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MEDFORD WILL MEET GRANTS PASS TODAY ON LOCAL DIAMOND

(By James D. Fay.)

The fans who have followed the games of the Rogue River Valley League are throwing "heads and tails" as to where they place their bets on today's game.

Medford has won three straight—two from Grants Pass and two from Jacksonville. Jacksonville lost both games to Medford by generous scores, although they were dangerous at all times. Medford scratched out in an 11-inning game against Grants Pass on Easter Sunday and didn't have a whole lot to boast about at that.

Since then the two leaders haven't met, but the supposition is that both teams will be on their mettle today. One thing, the weather is warming up and that always makes toward good baseball.

Burgess will open the game tomorrow. This is the second time that I have been assured by Manager Hall that the southpaw would go in, and if my prediction fails this time I will join the ranks of the weather prophets and things like that.

What do you know about those Beavers? They are chewing at the round that holds Happy Hogan at the top of the ladder.

Jacksonville and Central Point will see this afternoon whether the C. P.'s have a real figure in their percentage column or are still represented by cyphers.

CHAMPION JEFFRIES HAS CONTRACTED BAD COLD IN SHOULDERS

BOWARDENNAN CAMP, Ben Lomond, Cal., April 16.—Although Berger and others on Jeffries' training staff attempt to laugh it off, there is no doubt but that the ex-boiler-maker's shoulder and neck muscles have been affected by cold. This is the only explanation for the two cramps which caught him yesterday afternoon while he was going three final rounds with Armstrong.

In the second round he suddenly dropped his arms to his sides and gasped: "I've got a cramp in my arm."

It took the rubbers about five minutes to ease the pain and put the man in condition so Jeffries could use it again.

Near the end of the third round Armstrong biffed him on the side of the head. Jeffries grunted and the next moment stopped fighting. "That cramp is in my neck now," he exclaimed.

Today he did his usual ten miles of road work. Starting a few minutes after 5 o'clock, the big fellow trotted the distance at a five-mile clip, which is going some.

Harkins for Health.

RECENT HAPPENINGS AT EMERYVILLE ARE NOT LIKED BY SPORTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 16.—A local critic of the racing game this afternoon says:

"Until the gentlemen in the pagoda at Emeryville have sifted some affairs of recent happening and routed the scandal talk, racegoers are liable to look askance at the running of top-heavy, in-and-out favorites. The climax was reached yesterday when Galvesca finished out of the money in a five-horse field, and the long shot, Miles, allowed to take the brackets in a false-run race. Suspicion has been centered on several races of late, and it will be the work of the stewards to place the blame where it belongs.

The impression prevails among New York turfmen that if the Agnew-Perkins bills are passed at Albany the New York tracks will close their gates and all stakes will be declared off. The track-owners are unwilling to run the risk of criminal prosecution and therefore will make no further attempt to keep the racing game alive. There will be 1500 horses in New York before the end of next week. If the sport is stopped in New York and the Canadian tracks also close up in the event of the passage of the Millar bill, horsemen will race in Kentucky, Montana and Utah or sell out.

The Jamestown meeting so far has not been a brilliant success. There are not enough horses to provide reasonably large fields, and as short-priced favorites are winning the speculation is very light. It's an old saying that a race meeting, to be successful, must be held within easy access of a large city. From all accounts, Norfolk and vicinity are not particularly well educated as to the problem of playing the races.

PRICES TO SEE BIG FIGHT RANGE WITH DISTANCE FROM RING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 16.—The number of feet from the ropes at the Jeffries-Johnson battle will determine the number of dollars that will be paid out by the sports who attend the show. Fifty-dollar seats are the first prize, class A seats. They will be box seats and there are to be 3000 of them. They will extend back 45 feet from the ring. There will be an equal number of \$40 and \$35 seats, so that the nearest \$30 seats will be about 60 feet from the edge of the hostilities.

There will be a few rows of them only, and then will come the \$25 seats, which promise to be the popular-priced ones. They will begin not more than 75 feet from the ring.

Then the \$20 seats get into the game, and the \$5 seats will not let the holder get closer than 100 feet from the place where the battering is taking place.

BARNEY OLDFIELD IS TO RACE MACHINE IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 16.—Barney Oldfield will be a feature of a two days' automobile racing carnival to be held here next Sunday and Saturday at the Englefield track at the conclusion of the Knights Templar conclave.

