

Tornado, Indians Postpone Tiff; Crater, Phoenix Entertain Foes

The basketball tussle to have been played between Medford and Roseburg high schools here this evening has been postponed. Principal Lester Harris and Coach Frank Roelandt of the Medford school reported this morning.

It was indicated that the heavy rains and uncertain road conditions influenced the Roseburg decision not to make the trip. Harris was told that the Douglas county school did not wish to send its players here until the weather had cleared and the roads are better.

Two other high school frays, however, were to go on as scheduled, according to last available reports before the sports page deadline. Grants Pass will play Crater at Central Point and Ashland will go to Phoenix.

NEW DATE EYED

February 4 has been set tentatively as date for making up the game.

Roseburg was to have sent both its varsity and junior varsity clubs to Medford.

Reports out of Roseburg mentioned water over highway 99 at Winston and slides

and washouts elsewhere along the route. However, state police indicated that traffic was getting through all the way to Portland from the Rogue valley.

Postponement of the Tornado-Indian rivalry also delayed the formal opening of basketball at the Hedrick junior high school gymnasium. The Tornado worked out there for the first time last night.

Phoenix tonight will have its first varsity basketball contention with Ashland. Crater and Grants Pass are old court rivals.

Ez Charles Winner Over Bob Albright

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Ezzard (The Gizzard) Charles, just a hell of the former world heavyweight champion, still wants another shot at Rocky Marciano.

After whipping Big Bob Albright on a split decision here last night Charles asked:

"Who else is there around to give Rocky a battle?"

Manager Tom Tannis proposed that Archie Moore and Charles meet for the right to tangle again with Marciano.

"Although Ezzard has beaten Archie three times already, it appears they are the only ones on the scene right now who can give Rocky a battle," Tannis said.

The manager pointed out that Charles has had 10 fights so far in 1955 and will have his 11th at Los Angeles next Thursday, when he tangles with young Jack Johnson.

"This proves that Charles is far from finished as a topnotch heavyweight," Tannis said. "He couldn't fight this often if he wasn't in fine physical condition."

Moves Slowly

However, off his performance last night Charles doesn't look like championship material. He was slow afoot and once when he had staggered the 218½ flatfooted Albright, his reflexes didn't react quickly enough to move in for the kill.

Of his 10 fights this year, Charles has won six and lost four. He weighed a big 196½ for last night's fight and admittedly has slowed down.

Albright, a powerful but slow brawler, tagged Charles several times with winging hooks that apparently caught the eye of Referee Ray Flores, who had him ahead on points, 57-52. But Judges Eddie James and Vern Bybee both voted for Charles, 56-54. United Press agreed with the judges.

Charles bloodied Albright's nose in the second round and cut his left eye in the third. From then on, the Los Angeles brawler's features dripped blood.

After the ninth round, in which Charles had pummeled his heavier foe as both were drenched with blood, Referee Flores looked over Albright's eye and decided to let the bout continue.

The first six rounds were very slow and there was continuous booing and catcalling from the small crowd of about 2500 fans.

Ryff, Vasquez Battle Tonight

New York—(U.P.)—Swift-moving Frankie Ryff risks his status as a lightweight contender to-night against Mexican 135-pounder Baby Vasquez in a TV-radio 10-rounder at the Madison Square garden, but the oddsman says he's only taking a 4-1 chance.

The long odds are being quoted despite Vasquez' 13-bout unbeaten streak and the fact that his manager, George Parnassus, is highly-regarded as a tutor.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Statistics Indicate Rams, Cleveland Evenly Matched

By EARL WRIGHT
United Press Sports Writer

The 1955 National Football League statistics indicate the Cleveland Browns and Los Angeles Rams are fairly evenly matched for next Monday's championship game.

Cleveland topped all teams in scoring with 349 points, getting 89 more than Los Angeles. But there isn't too much difference in the other figures.

The Browns allowed fewer points than any other club, 218. The Rams had the best mark in

Sports Broadcasts

Television station KBES will carry the California-Dartmouth college game at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

St. Mary's Nips Pilots

Portland—(U.P.)—St. Mary's Gaels went into overtime here last night to edge University of Portland 70-68, to conclude a four-game road trip.

Guard Mike Wadsworth hit on a push-shot with one minute and 24 seconds left in the extra period to put the Gaels out in front 69-68.

Bill Sanchez wrapped up the game at 70-68 on a free throw with 51 seconds left. The St. Mary's forward was high scorer for the contest with 20 points.

The game was tied at 61-61 near the end of regulation play on two free throws by Gene Kutsch of Portland. High man for the Pilots was Bob Altenhofen with 17 points.

Gault Takes Banty Title

Spartanburg, S.C.—(U.P.)—Henry (Pappy) Gault of Spartanburg, took the U.S. bantamweight title from Boston's Johnny O'Brien Thursday night, leaving the defending champion a bruised face and a nearly-closed left eye in return.

Gault, who weighed 117½ pounds, battered O'Brien's head with a stream of left jabs to win a unanimous 15-round decision. O'Brien, who decided Gault at West Palm Beach, Fla., last December in their only previous meeting, scaled 117½.

