

# NoCal League Franchise At Medford Out

## Hilt Takes Over Baseball Permit As Craters Quit

MT. SHASTA, Calif., Jan. 20 — The Medford Craters, in the Northern California Amateur Baseball league for only one year, have been dropped from the circuit and the Hilt, Calif. Jets have been added.

Medford dropped its franchise to devote its field to professional ball in the Far West class D league. Harry DeClark, baseball representative of Hilt, took up the franchise. Hilt is located north of Yreka and south of Ashland, just across the Oregon state line in California.

The Northern California league is designed as an eight-team affair, but only five teams of the eight fielded last season are definitely in for 1948. The five are Weed, Dunsmuir, McCloud, Mt. Shasta and Yreka.

### TWO ARE DOUBTFUL

Hilt would be the sixth. The franchise situation in Redding and Klamath Falls is still in doubt.

Directors of the league told Redding it would have to quit spreading its talent so thin to remain in the league. Last year that city had a squad in the Sacramento Valley league as well as in the Northern California circuit, with the result that neither created much of a stir.

Now Redding has also acquired a Far West professional league franchise, along with Klamath Falls and Medford, and the city does not afford enough cash customers to handle that much baseball and keep any of the teams financially sound.

So Redding is told it could not have a franchise in the Northern California league if it continued to have a team in the Sacramento Valley loop.

There is considerable opposition to Redding being in the Northern California league, anyhow, because of the distance between it and other towns of the circuit.

### THREE WANT IT

Klamath Falls is also on the doubtful list because there are two or three different groups of sports fans wanting the franchise held by the Sons of Italy lodge, and the lodge has until February 15 to decide whether it wants to keep the franchise or relinquish it.

If the Klamath franchise is turned loose, it probably would revert to the league to be given to another baseball group in that city.

McCloud, home of the Loggers, has made a franchise shift, from the Sons of Italy lodge there to a community baseball organization.

# Southern Ice Hockeymen Stay Bunched

## By The Associated Press

Anything can happen in the southern division of the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey league, the way the standings shape up today, and this may be the week.

Los Angeles, San Francisco and Fresno are closely bunched with 49, 46 and 44 points, respectively, unlike the situation in the northern division where Seattle is riding high on an eight-point margin 56-48 over second place Tacoma.

San Francisco's Shamrocks, always a threat with the two highest division scorers, meet Fresno in the grape city tonight and entertain the Falcons on their own rink the following night. The climax may come Saturday night when San Francisco goes to Los Angeles. The Monarchs, in the meantime, will play fourth place San Diego Thursday.

Roy McBride of Seattle held on to the No. 1 spot in northern division scoring but a new threat appeared in Pat Desbiens of Portland, who climbed to within two points of the pace-setter. McBride's total was 59. In the southern division, San Francisco's Pete Wyrot and Joe Evans continued to rank one-two with 52 and 49 points, respectively.

# Sports Group Election Up

Wednesday at 7:30 in the Willard hotel the membership of the Klamath Sportsmen's association will meet to elect officers for 1948 and also to decide whether to take direct action in connection with the state game commission's proposed shorter fishing seasons.

The game commission will conduct a hearing Friday at Portland on its proposed angling regulations for this year, and the Sportsmen probably will be represented at that hearing.

As for the election of officers, Dr. George H. Adler and Elmer Balsiger are candidates for president of the organization, to replace Win Southwell, 1947 prey.

During the meeting Wednesday the Sportsmen will give away a Chesapeake puppy, purchased by the club from Pat Montgomery's kennel.

# Steer Wrestled In 5.3 Seconds

DENVER, Jan. 20 (AP)—Barney Willis of White Salmon, Wash., turned in the best steer wrestling time of the show so far by tossing his longhorn in 5.3 seconds in last night's rodeo events of the National Western Livestock show.

Other results last night included: Saddle bronc riding, Ross Dollarhide, Lakeview, Ore., second.

# Standard Cage Rules Foreseen By Hobson

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 20 (AP)—Standardization of the rules, with emphasis on eliminating needless whistle blowing, ranks high on the 1948 agenda of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States, declares President Howard Hobson of Yale.

