

Fanfare

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Congratulations to Larry Cople and Frank Rector, the stellar Medford high school basketball guards who were named to the first and second all-star teams, respectively, of the Oregon Class A high school basketball tournament. There were a lot of good players in the tourney, even among some of the clubs that did not finish high in the event, and to gain the recognition they did, to be listed among the top 10 participants, is an honor not only to the boys but to the team, the school, the town of Medford and their coach, Frank Roelandt.

CAN BE PROUD
The Medford Black Tornado, with a record of 26 wins and only two defeats, best in the state this year and one of the best in the school's history, need not be ashamed because it did not win the Oregon championship. It lost in the finals to a fine team which apparently played the best of the season in the state tournament itself. And Medford's lone losses of the year were to the champion Axemen.

While the Tornado didn't roll and shoot consistently at Eugene at the blazing clip that marked much of its path to the tourney, the fact is that the Medfordites did win their first three games and gain the finals.

And the point is that, if the boys feel that they played their level best all the way and were always trying, they can hold up their heads with pride despite bitter disappointment and downcast spirits that followed the loss in the titanic struggle. They can be proud of the second place trophy even though it was not the one they wanted.

TOO MUCH MORAN, TUTTLE
In that final game it was just too much Mike Moran and Leighton Tuttle, Moran with the height and Tuttle with the ruggedness to take up the offensive slack. And the two horses had ponies to help them along in Bud Kuykendall, Larry Hughes and Pete King. Its a quint which had been together since grade school days and had the immediate benefit of coming up from behind the state runner-up Axemen of two previous seasons.

GAMES REVIEWED
In their first tourney conflict against Franklin the Tornado had opposing height to combat, in the second against Mac Hi they were up against a club of deliberateness and aggressive defense made up for youth, in experience and lack of polish: in the third against Cleveland they met a team playing aggressive, pressing defense to make up for height deficiency and a deliberate but good moving offense to shake open their star, Dick Jolley.

"TOURNEY" TEAM
Eugene, which had the advantage of living at home and a large gallery of hometown supporters, was a real "tournament" team and its hot pace for the whole four game state is statistical evidence. The Axemen averaged 480 from the field in their tourney shooting, a terrifically hot mark for a battle matching the state's elite. Medford, a 443 average team for games up to the tournament, shot .353 in the Eugene competition.

MIKE GOT BENEFIT
There shouldn't be any alibi of Medford high's Saturday night loss nor can a lot be taken away from Eugene's Mike Moran, who really earned his all-state laurels. But we did feel, and so did others, that officiating leaned to his benefit. Doubtless, it was unintentional. It didn't happen in just the Medford fray. The big use got by with some offense use on defense and on offense rivals trying to stop Moran found it difficult to do without being whistled down. Teams seldom can rightfully blame refs for their losses but poor calls and overlooked fouls can be mighty demoralizing.

BALLS REFLECTED
There could have been some prejudice in Eugene getting the sportsmanship trophy. Other schools were just as deserving. We're not thinking of the teams but of the rooting sections. The report has come to us that Medford and Milwaukie balls which bounced into the Eugene cheering section during games with other schools got back to the Tornado and Mustangs all right but were in deflated condition. Then there was that Medford-Eugene supporters' sign tearing dual in the balconies during the final game.

MOB HYSTERIA
The mob hysteria of victory can prove dangerous. That was demonstrated Saturday night when virtually the whole Eugene rooting section erupted on to the floor to congratulate the new champions. No less than three girls were hurt, crushed or knocked out, in the mad rush, and could have been more seriously injured. Among those frantically trying to wave the Eugene students back to their seat and unjam the mob was Cecil Warren, former Central Point high school mentor now an assis-

tant to Hank Kuchera, the Eugene cage tutor.

GALS SWOON
How an athletic event can stir emotions to the breaking point was shown but the hectic third place game of the tourney which Cleveland of Portland won by one point over Central Catholic of Portland. Five girls reportedly fainted, including the girl friend of Dick Jolley, Cleveland star. One girl, who was carried out, was said to have fallen and hit her head. Anyway, there was a lot of business for doctors.

CALLS SHOT
Hank Kuchera, the Axemen coach, has a joshing manner which sometimes gives him a pop-off reputation. He said before the final hassle that Eugene won the first game early in the year with Medford and Medford the second so now it was the Axemen's turn. Kuchera also said after coin toss for jersey choice on Saturday night, that Medford won the flip but that Eugene would win the game.

