

# Oregon Tech Cagers, Cabbies Mix Tonight

Yellow Cab, the power of southern Oregon so far as independent basketball is concerned, tries its hand at college opposition this evening.

The adversary will be Oregon Technical institute of Klamath Falls. Time and place for the action is 8 p.m. at the St. Mary's school gymnasium here.

It will be the first appearance of a college varsity club in a good long time on a Medford court.

OTT's Owls are members of the Oregon Collegiate Conference. While they finished well down the list, fourth place, in the loop with a record of four wins and 12 defeats, their showing tonight will give fans some idea as to how well the Cabbies measure up to college clubs in the state.

To Head For Tourney The Owls, who have completed their college state, dropped four games during the year to Southern Oregon college with margins ranging from one to 20 points.

Yellow Cab tonight has its last action before leaving Friday

for the state AAU tournament at Hermiston. The Cabbies are hoping for a big crowd of well-wishers tonight. For tonight's duty Johnny Foster, Ed Hummel, Chuck Stacy, Don Wendt, Bill Werner and Ron Reese are likely to see most call.

Possible starters for the Owls are Don Hubble, Denny Eckert, Johnny James, Ritchie Perkins and Blair.

## NCAA Play Opens on 8th

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Western division playoffs for berths in the NCAA basketball tournament will begin with a double-header in San Francisco's Cow palace March 8, Reaves Peters, chairman of the western playoff for the NCAA announced last night.

San Francisco university, the nation's number one team, will vie against the border conference champion — either Texas Tech or West Texas state — in one game. In the other, Seattle university and Idaho State will meet.

Peters said the winners of both games will go to Corvallis, Ore., to compete in the regionals.

The Seattle-Idaho State winner will meet the Pacific Coast conference champion and the winner of the San Francisco-Border conference champ game will play Utah.

# MHS Rated Best Team 8th Time

Portland — (U.P.) — As far as the eight members of the Journal's board of coaches were concerned, Medford was still the No. 1 prep basketball team in the state today.

The southern Oregon Black Tornado was unanimously chosen for the top spot for the eighth week in a row. Likewise, Milwaukie and Eugene retained their grip on second and third place.

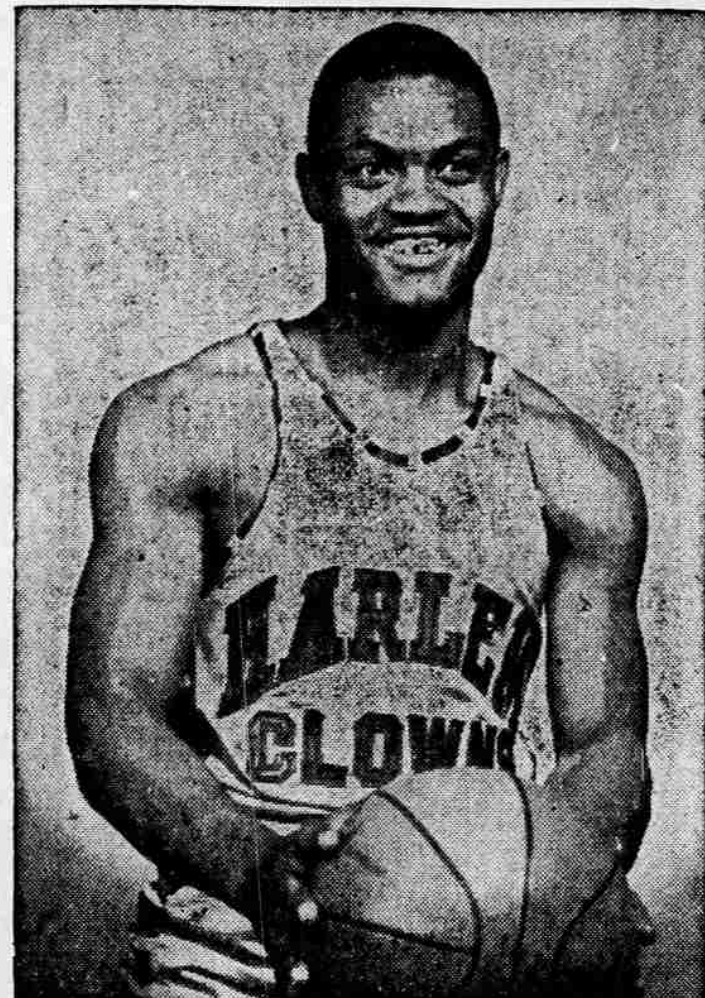
North Bend replaced unbeaten St. Helens in the fourth spot as St. Helens slid down to fifth. Cleveland cagers hung on to number six berth, but Jefferson stumbled from seventh to ninth. Albany got out of the cellar to take up Jefferson's number seven spot.

