

# Ailments Plague Medford Squad For Hoop Tussles With Ashland

A better record against stronger competition in pre-conference scuffles rates Medford high's Black Tornado the favorite in its Southern Oregon Conference basketball starter series against the Ashland Grizzlies but Tornado ailments could easily be a leveling factor.

Medford and Ashland hoopmen begin 1956 league play at Ashland this evening. They complete their week end series at Hedrick junior high gymnasium in Medford Saturday night.

The Black Tornado goes into conference play with a record of five victories and two defeats in tune-up engagements. Ashland has won three and lost the same in its warmer-uppers.

In the Medford victory column are decisions over North Bend, Marshfield, Roseburg and Franklin high of Portland. The locals split with Eugene and dropped a verdict to Cleveland of Portland. Ashland recorded preleague wins over Fortuna, Calif., an Talent, divided with Bend and lost to Phoenix and Cottage Grove.

night just what Cople's status would be for the Ashland tussles.

Slessler was on hand for drill last night but not feeling too well. McLaughlin was feeling better after an earlier siege with the bug.

If all hands are available Coach Frank Roelandt will as usual choose his starters from

among Cople, McLaughlin, Johnny Foust, Neil Plumley, Lloyd Cearley and Bob Tisdell.

For Ashland Mentor Al Simpson may name Gene Parent, Stuart Baker, Phil Sword, Harry Johnson and Lance Locke.

Junior varsity games begin each night at 6:45 p.m. Varsity hassles are set for about 8:15 p.m.

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# SPORTS



**RECEIVES GRID TROPHY**—Pvt. Eddy Baker, right, ex-Medford high, receives trophy for his service as a regular on the Sixth Regimental Combat team football eleven in Germany. Making the presentation is Baker's commanding officer, Col. John K. Boles. Baker played halfback for the Unicorns who had a 5-2 record in 1955 after having won the eastern conference title in 1953 and 1954. He did not play football at Medford high. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Baker, 315 South Peach st., is stationed with the combat team at Straubing, Germany.

**Copple Pulls Muscle**

At last report the Ashland squad was intact for the week end engagements. Not so with Medford. Dick Copple has a pulled back muscle. Dick McLaughlin and Larry Slessler are weakened by attacks of flu and Larry Gober is laid up with an ankle sprain. Cople and McLaughlin have been regular starters for the Tornado this season.

It had been announced Wednesday night that Copple, who missed the Cleveland fray, would be okay for action against the Grizzlies. Although he pulled another muscle that afternoon, the ailment was not thought serious. But the forward missed yesterday's workout and it was not known last

## Top Notch Leading in Pin Tourney

Top Notch Cafe still held on to top spot last night at the end of the third evening of team competition in the Medford Bowling associations annual tournament.

Total compiled by Top Notch early in the week was 2933.

Second position was taken over by United States National bank with 2906. U. S. Bank squad is a new quintet this season in the local kegling fraternity. Medford Barbers' local held on to third with 2894.

Other teams among the top 12 are Valentine's cafe 2886, Andly's jewelry 2843, Moore Steel company 2837, Hammer's Sporting Goods 2824, Hight's Real Estate and Valley Music company with 2811, Pfaff's Sewing center 2809, First National bank 2804 and Mail Tribune 2803.

Team contention will be completed this evening and the Sunday shift will start the annual chase for top names in doubles, singles and all-events.

## Bowling Program On TV Saturday

A regular series of Saturday Bowling programs will be telecast by station KBES starting tomorrow. Time will be 5 to 6 p.m.

First of the championship bowling films will feature a match between two Chicago rollers, Paul Krumske and Joe Wilman.

Krumske, who shares the world's record doubles score of 2009 for four games, has tabulated 26 perfect (300) games and has a game average of 205 over 22 years in the Chicago Classic League. Wilman is a Hall of Fame member and a former national match game titlist. He has copped two American Bowling congress crowns and has been an ABC all-star tourney victor.

Steven's Auto sales here, Medford Bowling lanes and other bowling alleys in southern Oregon are sponsors of the local showing.

## Multnomah Kennel Club Buys Acreage for Track

Portland—(U.P.)—Multnomah Kennel Club, in a surprise move, yesterday announced purchase of a 70-acre tract east of Portland for immediate construction of a greyhound racing track and a 6000-seat grandstand.

The tract is part of a 170-acre property previously optioned by the Multnomah county commissioners for a new fairgrounds. Murray Kemp, vice president of the kennel club, said the dog racing property would be sold to the county at cost if the commissioners are allowed to proceed with their own construction plans.

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## Big-Time Boxing Virtually Dead in NY; Guild Defiant

**By JACK CUDDY**

New York—(U.P.)—Big-time boxing was virtually dead in New York state today, and the great question was, "where can the ghost be shifted?"

The N. Y. sport was finished for an indefinite period Thursday night effective Jan. 15 when the Boxing Guild of New York voted formal defiance of the N.Y. State Athletic commission's ban against the guild.

