

St. Mary's, Phoenix Vie Tonight; Black Tornado, Tillamook Mix Thursday

Christmas holidays lie ahead but high school sports activity slackens up little this week. In fact, there's considerable activity this evening.

KF Leading Prep Poll

Portland—(UPI)—Klamath Falls got all eight first place votes to rank today as Oregon's top class A-1 high school basketball team in the Journal coaches' poll.

Roseburg was second and Grant third. Beaverton moved up to fourth with Medford fifth.

Myrtle Point topped the A-2 teams, followed in order by Woodburn, Madras, St. Francis, Mac Hill, Central, Neahkahnie, Glendale, Coquille and Serra.

The A-1 rankings:

Team	Points
1. K. Falls	89
2. Roseburg	70
3. Grant	57
4. Beaverton	52
5. Medford	51
6. South Eugene	36
7. North Salem	20
8. Wilson	17
9. Marshfield	13
10. Bend	11

Others: Corvallis 8, South Salem and Jefferson 7, Scappoose 4, Pendleton 3, Milwaukie 3 and Sunset 1.

FILE OPEN ENTRIES

Los Angeles—(UPI)—More than 500 golfers are expected to file entries for the 35th annual \$50,000 Los Angeles Open, Jan. 5-9, over the 7,100-yard Rancho golf course. Among the 150 entries received to date are such standouts as Arnold Palmer, 1960 "golfer of the year," former national UGA champion Bob Rosburg, defending champion Dow Finsterwald, Gene Littler, Frank Stranahan, Billy Casper Jr., Art Wall Jr., and Tommy Bolt.

freshmen and Prospect Jayvees. This afternoon Crater and Eagle Point spohomores were to vie at Central Point.

There's a program of three games, too, at Phoenix. Jayvees are to play a prelim to the varsity scrap. Phoenix frosh had a 4 p.m. date with McLoughlin of Medford ninth. Wrestling Tonight

Also this evening, Crater's wrestlers go to Ashland. Hedrick ninth of Medford had a wrestling jaunt to North Grants Pass this afternoon.

Tillamook comes to Medford Thursday night for varsity basketball contention at Hedrick gym. St. Mary's will oppose Medford JV in the prelim. Medford's Black Tornado meets Tillamook again on Friday evening with Prospect varsity and Medford JV providing the curtain lift.

Other Friday varsity contention has the Crater cagers at Myrtle Point and Grants Pass at Roseburg while Medford grapplers go to Grants Pass.

Crater freshmen basketballers travel to Grants Pass Thursday afternoon.

SOC Trips Humboldt

Ashland—Southern Oregon college fought off a determined Humboldt State college basketball club for three periods last night before clinching a 66-62 victory over the California club.

The Raiders led the game with 1:32 left in the final quarter when Gordy Carrigan flipped in two jump shots for a four point lead. Carrigan led SOC scoring with 18 points.

Before his clinching baskets, the two teams were in a 57-57 deadlock. The lead changed hands frequently during the second half. SOC entered the half with a slim 33-31 edge.

The Raiders set a torrid field goal pace, connecting on 25 of 59 shots, for a 50 per cent average. Humboldt wasn't far behind, with 26 of 58 shots, for a 45 per cent figure. SOC was also hot at the free throw, connecting on 16 of 20 charity tosses.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Pass Defense Heading Rice Bowl Preparations

By KYLE THOMPSON
Houston, Tex.—(UPI)—The talk these days among the Sugar Bowl-bound Rice University Owls is how to stop the sizzling pass attack of All-American quarterback Jake Gibbs of the University of Mississippi.

Head Coach Jess Neely has devoted much time during his pre-bowl workout sessions to pass defense, and this is the weapon he hopes to toss in the path of the Rebels when they clash in the New Orleans classic on Jan. 2.

Rice enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in pass defense this year through nine games until they were upended, 12-7, by Baylor in the season finale at Waco, Tex. In that game, the Bears hit 12 out of 16 tosses, including a winning touchdown pass in the final minutes.

Intercept 17 Passes
But prior to that meeting, the Rice defense had grabbed 17 interceptions and had held its rivals to a fairly poor 44 per cent in pass completions.

The Owls, themselves, have anything but a sloppy pass attack in the form of sophomore quarterback Billy Cox. And they have been somewhat better than average in their ground game with such stalwart backs as Bob Wayt, Max Webb, Roland Jackson and Mike Bowen.

Cox, perhaps more than any other player, provided the spark at the beginning of the season, which pulled the Owls into a successful 7-3 record this year after a poor 1959 season when they won only a single game.

Cox has completed 45 of 80 passes for a 56.3 completion average and a total of 510 yards. He tossed three touchdown passes and allowed opponents only seven interceptions.

He also was Rice's top scorer of the year with six touchdowns. In addition, Cox was

top man in total offense with a total of 616 yards gained for an average of 4.5 yards every time he handled the ball.

End Johnny Burrell finished up as the Owls' top pass receiver, nabbing 20 aerials for a total of 266 yards and three touchdowns.

The defense-minded Rice crew netted 129 first downs while giving up only 68 to its 10 opponents. The owls also racked up a total of 168 points while holding their opponents to 58. They shut Florida, Southern Methodist, Texas and Texas Christian. Their three losses were by a margin of only 11 points.

KC Owner Promises New Policy

Chicago—(UPI)—Multi-millionaire ball club owner Charles Finley promised today that the Kansas City Athletics will stay put and will no longer serve as a farm team for the New York Yankees.

Finley, a wealthy insurance broker who was shut out in recent attempts to land the new American league franchise in Los Angeles, Monday purchased majority control of the Athletics for \$1,975,000.

