

Tornado Hoopmen Face Grants Pass

Here we go again on the Southern Oregon conference basketball merry-go-round - all oiled and tuned for the 1963 beat of foot and bounce of ball on the hardwood floors of what has been ballyhooed as the toughest circuit in Oregon prepdom.

And, there's plenty of indication that this could be the closest race in years. As in past campaigns, two spots in the state tourney will be at stake as well as the league diadem.

One of the opening scenes will be at Grants Pass this evening. There the Medford Black Tornado and the Cavenem are the adversaries. The two aggregations have been tabbed the favorites in the campaign for District 6 A-1 honors. So each team will be out to get the jump on the other.

The combatants collide at 8 p.m. Grants Pass will have the prestige of 1962 state titleholder to urge it on. The Cavenem aim for a return trip to Eugene to defend their Class A-1 laurels.

Medford, nevertheless, goes to the court with the higher ranking in the current prep rating poll. And, the Tornado wants much to settle a score with the Climate city boys. For, three GP triumphs over the Big Wind last year were part of the reason there was no tourney trip for Medford.

The Cavenem nosed the Tornadoes out by one game in the standings for the No. 2 berth in this district in Oregon's big school titular show.

The Black Tornado enters conference competition with a 5-1 pre loop record, No. 4 rating in the state and a stronger aggregation than it had in the 1962 slate. Grants Pass, ranked at No. 7, and regarded a chief contender despite Crater's No. 6, rating, displays the same sort of balanced squad which carried it to the top last year. The Cavenem were 4-2 in pre-league warmup games.

Against common rivals in December non-league games Grants Pass had better showing against Marshfield and North Bend and Medford fared better against Williams. The Tornado's lone setback came in a split with South Eugene, which GP did not meet. Grants Pass divided with Roseburg and lost to No. 1 ranked North Eugene, neither of which Medford faced. The Cavenem reportedly played good ball but were cold in their second Roseburg fray.

Probable starters for Medford tonight are Gibb Mitchell, Mike Barnes, Jack Forde, Dan Miles and Mike N'atham. The probabilities for Grants Pass are Larry Lindquist, Tom Sparlin and Lyman Kiesecker.

Both clubs enter the fracas crippled. Rich Benner, because of a broken wrist, and Jim Hill, because of a shoulder out of place, will miss the match for Medford. Tornado Coach Roelandt hopes that Hill will be ready for limited duty next week end. Benner will be sidelined for another month or more.

Hobbled Cavenem are Dennis O'Leary, Gary Van Koten, Al Hutchins and Gary Reddick. O'Leary last week re-injured an ankle hurt in football. Van Koten has suffered a recurrence of a football back ailment and Al Hutchins, hurt in pre-season drill, had the cast removed from his foot on Monday. Reddick is taking a long time to round into shape because of football injury but is showing better all the time.

Coach Prehm has called up John Mahaley from the Cavenem jayvees to bolster the varsity guard positions. A junior varsity preliminary will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Sophomores will vie at the same time in the girls' gym.



AT GP TONIGHT-A player with the knack of being in the right place at the right time is Dennis Salyers, above, Medford high basketball reserve, who could see duty with the Tornado at Grants Pass this evening.

Vardon Cup Captured By Palmer

Dunedin, Fla. - (UPI) - For money, strokes or Ryder Cup points, it was Arnold Palmer all the way in 1962.

Palmer not only broke his own all-time money winning record by pocketing \$81,448.33 last year, but also captured the Vardon cup with an average of 70.271 per round and ranks first in the Ryder Cup point standings, according to final 1962 PGA tour statistics released today.

Although Palmer did not play on tour after Sept. 16, he earned enough by that time to break the all-time money winning record which he had set in 1960 by \$6,185.48.

Palmer competed in 21 PGA co-sponsored and approved tournaments, winning seven of them to finish \$13,247.50 ahead of Gene Littler, who placed second.

Littler, the 1961 USGA Open champion, played in 27 events and won two for a total of \$66,200.83. Jack Nicklaus, the 1962 USGA Open champion, won three of the 26 events, he appeared in and his total of \$61,868.95 in money winnings placed him third.

