

Pro Hoop League In Dire Fix

By the Associated Press
The Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league, harassed in its inaugural year by a lack of hometown playing facilities, moved today to offset a new worry—lack of attendance for the hometown appearances of some of its smaller members.

Owner Dan Hay of the Salem Trailblazers struck the flag yesterday with the announcement that this Thursday's scheduled Portland-Salem encounter had been switched from Salem to Mt. Angel college at Mt. Angel.

He said present plans call for cancellation of all future home games although he added there was a possibility the team would return to Salem later "when we can bring in a better team." Hay is seeking some new players and a coach to replace Frank Stone, who resigned.

Tacoma withdrew from the league before play opened when it was unable to secure suitable facilities and Spokane has been similarly handicapped although it entered the league primarily as a road team.

Yakima, in its recent hometown inaugural, drew only 150 spectators.

In league play last night the Vancouver Hornets edged within a half game of the second-place Bellingham Firecrackers with a second-half spurt for a 44-30 triumph over Yakima. A ragged game, neither team possessed its shooting eye with the winners hitting only 16 of 60 shots at the hoop and Yakima connecting with nine of 64 attempts.

Doug Peden paced Vancouver with 11 points with Tom Smith of Yakima marking up the same number for the losers.

The schedule shows all teams idle tonight.

Chevs Score Surprise Win Over Rickys

In last night's stellar attraction at Altamont gym, the Ashley Chevrolet team, 1946 Basin league champions, surprised a lot of basketball seers by lopping off the heretofore undefeated Rickys Jewelers, 38 to 34.

It was one of the fastest games ever to be played on the local court as both teams went all out to win.

Lyle Kelstrom and Wayne Scott had 11 and nine points for Rickys, while Bob Erlanson tapped in 10 for Ashley.

The first game of the Altamont doubleheader saw the Sons of Italy squad take a 42-37 decision from the American Legion in another good game. Bob Lowe had 16 tallies for the Legion and was outstanding on the floor.

Out in the county the Tulelake Merchants and Merrill town team went to a 33-33 deadlock at the end of the fourth quarter.

In the five-minute overtime the Townies edged ahead, 37-36.

In the other game at Merrill the Henley aggregation got by the Independents 45-35.

At Bonanza the Malin quintet beat out Langell Valley Beavers 41 to 36 and the Bonanza town squad took the measure of Chilcoquin, 43-39.

In a single game at Tulelake, the Associated Flyers drubbed Beatty, 71 to 33. Dick Crawford scored 21 points for the Flyers.

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Tumbles To Victory In Relay Of Indoor Meet



Shirley Eckel, anchor on Toronto's Malvern track team, slides over finish line after a tumble, to give her team first place in a 12-lap race, part of an indoor track meet at Philadelphia, Pa. Legs at left belong to Nell Jackson of Tuskegee Institute who broke the tape but finished second. —AP wirephoto.

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Free-For-All . . . Riotous Spectators Form Cage Problem

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 28 (P)—Attacks by fans on officials of high school basketball games and free-for-all fights that sometimes follow have increased so greatly this year that they are worrying High School Athletic association officials throughout the country.

Betting and overcrowding of field houses and gyms are to blame, in the opinion of L. V. Phillips, commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic association, who has his own problems with crowds threatening officials and even attacking players.

Phillips, who recently attended a meeting of the National Federation of High School Athletic associations in St. Petersburg, Fla., said "the reports at the meeting were all the same—each state reported increasing trouble with fans who attack officials and start fights if the game doesn't go to suit them."

"Spectator participation," which is Phillips' polite name for the outbreaks, is due mostly to jamming more people into fieldhouses than they can seat, and to betting, Phillips said.

"If fans are forced to stand in aisles and along the edge of the court, they are too close to the players and the officials and the general discomfort puts them in a bad humor.

"As for betting, it's the 'community betting' that is worse than the professional betting in high school games.

"The father of a player or the friends of the coach or the high school patron—often respected businessmen—bet and then gets a little too wrought up when things go against his team. He makes a rush for the official or the player, and the fight is on.

"Professional betting probably is limited pretty well to parlay cards, and these players seldom see the games they bet on," said Phillips.

Fuhrer Five Rolls To Win

Last night in Victory league basketball play the Fuhrer's quintet rolled the Lincoln Street Grocery squad 39 to 13 after holding the Grocers scoreless in the first quarter and to only a pair of points in the entire first half.

Jim Thornton potted 15 tallies for Fuhrer's in the game played on the high school gym floor.

In the second game of the doubleheader foul shot completions decided a wild contest between Palmerton and Hi-Y, 25-20 for Hi-Y.

The Palmerton squad trailed at the end of the first two periods but led 15-14 at the close of the third quarter.

Milton Thompson counted 13 points for the winners, and Phil McGilvary had 10 for Palmerton.

Keene Denies OSC Rumor

SALM, Jan. 28 (P)—Roy S. Keene, Salem sporting goods dealer and former athletic director at Willamette university, said today he knew nothing of reports that he would succeed Percy Locey as Oregon State college director of athletics.

