

Ankle Keeps Plumley Off Maplecourt

The Medford high basketball aggregation probably will be without the services of its tallest man, Neil Plumley, Friday and Saturday when it battles the Ashland Grizzlies in Southern Oregon Conference games, Coach Frank Roelandt reported today.

Plumley hurt his ankle early in the Roseburg scuffle last Saturday night and saw no service during the remainder of the game. The big center can barely move around, Roelandt said, and, of course, has not been out for practice.

Also missing drill yesterday was Forward Dick Copple, who had a bad cold. He is expected to be ready for the Grizzlies, however.

Perkins Still Lame

Roelandt said that Guard Larry Perkins is still bothered by a bum ankle. He can play but not up to full efficiency. Larry Gober, who hurt his ankle badly early in the season, returned to the squad in midweek last week. He was in suit for the Roseburg tussle but Roelandt said that Gober is still not ready to see duty and that he has no plans for him this week.

The Tornado just had a light drill on Monday but scrimmaged yesterday. Medfordites are going into the game here Friday and the one at Ashland Saturday with the feeling that the Grizzlies will prove tougher than they did in the first round.

The locals drubbed Ashland handily in their season opener but it took one big quarter to lick the Lithians the second night. Ashland played Medford on even terms during other portions of the game.

Johnston Tallies 41 for Warriors

Lanky, lantern-jawed Neil Johnston of the Philadelphia Warriors signalled the start of a desperate stretch drive to keep his National Basketball Assn. scoring crown today with a 41-point performance that helped to break a couple of records.

Johnston's spurge, his best this year, led the Warriors to a 128-95 victory over Syracuse in the first game of a twin bill at New York's Madison Square Garden Tuesday night. In the second game, New York downed Boston, 113-102.

The Warrior's 128 points set a new single-team high for the Garden and their first-half bag of 70 points set another Garden record for one half.

Johnson has a long way to go to retain his scoring title, but Tuesday night's show gave him a season total of 1,031. That's fourth best in the league. Meanwhile, teammate Paul Arizin pitched in 26 points to take the league lead with 1,168. Bob Pettit of St. Louis is second with 1,148 and Clyde Lovellette of Minneapolis is third with 1,068.

Players' Namesakes Get First Brooklyn Tickets

Jersey City, N. J. — (U.P.) — Billy Rigney and Willie Mays were the first two customers Tuesday when the Jersey City branch of the Brooklyn Dodgers opened over-the-counter ticket sales.

The Giant manager and the star outfielder? No, just two teen-age kids whose names happen to be Bill Rigney and Willie Mays.

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OUT TO EVEN SCORE SATURDAY — Jackie Puscas, above, National AAU boxing champion and new resident of Medford, will be out to redeem himself here Saturday night. Puscas, 135, making his first local appearance under the Medford Police Athletic league colors, will take on Dale Nicely, 140, Tennessee champ, in one half of the double main event. Nicely, now boxing for Multnomah Athletic club, Portland, gained a split verdict over Puscas at Klamath Falls recently. Larry Lewis, Medford, state AAU flyweight titlist, will meet Darryl McQuarry, MAC, Portland, in the other half of the main. Loren Christean, Medford, will fight the semi-windup against Mose Martinez, Chiloquin. Jerry Jennings, Ashland, will scuffle Eddie Cole, Chiloquin, in the featured prelim. Twelve bouts have now been arranged.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Dave Gambee Point Leader In Coast Loop Basketball

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Dave Gambee of Oregon State is the Pacific Coast conference's leading individual scorer while the unbeaten UCLA Bruins pace the loop's teams in pointmaking, statistics showed today.

Gambee has scored 183 points in 10 games for an 18.3 point average. UCLA's Morris Taft is second with 144 points in six games for a 24 point average, tops in the PCC. Other leading scorers are Bruno Boin, Washington, 133; Willie Naulls, UCLA 129; Max Anderson, Oregon, 129 and Larry Beck, Washington State, 119.

