

# Pels, Comets Tussle At CP Friday Night

Central Point — One of two Southern Oregon conference football games being played within about five miles of each other Friday night will be on the Central Point field. Crater will be host here to the Klamath Falls Pelicans while Ashland is vying in Medford.

The Comet-Pelican tussle is between two clubs which have yet to score a conference victory this season. Crater is playing its fourth and final game within the loop and Klamath its third conflict.

Crater Mentor Leonard Warren said after a Comet scrimmage last night that the offense looked good but that he was not satisfied with the defense at all. The Comets this week, he reported, have gone back to fundamentals with stress on tackling and line play.

**Pass Defense Work**  
There has also been work on pass defense with the hope of stopping the aerial threat of Frank Ballard and Tom Ankeny. The Pelicans have quite elaborate maneuvers in trying to make their pass attack go. The ball is sometimes exchanged several times in the backfield before the ball is heaved. Klamath also mixes in the old statue of liberty play.

Crater has had its troubles with sickness and injury. Line-men Tom Turner, Doug Davis and Mike Martin, on the sick list, reported yesterday for their first workout of the week. Martin missed last week.

Back Wayne Allen who made

# Air Defense Toughened By Beavers

Corvallis, Ore.—The Oregon State Beavers held a long aerial defense practice Wednesday as Coach Tommy Prothro sought a way to stop the potent passing attack of the Washington State Cougars.

Prothro hopes to counter the Cougars with a potent running attack—if tailback Joe Francis and fullback Nub Beamer get back in top physical condition by Saturday.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore.—Oregon State's twice-beaten football team, still full of desire and hope, faces another tough opponent here at Parker stadium when the strong Washington State Cougars come to town in the Beavers' homecoming game.

It will mark the first time this season that Oregon State has not been favored to whip an opponent, something the Beaver coaches figure might be a good omen. What's more, Coach Tommy Prothro has never lost a home football game in his three seasons at the Orange helm—either here or in Portland.

Both clubs will be shooting for their 22nd victory in the long rivalry that dates back to 1903. Each has won 21 times, with two of the games ending in ties. Oregon State swept both the 1955 and 1956 games while under Prothro.

Any chance of an upset OSC might have depends to a large extent on the element of injured players. The Beavers have lost first-string guard Jim Brackins indefinitely because of a shoulder dislocation, and still handicapped in practice this week have been Joe Francis, Nub Beamer, Jim Stinnette, George Enderle, Howard Hogan and Ed Kaohelaulili.

Prothro calls WSC the "most improved team in the conference" this season. Coach Jim Sutherland had the top passing team in the nation last fall, but has combined a strong running attack this time to make the passing even more effective.

Gates will open at 12 noon, with kickoff time slated for 1:30 p.m.

Oregon State College, Corvallis—A homecoming crowd of some 20,000 fans is expected for the Oregon State-Washington State college football game at Parker stadium Saturday afternoon. Tickets are available at the Greyhound Bus depot in Medford.

15 tackles last Friday against Ashland from the safety position, has a pulled muscle and Back Allen Barnes a sore arm. Backs Kerman Bennett and Gary Legler are bothered by knee ailments and Back Bob Fowler by a bruised thigh muscle.

# SPORTS

## Head Coach, Aides Quit At Kansas

By BILL CLARK  
Lawrence, Kan.—Staggering Kansas, a stranger to football's big-time since the brief regime of George Sauer, today began a cold search for a new coach following the surprise resignation of Chuck Mather and five assistants.

University officials, who said no successor was immediately in sight, unanimously termed the mass announcement a "shock." Mather, 41, and possessor of one of the nation's most famed records as a high school coach at Massillon, Ohio, attributed the action to a desire "not to have our boys competing under the pressure of saving the coach's job."

The Jayhawks, racked by recurring injuries and unspared by a sweeping flu siege, have won only one game this fall, losing four and tying one. Mather's record through his original three-year contract which was renewed for a year last spring was 6-2-1.

**Can't Solve Problem**  
Mather and five hand-picked assistants, four brought to K-U when he assumed the head coaching role from J. V. Sikes, said their decision came after a Tuesday night conference. The group said it decided "we cannot solve the football problem" at Kansas "even by winning the four remaining games."

Included in the move, college football's biggest shuffle of the year, were assistants Paul Schaffer, Luri Wartainen, Dave Putts, Dick Piskoty and Tom Triplett. All but Triplett had been with Mather several seasons, most at Massillon Washington high where he won six straight Ohio prep titles.

Mather and the resigning assistants will fulfill their present contracts by completing the current season.

## HOCKEY

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

By UNITED PRESS  
New York.—Boston sports writers, who have had their hands full with temperamental Ted Williams, better steer clear of goalie Terry Sawchuk of the Detroit Red Wings when he plays against the Bruins at Boston Sunday night.

