

Tornadoes Clash At South Eugene

A 14-man squad headed for Eugene today on Medford high's first basketball road trip of the season.

The Black Tornado engages South Eugene tonight and Saturday night at Eugene. It will be a series matching off-time pre-season rivals.

Coach Frank Roelandt indicated that the probable starters for tonight's game will be Jim Hill, Jack Forde, Gibb Mitchell, Dan Miles and Mike Neathamer.

Others on the traveling squad are Darryl Stockton, Dennis Salyers, Mike Barnes, Dick Deffley, Bill Houston, Larry Vowell, Howard Reid, Clint Partasfas and Jack Lowery.

Roelandt commented that Tornado practices have gone better this week than they did last week. There's been a lot of hard work, he reported. Quite a bit of defense has been included in the drills. Some new wrinkles have been added to the offense.

There has been some concentration on ball handling and the club has drilled against pressing defense. Conditioning has continued to get attention.

Deffley, Barnes Spark

The coach reported that Deffley has shown good in practices and said that Barnes is starting to show offensive spark.

Roelandt brought out that the loss of Rich Benner, who fractured his wrist last week end, has been felt. "It really hurt when we lost Benner," the mentor stated.

Reports from up South Eugene way are that the Axemen's 6-6 1/2 John Pinkstaff and another steady Jim Lock-

ard are on the injured list. Roelandt hopes that the two are back in the lineup. "We want them at full strength," he remarked concerning the Axemen. His idea is that, the tougher the competition, the more the games will show how well the Black Tornado stands. Roelandt would like to have Pinkstaff in the SE lineup to provide tall man challenge for his bigger cagers.

Only one manager, Chris Brewer, is accompanying the squad. The team traveled in the cars of Roelandt, Tom Marier, junior varsity coach, and Tom MacLeod, KYJC sportscaster.

Robinson Paces Loop In Slugging

Cincinnati - (UPI) - Frank Robinson of Cincinnati, who is making it an annual habit, was officially acknowledged the National League's top-ranking slugger today for the third straight year.

Robinson collected 380 total bases in 609 times at bat last season for a slugging percentage of .624, which represented a personal high for him in his career.

The Cincinnati outfielder also led the league in being hit by pitched ball, 11, and tied Bill Mazeroski of Pittsburgh for the most intentional walks with 16.

Although Robinson finished first in slugging, he wound up second to Tommy Davis of the Los Angeles Dodgers in batting. Davis, won that crown with a .346 average while Robinson batted .342.

Hank Aaron of Milwaukee was runnerup to Robinson for the slugging title with a .618 percentage while Willie Mays of San Francisco, who led the league in total bases with 382, was third in slugging with a .615 percentage.

CAMPBELL SIGNS

San Francisco - (UPI) - The San Francisco Forty Niners this year drafted seven seniors and three redshirts in the first seven rounds of the National Football League draft. All seven seniors were under contract to them now. Last draftee to come to terms with the Prospectors was Hugh Campbell of Washington State, who broke every collegiate career pass catching record in the books for the Cougars.

Bolling was one of three Milwaukee players who led the league in fielding at his individual position.

Adcock Tops

Joe Adcock, recently traded by the Braves to the Cleveland Indians, topped all first basemen for the fourth time in his career with a .997 average, and Del Crandall of the Braves also led the catchers for the fourth time with a .994 figure.

Jose Pagan of San Francisco paced the shortstops with a .973 average, while Don Hoak, whom Pittsburgh recently traded to Philadelphia, led the third basemen with .969.

The finest fielding outfielder in the league on the basis of percentage was Tony Gonzalez of the Phillies, who handled 276 chances without making an error for a 1,000 figure.

Similarly, Dallas Green of the Phillies led all pitchers with a 1,000 percentage because he handled the most chances, 45, without an error.

Milwaukee finished first in team fielding with a .980 mark, followed by St. Louis with .979. The New York Mets were last with .967.

CREDENTIALS ISSUED

New York - (UPI) - The National Football League announced Thursday that more than 450 press and photographer working credentials have been issued for the Dec. 30 title game in New York between the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers. The NFL said this was the heaviest press coverage ever assigned for a league championship game.



SPORTS

ON SOC CREW—Brad Flanary, above, holds down a guard berth on the Southern Oregon college basketball team which plays Chico State tonight and Saturday night at Ashland.

Oregon State Will Try to Climb Back

United Press International Oregon State, with a pair of two-point defeats to stain its record, tries to climb back into the nation's top 10 this week end when it competes at the 10th annual Kentucky Invitational tournament at Lexington.

The Beavers were predicted to have their best-ever squad and are ranked 13th nationally despite the losses to Seattle and California. Moreover, Terry Baker will be back at guard to quarterback the Beavers after quarterbacking the Oregon State football team to a 9-2 record and winning the Heisman Trophy in the process.

Oregon State tangles with nationally 10th ranked West Virginia tonight with the 12th ranked Kentucky squad facing Iowa in the nightcap.

Oregon State coach Slats Gill put his team through a 30-minute scrimmage Thursday and a team of substitutes beat the regulars 29-28. However, Gill said he was more concerned about the floor play than the score.

One of the most interesting questions in advance of the tournament is how well Baker will do in his first appearance. He has had only six days to practice but Gill said he will be in the starting lineup tonight, along with Mel Counts, Jim Jarvis, Frank Peters and Steve Pauly.

