

Battle Royal Features Mat Card Tonight

An over-the-top battle royal and three regulation matches are on tap for wrestling fans at Medford armory tonight. The first match starts at 8:15 p.m. and doors will open an hour earlier.

The battle royal will follow the three matches, which are, in order of their appearance:

Ricky Hunier vs. Kurt Von Poppenheim, 20 minutes or one fall.

Nick Kozak vs. The Scorpion, 30 minutes or two out of three falls.

Wild Bill Savage vs. Luther Lindsey, 30 minutes or two out of three falls.

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Medford Wrestlers Go To Roseburg on Friday

Medford high wrestling team meets its third rival of the season on Friday evening. The Tornado takes on the Roseburg Indians at Roseburg. First varsity match will be at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Ralph Monroe said that some 27 or 28 grapplers will make the trip.

Medford won over Reedsport and Marshfield last week while Roseburg nipped North Bend.

Monroe pointed out that football players are making a good transition to the wrestling mat. All gridders but Greg Gander, who is 1-1, are 2-0 in individual matches along with non-footballers Rick Orr, Mike Horton and Rod Smith.

Tom Metz, Terry Winetrout and Jeff Hardrath have two pins each.

Steve Hall has moved up into the No. 1 spot at 130 pounds by beating out George Swartzfager. Schmall takes over at top spot at 136 for George McNair who has a knee infection.

St. Mary's Will Face Riddle Here

On its second week end of the new basketball season St. Mary's high of Medford goes against a coastal area foe and has a return engagement with a team it met last week.

The crusaders oppose Pacific at Langlois on Friday night and tangle with Riddle here on Saturday evening. Riddle beat St. Mary's 58 to 38 last week.

Rebounding and the fast break have had attention this week. Coach Dick Paup also has had the Crusaders doing a lot of shooting. Aim is to overcome the coldness displayed against Riddle last week. Some work has been on defense.

Paup indicated that his probable starters will be the same as last week, Jim Calhoun, Mike Stinson, Pete Naumes, Dave Young and Randy Corliss.

There will be a junior varsity game here Saturday night but the jayvees are not making coast trip.

The former high schools of Port Orford and Langlois were merged by the construction of Pacific high.

Turk Shoot On Sunday

Medford Gun club will hold its pre-Christmas turkey and ham shoot on Sunday throughout the day.

Visitors are welcome and many prizes are offered. Elks lodge members will be among participants. Lunch concession will operate all day.

Floyd and Davis Young won the father and son event last Sunday. They had an 85 out of 100 aggregate. Bill and Lloyd Jones were next with 80.

Sixteen yard individual scores included 24s by Percy Beardon and Bob Lee. Max Weston broke 24 of 25 at skeet.

MIXED TOURNAY STARTS

Sebring, Fla. — Twenty teams, led by defending champions Dave Ragan and Mickey Wright, started matching shots today in the Haig and Haig Scotch mixed foursome golf championship. The \$30,000, 72-hole event is the only mixed professional tournament of the year. The teams take their option of the men's or woman's drive, then play alternate strokes.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Black Tornado Bills Willamette Series

Two regulars from last year and one other letterman are on the Willamette High school basketball squad which will oppose Medford in two week end games here.

The teams meet at 8:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at Hedrick gym. Preliminaries at 6:30 p.m. will match Eagle Point jayvees with the Medford junior varsity on Friday and the Tornado and Ashland sophomores on Saturday.

Dave Skelton, 5-11, and Earl Backman, 6-4, are the returned Wolverine regulars. John Lowery, 5-11, is the other letterman under Coach Chuck DeAutremont who moved up to the head post after serving as jayvee coach.

DeAutremont, a former Southern Oregon college athlete, describes his club as "very short" and "green really." Backman is the only 6-footer among the probable starters. The others on the opening five are Terry Stahel, 5-7, high scorer for the junior varsity last season, and Dave Sverson, 5-9. Sixth man on the roster is Phil Peterson.

Beat St. Francis

The Wolverines will come here with just one game behind them. They defeated St. Francis of Eugene 67 to 48 Tuesday. DeAutremont said that he was well satisfied with his team for its first game. He said that they threw the ball away quite a bit but turned in tough second half defense.

DeAutremont, without a game of his own last week end, looked in on Medford. He commented that Medford showed plenty of speed and rebounded well. The mentor said that Medford showed more speed than the Wolverines.

