

# Black Tornado Goes To Klamath Friday; Crater Host To GP

There's good evidence that Black Tornado basketballers of Medford high have hit their stride and backers of the Pear capital contingent see this as a bright omen for the week's journey over the mountain to Klamath Falls.

## EP Quintet Entertains IV Cougars

There's be only one undefeated aggregation in the Rogue Valley Basketball league after Friday night contention.

The league's big attraction of the week end brings together Illinois Valley and Eagle Point on the Eagle floor.

League games for the week end include Glendale at Phoenix on Friday and Eagle Point at Glendale and Rogue River at Phoenix on Saturday.

IV's Cougars and EP's Eagles have victories over three common rivals, Rogue River, Phoenix and Class B Jacksonville.

## Rogue Steelhead Angling Better Below Applegate

Portland—The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission.

Southwest North Umpqua fair to good for steelhead; South Umpqua should be fair if water conditions improve.

Isthmus slough poor for striped bass; Coos and Coquille rivers fair; Rogue below mouth of Applegate is good; Illinois improved; Chetco river fair.

## BOWLING

Table with columns: W, L, Standings, Results. Lists bowling scores for various leagues and tournaments.

## 41 Competing In Thunderbird

Palm Springs, Calif.—(UPI)—Defending champion Ken Venturi and former champ Jimmy Demaret were installed as the favorites today as 41 selected professional golfers teed off in the eighth annual \$15,000 Thunderbird pro-am tournament.

## HOCKEY

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ship for the first time this season. On the other hand the Pelicans have the chance to toughen their present front-running status and push one of their leading challengers possibly back into third place.

Other Friday competition in the league will have Crater hosting Grants Pass at Central Point. Saturday contests are Crater at Medford and Ashland at Grants Pass.

Crater Eyes Third GP, now third in the league, will be looking for an opportunity to move at least up into second in the circuit.

But the Tornado isn't conceding yet to the Pelicans. Medford's hoop forces last week began to show marked and general team improvement.

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All but Pete Rasmussen of the Tornado are in good physical shape, Roelandt stated. The back was troubling Rasmussen last week but he saw brief duty at Grants Pass.

The Tornado has been toughening its defense for both Klamath and Crater and has been concentrating on its free shooting.

The Pelicans reportedly have had Don DeLap and Jim Hall on the ailing list with colds. They have been going easy at it in practice but should be in shape for Friday night.

Crater, which gave Grants Pass a tough first half previously, will be out to make it rugged all the way on Friday.

The most important feature of the incubator unit is its thermostatic controls which regulate water temperature to any desired degree as it flows through the hatching trays.

Jensen said the hatching time at game commission hatcheries varies anywhere from 45 days to as much as 9 1/2 months, depending on the temperature of the water.

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AUTORAMA TROPHY PRESENTED - Carl Jensen, center, receives trophy from Medford Police Chief Charles Champin for sweepstakes honors in the Southern Oregon Autorama last Saturday and Sunday at the Medford Armory.

# SPORTS

## Pitching Holds Key To Fate of Red Sox

(This is the eighth of 16 dispatches by the major league managers giving mid-winter appraisals of their teams.)

Dallas, Tex.—(UPI)—Pitching, just like last year, holds the key to the Red Sox' fate in 1959.

Our pitching didn't come up to expectations last season, what with Tom Brewer and Willard Nixon getting away to slow starts and Nixon eventually having to go home with his bad arm.

At that, we finished third although Ike Delock's 14-8 won-loss record was the highest on the staff. He was 10-0 as a reliever, then slumped as a starter.

Nixon still remains a big question mark, but we should get better performances from Brewer (12-12), Frank Sullivan (13-9), Dave Sisler (8-9) and possibly from Delock.

Then, too, Ted Bowfield, who beat the Yankees three times among his four victories, and Bill Monbouquette (3-3) could develop into starters on the basis of what they showed last year after being brought in from Minneapolis.

And Herb Moford, whom we obtained from Detroit, is a better pitcher than his 4-9 record with the Tigers would indicate. He had six complete games among his 11 starts and had a 3.60 earned run average.

Frank Bauman, who wasn't at all consistent last season, could also come around and show in three real good games. Then, there's Murray Wall and Leo Kiely for good relief duty and a couple of promising lefties up from Memphis — Dean Stone and Tom Bourland.

Elsewhere, the Red Sox should have more punch than a year ago. The reason should be Vic Wertz, for whom we gave up Jim Piersall in a trade, and maybe Jim Busby, for whom we traded Billy Klaus.

Wertz has had some fabulous days—against us in Boston. Now, maybe we can get that help for our side.