UCLA has averaged 82.3 points a game. Southern California is second with a 67.5 point average and Stanford has 66.5. The Bruins also lead in team rebounding with 59.3 per cent, followed by SC 52.5 and Oregon State 51.5.

Southern California dominates team defensive statistics. It has allowed opponents 57.1 points a game. Stanford's defensive average is 57.4 followed by Washington's 57.9. SC also has allowed opponents to hit on only 30.5 per cent of their field goal attempts. Washington is second with 31.6 and Stanford 32.4.

Simpson Hits .500 In individual statistics, Bernie Simpson of California replaced Taft as leader in the field goal accuracy department. Simpson

has made good 14 of 28 field goal attempts for a 50 per cent average. Taft has dropped in 57 goals in 116 shots for a 49.1 per cent, trailed by Bob Blake of California, 47.5, and Gary Van Gelders, Stanford, 47.4.

Idaho's Bill Bauscher is the top free throw shooter, sinking 24 of 29 tries for 82.9 per cent. Blake has 80.6 per cent, Naulls 78.9, Ron Batnoe, Washington, 78.6 and Doyle Perkins, Washington, 77.8. Southern California's Larry Hauser turned in the best game performance of the season Saturday night against Oregon when he sank 10 out of 10 free throws.

Naulls is the No. 1 rebounder, grabbing 17.5 per cent of all rebounds in UCLA's games. Jim Coshaw, Washington, has 15.3 per cent and Charlie Franklin of Oregon and Anderson of Oregon, 13.1.

Southern California has the best team field shooting average with 181 of 455 attempts for 39.5 per cent. UCLA is second with 39 per cent and California third with 38.8. In free throw shooting, Washington leads with 68.7 per cent.

The ratio of one car to every 7.8 persons in Australia is second only to the United States, but Australia equals the United States with one motor truck to every 21 persons.

MEDFORD HIGH GRAPPLERS SLIP BY ILLINOIS VALLEY

Medford high wrestling team, with some regulars missing bouts because of overweight or illness, nicked Illinois Valley 26 to 25 in a match here last night.

The Black Tornado next faces its toughest rival of the season, Klamath Falls, in a tussle here at 2 p.m. Thursday. Klamath downed the Tornado in an earlier match.

Medford grapplers won six bouts and Illinois Valley five. One scrap was a draw.

First Medford victor was Dave Mansfield, 98 pounds, by 11 to 3 decision over Kennedy. Gor-

don Owsley, 130, Medford, pinned Hemphill and Dennis Walker, 141, Medford, pinned Champney. Other Tornado verdicts were Jerry Anderson, 157, by fall over Rosenberg, Larry Anderson, 168, by decision over Krauss and Frank Williams, 178, by decision of 4 to 0 over Burrous.

Hilton Draws

Ray Hilton, 149, Medford, drew with Cole.

For Illinois Valley Warren, 106, pinned Steve Schroeder; Matthews, 136, decided George Flanagan, 2 to 0; Bailey, 123, pinned Sam Jennings, and Swift, heavyweight, pinned Tom Morris. The Cougars took the 115 pound class by forfeit.

Medford grabbed three of the six exhibitions, Charles Finch and Bill Hampton winning by falls and Terry Miller by a decision.

Waterman Nod Over Kid Draws Fire

By HAROLD M. WILLARD

London — (U.P.) — Outrage boiled up today against a referee's decision that gave young Peter Waterman of Britain a split decision victory over Cuban Kid Gavilan in a 10-round welterweight bout Tuesday night.

British fans, newspapers and officials led the criticism heaped on the aging head of Ben Green, one of the most respected ring officials in the country.

British boxing czar Jack Solomons, promoter of the fight, said there was "bound to be an inquiry" over the decision. Informal sources said it was possible the British boxing board of control would reverse Green's decision.

