

From MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Basketball Playoff

Last Friday's loss to the Medford Tornado virtually clinches the number two slot in the Southern Oregon playoff for the Pelicans placing Medford indisputably on top and leaving Grants Pass and Ashland to battle it out for positions three and four.

The Grizzlies walloped the Cavemen Friday night, so unless something unforeseen happens the loop will probably finish in Medford, Klamath Falls, Ashland and Grants Pass.

Medford vs. Ashland and Klamath Falls vs. Grants Pass in the opening round; the winners of those games in the title match and the losers in a consolation battle.

Therefore, although the Tornado already holds two victories over the Pelicans, those games are just so much experience as far as relating to which outfit is crowned conference champs.

For the Pelicans to beat Grants Pass and the Tornado to lick Ashland in the opening round appears to be an odds-on certainty, setting up the Pelican-Tornado clash for the title.

That aspect of the playoff method of deciding the conference winner comes in for a lot of kicking around, and justly so. If one team goes through the season beating every other team in the loop from two to four times, why risk losing the whole thing on an off night?

That's the way the first-place outfit is bound to feel. The second, third and fourth place clubs always feel just the opposite, outvoting the champs three to one.

In theory the team which has knocked over all opposition all season ought to have smooth sailing in the tourney, but it doesn't always work out that way. Witness the scare Klamath Falls gave Medford in the playoff last year. It could happen again this year, although the two games between the Pelicans and the Tornado so far have indicated that the tall Medford bunch is just about 10 points the better team.

In a first-quarter check last game the Tornado took the ball off the backboard 14 times before a Pelican managed to snag one.

Eastern College Beats Western
BELLINGHAM, Feb. 12 (AP)—Steaming into a runaway spurt in the last three minutes, Eastern Washington college swelled its lead in the Washington intercollegiate basketball argument last night, defeating its closest rival, Western Washington, 52-41.

The seesaw fracas saw the lead switched nine times, and the score tied nine times. Western had the lead at the half, 28-26.

Sid Van Sinderen led the scoring with 13 points for Western.

Philadelphia—Billy Fox, 170, Philadelphia, knocked out Nate Bolden, 175 1/2, (2).

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Ducks, WSC In Crucial Cage Pair

Montana Beats Idaho 58-57 After Recount Of Official Score

By The Associated Press
Oregon and Washington State will stick a pair of spoons in the well mixed northern division basketball salad bowl tonight and tomorrow at Eugene, and saying the games are important would be slightly more than understatement.

With a double victory Oregon can bounce right up with front-running Oregon State and Idaho. A double triumph for Washington State would leave it in the circuit basement, but just a bait game out of fourth spot with a chance to rise in its Friday-Saturday series against Oregon State at Corvallis.

This will be Oregon's first experience with the Gale Bishop-reinforced WSC Cougars. Over at Moscow, Idaho last night, first reports from the Idaho-Montana tilt had the Vandals winning 57-56. But when the official score book was re-totaled, long after the spectators had gone home, Coach Babe Brown announced something had gone haywire in additions, and the true score was 58-57—and the real winner was Montana.

Despite the mixup, it was a hard-fought game, with the lead changing 15 times before the clincher.

OPA Hasn't Hit Animal World Yet

Frank Bascom, Dunsmuir pioneer, relates this story which he says happened recently in the mountains about five miles west of Dunsmuir.

Ray Sylvester of Weed, while on his way to his mining claim west of Dunsmuir, came upon two half-grown panthers. They were so busy playing together they paid no attention to him standing only 40 feet away.

Since Sylvester was armed only with his prospector's pick—not a very dependable weapon on a cougar hunt—he was grateful for the animals' lack of interest in him.

The panthers were sleek and fat, in fine condition and apparently not in need of food, he reports, causing Mr. Bascom, going butlerless these days, to crack:

"Evidently the OPA hasn't cracked down on their food ration yet!"

