

K-Men Drill for Crucial Two Games With Medford

Jerry Thorne Out of Lineup; Cook Grooms Bus Bussman For Pivot Slot

Rangy Jerry Thorne, who patrols the key-hole slot for the Klamath Pelicans, will be unable to play Friday night when the K-men clash with the Medford Black Tornado on the hardwood for the first time this year. Thorne has a torn cartilage in

his knee, sustained in the Ashland series. In Thorne's absence, Coach Marble Cook is grooming Bus Bussman for the pivot position and he looked good in practice Wednesday afternoon. The Tornado boasts a tall aggregation, but the Pelicans hope to offset the height advantage of their opponents with blinding speed.



From MIDFIELD By PAUL HAINES

FINE GESTURE
According to a news story in the Medford Mail-Tribune, Principal Lester Harris of Medford high school announced recently that all lettuces taken in on the cage tilt between Medford and Grants Pass on January 30 would be turned over to the Jackson county infantile paralysis fund.

This is a grand thing to do and we heartily compliment the Medford school officials for this action. If the moola only benefits one crippled boy or girl, it is worth ten thousand times its amount. Too many athletic teams of both Grants Pass and Medford will have the fine satisfaction and that warm feeling inside that comes from aiding and abetting a good cause.

Just off hand, we can think of no finer or more worthwhile program to help along to its splendid goal than the infantile paralysis fund. If any of the readers of this pillar have ever seen any of these pictures of a polio victim before and after treatment, he will understand what we mean.

It may be possible to do the same thing in Klamath Falls and we mean to check on it immediately. In fact, we just talked to Coach Marble Cook and he thought that perhaps another game could be arranged between the Leathernecks from the Marine Barracks and the Pelicans, with the proceeds going to the fund.

At any rate, we wish to take this means to congratulate Medford and Grants Pass once again. It is a true American thing to do!

Merrill, Tulalake Cagers Bounce Malin, Henley

The Merrill Huskies blasted a Malin five Tuesday night at Malin to the tune of 28 to 15 in the A clash. Kandra and Haskins were both out of the Merrill lineup and Melvin Johnson took high scoring honors for the Huskies with 14 points. Victorine paced the Mustangs with seven counters.

In the B tilt, Merrill again emerged triumphant by bumping the Malin hoopsters 23 to 9 for a clean sweep of the two court frays.

In another two-game hardwood encounter at Tulalake Tuesday, the Tulalake Honkers rapped the Henley Hornets twice, taking the A frays 45 to 32, and wallowing the Hornets 34 to 20 in the B tussle. Schreiber was the big noise of the evening, collecting 17 ringers for the Tulalake A quintet.

HAS HIGH HOPES
SEATTLE, Jan. 18 (AP)—Al Davies of Tacoma, who planned to leave today on a business trip to South America, said he had high hopes professional football would be able to continue on the Pacific coast next year. He is president of the Seattle Bombers of the American Professional Football league.

Our Boarding House



An intensive scrimmage was held Wednesday by Cook and the boys really looked classy. Jim Noreen, Jim Palmer and Larry White handled the ball like veterans and fired fast, accurate passes. Dean Mason had his eye glued on the bucket and looped in several beautiful shots during the workout. Cook is now engaged in working out a new combination that will not make the loss of Thorne felt too much. His best bet appears to be Palmer and Pope at forwards, Bussman at center, and Perkins and Noreen at guards. Another combination that may prove effective, places Palmer and White in the forward berths, Pope in the pivot position, and Noreen and Perkins in the backcourt slots.

A Simpson's boys will be a tough nut to crack this year, as he will put an experienced, smooth-working quintet on the KUHS floor, but Cook feels that if the Pelicans can get off to a flying start and gain confidence in themselves, they may boot the old dope bucket higher than a cat's back and trounce the Medford lads.

One thing is certain, and that is the K-men will be in there scrapping all the way and will give a good account of themselves when they meet Medford's roaring, howling Black Tornado Friday and Saturday nights!

