

Back Tornado, Pels Prime Defenses for Tussles Here

Will the big basketball series this week end between Medford high and Klamath Falls quintets be a battle of defenses? Not entirely, perhaps. But reports from both schools point up that defense may play a prominent role.

Medford's high rated and Southern Oregon Conference leading Black Tornado is host to the Pelicans Friday and Saturday nights. Varsity contests are billed for 8:15 p.m. following 6:45 p.m. preliminaries. Friday action will also have ninth grade teams of the two communities meeting at the junior high here.

Coach Frank Roelandt said early in the week that the emphasis in drills would be on defense and that department of the hoop sport got concentration yesterday as the Tornado drilled against the anticipated Pel offense in the last real heavy workout of the week.

Pels Labor

At Klamath Falls, the new mentor, Don Peterson told the newspaper, Herald and News, that he is working the Pels hard to find some way to halt the Black Tornado which has averaged 63.8 points per game so far this season. Peterson didn't elaborate but said only that he was trying to work up "something." The Pels have the problem of stopping the Tornado both inside and out for, if Medford is "on" as it has been so far this season, it can score well from both close and far away against both zone and man-to-man defenses.

Defense against height and the scoring of Dave D'Olivo and a struggle for rebound control is Medford's problem. The Klamath coach has indicated that he'll start the same gang he did last week against Grants Pass in hopes of taking board control away from Medford.

That means four starters of

Tiger Jones Victor Over Sugar Ray

Chicago — (U.P.) — Ray Robinson's comeback campaign came a cropper because he "fought like an amateur," winner Ralph (Tiger) Jones said today, but he wouldn't call the champion a "dead" fighter yet.

"I fought for the Police Athletic League," Jones said, "and he fought for the Star and Crescent. That's in the amateurs. But he fought the same way. A jab and a one-two.

"That's why I beat him. I never lost to a SAC fighter yet."

Jones won easily Wednesday night before 7,282 Chicago stadium fans.

He was quicker with his hands and with his feet. He was hitting more sharply, with more accuracy. And Robinson, now 32, who in the past held both welterweight and middleweight championships before he retired unbeaten with the 160-pound crown, couldn't stay with him.

"I just didn't have any timing," Robinson said. "I knew my timing was bad, but I thought I had some."

Bled From Eye

Robinson bled from the right eye after the second round and from the nose after the third. Jones never was cut, and Robinson's bleeding never completely stopped.

"He hurt me," Jones said, "with a left to the right side of my face in the eighth. I thought my eye was coming out."

And Jones had no answer to the question whether he thought he would do as well against Robinson, if the ex-champion had another five or six fights and they should meet again in five or six months.

Robinson said flatly that his loss to Jones, his fourth defeat in 143 pro fights, did not mean the end of his comeback campaign aimed at regaining the middleweight title he once held from Carl (Bobo) Olson.

"I never thought I'd win them all," he said. "I guess my associates were right when they said he was too tough for a second comeback fight."

Robinson's first comeback appearance resulted in a sixth round knockout of Joe Rindone in Detroit two weeks ago.

BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GAMES

East

Army 78, Penn Military 70
Geneva 101, Pittsburgh 96
Andrews AFB 84, Duquesne 70
Niagara 99, Assumption 53
Penn State 81, Lehigh 75

South

Florida St. 91, Mississippi St. 76
Louisville 99, Morehead (Ky.) 62
Xavier (O.) 74, Murray (Ky.) 62

Midwest

Wash. (Mo.) 64, Southern Ill. 44
Kansas State 76, Missouri 71
Delaware 68, Bradley 62
Dayton 91, Western Kentucky 73
Seattle 70, Regis 54

Dead line Sunday Classified 9 a.m. Monday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 6:30 Monday day.

6 feet 2 inches or better with D'Olivo topping the four at 6-4. The other tall boys are Larry Yarnell and Guy Munsell, 6-2 each, and Marlin Causey, 6-3. Jack Sunitsch at a tiny 5-8 rounds out the line-up.

Sunitsch Takes Charge

D'Olivo, in particular, and Munsell are the scoring aces of the Klamath five and Jack Sunitsch, despite his small stature, is the "take charge" guy of his team.