Sawchuk, who quit the Bruins in mid-season last year because his nerves were "shot," is on the warpath again. And he's especially furious at the writers, whom he claims "won't leave me alone."

After scoring his first shut-out since rejoining the Red Wings—a 4-0 effort against the New York Rangers Wednesday night—Sawchuk refused to talk to newsmen.

In Wednesday night's other game, Henri Richard scored twice and Brother Maurice potted the 502nd regular-season goal of his career in leading the Montreal Canadiens to a 6-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Willie Marshall's latest scoring outburst today sent the Hershey Bears soaring into a seven-point first-place lead in the American Hockey league.

The 25-year-old center scored two goals and assisted on another as the Bears whipped the Cleveland Barons, 4-1 Wednesday to increase their season record to eight wins, one loss and one tie. Second-place Rochester has won five games and lost four.

# Blues Face Black Team In Play-Off

Hedrick Blues will meet the McLaughlin Blacks Saturday morning in the championship game of the seventh grade intramural football circuit. McLaughlin Whites will face the Hedrick Reds in the other game.

The Blues gained the titular contest yesterday with a 13 to 0 decision over the Whites.

Black and Blue clubs enter the Saturday mix with two wins and a tie each. They tied each other. The Whites have a victory and two losses and the Reds have suffered three setbacks.

Yesterday the Blues drove from midfield to the goal the first time they got their hands on the ball. Roy Ross scored from 12 to 14 yards out and Jim Bandy ran the conversions. In the third quarter Jim Woods intercepted a White pass and ran about 40 yards to the two yard line. Bandy went over from there.

In the final quarter Ross went 15-yards to the end zone behind blocking by Danny Miles, Mike Callan and Bandy but the play was nullified by a holding penalty.

**Rogue Archers Meeting Tonight**  
Rogue Archers will hold their first winter practice shoot this evening at the indoor range in Central Point.

They will have activity every Thursday evening during the winter on the second floor over Paulsen's Thrift market. All bowmen of the area are invited to join with the Rogue group.

A meeting will be held at 7:30 today to plan the winter slate.

**HUNTING BILL**  
Salem.—A bi-partisan group of legislators Wednesday introduced a bill which would require a five-day waiting period before hunting season could be reopened after it had been closed because of forest fire dangers.

The recent deer hunting season was closed because of forest fire danger but was ordered reopened on its original date less than 24 hours before the starting time when fire danger lessened.

# LOGART TOP CONTENDER AMONG WELTER BOXERS

New York.—Isaac Logart, dynamic Cuban body-puncher, was named top contender for the vacant world welterweight title today in the Ring Magazine's latest ratings.

At the same time, odds-man Eddie Borden, publisher of the Weekly Boxing World, announced that Logart would be favored at least 7-5 against any one of the other five men expected to be included in the tournament for the vacant 147-pound crown.

Names of the six men in the tournament will be announced Friday or Monday by Julius Helfand, chairman of the World Championship Committee and chairman of the N. Y. State Athletic Commission.

Virgil Akins of St. Louis, who clinched a berth in the tournament by knocking out ex-champion Tony DeMarco at Boston, Tuesday night was boosted from

sixth to second among contenders in the ring ratings. **Knockdowns Rule Out**  
DeMarco was dropped from first to third, but his six trips to the canvas in the Akins' fight are expected to rule him out of the tourney. DeMarco's defeat automatically boosted Cuban Logart from second place to first.

The tournament, expected to be fought out within 90 days, will determine a successor to Carmen Basilio, whose 147-pound crown was vacated automatically on Sept. 23 when he won the middleweight 160-pound title from Sugar Ray Robinson.

For various reasons, the six-man eliminations are expected to include the following: Logart 1, Akins 2, Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J. 4, Gil Turner of Philadelphia 6, Gaspar Ortega of Mexico 7, and George Barnes of Australia 8.

**Stinging Remarks on Baseball In Report of House Committee**  
Portland.—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), disclosed here yesterday that a forthcoming report on organized baseball from the House judiciary committee will contain "many stinging and abrasive" comments of the invasion of the West Coast by the major leagues.

Sen. Neuberger said he received that word from Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the committee.

Neuberger had asked Celler to investigate the question of what Neuberger called the major league "pirating" of territory long occupied by Pacific Coast league teams.

**Dollar Sign**  
The Oregon Democrat declared that members of Congress "are alert to the cynicism with which the dollar sign has been placed on baseball by the abrupt pilgrimages westward of the Dodgers and Giants."

He admitted, however, that "baseball probably cannot be touched by effective legislative action."

"Only public opinion will ever be able to challenge a circumstance under which players and

# Hunting and Fishing Southern Oregon

By MEL REES

The past week has been pretty good both on the shooting and fishing front. Good weather here in the Rogue valley made the fishing fair to tops and the occasional storms and winds east of the mountains produced some fast limits on waterfowl.

