

Chiefs Grab Lone B League Lead; Crusaders, Loggers Rack Up Tuesday Victories

JACKSON COUNTY B LEAGUE STANDINGS

| Team | W. | L. | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|-------|
| Rogue River | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Talent | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| St. Mary's | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Jacksonville | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Butte Falls | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Prospect | 0 | 3 | .000 |

Rogue River high's Chiefstains, to whom county, district and state B championships are an old story, appeared back in title stride today.

The Chiefs, who in 1952 won their second state B championship in three years, moved up into Class A competition in 1953. Then last season they were back in the B race only to lose out in the Jackson county campaign to Talent's Bulldogs.

Last night Rogue River, playing on its home court, downed Talent 64 to 58 to take over undisputed first place in the county B league.

In other angles within the circuit last night St. Mary's defeated Jacksonville 51 to 38 and Butte Falls rolled over Prospect 74 to 42. The Crusaders pulled into a tie with Talent for second place while Butte Falls

East Wins Pro Contest

New York—(U.P.)—Bob Cousy had the West players so frightened they forgot all about Bill Sharman—and that's why the East won the fifth annual National Basketball Association All-Star game.

At least that's the explanation offered by Sharman, the Boston Celtics' bullet who was voted the "outstanding player" in Tuesday night's 100-91 triumph at Madison Square Garden.

Sharman, former Southern California court star and an outfielder in the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system, was only second highest scorer for the East with 15 points—but he fired 10 of them in the final period to spark a drive that turned a one-point deficit into a comfortable triumph.

Cousy High Scorer
The West boys were concentrating on Cousy, and that's why I was able to shake loose in the fourth period," explained Sharman, and he added simply, "Bob is the greatest."

Cousy, Sharman's more famed Celtic teammate, was the outstanding player of last year's All-Star game and was the East's high scorer last night with 20 points. "Mindful of his game-winning play a year ago, the West scrambled madly to stop him in the final frame—while Sharman was killing them with a brilliant assortment of one-hand shots."

Sacred Heart, Headquarters Cop MBL Conflict

A pair of Medford Independent Basketball League games will be contested tonight at the junior high court. The Campus Five will tussle Eagle Point at 7 o'clock and the two National Guard units here, Headquarters Company and Company A, are rivals at 8:30 o'clock.

The clubs which have been at the bottom of the heap jumped up to score triumphs in the Medford Independent Basketball League last night. Sacred Heart church whacked YMCA 69 to 49 and Headquarters Company of the National Guard laced Burelson's of Central Point 51 to 28.

It was the second league win for each of the victors. YMCA held on to fourth place in the standings despite the loss.

Sacred Heart had 37 to 21 and 45 to 30. Stan Reed with 24 points and Tom Weiskamp with 21 paced the way for Sacred Heart. Don Mintz piled up 17 and Tom Rodgers 16 for the Y.

Bruce Bateman with 19 was the big gun for the Guardsmen and D. Burns got 12 for Burelson's. Headquarters was on top at the end of every period 9 to 2, 21 to 14 and 38 to 28.

LINE-UPS:

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| Sacred Heart 69 | 49 YMCA |
| Murray 8 | 11 Leat |
| Harden 8 | 17 Mintz |
| Weiskamp 21 | c Smith |
| Reed 24 | c Burns |
| Driscoll 10 | 5 Johnson |
| Substitutions—For Sacred Heart, Fendergast 6, for YMCA, Swisher. | |
| Headquarters 51 | 28 Burelson's |
| Bu. Bateman 4 | 2 Wisely |
| K. Bateman 7 | 2 Connor |
| McCandless 1 | 2 Burns |
| Drew 7 | 7 Simmons |
| Br. Bateman 19 | 12 D. Burns |
| Substitutions—For Headquarters, Mills 8, Perkins 5; for Burelson's, Hall 2, Campbell. | |

Roy Hewitt Top Scorer In Weekly Pistol Shoot
Roy Hewitt led the Medford Rifle and Pistol club pistol shooters last night with 266 out of possible 300. Max Terzenback was second with 265, Loren Croucher 250, Jim Bolton 247 and Don Payne 242. It was first trip of Payne into five high. New shooter was Arnold Medicus who recently moved to Medford from Torrance, Calif.

Willie Mays 'Greatest,' Leo Claims

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer
Leo Durocher declared flatly today that Willie Mays is "the greatest ball player I've ever seen," and that includes "em all from Babe Ruth to Stan Musial.

