

Pels, Black Tornado Tangle At KU OTI Travels For Single With Chico St.

KU Quint Definite Underdog

Medford and Marshfield are the teams scheduled to battle it out for the 1960 Oregon state basketball championship. This is the general consensus of opinion among coaches, players and fans the length and breadth of Oregon. The Klamath Union Pelicans, who open the Southern Oregon Conference season Saturday night when they host Medford's Black Tornado on the KU court, are not rated even a look-in.

Tickets to the January 2 ballgame may be obtained at the KU Athletic Department office prior to game time. Persons wishing reserved seats may contact Jim Johnson at TU 4-7355.

The Whitebirds' perfect 6-0 record for games played so far has no bearing on their potential for the remainder of the season. In fact the Klamath Union club is accused of meeting nothing but "Patsies" while winning its six straight Saturday night games. They must devise a method to prove they have a right to their unbeaten status.

The Pelican defensive, one that has garnered 52 victories while losing only six since inaugurated, gets probably the supreme test when the Tornado blows in for the one night stand.

As Pel coach Dean White says, "If Medford can crack our defense Saturday, we'll probably be handed loss number seven."

Since the present day Pelicans started school, as freshmen, the Pels have won 10 games and lost but two to the vaunted Medford quint. Medford is planning loss number three this weekend.

In 64 games, counting since this year's club started school at KU, the Pelican win-loss record reads 75 wins and nine losses. Since this year's seniors stepped onto the court at Klamath Union the Pelicans have won the conference championship each year.

Saturday night Medford plans to put a stop to this sort of thing.

Said coach White, "We know that Medford has been building this ball club for three years—and they are definitely out to even up the record books this year. We'll try to stop them. We feel that our defense will be the deciding factor. If our defense works as well as it has in past games we can do it."

"We are all healthy and prepared. We've given considerable time to every phase of the game—everything but alibis. If we lose Saturday we'll have none of these," quoted White.

He went on, "This is Medford's best ball club since our present team started high school—but, at the same time, our team is far from the worst we have floored in the same period."

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Seattle Victory Paced By Rookie

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Pete Guadin led Seattle to a 115-95 National Industrial Basketball League victory over Akron Thursday night, snapping a string of three losses.

The rookie from Loyola of New Orleans racked up 20 points. Teammate Carroll Williams was right behind with 19.

Seattle led all the way, except for a few moments in the second quarter when Akron held a 39-38 edge. The halftime score was 60-47.

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The SCOREBOARD

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK — (NEA) — In the fight game, where you can start an argument by mentioning the correct time or the fact that it's raining, there is rare accord on the subject of Sonny Liston.

It is generally agreed that right now he could lick anything on two feet — and that it will take a minor miracle to get him the chance he deserves at the heavy-weight championship. Mere mention of the 27-year-old bullyboy, who scored his 19th straight victory and fifth consecutive knock-out over durable Willi Besmanoff, sends managers of other large fighters scurrying for cover.

Liston is so good they have to bribe other heavyweights to get in the same ring with him. The usual price was doubled, or better, for

Top Gridder In Bowl Test

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Are top football players on small college teams as good as their widely publicized brothers on major college squads?

That's what the second annual All-American Bowl is supposed to decide Saturday afternoon.

A year ago the major school stars took a 14-12 decision. The small school players felt they had won by plunging over the goal line in the final quarter. Officials said they were stopped inches short.

A crowd of 13,000 is expected, with proceeds of the game sponsored by Tucson Optimist Clubs to go to charity.

The small school squad has eight Little All Americans, two from the second and three from the third All America teams. Only six of these will be offensive starters.

The major schools will use All America Billy Cannon of LSU and guard William Burrell of Illinois; second team quarterbacks Richie Lucas of Penn State and Frank Curci, Miami, and a scattering of other second and third team All Americans.

The major schools have an edge in backfield speed with such men as Cannon, a 9.4 sprinter, Gordon Speers of Rice, 9.6 and Dwight Nichols, Iowa State, and Don Perkins of New Mexico.

Garney Henley, a 9.7 sprinter from Huron College, South Dakota, is the fastest of the small school starters.

A dozen pro scouts will be in the University of Arizona stands to watch the game.

Today's Sport Parade

Fearless Selects Yanks, Colts, Among Others, In '60 Spotlight

By OSCAR FRALEY
NEW YORK (UPI) — Happy New Year, and here are Fearless Fraley's annual predictions on just what the sports world will be doing to make it that way for the fans.

Boxing
Ingo Johansson (if he fights) will successfully defend the heavyweight title against Floyd Patterson.

