

The Sporting Page

CRATER INFIELD MAY BE HELPED BY TALENT YOUTH

Dick Skeeters Tentatively Slated for Keystone Post Since Recent Loss of Donovan, Third Baseman

Young Dick Skeeters, the Talent high school whiz, may hold the key to Medford's infield problems. That was the word of Manager Mike Balkovick yesterday as he commented on the condition of the Crater's inner works following the loss of Donny Donovan, who signed with the Hill club of the Northern California circuit.

"Skeeters is a sweet second baseman," the husky Medford skipper announced, "and we may use him at that position. If he goes like I think he should, then Swanson can be shifted to first base or the outfield."

Only 15 Years Old. Skeeters is the 15-year-old kid who pitched Talent high to the county pennant without the loss of a game. His natural post is in the infield, his high school coach, Linn Mills, says, Balkovick, after one look-see.

However, Manager Balkovick is still up in the air regarding the infield that will be out there when Jake Cipe brings his rough and tough Glendale Loggers here next Sunday to open Medford's home schedule and dedicate the new turf field at the high school.

He said that Ray Lewis, who played shortstop in high school, may be given a crack at the third base position, allowing Wally Bickers, regular second sacker, to return to his old post. Dick Lewis is a fixture at shortstop.

Dick Hoffman, who held down the initial cushion at Ashland last Sunday, may also be given a whirl at second or third base, the manager said.

Rickert Needed at 2nd. At any rate, the crying need is for a third baseman who can throw. Rickert's arm is not too strong, although he fields the hot corner in beautiful style, but Balkovick figures the club would be strengthened with Wally back at his old second base position. However, if Skeeters should turn out to be what the doctor ordered at the keystone sack, Rickert would be left on third.

Girl for Loggers. The team is scheduled to work out every day this week in preparation for the Glendale invasion. Larry Pepper, who set 7 out of 9 Ashland hitters back on strikes in his short

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Ready for Speedway



Cliff Bergere, double for movie stars and stunt, is back in Indianapolis for this year's speedway classic to be run Monday, May 31. He has driven in the Memorial day race for 10 years but has never won the rich prize.

stay on the mound Sunday, will probably open fire for the Craters against the Loggers.

Medford Athletic association officials are arranging for opening day ceremonies. Orney Patton, former major league ball player, will take part in the festivities, as will probably Mayor George Porter and Ed Lampert, president of the Southern Oregon league. An attempt will be made to procure the high school band and possibly the girls' drum corps, and officials of the Craters are busy arranging for prizes to be given ball players for "firsts."

MORRIS PREFERS COIN TO MEDALS

HOLLYWOOD, May 19. — (AP) — Glenn Morris, Olympic decathlon champion, has forfeited his amateur standing by signing a contract to act in Tarzan movies, a letter from Daniel J. Ferris, national secretary of the A. A. U., said today.

The Fort Collins, Colo., athlete is under a five-year agreement with Producer Sol Lesser that will pay him upward of \$250,000.

Ferris, wrote Morris that stories and pictures in New York newspapers indicated he would star as Tarzan and that if it were true he had signed a contract, the action made him a professional.

"I'm sorry that the A. A. U., which has been very nice to me, should see it this way," Morris said. "But I have the future of my wife and myself to think about and we can't live on my medals."

SEVEN SALMON TAKEN AT GOLD RAY TUESDAY

Good salmon trolling in the upper Rogue river was apparently inaugurated yesterday with the report that seven chinook had been taken from the river at Gold Ray dam.

Hank Cheside of Medford brought home two beauties. Two of the seven caught were extra big—one weighing 34 pounds and the other 36 pounds.

Thousands of salmon are passing over the fishways at Savage Rapids, a Grants Pass report says.

Water in the river and tributaries and in creeks and streams of the county is still not clear enough for good fly or spinner fishing for trout.

Outen Of Missions Takes Batting Lead

LOS ANGELES, May 19. — (AP) — Chick Outen of the Mission Reds went from twelfth to first place in Pacific Coast league batting standings last week with a gain of 43 points, it was revealed in official averages released today.

Larry Woodall, San Francisco, is in second place, and Marty Goudat, Los Angeles, in third. Goudat gained 37 points to move up from twentieth place.

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BERKELEY, Cal., May 19. — (AP) — Recurrence of a back injury which forced her to default a national singles final match to Helen Jacobs in 1933, kept Mrs. Helen Wills Moody from returning to competitive tennis today.

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HIGH TRACKSTERS LEAVE THURSDAY FOR EUGENE MEET

Eight of Medford high school's finest track and field athletes will leave tomorrow afternoon for Eugene where Friday and Saturday they will compete in the annual state meet at Hayward field. They will be accompanied by Russ Achesson, junior high coach. Coach Bill Bowerman, who is directing his junior team in the northwest junior meet at Grant bowl in Portland today, will meet his varsity squad at Eugene tomorrow.

