

Roadkings To Play at Crater High

Central Point—Opening their 25th season of basketball, the Roadkings will meet the Mutual of Omaha five at the Crater High gym on the night of Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.

The versatile and majestic magicians of the hardwood present an unusual basketball circus that will include the "Whiz Kids" of Kentucky, a band of basketball sensations together since their grade and high school days. Coach Bobby Grund predicts that as a unit now they could become the cleverest team on the road.

Sonny Mitchell, the dribbling ace of the Roadkings, will again team up with his former buddies from Central high of Louisville. In 1952 Sonny was selected on a All-American team and now comes John Beck, crowned the outstanding player in Central High records, with team-mate George Hamilton to strut their scoring and basketball style with former teammates Ulysses Grant and Chuck Duncan who have one year's experience with the Roadkings.

Allen Sensation
With the Kentucky "Whiz Kids" to do the scoring and heavy backboard rebounding to gain possession of the ball, will be Grund's clever ball handling sensation Ronnie Alleg, a New York product of commerce high, a chance to strut his uncanny pivot play to confuse his opponents.

Along with the clowns of basketballville Bobby Grund has an added attraction to his show this season that will give the fans a real treat with the "Giant" who will be master of ceremonies of the Roadkings. Ray Johnson, the tallest living colored man in the United States, stands 8 feet tall, weighs 315 pounds and wears a size 24 shoe. The "Giant" will entertain between halves.

Core the Roadkings take the floor one can look for a routine of antics that will keep the fans in an uproar.

Redskins Will Feature Santa

Washington—UP—The Washington Redskins will sue up 32 men for Sunday's game against Pittsburgh—31 football players and Santa Claus.

Ever since 1939, the appearance of St. Nick has been a feature of the Redskins' final home game. Owner George Preston Marshall, ever a showman, makes a production out of Santa's arrival at halftime and his more of transportation is a secret, guarded slightly more carefully than the number of A-bombs in our stockpile.

In the past, Mr. Claus has arrived by dog sled, automobile, toy train, horseback and sleigh. One year he came in a helicopter that landed plunk on the 50-yard line—"our most effective stunt," Marshall recalled today.

TO USE EXPERIENCE

Detroit—UP—Coach Buddy Parker, fearful that rookies might make costly mistakes, said today he'll start his most experienced backs Sunday when his Detroit Lions battle the Bears at Chicago for the National Football league's Western Division title.



WINNING UNANIMOUS DECISION, Buffalo's Joey Giambra decisively outpoints Cleveland's Rocky Castellani in San Francisco. Only knockdown of fight occurred in the ninth when Castellani went down for no count from a long right to side of Rocky's head. (International)

MEDFORD OREGON TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Bad Weather Could Hurt Pitt's Bowl Preparations

(This is another of a series on the teams in the major 1956 bowl football games.)

By NORM BRAUN

Pittsburgh—UP—Pittsburgh Coach Johnny Michelosen is giving more thought to the weather these days than the problem of how to stop tough Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 29.

"A heavy snow will ruin us," said the pessimistic Michelosen. "We'll have a hard time practicing indoors because our fieldhouse has been turned over to the Steel Bowl basketball tournament and the hardwood already has been set up. If we get nice weather the next week or so, we'll practice outside. If not, we're sunk."

The ponderous Panthers probably began the practice grind yesterday with heavier work scheduled for "later this week, maybe tomorrow or Saturday," said the sophomore coach who returned to his alma mater after piloting the Pittsburgh Steelers in the National Football League. "They'll get a Christmas vacation, but I don't know how long it will be," he said. Michelosen expressed surprise at learning Georgia Tech will pass up most of its time for practicing in favor of a long Yule vacation.

I guess it won't hurt them, he said. "They're one of the best teams in the country. They beat us in the Sugar Bowl last New Year's Day and are as good as they'll ever be. We need the practice—not them."

Michelosen, more pessimistic than a coach without athletic

scholarships, said All-East tackle Bob Pollock and substitute quarterback Darrell Lewis are limping with leg injuries suffered in Pitt's 14-7 victory over Miami last Saturday in the Orange Bowl.

"I guess they'll be ready to go against Georgia Tech," he conceded, "but they won't be able to do much good unless they can get in some practice beforehand."

The Pitt coach said "there's no doubt" the players will be "up" for Tech because "they really want revenge for that 7-0 defeat" in the Sugar Bowl last Jan. 2.

