

McLoughlin Teams Win Three Frays

McLoughlin junior high ninth grade basketball team trimmed the Crater high freshmen 52 to 42 yesterday while the Bulldog eighth graders were nipping the Ashland eighth 26 to 19 and the seventh grade quint was bouncing its Lithian counterpart.

The McLoughlin seventh won by a lopsided count but the exact score was not available today because the record book could not be located.

Ninth graders had 14 to 6, 22 to 12 and 35 to 26 leads on Crater. The Comets chopped the Bulldog margin to seven points in the third quarter but the Medford club got rolling again and built up a 15-point gap in the fourth.

Bob Plankenhorn scored 16 points and Fred Funston 12 for McLoughlin and Fowler 12 and White 11 for Crater. The Bulldog eighth had trouble making the ball drop through the hoop. They had an 8 to 5 lead after a quarter but the score was tied at 12-all at halftime. Third quarter count favored McLoughlin 16 to 14. Lynn Knight got 17 points for the Bulldogs and was strong under the backboards. Gray had 12 tallies for Ashland.

LINE-UPS:
 Mc L. 9th 52 42 Crater 9th
 Plankenhorn 16 7 Barnes
 Funston 12 2 Bennett
 Hamilton 4 12 Fowler
 Peterson 3 2 Beach
 Reich 2 11 White
 Substitutions—For McLoughlin, Selars, Turner 9, Freisen, J. Clark, Pathman, Pond 4, Lyons 2; for Crater, Michaels 8, Legler, Alvarez, Taberna, Tabell, Clark.
 Mc L. 8th 26 19 Ashland 8th
 Durkee 2 4 Alley
 Hamilton 12 2 Davis
 L. Knight 17 3 Hardy
 Konopasek 4 12 Dickerson
 Allen 3 8 Gray
 Substitutions—For McLoughlin, Morris, Turpin, Shoemaker, Bennett; for Ashland, Knight, Callahan, Miller, Mitchell, Elder, Jackson.

Ike Logart, Fuentes Mix

New York—(U.P.)—Sleek Isaac Logart, the second "Cat-Man" from Camaguey, Cuba, meets stocky bulldogged Ramon Fuentes of Los Angeles tonight in a welterweight contenders' TV-radio fight at Madison Square garden.

Young Logart is favored at 17-5 because of his catlike speed and spiffy flurries of blows—assets that once made Kid Gavilan of Camaguey the world welterweight champion.

Stalking that same 147-pound crown, Logart proved the surprise welterweight of 1955 as he battled from obscurity to his current fifth place among contenders. He won seven of eight fights with good opponents last year and reversed the lone loss.

Fuentes is the number three contender, but he is the underdog because, at 30, he is eight years older than Camaguey Ike and is believed by many betting men to lack Ike's speed, skill and punch. However, Ramon of the crumpled nose and bulging muscles is physically stronger than Logart and very rugged, although he cuts easily. And he is very aggressive.

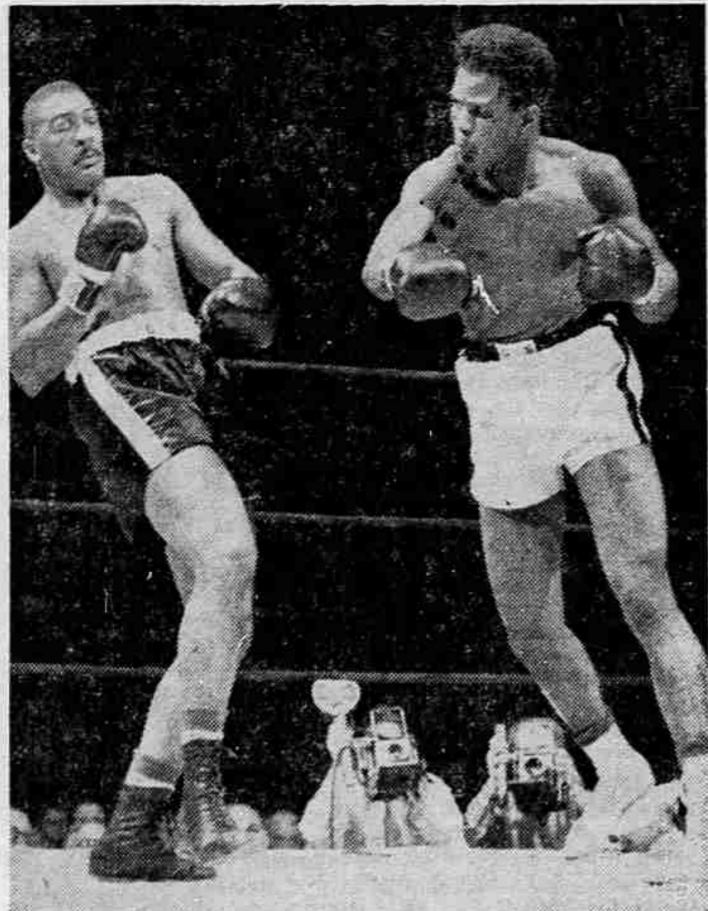
Five Preliminary Bouts Planned on Tuesday for Mueller-Martinez Card