"If I had to choose between Willie and Musial," Durocher said at press conference in New York, "I'd take Mays. And nobody admires Musial any more than I do.

"Willie would be great at any positions you put him. Third base, first base or shortstop. Why, a lot of times before games, he gets out there at short and I hit grounders at him until I get blisters on my hands. He handles the hottest ones I hit at him as if they were nothing.

"Is this where you used to play?" he needles me. "Why it's just like an old man's home."

Could Be 'Greatest'
Durocher said that if Mays hits .325 for the next four or five years he could be the "greatest ball player we've ever had."

"To be a great ball player, you need five things," he said. "You need to be able to hit, you need to have power, you need to be able to run, field and throw. Willie can do 'em all.

"He's as good a hitter as Musial and he has much power. And he can out-field, out-run and out-throw Musial.

"Maybe Willie doesn't have the greatest I.Q. in the world, but all I know is that he's never made a mistake for me."

Apart from the subject of Mays, Durocher predicted that Milwaukee might cause "the biggest trouble" in 1955 and that the Cardinals and Redlegs "should be tremendously improved."

Cards Have Good Prospects
"The Cardinals have some fine young ball players coming up, like Bill Virdon, Ken Boyer and Wilmer Mizell, who is getting out of the Army. They could make St. Louis awfully rough, Brooklyn? They always give us a helluva battle."

On other baseball fronts, pitcher Tom Morgan from the 19th Yankee player to sign his contract for 1955. He posted a 11-5 record last year and was given a slight raise.

Nelson King, 6-foot-6-inch righthander, who compiled a 16-5 record with New Orleans of the Southern association, became the first Pittsburgh player to return his signed contract.

Pitcher Bill (Bud) Black, fresh out of the Army was the 12th Tiger player to sign for 1955. He came to Detroit in a trade with the St. Louis Browns two years ago.

Veteran catcher Walker Cooper, 40, became the 11th Chicago Cub to sign. Cooper appeared in 48 games for the Cubs last season after coming from Pittsburgh on waivers and hit .301.

Coast Leagues Plan Spring Loop

El Centro, Calif.—(U.P.)—Four Pacific Coast League baseball clubs today planned to turn spring training into a paying proposition by establishing a four-team league and a regular schedule of games.

Disclosure of the plan, unique in organized baseball, was made yesterday at a conference attended by representatives of the four clubs, the Oakland Oaks, San Francisco Seals, Sacramento Solons and Seattle Rainiers.

Under the plan, the teams will play nine games in Palm Springs, 10 here, 10 in nearby Calexico and 11 games in Yuma, Ariz. League standings and statistics will be kept and the games may be broadcast.

The four clubs, all of which train in this area, set up an executive committee with a member from each city to handle promotion and other details of the league. A contest will be held to pick a name for the training league.



CASTING OFF with left handed hook shot, Dick Welsh of USC scores as UCLA's Mark Costello (foreground) and Don Bragg (background) move too late to stop him. Welsh makes 25 points but Bruins win thriller 70-67 at Los Angeles. (International)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



BEAUTIFUL BUT RUGGED—In the qualification trials at Cypress Point the backdrops are beautiful but the course is rugged. Here Jay Bedsworth blasts out of sand trap on the 17th hole as Bill Collins, George Bayer and Bill Higgins (left to right) watch. They are golfing in the Bing Crosby Invitational Tournament at Pebble Beach, Calif.

Swede Halbrook Suspended From Oregon State Squad

Corvallis, Ore.—(U.P.)—After an hour-and-a-half conference yesterday afternoon, Oregon State College basketball coach Slat Gill announced the suspension of his high-scoring center Wade Swede Halbrook.

The suspension came in the face of a tough basketball clash expected this week end with the University of Oregon Webfoots in Eugene in a two-game series that will go a long way in determining the Northern Division winner.

"Halbrook has not done those things an Oregon State basketball player is expected to do," Gill—brief announcement said. Gill added he expected Halbrook to snap up and promise to do better before he would be reinstated on the team.

The 7-foot, 3-inch giant, who won All-Coast honors as a sophomore, had to sit out the pre-conference slate because of scholastic difficulties and only returned to the fold Jan. 6.

There were hints Halbrook's "poor attitude" and non-attendance at classes were major reasons for the suspension. There was no way of knowing if he would be back in the lineup by Friday night to face Oregon.

Halbrook scored 35 points against Washington last week end and has 60 tallies in the four conference games he has played this year.

