

BLACK TORNADO OPPOSES KLAMATH'S PELS TONIGHT, SATURDAY IN "KEY" CAGE FRAYS

While the door can't be opened immediately by the gale blasts of the Black Tornado, the key could be provided this week end for Medford high's aspired entry into the basketball championship halls of the Southern Oregon Conference.

Medford, top-rated in Oregon and undefeated in its circuit, takes on what promises to be its strongest conference opposition tonight and Saturday night as host here to the second-running Klamath Falls Pelicans. Games at 8:15 o'clock will come after 6:45 o'clock junior varsity preliminaries.

Meanwhile, tail-ender Grants Pass goes to Ashland tonight and the third-spot Grizzlies travel to Grants Pass tomorrow.

The Klamath series here definitely has "key" status for the Black Tornado. There are two good reasons. First, Medford has a chance to take a whopping three-game lead over its nearest rival at the Midway Pause of the pennant romp. Second, Medford can use home court triumphs as insurance against its late February trip to Pelican Land. There is an old Klamath gym jinx that could harass the Tornado.

Week end action has a show-down tinge even at this stage of the campaign. Klamath, once-marred in the league, has a big opportunity to upset and boom in front of the No. 1-in-Oregon Black Tornado. The Pels, even with a series split, will keep right on the heels of the Medfordites in league contention. Medford needs a series sweep if it is to grasp this week end the means of tripping the tumbler.

Aside from the title chase, there are other aspects of interest in the Medford-Klamath scuffles. The curiosity concerns whether and how the big, rugged Pelicans can stop the high-powered, driving, hustling Medford offensive which has run up per-game averages of 76.25 for the loop and 63.8 for the sea-

son. And, there is the haunting question of Medford's ability to cope with the all-around height of the Pelican quintet. Klamath's altitude and the shooting of a couple of its big boys have been the assets in running up a record of six wins and four losses for the season. Medford's strength in its 12-1 season has been in good balance of all departments. Both clubs have held down their opposition effectively with iron defense and fine backboard work.

The Tornado has its own tall men in 6-4 1/2 Glenn Peterson and Jerry Kalapus. It has faced a couple of clubs this season with taller players than boasted by

the Pels but Klamath presents probably the best overall height that Medford has encountered. Ability to get and control the ball paid off handsomely for the Tornado against both Grants Pass and Ashland. Klamath has an asset that may prove an equalizer under the boards this week.

D'Olive Tops Dave D'Olive, 6-4, provides the main scoring punch of the Pelicans and Guy Munsell, 6-2, is another big gun. D'Olive has radar sense in hobking and tipping the ball into the bucket and is a terrific rebounder. Right behind him in the boards department is 6-3 Marlin Causey. Larry Yarnell, 6-2, rounds out the likely starting height.

As if the tall men were not enough, the Pels have a half-pint speed merchant in 5-6 Jack Sunitsch. He comes through with points from long range. His stellar floorwork keeps things lively.

The Pelicans have additional height in reserves Denny Todd and Craig McCarty, both 6-3 and Orin Perkins, 6-1. Dan Lowe and Dave Pepple are top-line reserves under the 6-foot level. From all reports, Klamath can move at a good clip with all its height. But Medford, with just two 6-footers in the line-up, should show more speed and precision. Medford has an "in" threat with Kalapus and Peterson and "outside" scoring with Larry Cople and Frank Rector, who hit consistently from far away and from key hole circle, and side court range.

Bud Kattner comes through with tallies on occasion, and helps the Tornado perk, along with Rector and Cople, with his floor play and feeding and with his tough defensive work. He'll join with Kalapus and Peterson in the rebound work. The three have done rather well in past conflicts in plucking the ball from the boards. But they'll have more competition this week and have real jobs cut out for them.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Talent High Five Romps At Prospect

Talent high pulled away in the second half last night to subdue Prospect 68 to 43 in a Jackson County B League basketball tangle. The win boosted Talent into at least temporary lone hold on second place in the circuit and kept the Bulldogs much in contention for the title.

Rogue River, unscathed loop leader after trimming Talent last Tuesday, will be out to maintain its pace tonight and is favored over St. Mary's in a game at Medford. Jacksonville goes to Butte Falls this evening to round out the week in the circuit.

Jim McAbee, the Bulldogs all-around athlete, was the big siege gun of the night. He amassed 30 points and the big share of them were on tip ins and rebounds. Ron Couser of Prospect was next high scorer with 19.

Prospect made a game of it the first half. In the second half Talent switched to man-to-man defense, held down the Cougars sufficiently and kept up its own scoring pace.

Talent had a lead of 20 to 12 at the quarter but Prospect pulled even at 20-all and 22-all. Then the Bulldogs shoved to a 30 to 22 halfway advantage. Third quarter standing favored Talent 44 to 30.

