



UMPQUA SOFTBALL CHAMPS (FEMININE VARIETY) — The Winchester School girls went through the 1952 softball season with only one loss in eight starts to snag the league title. Front row, from left are: Doris Bunt, Sandra Van Horn and Lois Bunt. Second row: Karen Halliday, Marlene Fin-

nell, Jo Ann Deister, Marcia Finnell, Rosanna McCarty and Coach Marion Kowalewski. Back row: Barbara McCarty, Edna Smith, Shorrell Reber, Mary Hatcher, Marilyn Moore, Betty Ferber and Lois Stritzke. (Picture by Fredrickson's Photo Lab)

Snead Favored To Win \$15,000 Western Open

ST. LOUIS (U) — It was Sam Snead against the field Thursday as the 49th Western Open golf tournament opened its 72-hole tour at Westwood Country Club.

Professionals, amateurs and gallery alike give the nod to Slammin' Sammy, ranking PGA and Masters champion, in the \$15,000, four-day meet.

Only the low 60s and ties will still be in the running after the 36-hole mark Friday, trimming the starting field of 121.

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Top Chiefs' Pitcher To Miss Two Games Against Bandon

Roseburg's "winningest" pitcher will not be on hand for the weekend Southwestern Oregon League baseball campaign against Bandon at Finlay Field.

Mickey Coen, who has won two of Roseburg's three SWO games this year, must remain at Willamette University to "bone up" for final examinations, according to team manager Earl Sargent. The "Sarge" has named Bus Sporer and Dave Mann as the

two starting hurlers for the Saturday and Sunday tilts. It will be the first starting chore for the old "Ironhorse," Bus Sporer this year. He did a fine relief stint against Medford Saturday night, allowing only two hits in five innings.

A new face will appear in this weekend's struggle. Taking over the third-base position is Ernest Velasquez, an import from San Francisco. Sargent holds high hopes for Velasquez, as a top replacement for Bob Bonebrake, who re-entered the Dodger farm system last week.

The Chiefs are not the only team which added new talent this week, according to listed changes in the league roster. The biggest name to appear this week is Bobby Doerr, the former Boston Red Sox star, second baseman. He has been signed by Coquille. Two new men entered the Coos Bay-North Bend lineup. Joe Segura was signed as a catcher and Gene Peterson as a pitcher.



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Bowmen To Hold Shoot On Friday

The Umpqua Bowmen host the first annual Roseburg Invitational archery shoot Memorial Day on the Winchester Rod and Gun Club grounds.

The Shoot is slated to include target shooting, roving shooting, clout shooting and a special event for youngsters under 12 years of age. A host of prizes have been donated by Roseburg merchants for the top three places in each event.

Registration begins at 9:30 Friday morning and shooting is scheduled to start at 10. Invitations have been sent to several clubs and individuals in the area. A target fee will be charged to non-members of the club. Coffee will be served to the participants and facilities will be available for picnics during the all-day session.

Bowmen Spokesman George Foster states the various events will extend through the day and invites a gallery any time of the day.

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Benson Homers Give Plywood 20-5 Victory

Big Bill Benson battered the hide off the softball Wednesday night to lead the stampeade win for Umpqua Plywood over Moose Lodge, 20-5.

The other Industrial League battle saw Barcus Sales scuttle hapless Junior Chamber of Commerce, 10-3, on Veterans Field. The booming bat of Bill Benson played a veritable tattoo on the pitches of Bob Rains and Ed Head. He collected two homers and two singles in five times at bat to gorge an already fattened batting average. He accounted for a fourth of Umpqua's 16 hits in a fourth of the winners' 20 runs.

Meanwhile, Pitchers Bill Rader and Dick Ballantyne were choking Moose for the first time this year with a niggardly five hits and as many runs.

Benson's first homer and a triple by Jack Gibson in the first frame scooped the Plywoodmen off to an eight-run lead.

Jaydee Leo Vertrees allowed only five hits to the Barcus Sales and Service batters, but an epidemic of errors put his game on the rocks. His teammates collected two more hits, but didn't have leaky fielding to help the cause. Barcus scored three runs in the first inning on a triple and two errors and was never approached. Art Pollard collected a triple for the Jaycees in the third but failed to score.

Speedway Race Record Hoped

INDIANAPOLIS (U) — Motorists and motorcyclists massing outside Indianapolis Motor Speedway gates Thursday killed time debating:

Can anybody match Lee Wallard's record - breaking 1951 speed in Friday's 500-mile Memorial Day auto race?

Old timers who had seen a dozen or so of the past 35 500's doubted that Wallard's 126.244 mile - an-hour average will be equaled.