Phil Shadoin worked out in Halbrook's center spot yesterday.

Grid Charge Denial Made At Maryland

College Park, Md.—(U.P.)—Coach Jim Tatum's denial of "foot ball over-emphasis" at Maryland was supported—at least in part—today by the commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"No school, no conference member, nor the NCAA has ever asked me about Maryland's athletic policies," said ACC Commissioner James Weaver in the wake of charges leveled by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The report was made to the Maryland General Assembly.

NCAA officials declined comment but the outspoken Tatum declared the charges were "unfounded, uninformed and outdated." He then proceeded to "take apart" the charges as follows:

"Maryland has violated no NCAA or Atlantic Coast Conference rules and if the association had ever read the rules, the charges would never have been made.

"In addition," Tatum continued, "the time Maryland was investigated by the association and its report issued, our athletic department already had satisfactorily explained its program, policies and activities to the Association and our own board of regents.

"Much of the criticism was based on misunderstanding and inadequate information," Tatum said. "It is unfortunate that this outdated report has created misleading headlines all over the country.

Tatum also pointed out that Maryland is the only ACC team which also belongs to the Middle States Association.

"That's the main reason the charges are so unfounded and uninformed," he said. "It would seem that the association is somewhat unacquainted with conference rules."

Free Throws Aid Cougars

Pullman, Wash.—(U.P.)—Washington State's flashy forward Ron Bennick drove a usually stall minded University of Idaho basketball team to desperation last night by dribbling literally for minutes at a time, then calmly leading the Cougars to a 53-39 victory on free throws.

The win boosted Washington State from the cellar to third place in the Northern division and dropped the Vandals to the cellar.

At one point in the second half Bennick dribbled for two and a half minutes. Two Idaho players fouled out trying to get the ball away from him while Bennick scored seven of the 10 free throws Washington State chalked up in a nine-minute stretch.

Bennick collected 24 points, 10 of them free shots, for the night.

BASKETBALL

TUESDAY COLLEGE SCORES BY UNITED PRESS

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|---|-------------------------------|
| East | 63, Dartmouth 79 |
| Holy Cross 84, American Intl. 73 | |
| Williams 77, Massachusetts 87 | |
| South | South Carolina 80, Clemson 87 |
| G. Washington 75, Maryland 53 | |
| Loyola (La.) 76, Miss. Southern 85 | |
| N. Carolina 84, N. Carolina St. 80 | |
| William & Mary 88, VMI 88 | |
| Florida A&M 85, Tuskegee 53 | |
| West | Baylor 89, Texas A&M 77 |
| Rice 74, Texas Christian 63 | |
| Montana St. 96, Colorado Col. 55 | |
| Washington State 83, Idaho 39 | |
| San Jose 63, Fresno 80 | |
| Southern Oregon 74, Oregon Tech 64 | |
| Central Washington 80, Seattle Pacific 62 | |

FIGHTS

Miami Beach, Fla.: Bobby Dykes, 162½, Miami, Fla., outpointed Andy Mayfield, 163½, Miami, Fla. (10).

Salt Lake City, Utah: Rex Layne, 160, Salt Lake City, Utah, knocked out Kirby Seals 190, Los Angeles (6).

YELLOW CAB FACES 'STRONG FIRMCO FIVE ON THURSDAY

Fans who like their basketball flavored with lots of scoring likely will see that kind of a game Thursday night when a couple of the top independent aggregations of southern Oregon collide here.

The skirmish brings together Firmco, of Myrtle Creek, and Yellow Cab, one of the undefeated leaders in the Medford league. Game time is 8:15 p.m. at the St. Mary's school gym.

Last week Yellow Cab lost an 85 to 81 decision to Firmco at Myrtle Creek. After that the Douglas county club was tagged "the basketball power of southern Oregon." Firmco added to the claim with two more wins last week to bring its record to 10 straight victories. Its success so far this week hasn't been learned here.

The Cabbies feel despite the previous loss that they have the wherewithal to dispute the Myrtle Creek claim. And this time they will have the advantage of their "home" floor.

Evidence Given
Evidence of a high scoring encounter and possibly another close game arises from last week's score. Four men on each team scored in double figures. Ed Hummel of Yellow Cab was high with 28. Bill Werner got 19, Chuck Stacy 16 and Johnny Foster 10 for the Medford team. For Firmco, Bob Stout, ex-Oregon, put in 22, Wally Richardson, ex-Pacific got 18, Bob Stuempege, ex-Santa Clara, counted up 16 and Ron Gillispie was second high to Hummel with 24.

