

# Tornado Basketball Practices Finally Get Into Full Swing

Coach Frank Roelandt can now report that Medford High school basketball practice is in full swing.

With football season completed, around a dozen graders have made a quick switch to maplecourt togs and the list of lettermen now out for the hoop sport has grown from one to six. Another letterman will report to the squad next week and another when he has recuperated from an ankle injury.

Monogram men who switched from football to basketball this week are Lowell Dean, all-conference hoopman last season, Jerry Anderson, Don Peak, John Harvey and Pete Rasmussen. John Frohnmayer, cast in the high school stage production, "Brigadoon," is to turnout on the cage court on Monday. Calvin Dean is the athlete whose appearance has been delayed by a football injury.

Until this week, Jerry Shults was the only basketball letterman out for drills.

Others who have made the transition from football and are cage candidates are Ken Durkee, George Ice, Ray Konopasek, Bob Quinney, Dick Ragsdale, Both Deakins and Bert Lindeman. The 18 man squad with whom Roelandt is now working also includes George Couch, Dick Allen, Ken Jensen, Henry Olson and Tom Manley who turned out earlier.

Roelandt says he has his squad working twice as fast as usual for this stage of preparation as the Black Tornado aims for its pre-conference warm-ups and season opens here Friday, Dec. 12, against Marshfield and Saturday, Dec. 13, against North Bend. "We're trying to get into shape," Roelandt declared. Workouts include a lot of running and conditioning drills.

The mentor reported that he has taken no measurements of his players but that the tallest players include Lowell Dean and Anderson, around 6-3, and Rasmussen, Shults and Quinney, around 6-2.

A workout on Saturday morning is planned by the Tornado.

## Moon Goes To Dodgers In Trade

Washington - (AP) - The St. Louis Cardinals acquired a new center fielder and hired an "old pro" as their pitching coach on the final day of the annual baseball meetings.

Wally Moon was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers for Gino Cimoli, and Howie Pollet agreed to return to baseball as the Cardinals' pitching coach.

Moon, the National League's rookie of the year in 1954, batted only .238 in 108 games for the Cardinals last season. Cimoli wasn't much better at the plate, hitting .246 in 109 games.

Paine To Spokane - As part of the deal, the Cardinals turned over Phil Paine, a pitcher on their Omaha farm club, to the Dodgers. Because the Dodgers have no room on their 40-man roster for Paine, they assigned the former Milwaukee Braves pitcher to Spokane of the Pacific Coast league.

## UO Awaits Miami Tilt

Miami - (AP) - Many Oregon football players were expected to take advantage of swimming facilities at Miami Beach today as 75-degree weather greeted the team on its arrival for Saturday's nationally-televized football game against Miami University.

Coach Len Casanova scheduled only a limbering up drill for his 35-man team today. Injured halfback Charlie Tourville made the trip but it was doubtful if he could see more than a few minutes of action.

Game time for the contest is 1:30 p.m. (est)-10:30 a.m. (pst) Saturday.

Miami has a 1-8 record and Oregon a 4-5 mark.

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# SPORTS

## Coaches Put Three Ducks on All-PCC

Los Angeles - (AP) - An All-Pacific Coast conference team chosen by the coaches themselves showed no regard for the final outcome of the league as Oregon, with a 50-0 record, placed three men on the first team.

Quarterback Joe Kapp, who led California to the Pacific Coast Conference championship, and Oregon State tackle Ted Bates, a United Press International All-America, were the only unanimous selections.

But Oregon led all teams in the number of men picked with three—halfback Willie West, guard Bob Grothaus and center Bob Peterson.

The only sophomore honored was Marlin McKeever, Southern California's great young end. Eight players chosen were seniors.

Others on the first team were: End Chris Burford, Stanford; tackle Bill Leeka, UCLA; guards Frank Fiorentino, USC, and Jim Brackins, Oregon State, who tied; and backs Jack Hart, California, and Charles Morrell, Washington State.

