

SPORTS

Oregon State Battles Cougars in ND Start

By NORMAN RITTER
 San Francisco—(U.P.)—The favored horses in what promised to be the fastest Pacific Coast conference basketball race since prewar years are off and running tonight as league play opens in earnest.

UCLA's Bruins, the choice of many to cop the crown, invade the Stanford pavilion for a two-game series with the dark horse Indians. Johnny Wooden's boys probably rate the favorites' role by virtue of their fine showing in the Holiday Invitational—despite a loss to LaSalle and an overall 8-2 record.

The Cardinals, under new Coach Howie Dallmar, have compiled a 6-2 mark against some rugged opposition.

Feature event in the Southland brings California (8-3) against USC (7-4), the defending conference champ. With Bob McKeen looking sharp and feeling ready, the Bears are hoping to sweep the two-night affair with

Forrest Twogood's well balanced five.

A pair of two-game series in the Northwest round off first weekend PCC play. Washington State, which split with Oregon in a mid-week series that officially opened the 1955 season, moves down to Corvallis, Ore., for a pair with Oregon State.

The Beavers made a miserable showing in pre-conference play and will be counting heavily on Wade (Swede) Halbrook, their 7-foot, 3-inch giant, for the shot in the arm they need to put them in the thick of the fight. The Swede, who sat out December due to scholastic difficulties, became eligible this week. He will play but probably not start tonight.

St. Mary's Entertains Butte Falls

St. Mary's high's hoopmen have been drilling to get back into the swing of things this week and Coach Ed Hummell said that "I think they'll be ready" for the Butte Falls Loggers.

The Crusaders and Butte Falls scramble at the St. Mary's gymnasium here tonight. Varsity contention is billed for 8 p.m. after a 6:45 p.m. prelim. between junior varsities. Tonight's activity launches Jackson County B League play.

St. Mary's goes into the conference encounter with a record of five wins and one loss in warm-up tangles. One victory was a 74 to 41 verdict over the Loggers in the Southern Oregon college tournament. The Crusaders won twice over Prospect, B loop member and lost to Talent, league favorite. They defeated the SM alumni and the Southern Oregon college junior varsity. One decision over Prospect was lopsided, the other was fairly close.

It's been 17 days since the Crusaders have had a game. Their last was on December 21. Coaches Hummell and Dino Obispo were absent during the holidays but the players worked out almost every day under supervision of Neil Murphy.

Hummell listed no injuries or sickness among the Crusaders. Likely starters are Bob Bobbett and John Walsh, forwards; Tony Mikeche, center, and Tim Dugan and Laval Meunier, guards, with both Richard Paup and Joe Hassler possibly seeing quite a bit of reserve action.

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OSC Coach May Not Be Picked Until February

Portland—(U.P.)—Oregon State College probably will not name a new football coach until mid-February, it was reported here.

Glenn Holcomb, OSC faculty representative, told the Oregon Journal from New York, that any discussion on the subject now is "nothing but rumor."

"I am not here to select a coach," he said. "My job is simply to talk to candidates and report back... with my findings. When we have reduced the list of candidates to three or four, we then will recommend that these men be brought to the campus for an interview..."

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UP Sports Editor For West Dies

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Russell (Russ) J. Newland, veteran Associated Press West Coast sports editor, died of a heart attack in St. Francis hospital Thursday. He was 64.

Newland had been in the hospital for about a month. At his bedside when death came were his wife Helen, his son, Grant, his daughter, Mrs. Nola Oille, all of San Francisco, and his brother, Raymond of Seattle.

Newland was born in Tacoma in 1900. He was educated in the Washington schools but came to California 30 years ago. A veteran of World War I, Newland went to work for the Associated Press in 1923.

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY COLLEGE SCORES
 East: Pennsylvania 54, Harvard 52
 South (Senior Bowl)
 Consolation
 Springfield 78, Mississippi Sou. 58
 Fort Valley St. 59, Xavier (La.) 53
 Midwest
 Sewanee 57, Georgia Tech 66
 West Virginia 98, Virginia Tech 52
 Wash. and Lee 84, Roanoke 72
 Maryland 78, Virginia 65
 Xavier (O.) 67, Cincinnati 64
 DePaul 107, Elmhurst 80
 St. Louis 85, Houston 84
 Loyola (Ill.) 93, John Carroll 85
 Southwest
 Brigham Young 92, New Mexico 62
 West
 Utah St. 85, Colorado A&M 65
 Utah 82, Denver 58
 Montana 44, Wyoming 42
 San Francisco 75, Stanislaus 42
 Ventura 55, Modesto 53
 San Diego State 82, Portland University 60

Is That So?

"My science class has four questions," writes Miss R. S. B. "Which is the shortest-lived animal? Which the longest? Which warm-blooded mammals have longer gestations than humans? Which the shortest of all."

The shortest life span, including fish, birds, snakes, insects and mammals is that of the May fly. Some May flies, once they hatch, have only a few brief hours in the bright sun. Some never eat—in fact they haven't even got a mouth to eat with.