We need help on the road. We couldn't win away from home last year, losing 52 against only 22 victories after nearly a 50-50 break the year before.

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## St. Mary's, Butte Falls Mix Friday

St. Mary's and Butte Falls high school basketball teams clashed at Friday night with the Crusaders trying to keep their lone Jackson County Basketball league lead and unblemish record intact.

The Loggers of the home court, at the same time, will try for first place deadlock in the loop.

Prospect vies at Talent on Friday in the other league scuffle which takes the B circuit to its halfway point.

Butte Falls is in second place in the league and lost its only game so far this season to the undefeated St. Mary's team. That final score was 41 to 36 after the Medford club had run up margins of 15 points in the second half.

The Loggers, with their tall man Raymond Abbott back and with action on their home court, are expected to give St. Mary's a tougher challenge than it faced in the earlier mix in Medford. Abbott was sidelined by an ankle injury last time.

## Beat This!



WHO HAS WON THE MOST VALUABLE ICE HOCKEY AWARD MOST TIMES? Eddie Shore of the Boston Bruins was named the most valuable player of the Ice Hockey League four times—in 1933, '35, '36 and '38. No other player has been so honored more than twice.

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## Owners, Players Discuss Pro Footballer Pension

By RUS GREEN United Press International Philadelphia—(UPI)—The National Football League, its draft of 360 stars completed, met with the Players association today to discuss the pension plan asked of the league by the pro gridgers.

The players, headed by end Billy Howton of Green Bay and attorney Creighton Miller, hailed the meeting as their "first direct contact" with the owners in their campaign which began in 1956 to provide a pension with health, accident, hospitalization and allowances for permanent injury.

The players said they hoped for the appointment by Bell of a committee of owners "with the authority to act." The plan had considerable opposition among the owners with the pertinent question "who will pay for it?"

Bell's earlier opinion was "not the owners" as he cited that despite a record attendance of more than three-million fans this year, two of the clubs lost money, one was a borderline case and two were saved by big games at the end of the season.

Notre Dame passed the enacting tests of the pro critics most successfully Wednesday when 10 Irish gridgers were tapped during the 26 round, 13-hour-long session.

The Washington Redskins selected four, San Francisco took a pair of tackles, while New York, Philadelphia, the Chicago Bears and Pittsburgh all helped themselves from the Irish bench. Dick Loncar, choice of Pittsburgh, played, freshman ball at South Bend, is now in the Marine Corps and has three years of eligibility left.

First round selections—actually the fifth round in that four picks were made last December—found Washington taking end Bob Wetosko of Notre Dame; the Chicago Cardinals getting Maury Schleichner of Penn State and Tackle Ted Bates of Oregon State; Philadelphia a tackle Nick Mumley of Purdue; San Francisco getting tackle Frank Geremia of Notre Dame; Cleveland getting guard John Wooten of Colorado and back Dick Le Beau of Ohio State; Los Angeles end John Lands of Montana; the Bears fullback John Adams of Los Angeles State; New York guard Ellison Kelly of Michigan State; Baltimore guard Hanson Churchwell of Mississippi and Green Bay guard Andy Cvdrecko of Northwestern.

Purdue of the Big Ten and Auburn each were tapped for six players, and Syracuse was reached for five but the Irish fell like leaves once the coaches warmed up.

In addition to Wetosko and Geremia as the first round choices, Notre Dammers tapped included tackle Don Lawrence, fullback Ron Toth and halfback Norm Odyniec to Washington; guard Al Eucyer to New York; tackle Bronco Nagurski Jr. to San Francisco; tackle Angelo Mosca to Philadelphia; quarterback Bob Williams to the Bears and Dick Loncar, a tackle in the Marines to Pittsburgh. Nick Pietrosante went to Detroit in the December draft.

An electronic answering device has been installed in the Army recruiters office in the post office building, M/Sgt. William M. Power, recruiter, has announced.

The device was installed for anyone desiring information after 5 p.m. on week days and noon on Saturdays, when the office closes. Persons calling after office hours are asked to leave a message so the recruiter may return the call.

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## Christie's Tips Tiremen In Independent Circuit

Gap between the second and third place quintets in the Southern Oregon Independent Basketball league widened to 2 1/2 games last night when Christie's Silver Dollar of Grants Pass whipped Hawkinson Tire Tread service of Medford 75 to 53 at McLoughlin gym here.

It was a ding dong, see-saw battle for most of the first half but the platooning Grants Pass aggregation completely dominated the second chapter of play. Christie's got some hotter shooting, strong work under the backboards, good defense and adept play-making to go out of reach in the scramble.

Don Reese led the victors with 17 points, Tom Flynn had 16 and Sherman Flynn 12. All three hit well from the field. Bob Serak topped Hawkinson's with 12.

