



GETTING READY for Rose Bowl game Jan. 2 with UCLA, Michigan State's All America quarterback, Earl Morrill, unlimbers pitching arm in workout in Los Angeles. (International)

Frank Ryff Bout Victor

New York — (U.P.) — Light-weight contender Frankie Ryff of New York, who licked Mexican Baby Vasquez Friday night, was designated "the most likely April challenger" today by the International Boxing club.

Harry Markson, managing director of the IBC, said, "We will give serious consideration to an April title fight between Ryff and champion Wallace (Bud) Smith. Ryff appears ready for the shot."

Smith of Cincinnati defended on Oct. 19 against ex-champ Jimmy Carter and need not risk the title again until April. The champion probably will need that time, anyway, to straighten out his managerial difficulties, for his two co-pilots are suspended in Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, Ryff — fourth-ranking contender — will be out of action for at least a month because a 17-stitch gash was reopened Friday night during his TV-radio 10-rounder with Vasquez at Madison Square Garden.

Blond Frankie's speed and stamina enabled him to win a unanimous decision over the Mexican billy goat, a headlong plunger like ex-champ Paddy Demarco. Substitute Vasquez had his unbeaten string snapped at 13 straight but he provided much stiffer competition than expected from a 4-1 underdog. The champion of Mexico substituted for Paolo Rosi of Italy, who was disapproved by the N.Y. Boxing Commission as "an unfit opponent" but who later gave Lulu Perez a lopsided beating.

Independents Set Phoenix Scuffle

Phoenix—Fans will have their first opportunity to see the Phoenix Merchants basketball team play at home this week.

The Merchants, members of the Medford Independent basketball League, will oppose Prospect of the MIBL, in a non-loop mix at 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 28, at the high school court.

Prospect is the leader in the league while Phoenix ranks third.

Pioneers Next For SOC Raiders

Ashland — Coach Ted Schoff and his Southern Oregon Red Raiders after taking time out for Christmas vacation will again be hard at work in preparation for their non-league hoop tussles with Lewis and Clark college December 29 and 30 at Portland. The Red Raiders will take a 4-2 record into the Lewis and Clark fray. Coach Schoff will leave Ashland Wednesday morning, December 28, and will take along 11 players to Portland.

Sports Broadcasts

Television station KBES will carry the Los Angeles Rams-Cleveland Browns pro championship football game starting at 12:45 p.m. Monday.

Mickey Mantle Named As Amer. League Top Hitter

Chicago — (U.P.) — Mickey Mantle, the New York Yankees' erratic young centerfielder, is the new No. 1 slugger of the American League.

The 24-year-old switch-hitter won the league's slugging honors for the first time this year with a .611 slugging percentage that topped the .546 figure compiled by Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers.

Official figures released by the Howe News Bureau disclosed that Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox was the nominal leader with a .703 mark. But Ted lost out in the race for official slugging honors for the same reason that he lost out in the race for the batting title—he failed to go officially to bat 400 times.

Mantle, who batted .306, had 158 hits for 316 total bases in 517 official times at bat. He hammered out a league-leading total of 37 homers, tied with teammate Andy Carey for the lead in triples with 11 each and Walloped 25 doubles. He knocked in 99 runs and drew 113 walks while striking out 87 times.

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SF Dons New York Bound After Win at New Orleans

By TIM MORIARTY
United Press Sports Writer
San Francisco's touring Dons headed for New York yesterday with their winning streak intact and the cheers of a New Orleans crowd ringing in their ears.

The nation's No. 1 basketball team warmed up for the Holiday Festival Tournament at Madison Square Garden by walloping Loyola of the South, 61-43, Friday night at New Orleans for its 33rd straight victory.

It was the fourth integrated basketball game played in the deep South and was minus any demonstration such as marred the Bradley-Loyola game in the Louisiana city earlier this week.

In fact, All-America center Bill Russell and other Negro players on the San Francisco squad were cheered loudly by an estimated 5,000 fans. Russell saw only limited action but still wound up with 20 points, including 14 in the first half.

A Wonderful Crowd
Following the game, Russell, a native of Monroe, La., admitted "it was a wonderful crowd." His sentiments were echoed by Coach Phil Woolpert, who had threatened to take his players off the court if the New Orleans fans repeated their demonstration of last Tuesday when they booed Bradley's Negro forward, Shellie McMillon.

