

Fanfare

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Those who predicted that no Southern Oregon conference basketball team would escape unscathed in the 1963 chase already have been proved right. And, the first time around in the circuit is yet to be completed. All of the five members of the circuit have at least one loss. One has two and another has three.

Presently the race has resolved into a four team dog-fight. Ashland right now does not look to be a contender, but the race is far from over. All the Bruins may need is that first victory to bolster their morale. "One of these days," remarked Jerry Acklen, sports editor of the Grants Pass Courier, "those Ashland Grizzlies are going to cut loose and win a conference game." The Bruins have not won in the loop since 1959. Their next try will be at Medford this Friday.

NOT PRACTICAL

Crater High's gymnasium was just about ready to burst at the seams because of the standing room only crowd for the basketball game with Medford on Saturday night. Obvious answer to the crowd problem at the Comet court is to knock out the partition on the north balcony and put seats there. The move, however, is not considered practical at this time from an overall school use standpoint. For, the balcony is used as a wrestling and physical education room. Needed isolation from activities on the main floor is provided by the partition.

SIGNIFICANCE NOT SAME

Crater victory over Medford in basketball does not now have the significance it had a year ago when the Comet cagers beat the Tornado for the first time. "We're just as good as anybody, now," remarked a Comet fan this week.

NOMINATED

Dan Miles, Medford high football, basketball and baseball player, Bob Shepard, Grants Pass, football, basketball and track man, and Doyle Branson, Southern Oregon college football and track performer, are among those who have been nominated for Oregon athlete of the year. Candidates for man of the year are Fred Spiegelberg, Medford high football coach; Al Akins, Southern Oregon college football mentor; Bill Bowerman (ex-Medford), University of Oregon track coach, and Gordon Prahm, Grants Pass high hoop tutor.

Awards will be presented at the annual Hayward Banquet of Champions on Monday evening, Feb. 11, at University of Oregon Commons. Paul Dietzel, Army football coach, will be speaker. Spiegelberg is a previous man of the year award winner.

TRACK BOOKLET READY

Bill Mullfur and Paul Harvey III, prep sports writers, respectively, for the Oregon Journal and the Eugene Register-Guard, have completed a booklet listing the top high school track and field records in Oregon history.

The 12-page booklet, "All-Time Oregon Prep Track Records," all-time records for all meets, not just state championships, in all events including relays. It shows the top 15 in each regularly run event for all-time and the top 10 in each event in 1962.

Harvey in a letter sent out to track coaches stated that his and Mullfur's job was a long and difficult one. They are charging 50 cents per copy. Persons wanting the booklet may write Harvey at 310 East 17th St., Apt. 8, at Eugene. He said it is planned to make the publication an annual one.

BRUMBACK ENTERED

Information out of Portland on the Oregon Invitational Indoor Track meet set for Saturday, Jan. 26, list Medford high's Dennis Brumback among contestants in the prep mile run. Among the rivals will be Bob Lyons, Grants Pass, Gene Faircloth, Redmond, Jim Price, South Salem, defending champion Wendell Cox, Hillboro, Dave Anderson, Centennial, and Terry Kispugh, Marshall.

WHITMAN AT SM
Bill Whitman has taken over as freshman basketball coach at St. Mary's high. He replaces Gordon Johnson who has enrolled for the winter term at University of Oregon. Whitman, who attended St. Mary's, Eagle Point and Medford schools, is just out of the Army after a tour in Germany. While at Ft. Ord in California he established base records of 5.3 and 6.2, respectively, in the 50 and 60-yard dashes. So far as he knows, the marks still stand. Whitman is taking classes at Southern Oregon college.

ROLE OF REF TOLD
A Bend Bulletin editorial has brought up a point on basketball officiating not mentioned by Al Lightner in his "Basketball's Bullies" article in the Saturday Evening Post. Said the Bulletin writer:

"Some officials are never bothered. Others are persecuted only very rarely. Some

others get involved in brawls with regularity. Lightner is one of the latter."

The editorial states that fans go to a game to watch the contest and not to watch the official. It maintains that the official's duty is to conduct a game for the benefit of players and fans without favor to either side—and to do the job as inconspicuously as possible. The writer further declares that Lightner is not an inconspicuous guy when he puts on a striped shirt and accuses him of showboating sometimes.

L. H. Gregory in Sunday column in the Portland Oregonian came out in strong defense of Lightner. As for comments or quotes—Well, somebody has thrown away the Mail Tribune copy of the paper.

Chicago Has 23 Signed For Season

By MILTON RICHMAN
UPI Sports Writer

The Chicago Cubs always finish first during the winter when it doesn't count.

The Cubs, who were the first major league club to sign all their players the past few years, seem bent on retaining that distinction with 23 players already signed for 1963.

Infielder Ken Aspromonte and catcher Dick Bertell were the latest to agree to terms with the Cubs, who now have only 17 more players to sign.