SUPERSTITION
There was some concern about Coach Frank Roelandt choosing the Tornado's Black Togs for the final hassle. Those were the uniforms in which Medford suffered its only defeat. However, the Tornado won plenty of games dressed in black and scored its most lopsided victories of the year in those uniforms. There was no need for superstition.

COPPLE HEADS SCORING
Larry Cople was Medford's top scorer in the state tournament with 56 points and Bud Kastner headed in rebounding with 33. Among the Medford regulars Kastner scored 26, Glenn Peterson 26, Jarry Kalapus 49 and Frank Rector 39. The rebounds included Cople 25, Kalapus 32, Peterson 31 and Cople 25. Eugene's Moran was high scorer of the Class A event with 104.

KASTNER, KALAPUS PRAISED
Medford Coach Frank Roelandt reported that in the coaches section, where he sat when Medford was not playing, talk was high on Kastner for his terrific spring and rebounding and on Kalapus for his backboard work and shooting. He, himself, praised Kastner for fine work on Dick Jolley in the Cleveland game. While the Tribe kingpin got 25 points almost all of his backfield goals were from far out.

An all-state team named unofficially in a poll of the press section was almost the same as that picked unofficially by the coaches. The press section listed Don Stamps, Albany, instead of Larry Cople, Medford. Others chosen were Mike Moran, Eugene; Leighton Tuttle, Eugene; Dick Jolley, Cleveland, and Ted Miller, Milwaukie. No second team was selected in the poll conducted by Art Meyer of the Albany Democrat-Herald.

MUSTANGS RATE BETTER
We're not willing to place Milwaukie above Medford's own Black Tornado without proof in an actual game, but the Mustangs seemed to us to rate better than the fifth place they had to be satisfied with after losing to Eugene in the first round of the state hoop tournament.

BOWLING

ROGUE ROLLERS	W.	L.
Chris Drues	17	13
Ralph's Green Lantern	25	15
Eurelson's	24	16
Clave Construction	23	17
B & B Auction	21 1/2	18 1/2
Rogue Sportsman	20	20
O. K. Market	19	21
Women of the Moose	17 1/2	22 1/2
First National Bank	14	26
Brooks Electric	9	31

RESULTS

1st Nat'l. Bank	B and B	4
V. Abbott	H. Hobbs	402
H. Read	O. Wyatt	387
D. Scholey	V. Zennor	376
M. Tedrick	V. Miller	334
C. Selvek	G. Riggs	457
Mandiac		90
		1707
		1956

W.O.T.M.

Burelson's	3	W.O.T.M.	1
V. Findley	439	C. Thorsen	341
H. Culy	398	S. Coulter	320
D. Doty	439	D. Finley	306
A. Jahnow	368	J. Jordan	311
J. McCready	399	E. Olson	376
		Handicap	327
			2033
			1981

ROGUE SPITSMAN

A. Wilson	O. K. Market	2
L. Keener	E. Baker	405
L. Webster	A. Bohannon	410
N. Roberts	G. Russell	422
D. Richards	D. Christensen	462
R. Nick	E. Lenz	416
Handicap		306
		213
		2117

CHRIS DRUES

Green Lantern	2	Clave Const.	2
V. Findley	439	A. Swaine	321
O. Henson	399	F. Clave	314
M. Pierce	253	T. Smith	435
K. Smith	412	A. Hoffman	428
F. Doty	408	J. Tresham	394
Handicap			54
			1970
			1982

Major Loop Skipper Job Bragan Aim

By SCOTT BAILLIE
Anaheim, Calif.—(U.P.)—Slow-spoken, trigger-tempered Bobby Bragan figures he is destined to become a major league manager and only grins when his enemies shriek "Bush!"

"My ambition is to run a big league team and I intend to get up there," the sultry Tar of the Hollywood Stars said today as he watched his Pacific Coast League squad work out. "And even if it meant managing a last place club, it still would be the big time."

Thus Bragan, who is seeking his second pennant in three years with the Pittsburgh farm club, indicated he is in the running for the Pirates' helm if ever the brass decides that Fred Haney, the Bucs' current strategist, needs a change. And Bragan is known as one of general manager Branch Rickey's favorites.

