

Clown, David Quits Vie At Hedrick This Evening

Only two defeats in two years! That is the almost unbelievable record of the Harlem Clowns who play the House of David tonight in a tussle between barnstorming basketball teams at Hedrick Junior High school gym. Game time is 8 p.m.

Clown record is all the more unbelievable when it is realized that the club has played almost 300 ball games in the two years. The Harlem actually had a total win skein of 253 games before dropping a close contest in Canada last season. They finished the 1935 campaign with 98 straight wins and went on to take 143 consecutive scraps in the 1935-1936 campaign. They were beaten early in the 1936-1937 slate.

While the Clowns have a colorful history, the records of their foes date back farther and involve baseball as well as basketball. House of David basketball originated in the 1920s in Benton Harbor, Mich., home of the David colony. Players of the team have a special distinction in that all are bearded. Whiskers are their trade mark. The Davids have developed a popular following over the years.

The Davids currently are playing a series of tilts with the Clowns.

George Anderson is the long-time member of the Davids traveling contingent. He's been manager since the 1930s. The younger hands do the playing these days.

Clown record for last season was 143 wins and two defeats. This is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the Clowns play a different team every night, often seven nights a week, and travel from 150 to 300 miles between each game.

Unlike some traveling clubs that always carry their own opposition, the Harlem Clowns take on a variety of foes and some of them are very rough. Home town teams would like very much to beat the Clowns.

With their razzle dazzle passing routines and comedy stuff, the Clowns often find themselves in tight situations, having only a one or two point advantage with seconds left to play. A long field goal by the opposition in such a situation could easily upset the tremendous record they have compiled.

Victory is essential but not all-important to the Harlem Clowns. Fans come to see them put on a good basketball show plus a lot of comedy and the Harlem boys try their best to please.

John Barber, 6-6, is the tallest of the Harlem club. He was a Los Angeles State collegian where he once scored 188 points in a game. He was seventh ranking scorer in the nation one season and gained All-American laurels. Next tallest is Ken McBride, 6-4, long range shooter from Maryland State. Bob Woods follows at 6-3, comic star

from Modesto Junior college. Even 6-footers are Fred Pearson, dribbling star and former Illinois Normal player, and James Sessoms, from Winston-Salem Teachers college. Emory Luck, 5-11, comedian from Howard university rounds out the roster.

The Davids list plenty of all-time: Bob Moroski, 6-7, Pete Linbeck, 6-6, Vince Stankewitz, 6-5, Ed Grecius, 6-3, and Carl Litke and Harold Wheeler, each 6-2. Frank Crossetti is 5-10.



HAPPY-GO-LUCKY — Emory Luck, above, is a fine floor man and long shot artist for the Harlem Clowns who meet the House of David here this evening at Hedrick gym. Game time is 8 p.m. There will be no preliminary. Luck is a participant in the Clown comedy routines.

Pilots Rap Sacramento

Portland — The University of Portland Pilots got back on the winning track Wednesday night by walloping touring Sacramento State 71-49 as Jim Armstrong bucketed 28 points.

The Pilots lost two straight to Oregon State last week end. Portland was ahead 27-15 at the half and walked with the game in the second half. Dick Jolley followed Armstrong in scoring for Portland with 9 points.

HOCKEY

AMERICAN LEAGUE
By UNITED PRESS
Little Wally Hergesheimer still hasn't lost his scoring touch.

Hergesheimer, whose career in the National Hockey league was cut short when he broke his leg, came through with a pair of third-period goals Wednesday night that helped the Buffalo Bisons to a 7-5 victory over Providence.

The victory enabled the Bisons to move into a tie for third place with the Reds. Both teams now trail second-place Cleveland by four points.

The Springfield Indians defeated Hershey, 4-3, to climb out of the American Hockey League cellar in the only other game scheduled.

LINKS TOURNEY STARTS

Sanford, Fla. — Windy sub-freezing cold posed the big hazard today when a field of 151 teed off in the first round of the \$15,000 Sanford Open golf tournament.

Raccoon Program Ended in Wisconsin

Madison, Wis. — Raccoons, becoming a nuisance in Wisconsin, will no longer get propagation benefits from the State Conservation commission.

