

# Tornado, Ashland High Foes In Crucial Basketball Series

Spotlight in Southern Oregon conference basketball this week end falls on the Ashland and Medford high school courts where the issue of the second District 6 representative in the Class A-1 state tourney can be decided or prolonged.

Medford's Black Tornado and Ashland's Grizzlies vie at Ashland on Friday and at Medford on Saturday in the crucial skirmishes. Varsity games at 8:15 follow 6:30 p.m. junior varsity action. The Ashlanders engage in their last series of the regular conference slate. The Tornado goes back into action after a two weeks lay-off from competition.

One of the Tornado's magic numbers in connection with the series. Whether the Tornado can grab the one victory which will carry it into a third state tourney slot will depend on its ability to match the deliberate Ashland offensive with good playmaking of its own, warm shooting, tough defense and effective backboard work.

**Beat Ashland Twice**

Medford succeeded in those efforts to gain 47 to 40 and 42 to 35 decisions over the Grizzlies in the first time around of league play. But the Ashland club may prove an even more formidable hurdle for the Tornado in the wake of an upset over

Klamath Falls and a loss to the Pels by a close verdict last week end.

Both Medford and Ashland have recorded one victory in four games with Klamath. The Tornado's one win came 52 to 48 in the early season after a 68 to 57 setback. In the second half the Tornado led 62 to 43 then bowed 59 to 53 in double overtime. Ashland led 57 to 40 and 53 to 44 in the January action before beating KF 50 to 39 last Friday and losing 41 to 37 on Saturday.

So it will be a Grizzly club with a bolstered confidence meeting a rested Black Tornado. Observers of last week end's Ashland-Klamath series have indicated that the Grizzlies played great ball and showed considerable poise against the Pelicans. Grizzlies Need Both

Ashland must win both of the tangles to keep in the running for state tourney entry. Should the Grizzlies come through, Medford would still have the chance to earn a tourney spot by downing Grants Pass in one of its two games with the Cavemen next Tuesday and Wednesday. The Black Tornado, however, isn't of a mind to prolong the agony.

Medford has scoring ability among its six top line players, Dick Cople, Dick McLaughlin, Neil Plumley, Larry Perkins, Tom Hamlin and Dick Puhl and backboard strength in Cople, McLaughlin, Plumley and Hamlin. Mel Bailey, Jack Eberhart and Jack Tobiasson have been the main Ashland scorers in the circuit and Eberhart and Tobiasson have been effective rebounders.

Possible starters for the Tornado are Cople, McLaughlin, Plumley, Perkins and Puhl. For Ashland the five likely will be Eberhart, Daily, Tobiasson, Albert Hartwell and Mark Fitch. Klamath Falls plays at Grants Pass this week end while Crater has a bye.

## SPORTS



JOHNNY KLINE Ace With Globetrotters

### John Kline Moving Fast As Trotter

Johnny Lee Kline is moving fast among the outstanding prospects on the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team. He will be seen in action with the crack world-traveled aggregation against the Honolulu Surf Riders at Crater high school gym in Central Point Friday night, starting at 8 o'clock.

The 25-year-old, six foot three inch speedster from Detroit, Mich., is a well-coordinated youth which may account for seven high jump records while a track and basketball star at Wayne University. Three years' competition at Wayne followed a brilliant all-around sports career at Northeastern high school in Detroit.

When the Globetrotters arrive in Central Point they will be joined by another outstanding player who will further strengthen their offensive. He is Bob Williams, who is being sent on option by the Minneapolis Lakers of the National Basketball association.

The former Florida A&M star was adjudged the most valuable player in the Pan-American Games most valuable player in the worldwide air force tournament in 1955 and twice was named on the all-Air Force team.

### Basketball Scores

- WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GAMES By United Press (East)
- Harvard 65, Princeton 56
  - LaSalle 84, Fordham 66
  - Temple 54, Joseph P. 48
  - Pitt 94, Pennsylvania 76
  - Penn State 71, Lehigh 38
  - Columbia 80, Cornell 62
  - Providence 69, Boston Col. 71
  - Yale 57, Dartmouth 56
  - Niagara 79, Syracuse 74
  - (South)
  - Maryland 62, Georgetown 59
  - Louisville 97, DePaul 76
  - (Midwest)
  - Dayton 90, Toledo 47
  - Xavier (O.) 77, Western Ky. St. 71
  - (West)
  - Seattle 95, Portland 81

### RVCC Golf Pro Lists Plan for Tourney Entry

Harry Millette has carded a 76 to meet with Carl Schmidt for low gross honors so far among 67 men who have qualified so far for the spring golf handicap tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

Deadline for qualifying is Sunday, March 3. Club pro Al Williams, however, has stated that all linksmen who know that they can't possibly qualify by the deadline should call the pro shop and give their names. They will be placed in the tourney bracket but, of course, will not be eligible for low net or low gross qualifying prizes.

