

Black Tornado Plays Grizzlies In League Opener Friday Night

If the Ashland high Grizzlies can get rolling and move in stride with their seeming potential, they could cause a considerable stir in the Southern Oregon Conference basketball campaign this year.

That "if" appears to be the basis of hope for the Grizzlies this week as they prepare for their conference opener series with Medford's defending champion Black Tornado.

Ashland will be host to Medford on Friday and on Saturday night the clubs move to Hedrick junior high court in Medford. The other two members of the loop also go at it this week with Klamath Falls playing both nights at Grants Pass.

At Ashland Coach Al Simpson has pointed out that his club is currently in a slump and that he is trying in drills to snap the Grizzlies out of it. And he has stated that, once the Ashlanders rouse out of their sag and get going, they "may do some good."

In particular drills for the Tornado series, defense has received considerable attention. Grizzly potential stems from a nucleus of veterans. There are four regulars back from last year. Simpson likely will have all four in the line-up at starting time. They are Stuart Baker, Gene Parent, Phil Sword and Harry Johnson. Fifth man of the quint may be Lance Locke.

Simpson will have Dave Woods and Mark Fitch ready as replacements and another reserve is Jack Tobiasson, fine sophomore prospect.

Baker and Tobiasson are the tallest of the Grizzlies at 6-2 and Parent is 6-1.

The Medford squad continued tuning for Ashland with its hardest work of the week last night. Tornado players went through a game and a quarter of good hard scrimmage plus their half-court work. And Coach Frank Rolandt commented that the Tornado crewmen looked "not bad at all."

The mentor indicated that Dick Cople is okeh after having missed the Cleveland game last week because of a lame back. Dick McLaughlin is still a bit

weak from a bout with flu but is expected to be ready for considerable service against Ashland. Both add much to Medford scoring and rebounding strength. Larry Gober is still sidelined by an ankle injury.

Medford's opening crew probably will be picked from among

the usual six, Cople, McLaughlin, John Foust, Neil Plumley, Lloyd Cearley and Bob Tisdell. Plumley's listed 6-4 height gives the Tornado a slight edge in altitude over the Grizzlies. Jayvee games are set for both days at 6:45 p.m. with varsity scuffles at 8:15 p.m.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



HOOP MAGICIAN—Herman Taylor, above, one of the greatest dribblers basketball has produced in years, will lead the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters when the magicians of the hoop courts meet the equally famous House of David quintet at Crater high school gym in Central Point on Thursday night, Jan. 26. The gala program will include a preliminary game, slated for 7 p.m., and a six-act variety show, which makes a full evening of family entertainment.

B League Opens on Friday; St. Mary's, Prospect Vie

St. Mary's high's Crusaders have been striving to make up for a week's lay-off as they prepare for their Jackson County B League basketball opener Friday night at Prospect.

The Crusaders, one of the top contenders for loop laurels this season, laid off after their December 27 fracas at Phoenix and did not resume drills until Tuesday when they returned to school following the holidays.

In an effort to get the club in top tune and further shake out the holiday kinks, Coach Millard Webb conducted two varsity workouts yesterday, calling 10 players back last night for a short evening drill. And for their week of inactivity Webb reported that the St. Mary's gang was "not looking too bad."

While the Medford parochial team is at Prospect, Butte Falls will play at Talent and Jacksonville will go to Rogue River for their first night games of the 1956 county B chase. The Talent-Butte Falls tangle was listed for the Logger court in a printed schedule but the correction, with Talent as home club, was reported this morning.

St. Mary's, Talent and Rogue River are expected to battle it out this season in what could prove a merry chase. But Prospect is expected to be more of a contender than it has been for a number of years.

In pre-league play St. Mary's won easily over Eagle Point, thumped Illinois Valley and Jacksonville soundly twice, trimmed Mt. Shasta and lost by a considerable margin to Phoenix. Talent dropped a close decision to Phoenix, took one of two games with Eagle Point, nicked Mt. Shasta and thumped Chiloquin.

Rogue River has split with Eagle Point and beat Illinois Valley twice by closer scores than did St. Mary's. The Chiefs suffered a one-sided loss to Phoenix.