"We couldn't dream of playing before a finer group," said Woolpert. He added, "The officiating was as good as I've ever seen."

Loyola held the Dons in check during the early minutes as the lead changed hands five times. But then Russell and K. C. Jones started hitting and San Francisco rolled ahead to stay, 17-8. The Dons led 31-12 at half.

Ski Conditions

Skiing conditions at Crater lake were fair to good, with deep powder snow, as of 4 p.m. Saturday. Snow depth was 80 inches with 5 inches of new snow. It was not snowing. The south and west roads were open, chains advised. The road from Annie Springs to the rim was open, chains or snow-tread tires required. The warming hut will be open today, weather permitting.

High School Scores

FRIDAY BASKETBALL
Boise (Ida.) 48, Baker 40
Milwaukie 66, Oregon City 30
Tillamook 53, Toledo 38
North Salem 73, Hudson Bay 32
Dallas 55, Forest Grove 43
Clatskanie 68, Nehalem 60
Central Monmouth 45, Stayton 40
Maupin 49, Arlington 41
Seaside 61, Rainier 53
Siletz 43, Tillamook Catholic 25
Phoenix 64, Ashland 61
Grants Pass 58, Crater 54 (overtime)
Pacific Tournament
Gaston 38, Cascade Locks 24
West Linn 42, Newberg 27
Mac Hill 46, St. Helens 38
Banks 50, Warrenton 32
Knappa 45, Sherwood 44

Knox Ready For Rose Bowl Game

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — UCLA's injured passing ace, Ronnie Knox, is expected to play in the Rose Bowl game Jan. 2 against Michigan State, a Bruin team physician said yesterday.

Dr. Walter Scott, a bone expert, said Knox's broken bone near his ankle was making a "remarkable recovery." The backfield star suffered the injury in a game last month against Washington. "I fully expect him to appear in the Rose Bowl game," Dr. Scott said.

Nashua Presented Key to City In Royal Welcome to Hialeah

Hialeah, Fla. — (U.P.) — A royal welcome yesterday awaited Nashua, the four-legged "king" of the sport of kings, who was due to arrive by train from Lexington, Ky., for the winter campaign.

The champion thoroughbred will be presented a key-to-the-city, carved from a giant carrot, by the mayor of Hialeah. Another conventional key-to-the-city will be handed to trainer Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons. Nashua, purchased last week for a record \$1,251,200 by a syndicate headed by Leslie Combs II of Lexington, has been nominated for the \$50,000 McLennan handicap at Hialeah, Feb. 4, and the \$100,000 Widener, Feb. 18.

If he wins both races, the husky son of Nasrullah will surpass Citation's record earnings of \$1,083,760. He already has earned \$945,415 in two years of racing.

In addition to the mayor, members of the chamber of commerce were on the welcoming committee. It marked the first time a Hialeah mayor welcomed a horse to the city since War Admiral arrived here in 1936.

SPORTS

Phoenix Wins First Hoop Tiff With Ashland Varsity

Phoenix — Phoenix high celebrated victory Friday night in its first varsity basketball contention with the Ashland Grizzlies and then turned its attention to a pair of holiday week doubleheaders.

The Pirates built up a 10-point margin in the fourth quarter here and survived a Grizzly rally of free shots to down Ashland 24 to 21. It was nip and tuck struggle for most of three quarters.

In the final panel the Ashlanders turned to a full-court pressing defense. The tactics held the Pirates to just two field goals for the period. But fouls against Ashland also resulted and the Phoenix quint dunked in 13 free buckets with nary a miss to pick up a bulge of 62 to 52 and 64 to 54.

Coach Al Simpson of the Grizzlies reserved for the final three minutes and they managed to clip the Phoenix lead to its final margin on seven free shots. The last sunk with just one second to play.

Free Shots Pay Off
It was the trips to the gift lane which made the difference in the final tabulation. Each club collected 20 field goals. Phoenix made good on 24 of 32 free chances and Ashland on 21 of 27 tries.