Under the commission's ban, no fight manager can be active in the state and retain membership in the guild. But the members voted unanimously to remain in the Guild even though it meant shifting their fighters to other states.

But the proposed shift to other areas ran into a snag Thursday night in the person of Gov. Theodore McKeldin of Maryland, and the possibility loomed that other governors might follow McKeldin's lead.

He questioned the advisability of welcoming to Maryland fighters that were banned in N. Y. state. He raised the question after Chairman Julius Helfand of the New York commission had blasted the Maryland commission for permitting promoter Tex Sullivan to arrange to move his Monday night TV fights from St. Nicholas arena, N. Y., to the Baltimore coliseum, starting Jan. 23—or possibly Jan. 16.

Meanwhile, Madison Square Garden promoter Jim Norris of the International Boxing club was expected to announce plans before nightfall for moving his Friday night TV-radio fights from New York state to other states. He flew in from Miami Thursday night.

Charley Johnston, president of the International guild and manager of Champions Sandy Saddler and Archie Moore and middleweight contender Eduardo Lasse attended Thursday night's N. Y. chapter meeting.

After the unanimous vote of 66 members was announced, he declared, "We wanted our boxers to fight in N. Y. state. But we couldn't do anything with

## Ducks, Geese Inventoried

Portland—Annual winter inventory of migratory ducks and geese on a national scale is being conducted through January 16 according to Chet Kebbe, chief of waterfowl, Oregon Game Commission.

More than 2,200 state and federal waterfowl specialists will make the count using 146 airplanes for aerial surveys in addition to motor vehicles used on the ground. Every known waterfowl wintering area from southern Canada to Yucatan in southern Mexico will be covered in the survey.

In Oregon such places as the Klamath basin, the Columbia and Snake river basins, the Willamette valley, Sauvie Island, and other areas where waterfowl spend the winter, will be included in the count. Field agents of the Oregon Game Commission will participate in the inventory.

**Shows Distribution**

The survey is of considerable value in showing the distribution of wintering waterfowl and particularly shifts in distribution resulting from major changes in land and water management. Also, valuable information is obtained regarding the actual numbers of birds present in certain areas and North America as a whole.

This is the eighth such survey which can be considered as comparing with the counts of previous years. The surveys are run on a large scale, and by covering the whole continent in a two-week period an accurate count of population numbers is obtained with little chance of birds being counted twice.

## Seattle Turns Tables On Gonzaga Hoopsters

Spokane—(U.P.)—A fired up Seattle University basketball team turned the tables last night and led all the way to defeat Gonzaga 89-72 in a non-conference tilt here.

Wednesday night, Gonzaga had upset the favored Chieftains 78-63.

Guard Cal Bauer led the attack with 22 points followed by teammates Dick Stricklin with 19 and Bob Sanford with 18.

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## Independent Loop Passes Half Mark

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YMCA	6	1	.857
Phoenix	5	2	.714
Hawkinson Tire Tread	5	3	.625
Butte Falls	2	3	.286
Company A (NG)	2	5	.286
Headquarters Co. (NG)	2	6	.250
Moore Lodge	0	7	.000

Medford Independent Basketball League slipped past the half-way mark of its regular schedule this week with strong Prospect still in the lead and undefeated.

There was no shift in positions among the top four teams in the circuit in this week's action. The gap between them and the bottom four, however, grew considerably wider.

An 85 to 60 victory over Butte Falls Wednesday did enable Prospect to make its edge over once-beaten YMCA a full game and stretched to two the game gap over third spot Phoenix Merchants.

All members of the loop have played at least seven conflicts. When Hawkinson Tire Tread tipped Headquarters company of the National Guard on Wednesday it was Game No. 8 on the slates of those clubs and opened the second round of play. MIBL activity resumes next Monday.

**LINE-UPS:**

Prospect 85: 60 Butte Falls  
Kimmel 7 10 J. Moore  
Sullivan 1 2 Brown  
Greb 12 11 Snoch  
Staus 9 13 Abbott  
Pruitt 24 2 Cooley

Substitutions—For Prospect, Cory 17, Winkle 7, Osborn 1, Snyder 2, N. Peterson, S. Peterson 2, Robinson; for Butte Falls, Tygart, Smith 2, Dilard 4, D. Moore 16.

## Dayton Trips Dukes 68-52; 10th in Row

**By JOHN GRIFFIN**

United Press Sports Writer

The Dayton Flyers, who won't concede for a minute that San Francisco is the best basketball team in the nation, matched the Dons' perfect 10-0 record today by adding an impressive victory over old foe Duquesne.

Thursday night's 68-52 triumph on their home court was a victory that the Flyers, who are ranked second nationally behind San Francisco, wanted very badly.

For one thing, it matched the Dons' record for this year, although it doesn't come close to matching the champions' mark of 36 straight extending back to 1954. For another, it gave Dayton revenge for a 70-58 defeat by Duquesne in the final round of last season's National Invitation tournament.