Wild Broncs Get Tougher In Rodeo

DENVER, Jan. 18 (AP)—The wild broncs are getting tougher as the National Western Stock Show rodeo moves along toward its championship events next Sunday.

Only youthful Bud Linderman, the Red Lodge, Mont., star, and Jack Bain of Fort Collins, Colo., managed to qualify for the bareback bronc-riding cash last night, after Jack Wade of Halkirk, Alberta, Canada, had won the big day money in the matinee.

Linderman, bareback bronc champ of the 1944 show, was first last night aboard Oscar and third in the saddle bronc riding event on Sandy.

Other first place winners included: Calf-roping: Frank Cox, Avondale, Colo., 21.7 seconds. Steer-wrestling: Bill Hancock, Roswell, N. M., 6.2 seconds. Saddle bronc-riding: Larry Finley, Phoenix, Ariz.

Miler Bill Hulse Takes Up Where Gil Dodds Left Off

By WILBUR JENNINGS
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 18 (AP)—Now that Gil Dodds has called it quits, Ensign Bill Hulse is hopeful of a chance to uphold America's colors against Sweden's Gundar Haegg in the winter track games.

All Hulse needs is a couple of weeks in which to get into shape—and the navy's permission. The 24-year-old former New York university runner now reigns as this country's chief threat against Haegg.

Dodds' retirement was announced yesterday by his coach, Jack Ryder. Hulse was surprised to learn of Dodds' action.

Ross Clamps Headlock on Kiser



Jack Kiser put the blocks to Tony Ross in the main event last week to win the right to crunch craniums with the "Grey Mask" this Friday. Supporting the headline go tomorrow night, will be a tussle between Pete Belcastro and Gust Johnson as the semi-windup and Milt Olsen will butt biceps with Ross in the curtain-raiser.

1945 Marks 100th Birthday Of Baseball's First Team

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP)—In the midst of wartime uncertainty over baseball, the nation's pastime leaders have overlooked an historical sports event that should receive some formal recognition—the 100th anniversary of baseball's first organized team.

Baseball is generally accepted as having been devised by Abner Doubleday in 1839, but it was not until 1845 that the Knickerbocker club, the first organized team, appeared.

It was on September 23, 1845, that Alexander J. Cartwright, an enthusiastic devotee of baseball, gathered together some young, healthy New York bankers and lawyers and formed the Knickerbocker. D. W. Curry was chosen president, W. R. Wheaton, vice president, and W. H. Tucker, secretary-treasurer. After some practice contests

Uncle Sam Moves In On Montana Quint

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 18 (AP)—Montana university is wondering if it will play basketball or just be host at tea when Gonzaga arrives for a pair of games Friday and Saturday. Two freshman forwards have been classified I-A and dropped out of school; two others have enlisted in the navy; now a guard has been benched with a sprained ankle.

Former UCLA Star Killed In Action

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18 (AP)—Capt. Bill Reitz of the army air forces, a former UCLA basketball, track and field star, has been killed in action over Holland, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reitz, have been informed. Reitz won the national AAU javelin toss in 1937 with a throw of 224 feet.

"If there's anyone who could have beaten Haegg this winter, it was certainly Gil," Hulse said. "He should be in much better shape than I am, and I hope he will change his mind. He's a grand fellow, a square shooter and the game will suffer if he does quit." Hulse arrived in Miami two weeks ago after three months at sea aboard an escort destroyer and is now attending the naval training center here.

Hulse, who holds several American track records, was defeated by Haegg three times in the mile and once in a two-mile event. He was three yards behind him in finishing third in a special mile race in New York in 1943. Dodds was second.

OSC Bumps Cougar Five, 48-36

Beavers Climb to Third Place In Standings; Meet Ducks Friday, Saturday

By The Associated Press
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CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—The Beavers of Oregon State college back in the basketball limelight after a dismal start, were reaching with long strides today to catch front-running Washington and Oregon in the northern division, Pacific Coast conference race after bumping Washington State back one notch last night, 48 to 36.

By their triumph, second straight over the invading Cougars, OSC took over the third place niche formerly occupied by their victims. The losers swung to Eugene now for Friday-Saturday visits with Oregon, the team they beat in their only successful start so far in the still young season.

