

SPORTS



SAM WHEELER
12th Season As Ace Trotter Comedian

Sam Wheeler Tops As Veteran Comedian With Globetrotters

One of the most popular members of basketball's most celebrated team, Sam Wheeler, will lend his gifted touch to the Harlem Globetrotters when they play the Honolulu Surf Riders at Crater High school gym at Central Point on Friday night, March 1.

Cage fans have taken Wheeler to their hearts ever since he first started his activities with the Trotters 12 seasons ago, and he grows with popularity each passing year. Globetrotter Owner Abe Saperstein says Wheeler has that certain something that makes him an outstanding Globetrotter. He is a fine all-around player and a real entertainer. He's one of the top comedians in the Globetrotter organization and is rated one of the funniest men in sports.

Attended Arkansas College
Wheeler, a six foot, one inch athlete, came to the Globe trotters after a spectacular sports career at Philander Smith college in Arkansas. He was outstanding in basketball and baseball and followed both of these sports in pro ranks upon his graduation. A short time later his path crossed that of Saperstein and Wheeler has played baseball and basketball with the Globetrotters ever since.

On the court Wheeler is exceptionally fast and clever, an excellent basket shooter and strong defensively. He's an avid camera fan and has an enviable collection of pictures taken on his world-wide travels with the Trotters.

He added greatly to his col-

lection on his team's recent tour of the Far East, from which the unit comes to Central Point.

A six-act variety show featuring some of the nation's top night club talent will accompany the Globetrotters. Half of the show, to last an hour and 10 minutes, will be presented before the game and the other half will be seen at halftime.

Gutowski Eyes 16-Foot Barrier In Pole Vault

New York — (U.P.) — The 16 foot pole vault will be the next major track and field "barrier" to be broken, says Bob Gutowski of Occidental college, a young man who believes he can do it.

Gutowski, a wiry, 21-year-old 145-pounder, made the best vault of his life and narrowly missed setting a world record when he skyrocketed 15 feet, six inches to tie the Rev. Bob Richards of Los Angeles for the Millrose title Saturday night.

"The way we're vaulting now we'll reach 16 feet definitely within the next two years," Gutowski said. "I hope to be the one to do it and I think maybe I can."

Charlie Franklin, University of Oregon's tricky junior forward, has taken a real liking to his role as a part-time post man. In the last five games Franklin has scored 119 points, topped by his 36 against Washington State at Pullman.

Reds Take Team Shoot

Paul Culbertson's Red squad defeated Wilton White's Blues by 44 birds, 974 to 930 Sunday in the annual team shoot of Medford Gun club.

The Blues will serve as hosts for the annual dinner and meeting of the club this Wednesday. The 7 p.m. dinner will follow a 6:30 p.m. social hour.

Members will elect three directors. Terms of Henry Niedermeyer, Ed Pease and Ed Weber expire. Directors will convene after the membership session to elect officer.

Forty-four paid up members took part in the team shoot. Sam Samson broke 50 straight birds for the Blues in their losing cause.

Over 50 shooters, including non-members fired at the clays during the day, using 5,150 targets.

William Jantzer won the Ed Pease handicap over a field of 20, busting 49 of 50. Martin Clogston and Bob Eiden cracked 47 each.

Scores turned in for the Northwest Spokesman Review telegraphic skeet shoot were Clogston 24, Bert Peck 21 and John Dever 20.



SPILLING THROUGH ROPES onto ring apron, Randy Sandy (foreground) and Joey Giardello are being helped by Referee Walt Brightmore in tenth round of Chicago bout. Giardello won split decision. (International)

Brown Favored To Retain Title

New York—(U.P.)—Joey Brown is favored at 13-5 to keep his lightweight crown Wednesday night in a return title bout with Wallace (Bud) Smith at the Miami Beach auditorium.

It will be Brown's first defense of the 135-pound championship since he won it in hometown New Orleans from Smith of Cincinnati last Aug. 24. Neither fought since then.

Although it was a split decision by which Brown gained the title, he is a heavy favorite this time because he fractured his right wrist in the second round at New Orleans and won nevertheless from a faded Smith.

Webb To Fight
Their 15-round bout will be televised and broadcast nationally by ABC.

Spider Webb of Chicago, fourth ranking middleweight contender, meets rugged Neal Rivers of Las Vegas, Nev., in a 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden Friday night. Because of his 17 straight victories, Webb is favored at 3-1. Rivers is ranked eighth. NBC will televise and broadcast it nationally.

KLAMATH, MADRAS KEEP LEADS IN PREP POLL

Portland — (U.P.) — Klamath Falls and Madras clung to top spots among A-1 and A-2 Oregon high school basketball teams but the class B group had two new leaders today in the weekly Journal coaches' poll.

Knappa, with a record of 20 straight wins, and Sisters were in first place in the class B poll. Elkton, the previous leader, dropped to third.

Central Catholic and Eugene followed Klamath Falls in A-1 while Scappoose trailed Madras in A-2. Others in the top 10 in class A-2 were Drain, Eagle Point, Cascade, Reedsport, Dallas, Molalla, Glide and Woodburn.

In class B, the leaders were followed by Wallows, Stanfield, Jefferson, Valseiz, Helix, Harrisburg and Echo.

The A-1 rankings:

Team	Points
1. Klamath Falls	75
2. Central Catholic	71
3. Eugene	70
4. Benson	46
6. Medford	46
7. Astoria	44
7. Lincoln	22
8. Hermiston	21
9. Pendleton	12
9. Grant	12

Others: Roseburg 7, South Salem 5, Albany 4, Jefferson 3, Marshfield and Beaverton 1 each.

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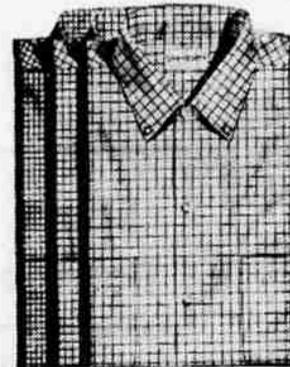
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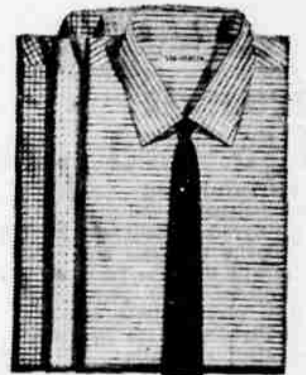
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