

# Pro Ball Club Signs Six More Players

Baseball news of particular interest to fans of this area was made known Saturday when Business-Manager Mel Carpenter of the Medford Rogues in the class D Far West league announced that LaVerre Herrmann of Central Point had signed as a local pitcher.

The former Central Point high school hurler joined the ranks of at least five other players to ink their contracts for a season with the local professional ball club.

**Herris For Craters**  
Herrmann went south with the Nuggets last season and spent two or three weeks with that team before being released. He finished the 1949 baseball season as hurler for the Medford Craters in the semi-pro Southern Oregon league.

Carpenter said in announcing Herrmann's signing that the local pro club has "great confidence in him as a pitcher" and predicted the youth would do well in his second attempt at pro ball.

Other players signed up include three youths who performed for the Nugs last year. They are Donald Gersbach, 22-year-old pitcher from Clackamas, Ore., who was with the Nuggets a brief time in 1949 before a needed operation kept him out for the rest of the season.

**Lohbeck Signed Up**  
Mike Lohbeck who played in the outfield toward the end of last year, is a Seattle ball club employee assigned here. He suffered a charleyhorse last season that seemed to bother him, but apparently he is ready now. He is rated as a good hitter.

The third ex-Nuggets player is Ralph Dykes who won six and lost 11 last season. He showed good prospects and many observers believe this year will show improvement.

Two new players assigned to the Rogues include Charles "Buddy" Closs from Greenville, of the Alabama State league. He is 18 years old, six feet four inches tall and weighs about 200 pounds. Closs is a right handed pitcher signed in 1949 with Bartlesville.

**Closs Texas Boy**  
Tom Downey signed Closs from Bryan high school in Texas after seeing him pitch a one-hit game and striking out 14 men in a Legion baseball tourney. Last season with Bartlesville of the KOM league Closs won 2 and lost 1.

Another youth assigned by the Rogues is Robert Schwartz who will come to the Medford club from Sweetwater of the Longhorn league. He is right-handed pitcher standing six feet tall and weighing 175 pounds. The 19-year-old was assigned by Seattle.

It was also learned that Bob Harkins who played first base for the Medford Craters two years ago and was one of the best seen in semi-pro baseball around here, had inquired about joining the Rogues.

## Local Dogs Show Today

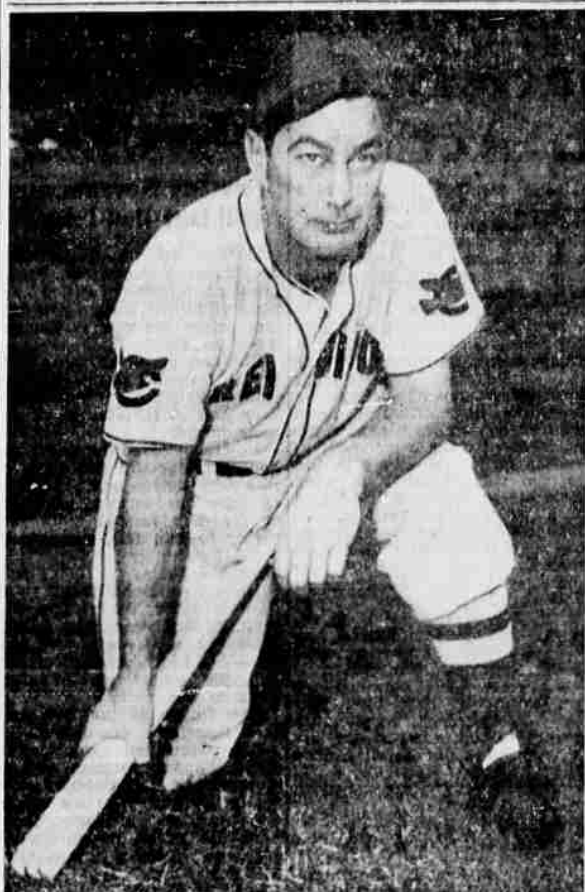
A picnic trial will be held today at the Table Rock Estates near Tolo, starting about 8 a. m., under sponsorship of the Rogue Valley Retriever club and the Shasta Cascade Retriever club of Klamath Falls.

This type of trial, local club officers explained, is to prepare the dogs that will be running in the west coast circuit next month.

The public will be welcome at today's trial which will open with the Nan Winnie stakes at 8 a. m. and the open all age trial will be run this afternoon.

California harvests approximately 3 1/2 billion board feet of lumber annually.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



**MEDFORD ROGUES MANAGER**—Tommy Nelson, above, will be playing-manager of the Medford Rogues, local pro baseball club in the Far West class D league, when the season opens at Pittsburg, Cal., on April 26. He is a former infielder for the Boston Braves and several minor league baseball clubs.

## Chiefs Play Sacred Heart

Rogue River high's basketball team, champions of Jackson county's B conference, will meet Sacred Heart high of Klamath Falls, champs of the eastern area of this B district, at Klamath Union high school gym Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Sacred Heart earned the right to play the Chieftains for the district title and the right to take part in the state B cage tourney at Astoria when it dumped Paisley high 51 to 27 Friday night.

