

Andy's, Cabbies Scrap Tonight For MIBL Crown; No Play-Offs

Andy's Jewelers and Yellow Cab contend at the junior high school tonight for the championship of the Medford Independent Basketball League.

The league play-off, which had been set for next week, has been cancelled, it was announced today. Depleted finances is the reason, MIBL President Bill Singler reported. Play-off plans were abandoned at a loop meeting last night when Singler explained the financial condition of the league.

Title game tonight will be at 8:30 o'clock after a 7 o'clock opener between Headquarters Company of the National Guard and Prospect.

The cabbies and Jewelers both go into the final game tonight with undefeated records in the league. Each has won 10 frays and this evening's game would have completed their regular league schedules, anyhow. That makes the titular battle and the season finale a "natural."

Real Hassle
Andy's has been beaten by Yellow Cab once in a non-league fracas and by a large margin. But they are expected to make a real hassle of the skirmish tonight when the stakes are higher. Best game of the whole MIBL season could result.

The Jewelers are expected to name their starters from among Derald Wooton, Willard Lilly,

Roger Clark, Loren Soderlund, Jack Boardman and Bob Fasel. Yellow Cab starters likely will be Ed Hummel, Johnny Foster, Chuck Stacy, Bill Werner and Don Wendt.

Yellow Cab has been idle so far this week but Andy's recorded its 10th victory last night by drubbing Company A of the National Guard 75 to 23, an indication that it will be in full stride tonight. Headquarters company and Skinner's Buick wound up city league action last night as the Guardsmen came out ahead 45 to 38 in what someone called "the best football game ever played in Medford junior high gym."

Cabbies Bill Alsea
Andy's in its mix had a 31 to 15 halfway lead. Loren Soderlund of the Jewelers was high scorer with 16. National Guard headed Skinner's by quarter counts of 10 to 9, 20 to 19 and 39 to 28. Bruce Bateman scored 18 for the winners and Ives Mc-

Kinney 15 for Buick.

Singler reported that regular league games which had been slated next Tuesday, also have been cancelled.

No matter what the outcome of tonight's encounter, Yellow Cab has a game billed for Saturday night at St. Mary's gym. It will play the potent Alsea Lumber club of Corvallis. Alsea with ex-Oregon State collegians on its roster is unbeaten and rated as the toughest independent to appear in Medford yet this season.

LIVE-UPS:
Andy's 13 23 Company A
Wooton 7 f 5 Snook
Lilly 6 c 6 Baum
Clark 3 c 6 Heberling
Soderlund 16 g 4 Saxbury
Kramer 8 g 8 Burns
Substitutions—For Andy's: Boardman 14, Fasel 12, Smith 4, Moore, Trautman; for Company A: Cooper.

Headquarters 45 38 Skinner's
Bud Bateman 4 f 5 Cook
K. Bateman 10 f 6 Romine
McCandless 13 McKinney
Br. Bateman 18 g 2 Nelson
Drew 6 c 4 Christian
Substitutions—For Headquarters: Mills 5, Perkins 2; for Skinner's: Nichols 6.

OSC Cagers Paces Division In Four Team Departments

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Oregon State, with a record of 10 wins and no losses, leads in four of six team departments in Pacific Coast conference Northern Division basketball play, statistics from the PCC commissioner's office showed today.

The division's individual scorers were Oregon's Jim Loscutt in total scoring and rebounds; Oregon State's Wade Halbrook in field goal percentage; and Idaho's Bill Bauscher in free throws.

Oregon State dominated the shooting departments. The Be-

avers led in field goals with 38.7 per cent and free throws with 69.8 per cent. Defensively, they allowed but 52.7 points per game and held opponents to 31 per cent on field goal attempts.

Ducks Top Scoring

Oregon led team scoring with a 61.5 point-per-game average, to a 61.4 for Oregon State. The Ducks also led in rebounds with 48.2 to their opponents' 35.8, with Oregon State again being second.