There was no worry over the outcome in Beaver minds when they started last night's battle and they soon eased any doubts home town fans may have had. Hal Puddy cracked the scoring ice in the first minute and Oregon State had six points before the Cougars rallied.

With Vince Hansen doing the bulk of the work to keep his team in the game, WSC could come no closer than 26-19 at halftime. Midway through the second period OSC had rocketed the lead to 42-24 and the victory minded Beavers held Washington State at least 10 points back for the rest of the tussle.

Lanky Red Rocha of OSC was the scoring leader with 19 points and Hansen topped the Cougars with 10. A headfirst meeting between Bob Labhart and Bernie McGrath of OSC took both from the game temporarily.

Oregon State	G	F	PF	TP
Puddy, F	2	4	4	8
Labhart, F	4	0	0	8
Henningsen, F	1	0	4	2
Rocha, C	8	3	2	19
McGrath, G	3	3	2	9
West, G	0	2	0	2
Moore, G	0	0	1	0
Totals	18	12	13	48

Wash. State	G	F	PF	TP
Jorison, F	0	0	2	0
Gregg, F	1	0	3	2
Noteboom, F	1	0	0	2
Kellinger, F	0	0	2	0
Hansen, C	4	2	1	10
Waller, C	1	0	2	2
Rennick, G	4	1	2	8
Hamilton, G	3	0	1	6
Gehrett, G	1	0	0	2
Johnson, G	1	1	4	3
Totals	16	4	17	36

Half-time score: Oregon State 26, Washington State 19.

Free throws missed: Washington State—Gregg, Noteboom, Hansen 3; Oregon State—Henningsen 2, Rocha 3, McGrath.

Drafting of Two Prominent Sports Figures May Show Way Army Doctors Lean

By BUS HAM
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—Acceptance of two prominent sports figures for service does not necessarily set a precedent which will be followed in reviewing other professional athletes. But it may indicate which way army doctors will lean in examining these men for induction. War department sources made that comment today when asked about Aldo "Buff" Donelli, football coach, and Willie Pep, fighter, who have passed physical examinations within the past few days.

Donelli, who will be 38 years old in July, is coach of the Cleveland Rams of the National Professional Football league. He will be taken into the navy within two weeks. Pep, world featherweight title claimant, has an honorable medical discharge from the navy. The army has accepted him for general service, which can mean combat.

Donelli and Pep are the first big-name athletic figures to be accepted since War Mobilization Director Byrnes called for a re-examination of professionals. Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey issued a memorandum December 26 to local draft boards specifically covering professional athletes. He directed the boards to "review the classifications of registrants who are deferred as physically or mentally disqualified for military service or who have been discharged from the armed forces for physical or mental disability and who, despite their apparent physical defects, are engaged in the principal occupation of professional athletics."

Milt Olsen Butts Biceps With Ross In Opening Fray

In the curtain-raiser Friday night at the Klamath arena, Tough Tony Ross and clever Milt Olsen will parade their talents for the approbation of Klamath crunch fans. Both gladiators are well able to care for themselves, but whether Milt can survive the rough tactics of Ross over the route is a question that will only be decided when the two biceps boys mix it up.

Olsen put on a great showing last week in the "battle royal" and in his subsequent bout with Pete Belcastro. Milt is a tricky muscled but appears to be a bit lighter than the rest of the torso twisters on the circuit. This goes rounds out a great card that features Jack Kiser and the dreaded "Grey Mask" in the main event. Friday night will see the first appearance of Mr. Stoneface in the Klamath biceps bin in several weeks as he has been recuperating in California from the punishment he was forced to take in his last few matches with the muscle men on the northwest passage.

A capacity house is anticipated by Promoter Mack Lillard, with duets going at a fast clip. Wally Moss will again be the third man in the square and everything is set for a lively evening Friday night.

IRONMEN SWAMP OAKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 (AP)—The Seattle Ironmen swamped the Oakland hockey team last night, 10 to 1, in a Pacific Coast league game.

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