Butte Falls has trimmed Jacksonville handsily but has suffered two defeats at the hands of Prospect. The Prospect five has clubbed Jacksonville and lost to Chiloquin. In addition to its non-loop skirmishes with county B clubs, Jacksonville has lost a pair to Eagle Point.

Starters Named
For St. Mary's Friday, Webb

Floyd Patterson Eyes Heavy Title

New York — (U.P.) — Remarkable Floyd Patterson of Brooklyn will try to become the youngest heavyweight champion in ring history this year instead of waiting until 1957 as previously planned.

Just 21, the sleepy-eyed but chain-lightning challenger said today he would be ready to launch his title drive next month in a bout with big Bob Baker of Pittsburgh—date and site to be announced later.

"I want to fight Rocky Marciano for the title in June or September," said the young Negro who was Olympic middleweight champion in 1952 and who has won 27 of his 28 professional bouts — 19 by knockouts. "I believe I can beat him because of my speed and punch."

Home Court Should Help In PCC Race

Eugene — (U.P.) — Coach Bill Borchert of the University of Oregon basketball team predicted today that the home-court advantage would play a major role in the forthcoming Pacific Coast conference basketball season.

He cited figures which showed that so far this season PCC teams have won 24 and lost 10 games played on their home courts. In games on the opponent's home court the same teams have won only three and lost 25.

On neutral courts, which include pre-season tournament games, PCC teams have won 10 out of 17 contests.

"It's hard to pin down the cause of the problem," Borchert said. "But it probably can be charged off to psychological reasons and unfamiliarity with the courts during the non-conference road games."

California is the only team to have a perfect record to date on the road among conference teams, winning from Arizona and Arizona State in its only road games. UCLA is the only other road winner, taking a decision from St. Johns of Brooklyn. These figures do not include tournament games against opponents on neutral courts.

410 Skeet Tiff Sunday

The 410 gauge skeet shooting tourney, postponed at an earlier date, will be held Sunday at Medford Gun club.

A trophy will be at stake in the 50-bird event. In addition a 50-bird all-bore skeet event with added handicap for a merchandise prize will be conducted.

Shooting will begin at 10 a.m. Members will vie on Sunday, January 15, in the annual Red-Bull team trapshoot. Annual meeting and dinner of the club will be on Wednesday night, January 18.

Ed Pease was top shooter in last Sunday's practice with 21 out of 25 in 410-gauge skeet and 48 out of 50 in 16-yard bird busting. Paul Culbertson also broke 48 at 16-yards and George Jantzer cracked 46.

Bragan Not Crying; Hopes To Put Zing in Pittsburgh

(This is the second of a series of interviews by United Press staffers with the major league managers on their prospects for 1956.)

By ED FITE
Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — There's a lot that's plaguing Bobby Bragan these days but you'd never know it to talk to the effervescent freshman manager of those perennial last place Pirates.

Anyone who inherits the job of running the Pirates is more to be pitied than censured, no matter what happens, but Bragan doesn't want anybody feeling sorry for him.

He has plans about how to get Pittsburgh out of the doldrums next season.

"Mostly they involve general things," Bragan said. "Right now I don't want to talk too much about specific players and specific positions because I don't know too much about what everybody can do. But I don't see anything to cry about."

"For one thing we should have one of the better pitching staffs in the league. I think a lot of clubs would be glad to swap pitching staffs with us. The Pirates had some good kids last year and of course Bob Friend led the league in earned runs with 2.84 and his 14-9 record on a last place club wasn't to be sneezed at either."

Bragan also is high on George Munger, the red-haired ex-Redbird, who picked up a knuckler while pitching in the Pacific Coast League and became a consistent winner.

"He's a lot better pitcher than he was when he was with St. Louis," said Bragan. "The Pirates turned down a lot of money for him recently."

Among the general improvements Bragan hopes to make is to get some zing into the Buccos on the baselines.

"Last year the entire club stole only 17 bases," he said. "A team ought to do better than that even if it is the fat men at the Sunday school picnic."