Loscutt has averaged 19 points in each of his 10 games to date with a total of 78 field goals and 41 free throws. He is followed by Ron Bennink, Washington State, 17.5; and Dean Parsons, Washington, 17.4.

Halbrook, who won both the scoring and marksmanship titles last year, leads in field goals with 44.1 per cent on 49 goals in 111 attempts. Parsons follows with 43.9 and Oregon's Reggie Halligan with 43.3.

Bauscher leads in free throws with 66.7 per cent on 26 points in 30 tries, while Halligan has 55.8 per cent and Washington's Jim Coshov has 78.1 per cent.

Loscutt has the rebounding all to himself with an average of 17 per game. Parsons has averaged 10.6 and Halbrook 10.1. This week end Oregon hosts Idaho at Eugene, Ore., Friday and Saturday nights while Washington State and Washington meet in Seattle the same evening.

OSC Second In Defense

New York — (U.P.) — Furman, although held in check in a 69-58 victory over Virginia Tech, not only retained the national basketball scoring lead today but also kept a good chance of setting a new all-time scoring record.

The Tech game, lowest Furman score since 1952, sliced the Purple Palladins' per-game scoring average from 100.97 points to 95.9.

But that still left Furman with a comfortable margin over second-place Connecticut. The U-Conn's also had one poor scoring game during the week, a 70-65 loss to Fordham, and had their average drop from 92.4 points per game to 90.1.

Good Reason
San Francisco, which took over as the No. 1 team in the nation this week in the ratings by the United Press Board of Coaches, displayed a good reason why it led the nation in defense statistics for the sixth straight week.

The Dons have allowed only 49.9 points per game in winning 16 out of 17 games. Oregon State stands second with 52.1 points per game and Oklahoma A and M, national defense leader 15 times in the last 19 years, was third at 54.7.

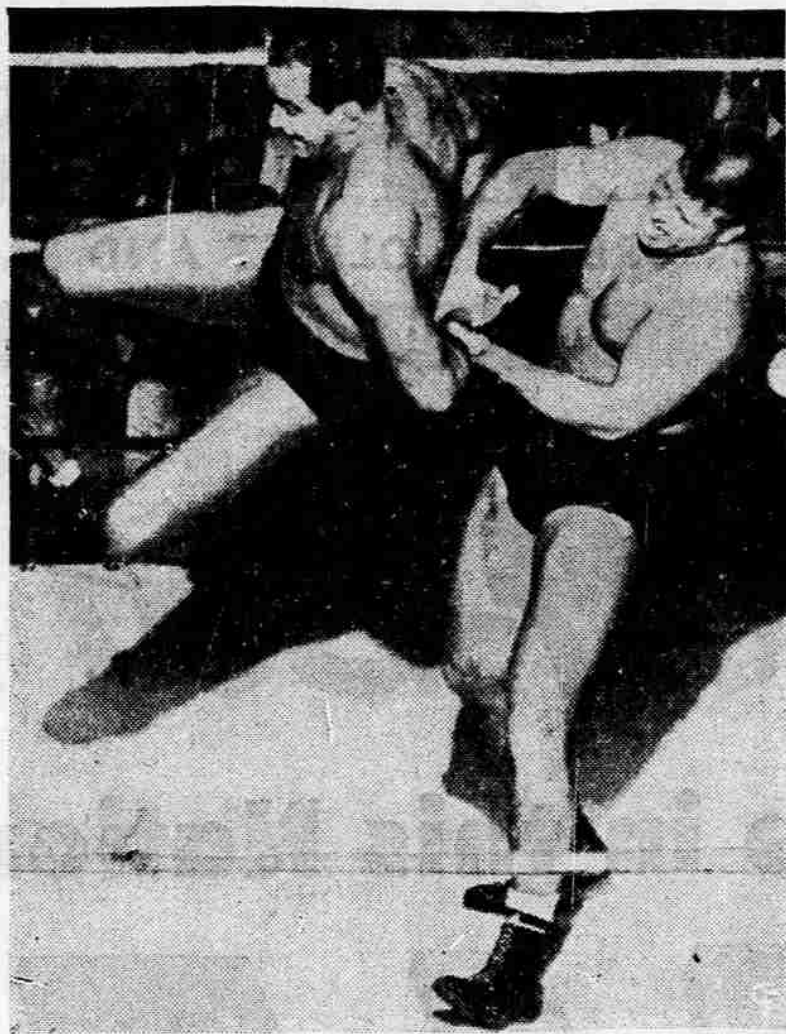
Training Sites Picked for PCL
San Francisco — (U.P.) — The Pacific Coast league directors held a "get together" session today with new PCL president Claire Goodwin—but they had "nothing specific" on the agenda.