An "Ump-Hater"
Bragan, swarthy and brown-eyed, is a masterful public relations man as well as an umpire-hater and holler guy. Spring training fans who haven't seen him for over a year are greeted by name by Master Bobby, and he gallantly throws away his chaw of tobacco if they are elderly ladies.

Bobby Cox Said Planning Move To Minnesota
Seattle—(U.P.)—Bobby Cox, the University of Washington first-string quarterback, may not be back to play football for the Huskies next fall, it was reported today.

Bobo May Fight Bout in Seattle
Seattle—(U.P.)—Middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson may fight a non-title match here next month against the winner of tonight's 10-round bout between Milo Savage of Seattle and Tiger Al Williams of Los Angeles, it was reported today.

Stan Gifford Slates Move To Midwest
Portland—(U.P.)—Oregon is losing one of its best bowlers to the Midwest.

Indians Trip Giants To Even Spring Series
Phoenix, Ariz.—(U.P.)—The Cleveland Indians finally have caught up to Marv Grissom.

Peanut acreage for 1954 in North Carolina was estimated at 175,000 acres. The total for 1955 was 184,000 acres.
A modern railway tank car may have a capacity up to about 16,000 gallons.



TO TACKLE DOBBS—Cyclone Cobb, above, six feet, four inch Texas Negro who tips the scales at 242 pounds, will take on "Crybaby" Johnny Dobbs in one of the scraps on Saturday night's wrestling card at Merrick's arena. Cobb won the plaudits of fans last week with his big bag of tricks. Yoggi Hussane and Buck Davidson clash in another match. In the feature spot, Gerry Hunter has pledged to throw Tiny Kim and Ella Kowalski in 30 minutes or forfeit her purse. Tickets are on sale at Rogue restaurant, 42 South Central ave.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

WALKER CUP LINKSMEN TO VIE IN OREGON OPEN MEET HERE THIS WEEK

Two members of this year's United States' Walker cup team will play this week in the Oregon Open Golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club here. They are Bruce Cudd, Portland, the defending open champ, and Dick Yost, formerly of Portland but now working in Seattle. The open, which will draw some of the leading pro and amateur talent from several western states, is scheduled for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is a medal play affair and will go for 72 holes, 36 of them on the final day. Sponsors are the Medford club and the Oregon branch of the Professional Golfers association. A pro-amateur hassle on Thursday will unofficially launch tourney activities.

OPEN ENTRY—Bob McKendrick, above, Oswego Country Lake Country club pro, will be among contenders Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Oregon Open Golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club here. He is president of the Oregon branch of the Professional Golfers association, co-sponsor of the tourney with RVCC.

Cal Crews Beat Oregon State
Oakland—(U.P.)—The University of California varsity and junior varsity crews scored victories over Oregon State yesterday on the Oakland Estuary. The Beavers grabbed an early lead, but California came from behind to win by three-quarters of a length. The Bears covered the 2000 meters in 6:32. The California JV crew rowed the same distance in 6:28 and triumphed by two lengths.

Shooting School Set For Saturday
Medford Gun club plans another shooting school on Saturday afternoon, March 26. Instructors will be on hand to give trapshooting pointers. New shooters and anyone else with a "problem" will be welcome, members said.

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Pat McCormick Expected To Lead U.S. To Further Triumphs in Pan-American Games

Mexico City—(U.P.)—Olympic diving champion Pat McCormick of Los Angeles was expected to lead the United States to still further triumphs in swimming competition today in the Pan-American Games.

Jeanne Stunyo of Detroit and Emily Houghton of Lafayette, Ind. U. S. swimmers also were expected to set the stage for heavy point scoring by strong performances in the trials of two men's events—the platform dive and the butterfly breaststroke.

Title Winners
The three titles in boxing were gained by welterweight Joe Dorando of Lynhurst, N. J., lightmiddleweight Paul Wright of Flint, Mich., and middleweight Orville Pitts.

Hoop Rule Committee Sets Changes in Code

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—The National Basketball Rules committee planned to meet today to "refine" the wording of six changes it approved in the code to reduce closing-minutes fouling and cut down on stalling.

problems in basketball today are concerned with fouling and stalling. The committee has to meet again this morning to make "editorial refinements" on the regulations and discuss aiding officials in controversial calls of the game.

Ricketts Leads East To Victory

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—All-America Dick Ricketts of Duquesne today held the most valuable player distinction for his 19-point play that led the East All-Stars to a 90 to 77 fourth annual Shrine basketball victory.