Roelandt is expected to open with his usual starting five, Stan Kalapus and Glenn Peterson, 6-4½ each, and Frank Rector, Larry Cople and Bud Kastner, all 5-11. The mentor reported that Rector has been pestered by a cold all week. It isn't expected to slow him down, however.

Another argument in the outlook for a defensive battle is the fact that both clubs have held down opponents pretty well for this year. Medford has averaged only 43.25 tallies per game while Pelican rivals have hit at a rate of about 49 per game.

Tornado Favored

Medford, on the basis of season record, comparative scores and ratings of No. 1 and No. 2 in Oregon, goes into the game a definite favorite. But records scores and ratings easily could go out the window when the two clubs take the floor. The Tornado got a 19 to 12 "win" over Klamath in the Southern

K-State Rips Missourians In Big Seven

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Basketball's new wave of upsets claimed still another big-name victim today, knocking mighty Missouri out of first place in the Big Seven Conference.

Kansas State, beaten twice by Missouri in previous meetings this season, suddenly turned on the Tigers Wednesday night and beat them, 78-67, on their own home court at Columbia, Mo. The defeat smashed a six-game Missouri winning streak and left Colorado alone in first place in the league.

Before the game Missouri and Colorado had been tied for first place, each with a 3-0 league mark.

Missouri beat K-State on a neutral court, 89-71, in last month's Big Seven tournament and also on State's home court, 94-86, only last Saturday. But this time Missouri was "stone cold," sinking only 33.8 per cent of its shots, while Kansas State was "red hot" with a 51 per cent shooting percentage.

Puerto Rican Sparkplug

Pachin Vincens, a 5-foot, 9-inch sophomore from Puerto Rico, was the sparkplug of the Kansas State team, leading the scoring with 21 points and playing a brilliant floor game. Roger Craft aided with 15 points, but Bob Reiter of Missouri took high scoring honors for the game with 32 points.

For Missouri, currently ranked the nation's No. 8 team, it was only the third loss in 13 games and its first home court loss since bowing to Kansas State last Feb. 27.

Missouri's defeat marked the third straight night that upsets had stunned league-leading teams. On Monday, Illinois lost a share of the Big Ten lead and Vanderbilt a share of the Southeastern Conference lead in surprise defeats. And Tuesday, Texas Christian lost undisputed control of first place in the Southwest Conference, dropping back into a tie.

Dukes Bow To Andrews

Duquesne, the nation's sixth-ranked team, also tasted defeat Wednesday night but the loss was to a non-league team, undefeated Andrews' Air Force won its 22nd straight game by beating the Dukes 84-70. Included on the Andrews team are such graduated college stars as All-America Cliff Hagan and Lou Tzikoropoulos of Kentucky and Dick Knostman of Kansas State.

However, three other high-ranked teams that played Wednesday night scored easy wins. LaSalle, ranked second nationally, romped to its 13th win in 15 starts, 85-50, over West Chester, Pa. State as All-America Tom Gola scored 22 points. Dayton, ranked 15th, impressively defeated Western Kentucky, 91-73, for its 12th win in 15 games. And Niagara, ranked 16th, sank 62.9 per cent of its shots to beat Assumption College of Windsor, Ont., 99-55, for its 12th win in 14 games.

High School Scores

WEDNESDAY GAMES

St. Mary's (The Dalles) 67, DuRoi 31
Newport 43, Taft 41
Corbett 51, Cascade Locks 23

Oregon Conference jamboree. That, however, was long ago and far away.

There are three things that can happen this week. Medford can sweep the series and strengthen its league, it can split and maintain the status quo or Klamath can win both games and take over the lead.

While the loop championship would be far from clinched, a series sweep would be a big boost to the Medford cause. Such outcome would give the Tornado a clean mark for the first half of the loop season and only a split in each of the second half series would be needed to wrap up the mantle.

Firmco, Yellow Cab Vie Tonight; City League Scuffles Postponed

A non-league game between Firmco of Myrtle Creek and Yellow Cab of Medford tonight will wrap up the week for independent basketball in Medford.

The two clubs, among the top independents in southern Oregon, clash at 8:15 p.m. at the St. Mary's school gymnasium. Firmco holds a previous 85 to 81 victory, scored at Myrtle Creek, over the Cabmen.

