

Crucial Play Tonight in City League

Tough foes tonight stand in the way of Hawkinson Tire Tread and Company A of the National Guard, who each have their sights on the one remaining berth for the Medford Independent Basketball League in AAU sub-district play-offs.

Hawkinson's takes on Prospect, which is already the regular season champ with only one loss in the loop charged against it. The game will be at Prospect. Company A meets Butte Falls, a club out of the running but no pushover in the circuit. The mix will be at 7 p.m. at McLoughlin junior high here.

The Tremen, now in third place, will clinch a tie for second and the play-off berth with a win tonight. Company A fourth-ranking and a game behind Hawkinson's, needs the combination of a verdict over Butte Falls and a Tread team loss to tie for third and force an extra game. Tussles tonight are the final one of the regular slate for both Hawkinson's and the Guardsmen.

PCC Chase Turns Hot

Team	W	L	PF	PA
UCLA	4	0	351	276
USC	5	1	408	281
Washington	5	1	334	250
Stanford	6	2	332	250
California	2	2	234	250
Oregon	2	4	336	251
OSU	5	12	1035	1128
WSC	1	5	339	224
Idaho	1	7	508	602

A red-hot basketball race is shaping up in the Pacific Coast conference.

Washington, which takes on first place UCLA next week, remained deadlocked with Southern California for second place as each club swept its week end series. Stanford also kept in the running by posting a brace of wins over Oregon while the Bruins tuned up for next Saturday's Huskies invasion by frouncing Arizona (Tempe) State 89-79.

California, having failed to "freeze" the Dons out of their 40th straight win, plays host to an Oregon State club that is having a rocky season.

The Beavers were belted twice by Washington, losing Saturday night's game 83-63.

Southern California with Jack Lovrich and Jack Dunne combining for 35 points, walloped last place Idaho 73-59 to hand the Vandals their 14th straight loss in 17 games this season.

Stanford downed Oregon in a televised game Saturday afternoon 73-60.

Flink Cops Holiday Toga

Lee Flink with a 164 total was winner in the holiday handicap golf tourney at Rogue Valley Country club.

He had point scores of 42-42-41-39 for his four best 18 hole rounds. Points were given on the basis of one for a bogey, two for a par, three for a birdie, five for an eagle and 10 for a double eagle. The tourney opened Thanksgiving day and ended Sunday.

Travis was second with 160. He had one round of 48, highest single total of the tourney, helped by a double eagle. Larry Butler was third with 158. A. C. Broyles had 149 and Loyd Pope 147.

Broyles was winner in the week end sweepstakes which realized \$25 for the March of Dimes. He had a 69 net. Stan Stark was next with 70 and Jim Dunley and Ed Hall followed with 70s. Blind bogey winners were Butler and Bill Kalibak with 78s. Nelson Gallant and Warren Deakins Sr., with 78s and Deane Lambert with 85.

Portland Nabs 2nd From Zags

Portland — (U.P.) — The University of Portland's Pilots made it two in a row over invading Gonzaga of Spokane here last night with a narrow 76-73 decision.

The action was a far cry for the Pilots from their easy 91-66 route of the Bulldogs in their initial meeting of the season a night earlier.

B League Games Tuesday; St. Mary's, Prospect Vie

Second half slates get underway this week for prep basketball contingents of the Rogue and Jackson County B Leagues but only non-league scrapes are scheduled for teams of the Southern Oregon Conference.

B leaguers start out the bill-off-are for the week with three games on Tuesday. St. Mary's of Medford is host to one of its tougher rivals of the circuit as it tries to maintain its unbeaten status against Prospect. Second place Talent will go to Butte Fall prepared for stiff competition. Rogue River will be the favorite at Jacksonville.

Another threesome of B games will be on Friday with Talent at Jacksonville, Butte Falls at St. Mary's and Rogue River at Prospect.

Rogue loop play resumes after a midway pause in which there was some non-league activity. Phoenix will go to Eagle Point on Friday and entertain the

Eagles on Saturday. Crater versus Illinois Valley games are billed for Friday at Cave Junction and Saturday at Central Point.

Medford Plays Saturday Phoenix is unmarred after the first round of six games, while Crater and Eagle Point are deadlocked with 3-3 marks. Illinois Valley has failed to win a game so far this season.

Medford of the Southern Oregon Conference will be host to Roseburg on Saturday and Ashland will travel to Yreka, Calif., the same evening. The Black Tornado-Roseburg tangle was originally billed for December 23. It was postponed at Roseburg request because of bad weather, flood and road conditions.

Conference play for Medford won't resume until February 10 and 11 when the Tornado plays Ashland. Grants Pass goes to Klamath Falls the same week end.

SPORTS

North Bend Bulldogs Rally To Rip Tornado

North Bend high's stubborn, persistent Bulldogs, thwarted for most of three quarters in efforts to overtake the visiting Medford hoop aggregation, scampered out to swish through 12 consecutive markers in the last three minutes Saturday to tumble the Black Tornado 79 to 73.