This year's 3-car field averaged about two miles an hour faster than the '51 field in qualifications. But it isn't likely to enjoy the perfect racing conditions of last year.

Weather and wrecks can cut the speed far below the cars' potential. Last year the weather was perfect — hot and windless — and the race was slowed only one minute and 10 seconds by a wreck. That was Mauri Rose's upset. He landed in the infield and the track wasn't blocked.



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Stafford Defends Golf Title Here

Lou Stafford arrived in Roseburg Wednesday night to test the greens and fairways for his first defense of the Roseburg Invitational Golf Meet on the nine-hole country club course.

To win the last Invitational Meet in 1950, the young ex-University of Oregon ace carded a one-over-par 73 to edge out Harvey Hixon of Eugene by one stroke. Judging from the caliber of the field expected, Stafford will find a successful defense of his title no easier this year.

COUNTRY CLUB PRO Fred Hill reported today that Freddy Muller of Oregon State College has announced intentions of entering the brilliant amateur field which includes Benny Hughes and Jerry Hval of Portland and two-time winner Eddie Simmons of Medford.

Hill reported that groundskeeper Walter Brydges has been working for weeks to get the greens and approaches in tip top condition for the tournament. The tees have been pushed back to make a longer course and at the same time make it more difficult to break the course record of 68.

The 18-hole qualifying rounds will be run off tomorrow. Hill stated past entries will be received until 3 p.m. Friday. The low 16 will start match play in the championship round Saturday at 8:30 while other qualifiers start match action in the other seven flights. The championship will be determined Sunday.

Hill estimated that a probable 25 to 30 local entries will be listed. Joe Perrault, club champion, will be unable to participate because of illness, but such local standouts as Dr. Ralph Huestis, Ward Cummings Sr. and Ernie Pearson should give good account of themselves.

Trophies will be awarded the champion, runnerup and medalist. Winners in the separate flights will receive merchandise awards.



Umpqua Forest Fishing Open

Trout fishermen can try their luck Memorial Day in the lakes, reservoirs and tributary streams of the Umpqua National Forest. The Oregon State Fish and Game Commission office in Roseburg announced today that the fishing season in the National Forest will open Friday.

Angling has been fairly good recently in the Idlewild-Rock Creek area, the commission reported. Salmon angling has been slow this week throughout the Umpqua River. Saturday, May 31, is the last day for salmon fishing on the Umpqua above Scottsburg.

Fishing has been fair in south coastal streams and lakes recently. Salmon fishing on the lower Rogue River is reported fair to good. Best fishing has been from Grants Pass to Galice along the Rogue. The water has been only slightly colored.

Trout fishing has been improving but is only fair in the main channel of the Rogue, the commission said, and it should be fair to good in main tributaries. Worms are producing fair catches of cutthroats in the lower Applegate.

Drain Sox To Play Oregon City Sunday

Drawing a bye this weekend, the Drain Black Sox eye other pastures for competition. They venture to Oregon City for the first of a home-and-home series Sunday.

Pirates Nearly Cinch Last Place

By The Associated Press

Wrong way Pittsburgh is running away from the National League. Without much trouble, the Pirates can clinch last place by July 4th. Racing backward at a breathtaking 179 pace, they promise to find the answer to "how low is down?" Unless there is a drastic change, they should set a modern-day losing record in the majors. Just look at the figures. Won 7; lost 32; games behind, 21 1/2. Games behind seventh place, 9 1/2. And the season is only one fourth over.

They lost another Wednesday night, 5-2, to Cincinnati as the veteran Kenny Raffensberger won his sixth of the season. Bobby Adams and Roy McMillan hit homers to ease Raffy home past Red Munger. Jack Merson homered for the Bucs.

In the upper strata of the league, Jim Hearn pitched the New York Giants to a third straight over Brooklyn 6-2, opening up a 2 1/2 game lead on the Dodgers. It was the last game for Willie Mays, Giants' center-fielder, who reports for Army duty Thursday.

The Chicago Cubs, one a push-over for Harry Brecheen, chased "The Cat" for the third straight time in beating the St. Louis Cards, 7-2, in the other National League game.

Detroit just won't let Cleveland forget how the Indians knocked them out of the pennant in 1950. When Ted Gray beat the tribe Wednesday night, 6-2, it was Detroit's fourth win in a row over Cleveland.

Old Satchel Paige strolled in to save Bobby Cain's fourth win at St. Louis as the Browns broke their four - game losing streak in beating Chicago, 3-1. The other American League teams were not scheduled.

Paige came in with two out and men on first and third in the eighth. He got Sam Mele to retire the side and set them down 1-2-3 in the ninth.

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