

# Fanfare

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It doesn't seem to be realized generally hereabouts that the Southern Oregon Conference will send two of its four teams to the state A-1 high school basketball tournament in March. That's how it will be despite the fact that the conference, made up of Medford, Klamath Falls, Ashland and Grants Pass, forms the smallest district in the state.

Holding of a separate A-2 tourney this year cuts down on the number of schools gunning for the annual trip to Eugene. However, the A-1 tourney will remain a 16-team event. The December issue of the Oregon School Activities association bulletin outlines the basis for team selection.

A-1 schools have been divided into eight districts, the same as the A-2s and Bs. However, Districts 1 and 2, composed of the eight Portland Interscholastic League clubs will send a combined total of three teams. With one exception, each of the other six districts will qualify two teams. The exception is that third-place teams of District 3 and 8 will play off for the right to be the 16th team in the tournament.

Southern Oregon Conference schools are in District 6. The four-team circuit is expected to expand to five next year with the addition of Crater, which is still in A-2 category this year. Next smallest to District 6 in size are Districts 3, 5 and 7 with six schools each.

## BIG SCHOOL EMPHASIS

The A-2s will have an eight-team state tournament at Salem and the Bs will continue with that number in their titular affair which this year will be at Baker. The emphasis still continues with the big schools of the state. With just 48 schools vying for state tourney participation it appears a bit odd that the A-1s have a 16-team tournament while the A-2s, numbering 70, must do with an eight school play-off. Yet, tourney income appears to be a most important consideration and the A-1 affair looms as the certain money maker. There's also the fact that the Bs have not along with an eight-team ruckus for a good number of years without any loud or persistent wailing that they have been slighted.

## CHALLENGE FAVORED

The A-2 championship trophy won't mean as much in the eyes of the public as the A-1 hardware. We'd still like to see right of challenge for a play-off between the two champs. It's possible in basketball where it isn't in football, baseball or track.

## TEAMS LISTED

In District 6 A-2 southern division are Crater, Eagle Point, Illinois Valley, Phoenix, Henley and Brookings. These clubs have their subdistrict tourney at Central Point the last week-end in February.

with the winner to meet the northern division champ. In the other subdistrict are Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Glandale, Bandon and Douglas.

Al Lightner, sports editor of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, has this comment on how tough state champion Marshfield found Medford in the Oregon high school football quarterfinals:

"The toughest team the Pirates faced all season? We asked this of some of the showering athletes following Friday night's finale. Without the semblance of a hesitation, the answer was 'Medford.' The Pirates downed Fred Spiegelberg's Tornado, 20-6, in the quarterfinals, but it was a rousing battle, one that we saw and one that saw Medford give the Coos Bay clan a real go..."

Not mentioned previously in dope on last Thursday's Jackson County B League jamboree was that the cage event serves as a laboratory for referees. Eleven arbiters in all, most of them in the novice class, saw duty, pairing off to work the six periods. Virgil Swanson, commissioner of refs for this area, was on the sidelines observing.

## RECTOR SHINES

Frank Rector, second team all-state basketball player at Medford high last season, scored 15 points last week in a University of Portland freshman victory over the Portland State college rookies.

## Bob Pettit Takes Over NBA Scoring

New York—(U.P.)—Bob Pettit, 6-foot, 9-inch former LSU star, took over the scoring leadership in the National Basketball Assn. today with an average of 24.4 points a game.

The St. Louis Hawks' star wrestled the lead from Clyde Lovellette of the Minneapolis Lakers by scoring 129 points in five games last week, including a 40-point outburst against the Philadelphia Warriors. He now has a total of 341 points in 14 games.

Lovellette, who has played 16 games, dropped to second place with a total of 338 points and an average of 21.1 per contest. Others who are averaging 20 or more points a game are Ed MacCauley of the Boston Celtics, 22.3 and the Warriors' Paul Arizin and Neil Johnson, who are averaging 22.1 and 21.9 points respectively.

## FIGHTS

New York—(St. Nicks)—Peter Muller, 157, Germany, outpointed Ray Drake, 159½, New York, (10).