Hobson, who came here at the start of the current campaign from the University of Oregon, says the job of uniform interpretation of rules is under the direction of Henry P. Iba of Oklahoma A. and M., chairman of the NABC's visual instruction committee.

"Iba and his aides, who come from all sections of the country, have decided the best way to complete their task is to be a movie showing the whole present picture, both good and bad," explains Hobson.

Movies are being taken of basketball games all over the nation and will be shown to the officials, coaches and players, Hobson said, in an effort to accomplish a uniform interpretation of the rules.

Iba's aides are Ray Oosting of Trinity (Hartford), Alvin Julian of Holy Cross, Lou Alexander of Rochester, Raynor Greene of Cornell, Bernie Carnevale of Navy, Ossie Cowles of Michigan, Harold Foster of Wisconsin, W. M. Stalcup of Missouri, White Baccus of Southern Methodist, E. F. Shelton of Wyoming, and Sam Barry of Southern California.

The NABC's head says the trend is for more emphasis on scoring, even in the face of improved defenses. The reason, he adds, is that "we're devoting more attention to the shooting average, working on developing accuracy in hitting the target."

Hobson expects no rule changes that will materially affect the game in 1948—and, he concludes, "there aren't likely to be any."

# Twelfth Win Being Sought By Fircrests

## By The Associated Press

Leading the percentages by a scant half game, Bellingham's high-rising Fircrests seek their 12th straight victory tonight as they entertain their cross-border rivals, the Vancouver Hornets, while the invincible Seattle Athletics invade Astoria to tackle the fifth place Royal Chinooks.

Bellingham posted its 11th successive triumph last night with a fast second half drive that subdued Tacoma 64-49. The loss dropped the Tacomans to fourth place although but two percentage points behind Vancouver.

Gale Bishop, high-scoring Bellingham forward, counted 24 points, almost double the tally of Bob Graf who led Tacoma with 13.

Meanwhile the last place Portland Indians announced signing of Jack Goldsmith, set-shot ace from Toledo of the National Basketball League. He is due in the Rose City Wednesday.

# Late Cage Scores

COLLEGIATE  
Southern Oregon 57, Cal. Aggies 36.  
Willamette 51, Whitman 41.  
College of Idaho 63, British Columbia 42.  
Whitworth 58, Eastern Washington 52.  
Northwest Nazarene 64, Eastern Oregon 53.  
Farragut 43, Spokane Naval Supply 30.  
Baylor 52, Texas Christian 48.  
Kentucky 71, Georgia Tech 56.  
Minnesota 72, Iowa 56.  
Northwestern 68, Marquette 38.  
Illinois 46, Indiana 45.  
Wisconsin 49, Purdue 44.  
Kansas State 61, Iowa State 42.

# Sprinters Needed

SEATTLE, Jan. 20 (AP)—Well-fortified in the distance events, University of Washington Track Coach Hee Edmundson scanned the ranks of Husky aspirants today for possible sprint talent as he opened his 25th annual campaign at the Seattle school.

Defending division champions in four events answered yesterday's final call. They are Don Wold, defending mile and two-mile titlist; Jack Hensay, 880-yard run; and Earl Robinson, 440-yard king.

# Snapp Gets Volk Again

PORTLAND, Jan. 20—Jack (Ginger) Snapp of Klamath Falls and Merrill will meet Bobby Volk, Portland, in a 10-round main event boxing match at Portland February 3, Tex Salkeld of the National Boxing club said today.

Snapp recently defeated Volk in a 15-round scrap which was billed for the Northwest middleweight championship. The decision was a divided one, two votes for Snapp, one for Volk.

Salkeld said that the fighters would not be required to make the 160-pound middleweight maximum because Snapp's title will not be at stake in the February 5 fight.

# Yanks Sign Mound Hopes

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (AP)—Three New York Yankee pitching prospects—Fred Bradley, Bill Wright and Clarence Marshall—have agreed to terms offered by the club for the 1948 season.

The Yanks announced the receipt of the hurlers' contracts yesterday, thus bringing to 17 the number of players in the fold for the coming season.

Wright, Bradley and Marshall toiled for Kansas City's pennant-winning American association Blues last year, accounting for 40 of the club's victories. Marshall is from Bellingham.

