

MHS, Cleveland Vie Tonight

Medford high basketball players, contending in their seventh and eighth conference conflicts of the season tonight and Wednesday, are expected to be up against their strongest opponent of the season.

Cleveland high of Portland is the adversary for both occasions. Starting times are set for 8:15 o'clock on both nights following Crater-Medford high junior varsity preliminaries. The curtain raisers are billed for 6:45 p.m.

Members of the Portland team arrived in Medford yesterday and worked out at the senior high gym where the action is slated tonight. According to Coach Al Negratti, the workout was a welcome one. He said the Indians "hadn't seen a ball since Wednesday." Negratti pointed out that the Portland schools are not allowed to practice during the first week of Christmas vacation.

The Indians came to Medford with a spottless record but with less game experience behind them than the Black Tornado. Four games without a loss is the Cleveland record while Medford counts five victories in six regular tussles.

Negratti went no farther on predictions concerning the Medford series other than to comment that he felt Cleveland will give a good account of itself. He reported that the Indians are pleased to watch and that they play a good team game.

Established as a favorite in the Portland Interscholastic League which isn't supposed to be too strong this year, the Tribe, nevertheless, has been impressive in its few games. It wasn't supposed to do too well outside its own circuit, despite the rather high regard within, but has con-

tradicted prognosticators by doing all right for itself.

Here's the record: 53 to 38 over Battle Ground, Wash.; 65 to 43 over Central Catholic of Portland; 67 to 54 over North Salem and 72 to 49 over Vancouver, Wash.

North Salem, of course, was the only school outside the Portland area played. That's a reason Portland fans will have their eyes on the series here. For, Medford with a win over North Bend and a split with Eugene, is tabbed a team to watch this season.

The Indians to all indications will give the Tornado some top caliber competition in Medford's last tune-up tangles before the January 7 Southern Oregon Conference opening date. While a true picture will unfold only the games, the only quality Cleveland appears to be lacking for the series is height. Medford will have the advantage in that department.

The Tornado will find the Indians a speedy, sharp-shooting crew, according to advance reports. Cleveland has a reputation for smoothness on defense and alertness. Coach Negratti has been able to substitute free-

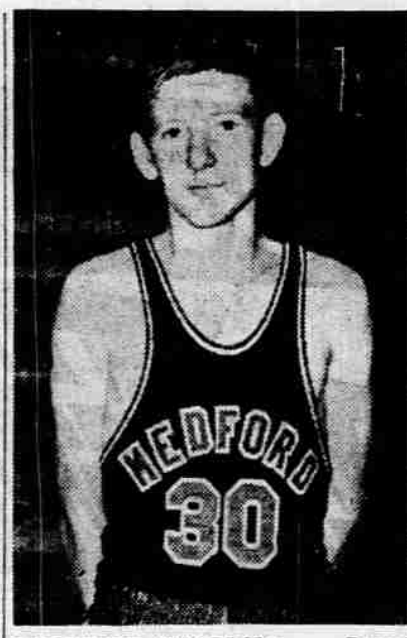
ly and the Indians have still won by comfortable margins, indicating depth.

Starters Named
While the Tribe does not have height comparable to Medford's, Negratti didn't figure last night to mass his tallest boys in the starting line-up. He listed Bob Hevener, 6 feet 2 inches at center, Dick Jolley, 6-1, and Hugh Springer, 6-1, forwards, and Harvey Jones, 5-5 mite, and Eric Petersen, 5-7, guards. Hevener, Jolley and Petersen are lettermen. Jones missed basketball last year because of a broken leg suffered in football practice.

Behind the starters there are Frank Thatcher, 6-3, Jay Bashor, 6-2, Jack Bosking, 6-2, and Bill Davis, who are lettermen.

Coach Frank Roelandt of Medford is expected to call on his usual starters with Glenn Pateron and Bud Kastner at forwards, Jerry Kalapus at center and Larry Copple and Frank Rector at guards.

Tornado squad members, idle since Friday, had a general loosening up drill yesterday which was harder than the usual practice on the day before a game.