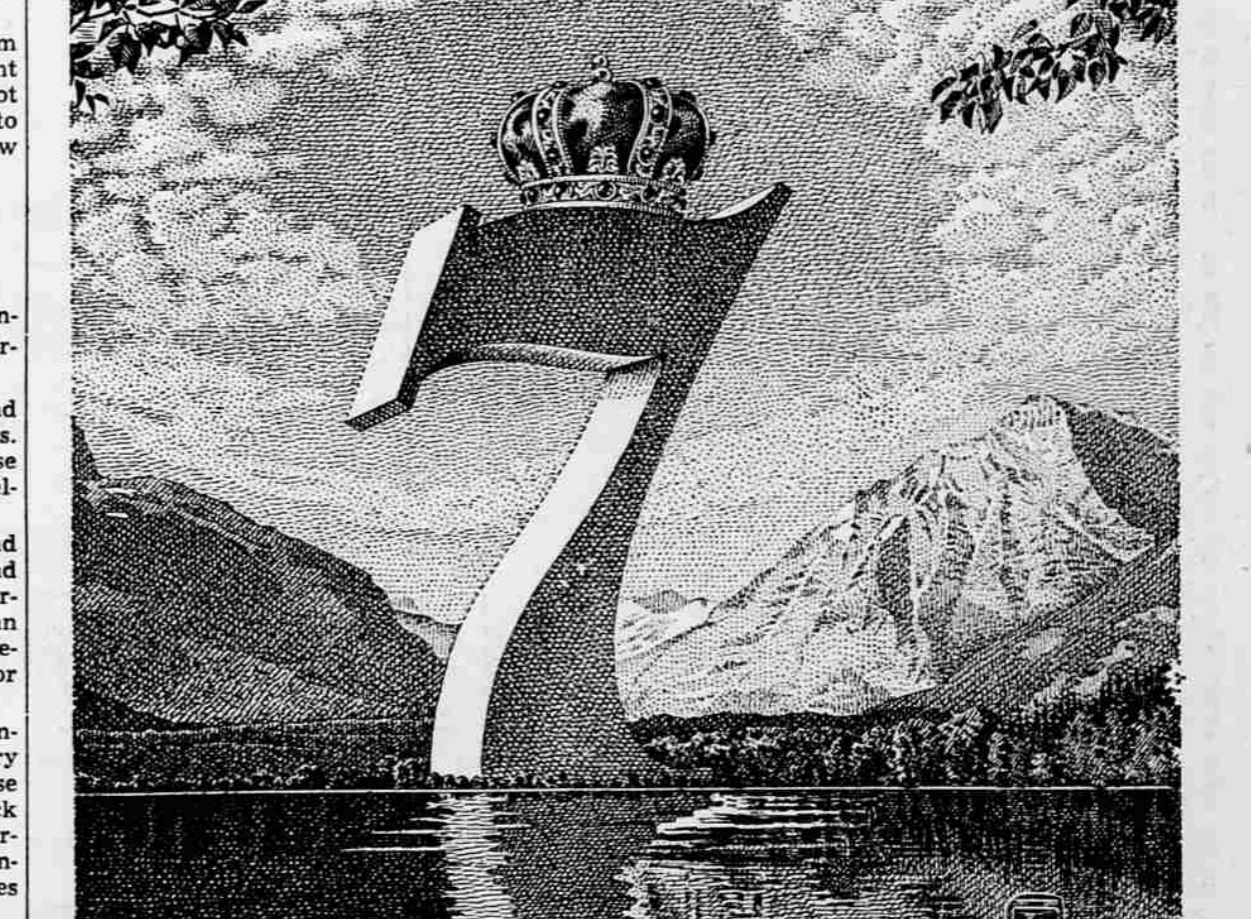
Seven Grid Frays Slated For RR High
Rogue River—Coach Tinker Hatfield has lined up seven football contests for the 1955 season, he announced today. Two open dates remain to be filled.

Card Beaned By Pitcher
St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—Joe Cunningham, St. Louis Cardinal first baseman who was beamed in Monday's exhibition game, will be able to play again after a two or three day rest.

Getting in Rut
Portland—(U.P.)—Dale Mulholland scored a hole-in-one six months ago on the 145-yard fifth hole at Lloyds golf course while using a four iron. His partner was Carl Larson.

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