

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Coos Bay To Be Well Represented On UMC Benefit Fight Card Here

Coos Bay will be well-represented here on Saturday night, Dec. 29 when the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Medford Police Athletic League present their big boxing card for the benefit of the United Medford Crusade.

Boxers from the Oregon coast city are billed in 10 of the bouts announced by co-chairmen Alan Holmes and Hugh Jennings. Two of them are slated for feature bouts, Eddie Kaiser, 192, is to take on John Wasey, Portland, in the semi-wind-up. Rex McGregor, 165, is matched against Bob Apple, Medford in the featured preliminary.

Others slated from Coos Bay are Bernard Dooley, 174, Dick Barret, 149, Bill Nelson, 148, John Renfro, 134, Floyd Veach, 139, Don Wiser, 118, Carl Melton, 123, and Norm Irish Jr., 85, Double Main.

The card to be at the Hedrick Junior High school gym will have a double main event, Denny Moyer, 149, Portland, is to face Johnny Green, 159, Roseburg, and Larry Lewis, 120, Medford, is to go against Freddy Smith, 121, Vancouver, Wash.

Sixteen bouts have been listed by the co-chairmen.

In Medford tickets are on sale at Lamport's Sporting Goods store the Union and Bohemian clubs and the police station and from junior chamber members. Eberharts Sporting Goods store and Jerry Jennings have tickets in Ashland. Seats are being sold in ringside, reserve and general admission sections.

Diving Coach Tones Down On Charges

San Francisco—(UPI)—U. S. diving coach Karl Michael, who created a furor at the Melbourne Olympic games by entering the first protest in history of the diving judges, back-tracked a bit today on some of his charges.

"I thought at first that the Russian and Hungarian judges were prejudiced against the divers," said Michael. "But later they explained to me that they have a different concept of the grace and beauty of a dive than the rest of the world."

Possibly full of the Christmas spirit of love for all the world, Michael said there is no reason to believe that the American system of scoring is any better than that used by the Russians.

However, he did have some interesting statistics.

1. The score cards for Gary Tobian of the United States, who finished second to Joquin Capilla of Mexico, showed that the Russian judge was the low point scorer or tied for low nine out of the 10 judgments—with seven judges being in action on each event.

2. The Hungarian judge was low scorer or tied for low on Tobian six out of 10 times.

3. On the Hungarian diver, named Gerlach, the Hungarian judge gave him the highest points of any judge nine out of 10 times.

4. On the Russian diver, Brenner, the Russian judge gave the high score six out of 10 times.

"I'm not saying they were prejudiced against the Americans," Michael pointed out. "But the cards seemed to indicate that there was a certain amount of nationalism involved."

Michael said he didn't want to take anything away from Capilla, but the U. S. coach thought that on this particular night that Tobian was the champion diver.

"Capilla is one of the world's greatest divers," he said. "He won the Pan-American crown and has won both the spring board and tower diving titles in the United States. So you know he is one of the finest. But on this particular night, I firmly believe that Tobian was the better."

Kenny Ploen Trigger-Man Of Hawkeyes

By CHUCK KROUSE
United Press Sports Writer
Pasadena, Calif. — (UPI) — The trigger-man in the Iowa football attack is a 180-pound quarterback who has recently compared to Iowa's greatest football player—the immortal Nile Kinnick.

Kenny Ploen, Clinton, Iowa, senior has an impish grin and an apparent playful attitude.

But on the football field he is a tremendous competitor, specializing in defense and the pass-run option play. He's also an honor student.

Kinnick, All-America halfback on the famous Iowa "Iron Men" of 1939, was a straight A student and a triple-threat back. He was killed during World War II when his plane crashed at sea.

"Ploen comes as close to Kinnick as anyone I've seen," according to Iowa Coach Forest Evashevski. "He's a fine leader and an outstanding competitor."

Ploen, an engineering student who came to Iowa on a Kinnick scholarship, mostly warmed the bench behind Jerry Reichow his first two seasons.

He is heady and quick-reacting. He is not exceptionally fast although he was state high school hurdles champion.

Early in the season, Ploen and other Hawkeye backs suffered from fumbleitis, losing the ball 12 times in five games. But as the season progressed, Ploen sealed his mates and they gave up the ball only two times in the last four games.

Ploen has mastered the quarterback option. His favorite receiver is end Jim Gibbons, who caught short passes that gave Iowa a 7-0 win over Minnesota and set up the touchdowns in a 6-0 win over Ohio State.

Evashevski credits Ploen with winning the Purdue game by faking two blockers and cutting through to tackle fullback Mel Dillard after a long run, Iowa won, 21-20.