The list of qualifiers is lagging well behind last year.

### Forte Heads Small-Stars

New York—(U.P.)—Chet (The Jet) Fort of Columbia and Gary Thompson of Iowa State, two of the nation's finest basketball players regardless of size, headed the ninth annual "Small America" team compiled today by the United Press.

In addition to the high-scoring Forte (5-9) and Thompson (5-10), the first team included sophomore Don Hennon (5-9) of Pittsburgh, Tom Steinke (5-10) of Brigham Young and Jimmy Boothe (5-7) of Xavier. Boothe is the only repeater from last year's team.

5-10 Limit

The "Small America" is strictly for the little men—none taller than five feet, 10 inches—but the five best-pocketed ones selected this year have proved week after week there's a definite place for the small man among the giants who dominate the modern game.

Named to the second team were Florida Porky Vieira (5-6) of Quinipiac college at Hamden, Conn., Dave Markey (5-10) of Canisius, Joe Campbell (5-7) of Purdue, Jackie Mardock (5-10) of Wake Forest and Dick Cantley (5-10) of West Virginia Tech.

### Ducks Slate Southern Cal

University of Oregon, Eugene—It will be pupil vs teacher Friday and Saturday in Los Angeles when Coach Steve Belko takes his Oregon Ducks south to play Coach Forrest Twogood's Southern California Trojans in the next to the last series of the season for the Webfoots.

Two decades ago Belko was an outstanding guard for Coach Twogood's Idaho Vandals and this will mark the second time they have faced each other since Belko began his successful career as a coach. In 1934 Southern California defeated Belko's Idaho State team in the first round of the western regional NCAA tournament at Corvallis.

Belko's job of rebuilding the Webfoots has been a slow one, but the Ducks have been tougher each time out and could bother the Trojans on their home court. Oregon's attack is built around Charlie Franklin, a 6-3 junior who plays both forward and center, and Hal Duffy, a 6-6 junior who alternates with Franklin on the post.

Franklin is one of the top five scorers in the PCC with a 19.0 point per game average and both he and Duffy rank among the first five in rebounding. Belko will probably start Eli Morgan, a 6-6 sophomore, at the other forward post and go with Phil McHugh and either Bud Kuykendall or Wimp Hastings at guard.

### Perfect Season Duckling Desire

University of Oregon, Eugene—Coach Don Kirsch's Oregon freshman team shoots for an undefeated season Saturday night at Corvallis in the final game. If the Ducklings win their fourth meeting with the Rooks, it will give them 15 straight victories and the first perfect season since 1938 when the squad swept through 17 contests without a loss.

The Rooks, however, have wrecked two more recent tries for unbeaten frosh seasons, winning single games in both 1950 and 1951 to leave the Ducklings with marks of 16-1 and 18-1. The 1950 squad was led by Chet Noe, Curt Barclay, Keith Farnam and Bud Covey while the 1951 club was paced by Ken Wegner, Barney Holland and Bob Hawes.

In 1938 the Ducklings had a talented group paced by Earl Sandness, Archie Marshik, Red McNeely, George Andrews and Toivvo Piippo and all were members of the 1939 squad which won the first NCAA championship.

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# PHOENIX, GLIDE HIGH TO VIE IN PLAY-OFF GAME HERE TONIGHT

Coach Jack Woodward indicated today that the Phoenix high Pirates will start against Glide with the same five-man crew which opened action in three sub-district basketball tourney games.

Phoenix and Glide come together at Hedrick Junior high gym in Medford at 8 p.m. today in the first game of a two-out-of-three play-off for the District 6 A-2 championship. Winner will go to Salem for the state A-2 hoop tournament beginning March 11.

Likely starting quint for the Pirates is Jim James, 5-11, and Jim Stout, 5-0, forwards, Doug Witte, 6-3, center, and Gary Simmons, 5-10, and Jim Heath, 5-10, guards.