Basketball

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE SCORES
East: Villanova 70, West Chester St. 52, St. Joseph's (Pa.) 69, LaSalle 56, Canisius 71, Fordham 63, Holy Cross 65, Connecticut 68, Syracuse 85, Cornell 67, Delaware 84, Rutgers 73, St. Bonaventure 80, Lemoyne 70, Seton Hall 69, Loyola (Md.) 54, St. John's (N.Y.) 86, Rhode Is. 81.
South (Senior Bowl): Spring Hill 102, Clemson 91, Memphis St. 79, Miami (Fla.) 71, Wake Forest 84, Duke 71, Louisville 112, Morehead (Ky.) 64.
Midwest: Notre Dame 83, Butler 69, Kansas St. 67, College of Pacific 36, Arkansas St. 78, Mississippi 71, Marquette 74, Para Univ. 43.
Southwest: Texas A&M 90, Baylor 70, Kansas 65, Oklahoma A&M 62, Oklahoma City 58, Tulsa 50, SMU 87, Rice 67, TCU 73, Texas 67.
West: Utah 71, Montana 56, Gonzaga 78, Seattle 63.

SMU Whips Rice 87-65; Tulsa Beaten

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer
Re-runs of two of the biggest holiday basketball tournaments boomed the national title hopes of successful Southern Methodist today, but left Tulsa wishing the clock could be turned back.

SMU nipped Rice, 76-73, in overtime last Friday in the final round of the Southwest conference pre-season tourney at Houston, and Wednesday night the Mustangs emphasized their superiority by drubbing Rice, 87-65 in a regular-season game at Dallas.

Tables Turned
Tulsa downed Oklahoma City, 65-58, last Thursday in the finals of the All-College tourney at Oklahoma City, but Oklahoma City turned the tables on Wednesday night, 58-50, on Tulsa's own court.

The last big holiday tournament got underway at Mobile, Ala., with Memphis State and Spring Hill qualifying for tonight's final round in mild surprises. Memphis State upended Miami, Fla., 79-71, and Spring Hill upset Clemson, 102-91.

Utah, and Holy Cross, rated No. 8 and 9 nationally, were among Wednesday night's most impressive winners. The Utes broke loose late to down Montana, 71-56, and Holy Cross easily turned back Connecticut, 85-68.

Rogue League Action To Open Friday Night

With a veteran Phoenix club favored to take the crown in a 12-game slate over a two-month haul, the quest for the Rogue League hoop diadem begins this week.

The Pirates of Phoenix open against a club which could prove their toughest foe and the other week end series will match a pair of clubs still after their first triumphs of the season.

Phoenix will be host to Eagle Point on Friday and the two clubs meet again on the Eagle floor on Saturday. Illinois Valley will play Crater at Central Point in a Friday mix and the two quintets battle at Cave Junction on Saturday.

Most impressive pre-conference showing has been by the Pirates, who have won six and lost only one, their season opener, Eagle Point has broken even at five and five in its pre-conference activity, while Illinois Valley has failed to win in seven tries and Crater has been without victory in seven games.

Against common foes Phoenix has whacked Rogue River while Eagle Point has split with the Chiefs in close games. Eagle Point has won twice in three games with Talent while Phoenix barely managed the decision in its only fray with the Bulldogs. However, Phoenix swamped St. Mary's after the Medford club had scored an easy verdict over the Eagles.

Illinois Valley has lost twice to Rogue River and has suffered a defeat at the hands of Glendale which split with Phoenix. Eagle Point and Crater each have lost a pair of contests to Oakridge.

Phoenix is expected to open with its crew of Ray Dahl, Bill

Hawkinson's, YMCA Take MIBL Games

YMCA and Hawkinson Tire tread kept firm grip on their positions in the Medford Independent Basketball League last night.

The YMCA, in second place, drubbed Company A of the National Guard 77 to 44 while Hawkinson's whacked another Guard unit, Headquarters Company, 68 to 45.

No score was reported for Prospect's scuffle at Butte Falls. Dennis Davis and Jim Singler headed Y scoring with 12 points each and Dick Wooton got 11. Jim Higinbotham of Company A, however, was top shooter with 16 and Vern Parent, also got 12 for the Guard.

Bob Cavanaugh recorded 21 for Hawkinson's while John Drew scored 17 for Headquarters.

Games last night ended play for the week.

LINE-UPS:
YMCA 75
Smith 5 f
Denman 6 f
Wooton 11 c
Thompson 5 g
Davis 12 g
Substitutions—For YMCA, Niles 4, Rodgers 9, Weber 10, Singler 12, Mintz, Soderlund 6; for Company A, Parent 12, Carrigan, Nolan.
Hawkinson's 68
Wallace 9 f
Serak 11 f
Cavanaugh 21 c
J. Johnson 6 g
L. Johnson 6 g
Substitutions—For Hawkinson's, Boardman, F. Johnson 7, Nichols 2, D. Johnson 6.

