

SPORTS

Fanfare

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McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene — The Medford high Black Tornado had the well-wishes of its home town for its Wednesday night encounter against Franklin of Portland in the Class A Oregon high school basketball tournament here. Western Union reported a flood of messages for the boys from loyal supporters who could be here only in spirit.

SIGH OF RELIEF

Coach Frank Roelandt indicated that his crew of Medford cagers breathed a big sigh of relief after their 60 to 51 decision over Franklin for not again in the tourney do they anticipate meeting a team with the Quakers' starting combination of overall and extreme height. Both South Salem and Albany, if they wished, could field a starting quint near the 6-foot 3-inch average of the Quakers but neither has a 6-9 Bjorne Jensen to strengthen that altitude.

Eugene, of course, has Mike Moran at 6-8 but no overall great height to go along with him. Central Catholic has a 6-6 reserve, Jim Devaney. And, South Salem, Albany, Eugene and Central Catholic are all in the upper bracket and Medford is in the lower. Should the Black Tornado go all the way it can meet only one of the four.

In the lower group left in the title running after Wednesday no other club had a combination to match Medford's 6-4 1/2 Glenn Peterson and Jerry Kalapus.

HOT FROM THE FIELD

It seemed for a short while Wednesday that Franklin would have the firepower to go along with its height advantage. The Quakers cashed in on their first six field goal attempts while Medford made the first three shots it tried. Thereafter, the shooting pace of both aggregations fell off but Medford hit with more regularity, shooting less but making more than the tall Portlanders. The Tornado connected on 24 out of 59 tries to 19 out of 64 by Franklin.

PRESS IMPRESSED

It's no real criticism of the Black Tornado to say that it has looked better in previous games than against the Quakers. The height and long arms Medford was up against has to be taken into consideration. The press section was duly impressed, nevertheless. Attitude of a number of sports-

writers concerning the Medford whirlwind was: "Who can stop them?" Pete Cornacchia, prep writer for the Eugene Register-Guard, reported that Medford looked improved over the club which split in this Willamette valley city with Eugene high early in the season.

RECTOR HAD COLD

Bud Kastner and Larry Copple of the Black Tornado who had colds early in the week were "healthy" for the Franklin mix but Frank Rector was bothered by a heavy cold. While "off" in his shooting with only a meager two points for the night, Rector came through with his usual hustle, drive and fine ball-handling.

AXEMEN FIRE .541

Eugene with its .541 had the best field goaling average of the state tournament's first round with Medford's .407 ranking second. Hillsboro picked up the booby prize with a feeble .204. But Eugene almost threw away its contest despite hot shooting. The Axemen, after building up wide bulge (47 to 34 after three quarters), tried control tactics to hold it. The tactics almost backfired as Milwaukee, spurred by Red Bloedel, rallied strong at the finish and almost caught up. Eugene outplayed Milwaukee for much of the first three quarters but in the final panel it was the Mustangs carrying the fight. Only things that kept the Mustangs from overcoming the Axemen were several missed shots and failure to get the ball into the court from out-of-bounds in the last seconds in time to try another shot. They had seven seconds of opportunity but were slow on the trigger.

COPPLE HIGH SCORER

Jim Altenhofen of Central Catholic with 24 and Bloedel and Moran, each with 21, were leading rebounders of the first round of the Class A basketball classic. Bloedel and Medford's Larry Copple with 24 each were tops in point-producing. Moran collected 23.

CHEER GALS DRILL

Cheer leaders, like basketball teams, need practice and that's what the Medford high pep gals were doing in the hall at the Osburn hotel Wednesday about two hours before Medford met Franklin.

DRESS LIKE INDIANS

Cleveland high's yell leaders, both boys and girls, dress like

Pheister To Forsake Pro Ball for Coaching Ranks

Eugene — (U.P.)—Ron Pheister, star University of Oregon football center from Portland, will forsake professional football to coach next fall, it has been announced.