**Green Scores 30**

All-America Sihugo Green made a brilliant effort to stop Dayton, scoring a game-high total of 30 points. In the first eight minutes, he tallied nine points to lead the Dukes to a 13-12 lead. But then seven-foot Bill Uhl of the Flyers tipped in a rebound and Dayton never fell behind again. As Duquesne played a slow-down game to combat the Flyers' big height and speed edge, Dayton ground out a 32-26 halftime margin and pulled away to win easily in the final 10 minutes.

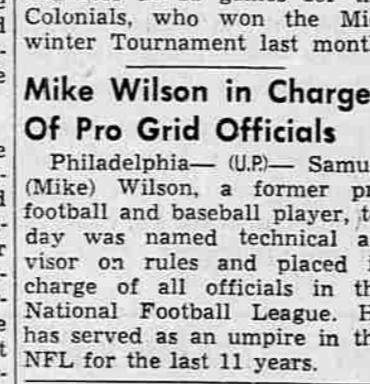
While Dayton kept zooming along, George Washington, ranked No. 10 in the nation, was Thursday night's major upset victim, 62-48, in a game against Maryland. It was only the second loss in 11 games for the Colonials, who won the Mid-winter Tournament last month.

## Mike Wilson in Charge Of Pro Grid Officials

Philadelphia—(U.P.)—Samuel (Mike) Wilson, a former pro football and baseball player, today was named technical advisor on rules and placed in charge of all officials in the National Football League. He has served as an umpire in the NFL for the last 11 years.

## Globetrotters Desire Russell

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—The Harlem Globetrotters "are working on a deal" to sign All-America center Bill Russell of San Francisco, manager Milt Saperstein revealed today. He said the Trotters also are interested in seven-foot Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain, currently a freshman at Kansas.



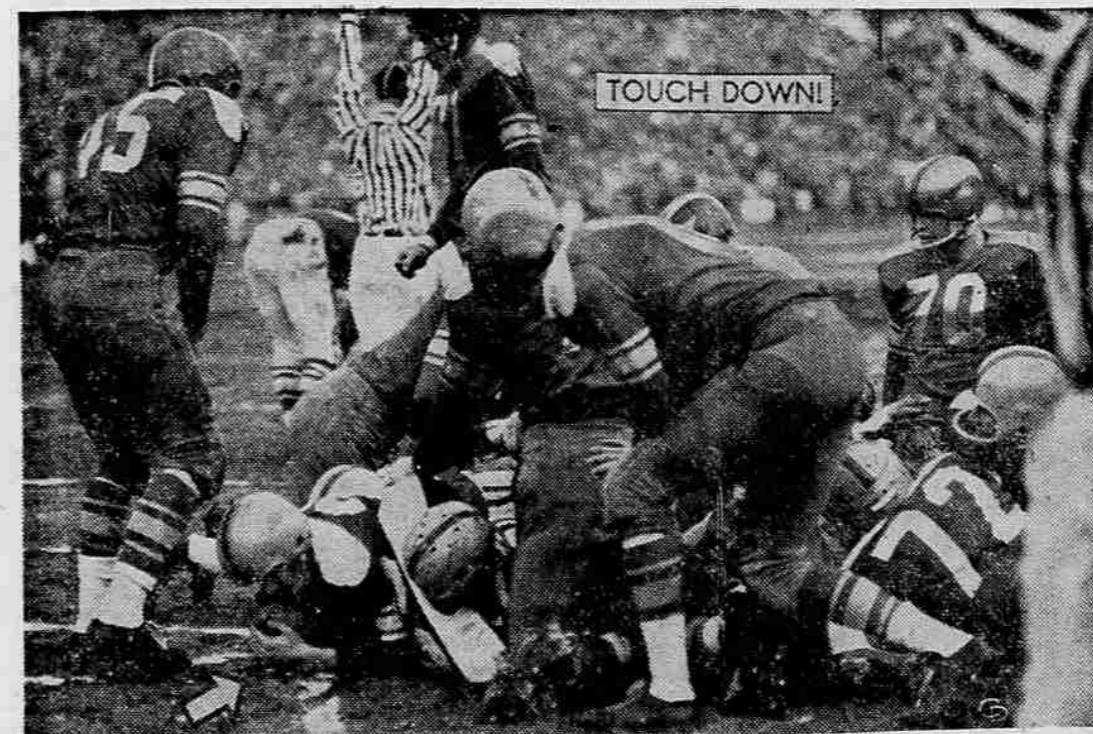
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**TOUCH DOWN!**

SNEAKING OVER GOAL from one-yard line, East Quarterback Garet Reichow scores in first period of San Francisco Shrine game, won by East 29-6. Arrow points to ball safely in end zone. Reichow was voted most valuable player. (International)

**Sports Broadcasts**

Radio stations KYJC, KMED and KWIN all will broadcast the Medford-Ashland high school basketball games Friday and Saturday. Games get underway about 8:15 p.m. each night. Television station KBES on Saturday will present the Indiana-Wisconsin college hoop game at noon and the USC-California tussle at 2 p.m.

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