

TORNADO ENCOUNTERS CAVEMEN HERE THIS SATURDAY EVENING

Medford's spirited Black Tornado will be seen for the first time in two weeks on its home basketball court Saturday night. It entertains the Grants Pass high Cavemen at 8:15 p.m. at Hedrick junior high school.

The fracas will conclude a two-game week end series. Opener is slated this evening at Grants Pass.

Ambition of the Tornado, running hard to successfully defend its 1955 championship, is to sweep the series and wind up the first half of its 12-game Southern Oregon Conference schedule unblemished. Grants Pass will aim at getting back into the chase for loop honors.

Tied with Ashland in the cellar, the Cavemen are now three games behind the Black Tornado in the standings. But the GP quintet is by no means out of contention. And, the Cavemen are still anxious to grab at least second place in the circuit if they can't have first. Runner-up in the conference campaign also goes to the A-1 state tourney this year.

Klamath Falls currently holds on to second position and will strive to hold it against an invasion by the Ashland Grizzlies on Friday and Saturday.

Pause in Loop
Southern Oregon Conference play will pause for three weeks after this Friday and Saturday's series. Medford will resume loop play against Ashland on February 10 and 11.

Coach Frank Roelandt said this morning that, as of yesterday's practice, the Medford squad was in good physical shape for the GP games. The Tornado is the favorite for the series on the basis of full season and conference record and holds a high state rating while the Cavemen are unranked. Nevertheless, the Cavemen have at times flashed a potential which could make it rough for Medford. And GP teams have been

known to fire up tremendously when stakes are high.

The teams will be about evenly matched in height and the altitude of both is matched with quick, fast moving players.

Roelandt will pick his starting five from among Dick McLaughlin, Dick Cople, Neil Plumley, Bob Tisdell, Lloyd Cleary and John Foust. Coach Ray Davis of the Cavemen at last report had his selection less narrowed down. The choice is from among eight, Tom Berner, Ron Davis and Chuck Weller, Larry Hen-

derson, Larry Walker, Chuck Nevi, Allen Drews and Owen Winger.

MEDFORD INDIVIDUAL SCORING:
Bob Tisdell 11 23 27 33 109 15.36
Dick Cople 10 23 27 32 103 13.33
McLaughlin 11 25 29 33 109 9.9
L. Cleary 11 28 8 15 82 7.45
Neil Plumley 10 21 36 35 78 7.8
John Foust 11 21 33 31 75 6.81
L. Perkins 11 15 3 10 15 1.36
Ed Reinking 7 4 3 4 11 1.57
Gary Riley 5 3 2 7 8 1.60
Dale Clemens 2 1 1 5 3 1.50
Mike Stearns 7 1 1 5 3 1.20
Larry Cober 2 0 1 1 1 .50
Larry Slesser 4 0 0 1 0 .20

Totals 11 245 264 216 694 63.09
Opponents' total 589
Opponents' average 53.54

SPORTS

Puscas, Bob and Dave Newland Candidates for Hayward Awards; Presentation Slated February 9

Portland—The list of candidates for the Bill Hayward award has been growing longer daily and officials of the Oregon Sports Writers and Sportscasters association have set Monday noon, January 23, as the deadline for all names to be submitted, according to Rollie Truitt, president.

The winner, the state's outstanding sports figure for 1955, will be selected at the annual Banquet of Champions February 9 at the Columbia Athletic club on a board of some 50 judges.

Leo Durocher, former Major league manager and now a television personality, is to be the featured speaker at the banquet.

Any one wishing to submit a candidate for the award should send the recommendation to Dave Roberts at the Oregon Journal Sports department by the January 23 deadline. A screening committee which will narrow the list down to the final 12 includes George Pasero, Don McLeod, Johnny Carpenter, Charlie LaFranchise, Eldon Jenne, Nick Skavone and Dave Roberts.

Tickets for the banquet are available at the Columbia Athletic club, Multnomah Athletic club, Rollie Truitt Smoke shop in the Imperial hotel, Morris Rogoway jewelers, Neighborhood house, Erv Lind florists, Mendelshon's Gent shop and Perry pharmacy in Milwaukie.

Candidates entered so far are: Archery—Bill Snyder, Portland. Baseball—Bill Carney, semi-pro manager; Bill Heales, semi-pro manager; Joe Ziegler, Portland Beaver general manager; Andy Pienevi, high school coach; Rich Carlascio, Portland Baseball association; Jim Partlow, high school coach; Denny Peterson, The Dalles high school and American Legion pitcher; Hugh Hendry, Oregon City High pitcher; Mickey Lolich, Barnard Motors pitcher.

Basketball—Armorey T. (Slats) Gill, Oregon State coach; Jim Luscutoff, University of Oregon; Don Porter, Linfield; Paul Poetsch, Portland State; Norm Hubert and Danny French, Pacific; Hank Kuchera, Eugene. High coach: Mike Moran, Eugene High; Dick Jolley, Cleveland High; Ted Miller, Milwaukie High.

Bowling—Stan Gifford, Portland. Boxing—Jackie Puscas, Medford.

Football—John Witte, Oregon State; Tom Prothro, Oregon State coach.

Rifleman Medal Goes To Ballard

Washington, D.C.—The expert rifleman medal, second highest award in American junior shooting has been won by Alan Kent Ballard, 16, of 819 Brookdale rd., Medford, Oregon, the National Rifle association announced.