BATTLES INDIANS — Larry Copple, above, smooth shooting Medford high guard, likely will be in the starting line-up tonight when the Black Tornado opposes Cleveland high of Portland here. Copple with 83 points in six games for a 13.8 per game average is the Medford scoring leader. Medford and Cleveland play here on Wednesday, also.

George Shaw Wins Pop Warner Cup

Palo Alto, Calif. — (U.P.) — George Shaw, Oregon's versatile quarterback, was named today as the sixth winner of the Pop Warner Memorial Award as the most valuable senior college football player on the Pacific Coast for 1954.

Shaw, who was the top collegiate total offense leader this year, won the honor by the narrow margin of six votes over Paul Larson, quarterback for the University of California.

It was the closest vote in the six year history of the award with more than 350 sportswriters, sportscasters and coaches taking part in the balloting.

Terry De Bay of UCLA finished third in the voting. Shaw will be the guest of honor at a banquet here next month sponsored by the Palo Alto Sports Club. At that time he will be presented with a gold wrist watch and a trophy by Ernie Nevers, all-time football great.

Nevers will take over the presentation duties which were performed by the late Pop Warner until his death last September.

Past winners of the Warner award: 1949—Eddie LeBaron, College of Pacific; 1950—Russ Pomero, Stanford; 1951—Ollie Matson, University of San Francisco; 1952—Jim Sears, University of Southern California; 1953—Bob Garrett, Stanford.

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U.S. Clinches Davis Cup by Doubles Win

By ERIC RIEL

Sydney, Australia — (U.P.) — America's five year quest for the Davis Cup, symbol of world tennis supremacy, was crowned with shining success today when Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert scored a clinching doubles triumph over an outgunned pair of young Australians.

A capacity, record tying crowd of 25,578 at White City Stadium saw the two confident Americans whip 20-year-old Aussies Lewis Hoad and Ken Rosewall in a tension packed drama, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 10-8.

The 106 minute victory, coupled with singles yesterday by the same stars, gave the United States an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the best-of-five challenge rounds and an unshakable hold on the cup Americans have sought ever since they lost it to Australia in 1950.

"Too Good for Us"

So clear was the Yanks' superiority that even Harry Hopman, dour manager of the Aussie team, was forced to admit, "there was a very simple reason for our loss, they were just too good for us."

Trabert, ignoring the pain of a badly cut racket hand, and Seixas, frisky as a new colt de-

spite his 31 years, flashed through the first set in a stunning 19 minutes with their "scissors formation" and signal calling, stumbled briefly in the second set, and then came storming back to take the third set in 21 minutes and outlast the desperate Aussies in the nerve-stabbing fourth set.

Four times in the 10th game

of that fourth set Hoad and Rosewall fought off match point to tie the set at 5-5. There was only one service break in the whole set and that came at match point against Rosewall's service in the 18th game. Rosewall banged across a hard service but caught it on his forehead and sent the ball rocketing into the corner just fair by inches.

Four years of frustration vanished with that spinning shot. Seixas leaped into the air, shouting in glee, and started pounding Trabert on the back. The crowd shattered its tense silence and, with fine sportsmanship, roared an ovation to the two Yanks who had just taken the cup away from this land.

"Thrown to Wolves"

Hoad and Rosewall sped to the net to congratulate their conquerors and on the sidelines Hopman hurried to shake hands with Billy Trabert, captain of the U. S. team whose training and tactics paved the way for victory.

Hopman, under fire in Australian newspapers for some time for his rigid training methods, commented later he expects Aussie papers now will demand "I be thrown to the wolves."

Today's victory made tomorrow's pair of concluding singles matches meaningless, since they can't change the outcome of the series. Trabert had been scheduled to play Rosewall in the first, but Trabert said Ham Richardson, Rhodes scholar from Baton Rouge, La., might replace Trabert because of Tony's hand cut and because "I would certainly like to see Ham in there."

Coast Loop Election Set

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The Pacific Coast League directors, completely ignoring the fact that this is "howl time," meet here to elect a new president.

The No. 1 candidates right now appear to be Jerry Donovan, the efficient head man of the very successful Class C California League; and Torchy Torrence, energetic vice-president of the Seattle Rainiers.

But do they want another headache?

