

Rebound Control Question In Talent-Malin Play-Off

Power on the backboards has been a big factor in Talent high school basketball success this season and the big question as the Bulldogs await their District 5B championship play-off with Malin is whether they can wrest rebound control from the taller Mustangs and whether they'll need to get that control.

The two aggregations, winners of their respective county eliminations for Class B sub-district laurels, combat on Friday and Saturday night on the Klamath union high floor at Klamath Falls. It's a two-out-of-three series and if the clubs divide at Klamath, they'll move to Southern Oregon college at Ashland, for the decider.

Rebounding reportedly has been also a big asset this season to the Mustangs. That strength particularly helped in the victory over Chiloquin in the Klamath tourney finals.

However, it was not shooting rather than rebounding last year that made the difference as Talent took two straight from Malin and won a state tournament berth. There were a lot of the same faces on the two squads and Malin had much the same height edge. Malin had the backboard advantage in the first half of the second fray. Talent got its share in the last half of the second.

Malin has four starting regulars standing 6 feet or better while only one man on the Talent squad, a non-regular, reaches the 6-foot mark.

Norm Olviva, 6-3, is the tallest regular Mustang and Roger Dokken, 6-2, in next. Even 6-footers among the starters are Glenn Steyskal and Ray Johnson. Lavon Frazier, 5-10, is the No. 5 man. A 6-2 boy, Don Rajanus, could be among the starters.

Among the Talent regulars Jack Barrett, J. Lloyd Wood and George Zickoff are listed at 5-11. Jim McAbee, the Bulldog scoring and rebounding ace, is a bit over 5-10. Gordy Thoreson is 5-9. Mel Wallace, a starter during much of the season, is 5-8. Reserve Harold Bartol is 6-1.

Malin will go into this year's

hassle with a record of 18 wins and five losses. The Mustangs had a 5-1 mark in the Klamath County B league for second place. Their losses were two to Chiloquin and each to Henley, Ferndale, Calif., and Tulelake, Calif.

Talent has 19 victories and three defeats this year but has beaten every rival that downed it. The Bulldogs split with Eagle Point and Powers and took two out of three with Rogue River. Record for the regular Jackson County B league season was 9-1. A split with Rogue River in a conference action necessitated the third tussle to determine the loop and subdistrict titlist.

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Jones, OC 51 50 53 252
Reinking, EO 79 84 42 242
Johnson, SO 81 53 38 242
Chamberlain, OC 83 47 213
Eckert, OT 60 74 47 194
James, OT 64 68 68 198
Westenskow, EO 76 63 68 183
Petkin, PS 60 36 43 176
Poetsch, PS 39 87 32 165
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Parker, PS 61 31 35 153
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Comets Hope To Repeat Past History In Cage Tangles With Black Tornado

Zany Clowns Entertain Small Crowd

The Harlem Clowns, mirthful magicians of the maplecourt, demonstrated their wares to a two-thirds full house at Medford senior high school gymnasium last night and their comedy was better than ever.

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SPORTS

Dan Tully, Christean On PAL Boxing Card Here Saturday Night

Pairings for two more bouts, including the semi-windup, for the Medford Police Athletic League benefit boxing card this Saturday night at Merrick's arena were listed today by PAL officials. The announcement involved two scrappers of the Medford PAL stable.

In the semi-windup encounter, Dan Tully, new heavyweight discovery of the local club, will run up against Jack Reilly, 6-foot 2-inch Portland PAL tussler. It will be a puncher-boxer hassle. Tully is listed as a speedy puncher who is "coming fast." Reilly has a reputation as a boxer.

Loren Christean, fast hard-slugging Medford middleweight, has been lined up against Walter Butterfield of Portland PAL.

Twelve bouts in all are planned on the card and the sponsoring organization reported that 14 of the boys slated to appear hold championships of some kind or another. The two newest pairings bring to five the matchings that had been completed by early today. PAL matchmakers hoped to have the other pairings completed by this evening or early Friday.

Bouts Saturday start at 8:30 p.m.

There will be a double main event with Jackie Puscas, Eugene, Calif., in the top half and Tommy Thomas, Portland Air Base and Jim Wilson, Eugene, Calif., in the other.

Puscas, a real bombadier has been three times Oregon's boxer of the year and is a nationally rated lightweight champ in his own area. He's reportedly as hard a puncher as Puscas in addition to being a master boxer.

