

TORNADO BASEBALL GAME HERE FRIDAY

Experienced Locals Play Eagle Point

Medford high baseball team will open its 1950 Southern Oregon conference season Friday when it meets Eagle Point high on the local high school field at 3 p.m. with the Black Tornado rated again "the team to beat" for conference championship honors.

Last year the local youths were on a six or seven game winning streak without a defeat when all these games were cancelled out due to one of the Tornado players being declared ineligible. This boy could not play and Medford thereby lost an experienced player.

Possible Pitchers
Coach Alex McDonald did not indicate yesterday who would hurl for the Tornado tomorrow but it probably will lie between Darrell Wooten, Terry Maddox and Jack Turk. Gary Boshars probably will handle the catching chores for Medford.

Medford has a well experienced team with most of the youths on the squad well-versed in fundamentals even though some of them are still in junior high. The starting infield against the Eagles tomorrow probably will find Connie Holzgang playing at third base, "Scooter" Loop at short, Don Coss at second and either Don Dennen or Don Wilkenson at first base.

Outfield Roster
Jim Whitby may draw down the centerfield post and Maddox is likely to be in right field if he does not pitch. The left field position player was not so certain today.

McDonald has a wealth of material for every position on the team and competition has been tough for each spot. Three of four boys are seeking each of the positions in many cases. And equally pleasing to the coach is that many of them are sophomores or freshmen.

Early word from Eagle Point was that the boys coached by "Shy" Callaghan lack pitching but that much of the rest of the team has had experience. The Eagles have had little practice this spring due to mud and rain.

Giants Drop Game 5-3 To Chicago Nationals

Phoenix, Ariz., Mar. 30—(U.P.) Jack Kramer and Sal Maglie, two of the New York Giants' pitching hopes, were hit hard as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Giants, 5 to 3, yesterday.

Andy Pafko and Phil Cavarretta hit homers for the Cubs who raked Kramer and Maglie for 12 hits.

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Stars Stage Comeback To Edge Portland 4-3

San Francisco, Mar. 30—(U.P.) Judging by their first two performances, you can count the defending champion Hollywood Stars "in" on the 1950 Pacific Coast league pennant race—on spirit alone.

Manager Fred Haney apparently has instilled the same never-say-die attitude into the club that brought it to the top last year. As a result, the boys aren't quitting, no matter what the odds, until that well-known last out.

Portland in Lead
Last night was a good example. Trailing Portland, 0-3, going

Corky King Loses Decision at G.P.

Joe Carothers, Grants Pass middleweight, hit too hard and too often for Corky King, Medford and Oakland, Cal., and walked off with the decision in their main event boxing match at Grants Pass last night. It was the first promotional effort of Bill Berry.

King put Carothers on the deck for an eight count in the third round but other than that, he wasn't quite capable of handling the Indian boy.

Results of other matches: Dick Adkins, Griffin Creek, outpointed Jackie Johnson, Medford; C. W. Lacy, Medford, knocked out Norman Stagner, Grants Pass (2); Bill Sanders, Grants Pass, defeated Dick Stevenson, San Francisco; Circus Bogart and One Round Hogan drew (exhibition), and Kirk Aincham, Medford, knocked out R. B. Thompson, Medford (1).

BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Wednesday's Results
Hollywood 4, Portland 3 (10 innings)
San Diego 4, San Francisco 3
Seattle 5, Oakland 2
Los Angeles 9, Sacramento 3

Where To Fish

The chinook salmon fishing season for the Rogue river exclusive of its tributaries and below the swinging bridge at Agness will open Saturday, April 1, anglers were reminded today. Chinook salmon caught must not be less than 20 inches long.

Bag limit is two fish per day but not more than five in any seven consecutive days or in possession. Seasonal limit must comply with the punch-card limit.

The same bag limits already apply to chinook salmon not less than 20 inches long in the Rogue exclusive of tributaries above the swinging bridge. This ends July 31.

Salem Club Spring Work Starts Today

Corvallis, Ore., March 30—(U.P.)—The Salem Senators, confident of a successful season under their new manager, Ad Lisaka, started spring training season opening April 18.

Liska, veteran hurler for the Portland Beavers, arrived here Wednesday, took a look at the sunny sky and observed: "This is just what we need." The sky was clouded up a bit today, but the weather was clear, and workouts got off to a good start on the Oregon State college diamond.

Battle On Site
Dick Bartle, former Medford player, was among the infielders reporting and appeared in good shape.

Other infielders working out the kinks were Wayne Peterson, Nick Muli, Bob Haddock, formerly of Pittsburgh, Cal., Ted Yeaman and Everett Scrivner. Outfielders are Hal Zurcher, Mel Wasley, Claude Buckley, Orrin Snyder and Mary Diercks.

Pitchers reporting were Ken Wyatt, Bob Stevenson, Dick Walbel, Johnny Burak, Bill Osborne, Gene Valentine, Ludwig Lew, Stan Gilson, Ken Courtin, Walt Lord and Vic Willetto. Catchers are Bill Beard, Buster McMillan and Bob Courage.

Rangers Top Canucks 3-1

New York, Mar. 30—(U.P.)—The New York Rangers chortled over their one goal bulge over Montreal today in their semi-final round of the Stanley cup playoffs, although Lynn Patrick, canny coach of the Blueshirts, still would not be lured out on any limb.