The Rogue is in excellent shape and there are enough fish in the river to produce good angling. While most of the pressure has been in the Robertson Bridge to Galice section, Medford anglers had a field day recently in the Bybee Bridge area. The fish have been running smaller on the average than the winter run, but some really bright ones have been netted up to 10 pounds.

## HOT SHOT CONSISTENT

The most consistent lure has been the Hot Shot. This long-beaked Eddie Pope creation has astounded fishermen here for the past four years. When Eddie first came through these parts and liberally distributed some of these lures to local fishermen and guides—no one thought they would be worth carrying to the river. At least one guide that I know gave his lures away (he has been moaning about it ever since) because he thought they were just another hair-brained scheme for catching fishermen!

It didn't take long before the boys-who-will-try-anything once found they were surefire fish catchers in the fall run. Some anglers predicted that they would only last a year as is the case with many lures, but this year is no exception—they are still the best producer.

While most of the colors have been used to catch fish I suppose that the most consistent producers are the White with Red Head, Sparkle Plenty in White, Transparent Silver and the Silver with the Red Throat. They make an excellent boat fished lure for they do not get hung up on the bottom and will fish shallow

or deep depending on the current and how much the boat is held in it.

No one seems to know what the steelhead thinks this lure is, but, as long as he takes it, who cares?

## MASS MIGRATION

Dr. E. V. Meyerding of Medford told me the other day that his party hunting in the Klamath basin saw a mass migration of ducks and geese which lasted for over four hours.

The doctor said that the party limited by 9 a.m. and someone noticed that the air was full of ducks flying several hundred yards high with an over cover of geese. Seemingly these birds were not interested in anything the Klamath valley had to offer but were heading into the south-land.

It seems a shame that these birds did not stop for with many thousands of additional waterfowl in the area the hunting would have been superb.

## DEPENDS ON WEATHER

Increasing numbers of birds are reported in Warner valley. Shooting there will depend as elsewhere, on the weather.

Many hunters hope for a storm but it has been my experience that when a big storm front moves in the birds ride out in front of it. I recall a few years ago when we had a split season, the fields were teeming with birds and they all moved out the day before the second season opened—right in front of a big storm.

So if you want to wish for some duck weather—wish for rain squalls, high winds, fog and anything else that will be miserable to the hunter but hope that there is no really big storm.

## RENEW OLD RIVALRY

Athens, Ga.—When Georgia meets Alabama here on Saturday it will continue one of Dixie's oldest football rivalries. It will mark the 43rd meeting between the two schools in a series which dates back to 1895.

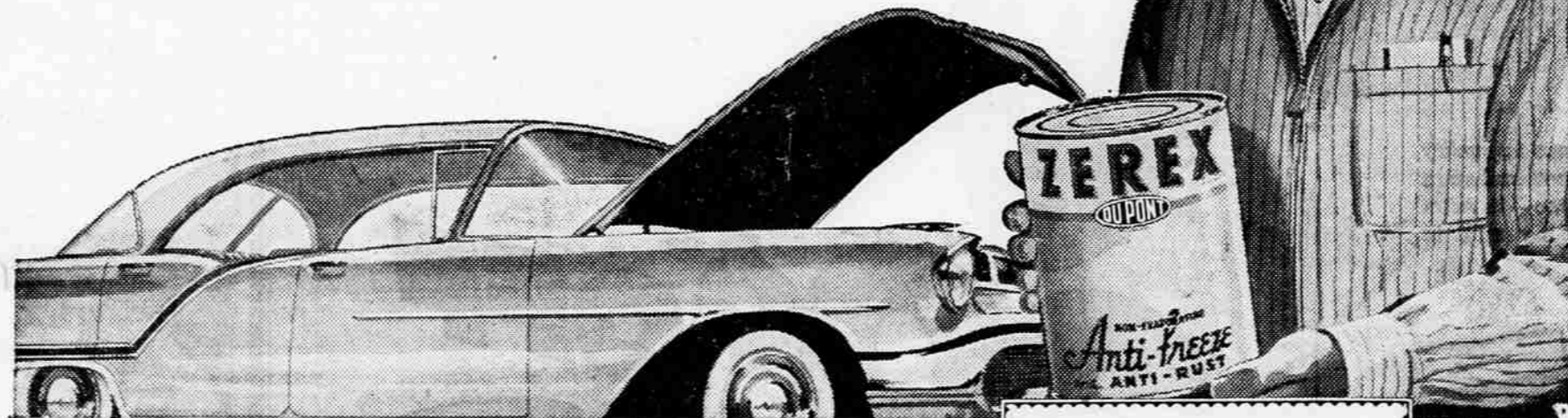
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