Pheister, who graduates in June, has accepted the coaching job at Tigard high school near Portland, according to Al Phipps, principal at Tigard.

The husky center was a draft pick of the San Francisco 49'ers.

Indians (the school nickname) and the boys even wear war paint. But imagine the Medford yell squad dressed like Tornadoes.

CHEER SECTION GROWS

Mac Hi of Milton-Freewater had only a small cheering section at the start of its first round battle with North Bend but a Redmond gang and rooters from Eugene took up the chant for the Pioneers and, when it became apparent that the eastern Oregon team was going to upset the coast club, all but the staunch North Bend fans chorused in. Mac Hi became the darling of the tourney like Dallas two years ago and Madras last year.

CONTEMPLATE MEETING

One conversation at the Osburn hotel Wednesday night was between Coaches Frank Roelandt and Ed Rooney of Medford and St. Helens over the chances of their teams meeting in Friday semi-finals. Rooney moved to St. Helens this school year after being at Beaverton as an assistant in 1953-1954. The ex-Pacific U athlete will be remembered in the Rogue valley as coach at Jacksonville high for two seasons.

GIVE FINE SERVICE

Art Litchman and his Athletic news bureau at University of Oregon go out of their way to be helpful to sports writers at the state tournament. One of their services is a complete individual and statistical summary ready a few minutes after each game.

They also provide a packet of cards bearing information on each team in the tourney. In addition to the dope on each player, the cards list the state tournament record of each team. Medford's all-time tourney record, for instance is 17 years in the event, 38 victories and 20 losses.

The cards also show Medford with the second best pre-tourney mark this year with its 23 wins and single setback. St. Helens came to Eugene with an unblemished standing for 22 contests.

NEWLAND HERE EARLY

Bob Newland, the Medford high assistant coach, says this is the first time in eight years he arrived early for the state basketball tournament. Newland, the Tornado head track coach, switches to tutoring the cinder-men as soon as the jayvee hoop season is over. This week, until spring vacation opened, Newland left the track men in the hands of Lee Ragsdale and Vern Wolthoff.

Larry Copple and Jerry Kalapus went by streaks of 10 in keeping the points rolling in for Medford in the Franklin conflict. Copple got 10 in the first quarter, and again in the third and Kalapus hit that figure to help keep the Medford advantage in the fourth. Kalapus also was the leading gunner in the second stanza when the entire Medford effort totaled just 10. He got six.

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Hunter Will Be Pressed By Kim-Kowalski Combine In Saturday Mat Program

Gerry Hunter, the blonde bombshell of the wrestling ring, will be gunning for her second victory against no defeats in the local arena when she clashes with Tiny Kim, Honolulu doll, in the feature scrap at Merrick's tomorrow night. Hunter has a draw in her other match here.

But it will be a tough row for the title claimant to hoe, for Miss Kim has been training for two weeks with Ella Kowalski and will have the Polish flash as her chief second against Hunter. Miss Kowalski met Hunter twice here, getting a draw and losing, and figures she will be a good asset for Kim.

While mat bugs have their eyes set on the gals' match, they are also looking forward to the initial appearance of Cyclone Cobb, burly Texas Negro, who clashes with Yogi Hussane, the most hated man currently on the circuit, in the middle tussle. Popular Buck Davidson will have his hands full in the 8:30 p.m. opener when he matches muscles and skill with Johnny Dobbs, who is pushing Hussane hard for the meanie title.

All matches will be for 40 minutes or two out of three falls.

Joey Lopes Favored To Beat Carmela Costa

New York — (U.P.)—Harder hitting makes Joey Lopes a 5 to 6 favorite over Carmela Costa tonight at Madison Square Garden here. Lopes is ranked ninth in the lightweight division and Costa ninth among the Featherweights. Both have agreed to scale 133 pounds or less.