Portland—A total of 24 rounds of preliminary bouts will round out the Portland Boxing club's fistic offering Tuesday, February 14, at the Portland city auditorium which features a ten-round main event between two of the nation's leading middleweight contenders, Peter Mueller, Germany, and Jimmy Martinez, Phoenix, Ariz.

Promoter Tommy Moyer said he expected to have the card—including an eight-round semi-windup and a quartet of four-round battles—completed by the end of this week. He already has signed Portland's fast-rising and deadly punching Amos Lincoln and Idaho's George Tavares, Portuguese Hawaiian, for the eight-round scuffle and Stormy Weems and Roque Maravilla, another Idahoan, in the first of the four-rounders. Lincoln and Tavares are heavyweights. Weems, of Portland Air Base, and Maravilla, who will be making his first appearance in Portland, are light-heavyweights.

Wind Up Training
 Both Mueller, recognized as the middleweight champion of Germany, and Martinez have arrived in Portland to wind up training chores. Since both are busy fighters, their training schedules will largely be confined to sharpening up footwork and staying "on edge."
 Until Monday ticket reservations are being handled by the Portland-Boxing club, 904 Northwest 19th st. On Monday and the night day, Tuesday, tickets will be on sale at the J. K. Gill Co.

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Bruno Balducci, a former all-pro guard in the National Football League, has signed his 1956 contract with the San Francisco Forty Niners. He played with Toronto in Canada's Big Four conference last season.



THROWING RIGHT with everything he has, Tommy Hurricane Jackson (right), hits air as Bob Baker leans back to evade punch. Jackson won decision at Garden. (International)

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Tornado Aims To Sew Up Tournament Spot; Ashland Here Tonight

Successful defense of the Southern Oregon Conference championship and the No. 1 berth from District 6 in the Oregon A-1 high school basketball tourney are major objectives of the Medford high school basketball team but the Black Tornado will be out to reach another important goal this week end—just plain assurance of a spot in the state hassle at Eugene in March.

Medford entertains Ashland at Hedrick junior high gymnasium tonight and goes to Ashland on Saturday while, in another conference series, the Grants Pass Cavemen play both nights at Klamath Falls.

The Tornado can be certain of one of the district's two tourney berths by sweeping its Grizzly games. A split with Ashland will assure at least a tie in the chase for one of the two A-1 meet positions.

Ashland Improved
 Action since the early January scuffle between the Tornado and Grizzlies, however, indicates that Medford will meet an improved and stronger Ashland aggregation. And the Lithians will be making a last ditch effort in the struggle for league laurels.

Ashland has the potential of a titular club but, while giving its rivals trouble, lost five of its first six loop games. Unless the Grizzlies can win both games from Medford this week, they'll be out of the running for the championship and virtually out of the race for a tourney place.

Medford, nevertheless, is the favorite, with its 6-0 record to zoom on to the conference title. The Black Tornado has surprised a lot of observers with its driving, scrapping, poised play and is expected to continue the fight and hustle which has gained for it one of the top ratings in statewide polls.

Plumley Limping
 This week end the Tornado will be forced to function without its top rebound man and with a couple of other men not up to par physically. Coach Frank Roelandt said that Neil Plumley, tallest of the Tornadoes, may be in suit tonight although he's not likely to see duty. Plumley sprained his ankle early in the Roseburg fust last Saturday and sat out the rest of the game.

The Tornado without Plumley still has men capable of making a great scrap under the boards in John Foust, Dick McLoughlin and Dick Coppel.

Coppel is getting over his illness and should be all right to play although he could tire easily. Larry Perkins, top reserve, has been hampered by a bum ankle but will be able to play Roelandt reported.

Probable starting five for Medford is Coppel, McLoughlin, Foust, Lloyd Cearley and Bob Tisdell with Ed Reinking possibly seeing considerable service.

Ashland May Run
 Of the Ashland crew, Stuart Baker, one of the taller boys, has been ill and could see only limited service. Gene Parent and Phil Sword are almost cer-

tain starters with the other three to be picked from among Baker, Harry Johnson, Lance Locke and Dave Woods. Jack Eberhart likely will see a lot of duty.

