

B Schoolers Baseball On Friday At 3

Jackson county class B high school baseball will open Friday afternoon with games slated at Butte Falls, Rogue River at Phoenix. These will be the first conference games of the season although most of the schools have played at least one practice contest.

Talent high draws a bye in league baseball this week. Prospect high plays at Phoenix, St. Mary's (Medford) at Rogue River and Jacksonville goes to Butte Falls for games scheduled at 3 p.m. at all four.

Game Site Changed
The game between Rogue River and St. Mary's was changed to the Rogue River field because the local parochial high school so far has been unable to find a field on which to play its games.

Local officials indicated St. Mary's would play all its games away.

Word from Phoenix was that the game with Prospect may have to be played on the field near the grade school instead of the new diamond near the new high school because the latter may not be ready in time.

Bob Harkins Now With K.F. Gems

Bob Harkins who played with the semi-pro Medford Craters baseball team in 1947 as a first baseman, has been signed by the Klamath Falls Gems of the professional class D Far West league, it was learned here today.

The former local player has been attending Washington State college near where Player Manager Hub Kittle of the Gems lives. Harkins is 20 years old, stands 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs about 180 pounds.

While in Medford Harkins started out as a weak hitter but improved as the season progressed. His fielding was tops right from the start.

Softball Meeting Date Monday, Jackson Hotel

Medford Softball association will hold its second meeting of the spring Monday, April 3, in the Gray room of the Jackson hotel. President Bill Catey announced today.

A previous meeting did not attract enough team leaders and sponsors to allow election of officers for the coming year, Catey explained. Next Monday's session will name officers, plan a 1950 softball schedule and organize a league if enough teams show up.

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MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



Let's talk about baseball for a few minutes today. The Pacific Coast league season got underway in California cities last night, the major loops start up early in April and the Far West loop of which the Medford Rogues are members will open their season April 26 in California.

Which brings to mind once again a prediction this corner made a year or so ago that one of these days Oregon would have a professional baseball league all its own.

We'll admit the prospect isn't too bright right now but not long ago the La Grande Evening Observer brought up the subject in regard to a Class D league in eastern Oregon and while the comment was unfavorable due to distances between towns, the possibilities were apparent.

The Observer's sports editor, Martin Reich, pointed out in his column "Out of Bounds" that travel is one of the biggest headaches of athletic teams and distances in eastern Oregon between cities big enough to support a pro baseball league are to say the least, large.

He suggested that a league in that part of the country might consist of Walla Walla, Wash., Pendleton and Baker in Oregon in addition to La Grande. The editor then pointed out that even if one considered these cities close together a league should have at least six teams.

One fan here in Medford suggested why not add The Dalles, Lewiston, Ida., Ontario, Ore., or Lewiston, Ida., Ontario, Ore., or make it six teams.

Our suggestion about an all-Oregon baseball league is that it might consist of Medford, Klamath Falls, Baker, La Grande, Pendleton, Bend, Roseburg and Eugene or The Dalles. Eugene is likely to get into Class B baseball before long so a replacement is needed.

Roseburg and Bend might have to grow a bit larger to support a pro baseball team but certainly the other cities mentioned have enough people within their limits or in towns nearby to support such a club. Maybe Albany might make a go in such a league too.

One may ask "What about distances involved?" and "What is the greatest distance a team would have to travel?"

The Oregon Motor association says the following are the shortest distances between Medford and towns that might be in the league—Pendleton, 512 miles; La Grande 529; Baker 479; Eugene 183; Bend 186; Albany 228; The Dalles 312; Roseburg 108 and Klamath Falls 75.

And speaking of distances, the Far West league's greatest travel—Eugene to Pittsburg—is roughly 575 miles. Other mileage between the towns is relatively less and only once if ever does a team have to travel the longest distance in any one jump.

Therefore one can see no reason why the longest would have to be made more than once if at all in an all-Oregon pro baseball league.

It looks to this corner as if Medford high will be another tough foe to down on the cinder track this spring.

One cannot go entirely by what the Tornado did against Grants Pass last Saturday for the Cavemen were short-handed with several of their best men absent, but Medford's thinned squad is far better balanced with experience than last year.

Coast College Boxers in East

State College, Pa., Mar. 30—(U.P.)—A crop of 56 entries from 16 schools will start out to prove today that postwar college boxing talent has reached tulle bloom as the opening bell sounds in the national college boxing tourney.

Adding luster to the 13th renewal of the college sock classic at Penn State's recreation hall are 17 of 24 sectional champions. The east heads the title parade with six, the south is represented by four and seven of the eight Pacific coast champions will show.

Three sectional team champions are entered—Syracuse of the east, Louisiana of the south and Idaho of the Pacific coast.

OSC GOLF MATCH

Corvallis, Mar. 30—A veteran Oregon State golf team will open its 1950 campaign with a non-conference match against Portland university over the Corvallis Country club course Saturday.