Veteran right-hander Bob Friend signed for his 12th season with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Since breaking in with the club in 1952, Friend has won 153 games and lost 186. Last year he was 18-14.

Four pitchers, including Bob Garibaldi, the \$130,000 bonus baby, signed their contracts with the San Francisco Giants. The others were Gaylord Perry, Ron Herbel and Gerry Thomas, all of whom pitched for Tacoma of the Pacific Coast league last year.

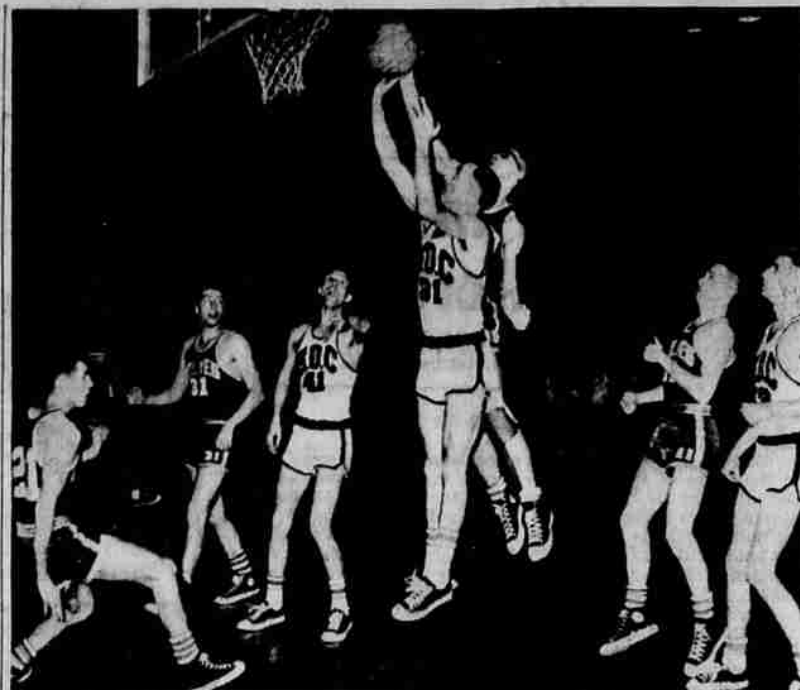
Look at New Home
Two traded players—ex-Yankee Bill Skowron and ex-Met Bob Miller—looked over their new Los Angeles home and said they expected to have a big year with the Dodgers.

"It's just as thrilling to wear a Dodger uniform as the Yankee pin stripes," said Skowron, who was traded for pitcher Stan Williams.

Miller, who pitched for the Mets last season, said, "If I had to write my own contract, I could not have done better than to go to the Dodgers."

Skowron said he might add 10 to 12 homers to his total hitting in Chavez Ravine instead of Yankee Stadium, while Miller, who had a 1-12 record with the Mets, said someone would have to fight him "to take away that fourth pitching spot in the Dodgers' pitching rotation."

The Boston Red Sox added two players to their spring training roster in veteran pitcher George Spencer and rookie catcher Archie Skeen.



SHULTS SHOOT—Jerry Shults (31) puts up a shot for Southern Oregon in Saturday Oregon Collegiate conference basketball game with Oregon college. Toby Wolf, OCE, attempts to block the try. Other OCE Wolves shown are Gary Morton (21), Fred Price (31) and Dennis Newton (11). Shown of the white-shirted SO Red Raiders are Royce Kiser (41) and Dave Hughes. The Red Raiders, who split with OCE last week end at Klamath Falls against Oregon Tech tonight in a bid for a share of the OCC lead. —(Dean Freeman photo).

Raiders Tussle OT Tonight at Klamath

Ashland-Southern Oregon's Red Raiders of the Rogue will bid for a share of the Oregon Collegiate conference basketball leadership tonight when they engage the Owls of Oregon Tech at Klamath Falls.

Oregon Tech holds the No. 1 spot in the loop with a 4-0 standing. The Raiders are running second with a 3-1 mark as they eye their arch-rival.

Southern Oregon has picked up in both scoring and rebounding since it opened its OCC slate. In conference games the Raiders have a team shooting mark of 402 against 357 by opponents. Also, the Raiders have averaged 68.7 points per game while the opposition has averaged 60.2.

Despite the improvement in rebounding, adversaries have a 141 to 113 margin on the Raiders.

OTI has an experienced and tall club. There are five let-terms among three seniors, a junior and five sophomores. The Owls average 6 feet 1 inch.

Sammie Smith, 6-6, is No. 1 man with the Owls after recently rejoining them. He has been OCC scoring and rebounding champion for two seasons and was ranked ninth in point making in northwest collegiate circles.

