

# The Sporting Page

## 4 TRACK SQUADS COMPETE TONIGHT AT GRANTS PASS

Medford Athletes See Good Prospect for High Scoring in Competition With G. P., Ashland and Kerby

Track and field athletes of four high schools will compete at Grants Pass tonight in the first meet held under lights in southern Oregon history. Action will get under way at 6:30 with preliminary field events and the running events will start promptly at 7.

Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and Kerby are the high schools to enter the quadrangular affair, and from early-season performances, the squad of Coach Bill Bowerman figures to walk off with the lion's share of first places with no great amount of trouble.

Despite the fact that L. L. Deel, Grants Pass coach and meet director, has limited the number of entries in each event to two men, Bowerman announced yesterday that he was taking three men for almost every event, and would enter them, regardless.

"I have never heard of a quadrangular meet where the entry was limited to two men," the Medford coach said, "or any other meet, for that matter. I will enter three athletes in most of the events, and if Deel wants to scratch one of them he can do so."

One of the highlights will be the mile run between Chris Barker, Tiger distance man, and Gordon McCollum, ace miler of the Cavemen squad. Last Saturday, in the meet here, Barker beat McCollum by eight feet in a great duel, and Coach Deel predicts that tonight his runner will put Barker "in his place."

Time trials held this week determined the Medford squad, a feature of which was Don Horner's high jump of 5 feet, 10 inches, over six inches

higher than his head. Following are Medford's entries:  
100-Yard dash—Crosby, Childer, Ettinger.  
220-Yard dash—Tycer, Linnell, Crosby.  
440-Yard dash—Linnell, Dickey, Abbott.  
Half-mile—Werner, Jones, Sturgill, Miles—Burker, Reich.  
High hurdles—Luther, Hill, Bowman.  
Low hurdles—Hill, Bowman, Finch.  
Broad jump—Ettinger, Horner.  
High jump—Horner, Curry.  
Pole vault—Hill, Sparks.  
Shot-put—Dunford, Howard.  
Discus—Dunford, Howard.  
Javelin—Bowman, Bob Sage.  
Relay—Ettinger, Crosby, Hill, Linnell.

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## Fast Action in First Game of Season



Jimmy Wilson of Philadelphia was out at third in this fast action during the second inning of the game with the Boston Bees at Boston, the official season opener for United States baseball. Garms, Bee third baseman, snared the ball the instant this picture was taken.

## PETE AND ALVIN REGISTERED SHOOT IN MAIN EVENT SUNDAY MORNING, GRAPPLING BOUT TROPHIES OFFERED

Minus Joe Smolinski, who apparently found things too tough for him hereabouts even though he figured himself to be the toughest hombre to ever strike the territory, and Danny Savich, who will spend a nice quiet vacation in other parts, the wrestling gentry will move in upon Medford again next Monday night with a couple of his favorites heading the bill.

Alvin Britt and Pete Belcastro will go through their paces in the top event of what appears to be a sweet card. Britt, not overly blessed with color but extremely popular because of his clean wrestling, will tangle with the best drawing card, month in and month out, to ever appear here—Pete Belcastro, the very mad Italian. Mean or clean, and he can be either, you have to hand it to Belcastro. He packs them in, and after all's said and done, that's what counts.

Since leaving here several months ago, both Belcastro and Britt have let no grass grow under their busy feet. Pete has been on a tour of the southwest, appearing in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and southern California, and according to promoter Lillard, is in the best shape of his long and colorful career. Britt has confined his grappling activities to Los Angeles and vicinity, and engaged in one title bout, failing to recapture his junior heavyweight championship from Cowboy Dude Chick when he was eliminated on a foul.

In the middle event Monday night, Towle Estes, who upset all kinds of dope buckets last Monday by defeating Danny Savich in two straight fumbles, will meet Duke Pettigrove, mean as they come and bidding fair to take the unsavory position once held by Ted Christy and Joe Smolinski in the hearts of local fans.

Cowboy Billy McEwen and his pretty, red-haired wife will tangle with Pat O'Brien in the opener. McEwen will do the wrestling for the family while his better half will take care of the ring-side cheering section. Just how tough a combination that is to beat will be discovered by Mr. O'Brien Monday evening.

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## BASEBALL SKIPPER OPTIMISTIC AFTER SEEING WORKOUT

Balkovick Says Medford Has Making of Fine Club—Practice Today, Saturday—Play Weed Sunday

Intensive training for the Southern Oregon league season really began for the Medford ball club yesterday afternoon as Mike Balkovick, newly signed manager, sent his charges through a tough two-hour workout at the fairgrounds field.

"From what I have seen so far," the manager said after his first session with the team, "it looks like we will have a pretty sweet club."

The turnout yesterday was rather small, but what it lacked in quantity it more than made up for in quality, hustle and fire. About 15 players answered Balkovick's practice call, and after an hour of hitting practice, with Ray Erickson serving them up, went into the field for infield and outfield practice.

Yesterday was the first time the team was able to work on ground balls, double plays and other inner garden maneuvers, and the result brought a large grin to the new skipper's face. With Donovan on third, Dick Lewis at the short patch, Wally Bickers on second and Virgil Swanson on first, it was immediately apparent that the infield would be the least of Balkovick's worries. The quartet handled the ball in near-mid-season form and Donny Donovan, especially, looked ready to open the season.

The short, husky third baseman, who played with Medford two years ago, fires bullets across that diamond. His uncanny ability to throw strikes to first base from any position and his amazing ease of motion stamps him as one of the finest infielders to ever perform locally. Donovan hit over .400 with Medford two years ago in the Southern Oregon circuit.

Also working in the infield was Hoffman on third, Buddy Howard on second and Sammy Van Dyke on first. There was little to choose between the competing players, and when Virgil Swanson retired after catching a ball on his fingernail, which split, Hoffman tried his hand at first with Van Dyke. Both fielded the post nicely.

Hot With War Club. Outfielders chasing fly balls were

Johnny Smith, Ray Lewis and George Otzen, and they gave a hint of potential offensive power by smashing the ball far and wide during hitting practice.

### HOW THEY STAND

(By Associated Press)

	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	12	7	.632
San Francisco	11	7	.611
San Diego	12	8	.600
Sacramento	12	8	.600
Seattle	10	8	.556
Missions	8	12	.400
Oakland	6	13	.316
Portland	5	13	.278

  

National	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	2	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1.000
Brooklyn	0	1	.000
Chicago	0	2	.000
Cincinnati	0	2	.000
Boston	0	2	.000

  

American	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
Washington	1	1	.500
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Chicago	1	1	.500
Cleveland	0	1	.004
New York	0	1	.000

### EXPECT 80 GOLFERS IN SPRING TOURNEY STARTING SATURDAY

Some 80 divot diggers of the Rogue Valley Golf club will whither all the shot-making guns they can muster tomorrow and Sunday in the qualifying rounds of the club's annual spring handicap tournament.

A record entry is expected by Ken Scott, club pro, who states that the course is in the best condition of

the year due to the combination of rain and sunshine.  
Golfers will engage in match play over an 18-hole route. Qualifying scores must be posted by April 26, with the pairings being announced the following day.  
Golfers posting the 32 low net scores will be paired in the championship flight and the first 16 beaten will enter the first flight. All flights will be composed of 16 players.  
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