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GERRY HUNTER
To Face Judo Ace

Friday, March 18, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Fans Riot At Montreal

Montreal — (U.P.)—Fifteen-hundred angry fans turned a hockey game into a donnybrook on ice here last night.

The rioting fans began by throwing eggs, tomatoes, bags of water and a tear gas grenade at the president of the National Hockey League, Clarence Campbell. They ended by smashing the front of the Hockey arena with bottles, ice, stones, and bricks. One even fired a couple of rifle shots. One fan hit Campbell in the face.

The violence began shortly after the game between the Detroit Red Wings and the Montreal Canadiens got underway. Campbell was the target because he had suspended Montreal star Maurice Richard as the result of a tussle during a game last week.

Officials halted the game, and the victory was awarded to Detroit by default. But the Red Wings had been leading 4 to 1 anyway.

Spokane Business Manager Replaced

Spokane — (U.P.)—Herschel Cayton, hired earlier this year as business manager of the Spokane Indians of the Class B Northwest Baseball league, resigned yesterday. He was replaced by Frank Herron, radio broadcaster and a member of the club's board of directors.

Cayton gave no reason for the resignation. The directors, after announcing the change, also said a stock sales campaign would begin soon to finance the team which begins spring training at Clarkston next month under Manager Eddie Lake.

Indian Scouts became a part of the Regular Army in 1901.

Thomas Ready For Salary Talk

Pittsburgh — (U.P.)—Slugging outfielder Frankie Thomas, lone Pittsburgh Pirate holdout, paved the way for salary talks with the club Thursday by mailing a letter to General Manager Branch Rickey Sr., after a "mis-

understanding" had been resolved.

Thomas, who had a .298 average last year, said he misunderstood what Branch Rickey Jr., had told him Feb. 12, the last time he had negotiated with club officials.

"I was under the impression after that meeting that the club would contact me for further talks and I just sat tight," Thomas said. "But Branch Jr. wrote me a letter explaining the misunderstanding. I called him to thank him for the letter, which helped to clear things up."

Duquesne in With Dayton

New York — (U.P.)—Top seeded Duquesne and second rated Dayton powered their way into the finals of the National Invitational tournament here last night.

Duquesne blasted its way into the championship game with a 65 to 51 victory over Cincinnati's Bearcats, while the Dayton Flyers tripped St. Francis (Pa.), by a 79 to 73 count.

For Dayton, it marked the Flyers' third trip to the championship round of the NIT. They have finished as runnersup both previous times.

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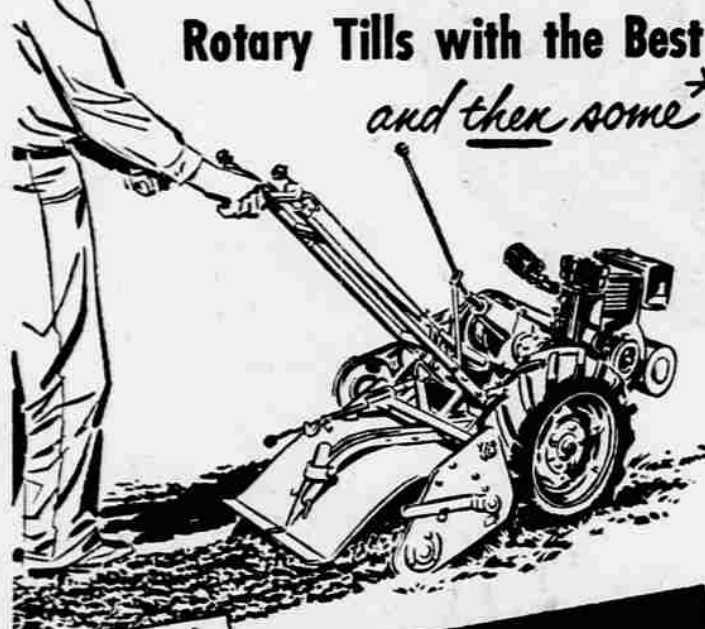
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