

## Umpqua Chiefs Ready for Opener Against Medford

Roseburg's Umpqua Chiefs are shaping up for their opening baseball game in the Southern Oregon League against Medford here Sunday. The "play ball" signal is slated for 2 p. m. on Finlay field. Tri-City ball club opens at Grants Pass the same day.

Coach Doug Talit has not yet announced his starting lineup, but with several old timers on tap for the various positions and a sprinkling of good newcomers, the local team is expected to make a creditable showing. No information has yet been received from Medford, so there is not much on which to base their comparative strength for the opener.

Ray Long, who has worked as a pitcher with the Chiefs the last few seasons, was slated for the opening pitching berth, but may not be available for this game. LaVon Baker, a pitcher and outfielder, with past experience on the local team, looks as the most probable starter in the box. Willard Reilman, a newcomer, and Richardson from Myrtle Creek, may get an opportunity to work in the box.

Jerry Huggins, last year's catcher, will probably get the call behind the plate, but Ed Hoff, a catcher from the Cascade League, may crowd Huggins for the assignment.

Ward Cummings, whose experience and past performance with the team practically assures him a starting post, will probably be at first base. Phillip Telford, a younger fellow up from last year's high school team, will be Cummings' understudy. He also has had pitching experience.

Bill Scherner, second baseman, is in the hospital for a spell, so Bert Avery, formerly with Tri-City, seems fairly certain to start at the keystone sack. On third, Lovell Baker is the principal contender for the position. Virgil Sanders seems to have the inside track for shortstop.

In the outfield Elmore Hill is working good in the left side spot. LaVon Baker plays right field if not called on to pitch. Ralph Montgomery has joined the team from Oakland, and may start at center field.

Newcomers who have yet to be tried include Charles Hopkins, an outfielder; Jim Clayton of Myrtle Creek, and Arthur Lavasseur, who played ball at Klamath Falls. Shifts in the probable lineup may be necessary to effect a stronger combination.

## Hurlers Keeping Tigers, Athletics At Top of League

By JOE REICHLER  
(Associated Press Sports Writer)  
If the Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Athletics had more batting punch to back up their strong pitching staffs, they and not the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox probably would be the co-favorites for the American League flag.

There seems little doubt the Tigers and Athletics possess the best mound corps in the junior circuit.

Currently they are leading the parade with three victories and no defeats each. And it takes no Sherlock Holmes to come up with the reason—fine pitching plus clutch hitting.

Take yesterday's games, for example. The Tigers got only six hits off Rookie Howard Judson and Ike Pearson, yet defeated the White Sox in Chicago, 3-2. Virgil Trucks went the route for the troit, yielding eight hits. He walked one and allowed one extra base hit.

That made it only 23 hits and seven runs given up by Detroit hurlers in three games, an average of less than eight hits and about two runs per game.

The Tigers, meanwhile, accumulated only 27 hits and 12 runs themselves.

Philadelphia's pitchers have been equally effective. Joe Coleman yesterday became the first Athletics' hurler to fail to go the distance, but some splendid relief pitching by Bob Savage helped the Mackmen nip the Red Sox in Boston, 5-3. Savage held the slugging Red Sox to one hit in a three-inning chore. He was

credited with the victory when the A's scored two runs in the ninth as Rightfielder Sam Mele lost Barney McCosky's fly ball in the sun.

The Red Sox could muster only eight safeties off Coleman and Savage for a total of only 19 hits and nine runs in 29 innings against Philadelphia pitching. That's an average of six hits and three runs per game.

On the other hand, the Red Sox and Yankees' pitchers have been fairing badly. The Sox have used seven pitchers in three games and the Yankees six.

The National League race, as predicted, already is showing signs of turning into a free-for-all. With only four playing days gone, every club has been beaten at least once. The St. Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies, last of the unbeaten, got their first lickings yesterday. The Cards were edged out by the Cincinnati Reds in St. Louis, 4-3, while the Boston Braves walloped the Phils in Philadelphia, 10-4.

In the other National League games the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Giants in New York, 6-3, and the Pirates shut out the Chicago Cubs in Pittsburgh, 3-0. The Yankees, St. Louis Browns, Cleveland and Washington were not scheduled.

## Lytell Cleared In Darthard's Death

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 23.—(AP)—The tragic death of young Jackie Darthard was a dark mark on boxing's bloody history today.

It went down in the books as "accidental" yesterday when an investigation cleared Bert Lytell, the highly rated middleweight whose blows caused the 18-year-old youngster to suffer a fatal brain hemorrhage.

Dist. Atty. William J. McCauley his investigation showed Darthard's death was "purely an accident."

"As long as you have boxing, you're bound to have something like this some time," McCauley said.

Darthard died yesterday, less than 12 hours after he collapsed in the ring at the end of the sixth round.

