

SPORT SHORTS

By Bill Hulen

Bob Hardy, one of Ashland's favorite athletic sons and a star of Jean Eberhart's Normal basketball team this year, is well on his way to making a baseball name for himself if you can take the word of Ken Williams, manager of the Grants Pass Merchants in the Southern Oregon League.

For many years a star in the American League, Ken, or "Dib" as he is known to his many local friends, should know what he is talking about. And his praise for the tall, nineteen year old Hardy is sincere.

Lefthanded, and with one of the sweetest curve balls you ever looked at, Hardy beat Glendale two weeks ago in the League opener, allowing three hits and striking out eleven. Already he is a big favorite in Grants Pass, and Williams is so enthusiastic about him that he predicts the end of the summer will see more than one Pacific Coast league scout on his trail.

Hardy signed up with Grants Pass when it was known that Ashland wouldn't have a team, and where he could work under Williams and Al Drolette, former Coast League catcher and as smart as they come. Drolette, like Williams, is high in his praise of the youngster, making it unanimous among men in Grants Pass who really know baseball.

Hardy's next start will probably be against the Klamath Falls Red Sox this Sunday at Klamath Falls, and he will also probably work the Red Sox game at Grants Pass the following Sunday.

Former major league pitcher John Miljus is doing in Medford what he wanted to do here but couldn't stir up enough interest. Under the direction of several Medford business men, who raised the almost unbelievable sum of \$750 in two days time, (unbelievable concerning baseball solicitations, the huge Serbian is running a baseball school for boys 14 to 21. It meets three times a week after school hours and is absolutely free to all wishing to play ball. Bill Leever, Ashland high shortstop, is one of several local youths attending the school, and Miljus says the little red head is one of his best players.

It begins to look like Southern Oregon Football Conference this fall will hold its own pigskin embroglio's almost entirely under the lights. Following in the footsteps of Klamath Falls, which installed the glimmers last year, are Grants Pass and Medford. Grants Pass has already lighted its field; soft ball games are being staged there now, and Medford's new field will be in readiness for football.

Plans are being laid to light the excellent Normal field here in Ashland for the SONS football teams, and if nothing goes awry, the high school will probably play several of its games there.

The lone Ashland high alumnus to apply for the coaching job here is Roland Parks, for the past several years coach at Malin high in Klamath county. Parks was graduated along in '27 or '28 if memory serves correct, and continued his education at university of Oregon. He has had quite a bit of success at Malin, his basketball team last winter reaching the finals of the SONS tournament for secondary high schools.

RETURNS TO CARMEL

Mrs. Joe Burge left Monday evening for her home in Carmel, California after a visit of a week here with her son, Billy Hulen, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nininger, and other friends.

VISITED IN YREKA

Mrs. Laura G. Pierce returned Monday night from Yreka, after a visit over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Harrison.

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S'MATTER POP?

On Top Spot With Christy



GOLD HILL MARINE BOB KENNASTON

CHRISTY MEETS THE EX-MARINE IN MAIN EVENT ON MONDAY NIGHT

Ted (I'm plenty good) Christy will meet another good man at the Medford Armory next Monday night when he ties up with Bob Kennaston, the Gold Hill leatherneck, in the top main event of Mack Lillard's wrestling attraction.

Christy's easy win over Belcastro last week has caused considerable comment among the fans and his match with Kennaston will be a severe test for both men.

Kennaston defeated Christy in the recent junior heavyweight tournament at Los Angeles, but the cocky Christy can't see where that will ever happen again.

The middle main event will give the mat bugs a chance to see what Cecil McGill can really do when he locks grips with the lariat sensation, Dude Chick. Although a sick man when he met Kennaston last week, McGill made a good showing and if he can stay out of Chick's deadly lariat spin, the ex-cowpoke will be in for a grueling match.

Tiger Taskoff, the big bully from Bulgaria, can try his rough stuff, if he's man enough to get away with it, on Danny Savich, the former All-American, from Utah, in the opener. Savich, an artist with the flying tackle, is returning after an absence of several weeks.

The first two matches will be conducted under the Australian system of six ten minute rounds, while the final fracas of the evening will be one hour straight wrestling time, the best two out of three falls deciding the case.

For the benefit of those who are not wised up on the "low down" of the World's Junior heavyweight Championship elimination contests held recently at Los Angeles, that Dude Chick, Ted Christy, Bob Kennaston and Tiger Taskoff went to the semi-finals in competition with over 400 wrestlers from all over the world.

Meets McGill!



Cowboy Dude Chick

Christy Upsets Dope In Main Event Monday

Just why the writer picked Pete Belcastro to whip Ted Christy at the Medford Armory last Monday night will probably always remain a mystery as will the reason Pete Belcastro didn't whip said Mr. Christy. The champion, Belcastro, spent the most of his busy evening, getting in and out of Christy's rough stuff. In fact he was so busy that he forgot to try any of his own rough stuff, and nearly forgot to wrestle.

Christy took the first fall with a hammerlock, but a bunch of typical Belcastro drop kicks brought Pete the second fall.

Reaching over the ropes to pull an opponent back into the ring is recognized as a bad thing for a wrestler to do since the referee is supposed to do that, but Belcastro tried just that and took an uppercut squarely on the chin and found Christy on top for a body press.

Dude Chick gave Tiger Taskoff three violent shoulder butts and then spun him in a lariat spin so fast that even the spectators got dizzy watching the whirligig.

The "Tiger" was cooled down to a mere cub and was carried from the ring.

Bob Kennaston took an easy victory over Cecil McGill of Los Angeles in the opener. McGill was a sick man but insisted on trying to work anyway.

Drop kicks gave each a fall; Kennaston took the first one and then McGill scored. But Kennaston was the only one of the two to use the Gold Hill crab and by that route took the deciding spill.

FROM MEDFORD

Among those from Medford who visited this city were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Andrews. They attended church services here with Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews.

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Vets Will Spend Much For Homes

The McGraw-Hill survey, according to a report received by the Federal Housing Administration, shows that veterans will use their bonus money for the following purposes:— Paying debts - \$528,000,000; building and repairing homes - \$193,000,000; automobiles, \$109,000,000; clothing, \$110,000,000. Many veterans have indicated they will finance their home building and purchasing with mortgage loans insured by FHA, using their bonus money as down payments.

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