"Mr. Locey's resignation came as a complete surprise to me," Keene said. "I have not been contacted by anyone in regard to the position. I know nothing about the position."

Keene had no comment on whether he would take the job if it were offered him. He also

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Ashland	1	3	.250

The inevitable crash between the Klamath Falls Pelicans and the Medford Black Tornado virtually takes the state prep school basketball spotlight for this week-end, and there is every reason to believe that a sweep of the Friday and Saturday series one way or the other will determine this district's state tournament entry, even though the season is just at the halfway mark.

Both Klamath and Medford are undefeated in six conference games to date and have to all intents and purposes left the other three teams in district 3 far to the rear. The Pels and Tornado have polished off Ashland, Grants Pass and Central Point twice each.

Coach Wayne Scott's Pelicans are pointed directly toward the state championship playoff and have been ever since virtually the same team was edged from the tourney on foul shot completions last year.

Dutch French, who mentored the Pels last year, figured that 1947 would be Klamath's year.

In 18 games through last week-end, the Pelicans have been defeated only once, that by Salem in a non-conference tilt. The Pels have scored 851 points in the 16 games, to 410 for the combined opponents.

That figures out approximately 43 points for and 26 points against for each game.

The Klamath-Medford big series this week-end will be played over the hill on the Tornado court, and begins a long road-game stretch for the Pels who have only three more engagements scheduled on the KUHS court—University of Oregon Fresh February 7 and the home series with Medford March 4 and 5.

Junior High Awards Made

Klamath Falls junior high's untied and undefeated football squad of the past gridiron season was awarded letters at Fremont school yesterday.

Boys receiving the letters were Gaynor Huck, captain and half-back; Jerry Liabe, quarter; Richard Hofar, Roddy Davis, Dale Carr and Billy Creswell, backs; Alfredo Herrera, fullback and end; Ray Wilson, Fred Wiseman, Norman Beck, Gerald Edwards, Ronnie Dimmick, Glenn Guyer, Jerry Selby, Jerry Hayden, Richard Ankeny, Dale Peyton, Howard Brown and Lee Smith, linemen.

Last season the junior high boys scored 70 points to 18 for the combined opponents, and Coach Joe LaClair says that he has some very good prospects who will show up in high school football in a year or two.

Gaynor Huck, he says, will step right into the place where Tommy Edwards leaves off as ball-carrier for the Pelicans.

Bratton Favored For Heavy Tilt

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (P)—Johnny Bratton, Chicago's sensational 20-year-old puncher, has been drummed into a heavy favorite today to dethrone NBA Lightweight Champion Ike Williams when the two tangle here in the Coliseum early this spring.

Last night Gene Burton, rapidly improving New York slugger, finally caught up with Williams and outpointed the champion in a 10-round non-title bout in the Coliseum. The match drew a slim crowd of 2524 spectators who contributed \$10,879.70 to the gate.

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Rocky Graziano On Spot In Fight Bribe Probe

Boxer Admits Being Offered \$100,000 To Throw Middleweight Bout With Cowboy Reuben Shank

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (P)—A story of a \$100,000 bribe offer which District Attorney Frank S. Hogan said was told a grand jury by Middleweight Boxer Rocky Graziano intensified today an investigation of "fixing" of sports events here.

Hogan said Graziano "admits he used a sore back as an excuse" to call off a fight with Reuben "Cowboy" Shank of Denver, three days before it was scheduled December 27. This, Hogan said, came after the scrappy fighter had been visited twice in his dressing room by a man offering the \$100,000 if Graziano would throw the fight—a man whose name Graziano said he could not remember.

"Mind you," Hogan told reporters, "I don't think Graziano has told me everything he knows. He could have told me the names, I'm sure."

Hogan said Graziano also told him he had been approached by gamblers before his fight with Al (Bummy) Davis, who was slain later last year in a tavern holdup.

The district attorney said Graziano repeated his story in the presence of Edward P. Eagan, chairman of the New York state athletic commission, who called a hearing of the commission for Friday to consider the matter.

The fighter's only comment to reporters was, "believe me, it's all a big joke."

Sol Straus, acting director of the 29th Century Sporting club, had announced early yesterday that Graziano, rated next to Joe Louis as a fight game draw, would begin training Saturday at Greenwood Lake, N. J., for the title fight with Tony Zale.

As to Graziano's back condition which led to the fight cancellation, Dr. S. Sym Newman of the state boxing commission, who examined him, said: "I found a positive sign—certain evidence of a sacroiliac. If Rocky was faking, it's news to me."

Questioned



Rocky Graziano (above), New York middleweight boxing sensation, was questioned by the New York district attorney's office in connection with cancellation of a scheduled December 27 fight with Cowboy Reuben Shank in Madison Square Garden, the district attorney's office announced.—AP wirephoto.

Pair Get Jolt For Deer Killing

PAISLEY, Jan. 28—Two men charged with killing and possession of a yearling deer were given the alternatives of a \$150 fine or 60 days in jail here yesterday before Judge Louis Johnson.

The men, Henry William Gregg and Harold Francis Anderson, both of Shevlin, were caught in the act of skinning the animal in the woods near Horse ranch. They were arrested by state and federal game officers.

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