Okl. Winner Of Rice Trophy

New York — (U.P.) — Oklahoma university's champion Sooners, who were undefeated and untied during the 1955 college football season and who defeated Maryland in the Orange bowl, Jan. 2, have been named winners of the second annual Grantland Rice award, symbolic of the national collegiate championship.

SKIER INELIGIBLE
Washington — (U.P.) — Sven Johansson, Alaskan skier formerly of Astoria, Ore., has been ruled ineligible for the 1956 U.S. Olympic cross-country ski team because of an immigration law provision. Johansson, who came to the United States from his native Sweden in 1950, applied for U.S. citizenship at Anchorage last Dec. 19. A 30-day waiting period required by the McCarran-Walter Act slowed his naturalization, however.

G. Fullmer Victor Over Castellani

Cleveland, Ohio — (U.P.) — The one judge who voted against him may cost young Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, a chance for a re-match with Eduardo Lausse of Argentina.

While Fullmer seemed to be breezing to a bruising 10-round victory Wednesday night over Rocky Castellani, Judge Charlie Bill saw the fight as a Castellani victory. His score, 95-92, was at odds with those of the other judge and the referee, both of whom had Fullmer on top by a comfortable margin. The United Press, too, saw the Mormon on top by a 98-91 spread.

The winner of the bout was supposed to get a shot at Lausse, the crowd-pleasing Argentine slugger who goes after his 33rd straight victory Friday night. Because Fullmer gained only a split verdict, and because he brought out "the tiger" in Castellani in a rousing finish to please the sparse home town gathering of 1,487, a re-match between those same two seemed more probable.

Fullmer, a wildcat who threw punches from everywhere, was at his best when he worked on Castellani's stomach. The Clevelander tried his usual style of grabbing his opponent, but soon changed the tactic when Fullmer sailed in with the left, then followed with rights over the back.

Northwest Chase Begins

Portland — (U.P.) — The Northwest conference basketball race, which figures to be closer this year with Elgin Baylor gone from College of Idaho, opens with three games tomorrow night.

Baylor last year led College of Idaho to 15 straight victories. He has transferred to Seattle university where he is not eligible until next season.

Opening games find Willamette at College of Idaho, Linfield at Whitman and Pacific and Lewis and Clark.

Public Camping To Be Allowed On Game Tracts

Portland — At a recent meeting of the Oregon Game Commission, the board of commissioners voted unanimously to allow public camping on lands administered by the Commission.

The policy as adopted will be by permit only and will allow overnight camping by groups or individuals for educational or recreational purposes as long as it does not conflict with the primary land uses or jeopardize wildlife or property.

All permits shall be issued by the area superintendents under the following conditions: The camping site and period of use shall be designated on the permit; permittee shall agree to maintain the camp site in a sanitary and unlitlered condition and observe regulations for the prevention of fires and the safeguarding of lives and property; permits shall be revocable in the event of any violation of laws or regulations pertaining to the area in question.

No permits will be required for camping on the Wenaha, White River, and North Fork John Day River big game winter ranges for hunting or fishing purposes.

Friel said he guessed Reichert just quit the squad.

Williams Gains Griffith Award

Washington — (U.P.) — Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox slugger, has been named the initial recipient of the Clark Griffith Memorial Trophy by the Washington Touchdown club. The award, honoring the late president of the Washington Senators, will be made annually to the person who makes the greatest contribution to baseball in the opinion of a special club committee.

Johnston Sparks Warrior Victory

BY UNITED PRESS
Neil Johnston, the "old pro" of the National Basketball Association, proved the difference in the Philadelphia Warriors' latest triumph.

The six-foot-eight Johnston, who led the NBA in scoring the last three seasons, netted five points within the final minute and 40 seconds Wednesday night to gain an 88-87 victory for the Warriors over the Syracuse Nationals and boost Philadelphia's Eastern division lead to two and one-half games.

The 26-year-old former Ohio State star scored 26 points.

