

# Black Tornado Takes On Tall, Able Pel Quintet This Week End

Great height and all-around ability were factors which in the 1955 basketball season helped carry the Medford High Black Tornado through an undefeated Southern Oregon Conference basketball slate and to second place in the Class A state tournament.

The Klamath Falls Pelicans have a similar combination of height and ability this year. That's what the Black Tornado will be up against Friday and Saturday in a loop series in Pelican town. And this week end's two-game stand should indicate to a large extent how much the Pel combination will be a force in the 1956 chase for the circuit's title bunting.

Glenn Moore, 6-foot 6-inch sophomore transfer from Bly, and Earle Tichenor, 6-5 senior, represent the main forces of Klamath altitude. Both have demonstrated their ability to score and collect the rebounds in games so far this season.

This morning that he feels the Tornado is ready mentally for the Pelicans and he stated that the team should be okeh physically barring any mishaps this afternoon. He expressed the opinion that if the Medford

crew hustles and scraps all the way there is good chance for triumph over Klamath Falls.

Other Southern Oregon Conference has Ashland at Grants Pass on Friday and the clubs at Ashland on Saturday.

## MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

# SPORTS

### Phoenix, Crater To Tussle For Lead in Rogue League

Phoenix and Crater high schools, the two top aggregations last year in Rogue League basketball, renew court rivalry on Friday and Saturday nights. If either club can win both games, it will take over sole leadership of the loop.

Clashes are set for Central Point on Friday and for Phoenix on Saturday. In other Rogue competition Eagle Point plays Illinois alley at Cave Junction on Friday and at Eagle Point on Saturday.

Goyette, guards. Dick Davis and Bob Gray are expected to see considerable service.

At Phoenix, where Coach Jack Woodward has been trying to develop reserve strength, the tutor said that the Pirates have looked "real good" in practice this week. The Pirates defensively have been working at measures to stop a fast break attack. Their offense is being primed to meet the anticipated Crater defense.

Phoenix and Crater with two wins and no losses each are tied presently for the Rogue lead. Each club is going into the week end with apparent confidence.

At Central Point, Coach Leonard Warren reported that the Crater Comets looked good in a drill last night. He said he thought the Comets would be "ready as much as they can be." The mentor indicated that he would have lived to have just a bit more time to prep the Comets for the series. The club has been working on a defense aimed at stopping the Pirate high scorers, all of them. Warren said it would help if Crater possessed more speed.

Among the reserves Jim James, Don Wallace and Gary Simmonds have improved of late. Woodward hopes to use them during the Crater games to give the regulars rests. The five starters, Ray Dahl, Charles Wall, Bill Madden, Jim Korth and Delmar Brood, went all the way in last Saturday's game at Eagle Point.

### People at Strength

People is now at full strength for the first time since he broke a foot early in football season. An ankle sprain and flu kept People sidelined during the fore part of hoop play.

Tichenor is still suffering from an ankle sprain suffered in the second Jefferson game two weeks ago. But he scored 29 and 22 points in the Grants Pass scuffles since then and his ankle should be stronger for the Medford series. Moore and McGill were on the "under the weather" list at the beginning of this week but are expected to be okeh for the series.

### Flood Stranded Fish Returned To Rogue River

An estimated 150,000 ocean bound steelhead and chinook salmon, stranded in ponds and ditches when Pre-Christmas flood waters receded, were returned to Rogue river in a week-long operation by three Game Commission men.

Cole Rivers area fish biologist, and two others participated in the operation in the week following the flood.

### Company A Raps Leader In City Loop

Company A of the National Guard pulled the big upset of the Medford Independent Basketball League season last night by defeating the league leading Prospect quint.

Vern Parent sparked a fourth quarter rally which enabled the Guardsmen to nip the Upper Rogue team 58 to 57. It was the first league loss for Prospect which, however, retained its front position in the circuit.

### Hunting Mishaps Kill 10 in 1955

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Game Commission reported today that 10 persons were fatally wounded in 1955 hunting accidents and 46 others were wounded less seriously.

The total compared to 13 deaths in 1954 hunting seasons and 37 accidents reported. The commission added, however, that accident reporting had become more efficient and that the actual increase over 1954 might not be as large as appeared on the surface.

### 1st Big Indoor Meet Saturday

Boston — (U.P.) — The first big indoor track meet of the year may prove to be disappointing as far as the records go.