Providence, R.I.—Gene Butler, 149, Boston, outpointed Curly Monroe, 138½, Worcester, Mass., (10).



**ABOUT FACE!**—Green Bay Packer guard Len Szafaryn (68) ends up upside down as he tries to block a punt by 49er halfback Bobby Luna (left) in pro game at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. On the right is 49er fullback Bud Laughlin (36). The Packers won, 28-7.

## J. P. Wagner Of Baseball Fame Dies

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—John Peter (Honus) Wagner, whose iron man exploits with the Pittsburgh Pirates made him baseball's "greatest shortstop of all time," died early today at his home in nearby Carnegie at the age of 81.

The famed "Flying Dutchman" died in his sleep at 12:56 a.m. At his bedside were his wife Bessie, his daughter-in-law, brother-in-law and other intimates of the family.

Wagner, who had been ill in recent years, made his last public appearance April 30 when he attended the unveiling of an 18-foot, 40-ton bronze statue erected in his honor just beyond the left field wall at Forbes Field. He had been bedridden since last September when he injured his hip in a fall at his home.

The Hall of Fame hero with the peculiar bowlegged stance was one of baseball's legendary figures. He led the National League in batting eight times and was a .300-plus hitter for 17 straight seasons. He set records which are still intact and at which players have been aiming in vain for nearly half a century.

Honus spent 18 full seasons with the Pirates after coming here from Louisville in 1900. He starred in 100 or more games for both Louisville and Pittsburgh for 19 years.

Although one of baseball's greatest players and top drawing cards, he never got more than \$10,000 a year for his services.

During his spectacular career, Wagner stole 720 bases, paced the National League in extra base hits seven years, led in triples five years and was first in doubles eight seasons. He played in 2,785 games, posted a .329 lifetime batting average.

## Club Owners Talk Trade, No Transactions Made

Chicago—(U.P.)—There was more "spelling" than "dealing" today at the major league meetings where club owners talked for hours about big trades, but brought forth nothing in the way of even a minor transaction.

The Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Indians and Baltimore Orioles still had a triangle deal on the fire and Manager Marty Marion of Chicago said "it looks pretty hot."

Marion spent Monday afternoon talking with Manager Al Lopez of Cleveland and said "I know he wants what we're offering and we like what he has for us."

Marion then went out in the company of John Rigney, the White Sox vice president, in the hopes that General Manager Paul Richards of Baltimore could be talked into completing the deal.

The speculation on the deal was that the White Sox would come out with pitcher Ray Moore from Baltimore and catcher Hal Naragon from Cleveland. Cleveland has been casting sheep's eyes at Chicago first sacker Walt Dropo. Dropo is a power hitter and might be the answer to replacing Vic Wertz, who is said to be retiring even though he has recovered from his polio attack.

## Jones JC Heads For Junior Rose Bowl

Ellisville, Miss.—(U.P.)—Jones Junior College's unbeaten football squad headed for Pasadena, Calif., today to face a racially-integrated team in the Junior Rose Bowl Saturday.

A 37-member traveling squad, three student managers and three coaches were to board a plane in Jackson during the morning to fly to California to keep the post-season date which pro-segregation critics said should have been cancelled.

Unbeaten Compton, Calif., Junior College, Saturday's host team, has eight Negro players on its roster but Jones officials decided to make the appearance and set up rules governing future policy on "matters of this type."

## Boyd Named Head Coach at Baylor

Waco, Tex.—(U.P.)—Baylor university's football fortunes were entrusted today to big Sam Boyd, a Baylor end in the late 30s with a reputation as coach for whom the boys "will play their hearts out."

Boyd was named yesterday as successor to the veteran George Sauer, who becomes athletic director at the Baptist school.

## NINE GAMES

West Point, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Army's 1956 football team will play a nine-game schedule that features Pittsburgh, VMI, and William and Mary as new faces. Army's other opponents will be Penn State, Michigan, Syracuse, Columbia, Colgate and Navy.

