

Pointer Nine Defeat Medford 7-2, Friday

Behind the three-hit pitching of Glenn Shrier the Central Point baseball team defeated the Medford nine, 7 to 2, Friday, April 17. The game, played on the Medford diamond, was the Pointers' first win of the season. The lanky Central Point chucker collected nine strike-outs to his credit which contributed greatly to the victory.

The Pointers collected four hits and four runs in the first inning when Shuler lead off with a clean hit. Freeland got on base due to an error, and Lull connected with a hit, driving Shuler across the plate. Then Blumenstein belted out a single which scored both Freeland and Lull. After Shrier grounded out and Holland fanned, Anhorn got on base on an error and Sage hit a single, but Colley grounded out to end the scoring spree.

In Medford's half of the inning, Etherton got on, due to an error, but was put out when Cave hit into a double play.

The second inning was uneventful, Freeland getting a hit, but was put out at second when Lull hit into a double play. Watson, Medford's first baseman, got a base on an error but Shrier struck out two men to retire the side.

The third inning went much the same way, with three Pointer men grounding out, and Shrier again whiffing two Medford men.

In the fourth inning the Pointers again went down quick, though Shuler hit another single. The Tiger's half of the fourth was not so easy, as Etherton, the first man up, teed off on a low ball which went for a triple and could have been stretched into a home run. Then Cave flied out to centerfield, but Etherton scored after the ball was caught. After the bases were filled with two walks and a base on an error, the Tiger's next man flied out to center, and Watson was caught off base, to make three outs and end the threat.

In the fifth inning, the Pointers collected three more runs off of hits by Lull and Shrier, a long triple by Blumenstein, and a base on an error by Freeland. The Pointers went out one-two-three the rest of the game.

In the sixth inning, Medford got their second run off of hits by Fawcett and Watson, but Shrier bore down and struck out the last two men to retire the side. At the Tiger's last bats, they grounded out, one-two-three, to end the game, 7 to 2.

In all, the Pointers collected nine hits off the two Medford pitchers, Lindley and Fawcett. Though this game does not count in the conference play, it supplied good practice and game experience for the Pointers, for their future conference race.

Pointer Nine Loses Opener to G. Pass 12-6

The Central Point baseball team started out this year's season by dropping a non-conference game to Grants Pass, 12 to 6. The game was played on the Grants Pass diamond, and was threatened by rain from start to finish.

The Pointer nine got first bats, and Wayne Shuler, lead off man, started the game with a double through center field. Then Freeland got on base on an error which also scored Shuler. Lull got a base on balls. Blumenstein got on base when the Grants Pass shortstop put Lull out on second. Shrier then popped out to the pitcher, and Holland walked, filling the bases. This looked like a chance for a kill, but the Caveman pitcher bore down on Anhorn and struck him out to end the Pointer rally.

Grants Pass also scored one run in their half of the first, when Tom Colley issued them two walks, and two of their men got on base due to fielders choice, but then Colley bore down and with two strike-outs retired the side.

The second inning started with a triple by Sage, but Colley and Shuler struck out, and Freeland went out at first, leaving the runner on third.

In the opponents' half of the second, all three men flied out to Freeland, Shrier, and Anhorn, respectively.

In the third inning, the Pointers rallied and collected three runs. Lull walked, then Blumenstein struck out, but Shrier came back with a double which scored Lull. Holland also connected with double, which scored Shrier. Then Anhorn got on base on an error which put Holland over for another run. Then Sage struck out and Colley went out at first, ending the rally. This made the score 4 to 1 in favor of Central Point but it didn't stay that way long. The Cavemen went on a spree in the fourth, and scored six runs, as they started hitting the ball all over the lot, and a long home-run by Smith, the Grants Pass catcher drove

in three runs ahead of him. Another run had been driven across the plate before they were finally retired.

This made the score 7 to 4, for the Cavemen. The Pointers got one run across in the fifth when Blumenstein connected with a double, followed by another double by Shrier (his second for the day).

In the middle of the fifth, Shrier went in to pitch and Colley took first. The Cavemen were held down that inning, but the Pointers scored no runs in their half of the sixth, so matters were still bad.

The second half of the sixth started bad when Sage dropped a third strike letting Smith of Grants Pass get on base. Then, when another batter had got on base on an error, and another walked, the Grants Pass second baseman connected with a single followed by another walk and another hit, driving in five runs, to make them a total of twelve runs.

In the Pointers last chance to bat, Blumenstein got a hit and Anhorn drove him in with another single. Then Sage got a base on balls, but Colley grounded out leaving two men on base at the end of the game.

The game was not considered too bad a loss, as it was against an A class school, and showed that with more practice to iron out fielding errors, the Pointers should have a fairly good team against B league competition. There were five errors on the Pointers, while the Cavemen collected only two.