Medford led 73 to 67 with 3½ minutes to play but went scoreless from there to the finish as North Bend capitalized on its pressing defense, a couple of Tornado broken dribbles, a Medford "lost" ball, a steal, a fast break and free shots to garner its triumph over one of the top rated clubs in the state.

The Bulldog final spurge wasn't exactly a surprise. North Bend had alternately lagged and then surged to close the gap prior to its successful push.

The Black Tornado went into the final panel of the contest leading 60 to 56. North Bend sliced the margin to 60 to 57 and 62 to 59 on two free shots by Bob Jacobson and one by Sam Hyatt as Bob Tisdal sank a fielder for Medford. The Tornado then built up its advantage to seven points at 72 to 65 on field buckets by Dick McLaughlin and Tisdal, four free shots by Tisdal and two by John Foust as Jacobs and Bert Why hit twice from the free stripe and Chuck Whittick once from the field for the coast team.

Why Ties Game McLaughlin tallied Medford's final point and Thompson sank a follow shot for NB for the 73 to 67 situation. Jack Shanley pushed in a goal and Thompson a pair of gifters for 73 to 71.

Bert Why tied up the fray for the Bulldogs on a steal and then put his club on the top for the first time since the start of the second quarter with a bucket off a fast break.

Shanley and Whittick padded out the margin with a brace apiece of free shots. In the meantime Medford had lost some of its scoring power. Tisdal, the high point man for the night with 26, was sidelined with his fifth foul.

Medford paced by Neil Plumley and his towering height took two to four point leads after the opening moments of the first quarter but, after a 16 to 12 Medford spread, North Bend pulled up and shoved ahead 19 to 16 with Whittick getting two field goals to provide the lead. Plumley hit his fifth field goal of the quarter and the coast gang headed 19 to 18 at the intermission.

Medford Regains Lead In the second canto Tisdal put Medford on top with two free buckets. Then the Tornado, paced by the strong backboard play of Plumley, McLaughlin, Foust and Dick Coppel, and the shooting of Plumley and Tisdal, went on top 32 to 21 and 34 to 23.

Plumley, who had scored all his 16 points to this stage, was removed after his third foul. That evened the situation under the backboard for the Bulldogs and they began an upward club. They caught up with the Tornado at 36-all on a basket by Shanley but Coppel amazed the crowd by firing a goal from side-court at the buzzer. Medford had a halftime edge of 38 to 36.

The Tornado worked to a 46 to 38 lead in the opening minutes of the third quarter. North Bend cut it to 46 to 43. Medford upped its gap to nine points at 56 to 47 but at this point, with three minutes to go in the panel, Medford lost Plumley for good on the big center's fifth foul. That meant that the Tornado was without his height for the last 11 minutes of the game.

Fiore Favored To Lick Poirier

New York — (U.P.) — Welterweight Carmine Fiore is favored at 7½ to 5 to beat Gene Poirier tonight in their return TV 10-rounder at St. Nicholas arena, although Poirier held him to a draw in the same ring on Dec. 19.

Neither Fiore of Brooklyn nor Poirier of Niagara Falls, N.Y., fought since then.

Left-hooker Carmine is favored because of his greater experience and harder punch, and because he is expected to be "sharper" than in December. That was only his second bout after a 13-month layoff.

Who says tennis is a game for kids? Renville McMann, new president of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association, is almost 60 years old and plays the game almost daily — preferably singles.

Basketball

SATURDAY COLLEGE SCORES

By United Press	(East)
Villanova 88	Delaware 62
St. Joseph (Pa.) 72	Penn 60
Duquesne 70	Bonaventure 60
Canisius 81	Creighton 65
Lafayette 76	Albright 64
Fordham 64	Army 46
Georgetown (DC) 77	Providence 51
Siena 78	Mannhattan 73
Temple 83	Navy 74
Niagara 80	Scranton 57
(South)	
Virginia 78	VMI 77
Tenn. Tech 101	Western Ky. 79
North Car. St. 82	St. Johns (NY) 70
La Salle 74	Richmond 59
Vanderbilt 81	Kentucky 73
Georgia Tech 73	Tennessee 72
West Virginia 76	Furman 73
Alabama 99	Georgia 75
Arkansas 83	Mississippi 69
Wake Forest 104	Clemson 103
Auburn 73	Jacksonville St. 64
(Midwest)	
Illinois 80	De Paul 66
Bradley 65	Marquette 57
St. Louis 104	Trinity 52
Louisville 66	Dayton 64 (OT)
Detroit 89	Drake 77
Michigan St. 88	Ohio State 91
Iowa St. 71	Oklahoma 59
(Southwest)	
SMU 105	TCU 64
Tulsa 48	Oklahoma A&M 42
Houston 104	Trinity 52
Hardin-Simmons 90	Hov. Payne 86
UCLA 89	Arizona (Tempe) St. 75
(West)	
Washington 83	Oregon St. 63
Stanford 73	Oregon 66
Portland 91	Gonzaga 65
Colorado A&M 66	Wyoming 56
San Francisco 23	California 24
Southern Cal 73	Idaho 59
Fresno St. 88	San Diego St. 86 (OT)
College of Pacific 68	Nevada 59
Montana 69	Montana State 67
Utah 89	Hawaii 85
St. Francis (Pa.) 95	Seattle 88
Portland 91	Gonzaga 65
Oregon Tech 66	Oregon College 61
Portland St. 103	Eastern Oregon 65
Linfield 73	Lewis and Clark 68
Chico State 77	Humboldt State 51
S. F. State 77	Sacramento 53
Santa Barbara St. 68	Occidental 62
Poly 79	Long Beach 59
Idaho St. 92	Colo. Western 81
Pacific Luth. 83	Eastern Wash. 68
Seattle Pacific 69	Taylor 52
British Columbia 59	Sen. Wash. 5
Whitworth 74	Puget Sound 62