In the preliminary, Talent javes downed Prospect 49 to 26. Hoffman, Talent, and Rex Flye, Prospect, each scored 14. Flye is a sophomore transfer from Eastonville, Wash.

The game was played Thursday instead of tonight in order not to conflict with a community dance which is being held for benefit of the new Prospect fire department.

LINE-UPS Talent 48 Prospect 43 Ray Weinholt 1 f 6 Peterson Zickfoose 10 f 8 Walls McAbee 30 c 4 Oswald Wood 14 c 19 Couser Thorson 6 c 2 D. Bean Substitutions—For Talent, W. Wallace 2, Bartol, Teeter 3, Hoffman 2, Combs; for Prospect, Ring 4, Pope, Artmeir.

Brooklyn Fielder Inks 10th Pact

Brooklyn outfielder Carl Furillo, owner of one of the finest arms in baseball, unlimbered it long enough Thursday to sign for an estimated \$22,000.

Furillo won the batting championship with a .344 average in 1953 and although he slipped to .294 last season, his salary was not cut. Starting his 10th season with Brooklyn, Furillo, a Reading, Pa., native, has a lifetime batting average of exactly .300.

Tom Brewer, 23-year-old right-hander who won 10 and lost nine for the Red Sox, signed his 1955 contract while the Chicago Cubs announced the signing of shortstop Ed Winceniak, up from Des Moines of the Western League.

Three holdovers, Bob Buhl, Roy Smalley and Phil Paine, and a pair of rookies, Bob Trowbridge and Al Facchini, agreed to terms with Milwaukee, making a total of 24 Braves who have signed contracts for 1955.

Meek Picked By Houston

Houston, Tex. —(U.P.)—Coach Bill Meek of Kansas State, who learned the single wing from Tennessee's Gen. Bob Neyland and coached the split-T for Maryland's Jim Tatum, has taken on the job of building University of Houston a big-time football team.

Houston gave Meek a five-year head coaching contract of undisclosed terms. He succeeds Clyde V. Lee, the Missouri Valley Conference school's coach for seven seasons who resigned last Dec. 6.

Meek resigned as head football coach at Kansas State, where he'd served two years with professional status but without a contract, to make the move to Houston.

Welsh Has Best South Division Shooting Average

Los Angeles — Southern California's Dick Welsh leads the Southern Division in floor shooting with a flossy 62.2 per cent while five of the top seven free throw shooters are from UCLA, figures from the Pacific Coast Conference commissioner's office showed today.

Bob McKeen, California center, is the top scorer with 85 points, an average of 21.3 per contest, and also leads in rebounds with 49, an average of 12.3.

Welsh has hit 23 of 37 field goal attempts in compiling his percentage and is followed by Bill Bond, Stanford, 58.1 per cent, and Al Herring, UCLA, 56.3. Mark Costello leads UCLA's sharp-shooting free throwers with 88.9 per cent, followed by teammate Don Bragg, 80 per cent, and Chet Carr, Southern California, 76.9 per cent.

Trailing McKeen in total scoring are John Moore, UCLA, with a 17 point game average; Ron Tomsic, Stanford, 16.8; Welsh, 16.5, and Roy Irvin, Southern California, 16.3. Ranked behind him in rebounds are Willie Naulls, UCLA, with a 9.5 game average and Irvin, 9.3.

Southern Division scoring has proceeded at a blistering pace, due largely to brilliant shooting from the floor. The division, as a whole, has averaged 42.9 per cent on field goal attempts, as compared with 35.1 for last year, 34.5 for 1953 and 33.1 for 1952. Leading the pack is Stanford with 48.2, while UCLA leads in team free throws, 74.5 per cent, and rebounds, 137 to its opponents 104.

UCLA leads in total scoring with a 73.3 game average and shares the defensive lead with Southern California, each allowing 66.8 points a game. USC has held opponents to the lowest average on field goal attempts, 37 per cent.

BOWLING

Twenty three teams are scheduled to roll their rounds Saturday and Sunday in the men's city tournament at Medford Bowling lanes. Most of the team action will be on Saturday.

The schedule is: SATURDAY 4:30 p. m., Swift and Co., Pine Tree market, Domestic laundry, Darrell Miller Co.

7 p. m., Bel Aire Chev., Hooper Radiator, Richfield Oil, E. H. Mann Co., Walker Real Estate, High Real Estate, Beck's bakery, Medford Steel, Shoe Dogs, Sherwin-Williams Paint.

9:30 p. m. Sam's Sporting Goods, Jorgensen's dairy, Crater Lake Motors, White City Sales, Central market.

SUNDAY 10 a. m., Mail Tribune, Hammer Sporting Goods, Lorenz company, Cummings agency. Singles and doubles events will be on Sunday.