The ratings:

Pos. Team	Points
1. Medford	80
2. Milwaukie	70
3. Eugene	66
4. North Bend	51
5. St. Helens	48
6. Cleveland	42
7. Albany	32
8. Astoria	19
9. Jefferson	13
10. Beaverton	8

The Associated Press poll of Oregon sportswriters put Medford in the top spot for the sixth consecutive week. The selection was not unanimous, however, with Eugene, Milwaukie and Albany each picking up one first place vote.

# SPORTS



MARLAND (SHORTY) BUCKNER  
5-5 Clown To Play Here

## Harlem Clowns To Cavort At Senior High Wednesday

Shorty Buckner and Howie Rand, two of the greatest basketball comedians on the road today, will lead the Harlem Clowns into action when the famous court comics play Andy's Jewellers here Wednesday.

The "game" will be at the senior high gymnasium at 8 p.m. With the strongest lineup in

the 20-year history of the team, the Harlem Clowns have received rave notices all along the barnstorming route this winter.

Howie Rand comes back to the team this season after two years in the U. S. Army—twice Howie had furloughs from Fort Ord last season, and each time he caught a plane to join the Clowns, once at Seattle, Wash., and another time in southern California.

Rand is rated by some the greatest ball handler in the game today—and along with it a fine player and a leading scorer—and to top it off, Howie is a comedian—one of the best.

Shorty Gives Spark Buckner and Rand started together playing clown basketball with the Negro Ghosts—from the Ghosts they came to the Harlem Clowns—but Uncle Sam had them both on his team for a time—Shorty was in the U. S. Navy and Rand in the U. S. Army.

Shorty, or Buck as some call him, spark-plugs the Harlem Clowns comedy show with his continual line of chatter and wisecracks. He is a little ball of fire and takes his hat off to nobody when it comes to playing the game. Shorty, a fine scorer from outcourt, asks, "Who says little guys can't play basketball?"

This year Manager Al Pullins has added a great dribbler to the team, Charles (Red) Young, out of Sacramento, California junior college. Watch Red's dribbling act when the Clowns play here. It's one of the highlights of their show.

## McDonald Kept From Victory By Cut Over His Eye

A cut over the eye from an accidental head butt spoiled a sensational main event boxing performance by Medford's Junior McDonald on Saturday night on a Portland amateur card which saw two members of a seven-man Medford Police Athletic league delegation score decisions.

Burt Slinger, Portland Ramblers, rubber-legged and groggy, got a TKO win in the second round over McDonald when the clinch from his head during a clinch opened the slight cut. McDonald, who has really blossomed as a fighter, had Singer just about ready for a knockout at the time. He was way ahead of his foe.

Larry Lewis, Medford, earned a decision over Darrell McQuarry, Portland, in the 108-pound mix in the PAL benefit at the Labor Temple. Larry Christean, 160, Medford, got the verdict over Al Ross, SCAL.

Lewis Impressive Medfordites on the losing end were Jimmy Evans, 100, to Mike Ames, Portland PAL, Bobby Lyons, 116, to Jerry Franklin, Ramblers; Don Wolfe, 126, to Dawson Carlyle, Portland Air Base, by TKO, and Billy Wright, 165, to Don Johnson, Tacoma.

Lewis was impressive over a foe rated as the best man he has met. McQuarry is connected with Multnomah Athletic club although he was listed as unattached for the fight. MAC followers were a bit shocked by the outcome of the match. Lewis staggered the Portlander in every round.

Christean dropped his rival three times, once for a nine count.