Victory Loop Cage Results

LOST RIVER vs. FORDS
The Lost River Dairy Victory league entry defeated Balsigers 27-23 in a hard-fought game played last night.

The Dairymen held a slim lead throughout the game and successfully staved off a fourth-quarter rally by the Fords. Willis Glidden and Dee Nelson of Balsigers showed the way with nine points each. Elwood Rose and Harry Tavenner each racked up eight for the winners.

T and I vs. MURPHY'S
A last-quarter rally by the Trades and Industry quintet overcame a game-long lead held by Murphy's in the second Victory game last night and the T and I squad won 20-18.

Neither team was consistent in hitting the basket and the T and I margin of victory came on free throws. Richard Young collected six tallies for T and I and Bob Mahoney had the same for the Barbers.

The wild dog is found in all the wilder jungles of India. It hunts in packs, sometimes of 30 dogs.

Both Coming Back



Joe Lynam, the champ shown here going over Gust Johnson's wing, will fight Cowboy Duke Chick in the main grappling event next Thursday night, while Johnson takes on Michigan Red Dawson in the curtain-raiser.

Lesnevich Considers Title Bout

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12 (AP)—Light-heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich was considering seriously today a fancy financial offer to defend his crown against Belting Billy Fox, while the Pennsylvania state athletic commission accused Billy's 37th—and latest—straight knockout victim of "quitting cold" to the young kayo specialist.

The offer of a flat \$30,000 for Gus if he turns back Fox's challenge and \$50,000 if Billy should take the bauble away from him was made last night after Billy flattened the veteran Nate Bolden in 49 seconds of the second round of what started out as a ten-round bout.

Lesnevich's manager, little Joe Vella, said he was paying attention to the bid for a title tussle in Convention hall here in April simply because "the way that guy punches, it may be best if we take him on now instead of waiting until he learns too much about boxing." The offer was made by Blinky Palermo, Fox's manager, and Matchmaker Pete Moran.

Meantime, State Commission Chairman Leon Rains levelled the "quitting" charge at Bolden for the manner in which he climbed on his bicycle through the first round last night, although bloody Billy's nose with flicking jabs, and bowed out in the second after being hit with a right hand high on the head, a considerable distance from the usually vulnerable area around the chin.

Trapper Pleads Not Guilty To Charge

Everett Puckett of Klamath Falls pleaded not guilty in justice court Friday to a charge of trapping with unbranded traps and was released on his own recognizance to wait for a preliminary trial February 14.

State police said that he was arrested for trapping muskrats near Aspen lake on property leased by another person. By law all traps must be branded and registered with the state game commission.

Clark Dix filed the complaint against Puckett.

New York — Charlie Fusari, 143, Irvington, N. J., outpointed Maxie Berger, 147, New York, (10).

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Rich Handicap Gallop Has Banner Field Of Starters

ARCADIA, Calif., Feb. 12 (AP)—The \$50,000 San Antonio handicap at a mile and a furlong at Santa Anita park, has drawn 24 nominees. Racing Secretary Webb Everett announced today.

First Fiddle, Bull Reigh and Sirde may be assigned high weights, but several likely starters are rounding into form, any of which might bounce into the winner's circle.

Included is Miss Ethel Hill's War Knight, which made his first start in more than two years last Saturday and was beaten less than a length and one-half by Paperboy, which ran the seven furlongs in 1:22 4/5.

Paperboy, from the Warner-Leroy ranch, may be reaching his winning form of two years ago. Last week's victory was his first in two years and was so unexpected he paid \$64.40.

Mrs. George Poulsen's Broadcloth, Snowboots, the likely favorite and entry with Sirde from Mrs. L. A. Rice's stable; Supro, undefeated in four starts here and pride of the Foxcatcher farms stable, and Be Faithful, L. B. Mayer's fast-stepping filly who has won three straight marathons, are among the nominations.