Many of the leading entries in Saturday's 30th annual Knights of Columbus meet at Boston Garden might be caught looking past the night — their eyes on the 1956 Olympic try-outs at Los Angeles next June. The brighter lights, at least many of them, are adjusting their training schedules for June, not January.

### Game Man To Discuss Waterfowl Program

Students at Jacksonville high school and Howard elementary school will have an opportunity to learn more about international wildlife when Cal Giesler, education agent, Oregon Game commission, presents a program on waterfowl management at a student assembly on January 16, 1956.

Giesler will discuss Oregon's part in the nationwide program of providing feeding, nesting and resting grounds for waterfowl to insure their perpetuation and the acquisition and development of lands for public shooting grounds to provide recreational opportunities.

### Line-Ups

Hawkinson's 86	36 Moose
Wallace 21	McQuade
Sarak	White
Cavanaugh 10	Barrett
J. Johnson 11	11 H. Waldron
D. Johnson 13	7 Williams
Substitutions — For Hawkinson's	
Boardman 19	F. Johnson 2, Nichols 6, L. Johnson 4, for Moose, J. Waldron, Ken Tucker 12, Eastgate, Jones 4.
Co. A, 58	
Higinbotham 14	37 Prospect
Nolan 3	13 Grebb
Trautman 7	3 Corey
Parent 26	8 Kimmel
J. Burns 2	19 Stauffer
Substitutions — For Co. A, Colley	12 Price
S. Stubbs 2, D. Burns 4, MacIntyre, Carrigan, for Prospect, N. Peterson 2, S. Peterson, Snyder, Larson, Winkie, Sullivan, Osburn.	

### High School Scores

THURSDAY BASKETBALL
Knappa 47, Neahkahnie 42.
St. Mary's of The Dalles 55, Dufur 48.
Sherwood 62, Corbett 30.

### Line-Ups

Rogue River 92	72 Glendale
Moore 21	10 Young
Lane 38	13 Munyan
Weaver 16	2 Brown
Phillips 2	12 Stein
Stinchcomb 3	2 Mustia
Substitutions — For Rogue River:	
Towse 2, Wilson 6, Elledge 4, Stewart:	
for Glendale, Miller 22, Berg 2, Hale 9, Rowe.	

### Line-Ups

Georgetown (D.C.) 82, American 63.	
Forham 66, Princeton 64.	
Duke 109, Clemson 80.	
Buffalo 77, Puerto Rico 63.	
Bucknell 79, Gettysburg 68.	
Kings 88, Rutgers 55.	
Columbia 82, Pennsylvania 74.	
Temple 60, Villanova 73.	
Amherst 83, Brown 67.	
Army 69, Colgate 58.	
Boston Univ. 80, Boston Coll. 65.	
Middlebury 60, Vermont 61.	
South	
Maryland St. 82, Hofstra 72.	
Ersine 64, Wofford 82.	
Tennessee 62, Georgia 59.	
Navy 83, John Hopkins 46.	
Midwest	
St. Louis 75, Bradley 67.	
Toledo 71, Bowling Green 68.	
Washington (St. L.) 59, S. Illinois 48.	
Southwest	
New Mexico 82, Montana 79.	
Murray Ky. 104, Middle Tenn. 82.	

### Sports Bulletin

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Frankie Albert, former All-American from Stanford university and professional football star, today was named head coach of the San Francisco Forty Niners professional football team.

### Middle-Size Spur College Court Wins

By JOHN GRIFFIN  
United Press Sports Writer

The new "era of the little man" in college basketball picked up added speed today as a pair of medium-sized men helped Duke and Temple bid for even higher spots in the national ratings and an "ordinary" sized hot-shot set a new Skyline Conference scoring record.

Duke, already ranked No. 8 in the country, chalked up a solid 109-80 rout of Clemson Wednesday night and setting the pace with 38 points was Bill Yarborough who stands an even six feet and would be considered small in recent seasons.

Hal Lear of Temple is an inch shorter at 5-11, but he racked up 37 points to lead the unbeaten Owls to an 80-73 victory over Villanova.

Toby Roybal of New Mexico is six-two, and that's just average as the court sport goes today. But he put the big boys in the shade as he ripped in 45 points in a 82-79 conquest of Montana to smash the Skyline Conference point mark.

Before this season started, the game's lawmakers passed some new rules designed to deprive the giants of some of the edge given them by their sheer height. Whether or not final results of the season will show they succeeded, at this point shorter players seem to be turning in more of the top scoring jobs.

