

Tornado Plays Roseburg Friday In New Hedrick JH Gymnasium

When the Medford Black Tornado entertains the Roseburg high hoop quintet at the new Hedrick junior high gymnasium here on Friday night, it will have only little advantage over the Indians in familiarity with the mapcourt.

The Tornado squad was scheduled to workout this afternoon in the spacious new gym. It was the first time on the floor for the Medford senior high aggregation and the only time before tomorrow's game.

Roseburg and Medford vie at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow following a 6:45 p.m. preliminary between varsities of the two schools. The games will formally inaugurate basketball competition on the Hedrick floor. But there will be little fanfare in connection with the conflicts since the school building already has been dedicated.

Workout of the Tornado at the junior high, new home court for senior high varsity, was a "see what it's like" venture. The workout and the Friday game may indicate how much drill will be needed on the Hedrick floor during weeks ahead of home games.

Because the baskets are the same fan-shaped type as at the senior high, the court may not prove too different from the one which has served the varsity for many years. However, the "actual floor" itself, could give the ball a different bounce.

Medford high varsity will seek its second win this week over the Indians while the jayvees will try to square a loss. The Tornado varsity downed Roseburg 63 to 51 Tuesday while the junior gang was nicked 55 to 53.

Coach Frank Roelandt of the Tornado crew had all hands on deck for drill yesterday and practice was a rather light one.

Tribe Gains Loop Honors In Defense

Chicago — (U.P.) — The Cleveland Indians had leaders at three positions and also made off with the club defensive honors in the American league this year.

Official statistics compiled by the Howe News Bureau revealed that the Indians had three individual champions in catcher Jim Hegan, shortstop George Strickland and outfielder Gene Woodling. In addition, the Tribe beat out the Chicago White Sox in a close race to win club honors with a .9814 percentage.

Hegan led the catchers for the second straight year and for the third time in his career with a .997 mark that topped Sherman Lollar of the White Sox by two points. Strickland topped the shortstops with a .997 mark that topped Sherman Lollar of the White Sox by two points. Strickland topped the shortstops with a .976 average and Woodling led the outfielders with .9952.

George Kell won honors at third base for the sixth time in his career. Kell, who played in 100 games, had a .9763 percentage which beat out the .9757 mark compiled by Grady Hatton of the Boston Red Sox. Kell also led American League third-sackers in fielding in 1945, 1946, 1950, 1951 and 1953.

Norm Zachary of the Red Sox led the first basemen with a .9951 average followed by Walt Dropo of the White Sox, who had a .9948 mark. Both were charged with six errors but Zachary handled 1,227 chances to Dropo's 1,169.

Gil McDougald of the Yankees led the second basemen for the first time in his career with a .985 figure while Johnny Schmitz of the Washington Senators topped a list of 32 pitchers with 1,000 percentages by handling 48 chances.

The Indians were followed by the White Sox' .9813 but the Yankees led in double plays for the second straight year with a total of 180.

most shooting and loosening up after a somewhat wearisome trip to Roseburg.

Roelandt did not name an exact starting line-up for the second session with the Indians. It will likely be from among the six hoopmen who see almost equal duty. They are Dick McLaughlin, John Foust, Dick Cople, Neil Plumley, Bob Tisdell and Lloyd Cleary.

The Indian opening five may be named from among Dick

Woolstenhulme, Jerry Droscher, Fred Skeels, Jim Coen, Bill Oerding and Lee Burghardt.

Hedrick seating facilities provide at present for 1,800 spectators with 1,600 roll-away bleachers. Season tickets for reserve seats may be bought at the senior high office or at the game Friday. Those who have already bought season reserves and used them for Medford's first four games may exchange them for Hedrick tickets.

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SPORTS



GEORGE MOORE Dribbling Star of Harlem Clowns

CLOWNS TAKE ON CABBIES AT CENTRAL POINT TONIGHT

Al (Runt) Pullins and his mirthful magicians of the basketball court, the Harlem Clowns, will be at Crater high gym in Central Point this evening to show their sleight-of-hand ball handling, lightning-like passes, comedy routines and horsplay.

"They'll meet the Yellow Cab independent team of Medford and the show and game will get underway at 8 p.m.

"These 'cats' keep me laughing on the bench every night," says the ageless "Runt." "In 20 years with the Clowns and a half dozen years before that with the Trotters, I have never laughed so much as at this year's gang. They are just a bunch of natural cut-ups and what a basketball team! I believe this is the best clowns club in history."