Lead switched hands 11 times in the first half. The Tiremen got the early jump in the mix with 4 to 0 and 6 to 2 scores. GP went on top for the first time at 7 to 6. After three more lead switches Hawkinson's pulled to its widest spreads at 14 to 9 and 16 to 11.

Christie's fired up to forge ahead 19 to 16 but the Medford crew picked up a field an dtwo free points to head 20 to 19. Hold on the front spot changed five times more with Grants Pass going ahead permanently 26 to 24 on Heater's fast break bucket.

Grants Pass pushed to a 32 to 26 margin but led just 35 to 32 at the half. In the last half the Christie club built its margin to eight and 10 markers and midway in the panel built up a comfortable padding. The Tiremen couldn't get a consistent rally going.

The GP gang goes to Riddle this evening for another tussle in the circuit. Southern Oregon junior varsity tangles at Butte Falls on Friday evening and Hawkinson's has a Sunday afternoon ruckus at Riddle.

That's a jump of 17 over the total of one-lighters played by the Dodgers last year and represents most of the increase of 22 night games in the league schedule announced today.

Others Boost Others to schedule a boost in night play were the St. Louis Cardinals, who jumped from 44 to 46, and the Pittsburgh Pirates, who went up 4 to 37. The Philadelphia Phillies bucked the trend, dropping from 47 to 46. The Cincinnati Redlegs stand pat at 45, Milwaukee holds at 38, San Francisco remains at 21, and the Chicago Cubs once again will be the only team in the big leagues which will play all its home games in daylight.

The 1959 NL season will open on April 9 with one game—Pittsburgh at Cincinnati in the afternoon. All other teams will open the following day with two afternoon games—Milwaukee at Pittsburgh and Los Angeles at Chicago, and two night games—San Francisco at St. Louis and Cincinnati at Philadelphia.

## Denny Bills Martinez

Portland—(UPI)—Portland's unbeaten welterweight, Denny Moyer, was signed today to meet Vince Martinez here Feb. 17.

Moyer's last fight was a televised appearance against Gasper Ortega in Madison Square Garden. Moyer defeated Ortega for his 19th consecutive victory since turning professional.

Martinez, from Patterson, N. J., is ranked in the top 10 in the welterweight division.

## OSC Tussles Idaho Five

Moscow, Idaho—(UPI)—Coach Slat's Gill's Oregon State Beavers open a two-game invasion of the Inland Empire tonight against the Idaho Vandals here.

A 12-man Oregon State team arrived Wednesday for a workout. Gill hinted that he might possibly change his starting lineup which has been Jim Woodland and Steve Flynn at forward, Gary Gobie at center and Lee Harman and Jim Anderson at guard.

Tonight's game, originally scheduled for Saturday, was changed after the PCC schedule was drawn up.

Oregon State plays Washington State at Pullman Friday night.

## Buzz Bomb Trio Shines For Auburn

United Press International Cincinnati has its Oscar Robertson. . . Kansas State its Bob Boozer. . . and Auburn is doing quite well, thank you, with its "three mosquitoes."

They're Henry Hart, Jimmy Lee and Porter Gilbert, three 6-foot, 1-inch guards who "buzz bomb" the opposition all night to make up for the fact that the Tigers have neither the height nor the bench strength of the nation's other top-ranked college basketball teams.

And the record speaks for itself as to just how well they're doing.

12th of Season Already the nation's sixth-ranked team, Auburn scored its 12th straight win of the season and stretched the nation's longest major college streak to 23 games Wednesday night with a 66-55 victory over Georgia Tech. The score was tied 12 times and the lead changed hands seven times before the Tigers opened up a safe 10-point lead with two minutes left in the game.

St. Bonaventure is the only other major unbeaten team in the country.

As so often happens, Auburn was out-rebounded, 36 to 33, but the harassing and outside bombing of the Tigers' three guards overcame that handicap. Hart had 16 points, Lee 14 and Gilbert 10 to account for 40 of the winners' total points.

## Oregon Gridgers Drafted by Pros

Philadelphia—(UPI)—Two players from Oregon and one each from Oregon State, Williamette and Lewis and Clark were drafted by professional football teams Wednesday.

Ted Bates, Oregon State tackle, was picked by the Chicago Cardinals in the fifth round. Jim Linden, Oregon tackle, and Ron Stover, Web-foot end, were drafted by the Detroit Lions in the eighth and 30th rounds, respectively.

Gary Raid, big Williamette tackle, was picked in the seventh round and Ben Laver, Lewis and Clark tackle who has another year of college left, was picked in the 23rd round. Both were chosen by the Green Bay Packers.

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