The Tigers qualified eight men for the state affair last Saturday at Grants Pass in the district 3 meet. First or second place was necessary in that meet to enter the Eugene program. Russ Werner and Linnell will perform in the half-mile at Eugene; Chris Barker will run the mile; Martin Luther will enter the high hurdles; Jack Bowman, the high and low hurdles and the relay; Jack Hill the pole vault, low hurdles and relay, and Crosby and Bobby Ettner the relay. Children may also be taken as a utility relay man.

Greatest high school athletes from all parts of Oregon will enter the huge carnival, the 11th annual produced under the auspices of the University of Oregon. Anson Cornell, athletic director of the Eugene school and Bill Hayward, famous Webfoot track coach, will be in charge of the championships.

Qualifying heats will be run off Friday and the finals on Saturday, starting at 1:30 p. m. The regular list of 14 events will be on the schedule. Individual participation in the meet will be limited to three events. Championship awards will be given the winning school, the district scoring the greatest number of points, and to individual winners. Points will be scored on a 5-3-2-1 basis.

HIGH SCHOOL ACE EYED BY MAJORS

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 19. — (AP) — His fourth no-hit game in five appearances on the mound today had earned for Clyde Harrison, 18-year-old Battle Ground high school south-saw, a chance at big-time baseball.

His set what may be a high school record when he struck out 22 Washington high school batters in nine innings yesterday.

Art Parker, northwest scout for the Los Angeles Angels, told Battle Ground Coach Ward Holloway he would guarantee Harrison expenses to and from Los Angeles to try out with the Angels when school is out. Harrison is a senior.

Holloway also had a telegram from Ernie Johnson, Detroit scout now in Seattle, saying he was interested in Harrison.

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Pitching Sensation



Leslie Mueller (above), Belleville, Ill., high school boy, struck out 46 batters in 19 innings pitched, a record which quickly came to the attention of the St. Louis Browns' scouts, who invited Mueller to work out briefly with the club.

Scores Yesterday

(By the Associated Press.)

Coast. R. H. E. Portland 0 7 1 Sacramento 6 12 0 LaPlante and Cronin; Pippin and Franks.

R. H. E. Seattle 2 9 0 San Diego 7 10 1 Smith, Horne and Fernandez; Ward and Detore.

R. H. E. Missions 9 11 2 Oakland 1 5 4 Herman and Sprinz; Rego, Servant and Baker.

R. H. E. Los Angeles 2 12 2 San Francisco 5 9 0 Lieber and Collins; Lillard and Woodall.

National. Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 1. St. Louis 4 New York 3. Boston at Cincinnati, postponed; Brooklyn at Chicago, postponed; St. Paul at Philadelphia, postponed.

American. Washington 7 St. Louis 6 Philadelphia 8 Detroit 7. New York 4 Chicago 0. Cleveland 7 Boston 4.

NICHOLS GIVEN NOD OVER KILLER COATES

LOS ANGELES, May 19. — (AP) — George Nichols, Buffalo, N. Y., veteran who formerly held the N.B.A. light heavyweight championship, spotted Charley (Killer) Coates, Akron negro, two knockdowns in the first round and then came back to win a ten-round decision last night.

Nichols, undaunted by his trips to the canvas, steadily piled up points as his left kept Coates away. The latter appeared to coast.

Nichols weighed 165, Coates 173. Bert Collins II, Los Angeles 144-pounder, stopped Lee Medina, 150, Pueblo, Colo., in the third round with a volley of left hooks.

NOTED AIRMAN WEDS DAY AFTER DIVORCE

CHICAGO, May 19. — (AP) — Wedding bells rang out today for James J. (Jimmy) Mattern, 32, noted flyer, just one day after his divorce from Mrs. Della H. Mattern.

The transatlantic aviator, who twice attempted to circle the globe by air, took for his new bride Dorothy Harvey, brunette show-girl and model.

Weather. Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday, but local cloud or fog on the coast; normal temperature; moderate northwest wind off the coast.

Oregon: Fair east and generally cloudy west portion tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature; moderate changeable wind off the coast.

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SEALS MOUND WIZARD TURNS BACK SERAPHS FOR 5 TO 2 VICTORY

By the Associated Press. Gene Lillard, third baseman turned pitcher, was credited today with his sixth victory for the Larruping San Francisco Seals, Pacific coast baseball league pace setter.

Lillard once played third base for the Los Angeles Angels and one year led the coast loop in home runs by smacking 56 of them. He was considered such a good prospect the Chicago Cubs grabbed him, but he failed to beat out Stanley Hack for the third sack job.