Palmer compiled his 70.271 stroke average in 85 rounds to head the Vardon Trophy standings. Billy Casper was second in that category with an average of 70.704 and Littler third with 70.889.

Palmer also leads in Ryder Cup point standings, which are compiled over a two-year period and which will serve as a guide in the selection of the 1963 Ryder Cup team. From Aug. 1, 1961 through Dec. 31, 1962, Palmer amassed 671.58 points, followed by Casper with 608.94 and Dave Ragan with 384.32.

Team Trapshoot On January 13

Annual Red and Blue team shoot of Medford Gun club will be staged on Jan. 13. Traps will be open this Sunday for 16-yard, handicap and skeet practice.

Gene Hunt broke a perfect 50 in 16-yard shooting last Sunday. Hugh McGinty, Ray Coleman and Irvin Warren each shattered 25 straight.

In handicap activity, Bernard Henry, Charles Bendell and Don Hawk each broke 22 of 25. Don Hawk busted all 25 at skeet.

There were 35 gunners. LA's Angels Grow Younger

Los Angeles - (UPI) - The two-season-old Los Angeles Angels today released their 1963 roster which showed the average player age to be 25.

While the tendency for newly-started baseball clubs is to keep several seasoned veterans on the club for experience's sake, the Angels only have four players as old as 32 on the roster - infielder Joe Koppe, and pitchers Ryne Duren, Tom Morgan and Bob Turley.

The youngest squad member is Mike Carubia, 18, a rookie right-hander. Two years ago the Angels had nine men out of 34 who were over 34 years old. The 41-man roster shows only 12 men who reported for spring training in 1961 still on the roster.

Arn Palmer LA Open Golf Choice

Los Angeles - (UPI) - The top touring pros began pursuit today of the \$55,000 nugget that is the Los Angeles Open - the first stop on a 1963 golf treasure hunt totaling \$2,250,000.

And favored to bag the big booty in the 72-hole tournament over the Rancho Park public links was Arnold Palmer, the man from Latrobe, Pa., who took most of the marbles for the year 1962.

A 4-1 choice to finally win this championship which has always eluded him, Palmer demonstrated his readiness Thursday when he fired a three-under par 68 pro-am tuneup.

While Palmer was the waging selection, it was Jack Nicklaus - 1962 rookie of the year - who was the sentimental favorite.

Winner last year of a record - for a first year pro - of \$61,868.95, the baby-faced Ohio State athlete was second choice with the waging gents at 5-1. He has a respectable 71 in Thursday's celebrity affair.

Best round of the day was posted by bullish Billy Casper, Apple Valley, Calif., who had a stunning 33-32-65. This gave Casper the day's pro prize of \$500.

In the pro-amateur, division, Don Fairfield, Casey, Ill., teamed with pro Bob Harrison, Santa Monica, Calif., and a covey of three simonpuers, for the best low net of 37.

Challenge Game Set

Corpus Christi, Tex. - (UPI) - Fifty-four collegians, including many from two post-season all-star games and six bowls, get their first taste of professional football Saturday in the First Southwest Challenge Bowl.

The game will match players from the Southwest conference and other Texas colleges against a team of national all-stars from over the nation.

Coach Bulldog Turner of the New York Titans will direct the Southwestern team. Each player of the winning team will receive \$800 and the losers \$600 each for their first pro assignment. The Challenge Bowl was organized along the same lines as the Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala.

Coach Sid Gillman of the San Diego Chargers will be handling the national all-stars, who probably will be favored because of two good passing quarterbacks - Charley Furlow of Mississippi State and Randy Gold of California.

One Unbeaten Sure To Fall

United Press International High school basketball action resumed tonight in every section of the state after the Christmas-New Year's lull.

Thirteen class A-1 teams went through their December schedules without a loss, and seven of them play tonight.

One is sure to fall at Klamath Falls, where Ashland (6-0) opens its Southern Conference schedule against the Pelicans (6-0). La Grande (4-0) begins its Intermountain Conference season at Prineville.

The Metro League's two unbeaten teams also start league play tonight. Milwaukie (4-0) is host to Gresham and Clackamas (3-0) travels to Astoria. Marshall (5-0) has a Portland Interscholastic league game at Jefferson.