The game management division of the commission announced it had ended its raccoon stocking program with the release of 227 raccoons who will have to make the best of it.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GAMES
By United Press
East
Army 84, Lehigh 51
St. Francis 91, St. Joseph's 86
Cornell 71, Colgate 56
West Virginia 84, Tenn. St. 50
Harvard 89, Wesleyan 41
Georgetown 73, St. Mary's 69
Connecticut 73, Rutgers 63
Syracuse 55, Columbia 50
Boston College 95, Northeastern 32
Albany 75, Seton Hall 69
Boston U. 67, Massachusetts 46
Navy 61, Delaware 50
LaSalle (Pa.) 82, Lafayette 74
Pennsylvania 89, Swarthmore 53
Holy Cross 35, Amherst 32
South
Carolina 95, S. Carolina 73
Miami (Fla.) 73, Louisiana St. 65
Wake Forest 60, Texan A&M 46
Midwest
Michigan 95, S. Dakota St. 55
Miami (Ohio) 63, Dayton 59
Illinois 94, Butler 74
Washington (Mo.) U. 61, Arizona 52
Southwest
Texas Tech 95, West Texas St. 73
West
Denver U. 72, Colorado Mines 57
Oregon 62, San Jose State 53
Portland 71, Sacramento State 49
Oregon Dental 73, Oregon Fresh 72
New Mexico A&M 76, COP 74
Portland 71, Sacramento State 49

Yanks Hear Warning of Lawmaker

Washington — Baseball has been warned that any attempt by the New York Yankees to bar the switch of a National league team to New York City could lead to congressional action.

Self-serving efforts to maintain a baseball monopoly in New York City is proof positive that Congress must curb the powers of these baseball magnates, the Chairman Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), of the House anti-trust subcommittee said Wednesday.

The Yankees, citing the terms of their original American league charter, have claimed the entire New York area becomes their territory with the transfer of the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers to San Francisco.

Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, on the other hand, has expressed the belief that the way should be kept open for another team to move into New York.

Turkey Shoot This Sunday

Medford Gun club will hold the first of two pre-Christmas turkey shoots on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Effort will be made to have all shooters participate in their respective classes. Events also are planned for non-shooters.

Hams and bacon will be prizes as well as turkeys. Traps are scheduled to open at 9 a.m.

The club grounds are west of the Crater Lake highway Four Corners.

Junior High Hoop Tussles Slated

McLoughlin Junior high basketball team have games here Friday, with Grants Pass.

Ninth and seventh graders mix at 3:30 p.m., and eighth grade teams at 4:30 p.m.

Hedrick quint will vie against Roseburg here on Saturday. Seventh and eighth grade games are at 1:30 p.m. and the ninth at 2:30 p.m.

Central Point and Ashland seventh and eighth grade clubs mix at Ashland this evening while Crater freshmen go to Ashland on Friday.

Morris on USC Opponent Team

Los Angeles — Fullback Jack Morris and guard Harry Mondale of Oregon and tackle Ted Bates of Oregon State were named today to Southern California's 1937 all-opponent football team.

Unusual Rainfall Boon in Midwest

Chicago — Unusually heavy rainfall this year has been a boon to midwestern farmers, but it may cost industry thousands of dollars because of rust.

A study by the Foundation for Management Research, undertaken for Rust-Oleum Corp., said that the nation's annual rust loss of 7 1/2 billion dollars "may show a decided increase."

Raiders Will Battle Linfield Contingent

Ashland — A rugged early season test is anticipated by the Southern Oregon college Red Raider hoopers this Friday and Saturday night.

They are hosts in their spacious new gymnasium to Linfield college. The Wildcats are defending Northwest conference champions and brag two loop all-stars in Bill Machamer and Jack Riley.

The Red Raiders of the Rogue were to have a light drill today as they tapered off for the two game stand. They scrimmaged last night, running what is expected to be Linfield's offense against their own defense.

There were indications that Jim McAbee and Ron Maurer, a pair of rugged guards will get the assignments of guarding the "Cat one-two punch—Machamer and Riley. Other probable starters for SOC are Norm Oliva and Dave D'Olivo, forwards, and Bill Hollingsworth, center. Cliff Sutherland, tall freshman who did fine backboard work against Humboldt State, and Chuck Crandall, hard-working guard, probably will see much duty.