Two Medford city loop scuffles had been slated for Friday but Bill Singler, president of the MIBL, said that both had been postponed until the end of the season because of inability to line up game officials. Eagle Point was scheduled against Hawkins Tires and Prospect against Sacred Heart church. Singler said that tangles are tentatively set for February 15.

Company A Victor

Originally the two frays had been set for tonight. However, the junior high gym will not be available, Singler was advised.

In loop engagements last night Company A won the battle of National Guardsmen, defeating Headquarters company, 48 to 45, and Campus Five topped Eagle Point 76 to 49. Earlier this week the Campus team set back Skinner's Buick to maintain its third place position.

Steelhead Luck Fair on Rogue, Applegate Rivers

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

SOUTHWEST: Steelheading slow; Smith river high but may clear; north fork of Smith river clear; striped bass fishing in Isthmus slough poor to fair; live bullheads best bait; Coquille river high and muddy but with three days of clear weather angling with bait should be good for week end.

Jan. 15 was opening date on Rogue river, exclusive of tributaries, below the mouth of Applegate river for trout not less than 12 inches; Applegate river, exclusive of tributaries, below mouth of Williams creek, also opened Jan. 15 for trout not less than 12 inches; bag limit is 3 fish in any one day but not more than 6 fish in any 7 days of possession.

Opening week end on Applegate and Rogue only fair; most catches made on bait in deeper eddies; prospects for week end should improve; Rogue muddy below Galice creek; lower Umpqua river muddy and all streams in upper Umpqua area falling; water temperatures low and few fish moving; prospects fair.

Braves Forsee Good Attendance

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — By all indications, the Milwaukee Braves today were off and running to a new National League attendance record, their third in three years.

"If the weatherman is good to us we're on a good start toward a new record," ticket manager Bill Eberly said. "Of course there are a lot of contingencies, but every indication is that we're going to have a very big year."

"There is no waning of interest and many persons are buying season tickets to be assured of All-Star game seats," he said.

2,000 Better

Eberly said about 11,350 season tickets had been sold by today, more than 2,000 better than the 9,045 season books in 1954. "We're stopping sale on other grandstand tickets Saturday night," he said, "and will continue to sell upper deck season tickets until a 12,000 maximum is reached."

Milwaukee's boisterous Braves set their second league home attendance record last year, their second at Milwaukee, with 2,131,388 paid admissions.

That figure was reached an average of nearly 31,000 fans on 69 home dates.

SPORTS

Police, Firemen Practice Hard For March of Dimes Hoop Tangle

Medford's policemen and firemen are supposed to play in the preliminary when they vie next Wednesday, January 26, in the special March of Dimes basketball program at the senior school gym. But the two aggregations, now seriously at practice, hope to steal the limelight from Andy's Jewelers and Yellow Cab, unbeaten city league clubs which are slated for the main event.

The police haven't actually said so but they are secretly hoping that rain will fall every day at the right time up until the opening whistle at the game. Firemen have been practicing around a basket set up at the tennis court at the main station.

The Sleuths, on the other hand, thanks to the courtesy of the YMCA.

It is expected that the Smoke Eaters and police will put teams of about equal ability on the floor. There apparently are not any ex-college stars among them but there's some a-d-x service ball players on both squads.

Davis, Lacy in Charge

Capt. Dale Davis, a 6-foot 5-inch ex-Medford high junior varsity player, is whipping up the firemen into scrapping frenzy. He's the tallest on the club and the height scales down to Doug Dawson at 5-5. Others on the squad are Bob Schwinder, Otis Johnson, Ralph Moore, Joe Jensen, Vern Ritchie, Mitchell Milich, Ted Marcisz, Hack Caster, Norm Nelson, Jim Minnis, Gordon Shelton and Gene Williams.

Sgt. C. W. Lacy is directing the fortunes of the Flatfoot cagers. Milton Hanson, 6-2, Delaire Tuso, 6-1, and Harold Slinger, 6-1, are the tall men on the police squad. Other players are Ted Whisler, Frank Lenzele, Wallace Bowen, Don Lacy, Lee Rice and Orlow McGee.

The police in particular have reported discovering some muscles which they forgot had existed.

In addition to the basketball games, intermission entertainment is planned. Tickets are available at Lamport's and Sam's Sporting Goods Stores, Andy's Jewelry and Yellow Cab and from police, firemen and officials of the Medford Independent basketball league.