The Second Team Ends: Bill Steiger, Washington State, and Jim Steffen, UCLA; tackles, Dan Ficca, USC, and Jim Linden, Oregon, and Troy Barbee, Stanford, the latter two in a tie; guards, Pete Domoto, California, and Don Armstrong, Washington; center, Terry Jones, California, and Marv Nelson, Washington State; tie; backs, Bob Newman, Washington State, Don Buford, Southern California, Ray Smith, UCLA, and Clarence Nub Beamer, Oregon State.

**BASKETBALL**  
THURSDAY COLLEGE GAMES (United Press International)

St. John's 73, Providence 55  
Cincinnati 82, NYU 67  
Boston College 72, Holy Cross 63  
Winston-Salem 92, S. Car. St. 70  
Mississippi St. 121, Union 78  
Virginia Tech 65, Virginia 73  
Purdue 82, Presbyterian 68  
Georgetown 98, Ky. Wesleyan 73  
Georgia Tech 65, Baylor 56  
Tulane 88, Louisiana College 72  
West. Colo. Coll. 84, St. Joseph's 65  
San Fran. St. 69, L. A. Harbor 64  
Seattle 60, San Francisco 58  
USF Frosh 52, Mt. San Antonio 41  
St. Mary's Frosh 75, Oakland 70  
Washington State 68, Gonzaga 67  
Whitman 73, Whitman 70

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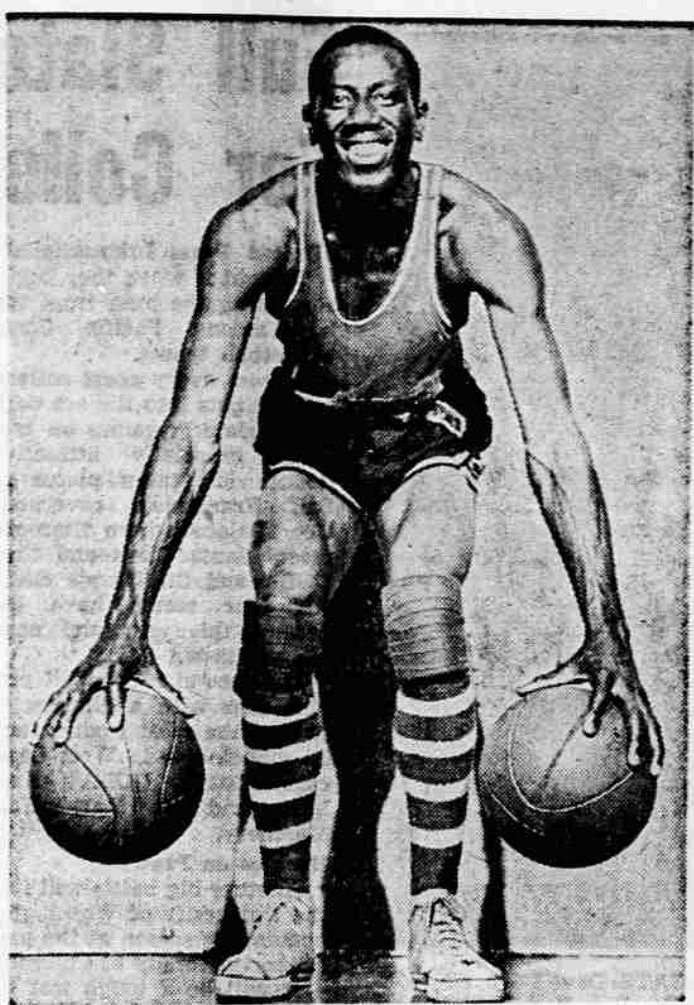
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GOOSE TATUM  
Natural Flare for Comedy

## Goose Tatum Turned To Basketball Late In Sports Career

Goose Tatum, who brings his Harlem Stars to Medford next Tuesday night, has had a fabulous career in basketball after discovering late in his athletic career that he was a basketball player.

The Stars will go against Hawthorn Tite of Medford at Hedrick Junior high school gym Tuesday, starting at 8 o'clock.

Sawmill Worker Tatum was working in a sawmill in the Ozarks and playing sand-lot and semi-pro baseball when, on a lark, he took a whirl at basketball.

His long arms and big hands, plus his speed and a "dead eye" developed in hitting baseballs, made him a natural for the cage sport.

It wasn't long before fans came from considerable distance to see the flash of the Ozarks and gyms were sure to be filled when Tatum was in a game.