Yet each May fly knows that it must fly upstream to mate and deposit its eggs. Otherwise, year after year, they would hatch farther downstream until they gradually disappear.

The palm for the oldest living animal goes to the giant tortoise. Its normal expectancy is over a century. In fact, some experts believe that oldsters may exceed 300 years. Let's see, that would take it back to the day when Shakespeare was writing.

Quite a few warm-blooded mammals exceed the human's normal nine months' gestation or 270 days: the buffalo from 270 to 300; the cow, 280-285; the horse, 330; the seal, 330-365; the

comparatively small fisher, 338 to 358; the walrus, 330-360; the whale 360-420; the Brazilian tapir, 390-406; the camel, 390-406; the rhinoceros, 530-550. But that isn't the longest. That honor goes to the African elephant. Papa has to twiddle his trunk for 607 to 660 days before he knows whether it's going to be a boy or a girl.

The shortest gestation belongs to our opossum, a marsupial, which carries its young after birth in a pouch. Young opossums are born from 10 to 14 days after mating, usually 12 days. Tiny, blind, immature, naked, they nonetheless make their own way, unassisted to the mother's pouch, knowing that they must climb against the bias of the fur. Once in their snug incubator, they latch on to a teat and remain attached for over a month. The mother meanwhile goes about her business which includes taking care of the housecleaning duties in the pouch.

By Eugene Burns
 Ranger-Naturalist

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Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
 Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Head Football Coach Fred Spiegelberg this week received a schedule confirmation which has some significance and which should meet with considerable approval on the part of Medford high fans.

Grid date agreed upon brings Grants Pass to Medford next fall on November 4, last Friday of the regular season. Result is an end to an unsatisfactory arrangement which existed for several years.

Medford in recent seasons has had to meet Grants Pass and Klamath Falls on its home field both in the same season and during the following years has had to travel to both of those schools. Grants Pass had the same situation and only Klamath Falls played one of the so-called "big games" at home and the other away during each season. Now each of the three schools will play one "big game" at home and the other on the road.

The Black Tornado's 1955 meeting with Klamath Falls had been scheduled, already, for October 14 at Klamath Falls.

BIG GAMES AT END
 While Medford's grid slate for next fall is not yet complete, there's another good feature so far as Spiegelberg has been able to go. The Tornado's Southern Oregon Conference and District 6 tussles will all be at the end of the season, a factor which should help build up interest in those games. Ashland will come here on October 28.

An A-2 competitor in past season, Ashland undoubtedly will be in A-1 ranks next fall and the Medford-Grizzly mix will be for district as well as conference honors.

SEVEN LINED UP
 Spiegelberg now has seven of the nine dates filled on the Tornado slate. Medford will start out again with Cleveland of Portland. The game will be on Saturday, September 10. The following Friday, September 16, is still open. Medford will go to Roseburg on September 23 and September 30 is yet open.

Crater will be a Tornado rival again and the scrape has been set tentatively for October 7 at Medford. Following the Klamath trip will come Eureka, Calif., here on October 21.

QUESTION MARKS
 Springfield and Marshfield, Tornado opponents last year,

Furgol, Zaharias Will Be Golf Day Players

Chicago—(U.P.)—Ed Furgol, National Open Champion, and Babe Zaharias, National Women's Champion, have consented to compete in the 1955 National Golf Day Tourney, June 4. The pair will play in a foursome in San Francisco, and their scores will be judged against the other entrants who will play on their home courses throughout the nation.

VIKINGS NOW HOME

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland State's basketball team arrived home by air from a month-long tour of the Far East today where the Vikings won 14 out of 19 games. "We had a grand time and we enjoyed every minute of it," said Coach Sharkey Nelson. Portland State played in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur in the Malayan Federation, Hong Kong, Manila and Tokyo.

SPORTS ARENA SLATED

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Kenneth Hahn, president of the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission, said today official action has started on the building of a six million dollar sports arena. Construction on the arena, which would handle track, basketball, hockey and boxing, is scheduled to get underway by the end of the year.

GRIM INKS PACT

New York—(U.P.)—Bob Grim, the American League's most valuable rookie in 1954, has signed his 1955 contract with the New York Yankees. Grim, who won 20 games and lost six in his first year in the majors, was understood to have received a substantial raise in pay after turning down the Yankees' first offer.

MAY PROBE BOXING

Washington, D. C.—(U.P.)—Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, (D-Wash.) incoming chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, said today his group may investigate possible racketeering in boxing. Magnuson said the committee was qualified to investigate the sport because of the large number of bouts being televised.

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Bo Winger Heads Pros In LA Open

Inglewood, Calif.—(U.P.)—The three-ring circus known as the Los Angeles Open golf tournament, played in the city of Inglewood on the Inglewood Country club course, goes into the second round today with the shotmakers hoping that Mr. Weatherman will take a hike.

Playing through rain and wind Thursday, these stars emerged as first day leaders in the four-day \$32,500 event:

Men professionals: Bo Winger, Oklahoma City, with a three-under-par 33-35-68.
 Mrs. Bowman Leader

Women professionals: Carol Bowman, Richmond, Calif., with a three-over-par 36-38-74.
 Men amateurs: Gene Andrews, national Public Links champion from Los Angeles, with a 35-35-70.