## WITHDRAW TEAM

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## Phoenix Beats NG Crew, 59-39

Phoenix pushed into a tie for first place in the Medford Independent Basketball League standings last night while the YMCA nabbed lone hold on third position.

The Phoenix crew whacked Company A of the National Guard 59 to 39 to knot with Prospect at the head of the circuit with two wins and no setbacks. YMCA edged Hawkinson Tire Tread 48 to 45 for its second win in three games.

Joe Fenton led the Phoenix team with 17 counters. Max Hite had 13 and Keith Thompson 11. Joe Nolan scored 12 for the Guard and Jim Higinbotham 10. Halftime score was 25 to 17 for Phoenix.

Bob Serak of Hawkinson's was high with 18 in the contest with the Y. LaRue Smith scored 16 for the victors and Thompson had 10. YMCA's halftime margin was 23 to 18.

LINE-UPS:

YMCA 48	45 Hawkinson's
Davis 8	4 F. Johnson
Wooten 3	18 Serak
Denman 2	3 Wallace
Rodgers 2	4 J. Johnson
Thompson 10	4 D. Johnson
Substitutions—For YMCA, J. Singler 2, Smith 16, Niles, Mintz, Weber, Soderland 3, for Hawkinson, Cavanaugh 8, Nichols 2, L. Johnson 2.	

Phoenix 59	39 Company A
Furry 6	10 Higinbotham
Yarnell 2	12 Nolan
Thompson 11	2 Trautman
Schmelzer 7	8 Snook
Hite 13	4 D. Burns
Substitutions—For Phoenix, Fenton 17, Bertrand 3, Madden; for Company A, McIntyre 3, Saxbury, Van Horn, Spry.	

rage, made 4,320 putouts and 5,664 assists. He had only 612 errors for a 943 fielding average during his 21-year major league career.

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Portland—(U.P.)—If you can't fight 'em, join 'em. Fight promoter Tex Salkeld said today he is installing television sets in the auditorium Tuesday so early comers to the Pat McMurtry-Jimmy Walls heavyweight bout can watch the \$64,000 Question. Dr. Joyce Brothers, whose category is boxing, has announced she'll try for the top prize Tuesday.

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# SPORTS

## Tourney Victors Play Rogue River Tornado Jayvees

Medford high school's junior varsity basketball team sees its first action on Wednesday night when it opposes the Rogue River varsity.

The game will be at Rogue River. Grants Pass freshmen will play the Chiefain junior varsity.

Coach Bob Newland is now carrying a squad of 25 players on the junior Tornado of Medford. Of the group 15 are sophomores. He reported that positions on the club are still wide open.

## CUT-RATE TICKETS

New York—(U.P.)—Iona college announced today that a total of 2,000 tickets for each of its six home basketball games this season will be sold at cut-rate prices to patrons who buy a specified amount of groceries at a chain of neighboring supermarkets. The plan is similar to one used successfully by Villanova during the 1954 football season.

## REGIONAL TRYOUTS

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Twenty regional tryout tournaments in addition to four in the armed forces will be held to select the make-up of the Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling teams which will represent the United States in the 1956 Olympic games. Finalists in eight weight classes will be chosen in the national finals starting at Los Angeles on May 1.

## \$40,000 TOURNEY

Washington—(U.P.)—The third annual \$40,000 Sponsors Golf tournament will be held at San Diego, Calif., next October and its organizing committee credits that "every leading golf professional in the country" will participate in it.

## Basketball Referees Meeting Wednesday

A meeting of basketball referees of the Rogue Valley area will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at Hedrick junior high school here. Referees' Commissioner Virgil Swanson said that assignments for future games will be given. Discussion will include problems which have come up in the first few games.

## Heavyweight Bouts Top Portland Show

Portland—(U.P.)—Two eight-round heavyweight bouts top tonight's boxing card at the Civic auditorium here.

Irish Pat McMurtry of Tacoma meets Jimmy Walls, Bermuda heavyweight king in one bout while Johnny Arthur, South African heavyweight champ, faces Billy Wallace of New Westminster, B.C., in the other. There will be three other bouts.

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