The Cabbies had the lead on Firmco in the final quarter last week but could not hold it. Firmco tied up the game at 77-77 then pushed away. Yellow Cab's full court press didn't pay off and four technicals were called on the Medford team.

There will be no regular city league games tonight, enabling all fans interested to take in the non-loop attraction.

N. Carolina Upsets NCU By Running

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer
Basketball's new wave of upsets rolled on today, smashing efforts by North Carolina State and Texas Christian to take undisputed league leads.

North Carolina State, titan of the Atlantic Coast conference and ranked No. 5 among the nation's court powers, had been expected to snow under rival University of North Carolina. Instead State had its knuckles cracked, 84-80.

It was only the second time that North Carolina had beaten State since Coach Everett Case came out of Indiana nine years ago to guide State's cage teams. The last time North Carolina won was almost two years ago—Jan. 24, 1953.

Texas Christian grabbed the Southwest conference lead by upsetting Southern Methodist last Saturday, but got some of its own medicine Tuesday night in a 73-63 loss to Rice. The defeat shoved TCU back into a first-place tie with SMU, each with a 3-1 conference record.

Switch Confuses State
A crowd of 10,500 at Raleigh, N. C., saw Coach Frank McGuire of North Carolina confuse mighty State by a sudden switch in tactics. Instead of the "slow down" strategy McGuire had always used against State, as in a 47-44 loss to State earlier this season, North Carolina started racing with the first whistle and roared to a 38-18 lead in the first 16 minutes of play. State spent the rest of the night slowly closing the gap and finally running out of time.

Lennie Rosenbluth, sophomore from Brooklyn sank five straight baskets to pace the early Tarheel assault and was the victors' high scorer with 22 points. However, Ronnie Shavlik of State took game honors with 32 points. The victory left North Carolina with a 7-1 league record and dropped State into fourth place behind Maryland and Duke.

Rice beat Texas Christian by stopping the Horned Frog's brilliant sophomore center Dick O'Neal, the Southwest Conference's leading scorer who fouled out after scoring only 13 points.

Yale Upsets Dartmouth
Meanwhile, Rice center Terry Telligan was playing one of the best games of his career and winning scoring honors with 26 points. Joe Durrenburger added 18 points for TCU and did fine rebound work.

Another major upset last night saw Yale defeat Dartmouth, 83-79, in overtime. It was the third Ivy league loss in five starts for Dartmouth and put a damper on the title hopes that had been aroused by the Indians' victory in the New England college tournament last month. It was only the second win in 14 games for Yale.

George Washington, defending Southern conference champion ranked No. 18 nationally, scored what could be called a mild upset by beating Maryland, ranked No. 11, nationally, 75-53 in a local rivalry.

Ray Robinson Fights Jones

Chicago—(U.P.)—Sugar Ray Robinson meets the second hurdle on his "comeback" campaign to regain the middleweight championship tonight, and the former titleholder was a solid 7 to 2 favorite to whip trial horse Ralph (Tiger) Jones.

"He's a rough, tough boy," Robinson said, "and he punches all the time."

But to Robinson the bout, slated on the television network from the Chicago stadium, will be another means to determine when he'll be ready to make an attempt to whip the 160 pound champion, Carl (Bobo) Olson.

Only Way
"That's the only way I'm going to be able to tell when I'll be ready for Olson," he said. "How I do in my fights. I can't say that it'll take so many fights to be ready and that I want him after another one or two fights."

"I don't want him until I'm ready, and the only way I'll know is how I feel fighting. In conditioning, I'm ready right now."

Robinson made his first ring appearance in 31 months two weeks ago in Detroit when he scored a sixth round knockout over Joe Rindone, the second time his fight with that brawler came out in the same fashion.

Red Raiders Trounce OTI

Ashland—(U.P.)—Southern Oregon disposed of Oregon Tech 74-54 here last night in an Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball game.

A pair of Bobs, Johnson and Smith, led the SOCE scoring with 26 and 19 points respectively, while Johnny James hit 22 for OTI.

Grapplers at Klamath For Encounters Today

Medford high's wrestling team was in Klamath Falls this afternoon for its fourth match of the season. The Black Tornado contingent included 35 boys, 32 of them wrestlers. Medford has won twice from Illinois Valley and once from Grants Pass.

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