Archie Moore (if he fights) will remain champion until retiring to become an actor.

Ray Robinson (if he fights) will regain the now-divided middleweight title.

Charley Scott will replace Don Jordan as welterweight king; Carlos Ortiz will supplant Joe Brown as lightweight champion, and there will be nine new investigations of the boxing business.

Baseball
The New York Yankees and Milwaukee Braves will bounce back to regain the respective big league pennants with the Yanks copping the World Series. The new Continental League, due to a lack of players, sets back its debut until 1962.

Ted Williams and Stan Musial give it one last fling, find it

Nino Valdes, Cleveland Williams and Mike DeJohn, all flattened by the Arkansas-born Liston when they were considered dangerous.

Ranked third among the contenders, Liston has been in frantic, if futile pursuit, of Floyd Patterson, Eddie Machen and Zora Foley, the only ones who precede him in The Ring magazine's official listing.

Machen, it is reported, hastily backed away from an offer of \$20,000. Foley is equally disinclined. Liston's proprietors knew they would be wasting time talking to Cus D'Amato about letting him qualify for a rematch with Ingemar Johansson by warming up against their big bloke with the mysterious background, even if the Great Crusader had not had a contract for a return with the Big Swede. Any fight guy will tell you, "They couldn't get Floyd in the same ring with Sonny if Gene Auriy lassoed him."

James D. Norris, who last February frankly told me that Liston was high fighter, set out to have him eliminate all contenders so that he finally would have Patterson in a corner.

Johansson beat Big Jim Norris and Liston to the punch, and may be even tougher to corral than Patterson, the hide-and-seek former champion with the peek-a-boo style. Patterson hid in his Long Island home, an abandoned road house in Connecticut or an inaccessible training camp deep in the wilds of New Jersey. Johansson operates on a grand international scale, making the task of buttonholing him a world-wide rather than a local matter.

Liston's personal background is murky, with an admitted sojourn in a reform school as a youth and hints of time served after. But Machen and a lot of other kind size beak busters got off to a bad start and overcame it. What went on in Liston's life in the past is nobody's business but his own, especially in a trade which doesn't exactly lend itself to gentility.

Paradoxically, Liston's career may be hampered by his management, or reports concerning it. Although he is officially under the guidance of Pep Barone, a one-time Allentown, Pa., promoter, it is widely said that Blinky Palermo, a Philadelphia character, is the real power behind the throne. And then, of course, there is the Jim Norris tie-in.

There was a time when Blinky Palermo's interest in a tiger was tantamount to plenty of work, but certain recent unsavory disclosures involving Blinky boy with Frank Carbo, the deposed underworld czar of professional boxing, have made it a kiss of death.

So, you see, Sonny Liston has strikes on him other than being too good.

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Basketball
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Olympic Games
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Tennis
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Bowling
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Most of us will fall two short, but happy New Year, anyhow.

Techmen To Travel For Test

The holiday became a thing of the past for all but two members of the Oregon Tech Owl basketball team: when they met on the Mile High practice floor Wednesday night to begin pointed sessions aimed at preparing them for the weekend venture to Chico where they clash with the potent Wildcat in a single game Saturday night.

The Chico State match is the last non-league action the Owls encounter prior to their meeting with Portland State next weekend in the Oregon Collegiate Conference opener.

Missing from the first scheduled practice before the California junket were big Paul Layher, the Techmen's tallest, and freshman Bruce Guill. Their absence from the Wednesday night session made the two Owl cagers improbable choices as starters for the Saturday night game, according to coach Wally Palmberg.

The balance of the squad, obviously in good shape after a long rest over Christmas, is slated for two-a-day sessions on the practice court before leaving for Chico early Saturday morning.

Thursday and today the Owls convened at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for workouts destined to get them ready for the powerful Californians.

The Owls, 1-5 in the win-loss column for early season play, will field a starting five that averages 6-2. The five are forwards Jack Horton, 6-5, and Norm Oliva, 6-3, center Gene Branson, 6-4, and guards Roy Johnson, 5-11 and Dennis McKee, 6-0.

The Owls have their hands full in attempting to subdue the rugged Wildcat quint. Thus far this season, Chico has a 5-6 record, but the list of foes includes several central California schools of high ranking.

The five Chico victories came at the expense of the Cal Aggies, Cal Poly, San Francisco State and Southern Oregon College, twice. Victors over the Wildcats in non-league action are Santa Clara, College of Pacific, Westmont, Long Beach State, Pacific Nazarene and Whittier. The Whittier win gave them the recent Far Western Conference Invitational Tournament championship staged at Chico. Coach Gene Maxey's Chico squad fell 82-82 to the highly-touted Whittier quint, rated as one of the top small-college cage quints in the West.