Dons Set Big School Record; Shoot for 55

By JOHN GRIFFIN United Press Sports Writer National champion San Francisco, which "walked" to a new major-college record of 40 straight victories, promised "no letdown" today as it drove toward the all-time all-college record of 55 straight triumphs.

The Dons won No. 40 Saturday night when they overcame a freak stall to beat California, 33-24. The historic conquest solidified their hold on the No. 1 national ranking — for it came on the same night that arch-rival Dayton was ousted from the unbeaten ranks by Louisville, 66-64, in overtime.

The 40 straight tops the old major-college mark of 39 straight held by Long Island University (1935-36) and Seton Hall (1940-41).

Now the target is the string of 55 wins compiled by Peru, Nebr. State Teachers from 1921-26, which stands as the small college and all-college records. San Francisco has 11 more regular games to play — so an all-conquering career would carry the Dons past this figure in the late stages of the NCAA tournament.

The Dons try to take over the lone unbeaten lead in the California basketball association and win their 41st tilt Tuesday night when they play San Jose State. Then they play Loyola, Calif., Friday.

The Spartans are on top of the loop with a 4-0 record while USF, which is 3-0, mathematically trails by half a game.

Dayton, which had won 14 straight, bowed in a hectic game on its home court as Louisville, ranked No. 10 nationally by the United Press Board of Coaches, pushed its season record to 16-1.

Kentucky, ranked No. 4 nationally, was another major up-

Scarff To Quit As Rams' Tutor

Portland — (U.P.) — Harry Scarff, who has led Central Catholic to two state high school football titles, said today he has resigned his job to take an undisclosed coaching position at an out-of-state school. He will remain on the faculty until June.

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Vic Seixas Winner At Hollywood Beach

Hollywood Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) A virus ailment didn't stop Vic Seixas from winning the singles crown and teaming with Armando Vieira of Brazil to grab the doubles championship at the Hollywood Beach invitational tennis tournament.

Seixas collapsed Friday after winning the semi-finals of the men's singles.

But the Philadelphia star, top-ranked amateur in the nation, was back in form yesterday.

He quickly disposed of fourth-ranked Eddie Moylan of Trenton, N. J., 6-3, 6-3, for the singles title.

Thunderbird Toga Taken By Demaret

Palm Springs, Calif. — (U.P.) — The golfing tourists headed today for Phoenix, Ariz., and the big money pot there this week end — with another "new" champion to beat for the cash.

This time it is 45-year-old Jimmy Demaret, the handsome Texan who had not won a tournament since he captured the Celebrities event in Washington, D. C., in 1953.

Jimmy won the \$15,000 Thunderbird Invitational tourney here Sunday when he closed with a late rush to edge the third-round leader, Dr. Cary Middlecoff. Demaret had a 269 total, compared with 270 for the Memphis dentist, and received a check for \$2,000, instead of the \$1,000 for second.

Littler Third In third place came Gene Littler who plays from this Thunderbird course. He closed with finesse by firing a 66 for a 277 total and \$750.

Gardner Dickson, Panama City Beach, Fla., and Julius Boros, Mid Pines, N. C., each had 278s for \$600; and there was a five-way tie for sixth place among Arnold Palmer, Latrobe, Pa.; Bud Holscher, Apple Valley, Calif.; Tommy Bolt, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mike Souchak, Grossinger, N. Y.; and Fred Hawkins, El Paso, Tex., each collecting \$365 for a 279.

KUCKS INKS PACT New York — (U.P.) — Johnny Kucks, a graduate of last year's New York Yankees pre-training school, today signed his 1956 contract with the American league club. Kucks, a right-handed pitcher, won eight games and lost seven in his rookie year. He won 19 and lost six for Norfolk in 1952 and then went into service.

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Pilots To Get Coyote Player

Portland — (U.P.) — Charlie Jenkins, a regular for Northwest Conference basketball leader College of Idaho, was planning today to enroll at Portland University here in spring term.

Jenkins, who scored 12 points in an independent game here Saturday night, said he had decided to leave College of Idaho and attend school in a larger city. He would be eligible to play with the Pilots next basketball season.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

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