50 Applicants
Pullins explains that the happy combination of a fine player and a comedian is hard to find. "We picked this year's team from a list of more than 50 applicants" says Runt. "This year we have big men, ball handlers and a couple of great comics."

Tallest of the Clowns is Ralph Hayes, 6-7, from Niagara university. He played last year for Scranton in the Eastern League. Next is Bob Woods, 6-6, from Modesto junior college, a cut-up who leads the comedy gags. Al Sutton, 6-3, attended Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo and was all-conference three years and most valuable player two years.

Manny Kennedy, 6-3, is ex-Iona college leading scorer and made the all-Far Eastern Army team last season. Ed Carter, 6-2, joined the Clowns originally out of high school from Chicago where he was a city all-star. He's

been in the Army. George Moore, 6-even, from Lincoln university, was top scorer in his conference. A superb set shot and showman, he puts on a dribbling act. Shorty Buckner, 5-7, comic and pepper box may be with the club.

Boyd Beats Scortichini

St. Louis — (U.P.) — Bobby Boyd, winner Wednesday night over Italo Scortichini by unanimous decision, today was headed for an early meeting with Eduardo Lausse or Milo Savage.

The Chicago middleweight's co-manager, James Di Vito, said he and Bernard Glickman, Boyd's other pilot, hoped to match him with the winner of a January 6th fight between Lausse and Savage.

Di Vito discounted Wednesday night's dull match with a shrug. "Scortichini can make any good fighter look bad," he said. "I never saw a man fight so low."

Boyd, who notched his sixth straight triumph with ridiculous ease, had to solve the defense of a man who sometimes had his head between Boyd's legs.

He was successful only because in the middle and late rounds he was able to straighten Scortichini up with looping hooks he started from his knees.

Beavers Acquire KC Shortstop

Portland — (U.P.) — Jack Littrell, a shortstop has been purchased by the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League from Kansas City of the American League at an undisclosed price, General Manager Joe Ziegler said.

Littrell, 27, played in 37 games with Kansas City last season and batted .200. He is known as a slick fielder.

Fowl Hunting Spotty To Poor in Rogue Area

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly report on hunting conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

Southwest: Rogue valley spotty to poor for waterfowl hunting.

For Action, Use Tribune Want Ads

Dayton Quint Nabs Crown At Lexington

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer
The high-riding Dayton Flyers walked off with the University of Kentucky tournament championship today and left famed Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp singing their praises as possible national basketball champions.

The Flyers walloped defending champion Kentucky, 89-74, in Wednesday night's final round at Lexington, Ky., with an amazing all-around display of court brilliance.

"This is the best-coached team we've ever seen in Lexington," Rupp declared after catching his breath.

"They are a tremendous team; they have everything," said Rupp. "They have the big boy, seven-foot Bill Uhl, the driver Jim Faxon, the shooter Arlen Bockhorn and the player Ray Dieringer. Particularly that big boy."

Dayton, which went into this important two-night tourney ranked fourth nationally, broke out of a 40-40 tie with a minute to go in the first half, seized a 45-40 halftime margin, and never was headed. It was Uhl, the Greenfield, Ohio, goliath who scales 245 pounds who kept control when Kentucky challenged in the second half.

Bird Leads Scorers
Dieringer topped the Dayton scorers with 25 points but game honors went to Jerry Bird of Kentucky with 34.

For Kentucky, beaten earlier this year by Temple, the defeat marked the first time in Rupp's 26 years as coach that the Wildcats lost two home games in a single season. And Dayton's 89 points equaled the highest total ever posted against a Kentucky team; by CCNY in 1950. Dayton's record is now 8-0.

Earlier Wednesday night, Minnesota had surprised by trouncing Utah, 80-77, in the tourney's consolation game. The Utes, ranked second nationally but beaten by Dayton in the first round, never led.

North Carolina State, ranked No. 3 nationally, scored its most important win so far this year by whipping fifth-ranked Brigham young, 95-81, at Raleigh, N.C., the first loss for BYU. State led at halftime, 45-39, and pulled away as Brigham Young went six straight without a field goal.

Favored Wake Forest won the Carrousel tournament at Charlotte, N.C., beating Clemson in the final round, 98-79.

Recreation Loop Opens Contention At Senior High

The 10-team Saturday recreation basketball league at Medford senior high school will continue its slate after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Play, which opened last week end, will resume on January 7. A single round robin schedule will be followed by tournaments matching the top four teams for the championship and the fifth through eighth place teams for consolation honors.

Members of the circuit are the Studs, Sleepy Hollow Boys, the Stompers, the Fragrant five, the Trojans, the Eight Balls, the Rodents, the Timid Tigers, the Stokers and the Zombies.