"This is the one we had to win, all right," said the pessimistic Patrick as his charges whopped into the dressing room after downing the Canucks, 3 to 1, last night. "But as for predictions—hey, what is a prediction, anyhow?"

Other Semi Tonight
The other semi-final round, in which Toronto leads Detroit, one game to none, resumes in Detroit tonight.

Detroit's Gerry Couture probably would fill in for the injured Gordie Howe on the Sid Abel-Ted Lindsay line tonight when the Red Wings played Toronto in the second game of their Stanley cup elimination.

Howe, taken to the Harper hospital in Detroit last night with a fractured skull sustained against the Leafs, was pronounced in good condition today after a brain operation.

Swimming and Diving Championship in East

New Haven, Conn., Mar. 30—(U.P.)—The 1500-meter freestyle lights the fuse tonight on the 46th national AAU swimming and diving championships, which will keep the waters of Yale's exhibition pool churning for the next three days.

The cream of the country's swimmers have made this their mecca, with the NCAA and Big Ten titlists. Ohio State, hopeful of recapturing the team honors it lost last year to the New Haven Swim club. Ohio has won the AAU crown seven times in 13 years.

EASTER BLASTS HOMERUN

Tucson, Ariz., March 30—(U.P.)—Burly Luke Easter blasted his fifth homer of the spring as the Cleveland Indians edged out the Pittsburgh Pirates, 7 to 6, yesterday.

Airplane Spin Versus Full Nelson Tonight

Georges Dusette, the powerful French-Canadian, and Frank Stojack, former coast junior heavyweight champion, will have their work cut out for themselves at the armory tonight when they mix it up in the feature match of Mack Lillard's three-ply card. Both are past masters at their chosen profession and are smooth performers.

Dusette's full nelson is rivaled only by that of the Great Atlas in the junior heavyweight division while Stojack possesses one of the game's most dangerous airplane spins and also is an expert with the dropkick. The winner will probably be the one who gets his pet maneuver applied first.

Two Minute Rule Probably Ousted

New York, Mar. 30—(U.P.)—It looks like basketball will be a "40-minute game" again.

That was expected to be the substance of an announcement to be made today by the national basketball rules committee, which is holding its annual meeting here to frame a playing code for the 1950-51 season.

The committee was expected to adopt a proposal made by the basketball coaches of the nation that the "two-minute rule" on the books for the past season be wiped out.

The coaches, who concluded their annual convention yesterday, recommended by a 63 to 21 vote that the two-minute rule be abandoned, that in its place the rule should allow a team to waive a free throw at any time during the game to take the ball out of bounds at mid-court.

Track Meet On Saturday
Medford high trackmen will open their formal Southern Oregon conference season Saturday starting at 2 p.m. with a dual meet against Klamath Falls on the local cinders with a close meet in sight before either school wins.

Last week's "short distance" track meet with Grants Pass high was more of a "tune-up" and opportunity for coaches of both schools to see how their prospects can do under pressure. Medford won this meet 92 to 27.

Coaches Bob Newland, Fred Spiegelberg and Lee Ragsdale of the Black Tornado thinned squad expect Klamath to provide about the toughest opposition Medford will face this year. As defending state champion Medford is even more on the spot.

Warmer and sunny weather for several days this week has given local boys an opportunity to "loosen up" a bit and indications are that given a good day Saturday the Tornado will be a hard combination to beat.

Ortiz Gains Nod In Eugene Fight

Eugene, Ore., Mar. 30—(U.P.)—Luis Ortiz, 162, of San Jose, Cal., last night decided Davey Ball, 159, Dexter, Ore., in the eight-round main bout here.

In other fights, Brave Junior, 139, Klamath Falls, defeated Jimmy Huckabay, 141, San Jose, in another eight rounder. Al Clift, 161, Vanport, defeated Bill Wickersham, 165, Portland, in a four-round fight.

Bobby Schaeffer, 155, Eugene, scored a third-round TKO over Bobby Carr, 162, Portland, while Joey Alberta, 165, Portland, got a TKO in the second round over Dick Collie, 162, Oakridge.

Hockey

By United Press
San Diego and Los Angeles battle Saturday night in the first game of the southern division playoffs for the Pacific Coast Hockey league title while New Westminster collides with the winner of tonight's Tacoma Vancouver contest in the northern sector.

The winners of the four-out-of-seven division playoffs will then meet for the coast title and the Phil Henderson memorial trophy.

San Diego's Skyhawks earned a berth in the semi-finals last night by downing the San Francisco Shamrocks, 7 to 6, in an overtime game. The New Westminster Royals, meanwhile, were eliminating Seattle's Ironmen 2 to 0.

Rogues Add New Pitcher

Addition of another pitcher to the roster of the Medford Rogues (Nuggets) of the class D Far West Baseball league was announced today by Business Manager Mel Carpenter.

Donald Dirks, Livingston, Cal., who is 6 feet tall and weighs 180 pounds was described by Carpenter as a pro prospect who had

been sought by many major league scouts and finally was signed by the New York Giants. The 19-year-old youth is a rookie signed by Mickey Shuler of the Giants scouting staff on the coast. Dirks was assigned to the Rogues by the Giants with whom the local club has a working agreement this season.



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