

SPORTS

NRA Award
Received
By Agency

Portland — For the second year in a row the Oregon game commission received an award of merit from the National Rifle Association of America for its efforts in promoting safe gun handling in the state of Oregon. The state was rated as one of the top 10 in the nation for outstanding achievement in hunter safety training during the year.

Top NRA hunter safety award was presented to South Dakota, with Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Utah, Washington, and Oregon rounding out the top 10 states in the nation. States receiving these awards were selected by a special awards committee of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners at its annual meeting held in Denver last September.

Phi Schneider, state game director, accepted the award of merit on behalf of all volunteer hunter safety instructors throughout the state and the students who successfully passed the hunter safety courses. He commented that Oregon's award of merit would not have been possible without these volunteer instructors who donated their time and services in promoting and conducting the hunter safety program. It was through the cooperative efforts of the game commission, groups, individuals and students interested in safe gun handling that achieved Oregon's enviable record in hunter safety training, Schneider said.

The Oregon game commission inaugurated the hunter safety program in 1958 and appointed Cal Giesler as program coordinator on a statewide basis.

In 1959, the first year of actual operation, Oregon received an award of merit from the NRA for its achievement in hunter safety training. The work load during 1959 and 1960 was carried out by just over 1,200 qualified instructors who conducted classes for more than 6,000 youngsters. During the past two years not a single gun accident occurred among these juveniles who had passed the hunter safety course of instruction.

Cal Giesler, hunter safety coordinator, mentioned that in many sections of the state the hunter safety program is lagging because of the lack of voluntary instructors, especially in the smaller communities and more isolated areas.

Floyd Patterson
Fighter of Year

New York — (UPI) — Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson was named "Fighter of the Year" today by the Ring Magazine for the second time and credited with perhaps the outstanding achievement in professional boxing history.

In its year-end wrap-up of the sport, the magazine stressed that Patterson not only became the first man to recapture the heavyweight crown last June 20 but he did it in sensational fashion by turning the tables on favored Ingemar Johansson and knocking him out in the fifth round.

It was "possibly the most spectacular and altogether noteworthy achievement the professional ring yet has seen," stated the article.

Swedish Ingemar had won the title from Patterson on a third-round knockout, June 26, 1959.

Patterson of Rockville Centre, N.Y., first won the Ring's Fighter-of-the-Year award in 1956 because of his knockout over Archie Moore for the vacant heavyweight championship.

Guardsmen
Defeat BF

SOUTHERN OREGON INDEPENDENT LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
SOC Jayvee	1	0	1.000
Wooden Shoe	1	0	1.000
Medford Guard	2	1	.667
Butte Falls	1	2	.333
Grants Pass Guard	0	2	.000

Medford National Guard moved into third place alone in the standings of the Southern Oregon Independent Basketball league Tuesday evening by nipping Butte Falls 57 to 55 at Butte Falls.

Al McCorquodale, Butte Falls, was high scorer with 20 points and Don Reese collected 19 for the Guard.

The tussle was the only one on schedule this week.

Loop play resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Butte Falls and Medford have it again in a 7 p.m. fray at the McLoughlin gym here. Grants Pass Guard will face Wooden Shoe of Medford at 8 p.m.

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