Word concerning possible Glide starters has not come from Wildcat mentor Loren Thornton. But the five could be Allen Smith, 6-1, and Wayne Kennady, 6-0, forwards, Dick Smith, 6-1, center and John Livingston, 5-7, and Bill Eswine, 5-6, guards.

Dick Smith has been the leading light of the Wildcats. He has run up 385 points in 18 con-

flits while Glide has compiled a 14-4 season record. Smith is regarded as the finest basketball player in his section of the state in all classes A-1, A-2 and B. He rolled up 32 points in the 30 to 48 victory over Myrtle Creek which decided the sub-district and league mantles and came through with the winning basket.

Figures on scoring of other Wildcats are not available.

Gary Simmons with 197 and Jim James with 193 have been the top scorers for Phoenix over 20 games and a 12-8 record. James, Stout and Witte have paced rebounding.

This is Glide's first year as an A-2 school but it will put more of a veteran club on the floor than will the Pirates. The two Smith cousins on the Wild-

cat club and Kennady are seniors, as are top reserves, Gary Wagner and Chuck Meraclé. Livingston is a sophomore and Eswine a sophomore.

**Almost All Juniors**

Phoenix roster is almost solid in juniors. James is the only senior listed.

Glide and Phoenix will collide again Saturday at Glide with a third game set for Monday on a neutral court to be selected.

The Pirates showed plenty of fight in winning the southern division tournament and coach Woodward said that his charges are looking forward to this evening's encounter. He said that the Phoenix crew is in good shape physically.

# Opinions Differ on How Big Loop Baseball Should Come To West Coast Area

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The West Coast wants major league baseball—but the split in the ranks of executives and fans on just how this important deed should be accomplished has become so wide there appears no chance for reconciliation.

The recent announcement that the Brooklyn Dodgers had purchased the Los Angeles Angels from the Chicago Cubs renewed the battle over the future.

It goes like this:

The majority of fans in Los Angeles and San Francisco want either the National or American league or both to place a franchise in their city—and to heck with the rest of the Pacific Coast league.

The baseball people in such places as Seattle, Portland, Sacramento and San Diego want a "third major league" made up of cities in the West, including Houston, Dallas and Denver.

**Too Much Expense**

"It is the only feasible way to

make a successful financial operation," says a veteran baseball man. "It would cost an Eastern club \$17,000 to come out here and play one week. That would work out fine for the New York Yankees—but how well would a tail-end club like the Kansas City Athletics draw?"

"If you will look at the major league history, you will note that when both the American and National leagues were in their formative stages they switched from city to city until they were solidified."

"The same procedure should be followed for a third major league out this way, with the clubs retaining possession of their stars instead of selling them to the American or National league."

That makes sense—but a lot of fans won't hold still for it. They think that only the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas have the population and the wealth to make a successful big time operation.

# Gibbon Needs 36 Points In Final Tussle

By JOHN GRIFFIN

United Press Sports Writer

Thirty-six points is the "target for tonight" for Mississippi's Joe Gibbon in his last attempt to beat out Grady Wallace for the national basketball scoring championship.

Gibbon, the baseball whiz who has been pitching strikes on the court all winter, plays his last regular season game tonight against Mississippi State. He goes into it with 30.3 points per game average, needing those 36 markers to overhaul Wallace's 30.48 mark.

Wallace, the South Carolina jump shot artist, is idle until Saturday night when he plays his last regular season game against Clemson. But Wednesday night his lead withstood challenges by hot-shooting Elgin Baylor of Seattle and little Chet (The Jet) Forte of Columbia.

Baylor wound up his regular season by scoring 28 points in Seattle's 95-81 triumph over Portland to remain in third place with 30.0.

Fourth-place Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain of Kansas, who has three more games to go, was idle, but Forte racked up 33 points for Columbia in an 80-62 win over Cornell.

The performance boosted Forte's fifth place average to 29.14 points per game, just a whisker behind Chamberlain's 29.2.

# T. DeMarco No. 1 Welter Contender

New York — (U.P.) — Former welterweight champion Tony DeMarco moved in as the division's No. 1 contender, replacing Johnny Saxton, another ex-champion, who was dropped to third following his early kayo by champion Carmen Basilio last week.

