

SPORTS

Preps To Start Campaigns In Cage Loops This Week; Ashland, Medford Contend



HIS fingers still hugging rim, Bill Russell, USF center, begins descent as Conrad Burke (35), UCLA guard, looks on helplessly. Russell led Dons to thirty-sixth straight victory in New York. (International)

Fourteen high school basketball teams in this section of southern Oregon buckle down this week to the business of fighting for conference and district championships and state tournament berths.

Games that count toward titular trophies are scheduled in three circuits of the area on Friday and Saturday. Circuits are the Southern Oregon Conference of A-1 schools, the Rogue League of A-2 rivals and the Jackson County B League.

Medford is defending champ in the SOC, Crater in the Rogue and Talent in the B loop. Klamath Falls with a big advantage in height goes into the A-1 race as favorite but Medford figures as a strong contender and both Grants Pass and Ashland have indicated that they can't be counted out.

Phoenix with a veteran club looms as team to beat in the A-2 circuit. The Rogue race depends much on how well inexperienced teams of Crater, Eagle Point and Illinois Valley come along. St. Mary's and Rogue River appear again as the strongest contenders to dethrone Talent but Prospect seems much tougher than last year and could make a good bid.

FOUR WINNERS
Coral Gables, Fla.—(U.P.)—Willie Hartack, who led the nation's jockeys in 1955 with 417, got off to a fast start in 1956 by riding four winners Monday at Tropical Park.

IN TRAINING
Moscow—Vladimir Kuts, the Russian runner who formerly held the world record for 5,000 meters, is running 30 kilometers daily while training for a bid to better the international 5,000 meter standard of 13:40.6 set last October by Hungary's Sandor Iharos.

In the Southern Oregon Conference this week Medford plays at Ashland Friday and is host to the Grizzlies on Saturday, while Klamath Falls plays both nights at Klamath Falls. In the

Rogue League Illinois Valley plays Crater at Central Point on Friday and at Cave Junction on Saturday. Eagle Point will be at Phoenix on Friday at home to the Pirates on Saturday.

Friday games in the B league are Talent at Butte Falls, St. Mary's at Prospect and Jacksonville at Rogue River. Rogue River will be at Glendale for a non-league scrape to-

night. On the College front Southern Oregon will be at LaGrande on Friday and Saturday for Oregon Collegiate Conference contests. Medford's Hedrick junior high

seventh, eighth and ninth grade teams all play Grants Pass clubs on Friday afternoon at Hedrick. McLoughlin ninth will be host to Ashland freshmen the same afternoon.

WINS MEET
Adelaide, Australia — (U.P.) — Neale Fraser, a 22-year-old Australian who never before had played in a major tennis tournament final, won the South Australia singles title yesterday by upsetting Lew Hoed, Aussie Davis Cup star. 9-7, 4-6, 5-7, 7-5.

Horse Killed in Auto Accident Near Here

A horse owned by Gene Harold Foresee, 2811 Crater Lake highway, was killed about 5:30 a.m. Monday on Highway 62 near Builder's Supply when it was struck by a car driven by Ernest Harold Himmelman, route 1, box 656, Eagle Point. Foresee told state police the horse apparently escaped from its pasture and was crossing the highway. The left front section of the Himmelman vehicle was damaged.

Two other accidents, both relatively minor, were reported to state police over the weekend. One involved cars operated by Ernest John Wisely, 17 North Pacific st., Medford, and James N. Clark, route 1, box 127, Central Point, on Highway 99 just north of Medford. The other involved vehicles operated by James Burno Rose, 64, of Klam-

ath Falls, and William Clark Shepherd, 41, Little Butte Star route, Eagle Point, at the intersection of Highways 99 and 62. Police said there were no injuries in either accident.

Psychologist Tells How To Overcome Buck Fever
Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The best way to overcome buck fever and stage fright is to accept the idea that you are going to make mistakes, according to a University of Pittsburgh psychologist. Dr. Robert Patton, head of the Pitt psychology department, likens stage fright to the sensations soldiers experience before going into battle. "It is a form of shock," Patton said, "which people undergo when they are faced with the necessity for action and the possibility of failure."

Dairymen Plan To Attend Eugene Meet

Several valley dairymen are planning to attend the 62nd annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association, Inc., at Eugene Jan. 10-12. Among those attending will be Victor Birdseye, president of the American Dairy association of Oregon; Don Geren, president of Meadowland Shippers association; and Earl Jossy, county agricultural agent. Also expected to attend is a representative of the Jackson County Milk Producers league. Dick Westerburg, Ashland, is manager.

Two-Year-Old Listed As Driver In Auto Accident

East Providence, R. I.—(U.P.)—A baby was at the wheel of one of two automobiles involved in a collision. It seems that Thomas Carney's two-year-old son had taken his dad's car keys from the kitchen table. The tot toddled out to the car, turned on the ignition and stepped on the starter, just as he'd seen his father do. The car, left in reverse gear, backed out of the driveway and into a parked car. The baby was unhurt.



THE BIGGER THEY ARE—Ruth Nomellini, all 100 pounds of her, goes into tossing her wrestler husband, Leo (The Lion), and his 252 pounds, just to remind him who's boss. Then they boarded the Pan American Strato-Clipper behind them in San Francisco for flight to Honolulu where Leo will play in the Hula Bowl Pro-College football game Jan. 8. Just to keep busy, Leo also has three wrestling engagements in the islands.

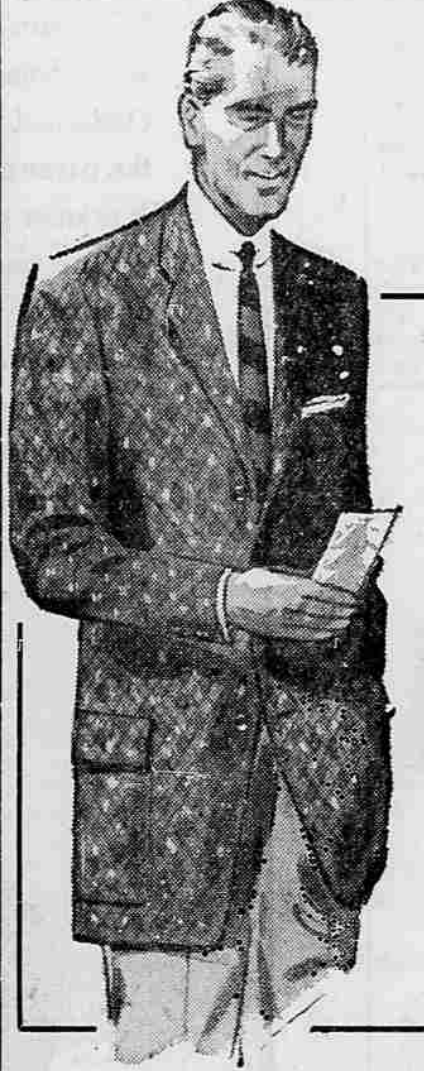
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