The Willamette coach, who also is head man for track and cross country, said, "I expect to see a lot of old friends out at ball games. They'd better be there."

Won Last Year

Medford defeated Willamette 63 to 48 here last year. It was a see-saw game for three quarters. In the fourth period, the Black Tornado got numerous close in shots and



TORNADO CAGER — Mike Neathamer, above, contributed crucial points last week end in Medford high hoop victories over Marshfield and North Bend. He'll be in action again this week when the Black Tornado meets Willamette high here on Friday and Saturday nights. He had 17 points in last week's two games.

Crater Will Oppose Grovers, Mt. Shasta

Central Point — Three veterans and a new head coach. That's part of the basketball picture at Cottage Grove where the Crater High school Comets will play one of their two basketball games this week end.

The Comets go to Cottage Grove for a Friday evening engagement. On Saturday Crater will play its first game of the season on its home court at Central Point. The adversary will be Mt. Shasta, Calif., whom Crater defeated last week end 86 to 56.

The Lions of Cottage Grove have one 6-6 player in one-year letterman Merle Carpenter. But a 5-11 1/2 cager with two years of varsity experience could give them more trouble. He is Gary Vogler, senior, who was a cog of the Lions as a sophomore. The other monogram man is Lou Bonzon, 6 feet. He is in his second year at Cottage Grove following transfer from Grants Pass.

Coach at Cottage Grove is Lyle Fagnan, who was elevated from junior varsity duties. Fagnan is known in this area as a former junior high mentor at Grants Pass. One of his players this season is his son, L. J. Fagnan.

The Lions were hot on their opening night. They whipped Reedsport 55 to 36 Saturday while making half of their shots from the field, 23 of 46. Non-letterman Charles Olds led the scoring with 14 points and Bonzon had 12. Vogler put in nine.

Through the game Friday Crater may get some comparison with a couple of Southern Oregon conference teams. North Bend was 77 to 71 victor over Reedsport Tuesday evening. North Bend dropped games last week end to Medford 31 to 47 and to Grants Pass 37 to 35.

Crater Coach Lloyd Hol-

Villanova Holds Drill On Defense

Villanova, Pa. — Coach Alex Bell drilled his Villanova team on defensive maneuvers Wednesday with an eye toward blunting All-America quarterback Terry Baker of Oregon State in Saturday's liberty bowl game.

The workout was held at an indoor polo field at nearby Valley Forge Military academy. The squad will drill indoors again on Thursday to avoid the snow-glazed turf at Villanova Stadium. Drills will move outdoors to Philadelphia Stadium Friday.

The Oregon State squad was scheduled to leave by plane this morning for Philadelphia.

Before leaving coach Tommy Prothro named his probable starting offensive lineup of quarterback Baker, halfbacks Dan Espalin and Dan Sieg, fullback Bruce Williams, ends Fred Jones and Vern Burke, tackles Tom Holley and Jim Funston, guards George Gnos and Ross Carjaga and center Dick Debuschop.

A FINANCIAL SUCCESS
Daytona Beach, Fla. — The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) enjoyed its greatest financial year in 1962 with more than \$2.3 million being distributed in prize money. NASCAR President Bill France said Wednesday that there were 1,308 sanctioned races during the year on 103 tracks.

Eagle Point Girding for Two Tilts

Eagle Point — "We're going to have to play real good ball. I anticipate two real close ball games."

That's how Coach Dale Bates views the situation for the Eagle Point high basketball team this week.

Eagle Point will host to Brookings on Friday night. On Saturday the Eagles travel to Glide.

Bates reported that the Eagles are trying to get their offense to jell a little better and to improve their running game. Guard John Linder has shown up well in practices and a good week end series is anticipated for him.

Charles Pomeroy at a forward and Richard Short at center are probable starters along with Linder. Wilbur Boatwright or Gary Clement will be at the other forward.

At the guard choice is among Duane Whaley, Jack Straus and Frank Charley.

Boatwright and Whaley each have missed a couple of days of drill because of illness.

In the Friday preliminary Eagle Point and Rogue River freshmen will vie. The jayvees will go to Glide on Saturday.

ADDS FIVE PLAYERS

Montgomery, Ala. — Five new players have been added to the rosters for the annual Blue - Gray football game Dec. 29. Southern additions were Vanderbilt quarterback Hanck Lesesne, Tennessee pass receiver Johnny Hudson and Baylor halfback Bert Tate. Added to the North squad were Michigan guard John Minko and Notre Dame center Ed Hoerier.

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