There were no knockdowns. Gault, a former North American bantamweight titleholder, drew the only blood when he hit O'Brien's nose in the eighth.

Eagle Grapplers Cop First Match

Eagle Point—Eagle Point high held its first interscholastic wrestling match this week and won it. The Eagles defeated Illinois Valley 32 to 30.

Each of the two schools nabbed six actual tussles and one match went to Eagle Point by forfeit. Doug Nelson, 95, Mel Arent, 127, Dean Tibbetts, 175, and Norm Hooper, unlimited, were victors by falls for EP. Ron Nelson, 165, and Jim Bunker, 191, took decisions.

Neil Philliber and Bill Bradshaw won exhibitions for Eagle Point.

Eagle Point is coached by Stan Smith who was Illinois Valley grappling tutor last year.

McLoughlin Cage Tiffs Postponed

Basketball games scheduled yesterday between Central Point and McLoughlin of Medford seventh and eighth grade teams were postponed.

Central Point schools were closed yesterday because of the heavy rain and swollen streams. It is hoped to make up the tussles in January.

Clown Gags Pleasing to Fans at CP

Antics of the Harlem Clowns, comedians of the basketball court, this season follow pretty much the pattern of former years, but the old gags and stunts with their added twists and a few new capers, still provoke plenty of laughs.

At least, that's the way it was last night when the cut-up quintet played the Yellow Cab aggregation at the Crater high gymnasium in Central Point. Quite coincidentally the Clowns nudged the Cabbies, Medford independent team, 58 to 57 before a crowd of several hundred, large considering the weather.

Led in their comedy routines and sleight-of-hand by George Moore and Bob Woods, the Clowns appeared to be able to score at will with passing, passing faking and dribbling which befuddled the Cabmen. But the Harlemites never ran up a margin of more than 13 points and to make the game more even they gave baskets away and let the Medford club occasionally break up their passes. The Cabbies' Don Wendt was allowed an easy chance after missing a bucket on a fast break.

Moore Referees

Moore took over the referee chores from Lee Flink and helped the Cabmen by calling fouls on the Clowns for such things as "traveling without a suit case" and "funny stuff." He even awarded free shots to the other arbiter, Joe Zarosinski, and the Clowns made sure the ref made one by lifting him up to the hoop.

The old familiar games of football and pantomime baseball were played by the traveling quint and Woods almost made a drop kick. A "loaded" ball was injected into the action and proved a tricky sphere to handle. The old bucket trick, in which "water" (confetti) was thrown into the crowd, was also part of the entertainment.

Woods found time to pile up 22 points while for Yellow Cab, Tiger Smith got 14 and Don Reese 12.

Quarter scores favored the Clowns 25 to 12, 35 to 23 and 49 to 39.

The Clowns, who drove over from Grants Pass reported the river road to Rogue River surprisingly dry and Reese of the Cab team, who lives at Grants Pass, stated that there were about eight inches of water over the road near Savage Rapids dam.

LINE-UPS:

Clowns 38	57 Yellow Cab
Sutton 8	12 Reese
Woods 22	14 Smith
Haves 5	10 Stacy
Moore 9	2 Werner
Cater 8	10 Wendt

Substitutions—For Clowns, Kennedy 6; for Cab, Effinbeck 9, Johnson 6, Newton 2, McLean 2.

MANGRUM ENTERS LA

Los Angeles—(U.P.) Lloyd Mangrum, who won the Los Angeles Open golf tournament in 1949, 1951 and 1953, has decided to enter this year's \$32,500 event, Jan. 5-9, because of his satisfactory recovery from a rib injury. Mangrum resumed competitive play about a month ago.