Proceeds go for the fight against polio.

Pelican Mat Crew Bests MHS Team

Medford high's wrestling team suffered its first setback of the season yesterday, a 35 to 8 defeat at the hands of the Klamath Falls Pelicans.

Larry Frazer, Paul Eckel and Bill Dyer picked up the only points for Medford in the regular matches. Medford collected four wins in the 19 exhibitions. Frazer won a 3 to 1 decision in the 166-pound class from Bob Ropp and Heavyweight Bill Dyer edged Reese of the Pels 7 to 6. Eckel, 177, drew with Elvis Mitchell, 1 to 1.

Ken Dunlavey, 98, and Calvin Dalton, 140, lost by pins, and George Flanagan, 114, Gordon Owsley, 123, Ray Hilton, Ron Lindgren, 136, Ray Williams, 147, and Les Welch, 154, by decisions. Medford forfeited the 105 pound class.

Hilton and Lingren were beaten by state champs. Ron Conner beat Hilton 4 to 2 and Larry Dearing tipped Lingren 6 to 3. Coach Paul Evensen felt the Medfordies did well despite the losses.

Fred White, Lyle Daun and Mel Morgan by decisions and Gordon DeArmond by a pin, won exhibitions for Medford.

Medford's next scheduled match is here February 1 against Roseburg.

Read, Meunier Prep B Shrine Game Selections

Stan Read and Laval Meunier of St. Mary's high of Medford were named to backfield berths and Jim McAbee of Talent to an end spot for the East-West Shrine all-star football game at Pendleton next summer.

But it appears unlikely that Meunier will be a participant. Seniors, boys who have finished their prep football eligibility, are picked for the squad. Meunier, however, is just a junior and has one more year of high school eligibility left. Unless there has been some change in policy, he'll have to rest on the honor of being selected.

Read, married since the St. Mary's football season concluded, is now at Medford high. He turned out for basketball but bowed out of the

Hand Use Questionable

However, the outcome of the fight is apt to rest on how effectively the former star defensive end for the San Francisco Forty Niners can use his questionable hand.

Powell has flattened 10 of his 13 opponents while the German fighter has flattened only six out of 19.

Friedrich has had only two fights in this country and lost both. Last Aug. 21 he dropped a close decision to Jack Scheberries, former national AAU champion. Later he bowed to Rex Layne.

The fight will not be televised.

Rogue, Jackson B Leagues Have Maplecourt Tussles

While Medford high and Klamath Falls are battling over the loop leadership and Grants Pass and Ashland over the cellar in the Southern Oregon Conference this week end, Crater and Rogue River are expected to keep their places, respectively, at the top of Rogue League and Jackson County B League Basketball standings.

In the Rogue League, Crater travels to Cave Junction to oppose Illinois Valley on Friday night. The two clubs will have

Oregon Eyes Series With Oregon State

Eugene — (U.P.) — Coach Bill Borcher of Oregon had little to say today on the suspension of Oregon State basketball ace Swede Halbrook. "We feel we are faced with a very tough job . . . regardless of whether Halbrook plays or not," the Duck hoop mentor said.

University of Oregon, Eugene A team voted as unlikely to succeed, meets Oregon State, a team voted very likely to succeed, this weekend in a series which will just about decide the first place position at the half-way mark in the 1955 Northern Division championship race.

The series opens Friday night at McArthur court and then moves to Corvallis Saturday for the second encounter of the annual "Civil War" series. The Ducks, who have suddenly discovered a respectable shooting eye, come into the games with a record of five wins in six starts as the result of a winning streak which ran up three triumphs over Washington State and two over Idaho.

Oregon State still has a perfect mark for its efforts against Washington State and Washington in the first four games on its home court. The Beavers need only to split these two games to stay in first place while the Ducks are faced with sweeping the series to take over first. OSC needless to say, is heavy favorite.

The Webfoots must dream up a way to stop Tony Vlastelica, Jay Dean, Ron Robins and the other talented Beavers, including Swede Halbrook, if his suspension is lifted.

Oregon's offense will once again be built around the shooting and rebounding of Jim Luscutoff, the big forward who has quickly reestablished himself as one of the league's best since he returned from the Army, plus the efforts of Max Anderson, Howard Page, Phil McHugh and the much-improved Ray Bell.