Donovan said that the training sites for all the PCL teams have been settled and the players will go to camp March 1.

The final sites are as follows: Los Angeles at Fullerton, Portland at Glendale, San Francisco at Brawley, Hollywood at Anaheim, Oakland at El Centro, Sacramento at Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego at Ontario.

The official PCL schedule opens April 5.

To bring oil to Americans in 1953, the oil industry drilled approximately one mile of holes every 14 minutes around the clock.



POWERFUL HAMMERLOCK appears to have Champion Lou Thesz in bad way during Los Angeles match with Wilber Snyder but because the good guys are supposed to win Thesz broke the hold and before too long won the match. (International)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Madden, Higinbotham Head Rogue Loop Point-Making

Bill Madden, Phoenix high, and Jim Higinbotham, Crater, members of rival teams tied for the lead in the Rogue Basketball League, head the loop scoring race by a wide margin.

Madden is top man with 124 markers in eight games for a 15.5 per game average. Higinbotham is not far behind with 121 and has a 15.1 average for the league chase.

Ron Vreeken, Phoenix, trails in third spot with 82 while Bill Caldwell, Eagle Point, and Larry Maurer, Illinois Valley, are knotted for fourth with 80 each. Vern Parent, Crater, ranks sixth with 71. Crater's Comets have two others among the top 10, Fred Hogue, tied with Dennis Krauss, Illinois Valley, with 68 each, and Bob Gray, Crater, with 65. Gene Sams, Illinois Valley, with 63, rounds out the upper 10.

Crater with 430 points compared to opponents' total of 320, has the best offensive and defensive marks. The Comets have averaged 54.25 points per game and their rivals 40. Phoenix ranks next in both categories, scoring 37.3 points and yielding 32.7. Eagle Point has broken even with its opponents, piling up 355 and giving up the same number.

There is full scale activity in the circuit this week with Crater having the best chance to break in lone lead again. The Comets play Illinois Valley at Central Point on Friday and at Cave Junction on Saturday. Phoenix draws a tougher assignment, facing Eagle Point at Phoenix on Friday and at Eagle Point on Saturday.

Phoenix and Crater currently have six wins and two losses

North Carolina Breaks Record

By JOHN GRIFFIN

United Press Sports Writer
North Carolina State took the "high road" by smashing scoring records; Duquesne took the "low road" by holding a rival to 27 points; but they both arrived at impressive victories to add to their brilliant records.

Led by Ronnie Shavlik's record 55 points, State rolled up the highest score ever by an Atlantic Coast Conference team in crushing William and Mary, 126-99, Wednesday night.

Duquesne, which has accepted a bid to the National Invitation Tournament at the earliest date in history, celebrated by tying Carnegie Tech in knots, 62-27. The two easy triumphs gave Duquesne a 14-3 record and N.C. State, also a hot NIT possibility, a 19-4 mark.

Villanova, ranked 16th, was a major victim. The Wildcats, after jumping off to a 16-4 lead, eventually were beaten, 84-79, by a Georgetown, D.C., team that hadn't won a game since four regulars were suspended from school 10 days ago.

Hayward Trophy To Be Presented

Portland — (U.P.) — The Bill Hayward trophy will be presented to one of 12 top Oregon Sportswriters and Sportscasters association's banquet of champions here.