North Eugene (4-0) is at home against North Salem in a non-conference contest. Sandy, Reynolds, Crater, Molalla and Corvallis all put their undefeated records on the line Saturday night and Forest Grove does not play again until Tuesday.

Hedrick Teams Top Monument

Hedrick Junior high downed Monument 54 to 28 yesterday in an eighth grade basketball game.

The Hornets had 13 to 2, 24 to 13 and 34 to 23 quarter gaps. Kelso had 17 points for Monument and John Tomlin 14 for Hedrick.

SPORTS

GP, Medford Clash In Wrestling Tiff

Medford high wrestlers will carry a record of 33 victories in individual bouts, 16 losses and three draws into their fifth match of the season this evening.

The Tornadoes take on defending state champion Grants Pass. Medford high boys' gym will be the scene of contest with preliminary hassles billed to get underway at 6:30 p.m.

This engagement brings together the top two A-1 state last season schools in Medford was runner-up to Grants Pass.

In its matches the Tornado grapplers have won 17 individual tangles on falls while opponents have won two bouts by pins. Medfordites have taken 16 decisions to 14 by adversaries.

Medford with a 4-0 pre-holiday record has outdone its opposition in most scoring categories, 39 takedowns to 22, 35 reversals to 23, 11 predications to 8, and 20 near falls to 8. Rivals have had the edge in escapes 15 to 13.

Tops in takedowns have been Mike Horton with five and Rick Orr and Tom Metz with four each. Jeff Hardrath heads in escapes with four. Horton has scored five reversals, Ray Lauritzen, Metz and Mike Mayfield each four. Tom Owens, Terry Winetrot and Mayfield each have been awarded near falls.

Rick Orr, Rod Smith, Horton and Mayfield won all four of their matches and Hardrath has three wins and one draw in his outings. Metz and Winetrot have won three of four bouts.

Grants Pass also is unbeaten. Probable varsity lineup for Medford tonight is:

98 - Rick Orr, 106 - Rod Smith, 115 - Mike Orr, 121 - Mike Miller, 130 - John Swartzfager, 138 - Tom Owens or George McNair, 141 - Owens or McNair, 137 - Ray Lauritzen, 168 - Tom Metz, 178 - Terry Winetrot, 191 - Mike Mayfield, heavy weight - Jeff Hardrath.

Kart Races On Sunday

First race of Medford Kartways for the 1963 season will be held at the track south of Medford near the fairgrounds on Sunday, Jan. 6.

Gates will open at 11 a.m. and the track at noon. Time trials begin at 1 p.m. Approximately 40 cars are entered. Contestants will come from Redding, Hays Camp, Oroville and Yreka, Calif., as well as Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford.

According to Dick Florey, president of the Medford club, this is the largest number of entrants to file for competition on the Medford track.

Spectators are welcome. Hot chocolate and coffee will be sold at the concession stand.

Gonzaga Downs Portland Pilots

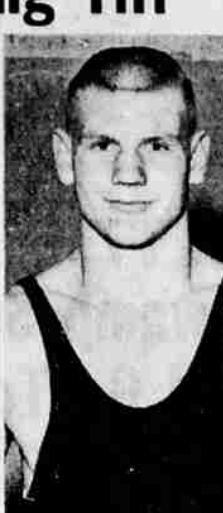
Portland - (UPI) - Gonzaga used a fast break to pound the University of Portland into submission, 61-54, in a basketball game at Memorial Coliseum here Thursday night.

The Bulldogs from Spokane built a 35-23 halftime lead with the fast break and then had to hold on as Portland rallied in the second half to close the gap to 50-46 with 3:47 to play.

However, Bill Wilson and freshman Bill Sutter scored moments later to give Gonzaga a safe lead again.

Wilson led all scorers with 20 and Jim Harris, who got eight of the fast break in the first half, finished with 10 for Gonzaga. Portland center Steve Anstett collected 19 and guard Tom Nichols 13.

The victory evened Gonzaga's record at six wins and six losses. Portland has lost eight of 12 games.