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# Purity Code Success Depends On Backing Given NCAA's Police Chief

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (NEA)—Now it depends on the backing the National Collegiate Athletic association gives its new FBI chief, Clarence F. Houston of Tufts, in enforcing the newly-adopted purity code.

College football for the first time has a nationwide standard of conduct, with power to punish violators.

But much hinges on how far the NCAA is prepared to go to enforce its idealistic tenets.

As has been done in various leagues and at individual institutions in the past, the NCAA could let its new rules, so laboriously brought forth, remain on paper, for get them, while members so minded went underground to insure strong teams and well-filled stadia.

There is widespread hope among the NCAA official family that the colleges will accept the code at face value, observe its restrictions and gradually purge themselves of invidious athletic practices.

A lot of them may give it the college try, but many won't, and if they do, will not be content to remain mediocre in the event rivals violate the code and come up with strong teams.

If all 283 members pursued the letter of the code, the ones most seriously affected would be the smaller colleges.

Lacking numbers from which to draw, the smaller schools would be forced to accept minor roles, perhaps drop out of the class to which they have become accustomed.

Rice is an example. This small school has long been able to hold its own in the tough Southwest conference.

But how could Rice, without a large student body and offering special inducements, maintain parity with huge universities like Texas and Texas A&M, which have thousands of students?

It might mean that Rice would have to drop out of the area's major league, join a group which could be met on an even basis.

If the athletic powers were willing to do this, what about the alumni? You can bet that the old grads would do something about it, and quickly.

President Karl Leib of the NCAA took notice of this, intimated it may come in for future action.

But the NCAA and its FBI would have a difficult time preventing some wealthy alumnus, or a group of them, from figuring out a couple of stars they hoped would help alum mater.

At one time or another, almost every school has had this sort of support, sometimes without the athletic office knowing a thing about it.

In other cases, athletic heads have fostered such procedure, but kept carefully out of it, so that theoretically they could deny everything.

Much has been made of the ban on subsidization of athletes, and rules against blatant proselytizing, yet section three of Article III ("Principles for the Conduct of Intercollegiate Athletics") may be just as important a provision. It demands that athletes maintain scholastic standards equal to those of other students.

"This hasn't been done at a great many institutions, where complacent instructors keep eligible a fast-stepping halfback who never cracks a book, and may not even go to classes."

It will take an alert committee-man to ferret out such cases, which are by no means rare.

The general belief among laymen is now that they've passed the code, the colleges will go out and cheat as they have in the past.

That may be so, but the men who worked to put this over are seriously concerned with improving the situation.

As President Leib puts it, the adoption of the code is a step in the right direction.

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# Three Judges Will Pick Name For Baseball Entry

Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney, city school athletic director, Joe Peak, and Clyde Carlstrom, last year's manager of the Klamath Sons, have consented to act as judges of the "name the baseball contest" now being conducted for Klamath Baseball Inc.

The trio will choose from the suggested names entered in the contest the name by which a baseball team to be fielded in the Far West league and representing Klamath Falls will be known.

Entries have been coming into The Herald and News sports desk and to Don Neal, KFLW sports-caster, for the past three weeks.

The name chosen will be made public at a hot stove banquet in the Willard hotel, Wednesday, January 28, and at that time a prize will be awarded the person sending in the winning name.

The board of directors of Klamath Baseball Inc. will meet tonight at 8 p. m. in the office of the Palmerton Lumber company.

# Lecturer Baffled By Cancellation

PORTLAND, Jan. 20 (AP)—Author-lecturer Robert St. John said here today he had been unable to learn exactly why a scheduled speaking engagement at the University of Portland had been cancelled.

The former war correspondent said he believed that the cancellation was the result of reviews of his recent book on Tito-riled Yugoslavia but that he could find no one at the school who read the book entitled "The Silent People Speak."

# MINES SIGHTED

SEATTLE, Jan. 20 (AP)—Eighty-seven derelict Japanese mines were reported floating off the Oregon-Washington coasts during 1947, the coast guard said today. Thirty were destroyed.

Two of three mines reported this month also have been exploded.

# FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

Boston—Willie Pep, 128, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Joey Angelo, 135, Providence, R. I. (10 non-titles).

San Francisco—Zeke Lucero, 135, San Francisco, stopped Al Sandoval, 136, Los Angeles (5).

