

Umpqua Chiefs to Battle Ashland Elks on Sunday

By ROYAL S. DENTON
Southern Oregon League baseball, much to the grief of club managers, drew another "weatherman's bye" last Sunday but from all indications some fast action is due this Sunday.

Sunday's action sees Umpqua Chiefs at the Ashland SOC field at 2 P. M. against Ashland's Elks. Grants Pass goes to the Medford Rogues' grounds, Tri-City junks across the state line to Hilt, Calif., and Central Point will provide entertainment at the Crescent City diamond.

The Umpqua Chiefs, currently without a managing coach, upon resignation last week of H. H. Turner, turned out for practice again last night following a full week's layoff, in preparation for the Ashland tilt.

Ashland, which lost to Hilt, 10-3, their only league fray, reports they have been virtually practicing in the rain in order to get in shape and are now becoming very hungry for competition. Chief McLean, hustling Ashland mentor, adds that the Elks now have a team that can give any other Southern Oregon club a tough go.

According to press reports, the southern cities are rating Roseburg as the "hittingest" club of the circuit and Ashland tabs the Chiefs as "powerladen to the gills."

The Chiefs, while not particularly starved of recent competition, having played six non-conference exhibition contests and one league game, are out after league slugs in defense of the circuit's title they hold from 1946.

Tri-City Well Backed
Tri-City's nine is getting 100 per cent backing now throughout Southern Douglas County, following their 8-4 win over Crescent City, last year's runner-up, according to Doc Davis, co-manager.

First baseman-manager Dutch Leiber recently signed Don Wither, released two weeks ago from the Chiefs at his own request. He is expected to hold down a regular outfield spot and improve greatly on the Trio club's hitting power.

Arrangements were made this week for the Umpqua Chiefs to travel for out-of-town games hereafter on a specially chartered Greyhound bus. Fans may also accompany the team on its round trip at a minimum low rate. The bus will leave for Ashland at 8 A. M. Sunday. Reservations may be made at Wally's Pastime or by telephoning 55.

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Tri-City Legion Juniors Wallop Roseburg Team

Tri-City's American Legion Junior baseballers completely trounced an inexperienced Roseburg Junior Legion nine yesterday on Finlay Field, 23-6, in seven innings of play.

First eleven play of the season, and for Roseburg the first game experience of a year, the Myrtle Creek-Caryville-Riddle club, coached by Ernest Loghry, took over from the start, turned in big tallies in the fourth and sixth, and were never threatened by the locals. The game was conceded by Roseburg in the seventh to give way for the Umpqua Chiefs' practice session.

Not disillusioned by their trouncing, Coach George Erickson stated that most of the boys are just 14 years of age and with plenty of playing experience this summer, despite losses, they'll develop for years of the future.

County Legion Junior schedule: Saturday, June 14—Tri-City at Drain; Sutherlin at Roseburg; Wed., June 18—Sutherlin at Tri-City; Roseburg at Oakland; Sat., June 21—Sutherlin at Drain; Oakland at Tri-City; Wed., June 25—Roseburg at Drain; Tri-City at Sutherlin; Sat., June 28—Drain at Oakland; Roseburg at Tri-City; Wed., July 2—Drain at Tri-City; Roseburg at Sutherlin; Sat., July 4—Tri-City at Sutherlin; Oakland at Roseburg; Wed., July 9—Drain at Sutherlin; Tri-City at Oakland; Sun., July 13—Drain at Roseburg; Sutherlin at Tri-City.

Seals Now Alone In Lead; Beavers Blanked by Sactos
(By the Associated Press)
The San Francisco Seals squeezed past San Diego, 4-3, to take a one-game lead over Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast League race today.

However, the Hollywood Stars helped the Seals along no end by tearing the Angels apart, 9-5. Oakland ended a four-game losing streak coming from behind to beat Seattle, 5-4, while Freitas pitched Sacramento a two-hit, 8-0, shutout of Portland.

San Diego had San Francisco on the ropes 3-1 until the last of the seventh when the Seals smacked out two hits and enjoyed three Padre errors for three runs to win the game.

Hollywood converted impending defeat into a rousing 12-hit victory by alarming the Angels all over the park for eight runs or seven hits in the seventh.

Oakland was trailing Seattle, 4-1, into the first half of the ninth inning. Then the A's ace, Dick Coss, had lost his stuff and they belted out four hits and got two walks and a passed ball for four runs and the ball game.

Freitas pitched a beauty for Sacramento in which only three Portland men got to first base, and none beyond it. His mates got 13 hits with Bill Ramsey the big bat man. He boomed out a home, a double and two singles.

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Washington dumped the St. Louis Browns back into the American League cellar with a 4-2 victory behind the six-hit pitching of Wynn. The triumph moved the Nats into seventh place, a half game ahead of the Browns.

APPROPRIATE CHRISTENING

SEATTLE, June 12. (AP)—The city has a new addition to its fleet, the "Culicid." The craft will be used for spraying mosquito areas in Seattle's navigable waters.

Mrs. William F. Devin, the mayor's wife, christened the boat by smacking it over the prow with a bottle of DDT.

ANNUAL EVENT

KANSAS CITY, June 12. (AP)—Rain for the annual dinner and golf tournament of the Merchants' Association has become such a tradition that it is guaranteed on the group's yearly invitations.

For the fifth straight year a downpour caught members on the course yesterday.

Time Out for Milk



High school track stars in Portland high schools replace the water bucket for the milk pail. L. R. Pierson, Franklin high school track coach, hands out milk to Roy Abolin (left), 100 yard dash sprint expert, while Duane Frye (right) drinks his bottle of milk. Frye distinguished himself in last week's A. A. U. track meet, winning both the 440 and 220 yard dashes against the leading collegiate and high school stars of the state of Oregon.

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Post Will Sponsor Baseball School

As a part of their summer city recreation program, Umpqua Post, No. 16, American Legion will sponsor a baseball and athletic school at Finlay Field daily, starting next Monday.

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