But racketeering, with the knowledge of boxing commissions and promoters, is something that can and must be eliminated if boxing is to survive."

Ashland Bus Driver Hunting Trip Fatality  
Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — A 53-year-old Ashland school bus driver died Sunday while he was hunting in a field 15 miles southeast of Klamath Falls.

Arthur Miller was pronounced dead by Deputy Coroner William Mills who said the hunter apparently suffered a heart attack from over-exertion.

# SPORTS

## Trabert, Seixas Whip Hoad, Rosewall for 2-0 Davis Cup Lead

By ERIC RIEL  
Sydney, Australia — (U.P.) — Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, both burning to atone for last year's failure, virtually wrapped up the Davis Cup for shipment back to the United States today by scoring four-set victories for an almost unbeatable 2-0 challenge round lead over Australia.

A throng of 25,578 at White City Stadium, largest crowd in Davis Cup history, sat in stunned silence as Seixas completed the opening day sweep by up-setting Aussie Ken Rosewall, 8-6, 6-8, 6-4, 6-3.

## Syracuse Foe Of LaSalle In 1st Round

By JOHN GRIFFIN  
United Press Sports Writer  
LaSalle's 1953 NCAA champions were favored to take the first step on "the long road back" toward the nation's No. 1 ranking today when they tackled Syracuse in the opening round of the Holiday Festival tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Jolted by losses to Utah and Kentucky, the Explorers were installed as tentative favorites to win a tournament graced by such other national powers as sixth-ranked Dayton, ninth-ranked Niagara and 10th-ranked Duquesne. The tournament continues on Wednesday and Friday and marks the high point of the regular basketball season for the customer-starved Garden.

An hour earlier, the crew-cut Trabert sent the U.S. team off to a flying start by whipping blond Lewis Hoad of Australia, 6-4, 2-6, 12-10, 6-3, in the match experts were predicting would be the "key" to the entire series between the two nations which are meeting in the challenge round for the 11th straight time.

"Miracle" Needed  
Only one of the greatest "miracles" in tennis history can save the cup for Australia for the fifth straight year — and even Aussie officials don't expect that.

The festival tournament shares top interest with the Dixie Classic at Raleigh, N.C., but is only one of 10 tournaments which begin today and tonight and provide an abrupt end to the Christmas lull. At Raleigh, fifth-ranked North Carolina State is a heavy pre-tournament favorite but can expect stern opposition from several quarters.

Niagara opposed UCLA in the opener of the Garden tournament at 2 p.m. (EST) with LaSalle meeting weak Syracuse in the second game. Tonight, it will be Dayton vs. St. John's of New York and Duquesne vs. Villanova.

The Cougars from Washington State have the best pre-tourney record with 6 wins and 2 losses. Washington has a 4-3 record, Idaho 3 wins and 4 losses and OSC, a 3-5 record.

The three visiting teams were scheduled to arrive here today for pre-game workouts.

Dayton Tall Team  
Dayton, one of the tallest teams in the country, is favored but the experts have tabbed St. John's as the tournament's dark horse. Although lacking a bit in speed and experience, St. John's has tremendous physical strength for a college team and bowed by only one point to North Carolina State in its last game.

Southern California (6-2), which upset Utah in the consolation round of the University of Kentucky Invitational, takes on North Carolina as the annual Dixie Classic gets underway today in Raleigh, N.C.

Bears Tournament Bound  
Pete Newell's surprising University of Carolina Bears were also tourney bound. The Blue and Gold (7-1), fresh from a double win over previously unbeaten Ohio State, meets Kansas State (3-2) tomorrow in first round play in the Big Seven tournament.

North Carolina State begins its bid for victory in the Dixie Classic against Cornell, while in other first-round games Southern California meets North Carolina, Wake Forest plays Minnesota and Duke takes on West Virginia. Duke is the defending champion despite the fact that North Carolina State won the Atlantic Coast conference title last season.

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In non-tournament games involving strong teams, St. Louis plays Indiana and Seton Hall, which may be the strongest of the metropolitan New York teams, goes against Stanford.

Other Tournaments  
The schedule for the other eight tournaments beginning today:

Now the Yanks need only win Tuesday's doubles match or one of the two concluding singles matches on Wednesday to take home the cup they lost to Australia in 1950. What's more, Seixas and Trabert are favored to win the doubles and Trabert is a solid choice over Rosewall in singles. Hoad is favored over Seixas in the other.

Aussie officials announced that Hoad and Rosewall will play in doubles, too. Picking this pair over Rex Hartwig and Mervyn Rose, the Wimbledon doubles champions, was regarded as an all-or-nothing gamble in the hope that a doubles win

Southwest Conference tournament at Houston, Tex.; Baylor vs. Alabama, Texas vs. Texas A&M, Alabama, Texas, vs. Texas A&M, Rice vs. Arkansas, SMU vs. TCU.

Queen City Invitation tournament at Buffalo, N.Y.: Fordham vs. Georgetown, Columbia vs.

# Cleveland Browns Beat Lions 56-10 for Pro Grid Mantle

By DICK FALES  
Cleveland — (U.P.) — The Cleveland Browns, described by their coach as "the best team I ever saw on any particular day," are the new National Football League champions, but face the new year with the prospect of playing for the first time without the fabulous Otto Graham.

Graham ended one of the finest careers in professional football history Sunday by throwing three touchdown passes and running for three others as Cleveland walloped the defend-

ing champion Detroit Lions for the title, 56-10.