Solomons, referees of preliminary bouts, experienced boxing reporters, and the 10,000 Haringay Arena fans all believed former world champion Gavilan had won easily with a bewildering variety of punches and aggressive tactics that obviously befuddled Waterman — whose experience gained in 30 undefeated fights was no match for the 130-bout guile of Gavilan. Thundering Orator

Gavilan received a thundering ovation when he bounced around the ring. At first he thought he had won. So did everyone else.

The referee's card has not been made public yet. But a United Press survey of cards kept by ringside reporters showed a unanimous decision for Gavilan. The United Press card gave Gavilan seven rounds and Waterman three.

From the fifth round on, Gavilan was in complete control of the fight. He fought in flurries but was always the aggressor. He easily landed two punches to Waterman's one. He changed his boxing style at least four times and continuously drove Waterman to the ropes. Waterman obviously was befuddled by the Kid's know-how.

Beaver Opening Day Tickets Can Be Bought Here

The Portland Beavers don't open their home baseball season for several months, but fans of Medford can obtain tickets now at Barker's Men's store, according to Joe Ziegler, general manager of the Beavers.

Barker's has tickets available for both the day and night openers, marking the first time that Medford fans have been given an opportunity to purchase their tickets locally this far in advance.

The Beavers' opening game is scheduled for April 27 against the Sacramento Solons and it will be a "red letter" day in the history of the Beavers since it will mark their debut in Multnomah stadium and also the introduction of Tommy Holmes, the new manager, to Beaver fans.

Newly Constructed Boxes

The Portland general manager reported that no box seats will be offered until the season sale of other reserved seats has been completed. All boxes will be newly constructed and will be on the playing field.

Bleacher seats will be sold only at the stadium on the day of the openers.

"We are very happy to be able to set up this ticket agency in Medford for the 1956 openers," Ziegler stated. "The fans of Medford have been very loyal in their support of the Beavers and we certainly are appreciative. We hope this arrangement will make it easier for them to make their plans now for opening day."

"We are looking forward to the greatest opening day crowd in the history of the minor leagues," the manager stated. "Early demand for tickets indicates that we have every reason to expect to break the record."

Planning Commission Approves Canine Track

Portland — (U.P.) — Establishment of a dog racing track near Wood Village here was approved by the Multnomah county planning commission yesterday despite the protests of villagers and two churches.

In a unanimous decision, the commission accepted Multnomah Kennel club's application to set up the dog track on 90 acres of farmland next to the little community.

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SO Baseball Loop Session This Sunday

Officers and team managers of the semi-pro Southern Oregon Baseball League will meet Sunday, February 12, at Roseburg to organize for the 1956 season, President Donald E. Faber announced today.

The session will open at 2 p.m. at the Roseburg city hall.

Faber reported that the election of a new president and of a secretary will be an item on the agenda. "I will not be available to serve in 1956," the president declared. Faber, mayor of Central Point, has held his league post for two seasons.

Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Bend, Drain, Coquille and Bandon were loop members last year. All clubs but Bandon, Faber stated, have answered letters and have expressed certainty that they will operate in 1956. The president said he felt certain that Mayor Rudy Backlund, official and follower of the Bandon club would have representation Sunday.

Jacks May Join

The Southern Oregon League was organized in 1954 to succeed the Southwestern Oregon loop.

Faber mentioned that Coos Bay-North Bend may enter the loop as the eighth team this season. Since the demise of the Southwestern circuit, the Lumberjacks have played independent ball. "Addition of the Lumberjacks could make the Southern Oregon the best league in Oregon," Faber declared. He pointed out that, when Roseburg became the hub of the league last season and when Bend was also included, the circuit was greatly strengthened.

The president predicted hot contention in the efforts of other league members to dethrone the Drain Black Sox who have ruled as champions for the two seasons of the loop's existence.