Russ Koffard, Carl Goetz and Dick Brown may round out the

Linfield opening five. The Wildcats rallied to defeat Oregon college last Tuesday. They have won from Lewis and Clark and lost to Willamette. Southern Oregon opened the season last week by defeating Humboldt in a two game series.

Yanks Grab Zone Tennis Encounters

Brisbane, Australia — Jittery Herb Flam, who turned tiger in the face of defeat, and poised Vic Seixas, who ignored the taunts of the crowd, scored wins today that virtually put the United States into the Davis Cup challenge round against Australia.

Singles victories by the two Americans in man-killing 100-degree heat at Milton Courts gave the United States an almost unbeatable 2-0 lead over Belgium in the interzone cup finals.

Flam, brooding and nervous for the last two weeks, forgot his cares and rallied to beat Belgium's Jacques Brichant, in a 6-3, 4-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 battle that lasted one hour and 12 minutes and broke the Belgians' hearts.

Seixas did it the easy way, overwhelming 33-year-old Philippe Washer, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4, in the last of today's two matches.

Now all the United States needs is a doubles victory Friday by Seixas and Gardner Mulloy against Brichant and Washer to clinch this series and with it a berth in the challenge round against cup-holding Australia at Melbourne, Dec. 26-28.

Even if they lose their doubles test, the Yanks still would need to win only one of the concluding pair of singles matches on Saturday.

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Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Larry Copple, all-state hooper for Medford high in 1935, has been the talk of the town in Corvallis this week. Copple is a junior at Oregon State college. As a sophomore he did not see action on the OSC varsity last season and this year he wasn't particularly being counted. But in three games the Crater has picked up 22 points to rank third in scoring on the Orange squad.

Beaver fans are hoping that the previously unused reserve will continue to show accuracy, thereby bolstering the depth of the OSC roster. All of Larry's points have been on field goals.

MORRIS HONORED AGAIN

Howard Morris, the Linfield college gridiron guard who was a prep star for Crater of Central Point, continues to collect honors. His latest achievement is selection to the Williamson rating system Little All-American. Previously he was named to the Associated Press Little All-American and to All-Coast and conference and northwest all-star teams. Morris was starter in every game for Linfield throughout his four-year collegiate grid career.

JACK GREB STARS

Jack Greb, ex-Eagle Point high all-around athlete, was top scorer with 10 touchdowns this fall for the Yuba Junior college football team at Marysville, Calif. Yuba was the Golden Valley conference titlist this fall. Greb is currently on the Yuba basketball roster.

ON ALL-TIME TEAM

Ken Williams, Grants Pass, has been honored by the St. Louis, Mo., chapter of the Baseball Writers association. He has been named leftfielder on the writers' 50th anniversary all-time St. Louis major league all-star team. Williams will be recognized for this honor at a dinner on Jan. 20 at St. Louis.

Other players chosen were Bob O'Farrell and Hank Severeid, catchers; Grover Alexander, Urban Shocker, Dixie Dean and Jesse Haines, pitchers; George Sisler, first base; Rogers Hornsby, second; Frank Frish, third; Marty Marion, shortstop; Terry Moore, center field; Stan Musial, right field; Red Schoendienst, utility infielder, and John Tobin, utility outfielder.

FRONT OFFICE STYMIES

Bobby Gene Smith, ex-Hood River high star, and rookie outfielder on the St. Louis Cardinals ball club during the past season, was the subject of this comment recently in the Hood River News: "In a typical rookie year, his star burned bright early in the season, then faded to obscurity due to the kind of front-office strategy you can always criticize but never accurately second guess."

Smith was the victim of lineup shuffling and changes which had him playing in spots as a utility man on a team which couldn't find a regular outfield combination. However, he seemed to get into televised games which were beamed to the Hood River area. Among his ardent fans is a Medford resident, Mrs. Homer Hynton, 315 Laurel street. She is a sister of the Cardinal player.

