

# May Cancel Plans For Class B Northwest League Team Here

Unless a volunteer who is sufficiently well acquainted in the valley to spearhead the obtaining of signatures on a partnership agreement to bring Medford into the Class B Northwest baseball league comes forth in the next 24 hours, it probably will be necessary to call off the idea, according to Harry Chipman, temporary chairman of the baseball committee.

Although several volunteers have been obtained to assist in obtaining the signatures, no one is willing to act as head man in the movement, it was stated.

Under the partnership plan, signers would pledge to assume from one to 10 per cent of the loss or profits in the proposed baseball club.

**Jan. 10 Deadline**

The league has given Medford until Jan. 10 to make a decision on whether it will accept a franchise. It would be necessary to obtain enough signatures between now and that time to be certain that underwriting could be assured before acceptance of the invitation could be made, Chipman pointed out.

A committee of seven men has spent considerable time in the past month working out the partnership agreement and making plans for renovation of the Fairgrounds baseball park to make it suitable for professional baseball.

The committee has found sufficient interest among the "fans in the street" to assure success of an advance ticket selling campaign but the partnership agreement seems to be the "sticker," Chipman said.

## Advance Ticket Sales

Cost of the club's operation for the coming season would be financed with advance ticket sales, program and fence advertising and concession sales and little if any loss would have to be made up by the partnership agreement signers, the committee believes. In fact, a proposed operation budget and expected income actually shows a profit, Chipman declared. At any rate, partnership signers would be asked to put up no money until the loss, if any, was figured at the end of the season next autumn.

In comparison with Medford's previous experience in professional baseball, in the Class D Far West league in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Chipman pointed out that the Northwest league is two notches higher which would assure local fans of a much better class of baseball.

Medford's entry in the Far West league was financed by a stock plan and was under-financed from the start, which kept the club in almost constant money troubles. Visiting teams played on a split-gate plan, with the visiting team receiving 40 per cent, which worked a hardship on towns with good gate receipts. In the Northwest league, each team keeps its own gate receipts.

# Dick James Out Of East-West Shrine Game

Eugene — (U.P.) — Dick James qualified today as the real "tough luck" kid of sports in Oregon.

James is out of the East-West Shrine game, a goal of all football players, because of a broken left wrist suffered last Friday while swimming, a sport he had just taken up. An X-ray discovered the fracture.

Last year James was considered a possible member of Oregon's varsity basketball squad but a broken wrist kept him out. It was the right wrist last season.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Halfback Weldon Holley of Baylor today was named as a substitute for Dick James of Oregon on the West team for the annual Shrine East-West football game, Dec. 31. James recently broke his wrist in a swimming pool accident.

# Dons Remain No. 1 Team In United Press Ratings

New York — (U.P.) — The United Press college basketball ratings with first-place votes and worst records through Dec. 17 in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. San Francisco.....	33 (5-0) 345
2. Utah.....	2 (5-0) 279
3. North Car. State.....	(7-1) 255
4. Dayton.....	(6-0) 156
5. Brigham Young.....	(6-0) 148
6. Iowa.....	(3-1) 108
7. Holy Cross.....	(5-0) 96
8. North Carolina.....	(5-0) 85
9. Kentucky.....	(4-1) 77
10. Marquette.....	(5-1) 60

Second 10 teams—11. George Washington, 46; 12. Southern Methodist, 41; 13. St. Louis and Illinois, 21 each; 15. Louisville, 20; 16. Temple, Duquesne and Ohio State, 19; Vanderbilt, 16; 20. Indiana, 14.

New York — (U.P.) — San Francisco's demon Dons, defying college basketball's traditional away-from-home "jinx" to run their winning streak to 31 games, again were the overwhelming choice of the United Press Board of Coaches today as the nation's No. 1 team.

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With points distributed on the basis of 10 for a first-place vote, down to one for a 10th-place vote, North Carolina State received 255 points, Dayton 156, Brigham Young 148, Iowa 108, Holy Cross 96, North Carolina 85, Kentucky 77 and Marquette 60.