A committee of 50 leading citizens is selecting the winner. Special guest at the banquet will be Joe E. Brown, noted film comedian whose sons once played football at UCLA.

BLACK TORNADO AIMS TO BE PREPARED FOR CAVEMEN'S STRATEGY

Before Medford and Grants Pass high schools met in January in the first round of the Southern Oregon Conference basketball campaign, Coach Ray Davis of the GP Cavemen ventured concerning the Black Tornado: "They can be eaten."

Medford's torrid ball aggregation responded to the challenge with 63 to 44 and 86 to 37 triumphs over the Cavemen. But those imposing victories have not caused the Tornado to forget Davis's warning words.

The Medfordites aren't sure about what the GP mentor and his Cavemen cohorts may be cooking up for them this week but reports this week from the Tornado camp is that it again will be prepared for any eventualities.

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Reese, Mel Drews and Don James with Bob Erickson and Allen, Drews likely to see quite a bit of duty.

Statistics and previous results establish Medford as a heavy favorite for the week end series. But, as Sportswriter George Curtis of the GP Courier reported last night, "statistics never won a ball game yet, of course."

He added however, that teams which win consistently are the ones which pile up statistics.

Grants Pass, with a record of two conference wins against four losses compared to Medford's six wins and no defeats, isn't entirely out of the conference race but has a long haul to make if it still has ambitions. It could play a spoiler to the Black Tornado as they did in 1952 when Medford started the second half with a 5-1 mark and GP with an identical 2-4. The Cavemen lost two in the second half to Klamath Falls and won two from Medford in the final series of season play to push Klamath into the title.

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Red Heads At Ashland This Evening

Ashland—Ashland plays host to a top-ranked girls' basketball team tonight when the Olson All-American Red Heads appear on the high school maplet court at 8:15 o'clock against the National Guard All-Stars.

The Red Heads play only men's teams and they play men's rules but they succeed time and again in beating the boys at their own game.

And, on top of that, the gals put on a real show. They play good basketball, uncorrupt fancy passes, do trick shooting and come up with novelty routines and zany antics that make them entertainers as well as athletes. They have gained raves throughout the country for their ability.

Members of the team hail from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Iowa and Louisiana. Dorsey Lee Anderson and Alice Hammond are six footers on the Red Head roster. Emogean Shelton, 5-11, is a top rebounder and passer with the "fastest hands in basketball."

Campus Five and Hawkinson Tires play a 6:30 p.m. preliminary.

Big Fracas In B League

Game of the week in the Jackson County B League could decide that chase or prolong it. Talent and Rogue River highs are the Friday night foes in the big game which will be at Talent.

A victory by the Rogue Chiefs will all but sew up the mantle. They are unbeaten, and should at least win one of their remaining frays after playing the Bulldogs. Talent's only loss has been to Rogue River. It can tie up the first place spot with a win Friday but will be all but out of the picture if it suffers its second loss.

Possible Rogue River starters are Gary Johnson, Clete Dally, Bill Weaver, Ted Stanfield and Gary Stinchcomb. For Talent the likeliest are George Zickfosse, Mel Wallace, Jim McAbee, Gordy Thoreson and J. Lloyd Wood.

Other loop games Friday are St. Mary's at Jacksonville and Butte Falls at Prospect.

Littler Favored In Tucson Open

Tucson, Ariz. — (U.P.) Gene Littler, fresh from victories in Los Angeles and Phoenix, was favored to annex the \$10,000 Tucson Open as play started today, but Frank Stranahan, who recently turned professional, was considered dangerous competition.

Littler, of Palm Springs, Cal., warmed up with a 69 in the pro-amateur event preceding the tourney. Par for the El Rio course is 35-35-70.

Stranahan, of Toledo, Ohio, who holds the competitive course record of 61, carded a 68 in a practice round.

Ed Carpenter, San Antonio, Tex., pro, led qualifiers with a seven under par 65.