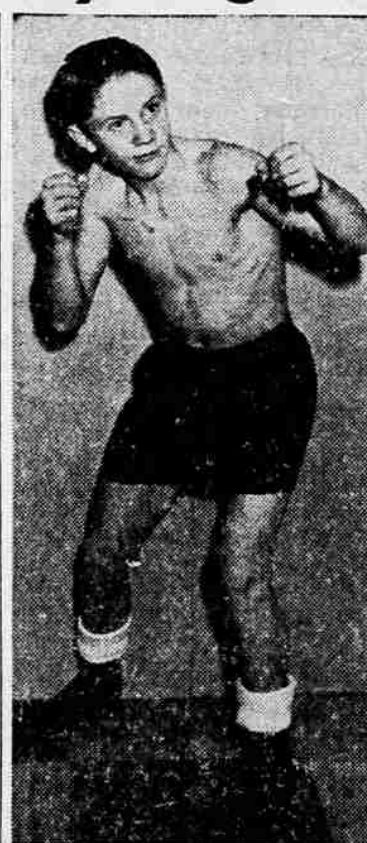
Thomas is regarded as one of the top men in the national AAU boxing picture. He recently won the northwest Golden Gloves title and has many other tourney championships. Most impressive of his victories has been a TKO win over Joe Bathea, national welterweight titlist. Wilson is the Eugene welter crowd-wearer.

In another scuffle previously reported match Larry Lewis, Medford, will oppose Dawson Carlyle, Portland Air Base.

Other Medford PAL boxers who are expected to be matched are Bobby Lyons, state AAU champ. Don Wolfe, Jimmy Evans and Billy Wright.

The card will be the first one here in four months. Last was held in December. All proceeds go to the support of the Police Athletic League and PAL officers are hoping for a good turnout Saturday since boxing shows provide the major source of income for this city police sponsored activity.

PAL is dedicated to the entertainment, guidance and education of the youth of the Medford



ON SATURDAY CARD—Larry Lewis, flyweight pride of the Medford Police Athletic League, will be one of the big attractions Saturday night on the 12-bout PAL boxing card at Merrick's arena. He is matched against Dawson Carlyle, Portland Air Base champion, Lewis previously decided Carlyle. Jackie Puscas fights Manny Fernandez and Tommy Thomas tussles Jimmy Wilson in the double main event. All proceeds will go to help the needs and operation of PAL, city police sponsored organization to provide activities for boys in this area.

area. Twenty to 30 boys have been taking advantage nightly Monday through Friday of the PAL facilities above the Acme hardware store. Facilities offer other exercise, billiards, television and games and other opportunities in addition to boxing.

Boxers work out nightly in preparation for their fights and go roadwork on their own earlier in the day. They'll have their last strenuous workout this evening and will only "loosen up" on Friday. All persons interested are invited to drop in this evening or Friday and watch the boys in their final tune-ups.

Officers of the Pal club report a fine spirit among the boys and say that they'll go all out Saturday to win their bouts.

Tickets are available at Sam's and Lampert's Sporting Goods stores, the Bohemian and Union clubs and the Medford police station.

Mack Lillard's weekly professional wrestling card has been suspended to make the arena available for the PAL club program.

Quints Meet On Friday, Saturday

The Crater High Comets have not been talking about losing. They've only been talking about winning as they looked ahead to this week end's District 4A play-off series with the big wind of Oregon prep basketball, the No. 1 rated Medford High Black Tornado.

And the Comets are aiming to make some past history repeat itself when the two-out-of-three game titular series opens on Friday.

What the Crater quint recalls is a couple of games when they were eighth graders and ninth graders. With their line-ups then almost the same as are the varsity quint now, the Central Point crew defeated the Medford gang once in each of those years. They'll be out to do it again.

Crater and Medford play Friday at the spacious Central Point court. Saturday conflict will be on the Medford floor. A third scrap, if required, will be on a neutral floor. Junior varsity preliminaries are scheduled each night at 6:45 p.m. with the championship varsity skirmishes set for 8:15 p.m.

Both Ready

Both clubs indicated today that they'll be ready for the engagements. Coach Frank Roelandt of the heavily favored Medford five indicated that the Black Tornado is healthy and out to extend its winning streak to 22 straight. The Tornado will likely take the floor with Jerry Kalapus, Everett Kastner, Glenn Peterson, Frank Rector and Larry Cople in starting positions.