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# St. Mary's Scuffles at Jacksonville

Tonight will be the heaviest night of basketball this week for the high schools of Jackson county. Five games are on the agenda for the evening.

While the Medford high Black Tornado is at Roseburg the city's other prep, St. Mary's, will also make a trip — a short one to Jacksonville. Other combats will take Eagle Point to Talent and Butte Falls to Prospect, while Rogue River is host to Illinois Valley.

With the exception of the Roseburg-Medford outing, all of the games are return engagements. Victors first time out in the pre-conference tussles were St. Mary's, Eagle Point, Prospect and Rogue River.

**Junior Highs Play**

Hedrick junior high has three tangles with Eagle Point teams this evening. Seventh graders play at 6:30 p.m., eighth graders at 7:30 p.m., and the Hornet ninth grade and Eagle Point Freshmen at 8:30 p.m. McLoughlin junior high seventh and eighth will vie at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., respectively, at Central Point.

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# Charles Skeeters Wins 4 Turkeys

Charles Skeeters was the big winner Sunday at the fourth and final turkey shoot of the year at Medford Gun club.

Skeeters was the winner of four turkeys, Ray Coleman followed with three.

More than 50 hams and turkeys went. A medium-sized but lively crowd was on hand for the shoot.

The club will be closed on Sunday, Christmas, but will be open on New Year's day for practice shooting. The annual Red and Blue team shoot and the annual meeting are events of January.

**Machamer Scores 37 In Linfield Victory**

McMinnville — (U.P.) — Earl (Hinges) Machamer poured in 37 points last night to lead Linfield to an 81-66 basketball victory over St. Martin's.

The former Madras star scored on 15 out of 24 field goals and 7 out of 13 free throws. Skip Olson led St. Martin's in scoring with 18 points.

# MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

## Michigan State Spartans Vow to Win in Rose Bowl

(Here is another in the series on the teams in the football bowl games.)

By CLAIR M. HEKHUIS

East Lansing, Mich. — (U.P.) — Michigan State's splendid Spartans—who bounced back from near obscurity to national prominence this year—are determined to win the Rose Bowl classic on Jan. 2 to fulfill a promise.

It's a vow they've made to themselves and their "Coach of the Year," Hugh (Duffy) Daugherty.

"We're through missing the boat," said Carl (Buck) Nystrom, team captain.

Nystrom predicted in 1954, at the end of Michigan State's most disastrous football season in 37 years, "We'll make the boat next year and go all the way to the Rose Bowl."

When the Spartans arrived in Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 17 to start workouts, Nystrom told newsmen, "We came out here to win." Michigan State has the tools to win the battle of the roses: A bunch of able kids who can execute almost any kind of play on the books and a coach who has developed an almost uncanny

ability to spot weaknesses in the opposing team.

**Well-Balanced Club**

The Big Ten representative in the bowl is a well-balanced club of steady veterans and eager sophomores.

Any member of the backfield—quarterback Earl Morrall, right half Walt Kowalczyk, left half Clarence Kewalski, and fullback Gerry Plannutis—can break up a ball game. Each did it at least once during the Spartans' 8-1 season.

The line is a collection of middleweights—big enough to stand off a charge, fast enough to lead interference.

Stormin' Norman Masters—the heaviest man on the line at 225 pounds—is a United Press All American tackle, a "block of granite with legs."

And Daugherty calls Nystrom, a 194-pound guard, "the finest lineman I've seen in my 10 years at Michigan State."

Sophomore tackle Pat Burke is another standout on the line along with guard Dale Hollern.

**Brilliant Ball Handlers**

Morrall, a senior, is a brilliant ball handler, a smart signal caller, a powerful punter and the most successful passer in

## Oregon, OS to Meet Big Ten Teams Tonight

Corvallis — (U.P.) — A sophomore-dominated Oregon State basketball team meets Michigan and Oregon plays Northwestern here tonight in the first of a two-night invasion by the Big 10 teams of the Willamette valley.