Started Against Rose Dame
His best game was Iowa's 48-8 triumph over Notre Dame. Ploen ran for touchdowns of 10 and 41 yards, passed 23 yards for another, and got up a fourth with a 33-yard scamper.

Ironically, his worst game was against Oregon State, the club Iowa will meet in the Rose Bowl in the first re-match in the 10-year history of the Big Ten-Pacific Coast agreement.

"We couldn't seem to do anything right in that one," Ploen said.

Ploen didn't carry the ball once and threw only three passes. One was intercepted and the other two were incomplete. He left the game in the second quarter with a hip injury.

Iowa went on to win, 14-13, on two final period passes.

High School Scores

THURSDAY BASKETBALL
Astoria 64, Seaside 28
Gresham 46, Cleveland 45
Central 48, Willamette 46
Waldport 37, Tillamook Catholic 28
David Douglas 63, Scappoose 42
Brownsville 36, Seio 41

Sports Broadcasts

KBES-TV—Friday, 7 p.m.—Tony DeMarco-Gaspar Ortega boxing, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.—St. Louis-Boston professional basketball.

KMED—Friday, 7 p.m.—DeMarco-Ortega boxing.

KWIN—Friday 8 p.m.—Phoenix-Ashland high basketball.

Basketball

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Iowa 64, St. Bonaventure 63
LSU 62, North Carolina State 76
(Midwest)
Loyola (Ill.) 89, North Dakota 72
Tulsa 75, Detroit 74
Minnesota 80, Kansas State 72
Bradley 74, Wisconsin 62
(Southwest)
Nebraska 67, Texas Tech 64
Oklahoma City 79, San Jose St. 74
(South)
Wake Forest 73, Alabama 30
South Carolina 90, Georgia Tech 83
Stanford 73, Centenary 67
Tulane 78, Southwestern 58
Loyola (La.) 87, Houston 74
Kentucky Wes. 71, New Mexico 66
Idaho 67, Eastern Wash. 58
Pacific Lutheran 36, Central Wash. 47
Jenkins JC 108, Central Oregon 40
California 74, Arizona State 61
Tempe 61
Quantic Marines
Christmas-Towney
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Quapoco-Mar 24, St. Mary's 69
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New York—(UPI)—Duke Snider of Brooklyn failed to hit 300 this year but he came up with a consolation award today when the official National league averages proclaimed him the slugging champion for 1956.

Snider, who batted .292, wound up with a slugging percentage of .598 on the basis of his 324 total bases in 542 official times at bat. His slugging mark was one point higher than the .97 average posted by Milwaukee first baseman Joe Adcock.

Hank Aaron of the Braves, the league's batting champion, was tops in total bases with 340, but he finished in a third-place tie with Cincinnati rookie Frank Robinson in the slugging department, each winding up with averages of .558. Willie Mays of the Giants followed with .557.

Walks Most
Snider also drew the most walks in the league, 99, of which 26 were intentional. That gave him a new league record, bettering the previous mark of 25 intentional walks to Ted Kluszewski of the Redlegs in 1955.

Cincinnati outfielder Wally Post struck out 124 times to lead the league in that department while Don Mueller of the Giants fanned the fewest times, seven.

Frank Robinson was hit the most times by pitchers, 20.

Carl Furillo, the veteran Dodger outfielder, grounded into the most double plays, 27, and at the other end of the scale, rookie Don Blasingame of the Cardinals hit into the least twin-killings, three.

Stan Musial of the Cardinals collected 300 or more total bases, 310 for the 12th year, thereby extending his own National League record.