TORNADO HEAVYWEIGHT - Jeff Hardrath, above, will bear the heavyweight responsibility for Medford High wrestlers this evening when they oppose the Grants Pass Cavenem at the senior high boys' gym here. First match of the prelims will be at 6:30 p.m. Hardrath has three wins, a draw and no losses this season.

Ashlanders Top Crater

Central Point - A bigger Ashland ninth grade basketball team used its height to control the boards and trimmed the Crater freshmen 47 to 44 here last night.

Crater trailed until the start of the fourth quarter when it caught up at 35-31. Then, Ashland pulled on top to stay largely with the help of free shots.

Dave White totaled 27 points for Crater while Randy Nelson had 13 for Ashland. Ashland period leads were 14 to 9, 29 to 22 and 35 to 33.

LINEUPS - Ashland 47 - Caldwell 2, Smith 8, Nelson 13, Clark 3, Lindsey 8, Lewis 4, Morrill 9. Crater 44 - Gerald Branch 8, Turner 3, White 27, Gowen 2, Buckholtz, Beman 2, Gary Branch 4, Kiger, Blake.

Patterson Now Top Contender

Providence, R.I. - (UPI) - The World Boxing association, bitter opponent of return title fights, paved the way today for a permissible second Sonny Liston-Floyd Patterson bout by boosting Floyd one notch to top contender.

Patterson, who lost his heavyweight crown to Liston on a first-round knockout, Sept. 25, had been ranked second among contenders by the WBA until today, when it dropped top contender Eddie Machen of Portland, Ore., out of the rating because of mental illness.

In corresponding moves-up ex-champion Ingemar Johansen of Sweden advanced to No. 2, and young Cassius Clay of Louisville, Ky., to No. 3.

Only last week the WBA's World Committee, headed by Emile Bruneau of New Orleans, announced that his committee recommends the return Liston-Patterson fight be banned until Patterson could fight his way into the top contender's spot.

McLoughlin 8th Trips South GP

McLoughlin eighth grade defeated South Grants Pass Junior high 33 to 15 in basketball yesterday. After a 6-1 first quarter, Mac had 18 to 8 and 28 to 8 half and third stanza bulges. Dennis Sullivan scored 10 for the Medford

New York - (UPI) - The Los Angeles Lakers, who have grossed a higher attendance so far this season than any other team in the 17-year history of the National Basketball association, led a general rise in attendance around the league.

League President Maurice Podoloff reported Thursday that attendance this season is up 31 per cent over a comparable period last year with Syracuse showing an 80 per cent boost and St. Louis also showing a big rise.

Woods, Water, Wildlife

Oregon hunters and fishermen are reminded that 1963 hunting and angling licenses are required if they intend to hunt and fish after the first of the year. Waterfowl hunters and steelhead fishermen will be affected most since the seasons on these game birds and fish are currently in progress.

Hunters after predators and other nongame animals must also have 1963 licenses in their possession. Steelhead anglers must have in their possession the 1963 salmon and steelhead punch card in addition to a regular angling license. License fees are \$4 for general hunting, \$4 for general fishing, and \$7 for combination licenses. Cost of the salmon-steelhead punch card is \$1. Get one while they last.

APPLIGATE OPENING

Local enthusiasts are reminded that the Applegate river will be opening next Saturday, the 12th of this month. The steelhead run of last year was reported as an extremely large one and can be expected to be the same this year. The winter run comes into the river fairly late in the season with most of the best fishing occurring in February when the Illinois river is getting to be somewhat slow. Fishing deadlines are at the mouth of the Little Applegate river and where the main Applegate river meets the Rogue, with the open area between these two points.

GOOD FISHING

The record shows that the Applegate isn't a tremendous producer of big catches, but there are many hundreds of angler days spent on it during a 45-day season. The fish usually are in excellent shape, and a lucky angler may find fish weighing from two to 14 pounds fighting to get off his hook.

A ROGUE RIVER REPORT

Southern Oregon soon will be the site of another first when the game commission completes a report of the Rogue river that will be the first of its kind in the state. The report will be used as a general reference for fisheries on the Rogue and will be indexed for this purpose. It is intended to be divided into two volumes: the first dealing with the history of the river from about 1870 until 1941 when the game commission began management of the fishery. The second volume will cover the biological and management work since 1941.