# Strikes 'n Spares

One class A team, two in class B and one class C representing the Klamath Falls women's bowling leagues, will roll this week-end in the sixth annual state women's bowling tournament at Corvallis.

The tourney itself is the largest the state girls have ever attempted. According to Esther Schubert, the entry list includes 16 teams in class A, 48 class B and 19 class C, plus 40 class B doubles and 41 in class C doubles.

The singles rolling has drawn 111 class A entrants, 180 in class B and 70 in class C.

Friday evening at 7 o'clock 150 teams, sponsored by Griggs Superior Foods and Jack's Shell, showed their team lines, and then Saturday afternoon take part in the doubles and singles.

Members of those squads are:

Griggs—Class B  
Beth Griggs, captain, Opal McDonald, Kitty Hanville, Mabel Wachtler, Virginia Gumbertger.

Jack's Shell—Class C  
Joyce Ross, captain; Clara Bold, Margaret Bailey, Dorothea Koberg, Mary Thompson, Frances Balin—extra member to team with Joyce Ross in the doubles.

Bowling team matches at 9:15 Saturday night, doubles and singles Sunday afternoon will be squads sponsored by the Winema hotel and Willard hotel.

Winema—Class A  
Flo Ann Eaton, captain; Doris Adams, Vivian Ulrich, Mary Bothwell, Janice Long.

Willard—Class B  
Martha McCollum, captain; Dena Backes, Barbara Peterson, Ruth Peterson, Ruth Milne, Bernice Britt.

# Red Raiders Already Set Six Contests

ASHLAND, Jan. 20—Six football games are already scheduled for 1948 by the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon college, and three dates are still open.

Al Simpson, coach of the Raiders for the past two years, said the SOCE would play Eastern Washington college at Cheney, Wash. September 25; Humboldt State at Arcata, Calif. October 2; California Aggies at Ashland October 9; San Francisco State at Ashland October 16; Oregon college at Manmouth October 22; and Chico State at Chico, Calif. October 31.

Humboldt, Cal. Aggies, San Francisco and Chico are Far Western conference rivals of the Red Raiders.

Simpson said negotiations were under way to arrange games for September 18, November 6 and November 13.

Last season the Raiders played Humboldt in Klamath Falls, and may again schedule one game on Modoc field.

# Basin Circuit Action Slated

The city division of the Basin Basketball league gets rolling again tonight with a pair of games on the Oregon Vocational school gym.

The Gun Store and the OWS OWS tangle in the opener at 7 o'clock, while Hal's Sports and the American Legion have the afterpiece.

In the county circuit, games are on the schedule for Sprague River and Keno. Last night at Bonanza Grangers of Chiloquin topped the Bonanza Trojans 43-31 and the Langell Valley Beavers beat the Klamath Sons, 53-39. Frank Grota continued to pace the Trojans with 14 points. Smith of the Beavers dropped in 25 while Ruff of the Sons hit 20.

# Height Returns

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—Oregon State's Beavers, idle in conference play for the next 10 days, will have added height in their line-up when play resumes. Coach Bill Gill said today that Alex Peterson, 6 foot 5 inch center, returned to the squad after a three weeks' absence because of illness.

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# Eleanor Warns Of Third War

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Jan. 20 (AP)—Calling the Russians "dangerous," Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says that unless the United States "finds ways to be strong enough, so Russia will work with us, we will have to build for another war."

"We need tact as well as strength" in dealing with the Soviet, she said last night in her first public address since returning from last month's Geneva meeting of the United Nations commission on human rights, of which she is chairman.

The president's widow spoke before a meeting of the Hyde Park Historical association.

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Howie Odell, new football coach at the University of Washington poses for cameramen with his one-year contract. —AP wirephoto

# Ladies' Night Set Friday

Each admission ticket to Friday night's wrestling matches at the armory will merit a free one if the purchaser's wife, sister, mother, girlfriend or what-have-you. Promotes Mack Lillard made clear today.

It's "ladies' night" at the armory. The first to be presented since before the war.

Lillard has a triple main event card lined up for the matches, which inaugurates a new season of wrestling locally. The three bouts will be of five 10-minute rounds or two fall out of three duration each.

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