That's about all there will be in it for the new man, unless there is some way to still repeated rumors that the majors are going to invade Los Angeles and San Francisco; and that every club in the loop is losing

money, or at the best, breaking even.

If the majors are as close to invading the west coast as some persons claim, then all the credit the new president will receive is that of disbanding the league.

What with the majors cutting into the triple-A cities; and triple-A leagues carving out chunks of Class A and AA loops, the business of running a professional baseball loop has become mighty precarious.

The new style, it would appear, is that every time a team loses money, the franchise should be shifted to a new location. There was a time when the same eight teams played in the same leagues year after year.

SPORTS

Kentucky Takes Over No. 1; NCC Second

By NORMAN MILLER

New York — (U.P.) — Unbeaten Kentucky moved up to the No. 1 spot in the United Press college basketball ratings today by a wide margin over runner-up North Carolina State, while San Francisco and UCLA advanced to the top 10 teams.

After defeating Utah and LaSalle, two of their leading rivals for national honors, in the Kentucky Invitational tournament at Lexington last week, Coach Adolph Rupp's powerhouse was the first-place choice of 26 members of the 35-man Board of Coaches, which rates the teams for the United Press each week. No coach voted Kentucky lower than fourth.

On a point basis, the Wildcats had 337 out of a possible 350, for a margin of 123 over North Carolina State. These two southern schools moved up to the 1-2 ratings after Illinois, Utah and LaSalle all were beaten after being ranked first, second and fourth, respectively, last week.

Kentucky, which ran its season record to 5-0 by winning its own sponsored tournament, is out to regain the national championship it won in 1951-52. The Wildcats dropped basketball in 1952-53 as an aftermath of the fix scandals and were ineligible for last year's NCAA tournament because three of their stars were playing their fourth varsity season.

LaSalle, Illinois and Dayton occupied the third to fifth rat-

ings in order this week, followed by San Francisco, Utah, Duquesne, UCLA and Missouri in that order. San Francisco, the first-place choice of three coaches after winning last week's All-College tournament at Oklahoma City, made the biggest advance this week vaulting to sixth place on a tie for 23rd. UCLA the other newcomer advanced two places to ninth.

The two California schools moved up at the expense of Ohio State, beaten twice last week, and Niagara, which was idle. **Others Get No. 1 Vote**

Single first-place votes this week went to North Carolina State, Illinois, Dayton, Utah, Duquesne and Loyola of the South. With 10 points awarded for a first-place vote, here is how the top 10 ranked behind Kentucky:

N.C. State, 214; LaSalle, 195; Illinois, 191; Dayton, 143; San Francisco, 138; Utah, 120; Duquesne, 77; UCLA, 74, and Missouri 73.

The coaches based the ratings on all games played through Saturday night, Dec. 25.

Niagara, ninth last week, headed the second 10 teams, followed in order by Southern California, Cincinnati, Kansas, California, Alabama, Seton Hall, Holy Cross and Iowa. There was a three-team tie for 20th place among Ohio State, seventh last week, Minnesota and Louisville.

Willie Mays Gets Times Award; Van Also Honored

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The nation's top athletes of 1954 last night received acclaim and trophies for their achievements at the 12th annual Los Angeles Times national sports awards dinner.

The award of player of the year in baseball was bestowed upon Willie Mays, star outfielder of the world champion New York Giants. His manager, Leo Durocher, and teammate, pitcher Johnny Antonelli, received special awards. Yogi Berra of the Yankees won the only non-Giant baseball award when he was awarded a special trophy for being the most valuable player in the American league.

In college football, UCLA and Ohio State divided the regular awards. UCLA Coach Henry (Red) Sanders was named coach

of the year while Howard (Hopalong) Cassidy, star halfback of the Buckeyes, was named player of the year. A special award went to the entire UCLA football team, ranked tops in the nation in the United Press football coaches poll.

Van Honored
In professional football, Los Angeles Ram quarterback Norm Van Brocklin was honored.

Tom Gola of LaSalle college was selected as the outstanding basketball player of 1954 for leading his team to the national championship last winter. Ron Bontemps of the Peoria, Ill., Caterpillars won the award for A.A.U. competition.

Ed Furgol, winner of the 1954 national golf open, received the award as the top professional in the country while Arnold Palmer, winner of the national amateur, was honored as the top simon-pure golfer.