ONE MAN

The report will be compiled by Cole Rivers, fisheries biologist who has been working on the Rogue for 20 years. The completion of the report will take three months, during which he will be relieved of all management duties in the Rogue district. The management duties will be assigned to Ed Schwartz, a biologist who has worked for the game commission for the past four years in eastern Oregon.

NECESSARY

This report will be well worth the effort as an attempt to organize and define the fisheries of a river system in terms of their biological functions. That the report will not be perfect is to be expected and hoped for, but only by trying to establish what we know do we come closer to discovering what we don't know. By writing the report, Cole Rivers will invite criticism from biologists working in the field as well as from those who distrust the trained researcher and feel that instinct and experience are the necessary tools to know all about fish. But as a result of the report we will know more about the Rogue river, whether we can agree or not.

THE ANGLER'S LOG

Sometimes a steelhead seems more worthwhile than at other times. A fish caught while hands are numb and feet are frozen, while the nose is dripping and water freezes the line in the guides is a fish caught by a darn fool! But to some of us wisdom is a slow and painful process that we purposely prolong. And sometimes it is fun.

Applegate River - Won't be open for another week I said the 12th of January.

Christie River - Has been slow and stines in giving up fish. The water has been clear and low, and the many and large have been many and big. People just won't believe that more fish will take lighter lures - mostly a trout and down the river.

Illinois River - The winter run hasn't tickled the tackle of too many anglers, and it is suspected that it hasn't arrived as yet. A few fish are being taken on wobbler, but this report probably was made up by an angler who prefers the fish.

Klamath River - The water is high and the amount of no fish is being caught by those anglers who can't catch fish in the same

McArthur Faces Tough Battle as Arbitrator

New York - (UPI) - Old soldier General Douglas MacArthur faced one of the toughest battles of his career today when he stepped in as mediator between the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Specifically requested for the job by President Kennedy, it will be up to Gen. MacArthur to bring the two warring athletic bodies together in time to assure the United States a representative team for this summer's Pan American games and the 1964 Olympics in Japan.

But if the veteran of many historic battles should fail to settle the fight for control of amateur sports, many athletes will lose their eligibility and the U.S. will be left with a sub-par team to carry its flag in international competition.

One thing was made clear by the rival factions in recent days - victory won't come easy for the old general.

The AAU, for example, initiated a move toward peace on one front Thursday but then threw the issue into further turmoil with a surprise attack on an unguarded flank.

Early in the day, the White House announced that it had received a telegram from AAU President Louis J. Fisher agreeing to accept MacArthur as a mediator. In the telegram dated Dec. 29, Fisher wrote to President Kennedy that the AAU "welcomes the opportunity to evidence its respect and cooperation with the President of the United States and his attorney general by agreeing to mediate, arbitrate or reconcile the dispute."

However, this peaceful gesture was followed several

hours later by an angry statement from Col. Donald F. Hull, executive director of the AAU, in which he threw around such words as "undemocratic and unpatriotic," "sneed for puppet organization" and "power-mad executives" in connection with the NCAA.

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WILSON SIGNED Los Angeles - (UPI) - The Los Angeles Rams, who have seen a flock of their draft choices run to the American Football league, happily announced Thursday the signing of University of Southern California fullback Ben Wilson.

OKLAHOMA FLAVORED Boulder, Colo. - (UPI) - There was a decided Oklahoma flavor on the Colorado University campus today as three new assistants joined new head football coach Eddie Crowder. Crowder, who had been an assistant at Oklahoma, raided his former school to acquire Ruby Feldman, Jay O'Neal and Chet Franklin.

Clowns Entertain Happy Camp Fans Happy Camp, Calif. - The Harlem Clowns put on an amazing performance of basketball skill and showman's ship as they won over the All-Stars here New Years Eve 74 to 34. All-Star Bob Hokanson was high point man in the game with 23 but the Clowns had a team of expert shots with four making over 15 points each. The Clowns skill in ball handling, shooting from anywhere on the floor, their clowning antics, and comic talk kept the packed house in stitches.

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