Of the three, only Andrews could be considered a serious championship threat prior to Thursday's scores. Winger hasn't won a major tournament in recent outings. Mrs. Bowman, who joined the touring circuit just last summer, hasn't come close, although she has done well enough to pay expenses.

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Senior Bowl On Saturday

Mobile, Ala.—(U.P.)—A capacity crowd of 38,000, plus a nationwide television audience, was expected to view the sixth annual Senior Bowl game here Saturday between a hand-picked team of football seniors from the South and a similar group from the North.

Although the Northerners are three-point underdogs, Coach Paul Brown, who recently guided the Cleveland Browns to a pro title, is hopeful that his team, led by Alan Ameche, Wisconsin's All-American, could make the Southern charges give ground. Brown's predictions have been gloomy, however.

Brown stressed wide sweeps and cutbacks outside the ends in Thursday's drills while in the South camp here, Coach Steve Owen, former New York Giants mentor, emphasized the "quickie" plays.

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Enlistment Deadline For Benefits Feb. 1

The Medford Navy recruiting office reminded young men today that they may enlist in the Navy and still receive benefits from the GI bill of rights, provided they join the service before Feb. 1.

A recent proclamation by President Eisenhower cut off many wartime veterans benefits for men joining the service on or after that date.

LEAHY HAS CHECK-UP

Chicago—(U.P.)—Extensive tests began in Passavant hospital today to determine whether former Notre Dame football coach Frank Leahy has any serious ailment. Leahy, who resigned as the Irish coach last January, was hospitalized for a "general checkup," even though he felt "real good."

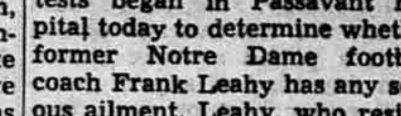
CARTER SIGNS

Boston—(U.P.)—Lightweight Champion Jimmy Carter of New York and Tony De Marco of Boston have signed to meet in a 10-round non-title bout here, Feb. 11.

KEENE SATISFACTORY

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Spec Keene, Oregon State athletic director who has been hospitalized with a slight heart attack and a touch of pneumonia, is getting along satisfactorily but still has not been allowed visitors.

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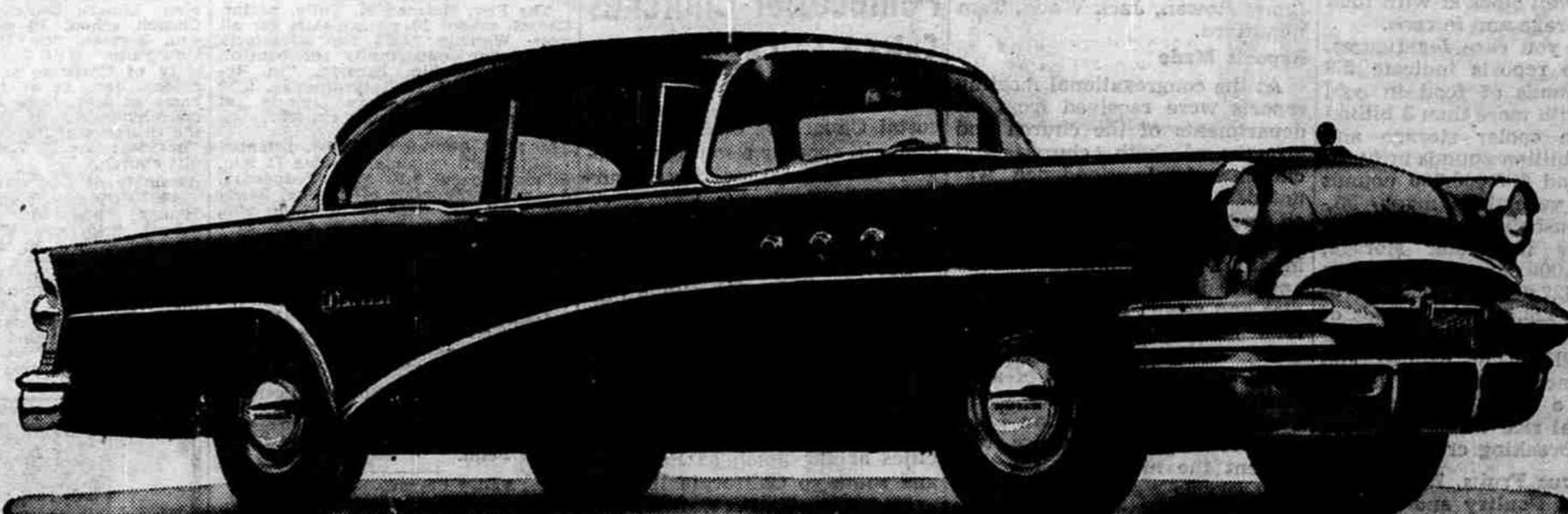
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