OSC TENNIS TEAM

Corvallis, Mar. 30—Varsity tennis practice got under way here this week with only two returning lettermen to form an experienced nucleus for the 1950 team.

WEATHER

By United Press
Northern California: Considerable cloudiness today, tonight and Friday with local rain Friday. Cooler Friday. Variable wind 8-15 m.p.h. off coast mostly south to east.

CALLED TO ORDER

Boylston, Mass.—(U.P.)—Four days after fire destroyed the home of Mrs. Isabelle Bunikis and her two sons, townfolk had nearly completed and furnished a new house for the family beside the ruins of the old one.

Keglers Vie On Week-end Local Alley

Opening rounds of the annual Southern Oregon Handicap Bowling tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, at the Medford Bowling lanes with the women rolling starting at 7:30 p.m. and the men teams at 10 p.m. Saturday to start the tourney.

Men's teams from Medford, Roseburg, Eureka and Crescent City, Cal., will take part in Saturday evening's first round.

Events for the men Sunday will start at 12 noon with a doubles tourney followed at 1 p.m. with a singles rolloff, at 2 p.m. by another singles.

The handicap tournament will continue the week-ends of April 8 and 9 and April 15 and 16 at the local alleys. Other towns sending teams for the men's events include Ashland, Grants Pass, Gresham and Woodburn.

The public is invited to attend any of the matches.

BOWLING

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
High individual series was rolled last night by Rice with a 538 pinfall and Huston and Nordstrom each was credited with a 226 high individual game when the Commercial Bowling league held its weekly competition at the Medford Bowling lanes.

Henry's Drive-in team took high team game and high team series with 889 and 2,526 respectively.

COMMERCIAL STANDINGS	
Teams	W L
Eagles Lodge	32 19
Peoples	20 26
Henry's Drive-in	30 22
Werner's Bricklayers	28 24
Saylor's Barber Shop	26 26
Ellis Grocery	24 28
Medford Motors	18 34
California-Pacific	17 35

Henry's Inn 4	Peoples 4
Weber	521 Eklund
Huston	532 Huntman
Cummings	468 Shaw
Schultz	517 Sommerville
Minger	475 Rice
2528	2382

Eagles 4	Werner's 4
Culley	561 W. Knapp
Tripp	377 Lawrentz
Miller	485 J. Knapp
Moser	446 Kurth
Baker	473 Robinson
2360	2277

Ellis Groc. 3	Motors 1
Rose	385 Barnum
Ellis	488 Latham
Nordstrom	491 Clark
W. Smith	470 Farrar
Woods	493 Wright
2351	2308

Saylor's 2	Cal-Pacific 2
Liles	317 Kyker
D. Lubbers	395 Gardner
Watkins	415 Hartzell
Clyde	471 N. Smith
K. Knapp	444 Ward
2147	2173

CARDINALS VS. BRAVES

Bradenton, Fla., Mar. 30—(U.P.)—Pitching depth was Manager Eddie Dyer's big worry as the St. Louis Cardinals sought to come out of their two-game coma at the expense of the Boston Braves today.

Sports for the Week

THURSDAY

Women's weekly golf tournament, Rogue Valley Country club, afternoon—All-star wrestling card, armory, 8:30 p.m.—City Bowling league weekly session, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Medford high vs. Eagle Point (baseball), Medford field, 3 p.m.—Mixed Bowling league, 7:30 p.m.—County class B baseball season opens (Jacksonville at Butte Falls, St. Mary's at Rogue River, Prospect at Phoenix), 3 p.m.

Don Fawcett Expected To Start for Beavers

Corvallis, Mar. 30—Coach Ralph Coleman is hopeful his Oregon State baseball players will be able to launch their 1950 pre-season campaign against Lewis and Clark college here this afternoon.

Three other tilts are booked this week, weather permitting, all at home. Linfield will come to town Thursday. Vanport of Portland Friday and Pacific university on Saturday.

Probable starters for the Orange will include Don Fawcett, Medford, second base.

ATHLETICS DOWN DODGERS

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mar. 30 (U.P.)—Lou Brissie, who has told Connie Mack he doesn't want to be a relief specialist, hurled seven innings as the Philadelphia Athletics beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 9 to 8, in 10 innings yesterday.

The angler fish can seize and devour other fish larger than itself.

Ashland Rifle Firers Lead Medford Shooting

Ashland shooters were marching to the front in the Medford Rifle club's weekly gallery rifle shoot held in Merrick's basement last night, with Robert Himelwright making the high five with 379 and Archie Haskins with 378.

Other shooters making the high five were Frank Rush 383, Max Terzenbach 382 and Marion Smith 382. Thirty members were present for the shoot.

Pro Basketball Dated Tonight Back in East

By United Press
The New York Knickerbockers play host to the Syracuse Nationals and the Anderson Packers entertain the Indianapolis Olympians tonight in National Basketball association playoff games.

Both Syracuse and Indianapolis need only one more victory in their respective series game to move into the final playoff a long side the Minneapolis Lakers.

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