LADIES CLASSIC LEAGUE Standings: Elk Lumber 7-1, Medford Feed and Seed 6-2, McDuffie Coffee Pot 5-3, Mary's Casa 4-4, Jorgensen's Dairy 3-5, Kachina Room 3-5, Fashionette 2-6, Craterian Beauty Shoppe 2-6, Crater Inn Motel 2-6, Anderson Thrift Market 1-7, Trail Creek Lumber 1-7, Morning Fresh 1-7

Results: Jorgensen's 453 Kachina Room 377, C. Lowd 453 S. Erickson 377, I. Forga 428 R. Shanta 375, Jackie Wilson 485 B. Doyson 354, J. Russell 378 C. Monroe 375, Fat Gardner 492 R. Lane 371, Handicap 153

Anderson's 2197 Fashionette 3003, N. Hollenback 423 V. Knox 507, B. Hamm 372 F. Mathes 494, E. Hagen 367 D. Klein 419, A. Carbiner 407 L. Rudy 419, M.J. Penn'gton 453 E. Baker 446, Handicap 135

Elk Lumber 2430 Craterian Beauty 2352, Nola Keith 423 V. Cummings 517, D. Boyce 385 Ruth Eberius 419, V. Florey 466 E. Straus 395, A. Tammer 442 M. Clark 494, D. Christman 560 E. Ludwig 436, Handicap 144

Morning Fresh 2430 Medford Feed 2352, J. J. Lowd 420 M. Little 428, S. Beck 460 M. Tennant 408, L. Ambuehl 410 D. Hawley 458, V. Bateman 432 L. Sacchi 458, R. Jennings 57 R. Barr 519, Handicap 2243

Mary's Casa 2184 Trail Creek 1886, M. Porter 394 M. Matheson 322, V. Floate 389 L. Jantzer 313, T. Tolles 522 T. Stevens 438, H. Wright 398 K. Smith 383, V. Blunt 501 E. Goode 414, Handicap 18

McDuffie's 2186 Crater Inn 2123, I. Schroeder 419 A. Gebbart 441, V. Corby 417 J. Hammond 421, A. Wilson 377 M. Herran 399, M. Dyer 324 G. Riggs 437, N. Burroughs 475 C. Teter 45, Handicap 2186

LADIES VICTORY LEAGUE Standings: Davis Transfer 4-0, Besty and McDougal 4-0, U. S. National Bank 3-1, Pickle Apparel 1-3, Towne Beauty Shop 1-3, Keith Brothers 0-4, Trowbridge & Flynn 0-4, Stark Finance 0-4

Results: M. Puett 374 Kella Broc. 1, J. Coffeen 318 L. Andrews 259, T. Magranti 372 M. Herran 359, J. LeCuyer 355 L. Keith 390, M. White 336 R. Floate 407, Handicap 85 N. Keith 397

U. S. Bank 1840 Towne Beauty 1808, I. Schroeder 453 M. Klatt 367, G. Ingle 348 C. Rombach 293, J. Offenbacher 368 M. Howe 324, J. Ingle 407 C. Lowd 393, P. Gardner 433 V. Corby 389, Handicap 6

2017 1888, Davis Transfer 4 T and F 9, V. Knox 440 H. Frye 366, J. Mahoney 291 R. Blaylock 304, L. Yonal 400 J. Howard 369, M. Dyer 412 S. Hardwick 214, D. Huston 319 J. Russell 349, Handicap 1875

B and F 4 Stark Finance 6, A. Harris 479 R. Yessy 305, L. Yonal 400 J. Howard 369, J. Dean 279 E. Corliss 339, D. Pfaff 310 M. Simmonds 327, L. Cabler 372 C. Carr 354, Handicap 1850

Ski Conditions

Skiing conditions at Crater Lake National park were reported "fair to good" this morning. There were five inches of new snow at 8 a.m. today and snow was still falling. South and west entrances to the park were open to the rim at the time. Chains were required. Snow depth at the park was listed at 72 inches.

Tommy Bolt Goes on Top At San Diego

San Diego, Calif. —(U.P.)—Temperamental Tommy Bolt, the man who blows hotter and colder than anyone in the golfing world, teed off in the second round of the \$15,000 San Diego Open golf tournament today with a measly one-stroke lead after shooting one of the greatest rounds in PGA tournament history Thursday.

Bolt, acknowledged by all as potentially the greatest player in the history of golf, fired an eight-under-par 64 Thursday after shooting seven straight birdies to open the round.

That gave him only a one-stroke lead over Paul McGuire, young tournament trail star from Wichita, Kan., who came in with a 65.

Despite their great shot-making these boys didn't run away from the field. There were 27 men in the star-studded array who shot 70 or better and there were 40 who broke par on the par-72 course.