He came back to the coast to the Seals in the deal for Joe Marty. He figured he had a better chance going back to the majors as a pitcher, so he has been hurling for the Seals this season and with marked success. Last night he turned back his old teammates, the Angels, 5 to 2.

Bill Killefer's consistent Sacramento Solons, only seven points behind the Seals, shut out the Portland Beavers, 5 to 0, through effective pitching by Henry Pippin.

In the first game of the cellar series the Mission Reds pulled within striking distance of seventh place by defeating Oakland 9 to 1, and San Diego trimmed the Seattle Indians, 7 to 2.

WEBFOOTS DROP COUGARS, 6 TO 2

PULLMAN, Wash., May 19. — (AP) — The University of Oregon baseball team shouldered Washington State college out of the lead in the northern division race with its second straight victory in overtime contests here, winning, 6 to 2 in 14 innings Tuesday.

The Cougars must win their two remaining games while Oregon loses two to regain the top rung.

The teams went into a 2-2 tie in the seventh, the Cougars advancing a prospective winning run as far as third in the ninth, 10th and 11th without scoring.

Two singles and a double, followed by a homerun by Andy Hurney scored four runs for Oregon in the 14th.

Score: R. H. E. Oregon 6 12 3 W. S. C. 2 11 1 Sayles and Thomas; Kinnaman and Eastman.

SALEM LEGION PLANS FOR COMMANDER VISIT

SALEM, May 19. — (AP) — Local members of the American Legion are preparing for a visit about June 10 from National Commander Colmar.

The Capitol post was advised of the commander's proposed trip at a meeting held here last night.

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20-30 CLUB TO ENTER KITTENBALL TEAM FOR SUMMER LEAGUE PLAY

The Medford 20-30 club will enter a kittenball team in the summer league being organized. It was announced by Lou Miles, managing captain, at the regular weekly meeting of the organization in the Hotel Jackson last night.

Plans for the annual ladies' night party to be held June 5 were discussed, with more definite arrangements to be announced later. Merwin Hittie, committee chairman, said that an enjoyable evening was assured.

President Carl Norris called attention to the joint meeting with the Medford Active club at the Hotel Medford next Tuesday evening, at which will be shown motion pictures of the 20-30 club motorboat regatta and action shots of the Rogue Snowmen, taken by H. D. Kern of Copco.

Harry Pinneo, sub-district governor, urged that as many members as possible be present at the district convention in Marshfield, May 29-30. He said about eight local members planned to attend.

A meeting of the board of directors was called by President Norris for Thursday evening at his residence at 702 Palm street.

CIRCUIT HIT AIDS OREGON STATERS

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 9. — (AP) — Houdek's 7-hit pitching and Younce's big bat gave Oregon State college an 8 to 3 victory over the University of Idaho here Tuesday, sending the Vandals deeper into the pit of northern division baseball standings.

Younce hit a homer in the third inning with three Beavers on base, and brought in two more with a long single in the fourth.

In a ninth inning drive Idaho scored two men and had three more on base when Tony Knap, relief pitcher, grounded out to Houdek to end the game. The Beavers open a two-game series with the University of Washington at Seattle today.

Score: Oregon State 8 11 1 Idaho 3 7 4 Houdek and Soller; Jenkins, Broadhead, Hanson, Knap and Baldwin.

SNOWPLOW'S BORE INTO DRIFTS ON MCKENZIE

BEND, May 19. — (AP) — Two rotary snowplows, one boring into deep drifts and the second widening a trench, were operating at the Santiam summit of the Cascades today as the state highway department pushed forward efforts to clear the McKenzie Pass detour, linking Eugene and central Oregon.

HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press.)

| Team | W. | L. | Pct. |
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| San Francisco | 29 | 18 | .619 |
| Sacramento | 30 | 18 | .625 |
| Los Angeles | 26 | 19 | .578 |
| San Diego | 25 | 21 | .543 |
| Portland | 20 | 23 | .465 |
| Seattle | 19 | 24 | .442 |
| Oakland | 15 | 30 | .333 |
| Missions | 15 | 31 | .326 |

| National. | W. | L. | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| Pittsburgh | 17 | 5 | .773 |
| St. Louis | 14 | 9 | .609 |
| New York | 13 | 12 | .520 |
| Brooklyn | 11 | 11 | .500 |
| Chicago | 11 | 12 | .478 |
| Boston | 8 | 13 | .381 |
| Cincinnati | 8 | 13 | .381 |
| Philadelphia | 9 | 15 | .375 |

| American. | W. | L. | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| Philadelphia | 12 | 7 | .632 |
| New York | 13 | 9 | .591 |
| Cleveland | 10 | 8 | .556 |
| Detroit | 11 | 11 | .500 |
| Boston | 9 | 10 | .474 |
| Washington | 10 | 13 | .435 |
| Chicago | 9 | 12 | .429 |
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