"I won't have to give them any pep talks. I think they want to win this game more than I do. They've been talking about nothing else since Georgia Tech was picked to meet us."

The Panthers chalked up a 7-2-7 record this season, best pit mark since 1935. Pitt beat West Virginia, Notre Dame, Army, Duke, Oregon, Syracuse, and Miami tied Penn State and lost to Minnesota and California.

Pitt scored 142 points while giving up only 98. No team scored more than two touchdowns against the Panthers. The Panthers operate out of a split-T but give more emphasis to power than quick openers. Corby Salvaterra, first-string quarterback who leads the team in rushing, is a master on the option play and is an adequate passer.

Tom Jenkins and Ralph Jelic alternate at fullback. Michelosen frequently "staggers" his halfbacks, with six to choose from—Dick Bowen, Jim Theodore, Corky Cost, Bugs Bagamery, Ray DiPasquale and Nick Passodelis.

But Pitt's shining glory is an armor-plated line anchored by All-America end Joe Walton, hefty center Charley Brueckman and Pollock.

Al Van Lewven Junior College All-American

Elko, Nev.—UP—The National Junior College Athletic association today announced its 1956 44-man All-America junior college football squad.

The selections were made following two days of conferences by NJCAA officials who sifted nominations made by the association's 16 regional directors.

Four of those named in the first team will play in Saturday's first annual national bowl game between Coffeyville of Kansas and Grand Rapids of Michigan in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Twenty-two first team players and 22 alternates were named.

First team members from the Far West were:

Al Van Lewven, Oregon Tech of Klamath Falls, guard; George Navkano, Boise, Idaho, and Dave Parrish, Compton, Calif., tackles; Dee Smith, Cedar City, Utah, guard; Harold Householder, Ventura, Calif., center; and Gordon Phegley, Thatcher, Ariz., a back.

Second team members from the Far West were:

Amedeo Beacco, Price, Utah; Tom Carter, Ogden, Utah; Robert Chappoose, St. George, Utah; and Joe Schaffeld, Boise, Idaho; Dee Smith, Cedar City, Utah, guard; Harold Householder, Ventura, Calif., center; and Gordon Phegley, Thatcher, Ariz., a back.

Louisiana's capitol, rising above Baton Rouge, includes 48 steps, each marked with the name of a state and the date of its entrance into the Union.

Enduro Run Course Should Prove To Liking of Motorcycle Riders

If the weather continues as it has participants in the Rogue River Ramblers 108-mile motorcycle enduro run should encounter a type of course to their liking.

The run is slated Sunday afternoon.

The run this year should give contestants a chance to pull out winter traction tires, or possibly chains if they do not have knobby tires. In previous years the run has been on sunny days and the only obstacle in the rider's way has been a little frosty air.

This endurance is for "open class" competition, with all cubic inch displacements being eligible. No type of equipment is being barred. Riders with any make of machine are welcome to compete for the trophies.

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HOCKEY

By UNITED PRESS

Even with a shaky, untested goalie in the lineup, the Boston Bruins aren't ready yet to surrender their first place lead in the National Hockey league.

All looked lost for the Bruins Wednesday when the veteran goalie Terry Sawchuk was hospitalized with a virus blood infection that now is expected to keep him inactive for about two weeks.

However, Norman Defelice, who never before had performed in a NHL game, filled in admirably for Sawchuk Thursday night as the Bruins edged the Chicago Black Hawks, 3-2, on a third period goal by Real Chevrefils.

The Red Wings remained undefeated on their home ice Thursday night by downing the New York Rangers, 2-1, while the Canadiens routed the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-2.

Sports Broadcasts

KYJC—8 p.m. Friday, Medford-Marshfield high basketball. 8 p.m. Saturday, Medford-North Bend high basketball.

KBES-TV—7 p.m. Friday, Jim Martinez-Yama Bahama boxing. 11 a.m. Saturday, New York Giants-Philadelphia Eagles football.

KMED—7 p.m. Friday, Martez-Bahama boxing. 8 p.m. Friday, Medford-Marshfield basketball. 8 p.m. Saturday, Medford-North Bend basketball.

KWIN—8 p.m. Friday, Southern Oregon college-Alumni basketball. 11 a.m. Saturday, Milk bowl football.

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