The award for the outstanding woman golfer went to Babe Didrikson Zaharias, famed woman athlete, who won this year's women's national open 10 months after winning her battle against cancer. Barbara Romack, winner of the women's national amateur, also received a golf award.

Pentaris Downs Procita After Losing Earlier

Chicago — (U.P.) — George Pentaris, Greek billiard champion defeated Joe Porcitta, Los Angeles, 50-46 yesterday after losing to the Californian in an earlier encounter.

The match lasted 56 innings and, although Pentaris scored 16 points from the 19th to the 24th inning, he was pressed by Procita all the way.

The 400 point match will be concluded Thursday night. Procita led 100 to 85, at the end of two blocks today.

FIGHTS

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New York: Cesar Brion, 203, Argentine, outpointed Dan Bucceroni, 195 1/4, Philadelphia 10.

Brooklyn: Billy McNece, 165, Islip, N. Y., outpointed Bobby Dykes, 161 1/4, Miami, Fla. 10.

Providence, R.I.: Curley Monroe, 139, Worcester, Mass., outpointed Rocky Sullivan, 138 1/2, Boston 10.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 8:30 previously day.

Buckeye Coach Expects Win Over Trojans

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Woody Hayes, Ohio State's football coach, says he frankly expects his Big Ten champion Buckeyes to whip Southern California in the New Year's Day Rose Bowl game.

Moreover, Hayes believes his team instead of UCLA deserved to be ranked tops in the nation primarily because "we beat seven of the top teams in the nation." UCLA was rated tops in United Press football coaches poll.

"In my four years in the Big Ten," Hayes told the Southern California Football Writers association yesterday, "this year's competition has been twice as tough as any we have met."

But when asked if Ohio State would attempt to better UCLA's 84-0 win over SC to enhance its claims to the No. 1 national berth, Hayes replied that the question was "ridiculous" and "deserves no comment."

With 39 out of the 59 football writing voting in a poll that Ohio State would win, Southern California Coach Jess Hill was not as strongly confident as Hayes in victory, but declared:

"I'm not naive enough to say we're going to beat Ohio State, but I have never walked on a football field that I didn't think we were going to win. And when I walk out on the Rose Bowl field, I will think that we are going to win."

BASKETBALL

MONDAY COLLEGE RESULTS

East

First Round

UCLA 88, Niagara 86
LaSalle 103, Syracuse 54
Dayton 70, St. John's Bklyn 56
Duquesne 87, Villanova 68

Hostra Tournament

First Round

Delaware 79, Cortland St. 75
Hofstra 66, Lehigh 62

Queen City Tournament

First Round

Georgetown D.C. 71, Fordham 70
St. Bonaventure 72, Columbia 71
Canisius 81, Yale 60

Stanford 65, Seton Hall 63

South

First Round

N. Carolina 67, Southern Cal. 58
N. Carolina 58, Cornell 51
Minnesota 81, Wake Forest 73
Duke 92, West Virginia 79

Kentucky Invitational

First Round

K. Kentucky 84, W. Kentucky 81
Louisville 108, Murray State 83

Gator Bowl Tournament

First Round

Florida 82, Florida State 79
Springs Hill 78, Georgia 69

All-American Tournament

First Round

Cincinnati 78, Mississippi 70
Evansville 96, Denver 81

Tennessee State 106, Dillard 58

Xavier La. 60, Grambling 59

Midwest

Big Seven Tournament

First Round

Oklahoma 73, Colorado 71
Missouri 75, Nebraska 58

Motor City Tournament

First Round

Wayne 71, Penn State 66
Detroit 76, Toledo 58

Motor City Tournament

First Round

Wayne 71, Penn State 66
Detroit 76, Toledo 58

Beloit 75, San Jose State 68

Northwestern 81, Butler 74

Southwest

Conference Tournament

First Round

Alabama 70, Baylor 67
Texas A&M 66, Texas 61
Arkansas 73, Rice 66
Texas Christian 74, SMU 71

Tulsa 71, Arizona 49

West

College of Pacific 67, Fresno State

Seattle University 88, Arizona

Tempe State 60

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