Four Games Saturday
Four games will be played each Saturday with the other two paired clubs to arrange a day and hour for their tussle. In scraps last week end the Fragrant Five beat the Eight Balls 27 to 16, the Stompers downed the Rodents 26 to 20, the Trojans laced the Studs 40 to 29 and the Timid Tigers shied by the Sleepy Hollow club 33 to 24. The Stokers and the Zombies were to play today.

All senior high boys are eligible for the league except those on the varsity. Junior varsity or city league teams. Church league players are eligible but no more than two players from a church team may play on a Saturday loop squad.

NASHUA 3-1 FAVORITE
Agua Caliente, Meex. — (U.P.) — Nashua, the horse of the year, has been established as a 3 to 1 favorite in the opening line of the Caliente Future Book on the Santa Anita Handicap. Swaps, who defeated Nashua in the Kentucky Derby, is listed at 4 to 1.

noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5-30 previous day.

GAME STILL SLATED
Coach Jim Vernon of the Yellow Cab basketball team has received assurances from the Harlem Clowns that they will be on hand for the game at Crater high gym at Central Point tonight despite the high water conditions. There was no indication today that Friday high school basketball games in this area will be called off.

Crater High, Grants Pass Vie Friday

Central Point — Crater high will wrap up its pre-Christmas basketball activity by playing Grants Pass here on Friday night.

The Comets, having their fifth game, are still after their first verdict of the season. Grants Pass will aim for its second victory in five starts. The Cavemen have split with Roseburg and lost to North Bend and Marshfield while Crater has dropped action with Crescent City and Oakridge.

Grants Pass may display a platoon type of basketball. Possible opening combination includes Larry Henderson, 6-5, Ron Davis, Jim Smith and Tom Burnet, all 6-footers and Chuck Nevi, 5-8. Second combination which could be equally as tough is Les Walker, Arnold Slaven and Bob Erickson, 6-footers, and Allen Drews.

The Cavemen reportedly have speed but so far have not been shooting well. They are expected to pick up stride as the season progresses.

Likely Comet starters are Fred Herrmann and John Shama, forwards; Dick Callender or Dick Davis, center, and among Nathan Douthit, Harold Lefler and Don Goyette, guards. Neil Green returned to the squad last night and had limited practice. He's been out with a sinus ailment.

Crater has been working on defense much this week. Coach Leonard Warren stated. The club has been working on its faking and on getting the ball in close for shots.

Odds Widen In Favor of Clevelanders

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Odds favoring Cleveland over the Los Angeles Rams in next Monday's 1955 National Football League championship game have lengthened from 3½ points to six points.

The point spread widened yesterday as a result of the loss of two Ram regulars, fullback Tank Younger and offensive center Leon McLaughlin. Younger has a hairline fracture of a neck vertebra. McLaughlin contracted a case of the mumps.

McLaughlin is a "doubtful" starter, but Younger is definitely out of the professional football title game and also may not get to play in the pro bowl game here Jan. 15.

However, the Rams still seemed high in morale. The injury jinx put them on the short end so much this season that, as quarterback Norm Van Brocklin put it, "It feels comfortable."

Normal Losses
Gillman, finding himself right back in his old situation of having to produce a "patchwork" team, shrugged off the losses as "normal."

McLaughlin's doctor said "it is extremely unlikely" that the mumps would spread throughout the team.

To fill in for McLaughlin, Gillman switched 250-pound offensive tackle Bobby Cross to McLaughlin's pivot spot. Cross has never played the post before.

Normally, Larry Morris would go into the spot. But Morris, an exceptional defensive linebacker, will be busy filling at full-back behind Deacon Dan Towler.

Ez Charles Given Edge

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Former World Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles, who never has lost a fight in San Francisco, has been installed as a slight favorite to whip promising newcomer Bob Albright in their 10-round battle tonight at Winterland.

Albright, who is only 23 years old, will have a 25-pound weight advantage over the veteran Charles.

Phoenix Will Face Ashland First Time in Basketball This Friday

Phoenix — Phoenix high, which has given the Ashland Grizzlies some stirring rivalry on the gridiron, has its first basketball encounter with a Litchia city varsity Friday night and local interest is high for that reason.

Ashland and Phoenix varsities collide about 8:15 p.m. follow a 6:45 p.m. junior varsity tussle.

