

Ashland-Medford Ball Feud Opens

LEAGUE OPENER SET FOR PEARL CITY DIAMOND

Southern Oregon league baseball season will get under way Sunday, May 7, with Ashland and Medford taking the field at Pearl City on their favorite diamonds. The Craters of Manager J. Hoffard. Pilot Charlie Sander will attempt to resume his habitual superiority over the local pickers of two years when the locals dumped Medford four times in five meetings. The opening pitch is set for 2:30 p.m. on the high school turf.

Although exact strength of the Ashland outfit is a matter of conjecture, the last year's champions already bowed twice to the locals in practice games while defeating Prospect in Chilquien. In Ashland's lone game this season, the Lithians bested them, 11 to 0.

For the Ashland hitters will be two of the Ashland hitters' favorites, Erickson and Bill Rathke. The Dixon will be receiving for Hoffardites. Dick Porterfield, the Lithian first sacker, will be the initial bag, while Johnny Arba Ager has been second base at shortstop, with Cook at first; Orval Hampel, left field; Piche, center, and Manager Hoffard (himself) in right field.

Ashland's lineup for the season will probably include Hank DiSordi and Wayne Combs on the throwing staff, Rich Peters catching; Tiny Jones, second base; Moore, second; Maxson, first base; Joanis, third; Ed Leasing, Don Montgomery and Keith, field.

The league opens Sunday at Grants Pass to Crescent City, Gold Hill to Glendale, and Medford to Dorris.

Joe Taylor of Bly visited here Sunday in the week at the home of his sister, Mrs. Cloma Burton.

Dom Provost made a business trip to Yreka Thursday.

Carrie May Smith visited with her mother in Klamath Falls last week-end.

Charles Weaver of Port Orford visited here Tuesday with friends.

Mrs. Lyle Anderson of Medford visited here this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Balls.

Dr. H. A. Huffman of Bend visited here last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huffman.

Leslie Price of Chico, Calif., visited here Tuesday with his brother, O. J. Price.

Mrs. Sarah Reed and Thelma Reed of Eugene visited here for several days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mills.

Junior Netmen Drive Toward Title Hope

The Ashland Junior high tennis team won its second consecutive match against a combined freshman and sophomore team of the Grants Pass senior high by a 5 to 2 score. Last week the locals defeated Medford, 6 to 0.

Buddy Provost defeated Brubaker 6-0 and 6-0 to take the number one singles. Charles Jandreau playing number two man did equally well in defeating Conger 6-0 and 6-1. Albert Newby lost his match to Grable. LaMar Ormond playing number four took his match in straight sets from Havard. LeWyatt Davis dropped his match to Everton.

In doubles play the Provost and Jandreau combination won easily in straight sets. Ashland's number two team of Albert Newby and LaMar Ormond also won in straight sets.

If the Juniors can maintain the present pace, they will be able to claim the southern Oregon championship.

SOFTBALL NINES WILL PLAY TWO GAMES WEEKLY

WARMING UP to their subject, including tentative feeling of muscles in throwing and batting arms, managers and representatives of the six teams entered in the Ashland Softball association for the summer Wednesday night talked schedule, roster deadlines and playing nights. The confab, which was held in the Chamber of Commerce office, resulted in a three-night week being established for league games, each team to schedule two games weekly. Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights were selected for the official games, with the league openers starting Monday, June 5 under the high school athletic field lights.

The group also ruled that player rosters and entrance fees should be turned in to President Howard Wiley and his rules committee (in-

cluding Bill Snider and Clyde Young) not later than May 25.

The association empowered the governing committee to select an official scorekeeper for the entire season and voted to assess each team to pay the amount required to pay the scorekeeper 50 cents per game for accurate tallying. The assessment will be payable with the entrance fee of \$5 per team. Official team standings, batting averages and related data will be compiled throughout the season, enabling fans and team managers to have an accurate check on effective abilities of their players.

Five of the six league teams have definitely been entered—Dodgers, Rogues, Pine Boxers, Elks and Miners—with the sixth team tentatively signed on to be Ebe Dunn's Belivue Grangers, replacing the proposed Provost entry. Dunn Wednesday night was uncertain whether he could place a team in the field, but said he would make an effort to bring a bunch of haytossers to town who would show the urban outfits how the game should be played.

Intensive practice sessions are expected to get under way within

the next 10 days, with several teams already having accepted practice game challenges from Medford and Grants Pass outfits. According to Manager John Daugherty, his Rogues will travel to the Climate City as soon as new suits arrive.

● Gordon McCracken made a business trip to Medford Tuesday.

● Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan spent Sunday on Rogue River.

● Bill Sander of Yreka visited here last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sander.

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