McDonald's injury, although slight, cast doubt on his availability for the Medford PAL card here this Saturday.

## Kane To Referee PAL Mitt Card Saturday Night

Officials for the Medford Police Athletic League boxing card on Saturday night, March 5, at Merrick's arena were announced today by officers of the organization.

They said that State Police man Don Kane will be referee. Judges will be Ben Harris, Portland, Oregon AAU boxing committee member, and Warren Lesseg, Medford attorney.

Paul Haviland will be the announcer, and Bob Kyle, Jr., the timekeeper.

The card will have 12 bouts, including a double main event. Jackie Puscas, Eugene, will face Manny Fernandez, Eureka, Cal., in one of the top scuffles. Tommy Thomas, Portland Air Base, will meet Jimmy Wilson, Eureka, in the other.

Fourteen champions are to appear on the card and proceeds will be used for the operation and maintenance of the Pal club.

Tickets are available at Lamport's and Sam's Sporting Goods stores, the Bohemian club, the Union club and the city police station.

# SF DONS STILL FIRST OSC JUMPS TO 12TH

By NORMAN MILLER — New York — (U.P.) — San Francisco's NCAA-bound Dons were the No. 1 choice college basketball team of the United Press Board of Coaches for the fourth straight week today with only one week left to determine the season's national champion.

North Carolina State, Utah and Marquette all made advances among this week's top 10 teams while Iowa made its way back into the select group in 10th place.

The Dons, who won 21 of their first 22 games and clinched a berth in the NCAA Tournament which begins next week, received first-place votes from

schedule against Santa Clara Wednesday night.

Next week's voting of the coaches will be the final of the season with the top team recognized as the 1955 mythical national champion.

La Salle 22-4 followed Kentucky 20-2 in this week's ratings, with North Carolina State 25-4 jumping three notches to tie Minnesota 15-5 for fourth place. Utah 21-3, UCLA 21-3, Marquette 22-1, Duquesne 18-4 and Iowa 16-4 completed the top 10 groups.

The coaches based their ratings on games played through Saturday night, Feb. 26.

Utah advanced two places over last week and Marquette one. Iowa jumped from 12th to 10th, replacing George Washington in the top 10.

Of the top 10 teams, La Salle, Utah and Marquette also have joined the NCAA Tournament field along with the Dons, while Duquesne is in the National Invitation Tournament.

Dayton, with an impressive 22-3 record, advanced two notches to lead the second 10 group, followed in order by Oregon State, Missouri, George Washington, Colorado, Illinois, Tulsa, Niagara and Alabama. There was a four-team tie for the 20th ranking among Cincinnati, Holy Cross, Louisville and Villanova.

New York — (U.P.) — Oregon State has moved up from 14th to 12th place in the latest United Press college basketball ratings, while three potential entries to next week's NCAA regionals in Corvallis are in the first 10.

Utah, which has clinched a Corvallis berth, is ranked sixth. San Francisco, which meets the Border Conference champion for a spot, still is first. And UCLA which plays Oregon State for a berth, is seventh.

Seattle U., which is favored over Idaho State for the fourth position at Corvallis, is unranked.

28 members of the 35-man United Press Rating Board. With an additional four votes for second place and one each for third, fifth and seventh, San Francisco had a total of 334 points for a 95-point lead over runner-up Kentucky.

San Francisco played College of Pacific Monday night and winds up its regular season

## Stadium and Bevo Club Owners Slate Meeting

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland baseball club and representatives of Multnomah stadium scheduled another meeting for later this week after a talk last night which broke up with no progress reported toward possible use by the Pacific Coast league team of the stadium this year.

GOLF ENTHUSIASM Freeport, Ill. — (U.P.) — Five times as many voters turned out yesterday to approve a golf course bond issue as voted in the city primary three weeks ago.

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## Baker Takes Layne in 10

New York — (U.P.) — Big Bob Baker, who licked Rex Layne Monday night, said today, "I hope to beat Ezzard Charles in June and get a shot at the heavyweight title in September."

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh Bob will grant a return bout to Layne in Salt Lake City as soon as a three-stitch gash in Rex's upper lip is healed.