Phoenix and Ashland are about similarly fixed with experience. Each is expected to have four veterans in its starting line-up. Ashland will have Gene Parent, Stuart Baker, Phil Sword and Harry Johnson. Rounding out the possible five is Lance Locke, Pirate letterman who may open as Ray Dahl, Charles Wall, Bill Madden and Jim Korth. Delmar Brood is the likely fifth man.

Fits in Well
Brood has fitted in well with the vets. His speed, driving in and ballhawking have quickened the pace of the Pirates and they are playing more of a running game than they did last year. He's also one of the top scorers. Chief scorer this year has been Korth who has been troubled by a cold this week, but is expected to be on hand. Wall has not been a heavy point maker but has been valuable for his rebounding and feeding.

Pre-league action for Phoenix will continue Monday and Tuesday. The Pirates will play Talent Monday and Eagle Point will play Arcata, Cal., in a doublebill at Eagle Point. On Tuesday.

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Basketball

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GAMES
East
Seton Hall 61, Colby 54
Geneva 83, Carnegie Tech 66
South (Kentucky Invitational)
Championship Round
Dayton 89, Kentucky 74
Consolation Round
Minnesota 90, Utah 77
(Carrousel Tournament)
Championship Round
Wake Forest 88, Clemson 79
(Consolation Round)
Colgate 87, Tennessee 83
Boston Univ. 87, Davidson 69
(Quantico Tournament)
Semi-final Round
Quantico 94, Akron Univ. 74
Mt. St. Mary's 86, Ball St. Tchrs. 79
Consolation Round
Lemoyne 83, Iona 70
Georgia Tchrs. 90, Wabash 81
Rice 82, Auburn 80
Louisville 84, Marquette 68
No. Car. St. 95, Brigham Young 81
Midwest
Denver 65, Iowa St. 62
DePaul 84, Wayland Coll. 56
Houston 86, Kansas St. 79
Mich. St. 84, Notre Dame 78
Cincinnati 87, DePaul 58
West
Washington (Mo.) 75, Idaho 62
Stanford 36, Dartmouth 53
Oregon St. 73, Northwestern 81
Michigan 81, Oregon 71
Southern California 64, Santa Clara 49
Stanford 56, Dartmouth 55
California 64, Arizona State 59
Gonzaga 93, Carroll College 85
Oregon Tech 75, Shasta JC 63
Yakima Valley JC 82, Central Oregon 56
Southwest
Kansas 62, Sou. Methodist 58

Don Mentor Will Ignore Controversy

New Orleans, La. — (U.P.) — Coach Phil Woolpert, whose top-rated San Francisco Dons meet Loyola here tomorrow night, said one of his reasons for scheduling the basketball game was to show that "whites and negroes can play together" in the segregation-conscious South.

Woolpert said he would ignore the controversy that developed over the actions of Shelle McMillon, Negro Bradley forward who was booted Tuesday night in a game here against Loyola.

Not Racial
He said he had been assured by Loyola officials that the boxing of McMillon for sticking out his tongue at the crowd when he fouled out was not a "racial incident," but could have happened to any player, regardless of race.

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CAMPBELL SHOOTS FOR 250

London — (U.P.) — Donald Campbell, who cracked the water speed barrier of 200 miles per hour on Lake Mead at Boulder City, Nev., has announced he will now shoot for a new record of 250 m.p.h. in his jet speedboat, Campbell, who said "I believe it is possible," will make his try either in Britain or the U. S.

HARTACK WINS 412

Coral Gables, Fla. — (U.P.) — Willie Hartack, who on Dec. 3 became only the second jockey in racing history to account for 400 triumphs in a year, booted home four winners at Tropical Park Wednesday in his final appearance of the year. Hartack scored on Mr. Blue Sky \$9.80, Yock Tom \$5.00 and Sharp Tack \$14.10 to wind up the year with 412 triumphs.

Radium has been produced from pitchblend in Europe and also from mautunite ores. In the United States it has also been found in carnotite.

Philadelphia Heads by 3½

By UNITED PRESS
The Philadelphia Warriors opened up a 3½ game lead in the Eastern Division of the National Basketball association today and are well on their way to compiling the circuit's highest won-and-lost percentage in five years.

The Warriors handed the Rochester Royals their fourth straight loss, 96-93. Wednesday night for their 15th victory in 21 games. Their .714 percentage is the highest in the league since the 1949-50 season when the Syracuse Nationals and Minneapolis Lakers both topped that figure.

Neil Johnston led the Warriors with 21 points and Paul Arizin added 20 more while Jack Coleman's 20 points were high for Rochester.

The loss gave the Royals a 10-13 record and left them a game and a half behind first-place St. Louis in the Western Division of the circuit.

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