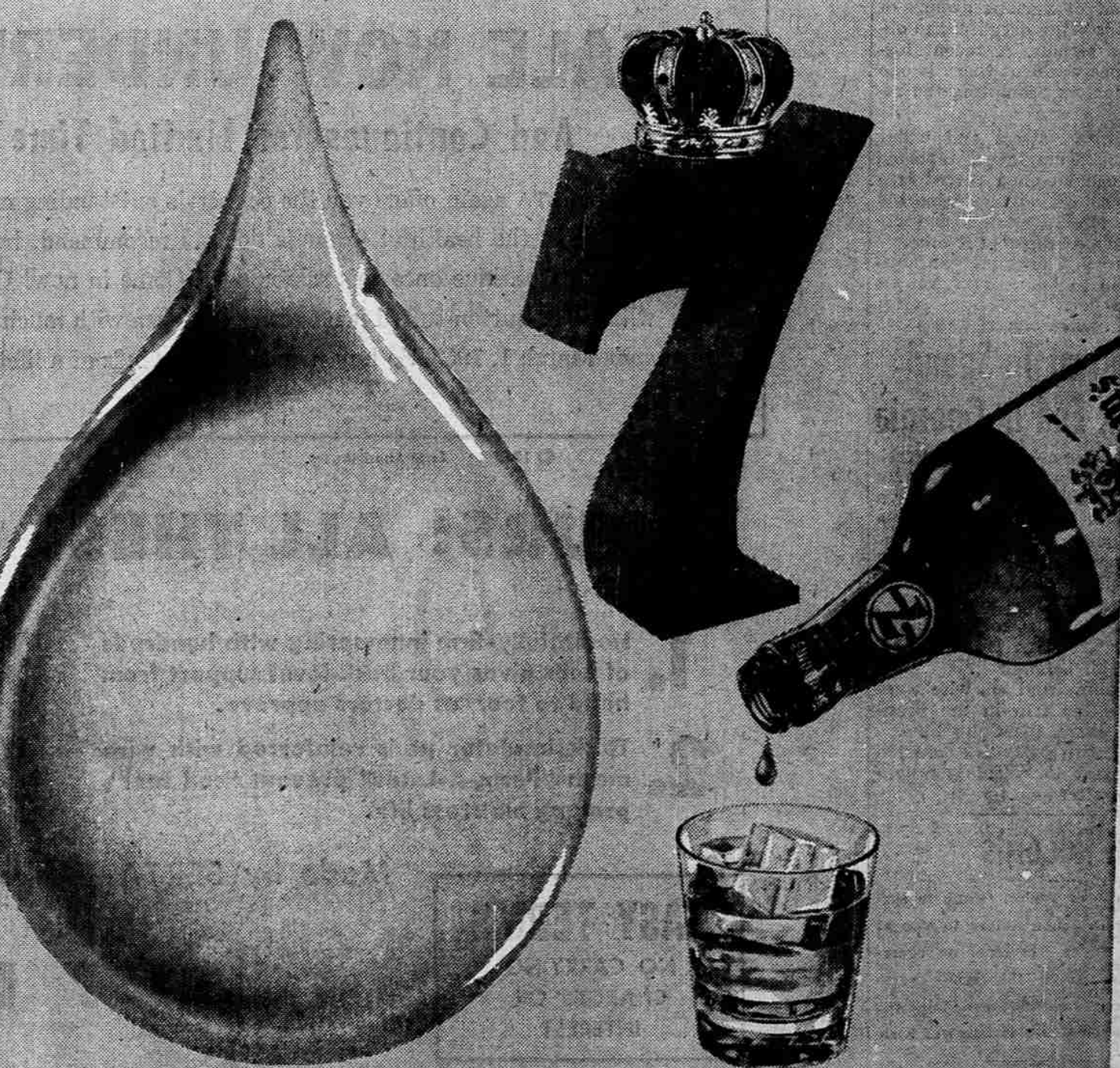
LIEN RETIRES

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Al (Inky) Lien, southpaw mainstay of the San Francisco Seals' pitching staff for 11 seasons, today announced he was retiring to enter the real estate business.

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