Others are Autocrat, Best Effort, Bric a Brac, Challenge Me, Castleman, First to Fight, Man o' Glory, Mediterranean, Lou-Bre, Old English, Post Graduate, Texas Sandman, Whirlabout, Wise Eagle and Slitch Aguin.

The San Antonio is for three-year-olds and up.

Seattle Ski Expert Wins Jump Event

LEAVENWORTH, Wash., Feb. 12 (AP)—Olav Ullinup of Seattle yesterday won the 15th annual Leavenworth ski jumping tournament for class A competitors as he ran up a point score of 229.7 and recorded jumps of 234 and 250 feet.

Karl Stengel of the Penguin club, with jumps of 135 and 134 feet was class B winner.

Other high pointers, in order, in the class A jumps were: Tom Mobraaten, Vancouver Ski club, jumps of 222 and 235 feet for 217.2 points; Art Johnson, Cypress club, 216 and 240 for 218.2; Earl Pletch, Royal Canadian Air Force, 220 and 235 for 212.4; Arndt Ofstad, Seattle, 217 and 235 for 210.9.

Class B winners in order after Stengel were Charles Wenger of Seattle, 135 and 138; Ken Lee, Seattle, 133 and 139; and Roy Sarrel, Cypress club, 127 and 132.

Harold Hanson of Spokane, with jumps of 134 and 126 feet, was ninth in class B.

Portland jumpers included Hjalmer Hvam, 11th in class A with jumps of 199 and 201 feet; Laverne Hughes, 10th in class B, 131 and 129; and Gregg Patterson, 13th in class B with 120 and 116.

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SPORTS

Wildcats Trample Medford Juniors In Overtime, 34-30

By JOHN LARSON
Making a clean sweep of the basketball games played over the weekend, the KUHS Wildcats edged the Medford Junior varsity squad 34-30 in an overtime fray at Medford Friday and drubbed the Merrill Huskies 41-27 Saturday.

The Wildcats trailed the Medford outfit for three quarters but in the final six minutes of play surged back to make good a five-point deficit.

With the game practically sewed up a 'Cat fouled a Medford boy and the resulting free throw tied the score at 29-all, and there it stood at the end of the regulation playing time.

In the ensuing overtime period the Wildcats took over and won going away. Jackie Kennett paced the 'Cats with 12 markers and Fred Chez tallied 10 for Medford.

Saturday night the Wildcats won easily from Merrill by taking an early lead which was never overcome. The Huskies never really got going.

Jack Kennett again was high scorer with 11 points. Kandara collected 10 for the visitors.

RAMSEY IN CENTER
SEATTLE, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers reported yesterday Bill Ramsey, former Sacramento player who hit .202 last season for the Boston Nationals, will play centerfield next season for the Rainiers, in the Pacific Coast league baseball sessions.

One of the first arrivals at the Miami, Fla., spring training camp, Mize declared he was in the "best shape in his life." Already pared down to his normal playing weight of 205 pounds, the former Cardinal gave an indication yesterday of what he may mean to the Giants this season by larruping for 400 feet the first ball served him.

Other pre-war giants among the squad of 51 already in camp include Pitcher Hal Schumacher and Infielder Dick Bartell, stars of the 1936 and '37 pennant-winning clubs. Outfielder Babe Young and Second Baseman Nick Witek, Mize, Witek, Bartell and Billy Rigney comprised the "regular" infield in yesterday's first practice session.

Lewiston, Me. — Al Michaud, 144, Lewiston, knocked out Duke Demers, 145, Rumford, (8).

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Willie Hoppe Hangs Onto 3-Point Lead

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 (AP)—Willie Hoppe and Jake Schaeffer, both one-time world champions, were only three points apart today as they continued their 1000-point three cushion billiard match here.

Hoppe, who took a 50-44 lead in the first block of the match yesterday afternoon, dropped three points in last night's block to hold a 100-97 lead. The two will play two 50-point blocks daily for nine more days.

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