Medford had its last real hard workout yesterday, actually its toughest drill this week and was prepared to go once over lightly this afternoon. The club had only a squad meeting on Monday and then had a good drill on Tuesday.

Coach Leonard Warren of the Comets said this morning that Crater was "through with its work" and added, "We're going to be ready." Jim Higinbotham, Fred Hogue, Bob Gray, Harvey Tonn and Vern Parent are the probable starters.

Work on Defense The Comets have emphasized defense this week, aiming at taming the high-powered offense that has devastated other foes this year. Warren said Crater does not feel that it can stop Medford cold but hopes at least to take some of the blast out of the Big Breeze.

"I think the Comets will give them a ball game," Warren remarked. "The kids will be giving everything they've got and are not the least bit worried."

Only Gray for the Comets and Peterson for the Tornado were not participants when the present prep varsity players were eighth and ninth graders.

Fred Spiegelberg in charge of tickets for Medford high games today reminded season ticket holders that they have through Friday to purchase the seats they have occupied this year for Saturday night's mix. Season tickets are not good for the Saturday contest.

Principal Arthur Straus said today that only Southern Oregon Conference passes will be honored at the Friday game at Central Point.

It is estimated that about 200,000 survivors of workers who died before September 1950 may now be eligible for social security payments.

Interest Mounts in UCLA, Oregon State PCL Play-Off

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Excitement mounted here today as Oregon State and UCLA prepared to meet in a best two-out-of-three series for the Pacific Coast conference title and a berth in next week's NCAA regionals, also to be held in this basketball-mad Willamette valley town.

This will be the final PCC playoff. Next year the Northern and Southern divisions will be combined.

Business Manager Jim Bar-

ratt said about 2,000 general admission would go on sale each night at gates 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. Reserved seats are long gone. And no seats are available for next week's NCAA regionals, he said.

The games will be broadcast, but not televised.

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Coach Johnny Wooden took one of the finest Bruin basketball teams in UCLA history north by air today to meet Oregon State for the Pacific Coast conference title in Corvallis.

The Bruins left at noon, and were to arrive by early evening in time for a brief workout in the Beavers' shining new pavilion, which seats 10,500 fans. The first game is Friday night.

UCLA won the PCC Southern division crown with loss of only one game, while Coach Slat's towering Beavers did likewise in the northern loop. Wooden is taking a 12 man squad along and probably would start his regular lineup of Johnny Moore, Don Bragg, Willie Naulls, Morris Taft and Don Bane for the first game of the series. The clubs meet again Saturday and also on Monday if necessary.

Gola Named Top Player

By NORMAN MILLER

New York—All-America Tom Gola of La Salle, basketball's master craftsman who has been lauded by many as the outstanding college star of all time, today was voted the United Press player of the year for 1952—almost by acclamation.

The 21-year-old son of a Philadelphia policeman was an overwhelming choice of 276 sports writers and radio broadcasters who participated in the United Press All-America poll. Gola was the top choice of 169 voters, a remarkably high total considering the wide-open aspects of the ballot.

Gola's closest rival for the honor was Bill Russell, San Francisco's All-America center who polled 46 votes. Of the 27 other players who received votes, none attracted more than seven.

A Coach's Dream The 6-foot-7 Gola, who gave real meaning to the overworked accolade "coach's dream player," drew unstinting praise from college and pro coaches alike for his superb versatility. Statistics tell only half the story of his great talents.

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Portland Staters Capture Berth in NAIA Tournament

Milwaukie, Ore.—(U.P.)—Portland State's Vikings, already travel-wise after a trip to the

Tulsa, St. Louis Sure of Berths

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer

Tulsa, and St. Louis both were assured of post-season tournament berths today, no matter how their hot league race comes out, and Pennsylvania got one foot inside the NCAA tournament.

Tulsa and St. Louis now are tied for the Missouri Valley conference lead, and the eventual league winner will go to the NCAA tourney. But the National Invitation Tournament announced today that it will invite the loser, which will complete the NIT's 12-team field.

Both teams finish their season with games Saturday night, and if they both win, will play off early next week for the crown.

Pennsylvania was assured of at least a tie for the Ivy league championship Wednesday night when Columbia whipped Princeton 65-58. However, Penn must face Princeton in its season finale on Saturday and a loss could lead to a three-way tie among Penn, Princeton, and Columbia.

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