The 33-year-old Graham, who passed Cleveland to six professional title and nine division crowns in as many years since it was organized in 1946, received a tremendous ovation from the 43,827 fans and his teammates when he left the game with 2 1/2 minutes to go. They cheered the top individual scoring spree ever produced in an NFL championship, but curly-haired Otto repeated his previous announcement that he had

played his last game for Coach Paul Brown's team.

"I haven't changed my mind," Graham said although he had just set records for most touchdowns scored, most touchdowns scored by running and most points scored (18) in an NFL championship.

In Seven Touchdowns  
Graham threw two touchdowns passes to Ray Renfro, one to Pete Brewster, scored himself on lunges of one and two feet and five yards and pitched out to fullback Fred Morrison for another TD in the best "touchdown responsibility" spree in title game history. Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears passed for five TDs during a 41-21 victory over Washington in the 1943 title game.

## Sam Boghosian, West Shrine Mix Football Guard, Once In Hospital Six Months as Victim of Polio

By SCOTT BAILLIE  
Stanford, Calif. — (U.P.) — When Sam Boghosian of the West Shrine team rips into the East's line next Saturday, the husky guard will be carrying the good wishes of many stricken youngsters who hope to beat polio as he did.

The dark eyed UCLA guard spent six months in a hospital with his legs and neck paralyzed by the disease. He was 12 then. Now, a decade later, he has emerged as one of the West Coast's top linemen. So good, in fact that he was invited to play in the 30th East-West game at Kezar stadium. Proceeds always go to the Shriners hospitals for crippled children.

year but then went into the line because there were plenty of good backs around," Boghosian says.

As a lineman he made all-city, then all-league and then all San Joaquin county.

At UCLA he also played rugby for two years, and has wound up his third year as a football letterman with coach Red Sanders' single wing machine.

Cleveland, beaten by Detroit, 17-7 and 17-16 in the last two title games, scored its first victory over Coach Buddy Parker's Lions in nine exhibition, regular season and championship meetings.

The pent-up fury of those failures against Detroit finally exploded in a torrent of perfect Graham passes, amazing catches, recovered fumbles, intercepted passes, stolen balls and furious tackling that buried the Lions. Only the Bears 73-0 victory over Washington in 1940 was more one-sided.

It also was the worst defeat suffered by Parker and the second worst defeat in Detroit's 21-year history. Detroit entered the game a 2 1/2 point favorite to become the first team ever to win three straight championships.

At first it is hard to believe that Boghosian was an invalid. But then he shows you in the locker room how his right leg is slimmer than the left. That is his souvenir of those six months in a polio ward which were followed by a gallant effort to play football.

Hard Road Back  
"I never tried athletics before I was sick," Boghosian says as he rubs wintergreen oil into his thighs. "We always had lived on a ranch where you don't play any ball."

After he graduates next June, Boghosian is slated for a two or three year hitch in the Air Force.

"Just say you aren't licked until you think you are," he says. Then he clatters out to practice with others who were playing football when he only could stare at the ceiling.

Walker Opens Scoring  
Doak Walker kicked a 36-yard field goal for Detroit in the opening minutes after linebacker Joe Schmidt intercepted a Graham pass. But Graham then hurled his first TD pass in regular season or title play against Detroit — a 37-yard to Renfro — and the Browns began to roll. Don Paul's steal of a Bobby Layne pass set up Graham's 10-yard scoring pass to Brewster and the second of Lou Groza's eight extra points made it 14-3 after one quarter.

His ascent to the role of rock-solid guard with the number one Bruins started one night in 1944 when he came home with a stiff neck and a heavy cold.

"I was feeling lousy," Boghosian says. "And when I keeled over in the hall my parents rushed me to Fresno County Hospital. It was polio, all right. Bad."

His tourney, the Texas Open, was started in 1922 when O'Brien convinced the Junior Chamber of Commerce it would be worth it to donate \$5,000 to advertise sunny San Antonio.

It was the first "big money" event in the nation for professional golfers and proved the beginning of the winter tour.

A 42-year punt return by Billy Reynolds enabled Graham to score again on the first play of the second quarter. Bill Bowman then ran four yards for Detroit's only touchdown. Graham got off a long pass that Carl Karilivacz intercepted but Renfro grabbed it out of his hands on the Lion seven and Graham scored two plays later. Walter Michaels then stole a Layne pass and Renfro took Graham's 31-yarder on his fingertips for a 35-10 halftime lead.

He underwent the Sister Kenny method of treatment and when he hobbled out nine months later, decided to go into sports.

"I had to rebuild my whole body, not just my legs," he goes on, bringing some cleats out of his locker. "Actually I was a spastic."

Although beaten in his last two bouts, Bucciaroni is favored at 11-5 to win tonight's television 10-rounder against the "Mild Bull of the Pampas."

Also tonight, at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway arena, middleweight Bobby Dykes of Miami and "Wildcat" Billy McNeec of Islip, N.Y., will meet in a televised 10-rounder. Red-haired McNeec, 22, is a slight favorite at 13-10 over the elongated former Texan, veteran of 116 bouts.

Graham scored again early in the third quarter after throwing a 43-yard pass to Brewster. Ken Konz grabbed another Layne pass to set up Morrison's 12-yard scoring run, and another Konz steal set up Chet Hanulak's 10-yard scoop through the Detroit center for Cleveland's last TD in the final quarter.

Trabert, who threw four touchdowns against Los Angeles in the 1950 title game, completed nine of 12 for 163 yards. Cleveland gained 140 rushing yards. Layne completed 18 of 42 passes for 177 yards and Tom Dublinski, who subbed for Layne until he was flattened by the rugged Brownies, completed one of two. The Lions gained 136 yards rushing.

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