Ashland hopes may lie in being able to outrun the Tornado. And, if the Grizzlies follow the strategy which has been hinted, fans may see a fast moving pair of games. The Grizzlies can give Medford plenty of trouble if they can get all their big guns firing at once.

During the half time of the Saturday night game there will be a special coronation ceremony of the Ashland high sports queen and her princesses with the flag girls and the AHS band putting on a special show. The new bleachers upstairs will insure plenty of good general admission seats for all of the fans.

Warriors Snap St. Louis String

By UNITED PRESS
 The Philadelphia Warriors snapped the St. Louis Hawks' nine game winning streak, but Paul Arizin of the Warriors failed to wrest the scoring lead from Bob Pettit of the Hawks.

That was the story at Philadelphia Thursday night as the Warriors caught fire in the last eight minutes to beat the Hawks, 108-97. The victory enabled the Warriors to retain a 3½ game lead in the Eastern Division of the National Basketball Assn., as second-place Boston nipped Syracuse, 98-97, on Bob Cousy's last-second basket.

Arizin fired 34 points through the hoop to take scoring honors, but Pettit notched 27 for St. Louis to hold a slightly-reduced lead in their red-hot scoring duel. Pettit now has 1,211 points, Arizin 1,202.

Sports Broadcast

Radio stations KYJC and KMED will carry the Medford-Ashland high basketball games at 8 o'clock tonight and Saturday night. Station KWIV will broadcast the Southern Oregon college-Oregon College of Education hoop tussles at 8 p.m. both days. Television station KBES will bring the Ohio State university-University of Illinois game at noon on Saturday and the University of Southern California-Washington State college contest at 2 p.m.

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Cage Charge Denial Made

Chicago—(U.P.)—Wartburg college basketball coach Ernest Opperman today got a triple-barrelled rebuttal to his charges that Wisconsin tampered with one of his basketball players.

"Mr. Opperman plainly does not know what he is talking about," said Big Ten Commissioner Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson. "A lot of hokey about nothing," said Bud Foster, coach of Wisconsin's cage team.

And Wisconsin's athletic director, Ivy Williamson, said simply that Opperman's charges were not true.

Wilson indicated that he does not intend to let the matter drop. He said he will take the case to the National Collegiate Athletic association with a demand that the Wartburg coach be censured for "unwarranted behavior."

Letter of Protest
 Opperman started the ball rolling when he announced that he sent a letter to Wilson with a protest that sophomore center Ray Gross who left Wartburg and went to Wisconsin had been allowed to play with the Badger five.

Gross, a Stratford, Wis., resident, started school at Wisconsin in 1954, was dropped for deficient grades and enrolled at Wartburg in Waverly, Ia., last fall. He returned to Wisconsin this month with grades high enough to put him in good standing.

He did not compete in sports at Wartburg.

Raiders Play OCE Wolves

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Eastern Oregon's Mountaineers, back in the title picture in the Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball race, face an improved Oregon Tech quintet here tonight and Saturday.

Portland State, which has a 9-2 mark after dropping a Tuesday to Oregon College, is idle. OCE meets Southern Oregon at Ashland.

EOCE's conference record is 7-3.

Fans, Officials To Pay Respects To Connie Mack

By JACK O'BRIEN
 Philadelphia—(U.P.)—Top baseball executives, government officials and just plain fans by the hundreds will file past the bier of Connie Mack tonight to pay their final respect to "the grand old man of baseball."

The body of the 93-year-old Mack will lie in state for about two and one-half hours at the Oliver Bair Funeral Home here. Connie's velvet lined casket will be placed among a bank of ferns and floral displays sent from all corners of the nation.

Five Rooms Reserved
 The viewing will be on the second floor of the mid-city funeral establishment, where ordinarily four viewings are held at the same time. Because of the expected throng, the Mack family has reserved all four parlors and an organ hall.

Mack's body will be entombed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery after a solemn requiem mass Saturday morning in St. Bridget's, his family church here.

Ault To Address Izaak Waltonians

Clem Ault, unit conservationist here for the soil conservation service, will address members of the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America on Monday night.

The monthly meeting of the chapter will be at 8 p.m. at the Jackson hotel.

Ault will explain the watershed protection act (public law 568) and will tell what has been done toward development of the Bear creek watershed.

Cole Rivers, Grants Pass, Oregon Game Commission field agent and fish biologist, will be at the meeting, officers of the chapter said.

Milwaukie Gets NAIA Tourney

Portland—(U.P.)—Eldon Fix said today that NAIA district 2 basketball tournament would be held in the Milwaukie high school gym March 5 and 6.

Fix, tourney chairman, said Portland University seemed a certain entry with the others coming from the Northwest Conference and Oregon Collegiate Conference. Portland State won the district 2 crown last season.

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