Layne suffered the reopening of an old cut on the left side of his upper lip in the eighth round while losing a unanimous 10-round decision to Baker in their widely televised bout before 1,228 at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena.

Baker, the fourth-ranking heavyweight contender who scaled 214½ pounds to 206¾ for Layne, the seventh-ranker, was disappointed that he had not knocked out Rex.

## Talent Benefit

Talent — The Talent PTA and Band Boosters club will battle each other tonight in a benefit basketball game at 7:30 o'clock in the school gymnasium.

Mayor Keith Thoreson will head the list of dignitaries trodding the court. Several other members on both clubs include George Zickfoose, Wilbur Wood, Dean Dorman, Jerry Stephens, Al Grabner and Allen King.

Game officials will be Coaches George Bray and Gene Farthing, who have promised "a strictly one-sided game," but would not disclose which way they would call them.

Funds from the game will go half and half for the two organizations' projects.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

## Getchell To Vie in Oregon Open; RV Delays Reopening New Holes

A week's extension for qualifying in the spring golf handicapping tourney, a week's delay in reopening the three new holes of the course and the entry of Phil Getchell in the forthcoming Oregon Open tournament here were announced today by Al Williams, professional at Rogue Valley Country club.

The new holes at the links are to be reopened on March 10. Officials of the club had set March 3 date but said that frosts had not allowed the grass to grow sufficiently. The holes have been closed since last fall to prevent winter wear and tear.

The delay enabled extension of handicap qualifying through next Sunday, March 6. Last Sunday was to have been the final qualifying day but the snowy weather discouraged linksmen from playing their rounds both Saturday and Sunday. Williams hopes to increase the number of tourney entries from the present 68 to 96.

Snog last Sunday also forced postponement of the "rock detail" on the three holes until this coming Sunday. Golfers will convene for 8 a.m. breakfast "on the club," will have a program of golf rules from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and then will go out and pick up rocks. A best-ball partnership tourney will follow.

The club has received the entry for the Oregon open of Getchell, ex-Medford high links-

## 'B' Pairings Are Listed

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon School Activities Association today announced pairings for the state high school class B basketball tourney in Salem March 10-12.

First-round pairings include: District 8 vs. district 5; district 4 vs. district 2; district 6 vs. district 1, and district 7 vs. district 3.

Officials will be Jake Leicht of Roseburg, Cliff McReynolds of The Dalles and Carl Kliegel of Pendleton.

The first round pairings will match the winner of the Talent-Malin series this weekend, who will represent District 5, and the winner of District 8. The latter includes Baker, Union, Malheur and Wallowa counties in eastern Oregon.

WHITWORTH WINNER Spokane — (U.P.) — Whitworth College downed Gonzaga University 76-58 here last night in the first of a best-of-three basketball series for the district 1 NAIA championship.

FIGHTS BY UNITED PRESS Paris, France: Charles Hunzler, 161, France, stopped Pierre Lungeis, 151½, France, (5).

New York: Pat Lowry, 149, Toledo, Ohio, outpointed Pete Adams, 154, Newark, N.J., (10).

Brooklyn: Bob Baker, 214½, Pittsburgh, outpointed Rex Layne, 206½, Salt Lake City, Utah, (10).

Providence, R. I.: Rocky Sullivan, 139½, Boston, stopped Jimmy Corti, 133½, Trenton, N.J.

San Francisco: Billy Lanza, 167½, Sacramento, Calif., knocked out West Echols, 157½, Merced, Calif., (6).

BASKETBALL MONDAY COLLEGE RESULTS: East Providence 70, Tufts 55; Boston College 98, Brandeis 91; Seton Hall 83, Villanova 79; Westminster 56, Juniata 65; St. Michael's 80, St. Lawrence 70; Williams 72, Middlebury 55; Clark 88, Assumption 74; St. Francis (N.Y.) 63, St. Peter's 55; Panzer 72, Iona 64.

South Kentucky 66, Alabama 52; Tennessee 86, Auburn 77; Georgia Teachers 96, Mercer 79; Georgia Tech 88, Florida 68; LSU 68, Mississippi 65; Loyola (La.) 85, Spring Hill 81; Tulane 78, Mississippi State 59; Atlantic Christian 107, E. Caro 98; Florida State 86, Stetson 77.