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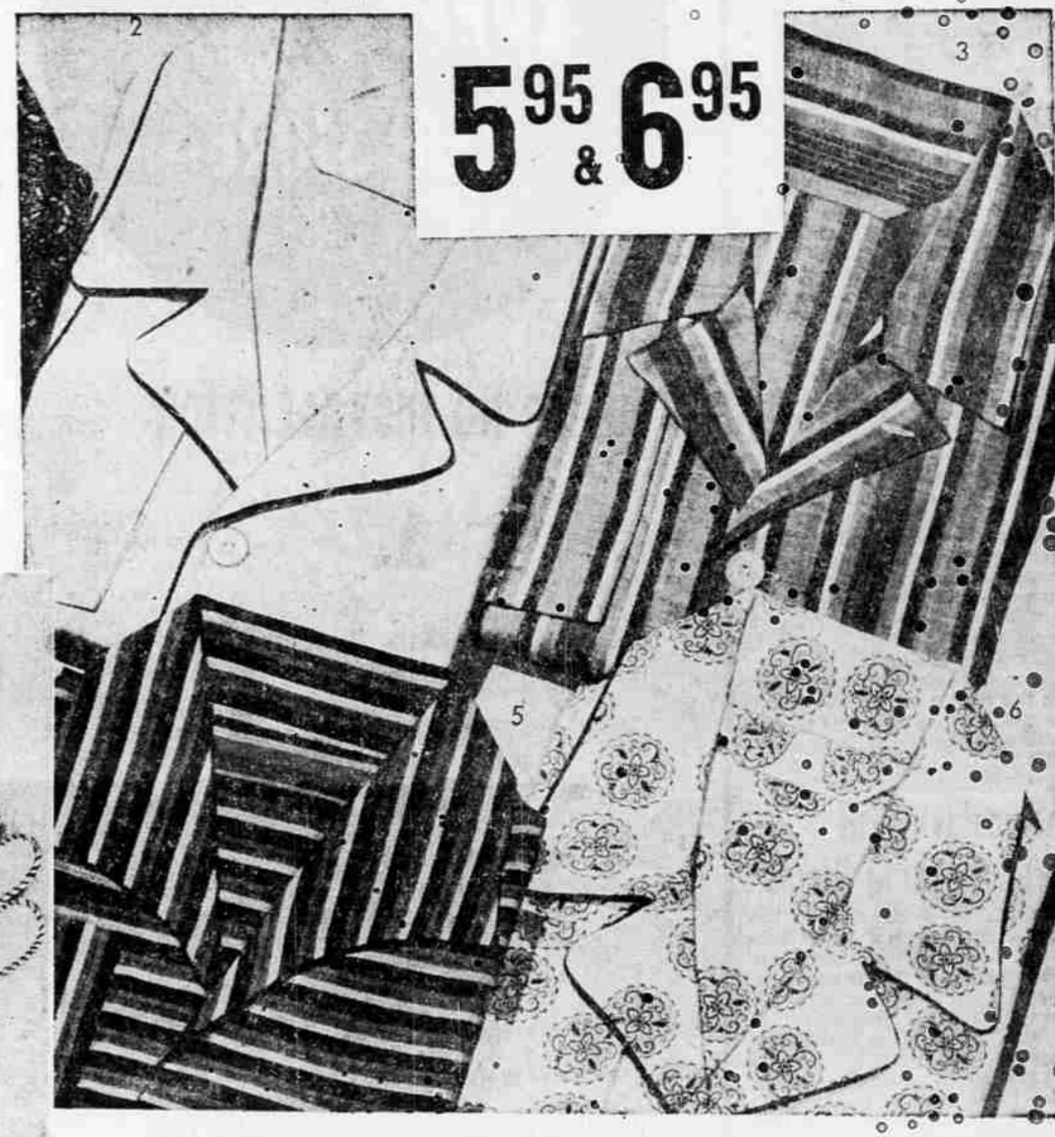
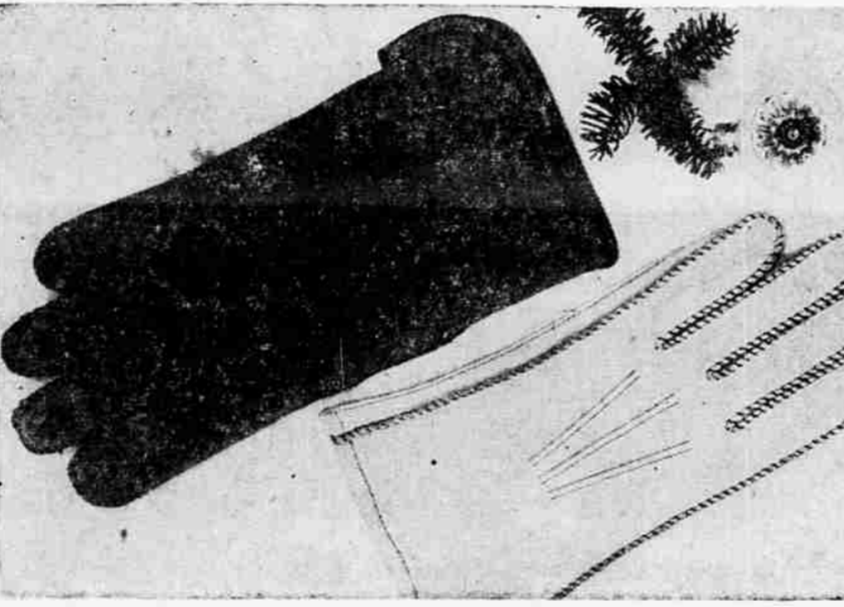
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