Oregon State, which lost practically all of its defending Pacific Coast Conference championship team, has won but one game in five starts. Oregon has won only one game, defeating Oregon State in a non-conference opener.

The big 10 teams switch opponents for Wednesday night's double-header in Eugene.

Michigan State history.

Daugherty credits his assistant coaches and the players for Michigan State's startling comeback after the 1954 doldrums.

"This is a team that made the coaches," he said. "And the coaches were a year older and a year smarter."

Daugherty never had to work to bring the squad "up" for a game this year. He kept the first string out of scrimmage all season to guard against injuries and keep them fresh for Saturday.

The team was determined to win every game, and it was turned back only once, a 14-7 heartbreaker against Michigan in which the Spartans out-did the Wolverines in everything but the score.

About 16,000,000 acres of arid land in the western states still is waiting for irrigation water.

# Ameche Is Pro Rookie Of The Year

New York — (U.P.) — Alan Ameche, former Wisconsin All-America fullback whom some coaches and scouts rated "too slow" for National Football League play, today was named the pro circuit's Rookie of the Year in the annual United Press poll.

Ameche galloped 79 yards for a touchdown the first time he carried the ball in a regular season NFL game for the Baltimore Colts. He went on to become the first rookie to win the league's ball-carrying title since 1943, gaining 961 yards on 213 tries.

That showing in the rugged play-for-pay competition enabled Ameche to win Rookie of the Year honors easily in voting by 30 sportswriters who covered the 1955 NFL campaign.

The 21-year-old Ameche received 17 votes. His closest competition was furnished by his teammate, quarterback George Shaw. Shaw, a first-year pro from Oregon, received five votes.

**Waller Next**

Ron Waller, rookie halfback from Maryland who starred for the Los Angeles Rams, was next in the balloting with four votes. Rick Casares, Chicago Bears halfback from the University of Florida, received two.

Two Washington Redskins rookies, tackle J. D. Kimmel and halfback Bert Zagers, split the other two votes. Kimmel played college football for Army and Houston, while Zagers played for Michigan State.

Ameche, who averaged 4.5 yards per rush, scored nine touchdowns. His 54 points enabled him to tie end Harlon Hill of the Chicago Bears for 10th in individual scoring.

The 217-pound Ameche also caught 29 passes for a total of 152 yards. Jim Mutscheller, a second-year pro from Notre Dame, was the only Baltimore player who caught more passes than Ameche. Mutscheller caught 34.

Ameche rounded out his first pro campaign by running back four kickoffs 60 yards for a 15-yard average in that department.

## Basketball

By UNITED PRESS

East	Manhattan 85, Connecticut 62
	Alabama 89, Holy Cross 84
	Massachusetts 91, Boston Coll. 73
South	
Carrousel Tournament	
	Tennessee 80, Boston 77 (1st rnd.)
	Clemson 94, Florida St. 75 (1st rnd.)
	Wake Forest 95, Miss. State 69 (1st rnd.)
	Colgate 86, Davidson 51 (1st rnd.)
	Xavier (La.) 90, Georgetown, Ky. 82
	Vanderbilt 85, Georgia 61
	Florida 74, Miami (Fla.) 69
	Ohio State 72, Tulane 66
Midwest	
	Indiana 80, Cincinnati 61
	Wisconsin 71, Nebraska 52
	Duquesne 71, Loyola, Calif. 55
	Missouri 81, Idaho 57
	Illinois 97, DePaul 79
Southwest	
	Rice 75, Kansas 66
	Kentucky Wesleyan 75, N. Mexico 55
West	
	Idaho St. 77, Montana Western 51
	Iowa St. 72, Colorado A&M 60
	Utah St. 64, Montana St. 59
Others	
	Linfield 81, St. Martin's 66
	Willamette 67, Western Washington 62
	Fresno State 72, Eastern Washington 62
	Seattle U. 73, St. Mary's 54
	Southern Oregon 69, Humboldt State 57
	Seattle Frosh 98, Olympic JC 73

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