The meet will mark Oldfield's first appearance on circular dirt courses and there is great speculation here upon his ability to break a record. Oldfield will race in his 200-horsepower Benz machine, and if he does not break a record he will be sure to give the spectators a sensational race.

Other drivers from the Los Angeles meet will be entered. Englefield track is being converted into a motor speedway and a number of valuable prizes will be awarded the winners.

"I HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR JEFFRIES AS A GENTLEMAN"—JOHNSON

CHICAGO, Ill., April 16.—"I have only the highest regard for Mister Jeffries as a gentleman and a fighter and until he says something uncomplimentary about me, I shall continue to hold my good opinion of him," said Jack Johnson today just after he had come in from his morning's run.

"If I beat Jeffries," continued the champion, "I shall be the first to help him to his corner; if he bests me, I shall be the first to congratulate him."

Johnson apparently has made up his mind to train steadily now. Today he did ten miles on the road, boxed four rounds, wrestled, cut wood and tossed the medicine ball.

Johnson's sudden metamorphosis from a man of leisure to a pugilist in training for a big battle is causing a change of opinion among the fans who watched him work, and they believe that he does not intend to loaf until the last minute, as was heretofore the belief.

FRANCE PREPARING FOR BIG AVIATION MEET NEXT JULY

RHEIMS, France, April 16.—The grounds here are being gotten in shape for the aviation week, July 3-10. The parking system will be elaborate. Grandstand accommodations are ample and the track a bit larger. The prizes amount to \$52,000 for this classic event. The Gordon Bennett eliminatory contests, when the French representatives for the American national meet, will be selected to take place at this time.

A help wanted ad will afford you a chance to choose—so you ought to find the right worker for the work.

SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE PLAYERS IN THE PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 16.—John Henry Hans Wares, a product of Zanesville, is a hero in the eyes of the fans. In the hour of need the Liliputian artists rapped one on the beak and the pill sizzled against the low field boards. Murphy, the Angeles' outfielder, set a desperate pace to pounce the ball, but the drive hit the fence ere Murphy could reach the spot, and bounded back a few feet. Two Oakland runners crossed the tape on this swat and the disgruntled Oakland bugs were all cheered up. All during the matinee, Wares was spanking the horsehide and most of his efforts roamed past the fielder. In the fifth the ball took a bad spot, bounded over Delmas' dome and the little fellow secured a slab. In Thursday's game Wares walloped out three luscious drives and came back yesterday with five. Guess this isn't connecting!

The local fans will be entertained by the Seals and Senators next week. Graham's crew have struck a losing streak and the pitchers are faring badly. At Los Angeles the Hooligans will tackle Dillon's crew for a series of seven games. Wolverton will take his charges to Portland to open the northern season.

When Moser has his curve ball working it is a difficult shoot to solve. Moser works on the style of Jim Wiggs, and he puts tremendous force on his break. He throws mostly with a down-hand motion. His pitching was in contrast to that of Tozer, who relied mainly on underhand ball.

Walter McCredie has shipped Kratzburg to the Stockton club of the California State league for more seasoning. McCredie has a full staff in Garrett, Steen, Krapp, Seaton and Ryan. Kratzburg pitched yesterday for the Slough City tribe and he defeated San Jose by the score of 1 to 0. He allowed but four hits.

Frank Eastley is a happy mortal these days. After weeks of weary waiting Frank's arm has rounded to form and the McKeesport heaver expects to work next week against the Senators. Frank snapped a brissell in his socket and for the past few days he has been treated by a specialist in Oakland.

Agnew, the young Santa Clara heaver, is to be given a try-out by the Angels. This pitcher has a world of ability and many are predicting a future for him in the ranks of organized baseball.

For continual crabbing, McGreevy assessed Catcher Orendorff with a \$5 fine. This silenced him.

Harkins pitched the tenth for the Oaks. Daley, the first man to face him, responded with a drive to left

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for two sacks. Some of the fans were saying good-night, but Harkins steadied and retired the side.

The high wind blowing yesterday carried Delmas' hit in the fourth against the right-field fence. Only one scored on the hit, which should have tallied two at the least.

Sacramento has claims to the collar championship. Graham's crew are weaklings in the hands of the Portland team.

In the north the Ducks will be reinforced by the addition of two new men, Pitcher Gregg and Infielder Peckinbaugh.



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