THREE 1935 ALL-STATERS

More about Larry Copple: He's one of three 1935 Oregon all-state prepsters on the Oregon State squad. The others are Leighton Tuttle, Eugene, and Ted Miller, Milwaukie.

GIANT PELICANS

Klamath Union high's height in basketball is even more tremendous this season. All-Stater Glenn Moore is 6-8. Dick Niles, former junior high player in Medford, is 6-6, Dave Robinson is 6-4 1/2 and Bob Peterson is 6-4. A big question is whether the Pelican short men will measure up to last year's guard duo, Lee McGill and Butch Kimpson. Tom Ankeny, Smiley Herrera and Don DeLap are main scrappers for the two spots. In contrast to Moore, Herrera is only 5-5.

Hunting and Fishing Southern Oregon

By MEL REES

The question has often been tossed about as to just how lucky is a "lucky" sportsman. By lucky angler or hunter I refer to those who seem to get the game they go after when the average fail. How much then, of this success is luck?

Several years ago in Portland there were two or three men who were eliminated from the salmon derbies due to their uncanny ability to bring in the largest fish year after year and thus "hog" the contest. More recently in Klamath Falls a boy in his late teens was pointed out as being able to bring in the ducks "when there weren't any." Luck? I don't think so.

It is understood readily that there is an element of chance in anything and two men of equal skill could be in equal spots as far as possibilities were concerned and the one find a greater concentration of game than the other. It would be hard to find two equal sections of the river for the schools of fish do move upstream and more are sometimes found in one place than in the other, but I would like to discuss the average overall picture.

KNOWS HABITS

Generally the "lucky" sportsman is the one who has made a study of the game he seeks. He knows the feeding, sleeping and moving habits to such a degree that he is able to predict with reasonable accuracy where the game will be under given conditions and relates himself to these.

For instance, the trout fishermen knows that in the early morning and late evening the trout will be feeding at the very tail end of the pool and thus he carefully approaches and drops his flies near the break in the very shallow waters. During the middle of the day when the trout are in the deeper waters or hiding near obstructions he ignores these shallow portions entirely.

The good duck hunter knows that water and food are first to be considered. A band of ducks that swarm into a certain field in the late evening will return at the break of day to the same field unless a full moon has allowed them to feed all night in which case they usually go back to water in the early dawn and skip their morning flight.

DUCKS HAVE HIGHWAYS

The ducks usually fly into or directly away from a strong wind, not quartering. When the wind changes so does the hunter because he knows that the flight will shift with the wind. Ducks have "highways" to and from their feeding grounds and many times these will pass over hills especially through gas or saddles. On a windy or foggy day when they have to fly "instruments" the thinking hunter hies himself to these spots and has a real ball.

FINDS PATHS

Migratory fish have definite paths they follow upstream and the successful fisherman learns to find these places and when fishing he concentrates in working his bait only in these places. The average fisherman sees the river and all that nice water and plunks here and there at random then wonders why he doesn't catch fish. When he does he calls it luck and that is what it is.

KNOWING BOTTOM

This knowing the bottom is especially important in steel-heading because they are very strict in their adherence to following certain well defined routes. There are a couple of methods of learning where the steelhead run. One is to study the currents of top water which tell a tale of what is underneath and the other is to map it with the sinker. I shall take up these two methods in detail in next week's column.

Good Chance Norm May See Action

Eugene — Coach Len Casanova said today his Oregon football team was in fine condition despite a layoff of more than two weeks. The Ducks opened drills Wednesday for the Rose Bowl game against Ohio State New Year's day.

Casanova said halfback Leroy Phelps and guard Larry Newsum still were nursing regular season injuries and couldn't play "tomorrow" but are expected to be ready for the Buckeyes.

Norm Chapman, the regular center who broke an ankle in the Washington State game, is now doing some running and he is given a good chance to see action Jan. 1.

The Ducks fly to Los Angeles Dec. 21 after term exams next week.

Racehorse Play Wins for Illini

By UNITED PRESS
Illinois' sophomore-reinforced sharpshooters are shaping up as a solid contender in the Big Ten with a racehorse strategy that lets the rebounds fall where they may.