Duke has a six-seven center in Junior Morgan and he played a mighty big part in Wednesday night's win with 21 points and 16 rebounds. But Yarborough's scoring was the crusher as the Blue Devils led all the way after the first eight minutes. The win gave the Devils an 11-2 overall record and a 5-1 pacemaking mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

### Witte Will Miss Grappling Season

Corvallis — (U.P.) — John Witte, Oregon State football tackle and wrestler, has a torn shoulder muscle and will miss the wrestling season this year, Coach Hal Peterson said today.

As a freshman, Witte reached the national collegiate heavy-weight finals. Peterson said he didn't want Witte to suffer further injury that might affect his football playing.

### USSERY LEADS HARTACK

Coral Gables, Fla. — (U.P.) — Bobby Ussery opened up a three-victory margin over Willie Hartack today in the race for riding honors at Tropical Park. Ussery had one winner Wednesday — Grand Risk \$27.50 — to up his total to 46. Hartack was shut out. Each has been listed for three mounts today.

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### Jackson County B League Crews Collide on Friday

Second round of action in Jackson County B League basketball is scheduled Friday night and the clubs who came out on top in last week's opening contention are expected to keep their records unblemished. However, a couple of the favorites could be in for troublesome evenings.

Tussles will take St. Mary's to Butte Falls, Prospect to Rogue River and Jacksonville to Talent. St. Mary's, Rogue River and Talent rate as favorites. But Prospect and Butte Falls could be the trouble causers on the basis of games earlier this week and past performances.

likely be ready, however, to see some weekend action. Flakus is beginning to take an important place in SM basketball plans.

Likely St. Mary's starters are John Walsh, Gerald Darland, Tony Miksche, Dick Paup and Laval Meunier. Webb indicated that Jack Birmingham may see quite a bit of action.

### Small College Coaches Fear 2nd NCAA Hoop Meet May Hurt NAIA

Portland — (U.P.) — Small college basketball coaches expressed fear today that the NCAA's decision to hold two basketball tournaments annually might hurt the already successful NAIA tourney.

The NCAA decided in Los Angeles yesterday to hold a small-college national basketball tourney to be known as the college division. Schools may decide whether they want to play in the "University Division" or the "College Division" but they must make their intent known at least one year in advance.

### Duck, Beaver Quints Prep For PCC Play

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### Graham Honored

New York — (U.P.) — Otto Graham, the Cleveland Browns quarterback who led his club to the National Football League championship in 1955, has been named winner of the December voting for the \$10,000 Hickok Professional Athlete-of-the-Year award. Graham received 61 first-place votes and a total of 256 points with middleweight champion Ray Robinson second with 200 points and jockey Willie Hartack third with 106 points.

### Basketball

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### Yellow Cab To Play Oregon College JVs Here Saturday Night

Yellow Cab basketball team, treated somewhat rougher than was generally expected in early-season games, takes on their toughest foes to date Saturday night at St. Mary's gym when they face the Oregon College junior varsity from Monmouth. The game will start at 8 o'clock.

Coaches Gene Owens and Larry Chamberlain will bring a crew of 14 JVs on the Medford invasion, the first for the crimson and gray of Monmouth. The Oregon College team will average just a shade under six feet in height and while they lack the altitude of most present-day hoopsters, they are said to make up for it in speed and shooting accuracy.

Scheduled to make the trip to Medford are Larry Buss, Portland; Stan Kenyon, Junction City; Tony Peterson, Junction City; Dewayne Crabb, Harrisburg; Phil Estergaard, Harrisburg; Les Birdsall, Sweet Home; Doral Wodsey, Newport; Gary Milton, Baker; Bill Mullin, Tigard; George Marlatt, Jefferson; Ray Tozer, Amity; Ed Erickson, Reedsport; Pepper Baker, Myrtle Point and Ralph Johnson, Junction City.

### Holman TKO Victor Over Satterfield

Chicago — (U.P.) — Johnny Holman, a 28-year-old heavyweight who was knocked out twice by Bob Satterfield, found a charm in his third attempt and hence today was a major factor in an elimination tourney to find a challenger for champion Rocky Marciano.

Holman finished Satterfield, ranked fourth among the heavyweight challengers, with a vicious right hand for a technical knockout triumph at 2:52 of the eighth round of their Chicago Stadium TV bout Wednesday night.

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