Burns, Quast Favored In Palm Beach Openers

Palm Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Medalist Marge Burns of Greensboro, N. C., and Anne Quast, the pre-tournament choice from Marysville, Wash., were favored to score first-round victory today in the 38th annual Palm Beach Women's Golf championships.

Miss Burns, who won medal honors with a 73 Tuesday even though she bogeyed the last three holes, met Katherine Newton of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., today while Miss Quast, who had a 75 Tuesday, faced Nadyne Granick of Milwaukee.

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Basketball

TUESDAY COLLEGE BASKETBALL

By United Press
Canisius 86, St. Bonaventure 71
Yale 71, Brown 65
Connecticut 105, Rutgers 85
Fordham 84, LaSalle 68
Syracuse 86, Harvard 65
St. John's (N.Y.) 102, Kings Point 78
N. Car. St. 77, Virginia 76
N. Car. 115, William and Mary 63
Auburn 77, Georgia Tech 74
Duke 82, Maryland 70
Dayton 86, Miami (Ohio) 73
Iowa St. 87, Drake 71
Butler 81, Notre Dame 74
SMU 109, Texas 96
Arkansas 36, Baylor 31
Arizona 78, West Texas St. 76
San Francisco 77, COP 60
San Jose St. 54, Santa Clara 52
Seattle 89, Idaho St. 77

Tornado 4th In Journal Hoop Ratings

Portland — (U.P.) — Coaches casting ballots in the Oregon Journal's weekly poll were agreed today that the Eugene Axeman was the top high school basketball team in Oregon.

All eight coaches participating in the poll voted Eugene into the number one spot, giving it a total of 80 points. Victories over Marshfield and North Bend over the week end added to the Axeman's prestige. They have won 14 and lost 2 for the season.

Runner-up position was clinched by Jefferson with its 13-2 record and wins over both Benson and Roosevelt. The Democrats had 71 points in the balloting.

Marshfield fell to No. 5 position, yielding its No. 3 spot to Franklin of Portland. The records give Franklin 12-3 and Marshfield 10-4. Medford jumped from sixth to fourth after stopping Roseburg for its 12th win and four losses.

THE RANKINGS:

| Rank | Team | Record | Pts. |
|------|------------|--------|------|
| 1. | Eugene | (14-2) | 80 |
| 2. | Jefferson | (13-2) | 71 |
| 3. | Franklin | (12-3) | 51 |
| 4. | Medford | (12-4) | 41 |
| 5. | Marshfield | (10-4) | 33 |
| 6. | Milwaukie | (10-4) | 30 |
| 7. | Pendleton | (11-3) | 27 |
| 8. | Beaverton | (11-2) | 17 |
| 9. | Milton | | |
| | Freewater | (13-3) | 18 |
| | Lincoln | (10-5) | 15 |

Others: North Salem 11, Corvallis 9, Molalla 8, Bend 8, Klamath Falls 6, Redmond 5, Astoria 4, Albany, Ontario 3, Grant 1.

Fight Results

By United Press
Hollywood, Calif. — Art Aragon, 146, Los Angeles, knocked out Ramon Tiscareno, 148, Juarez, Mexico, (2).

No two punches used by rallyway conductors are exactly alike in pattern or design of the perforation. Each is registered in the name of the conductor who currently uses it.

STARS GET HURLER
Hollywood, Calif. — (U.P.) — Pitcher Vernon (Jake) Thies who compiled a 3-9 won-lost record with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1954 and an 8-12 mark with Columbus of the International league last season, has been purchased by the Hollywood Stars of the Pacific Coast League. Thies was purchased from New Orleans, the club he was transferred to recently.

TITLES CONFERRED
London — (U.P.) — Moscow radio reported Tuesday that the title of "meritorious master of sport" has been conferred on victorious members of the Soviet Winter Olympic team.

TRAINS COLLIDE
Milan, Italy — (U.P.) — Two commuter trains collided 20 miles east of here Tuesday night, killing one person and injuring 100 others, 40 of them seriously.

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