Coach Ted Schopf of the Raiders likely will start Ed Hill, Dave Hughes, Jerry Shults, Brad Flanary and Larry Hink. Hughes, main scorer and rebounder for SOC, performed magnificently last Saturday night against Oregon college. The 6-4 senior put in 28 points, averaging .500 from the field.

BPAA Star Tournament Will Open
Kansas City, Mo. —UPI—The "World Series of Bowling" opened an 11-day run in Municipal Auditorium today with 432 of the world's top men and women bowlers warming up with two games each before rolling in earnest for the \$100,000 prize list.

Today's scores will not count toward the real competition which begins Thursday in this 22nd annual Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA) All-Star tournament.

The 288-man field and the 144-woman field begin four days of qualifying Thursday, with the men bowling four games daily for five days and the women firing three games each day.

Kart Club Will Meet on Friday
The next trophy race for the Medford Kartways will be held Jan. 20 at the track south of Medford near the fairgrounds.

The track will be open at 11 a.m.

Members of Medford Kartways will meet Friday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sportsman's Club at Central Point.

Several items of interest will be discussed by the group. This is to be an open meeting, and all persons interested in karting are invited. The club house is located 2 1/2 blocks from the top light on the right of the road on West Pine street.

Officers for the new year will be elected.

TO NEGOTIATE

Boston —UPI— Officials of a Boston syndicate was to fly to New York today to begin final negotiations to buy the bankrupt New York Titans of the American Football league.

Ted Barron, 42-year-old owner of Nu-Way Disposal Co. of Everett, the syndicate spokesman, disclosed Tuesday that he and his associates were willing to spend as much as \$3 million before expecting a return on their money.

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is the leading money-winner of the year, so far — as usual — with \$9,000 to his credit. Player has collected \$7,300.

Defending champions in the pro-am division are pro Bob McCallister and little Albie Pearson, the Los Angeles Angels center fielder, however, Albie sported a 10 handicap last year and this has been cut to five this time around.

Idaho Trips Washington
United Press International
Rugged Idaho got a surprisingly stiff fight from Washington State but still emerged with its 11th basketball win in 13 starts Tuesday night.

The Vandals took a 72-65 decision as the Vandals' one-two punch of Chuck White and Gus Johnson each tossed in 18 points.

Idaho is cursed this year by the fact that Johnson is ineligible for tournament play because of the NCAA junior college transfer rule. With Johnson in there the Vandals are 10-0 this year.

Another tough break for the Vandals is that they don't get to test Oregon State in regular season play this year. The Vandals do play a home and home series with Seattle, however, that should give fans some perspective on just how good Idaho is.

SPORTS

Kings, Clowns Pair In Crosby Clambake

Pebble Beach, Calif. —UPI— The kings and the clowns of golf pair off Thursday in the \$50,000 National Pro-Amateur championships — sometimes known as the Crosby Clambake.

Headlining the cast are Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus among the golf pro kings; and such clowns of comedy as Phil Harris, Dean Martin and Desi Arnaz.

It's the 22nd annual charity affair and the prospects today were for good, clear, warm weather — and if they get it, both the promoters and the golfers will be shocked.

They've had snow, rain, hail, winds and just about every other type of inconvenience in the past.

"If the weather stays good, like it is now," says Art Wall, a former winner here, "it will take a score of 278 to win it. But if it turns to the usual, then about 288."

Last year's tournament, played in snow, sleet and rain, was won by Doug Ford with a 286 score. That was the highest winning total of any tournament in America in 1962.

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Slam-Bangers Pitted Against Clever Matmen Here Thursday Night

A pair of slam-bangers against a duo of clever matmen make up the tag team match headlining Thursday night's wrestling card at Medford armory, starting at 8:15 p.m. Doors will open an hour earlier.

The slam-bangers are Wild Bill Savage and Haru Sasaki. Savage likes to get an opponent on the run and then show no mercy until the foe is subdued. Sasaki is a sinister individual who delights in manuevering his opponent into position for his Japanese sleeper hold, which almost always brings an abrupt end to a match.

The clever matmen who will go against the slam-bangers are Rocky Colombo and newcomer Lorenzo Parenti. Both can be rough if the occasion demands, as it is sure to when Savage and Sasaki provide the opposition.

Under tag team rules only one man from each team may be in the ring at the same time. In order to be relieved, a wrestler must tag his partner over the top rope and then leave the ring.

The tag team scrap is for an hour or two out of three falls.

The semi-windup, slated for 45 minutes or the best of three falls, will send Harold (Buck) Davidson of Klamath Falls against Irish Pat O'Brien.

One match completes the card.

AIR FORCE BENEFIT

Detroit —UPI— The Detroit Lions announced today they will meet the Dallas Cowboys next Sept. 8 at Colorado Springs in a National Football league exhibition game for the benefit of the Air Force Academy foundation. The profits of the game will go to provide the academy with needed improved athletic facilities for which federal funds are not provided.

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