"I have no intention of moving the club out of Kansas City, and I'm going to try to get the baseball brains possible to run the club," Finley said.

"It will no longer be a Yankee farm club," Finley added. "We'll trade with any team in the league."

Finley's high bid for the 52 per cent was owned by Robert Arnold Johnson was approved by Probate Judge Robert Jerome Dunne. It requires approval by American league owners, but Finley regarded this as routine.

He said he will seek to buy the remaining 48 per cent of the Athletics' stock, now controlled by a Kansas City group headed by Byron Spencer.

Schloredt Suits Up for Drill

Long Beach, Calif.—(UPI)—Washington's Huskies, cheered by the return of triple threat quarterback Bob Schloredt, took the afternoon off today before settling down to twice daily drills for their Rose Bowl game with Minnesota.

The Huskies traveled to nearby Disneyland where the Big Five champions also got a first hand look at their Jan. 2 opponents. Both teams spent the afternoon at the Anaheim amusement park after a morning workout.

Schloredt suited up Sunday for the first time since Oct. 15 when the Huskies staked a surprise 1 1/2 hour practice session. The one-eyed quarterback, out with a fractured collarbone suffered against UCLA, directed Washington to its one-sided victory over Wisconsin in last year's Rose Bowl.

With Bob Hivner at quarterback since Schloredt's accident the Huskies have won six in a row, and with Schloredt back in uniform Washington's chances for a victory over the Golden Gophers, rated the No. 1 team in the nation are increased.

DOROW SIGNS PACT

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Quarterback Al Dorow of the American Football league's New York Titans has been signed to a year round contract under the terms of which he will serve as a chief scout and in the public relations department of the team.

TWO NEW EVENTS

Dunedin, Fla.—(UPI)—Two new events were included on the Professional Golfers' Association 1961 spring and summer tournament schedule announced today. The new tournaments are the \$50,000 American Golf Classic at Akron, Ohio, Aug. 14-27, and the \$20,000 Waco Turner Open at Burneyville, Okla., May 4-7.

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FIGHTS

New York (St. Nicholas Arena)—(UPI)—Tommy D'Amico, 150-13, Brooklyn, drew with Billy Collins, 146, Detroit (10).

Chicago—(UPI)—Jesse Smith, 158, Chicago, stopped Mel Collins, 136, Clinton, 82, 13.

Providence, R.I.—(UPI)—Joe De Nucci, 184, Newton, Mass., outpointed Willy Greene, 163 1/2, Providence (10).

Portland, Ore.—(UPI)—Eddie Machen, 190, Portland, outpointed Wayne Bethea, 210, New York (10).

Chamberlain And Baylor Score 1,000

New York—(UPI)—Wilt Chamberlain of Philadelphia and Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles were the first National Basketball Association players to reach the 1,000-point milestone this season as they continued their one-two pursuit for the league scoring title.

Chamberlain, the defending champion, has scored 1,107 points in 30 games and possesses an average of 36.9 points per game, as compared to his 35.2 NBA record of last season. Baylor has tallied 1,056 points in his first 31 games for a 34.1 game average.

Will also retained his mastery in rebounds, snaring 828 for a game average of 27.5. Bob Pettit of St. Louis continued as runner-up with 587 retrieves.

The field goal percentage leadership change hands for the fourth consecutive week as Barney Cable of Syracuse moved to the top with a 48.3 mark on 84 connections in 174 attempts. Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati climbed into second place with 47.6 on 328 field goals in 689 tries.

Robertson stayed in front as assist leader with 282 successful feeds for an 8.8 average. Guy Rodgers of Philadelphia dogged his footsteps with 329 and 8.0.

Bill Sharman of Boston, absent from the past week's action because of an injury, maintained the edge in free throw percentages over Dolph Schayes of Syracuse, .947 to .895.

Unique Track For Portland Indoor Event

Portland—The track to be used in the Oregon Indoor International Track meet at Portland's Memorial Coliseum, Jan. 14, is unique.

The track, being constructed by Wood Components company in Eugene, is the first one ever to be built of a material other than spruce. When the portable indoor track is completed it will be the only one in existence west of Kansas.

Plywood is the material being used. There are circular sections measuring six feet by 12 feet. Meet officials cite lightness and ease of handling as major advantages of the plywood.

Immediately following the Oregon meet, the track will be shipped to Los Angeles for two meets. In addition to the main facility, a seven-lane sprint track of 60 yards and special approaches for the broad jump and pole vault are also under construction.

Cost of the track, an 11 lap to the mile oval, is being underwritten by 15 University of Oregon alumni from the Portland area.

The meet could be one of the finest ever held on the Pacific Coast with the list of entrants in the pole vault typical of the caliber of contestants expected. Pole vault entry list is headed by Don Bragg, winner of the event in the 1960 Olympic Games, and Ron Morris, who finished second at Rome.

Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at the Memorial Coliseum, Portland 17.

Bulldogs Edge St. Mary's

McLoughlin Junior High school eighth graders edged St. Mary's 33 to 31 Monday afternoon at McLoughlin's gym.

Larry Stockman led the Bulldogs with 14 points, followed by Rafe Anders with 10. Ron Roberts led the St. Mary's eighth team with 10 points.

McLoughlin trailed at half-time 17-14. The score was tied at the end of three periods 25-25.

NOT GOOD SPANISH

Buenos Aires—(UPI)—The Academy of Letters has ruled that the name "Fanny" isn't good Spanish. It ought to be "Paquita" or "Francisca," the academy decided.

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