The first conference game will be at Gold Hill, April 14.

—The Central Pointer

Grade School Nine Edge Out Howard 4-3

The Central Point grade school softball team defeated the Howard grade school Tuesday, April 4, 4 to 3, in an extra inning game. The game, scheduled for five innings, was tied 3 up, at the end of five innings, but in their half of the sixth, the Pointer grade team scored a run from a lucky punt which gave them the ball game.

The grade school team is being coached by two high school students, John Freeland and Dan Sage, as no regular coach is available for the grade school team.

The team's next game will be at Jacksonville, Tuesday, April 11.

—The Central Pointer

WORKS AT PORTLAND—

Allie Maple went to Portland to play in the band but has ended up by working in the Willamette Iron, Steel and Ship building Co., and playing in the band odd times. Before he left he gave instructions about his dogs and after he was out of the country his father ran an ad in the American, for a home for the dogs, thinking Allie wouldn't see it. It wasn't long before a letter came from Allie asking what he meant by the ad. Allie visited friends in Longview, who also read the American.

Miss Ardelle Fee has returned to Central Point and will spend the summer with her grandmother, Ruth Helfrich and aunt Maude Helfrich.



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Grange Paper Tells of Mrs. Ethel Lathrop



K. Ethel Lathrop

The following article was printed in the Grange Bulletin giving stories of the grange candidates:

K. Ethel Lathrop was born on a farm, with an ancestry of many generations of farmers, received a college education, taught school, married and raised a farm family.

She is a charter member of Central Point Grange and has been active in Grange work ever since, having served as Subordinate Lecturer, Home Economics chairman and captain of both Subordinate and Pomona Degree teams. She took the Seventh Degree at Sacramento in 1935.

From 1939 to 1941 she was president of the Oregon State Home Extension Council and was sent to England in 1939 to represent Oregon at the triennial conference of the Associated Country Women of the World. At the present time she is a member of the Post-War Planning committee for the United States group of constituent members.

In December, 1941, "Farm Journey and the Farmers' Wife" chose her to represent the Western States at a conference in Chicago to discuss how farm women could aid the war effort.

At present she is Second Vice-President of the Medford Chapter of Zonta International. In addition to her many duties as a farm wife, she finds time to assist in various forms of community work.

Letters From Our Boys in Service

Somewhere in Italy
March 26, 1944

Dear Folks,

I will write you another letter tonight and tell you I am still at the same place working in an ordery room. I hope to get a new assignment and a steady job soon.

I suppose you have had a good idea of where I have been during my six months in Italy, but the censorship rules have been changed so that now I can tell you that I landed at Salerno about ten days after the original landing and we fought up through this mountainous country, crossing the Volturno River etc. The weather and the Mountains made the going tough and I am very thankful to be here to tell about it. One of our biggest engagements was the crossing of the Volturno.

I was also at the landing at Anzio and there is where I had the toughest fighting of all. I have made three amphibious landings under fire and I know you realize what that means after seeing the pictures in the Life Magazine the past year. It is still my favorite magazine and I think it's articles and pictures are "swell."

If this passes the censor, I will write more of the same soon. I would sure love to tell about this country and all I have seen here. I imagine the papers are full of Italian news now.

I suppose you wonder sometimes just how much of this country's language I have learned. I know a few words but, these Italians talk so much with their hands that it is fairly easy to make yourself understood. The children pick up the slang and songs fast. Some can sing "Pistol Packin' Mama" real well.

Where did you get the wild life stamp on the back of your Easter card? Even a picture of a squirrel looks good to me. As I have said before, I sure miss the game and birds we have in Oregon; no Meadow Larks or Robins here to sing in winter. I never have seen such a scarcity of wild life as there is in Italy.

I have had a chance the past month to visit some of those historic places in Italy which we studied

about in school, and I have seen a lot of interesting things. When a person sees and walks about in those ancient places where human beings lived and died so many hundred years ago. It gives one a strange feeling. I realize what short stay we have on this old earth at best and how customs and ideas have been passed down from generation to generation until today. I will have a "travelog" story to tell you some day when this is over but I still have as beautiful a place to see as our own Pacific Coast.

So you have all my old letters saved up. There must be a big pile of them now; all about alike but maybe they keep you informed that I am still fine and planning on a brighter future.

Best Wishes to All,
Cleo Young.

LETTER FROM SON—

Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop received a letter from their son Lt. Ernest Lathrop in which he mentioned that he was much interested in the letter from Major Sisco in The American as Major Sisco inspected their kitchen.

The letter referred to was printed in The News newspaper, printed in Springdale, Arkansas and handed to us by Mrs. Martha Booth. Major Sisco is in the medical corps stationed in the southwest Pacific zone. Lt. Lathrop also extends his thanks for the paper which he says he enjoys.

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