Basketball

THURSDAY COLLEGE SCORES

Connecticut 90, NYU 82
Manhattan 71, Geo. Wash. 63
South (Quantic Tournament) Championship
Quantic Mar. 100, Mt. St. Mary's 71
Consolation
Wabash 66, Iowa 62
Lemoyne 94, Ga. Techs 90
Miami 80, Bradley 73
Tulane 91, Washington St. 52
Wake Forest 85, Brigham Young 80
Midwest
Ohio St. 94, Washington (Seattle) 73
Indiana 82, Drake 67
Southwest
SMU 85, Wichita 79
Colorado A&M 60, Colorado 58
Sou. Cal. 68, Dartmouth 56
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Stanford 62, Santa Clara 55
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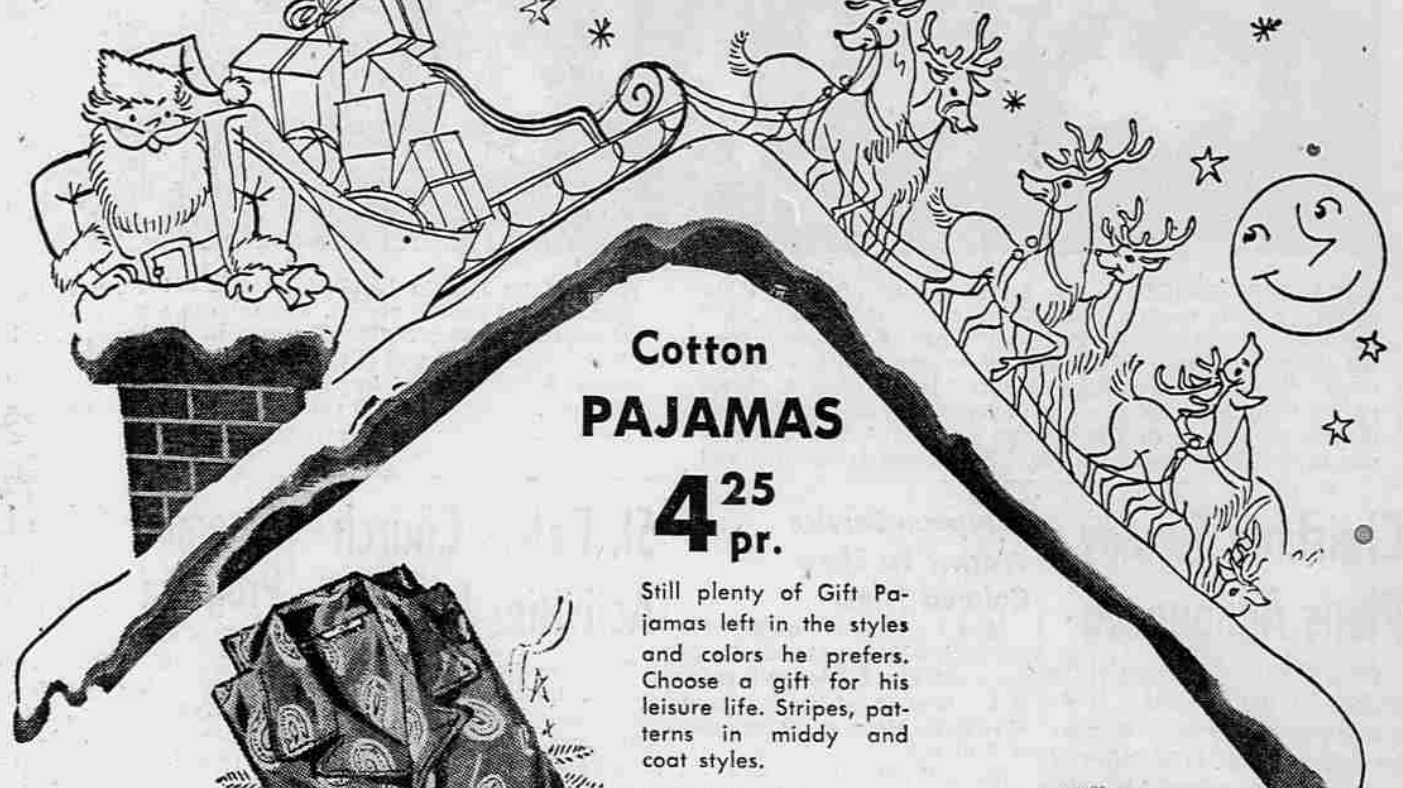
THURSDAY BASKETBALL

By UNITED PRESS

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Madras 66, Bend 55
Jefferson 75, Beaverton 72 (overtime)
Benson 47, Parkrose 36
Franklin 71, Hillsboro 37
Cleveland 54, Gresham 48
Grant 66, Oswego 53
Battle Ground 59, Estacada 33
Pacific U. Tournery
St. Helens 63, Newberg 25
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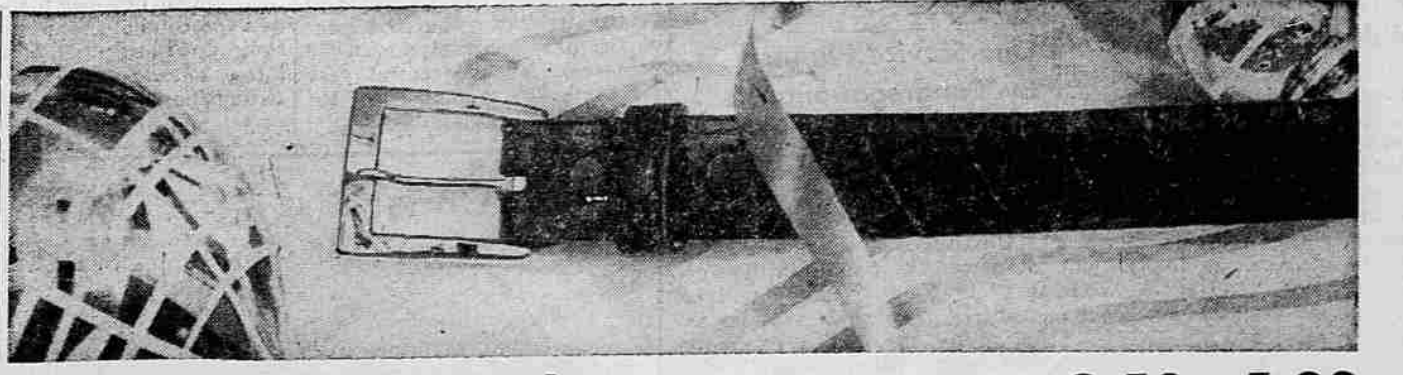


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