The experts say the Illini can't go very far because they lack an essential good big man. But they're averaging 88.6 points for their first three games and Wednesday night they scored a 91-75 triumph over a Butler team that conquered Big Ten powerhouse Ohio State. The Illini beat Marquette, 100-90, and DePaul, 75-70, in their first two games.

Mannie Jackson, 62 1/2 Illini forward, canned 13 field goals for 26 points while guard Bob Plump of Butler was game high scorer with 31 points.

PHILLEY BECOMES PHILLIE

Philadelphia — Dave Philley, veteran outfielder-first baseman who has seen service with five major league clubs, was acquired today by the Philadelphia Phillies from the Detroit Tigers. General Manager Roy Hamey said he would be used principally as a pinch-hitter.

BOWLING

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
Standings: W. L.
Patterson's Bakery 43 21
Mail Tribune 39 25
Quality Market 38 26
Clyde Body Works 38 28
Clave Construction Co. 34 30
Cubby's Drive In 33 31
Bates Candy Co. 28 36
Davis Transfer & Storage 26 38
Alexander & Brown Insurance 26 38
Morning Fresh Bread 17 47
Results:
Patterson's 3 (Dyer 604) 2,685; Bates 1 (Dinic 545) 2,500.
Star Body 3 (Vesey 578) 2,482; Davis 1 (Farrar 502) 2,419.
A & B (Green 535) 2,462; M F Bread 0 (Shinn 515) 2,253.
Cubby's 3 (Ramsey 588) 2,605; Quality 1 (Wise 506) 2,402.
Clave 3 (Clave & Chapman 493) 2,442; Tribune 1 (Anderson 532) 2,441.

EMPIRE LEAGUE
Standings: W. L.
Winnie's Style Salon 34 18
Terry Cleaners 33 19
Western Thrift Drug 34 20 1/2
Hillier Oil Co. 30 22 1/2
Virginia's Big Y Beauty Salon 28 26
West Main Rent All 25 28 1/2
The Village Dairy Smith 24 28
Skinner's Buick Cadillac 21 31
Jewel House 19 33
Hoppe's Florist 16 36
Results:
Nu Way 2 (Virginia Wilson 169-465) 1271; Western Thrift 2 (Helen Paulson 196-514) 1334.
Skinner's 0 (Maxine Janzen 156-412) 1187; Winnie's 4 (Jackie Wilson 173-509) 1254.
West Main 4 (Janice Froehrich 170-484) 1260; Jewel House 0 (Judy Barman 150-400) 1190.
Hoppe's 0 (Polly Smith 133-354) 1035; Dairy Smith 4 (Helen Frye 146-405) 1098.
Hillier Oil 1 (Eva Sessions 184-446) 1271; Virginia's Big Y 3 (Bernice Hazlett 171-469) 1310.
High Game—High Series, Helen Paulson 196-514.
Split Conversion, Judy Barman 5-7.

LADIES CLASSIC LEAGUE
Standings: W. L.
Ross Lumber 37 15
Crater Inn Motel 33 19
Union Club 30 22
Hawkinson's 29 23
Paulsen's Thrift 28 24
Wooden Shoe 27 27
Jack's Drive Up 27 27
Trail Creek Lumber 26 28
Jorgensen's 26 28
Motor Haven Motel 22 30
Lilies 15 37
Silver Dollar 11 41
Results:
Ross Lumber 1 (D. Christianson 506) 2314; Wooden Shoe 3 (L. Learning 513) 2010.
Jack's Drive Up 3 (D. Wolff 582) 2244; Hawkinson's 1 (V. Knox 520) 2205.
Trail Creek Lmbr 3 (V. Blunt 474) 2217; Lillie's Health Salon 1 (V. Lusk 428) 2001.
Jorgensen's 4 (J. Wilson 513) 2195; Silver Dollar 0 (H. Paulson 457) 2049.
Union Club 2 (V. Cummings 464) 2154; Motor Haven 2 (Z. Brandon 444) 2084.
Crater Inn Motel 2 (G. Riggs 483) 2247; Paulsen's Thrift 2 (F. Doty 453) 2260.
High games, D. Wolff, 200-264, P. Gardner 200; High series 582, D. Wolff, Split conversion, Z. Brandon, 5-8-10.

NATURALLY

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