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"Now watch his going over that way revive the rumor that I feed my boys pep pills!"

NMS Aggies Club Eagles In Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — New Mexico State exploded for two touchdowns in a wild, weird final 36 seconds of the first quarter and went on to upset North Texas State 23-8 in the Sun Bowl football game Thursday.

Pervis Atkins, the nation's leading scorer, rusher and punt returner this season, took a Charley Johnson pass and scampered 37 yards past three Eagles for the opening Aggie score.

Then came the weird one. On the first play following the kickoff, North Texas quarterback Bob Doby pitched a pass into the flat. It was intercepted by Aggie end Bob Kelly on the Eagle 33. Kelly was all alone running for the goal when he dropped the ball on the North Texas 8.

The ball dribbled into the end zone and escaped the diving grasps of two North Texas starters. In the scramble that followed, the Aggies recovered and tackle Dick Rudzak was given credit for the recovery and touchdown. However, a check after the game revealed that Billy Ray Locklin, another tackle, had recovered the ball.

The Aggies added their third score when Kelly took a pass from Johnson. The 15-yard play capped a 98-yard drive.

Fumbles—six of them — killed North Texas State. The Eagles had five drives cut off by fumbles—four of them within the New Mexico State 24.

Youngsters Meet Tonight

NEW YORK (AP) — Two new faces will be seen in the Madison Square Garden ring tonight when Tom McNeely, unbeaten 22-year-old heavyweight from Boston, meets George Logan, 23, of Boise, Idaho.

McNeely has been seen in the garden as a preliminary boy, building a 15-0 record that includes 13 knockouts. In his last appearance, Nov. 27, he stopped Lou Jones in the fourth round. Peter Fuller, his manager, then decided to move him up to the main event class.

Logan, who owns a 12-1-1 record in three years as a pro, was beaten by Hurricane Jackson, Sept. 3, his only defeat.

The main event will be carried on network (NBC) radio and television starting at 10 p.m. (EST). As usual in New York, two judges and a referee will score it by rounds, using a supplementary point system in case of even rounds. Chances are they won't have to worry about points or rounds. McNeely has an 87 per cent KO record, Logan 86 per cent.

South Leading Scoring Races

NEW YORK (AP)—The South has taken charge of team and individual scoring races in small college basketball. Mississippi College is the most productive team and Cleo Hill of Winston-Salem (N.C.) the No. 1 individual.

Statistics released today by the NCAA bureau and including games through last Saturday, show Mississippi College scoring 113.3 points a game while compiling a 5-2 record. West Virginia Tech, unbeaten in 11 games, is second with 111, followed by William Cary (Miss.) with 99.6 and Bridgeport (Conn.) with 94.

Hill heads the individual point makers on an average of 33.6 for five games. Ron Altenberg of Cornell (Iowa) is second at 31.2 and Tommy Covington of Mississippi College third at 30.8.

Other small college individual pace setters are Washington and Jefferson's Pete Gulden in field goal accuracy (.724), Emporia State's Ron Slaymaker in free throws (.960 with one miss in 25 attempts), and Zelmo Beaty of Prairie View (Tex.) in backboard control. Beaty has captured 25.6 per cent of all the rebounds in his game.

East, West Clash In Fight For Kids

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — East and West, both claiming their "best teams in history," clash Saturday in the 35th annual Shrine charity football game at Kezar Stadium — the battle in which All-American stars play the game of their lives for the kids in hospitals.

The East, installed as a seven-point favorite and using the Michigan State system under coach Duffy Daugherty, is expected to play mostly a ground game.

Daugherty drilled his squad in secrecy Thursday and announced starting lineups without giving the positions on the defensive team in the backfield.

"If we tell them the secondary defense, then they'll know whether we'll have four, five or six men in the line," said Daugherty.

The West team, enjoying the underdog role, indicated it was tired of reading about the "240-pound giants" on the East squad.

"We don't care how big they are," said lineman Don Floyd of Texas Christian. "I'm just getting tired hearing about their size. We can play some football, too, you know."

Here are the offensive and defensive teams:

East
Offense: Ends — Stickle, Notre Dame and Norton, Iowa; tackles — Gossage, Northwestern, and Pyle, Michigan State; guards — McGee, Duke, and Smith, Auburn; center — Scholtz, Notre Dame. Quarterback — Look, Michigan State; halfbacks — Jeter and Jauch, Iowa; fullback — White, Ohio State.
Defense: Ends — Brooks, Purdue, and Auerman, Indiana; tackles — Houston, Ohio State, and Michael, Ohio State; guards — Cordleone, Clemson, and Andretti, Northwestern; center — Burkett, Auburn; backs — Tonic, Pitt; Jarus, Purdue; Burton, Northwestern and Martin, Michigan State.