Bill Matson of Phoenix was high scorer of the game. He put in six field shots and 10 out of 14 free attempts for 22 points. Harry Johnson topped Ashland goalers with 16 tallies. Jim North, second high in the contest for Phoenix with 17, dropped in 23 five of his free opportunities. Ray Dahl of the Pirates followed in the scoring with 14.

Phoenix was able to plunk in more holders in real close than were the Grizzlies and the Pirates gave their Class A-1 opponents a good battle under the back boards.

Hot Scores & Festal
Hottest portion of the struggle was the second period. In it the

'Porgy And Bess' Staged For Russians
Leningrad — (U.P.) — The American company of "Porgy and Bess" Saturday sang Christmas carols over a Soviet radio. It was the 20th time since the 1917 revolution that such songs have been broadcast in the Soviet Union.

The Americans were forgetting the sub-zero cold this Christmas Eve in the warmth of their reception in the Soviet's second largest city.

Leningrad has gone wild over the members of the first American troupe to ever visit the Soviet Union. And the Americans almost unanimously agree that this is the most enthusiastic reception they have enjoyed in their years of globetrotting.

The Americans, even before they have presented the George Gershwin production, are a "solid hit." Russians look on in delight and admiration as they jitterbug in the restaurant of the Astoria, the plushiest hotel in Leningrad.

Gervais Man Killed When Car Misses Turn
Salem — (U.P.) — Charles J. McCall, 33, of Gervais was killed Friday night when his car missed a curve two miles south of Gervais junction, state police said Saturday.

McCall was returning from Salem, where he was employed, when he lost control of his car on the curve, officer Walter Karu said. McCall was found submerged in water in a ditch, but indications were he died from skull injuries and not from drowning, Karu said.

lead changed hands seven times. The Pirates went into that quarter on top 14 to 13 after once having a 14 to 6 spread. Ashland went in front for the first time at 15 to 14. Then the top spot alternated at 16 to 15 for Phoenix, 17 to 16 for Ashland, 18 to 17 for Phoenix, 19 to 18 for Ashland and 20 to 19 for Phoenix. The Pirates got a 26 to 21 gap but Ashland led at the half 27 to 26.

Three-point margins of 31 to 28 and 32 to 30 were the widest the Grizzlies could get on Phoenix during the night. That last lead was erased when Madden put in two free shots and then scored on a steal with two minutes playing in the third quarter. The points made it 34 to 33 for the home club and it stayed in front from then on. Tally at the end of the third quarter was 47 to 41.

Ashland's full court defense paid off in the early moments in the final stanza and Phil Sword, Stuart Baker and Parent managed field goals as the Pirate gap was sliced to 54 to 51.

Overtime Prelim
In the preliminary Ashland won in double overtime jayvee game from Phoenix, 49 to 47. Scott Peterson put in the sudden death field goal.

Third quarter of the game ended 34 to 32 for Phoenix but Ashland worked to 44 to 38 in the fourth panel. The Pirates fought back and Don Wallace's heave tied up the mix 44-all with five seconds left in the regular playing time. In the first overtime Jack Eberhart made it 46 to 44 for Ashland. Jim James got a field goal and free shot for 47 to 46 for Phoenix. Mel Dailey's free shot made the count 47-all sending the combat into sudden death.

Wallace scored 18 for Phoenix and Eberhart 16 for Ashland. Phoenix will play Talent at Eagle Point Monday night while the Eagles take on Arcata, Cal. Action moves to Phoenix on Tuesday with Talent meeting the Eagles and the Pirates opposing Arcata.

LINE-UPS:
Phoenix 64
R. Dahl 14
Wall 5
Madden 22
Korth 17
Broad 4
Substitutions—For Phoenix, Simmonds 2, D. Dahl, for Ashland, D. Fitch 2, Woods, Alley 2, Cliff, Johnson 18, M. Fitch 2, Green 1.

61 Ashland
12 Parent
10 Sword
8 Baker
4 Locke
2 Tobiasson

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Raider Harriers Stay Undefeated

Ashland — Southern Oregon College cross-country team maintained its unbeaten record recently when it defeated Humboldt State college in a return meet, 27-28, over a 2 1/2 mile course in Lithia park.

Winner of the grueling race was Dick Gustafson of Southern Oregon, with Glen Allison of the Red Raiders placing second. George Olson, another SOC runner placed fifth.

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