Webfoot chances of a victory in either game seem to hang on a hot-shooting night plus some excellent defensive work. Oregon has been hitting at better than a 450 clip for the past three division games after getting off to a poor start in the early part of the season.

In addition to the five game winning streak the Ducks have run up in conference play, Coach Bill Borcher's crew pushed its overall victory string to six in a row with a win over Gonzaga on the tag end of the final Inland Empire trip.

Luscutoff still leads the Oregon conference scoring with 119 points and is followed by Page (56), Max Anderson (51), Bell (50), McHugh (42), Jerry Ross (24), and Ed Bingham (13). All five of the starters are hitting at better than 370 from the floor and the total team average is now at 375 for six games.

The Oregon Ducklings also open their annual series with the Oregon State Rooks on Friday in a preliminary game which is set for 5:45 p.m. The Ducklings will probably open with Dave Wanaka of Portland and Paul Tuchardt of Oakridge at forwards, Hal Duff of Portland at center and Wimp Hastings of Bandon and Bob Ayre of Coos Bay at guard.

The original fund for the Nobel prizes was \$9,000,000 with the prize money to come from the interest on the principal.

sport in order to work. He's expected to be out for track.

Bob Gamselich, Jacksonville, was named an alternate lineman in the selections.

Other alternate linemen from Jackson county are Jack Herburger, Rogue River, and Lyio Tycksen, Talent. Joel Walls, Prospect is a back alternate.

Carrigan Shines For OSC Rooks

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Oregon State's Rooks, led by Dave Gambaee of Corvallis and Gordy Carrigan of Central Point, headed Clark Junior college a 66-63 basketball setback here last night.

Gambaee and Carrigan scored 22 points each, while Fletcher Frazier hit 17 for Clark.

Cary, Gene Men To Beat At San Diego

San Diego — (U.P.) — The \$15,000 San Diego Open got under way today with the finest crop of golfers in the world competing and Dr. Cary Middlecoff and defending champion Gene Littler favored as the men to beat to take home the first place check of \$2,400.

An international field, featuring the open champions of England, Canada, and United States; the PGA champions of United States, Canada and Mexico; and the U.S. National Public Links champion are among the 135 professionals and nine amateurs competing.

However, off their form in winning the two major tournaments held so far this year, the favorites have to be Middlecoff and Littler.

Middlecoff was the star of the international matches that ended Wednesday as he led the U.S. team to a 17-10 victory over Canada. Middlecoff got credit for rounds of 70 and 68, although on the latter, he did not play out one hole and was given a double-bogey six.

Littler, won the Los Angeles Open. He annexed this event last year as an amateur and couldn't collect the money. This year he'll take everything they offer him in the way of coin of the realm.

The open champions competing are Ed Furgol of the United States, Peter Thomson, who won the British crown; and Pat Fletcher, Canadian titleholder.

The PGA champs are Chick Harbert of the United States, Stan Leonard, the Canadian champ; and Red Bost, who holds the Mexican crown.

The final tune-ups Wednesday for seven stars were in the international competition with Canada. The American team won 17-10, but some of the Canadian stars gave promise of providing excellent competition today.

Pilots' McLarney Granted Leave; Rest Required

Portland — (U.P.) — Art McLarney, head basketball coach of Portland University, was granted a leave of absence yesterday because of ill health. His place will be taken by Mike Tichy, freshman coach.

The Rev. Michael J. Gavin, president of the university, said that a severe attack of influenza, aggravated by complications, had so impaired McLarney's health that his doctor advised him to take an extended rest.

McLarney was serving his first season as head hoop coach. He came to the Pilots in 1952 as head baseball coach. In the fall he was named assistant to basketball coach Mush Torson. When Torson resigned at the end of last season, McLarney was elevated to his job.

Mike Tichy will be with the team this week end when they take on Gonzaga for a two-game series in Spokane.

Bill Would Alter Refuge Set-Up

Salem — (U.P.) — Permanent, year-around wild life refuges in Oregon would be abolished by a bill introduced in the House today at the request of the State Game Commission.

As an alternative to present refuges, the bill would empower the game commission to set up refuges as the need for them arose and in areas and for types of game needing temporary protection.

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