DeMarco, who lost the welter crown to Basilio in 1955 and then failed to regain it in another match that year, has been established as the leading contender in Ring magazine's monthly ratings because of his recent win over Gaspar Ortega of Mexico.

Nino Valdes, who cleaned up the best English heavyweights in his recent tour of the British Isles, earned the No. 10 spot in the heavyweight division, while Wayne Bethea was dropped because of inactivity.

**Webb Moves Up**

The middleweight division saw several significant changes. Ellsworth (Spider) Webb was moved up from fourth to third behind Charley Humez of France and former champion Ray Robinson. In other changes in this division, Neal Rivers was dropped from eighth to 10th following a loss to Webb, Charley Joseph of New Orleans took over Rivers' eighth spot and Tiger Jones dropped from third to fourth.

Former lightweight champion Wallace (Bud) Smith, who was kayoed recently by champion Joe Brown, was dropped from fifth to seventh, while Orlando Zulueta moved up from sixth to fifth. British Empire champion Willie Towel advanced from ninth to sixth.

Gil Cadilli of San Francisco advanced from seventh to fifth among the featherweights, Paul Jorgensen of Port Arthur, Tex., slipped from fifth to sixth, and Jean Sneyers of Belgium advanced from fifth to fourth.

# Pro Sports Propositions In Contrast

Washington — (U.P.) — Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Anti-Trust subcommittee, said today he hopes to hold hearings later on the sharply-contrasting professional sports bills that have been introduced.

Celler and Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R-Calif.), each has offered a bill that would put professional baseball under the anti-trust laws.

**Harris Introduces**

But Rep. Owen Harris (D-Ark.) Wednesday introduced a bill to exempt not only pro baseball, but also pro football, hockey, and basketball from the provisions of the anti-trust statutes.

Harris, chairman of the House Interstate Commerce committee, offered his bill because, he said, the ruling of the Supreme Court earlier this week in regard to pro football had created an "anomaly" which calls for correction by law. The court held by a 6-3 decision that professional football is subject to anti-trust laws, even though professional baseball is not.

# Calhoun Given Split Decision

Denver — (U.P.) — Charley Cotton's handler said today that Rory Calhoun's split decision win in their 10-round bout Wednesday night was the second "bad decision" in as many fights between them.

The fifth-ranked Calhoun, the "Rocky Marciano" of middleweights, needed all his advantage in youth and strength over Cotton to gain his second split decision over the 26-year-old Toledo, Ohio, fighter before 2,500 fans at Denver's Auditorium Arena.

Calhoun, only 22, edged Cotton on a split decision last August. Referee Ray Keech gave Cotton a 48-47 edge in the scoring. But Judge Joe Ullmer scored it 49-46 for Calhoun and Judge Jack Bloom had it 48-43 for Calhoun. The United Press card favored Calhoun, 48-45.

# Saul Silberman Awaits Verdict

Miami — (U.P.) — Saul Silberman, the millionaire president of Tropical Park race track, waited today to learn whether the Florida Racing Commission would suspend his license.

Silberman was the final witness Wednesday night at the windup of a three-day hearing by the commission into charges he and his friend, Tropical Park public relations man Maurice J. Hirshtein, associated with known criminals and that Hirshtein used the private telephone in Silberman's office to give out race information to a former Cleveland bookie.

Racing commission chairman C. F. Ratliff said a decision in the case would not come for at least two or three weeks.

Meanwhile, Silberman turned down an offer of \$4,300,000 for the Florida track from a group of unidentified millionaire sportsmen.

# Nats Solidify Pro Hoop Grip

By UNITED PRESS

The Syracuse Nationals had a solid grip on the final playoff berth in the National Basketball association's Eastern division today, but the Rochester Royals were almost as glad to settle for a shaky hold on a berth in the Western division.

The Nationals went 2½ games ahead of New York in the fight for third place in the east Wednesday night by whipping St. Louis, 108-93, in the first game of a twin bill at Rochester.

In the other game, Rochester went a half-game ahead of Minneapolis in the battle for third place in the west by downing Fort Wayne, 90-76. No other league games were scheduled.

# Rupp Honored

Atlanta — (U.P.) — Adolph Rupp, the University of Kentucky basketball coach, has been named coach of the year in the Southeastern conference by the Atlanta Journal. The newspaper named Rupp for winning the SEC crown with a team he described as his "weakest in years."

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