The New York Knickerbockers gained their second win in two nights over the Boston Celtics, 103-86, the Fort Wayne Pistons boosted their Western division lead to three games by defeating the Rochester Royals, 88-86, and the Minneapolis Lakers downed the St. Louis Hawks, 94-78, in other games.

Missionaries May Start United States Trip Soon

Manila, P. I. — (U.P.) — Dr. and Mrs. Homer Bradshaw, of New York City, released recently after five years imprisonment in Communist China, may be well enough to continue their trip to the United States next week, medical officials said today.

11,896,098 Fish Liberated During 1956 in Oregon

Portland — During the month of November, a total of 225,819 trout and salmon were released from the Oregon Game Commission hatcheries raising the yearly total to 11,896,098 fish released during 1955 according to Reino Koaki, chief of fish liberations, Oregon Game Commission.

Although approximately 50,000 more salmon and steelhead were on the release schedule for December, adverse water conditions delayed plantings, and the fish are being held for later plantings.

Catchable Size
Tabulations show that 2,945,197 fish were of catchable size when released six inches or over in length. Of this number, 2,181,845 were rainbow trout, 284,317 steelhead trout, 136,914 cutthroat trout, 78,534 eastern brook trout, and 24,198 lake trout. The remaining 239,389 yearling releases were chinook and silver salmon. The great majority of the yearling fish were released in the stream systems throughout the state.

All remaining fish were classified as fry or fingerlings with the vast majority being released in the lakes, reservoirs, and other impoundments of the state. Total weight of all fish released was 585,637 pounds.

Steelhead Punch Cards Expired

Portland — The Oregon Game Commission reminds all anglers that salmon-steelhead punch cards expired on December 31, 1955.

All of the license agencies throughout the state are prepared to receive the old cards and issue new ones which will remain valid during the 1956 calendar year.

Anglers possessing punch cards that expire at the end of December are required by law to return them to the game commission not later than February 15, 1956. To facilitate the return, collection boxes have been placed in all license agencies.

A successful salmon and steelhead management program can only be realized through the cooperation of the anglers who harvest the fish, game men said. Without a knowledge of the catch, not only on a state-wide basis, but more important, by the major stream, the results of stream clearance, screening, planting, and regulations can never be properly assessed, they added.

High School Scores

WEDNESDAY BASKETBALL
Helix 74, Ukiah 42
Siletz 41, Toledo 39
Star of the Sea 56, Corbett 28.

Bowling

WOMEN'S CLASSIC LEAGUE
Elsie Baker of Hawkinson Tire, bowled high individual series of 553 and games of 201 and 200 in the Women's Classic Bowling League. Hawkinson had high team game with an 857 and got 2393 for high team series. Mable Clark of Union Club carded a 543 series and a 214 game. Dell Christianson of Elk Lumber had 541 series and 207. Vivian Knox of Hawkinson scored a 540 series. Jackie Wilson of Jorgensen's picked a 5-10 split and Kathie Jennings of Morning Fresh a 4-7-9.

Standings:
Jorgensen's Dairy 51 25
D. Christian 51 25
M. Clark 49 27
Medford Feed and Seed 49 27
Morning Fresh 40 36
Union Club 39 37
Mary's Casa 38 38
Kachina Room 38 38
Daugherty Lumber Co. 37 39
Hawkinson's Tire 35 41
Elk Lumber Co. 32 44
Jack's Drive Up 30 46
Trail Creek Lumber 18 38

RESULTS:
Elk Lumber 4 1
D. Christian 51 1
J. Forga 385 5
V. Florey 388 5
A. Tamney 421 1
A. Swaope 511 1
Handicap 36

Jorgensen's 2
C. Lowd 473
J. Wilson 452
J. Carr 409
P. Willett 439
E. Gardner 402
Handicap 3

Mary's Casa 0
M. Dyer 343
V. Florey 388
Absentee 408
Absentee 399
V. Blunt 473
Handicap 54

Medford Feed 3
M. Tennant 414
D. Hawley 472
E. Lachne 426
R. Barr 467
Handicap 59

Union Club 2
V. Cummings 416
R. Eberius 377
Straus 399
E. Lachne 426
M. Clark 543
Handicap 42

Trail Creek 1
M. Pennington 458
A. Elrod 279
E. Hale 429
J. Jantzer 377
E. Goode 355
Handicap 54

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