This was a playoff between Lake and Klamath counties. Rogue River and Sacred Heart will play a best two out of three series with two games at the Klamath gym and a third one, if necessary, in a Medford gym to be announced later. Chairman A. B. Mekvold said Saturday.

The Chiefs won the right to play in the district tournament by not only going through the 1949-50 season undefeated among B schools but also by winning the Jackson county tournament held at Eagle Point.

**JOHNNY BRUCE LOSES**  
Johnny Bruce, local boxer, was knocked out with a right uppercut to the jaw in the fourth round of a bout with George Price, Merrill, at Klamath Falls, Friday night.

## Cavemen Top Pointers By 59-34 Score

Central Point, Feb. 25—Grants Pass high ran away after a fairly even first quarter here Saturday to drub Central Point 59 to 34 in a Southern Oregon conference basketball class.

The loop leading Cavemen held a 12 to 8 span at the quarter mark but limited the Pointers to two counters in the second stanza as they rambled to a 27 to 10 halftime lead. The third quarter difference was 45 to 23.

Grants Pass used 15 men during the battle and the tallies were spread out among 12 of them. Milo Trautman, a Pointer hopper earlier this season, topped the Cavemen scoring with eight and Buster Fenner and Don Jacobsen each got seven.

Merle Anhorn with 12 and John Bigham with 11 were main Pointer scorers.

**Lineups:**  
Grants Pass 29 34 Central Point  
Fenner 7 11 Bigham  
Jacobson 7 12 Anhorn  
Hackerburg 2 2 Colley  
Amshury 6 2 5 H. Trautman  
M. Trautman 8 2  
Substitutions—Grants Pass, Craft 4, Flannigan, Miller, Brown 3, Hendeguth, Koch 3, Ford 3, Parsons 3, Yosten 3, Stanger 3; Central Point, Rupp, Findley, Walker 2.

## Norwegian Paces Mt. Hood Skiing

Government Camp, Ore., Feb. 25—(UP)—Jon Lie, Norwegian exchange student from University of California, after three events with the jumps to go led the field tonight in the national four-event ski championships being run off on Mt. Hood.

Lie, who placed fourth in yesterday's grueling cross-country in wet snow, won the downhill race and placed second in the slalom today for a combined point total of 296.

Lie, an excellent jumper, was now favored to sweep the championships when the final test is held tomorrow on Mulitorpor hill.

Karl Stingl of the Seattle club was second with 280.3 points, followed by Alan Fischer, Sun Valley, Ida., 272.7; Karl Martitich, Austria, 266.2 for two runs. Lie was only 0.6 seconds slower, as runner-up.



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## Noor Winner Santa Anita

Arcadia, Cal., Feb. 25—(UP)—Charles S. Howard's English-bred Noor defeated the great Citation by a length and a quarter today in the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap.

In a thrilling drive down the stretch, Noor passed the front-running Two Lea and then withstood a closing surge by Citation to win in the amazingly fast time of 2:00, a new track record.

The imported five-year-old horse carried 22 pounds less than Citation, who went to the gate with 132 pounds on his back compared to Noor's 110.

Although defeated for first money, the Calumet entry ran two-three-four as Ponder came up in the stretch to finish behind his stablemates.

## Hockey

**NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	T	Pts
New Westminster	29	17	14	72
Tacoma	29	22	8	66
Portland	29	25	8	64
Seattle	27	22	9	63
Vancouver	26	24	6	62
Victoria	19	35	5	42

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS:**  
Seattle 5, Vancouver 1  
San Diego 3, San Francisco 0

## Great Atlas And Ross County Grade Seeking 'Team Match' Tourney Set

The Great Atlas yesterday notified Promoter Mack Lillard that he has secured Tough Tony Ross, the Salem terror, as his partner and is issuing a challenge to George Dusette and Pierre LaBelle for a tag team match in the armory wrestling ring Thursday night.

The Atlas is still irked over LaBelle acting as Dusette's second last week when the New Yorker and Dusette went to a fall-apiece draw. LaBelle advised Dusette throughout the match in French, a language which the Atlas cannot understand.

The Peacock of the Ring protested that LaBelle taking over for Bill McCart, regular second, was against the rules and therefore theoretically made two seconds for Dusette, even if McCart was inactive.

"If they want to be palsy-walsy, Mr. Ross and I, the world's greatest wrestler, will be happy to take them on in a team match," the Atlas said yesterday.

## SPORTS BULLETINS

McMinnville, Feb. 25—Fleischman's Lumber company team, Grants Pass, lost out in the first round of the state AAU basketball tourney here Saturday night when the 1949 champions, Portland Outdoor store, defeated it 69 to 42.

The lumbermen who won the district 10 AAU title by downing Green's confectionery of Medford, were behind 37 to 22 at the half. Neil Schrimpf netted 11 and Alvin Boyer and Sherman Heater each nine to lead Fleischman's scorers.

**SEE OSC-DUCKS PLAY**  
Don Gray, 832 Dakota avenue, and Sports Editor Hank Green of The Mail Tribune were among those seeing Oregon State college defeat University of Oregon 32 to 41 at Corvallis Friday night, in basketball.

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