Midwest Kent St. 74, Bowling Green 70; Bradley 69, Wichita 67; Colorado 66, Missouri 57; Drake 87, Oklahoma City 70; Illinois 81, Michigan 75; Michigan State 53, Indiana 77; Iowa 72, Minnesota 70; Ohio U. 67, Toledo 59; Wisconsin 75, Purdue 73; Heidelberg 73, Ohio Wesleyan 62; North Central 67, Augustana 64.

Southwest Texas Tech 94, Hardin-Simmons 68; Sam Houston 78, Texas A&I 64.

West San Francisco 67, Coll. of Pacific 37.

## Grade Basketball Tourney Begins At Central Point

Central Point — Eagle Point plays Sams Valley at 7 o'clock and Phoenix takes on Central Point at 8 o'clock in contests completing the first round of the annual Jackson County grade school basketball tourney here.

Tussles this afternoon matched Talent against St. Mary's of Medford, Prospect against Rogue River and Butte Falls against Gold Hill. The tourney continues Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Consolation frays are set for 4 and 5 p.m. Wednesday and the second round battles in the championship flight will be at 7 and 8 p.m.

Winner and loser in the Butte Falls-Gold Hill match were both to draw second round byes.

The tourney involves teams in high school districts out side of the Medford and Ashland public school systems.

## Coast League Prexy Declares Needs of Loop

Portland — (U.P.) — "Baseball is an industry which must sell itself," according to Claire V. Goodwin, new president of the Pacific Coast league who is making his first visit in that capacity to Portland.

Goodwin said that improvement of all league parks is a necessity and that from what he had heard as far as Portland is concerned "almost anything . . . would be an improvement over Vaughn street."

Goodwin said the PCL would employ a league scout who would cover 11 western states and try to hunt talent that may help clubs with weaknesses. The scout, he said, would recommend the players to the league.

## Coaches Release Raider Schedules

Ashland—Schedules for track and baseball this spring at Southern Oregon College have been released by coaches Dan Bulkeley and Alex Petersen Jr.

The track schedule, as released by Bulkeley: April 2—Interclass meet; April 8—Shasta Junior College, here; April 23—Oregon Tech, here; April 30—Humboldt State, here; May 6—Chico State at Chico; May 13—Oregon Tech and Oregon College at Klamath Falls; May 21—Oregon Collegiate Conference meet at Klamath Falls.

The baseball schedule as reported by Dr. Petersen: April 5—Oregon Tech, doubleheader, here; April 9—Humboldt State, doubleheader, here; April 22—Oregon Tech, doubleheader, at Klamath Falls; May 3—Oregon Tech, doubleheader, at Klamath Falls; May 7—Oregon Tech, doubleheader, here; May 13—Humboldt State at Arcata; May 14—Humboldt State, doubleheader, at Arcata; May 20—Oregon Collegiate Conference tournament, Klamath Falls.

Scientists claim 16,000,000 tons of water are evaporated per second from the earth.

## Joey Giardello 3 to 1 Favorite

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — Joey Giardello, a slugging Easterner hoping to get back on the track toward a middleweight title shot, was a 3 to 1 favorite today to whip a worried Peter Mueller in a 10-round battle tonight.

Mueller, normally a happy-go-lucky battler from Cologne, Germany, was perturbed for this battle because of a wrangle between American and German representatives over his contract.

Joseph Thelen, who handles Mueller's interests in Germany, arrived to watch the bout with Giardello and vowed he would take his fighter home, "win or lose."

## Romack Choice To Cop Tourney

Ormond Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Barbara Romack of Sacramento, Calif., was the heavy favorite as play got underway today in the South Atlantic Women's Amateur Golf tournament.

The National Amateur champion has won this tournament twice in the last three years. She was looking for her third straight title here last year when she was upset by Pat Lesser of Seattle, Wash., in the quarter-finals.

Miss Lesser went on to win the 1954 tournament and has returned this year to defend her title against a field of about 80 golfers.

Eighteen holes of medal play was scheduled today. The top 32 scorers then will launch the match play Wednesday, with the 36 hole title round scheduled for Saturday.

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