Being a natural "cut-up," he carried his love of fun onto the basketball floor and found that he drew the pleasure of the fans with his antics. Then he adapted a stunt he had seen in a circus to the game and his career was on its way.

Signed by Trotters It was in a game in the Ozarks that Abe Saperstein saw the big Negro and promptly signed him for the Harlem Globetrotters. Tatum was a mainstay for the famed Trotters for many years and five years ago left the Saperstein outfit to branch out on his own.

Since then he has taken his Harlem Stars to the far corners of the world where they have continuously drawn capacity crowds.

Tatum has teamed with another natural comic, Sweetwater Clifton, to provide some of the best gags and hilarity ever seen on a basketball floor.

Tickets may be obtained at Lamport's sporting goods store, 226 East Main st., in Medford.

## Dan Murtaugh In Auto Wreck

Chester, Pa. - (AP) - Danny Murtaugh, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, suffered slight injuries early today in an automobile-taxi collision at an intersection here.

The peppery 41-year-old Murtaugh suffered bruises of the head and right knee. He was released after treatment at Chester hospital.

Murtaugh was en route to his home in Woodlyn, Pa., when the taxi in which he was riding was spun around and slammed into two parked cars in the collision.

## Robertson Shines for Cincinnati

United Press International Bad back and all, Oscar Robertson still is an All-American.

The 6-foot-5 University of Cincinnati star, who led the nation's major college scorers last season with a 35.1 per-game average, tossed in 45 points Thursday night despite a painful pulled muscle in his back to lead the Bearcats to an easy 88-67 victory over New York university.

Hardly anyone in the crowd of 12,000 that turned out for the first college basketball program of the season at Madison Square Garden was aware of the fact, but Robertson almost didn't play. And how he stood up under a severe battering by NYU's more rugged rear guards even was a mystery to Cincinnati Coach George Smith.

"Up until just before the game started, I wasn't sure if Oscar would be able to play," Smith explained in the dressing room after the Bearcats had gained their second win in as many starts this season. "He pulled a muscle while working out in the afternoon, and from the way it was bothering him, we weren't even going to let him leave the hotel."

Apply Ice Packs Ice packs were applied and Robertson insisted that he would like "to give it a whirl," Smith said, "so who was I to stop him?"

And what a "whirl" he gave it. Oscar scored his team's first eight points and wound up the first half with 16 to earn Cincinnati a 33-33 tie. Once the second half got underway, so did Robertson. Although he fell 11 points short of the Madison Square Garden record of 56, which he set himself against Seton Hall last season, Robertson managed to drive the NYU defense silly.

He scored on layups, tap-ins, sets from the side and driving one-handers. He even hit once while almost flat on his back after being jarred by a defender, and the Garden, which was inaugurating its 25th season of collegiate basketball, rang with the cheers of an appreciative crowd.

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## ROUND TABLE TOPS

San Francisco - (AP) - Round Table, the 1958 "Horse of the Year," will compete in the top races in America in 1959 and then will be retired, owner Travis Kerr said today.

Kerr, Oklahoma oil man, received the award for his champion at the annual banquet of the Thoroughbred Owners Association Thursday night.

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## Upland Bird Hunt Season Appears Best in Years

Portland - Preliminary tabulations indicate the upland game bird season recently completed to be the best in years, with some areas producing almost double the take of last year, the Oregon game commission said today.

As indicated in earlier news releases, the hot spots proved to be in Malheur and Umatilla counties where upland bird hunters found almost fabulous gunning. In Malheur county alone, figures obtained from field checks and locker plant reports show the take of upland birds to be at least double the take of last year.

Excellent reports are also being received from all upland bird areas of the state, with most gunners expressing complete satisfaction on the season just past.

But the game commission is taking little credit for the record. Director Phil Schneider explains this attitude "not on the basis of undue modesty but on the basis of hard-headed biological facts."

Nature Responsible Schneider said that all hunters should realize that nature is responsible to a large degree for a good hunting season on such species as the pheasant with its high productivity capacities and short life span. An assist can be given by providing the proper habitat, but it is entirely possible to have a poor season next year should weather conditions and other factors be unsatisfactory.

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