The 68s included Bud Holscher, Santa Monica, Cal.; Doug Ford, Kiamesha Lake, N. Y.; Wally Ulrich, Rochester, Minn.; Henry Williams, Reading, Pa.; Shelley Mayfield, Chicopee, Mass.; and Art Wall, Pocono Manor, Pa.

COACH PICKED

Portland —(U.P.)—Lloyd Bergma, who will receive his degree in physical education from Portland University next week, has been named acting freshman hoop coach for the Pilots.

3 PAL Boys Will Scrap At Portland

Three members of the Medford Police Athletic league have been selected from among Oregon's top amateurs to perform for the state's all-star team in the Oregon AAU "Fight for Lives" boxing show in Portland on Saturday, January 29.

They are Larry Lewis, 105-pounder, Bobby Lyons, state 105-pound champion of 1954 and Junior McDonald, a lightweight, now going in the 118 class, and Oregonians will face Washington's best in the card at the Public Auditorium.

Lewis already has defeated the best in his weight in Vancouver and Portland. Lyons is listed as a hot contender in the 118 bracket. Junior McDonald started slowly last fall but reportedly is back in the form that has previously impressed Portland fans.

PAL Coaches Hugh Jennings and Jim Zack have high hope that the three will win their bouts and thereby be a threat to Portland supremacy in amateur boxing.

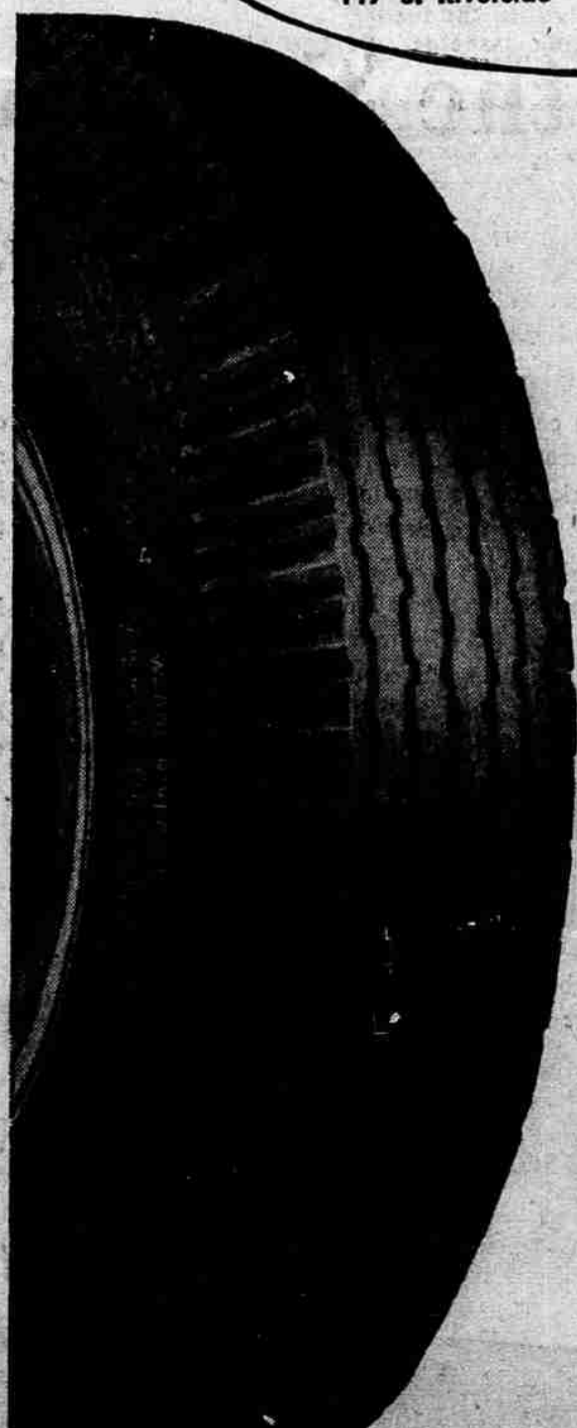
Jennings and Zack have other boys working out whom they feel shall soon become mitt contenders.

PAL officials are now arranging a series of mitt shows to be held in their gym above Acme Hardware store every other week. The first one is set for April 5. Boxers from Portland are always available but the club would prefer local talent on its cards.

Officials of PAL plan to make the matches on an inter-town basis. They said that it doesn't matter whether a boy, right now, knows how to box. Any one or any group interested in taking part in the matches is invited to come to the PAL gym and register.

PLAYER PEDDLED

Los Angeles —(U.P.)—The Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League have peddled Fred Richards, their long ball hitting first baseman, to Charleston, W. Va., in the American Association.



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