West
Offense: Ends — Burford, Stanford, and Cogdill, Washington

McMurtry Has Elbow Operation

TACOMA (AP) — The surgeon who removed a bone chip from Pat McMurtry's right elbow said Thursday the handicap may rob the Tacoma heavyweight of his full punching power.

"It's something that time alone can't tell," said Dr. Wayne Zimmerman, who performed the operation Wednesday.

"Even when the surgery is completely successful, many baseball pitchers are unable to throw a ball with their former effectiveness," Zimmerman said. "Similarly, Pat could be permanently deprived of his full punching power with his right arm."



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Tourney Dotz
At a recent meeting of all county high school principals, it was decided to move the dates of the County Basketball Tournament to February 18, 19 and 20. The tourney, which is staged in the OTI gymnasium, was previously dated for February 26, 27 and 28, but had to be changed because the OTI tourney have a home series with Oregon College that weekend.

SU Chieftain Completing 'Changeover'

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Being hypnotized was a "wonderful help," Seattle University basketball player Dave Mills said Thursday.

Mills is the once-timid six foot five inch forward who was hypnotized by team physician Dr. Huber Grim before Seattle's opening game in the West Coast Athletic Conference cage tourney here.

After the treatment, he broke loose to score 60 points in three games and grab 58 rebounds.

"I think I'll be able to keep going strong," Mills said. "My confidence is back. That treatment was wonderful for me."

Mills said Claude Norris, the Chieftains' trainer, "noticed that I was getting the rebounds in practice, but not getting so many in games because I was not relaxed enough," Mills said.

Norris told Grim about it and the doctor, who used some hypnosis in his regular practice, decided to try it.

"About six hours before the St. Mary's game," Mills said, "I went up to the Doc's room. We had a talk. He asked certain questions while I was in the trance. I remember everything that was said."

"I'm sure I was hypnotized. In fact I could do it to myself again. Dr. Grim showed me how."

"But I don't think I'll need it again," Mills said. "I've built my confidence back up."

He showed his confidence by scoring 21 points against St. Mary's and snagging 17 rebounds, although Seattle lost the game. Against Pepperdine he scored 18 and had 18 rebounds.

And Thursday night, working against LeRoy Wright of College of Pacific—the nation's second ranking rebound man—Mills led 23 to 9 in rebounds and scored 21 points.

Mills is a 22-year-old Negro, from Columbus, Ohio. He is a transfer from Allen Hancock Junior College, Santa Maria, Calif., where he was a cage star.

PHILS SIGN CATCHER

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — The Philadelphia Phillies have signed George Schonath, an 18-year-old catcher from Oconomowoc, Wis., to a minor league contract. He will be assigned to one of the Phillies' minor league teams following his discharge from the Army in March.

Parry Cited By Writers; Looks Ahead

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Only one achievement could top winning the Sullivan Award, says Parry O'Brien. That's throwing the shot 65 feet.

"And I expect to do it—maybe this year in the Olympic games," the husky shot-put king said after he won the 1959 James E. Sullivan Amateur Athletic Union Memorial Trophy Thursday.

The two-time Olympic champion was first choice on 176 ballots cast by a nationwide tribunal of sports authorities. Weightlifter Tommy Kono of Honolulu, also a double Olympic winner, was second with 113 firsts and swimmer Chris von Saltza of Santa Clara, Calif., was third with 73 firsts.

"This is something I've been shooting at for six or seven years," said O'Brien.

The former University of Southern California star, who'll be 28 later this month, holds the Olympic record in the shot at 60 feet 11 inches and the current world mark of 63-2. He has a toss of 63-4 up for recognition.

O'Brien's citation noted that during the past nine years he has made 26 foreign tours — four for the State Department—to compete and help in foreign track clinics.

Now a banking executive, O'Brien trains daily after work at the UCLA track and in the evenings at a gym lifting weights. His favorite exercises are hoisting 380 pounds in the prone press and knee squats with 500 pounds.

He is 6 feet 3 and 238, and says he's stronger than ever.

RECORD ADVANCE SALE

AKRON, Ohio (UPI) — An advance sale of tickets to the 1960 PGA golf championship netted a record \$116,223, it was announced today by Loren Tibbals, general chairman for the tournament to be held at the Firestone Country Club, July 18-24. The old advance sale record of \$108,000 was established last year for the National Open championship at Mamoreneck, N.Y.