The coast's other powerhouse teams also have unusually stern tests this weekend.

Cards Host Pair

Unbeaten Stanford hosts Texas and Wyoming. Seattle is at Loyola of Chicago Saturday night in a battle between two of the nation's top 10 teams.

UCLA, roaring back after dropping two early season games, takes on Wisconsin, another of the top 10, at Madison Saturday night.

The Bruins were solid as a rock in downing Northwestern, 70-63, Thursday night at Evanston, as Fred Slaughter roared for 22 points.

Touring Southern California, another unbeaten club, is at Nebraska while once-beaten California hosts Wyoming and Texas.

Holiday tournament action hits its climax on the coast Dec. 26 when major tourneys open up in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Corvallis. But there's plenty of Xmas cage activity going on now.

RR Frosh Defeat SM

Vernon Goodrich with 23 points led Rogue River to a 41 to 38 verdict over St. Mary's here last night in a freshman hoop fray.

St. Mary's had a 36 to 34 margin with five minutes to play but lost it. Rogue River, which built a wide early lead, had quarter spreads of 16 to 2, 22 to 10 and 30 to 17.

Jerry Scott had 15 points for SM.

Goodrich also contributed one field bucket to the St. Mary's score.

LINEUPS:

Rogue River 41—Jones, Deland 2, Goodrich 23, Young 12, Andrews 2, McBarron 2, Headley, Carter 4, G. Frazier.

St. Mary's 38—Preston 5, Benshaw, Walsh 9, Scott 15, Reid 7, Holl 2.

Tangerine Bowl Clubs Taper Off

Orlando, Fla. - (UPI) - The Houston Cougars and the Miami (Ohio) Redskins tapered off today with limbering up drills in preparation for Saturday's 17th annual Tangerine Bowl football game here.

Miami, 8-1-1 on regular season play, and Houston, 6-4, are the biggest name colleges ever to play in the Tangerine Bowl and a record crowd of about 15,000 persons is expected to be on hand for the kickoff.

Red Raiders Meet Chico's Wildcats

Ashland-Chico S. T's basketball Wildcats come here for a series tonight and Saturday evening against the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon college.

Hub Kittle Takes Post At Portland

Portland - (UPI) - Veteran baseball personality Hubert M. (Hub) Kittle Thursday was named general manager of the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast league.

Kittle, 45, succeeds Bill Sayles, who recently resigned to take a position as scout with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League. Kittle served last season as general manager of the Hawaii Islanders of the PCL.

"I think we're very fortunate to obtain a man of Hub's caliber and baseball experience to replace Mr. Sayles," Portland Beavers' President Arch Kingsley said in announcing Kittle's appointment.

Les Peden has been appointed as field manager of the Beavers next season.

AWARD GOES TO WYNN

Washington - (UPI) - The Washington Touchdown club on Thursday voted Early Wynn the Clark Griffith Achievement award as the man who contributed most to baseball in 1962. Wynn has won 299 games during a 14-year major league career.

It will be the first action between the two cage clubs this season. The Raiders will make their ninth and 10th macture appearances of the current slate. They are 2-6 so far this year.

The two clubs contended three times last season with the Wildcats claiming victories of 74 to 69 in overtime and 61 to 53 and SOC grab the third conflict 47 to 46.

Senior center Dave Hughes and junior guard Jerry Shults have seen a lot of service for the Raiders in games thus far, and probably will have heavy duty against the 'Cats.

Shults, from Medford, has averaged 9.2 points per game and was high against Humboldt early this week with 15 counters. Hughes has netted at the rate of 13.8 points per game and has averaged 9.3 rebounds.

CANDIDATES

Rochester, N. Y. - (UPI) - Wisconsin's Mill Bruhn and Southern California's John McKay, opposing strategists in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1, are among eight candidates for the 1962 Kodak award as the major college football coach of the year.

The other hopefuls are Dartmouth's Bob Blackman, in the Northeast district; Penn State's Rip Engle, North Atlantic; Bill Murray of Duke, Mid-Atlantic; Johnny Vaughn of Mississippi, Southeast; Bob Devaney of Nebraska, North Central, and Darrell Royal of Texas, Southwest L.

ROOKIE OF YEAR
New York - (UPI) - Fullback Curtis McClinton of the Dallas Texans, the American Football League's "Junior Jimmy Brown," today was selected as 1962 rookie of the year in the AFL by United Press International.

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Eagles Trip Prospect

Eagle Point - Eagle Point high freshmen romped over the Prospect junior varsity basketballers 62 to 38 here last night.

The Eagles, whose regulars saw duty less than three quarters, had 24 to 14, 39 to 25 and 54 to 33 stanza spreads. Junior Johnson of Eagle Point and Rogers of Prospect each had 16 points.

The Eagles took advantage of their lead to work on new phases of their game.

LINEUPS:

Prospect JV 28—Ellis 4, Rogers 16, Ray 8, Larson 2, Downing 8, Hemphill, A. Chapman, B. Chapman.

Eagle Point Frosh 62—Johnson 16, Martinson 10, Poitvent 2, Meyer 8, Hoelt 8, Hansen 6, Beddingfield 1, Bronson 3, Love, McFall, Eaton, York.

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