While Lytell was the nation's

## Johnson, Knox To Wrestle in Half Of Saturday Card

Gust Johnson, the Scandinavian Seattle schoolmaster, a top favorite here several years ago, will return to the Roseburg Armory mat Saturday night in the second half of a double main-event. Considered one of the finest fundamental wrestlers on the coast, Johnson is one of the real veterans of the sport. He will be meeting a rough and tough foe in the one-hour preliminary—Glen Knox, the head-shaven villain from Tennessee.

Knox showed his colors here last week in handling Al Szasz, the little Hungarian, a physical beating—but was disqualified in his efforts. The "round man" of the South warns that he will not refrain from his usual tactics and that Johnson will take a beating if he gets in my way.

The bout will be a knock-down and drag-out affair.

Lacking nothing in color and dynamic action, but still expected to be a scientific classic, will be the Pacific Coast junior heavyweight championship skirmish between Champion Frank Stojack, Tacoma, and Challenger Georges Dusette, Canada.

The headliner, although in marked contrast to the opener, will be the big attraction, and one of the largest crowds of the season is expected for the bout which Matchmaker Don Owen promises will be "the best bout ever staged here from the standpoint of superb modern grappling."

Actually it will be a match between Stojack's airplane spin and Dusette's full-nelson hold. Stojack, former WSC football and mat star and ex-pro football player, claims that no matman has ever been able to withstand his super-reverse spin—between 40 and 50 turns in one direction and then a

fourth ranking middleweight, he was not regarded as an overmatch.

Darthard had gained a draw with Lytell in Kansas City several months ago.

fast maneuvering shift in the other direction for the same number of turns.

Dusette is confident he can take all of Stojack's spins and still clamp on his winning hold "If Frank is able to get me with a spin, which is doubtful." The French-Canadian points out that he was given as many as 100 spins by Billy Weidner, another great airplane-spin artist, and still managed to have enough balance left to win. He will be in top condition, and fans were impressed with his victory over Paavo Kotonen here two weeks ago—a triumph that gained for him the title tilt.

The Knox-Johnson bout gets under way at 8:30 p.m. Elton Owen will referee both matches.

## L. A. Virtually Tied With Seals For League Lead

| STANDINGS     |    |    |      |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| Team          | W  | L  | Pct. |
| San Francisco | 11 | 7  | .611 |
| Los Angeles   | 14 | 10 | .583 |
| Portland      | 11 | 10 | .524 |
| San Diego     | 12 | 11 | .522 |
| Oakland       | 11 | 11 | .500 |
| Sacramento    | 8  | 10 | .444 |
| Hollywood     | 8  | 11 | .421 |
| Seattle       | 7  | 12 | .368 |

(By the Associated Press)  
Hit 'em first and hang on is the success formula which has the Los Angeles Angels back knock-

ing at the Coast League first place portals today.

The Angels slugged in five runs in the opening inning to defeat San Diego, 5-0, last night.

Sacramento's Solons, employing much the same tactics, tallied three times in the first inning and outlasted San Francisco, 4-3.

The defeat left the Seals with a .611 percentage. The Angels stood at .583, although no games behind the Seals. The difference: Los Angeles has played six more games.

Kleine, southpaw stylist, was the main man in the Angel triumph, curving a nine-hit shutout. He walked six, including home-run Graham three times, but

three double plays pulled him out of trouble.

Salveson also twirled a nine-hitter for the Seals. His mates put together five hits in their initial splurge and added the clinching tally in the fifth. The Solons banged 13 hits off Fine, Soriano and Lien.

Northwest again was rained out. Hollywood's doubleheader at Seattle was rescheduled for tonight. Oakland's single tilt at Portland will be played as part of a twin bill tonight or tomorrow.

AT MERCHANDISE SHOW  
J. W. Fariss, proprietor of the Marshall Wells store in Roseburg, is attending a three-day Merchandise Congress and Show at

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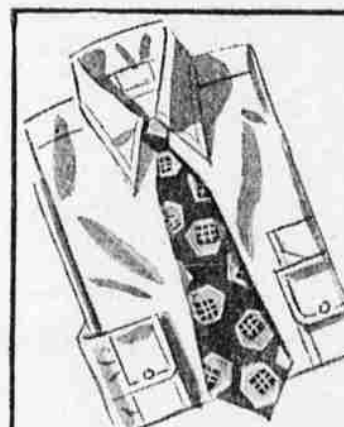


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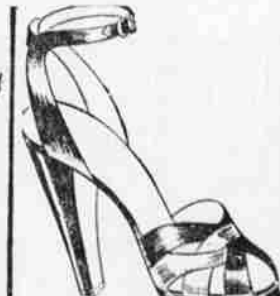


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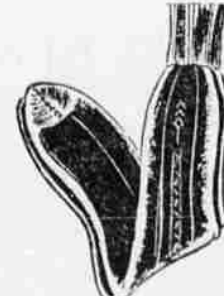
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