Shooting several hundred targets in the last few months the new expert marksman fitted his way through 13 lower NRA qualifications to achieve his new high rating. With one more set of targets to fire the new expert will up his rating to distinguished rifleman, the select top rating for the junior shooters of the nation.

Ballard attends Medford senior high school and is a member of the Medford Junior Rifle club.

Sports Broadcasts

Radio stations KYJC and KMED will broadcast the Medford-Grants Pass high basketball games today and Saturday about 8:15 p.m. Station KWIN will carry the Southern Oregon-Portland State college hoop contests at 8 o'clock both nights. Television station KBES-TV will bring the Iowa-Michigan collegiate mix at noon on Saturday and the OSC-Stanford cage tussle at 2 p.m.

Peck Named By Gun Club

Bert Peck is new president of Medford Gun club.

He was named by directors last night to succeed E. W. Pease. Ed Webber was chosen vice-president and Weldon Kline secretary-treasurer.

Annual meeting and dinner of the club membership preceded the director's session at the clubhouse. Henry Niedermeyer and Ray Coleman were newly elected as directors and Harry Elden and Peck were reelected. Hold-over directors are Pease, Webber, Kline, Martin Clogston and Paul Culbertson.

The club will hold its first registered shoot of the year; the early spring event, on February 25 and 26. There will be 16-yard and skeet practice this coming Sunday.

Gil Turner Fights Labua

Syracuse, N. Y. —(U.P.)—Middleweight Gil Turner of Philadelphia craves a decisive victory tonight over handsome Jackie Labua of East Meadows, N. Y., who proved a Tartar on Dec. 14 and put Gil out of action for a month.

Turner is favored at 14-5 to beat Jackie in their return TV-radio 10-rounder because of his experience and harder punch and because Jackie is fighting as a substitute.

In their Dec. 14th TV fight in the same War Memorial Auditorium, Turner had to be content with a majority decision. The referee called it a draw, but the two judges voted for Gil.

Portland Topples Regis Rangers

Portland—(U.P.)—University of Portland Pilots toppled the Regis Rangers of Denver, 86-78, here last night by commanding the floor throughout the game.

Regis made only one scoring threat when it closed the margin to 66-62 with nine minutes to play in the second half. Score at mid-point was 43-35 for Portland.

Bob Altenhofen of the Pilots topped the scoring column with 28 points, followed by teammate Jim Winters who had 23.

Portland made 33 out of 90 shots from the floor good while Regis had 27 good out of 76 attempts. Portland led in the rebound department 46 to 43.

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NBA Issued Challenge By Helfand

New York — (U.P.) — Julius Helfand, apparently victorious in New York State, was openly crusading for a nation-wide clean-up of the fight game today by demanding that the National Boxing association's executive committee end its "sheer hypocrisy."

Chairman Helfand's New York State Athletic Commission is not a member of the NBA; but he challenged its executive committee to repeal last Saturday's Chicago recommending resolution that would permit fighters to sign their own contracts for bouts even though their managers had been suspended or unlicensed in other states.

Red Raider Club Vies on Home Court

Eastern Oregon is expected to maintain its lead in the Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball race this weekend while College of Idaho is a cinch to do so in the Northwest Conference.

EOCE plays host to Oregon College of Education Friday and Saturday nights. Portland State, also unbeaten in OCC play but winner of one less game, travels to Ashland for a pair with a tough Southern Oregon club.

College of Idaho, which walloped St. Martin's 95-68 last night in a non-conference game, is idle this week end as far as the Northwest Conference race goes. In fact there are no Friday night conference games. Pacific meets Linfield at Forest Grove and Clark at Salem Saturday night. Pacific and Linfield also meet Monday, at McMinnville.

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Basketball

THURSDAY COLLEG SCORES
By United Press
Colgate 76, Cornell 62.
Manhattan 90, Adelphi 76.
Morehead 122, Union 70.
Portland 86, Regis 78.
College of Idaho 95, St. Martin's 68.
Portland Frosh 69, Oregon State Rooks 60.
Pacific Lutheran 71, McChord AFB 66.

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OSC, Oregon See League Cage Action

Portland — (U.P.) — It's week end basketball time again and Oregon's two top college quintets are in the thick of action in the Pacific Coast Conference.

A highly-touted Stanford team invades Corvallis for a pair with Slats Gill's Oregon State Beavers with the Saturday afternoon game scheduled for regional television. The return of sophomore Ken Nanson to the starting lineup has bolstered Oregon State's chances.

A weakened Oregon team invades the lair of the Idaho Vandals for a two-game series at Moscow. Idaho has dropped four straight on the road but is all ways tough at home and figures to give Bill Borchers' crew a run for its money.

Ray Bell, regular forward and defensive ace, was left behind yesterday when Oregon headed north because of the flu. Paul Tuchardt, Oakridge sophomore, replaced him on the traveling Oregon State's chances.

Washington State is at Washington in the only other PCC action.

Washington — (U.P.) — Pancho Gonzales stretched his world professional tennis lead over U.S. Davis Cup star Tony Trabert to 14 matches to 6 today. Gonzales beat Trabert Thursday, 6-1, 6-2, taking less than a half hour to do it. Pancho Segura defeated Australian star Rex Hartwig, 8-4, in the opening match. Segura leads Hartwig wig 14 to 5 in their series.

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