

Pittsburg, Marysville Favorites As Far West Loop Opens Tonight

San Francisco, Apr. 26—(U.P.) The Pittsburg Diamonds and the Marysville Braves were dubbed the teams to watch today as the 1950 Far West league season officially opens with all eight teams in action.

The four opening games in the 140-game pennant struggle will start at 8:15 p.m. With the first ball thrown, the Far West will become the fifth and last of the Pacific slope leagues to get underway in the new season.

League President Jerry Donovan and owners in eight cities are hoping for an attendance boost of more than 100,000 paid admissions above the 1949 attendance figure of 220,000.

Locally Owned Clubs "Local ownership in all towns except Pittsburg is a definite asset and should boost attendance tremendously," Donovan said.

The favored Diamonds, 1949 champs, and the Braves meet a pair of Oregon teams, Medford Rogues and Klamath Falls at Pittsburg and Marysville, respectively.

The Redding Browns will battle the Willows Cardinals at Willows, while a pair of dark horses meet when the Eugene, Ore., Larks invade the home park of the Reno Silver Sox.

DiMaggio, Enos Back The Diamonds' pennant and playoff winners last year, open the season with their same manager, Vince DiMaggio, eldest of the DiMaggio boys.

Owner Vince Davis (former Pittsburg mayor) wants a winner and will not hesitate to spend money to get one," Donovan said.

Their opponents tonight, the Medford Rogues, are a young club. The Rogues have a young arrangement with the New York Giants and are managed by Tommy Nelson, former Boston Brave and Sacramento second baseman.

Jack Lloyd will attempt to hurl a winner against the Diamonds with Marvin Cartwright receiving.

Eugene Plays Reno The Eugene Larks, managed by Lou Vealich, former St. Louis Cardinal, will start right-hander Al Krack against Reno's combination of Bob Testler, pitching, and player-manager Joe Borich, formerly of Bakersfield, catching.

Hub Kittle, former PCL pitcher, now managing the Klamath Falls Gems, plans to send Andy Sierra, former Portland left-hander, to the mound against the Braves' Paul Tamo.

George Triandos will catch for

the Gems, while player-manager Mert Kenmuir will be on the receiving end for the Braves.

At Willows, Cardinal Manager Ray Malgradi, former Fresno pitcher, starts Hurler Paul Hoberg and Catcher Jack Helmuth against a Redding combination of Ralph Lineberger and Pat Clyde.

Redding Pitchers Tops Donovan described Redding's pitching staff as probably the best in the league. He said Malgradi is counting on speed



LOCAL PLAYERS—LaVerre Herrmann, left, and Carl Huener are likely to be among the Medford Rogues pitchers seen in action as the Far West league season opens this week in Pittsburg, Cal. Herrmann is from Central Point and Huener from Jacksonville.

from his young club with an eye to the St. Louis Browns for help.

The Browns are managed by Ray Perry, former San Francisco Seal third baseman who is playing the same post for Redding this year. Perry hopes to equal his .400 batting average of the past two seasons with the Browns and the 50 homers he poled last year.

STANDINGS PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

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SPORTS

Oma Takes Nod Czech Appointed Buffalo Battle Albany Mentor

Buffalo, N. Y., Apr. 26—(U.P.) Lee Oma, erstwhile contender for the heavyweight crown, boasted a streak of 13 straight victories today following an easy decision over Vern Mitchell of Detroit.

Oma, who now makes his home in Newark, N. J., toyed with Mitchell for 10 rounds before 3,500 fans in the Memorial auditorium last night. The happy-go-lucky heavyweight gained at least seven rounds on the cards of all three officials.

Although he looked hog-fat at 196 1/2 pounds, Oma continually battered Mitchell with punches thrown from all angles. Mitchell, tipping 187 1/2, rallied briefly in the sixth and seventh rounds when he stopped Oma with short rights to the head.

Phoenix Youths Form Rifle Club

Phoenix, Apr. 26—Boys in the Phoenix school district who are interested in joining an air-rifle club in that community have been invited to meet Saturday, April 29, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon near the new high school building where the club's range is located.

Two teams already have been organized with team No. 1 captained by David O'Brien and team No. 2 led by Mickey Miller. Last week Dale Haggard made high score with 66 points out of a possible 100 for team 1 and Alton Metcalf of team 2 made 61 out of 100.

Organized April 15 The club was organized April 15 with Charles A. Kolsbeck, chief of police in Phoenix, in charge.

At the end of each calendar month high score members of the Phoenix Air-Rifle club will receive awards. As of last week Saturday 14 boys had joined. Ages of boys run from eight to 12 years.

Backstops and target holders furnished by the Haggard Lumber company, Phoenix, have set up at the rifle range.

Kirk To Play Lenzyk In North-South Golf

Pinehurst, N. C., Apr. 26—(U.P.) What may be the best match of the entire north and south women's amateur golf tourney comes up in today's second-round when defending champion Peggy Kirk clashes with medalist and former national champion Grace Lenzyk.

The same two stars met in last year's final round and the winner of today's 18-hole battle will be a heavy choice for the 1950 crown.

Our visit with the Medford Rogues Saturday and Sunday in California convinced this corner that the local Far West league club could be a first division club without much trouble. The opposition from Klamath Falls and Marysville, at least, looks comparatively weak.

Mary Cartwright, playing his first season as a catcher, has shown that with more experience handling pitchers he could be one of the best ever seen by local fans. He handles himself like a veteran catcher now but is weak on calling pitches.

Manager Tommy Nelson of the Rogues has been concentrating on finding his best pitching staff.

WSC Leads North PCL In Baseball

By United Press

Washington State college moved atop the northern division Pacific Coast conference baseball standings today but Oregon State and Washington were treading on the Cougar's tail.

Lee Doquist culminated a Cougar uprising in the fourth inning yesterday by singling home two runs in a five-run attack as WSC took a 7-3 victory. Washington, meanwhile, scored three unearned runs in the first two innings to nip Oregon 5-4 in 10 frames.

Oregon tied up the Huskies foursail in the ninth but the Webfoots' four earlier errors had paved the way for the Washington victory.

Bob Peterson got credit for the Washington win although he had to be relieved in the tenth after walking two Oregon batters. Bud McCartney put out the fire while Dewayne Johnson was the losing pitcher.

At Moscow, Ida., the Cougars had little trouble with the cellar-dwelling Vandals. Idaho did not score until the eighth frame. Vandal Hurler Cless Hincley gave up only six hits but issued eight free passes to first.

fielding and hitting combinations rather than winning games in practice.

One of the best plays we saw on the trip was by Centerfielder Doherty who crossed up Marysville by bunting down the first base line with the ball rolling in just the place where the pitcher couldn't get over in time to field it and the first baseman was out of position.

And speaking of sports, have you ever seen the football field at Lodi, Cal.?

It is a natural bowl with seats along the sides and room enough for more at each end. We would say with just people sitting along the side that fully 10,000 can see games there with perhaps another 10,000 or more able to get in when the ends of the bowl are completed.

BOWLING LADIES LEAGUE

High individual series and high individual game honors were taken by Audrey Swoape with 547 and 199 respectively when the Ladies' Bowling league held its competition last night at the Medford Bowling lanes.

Medford Fred and Speed captured high team series and high team game with 2,216 and 778 respectively.

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Africa and Asia are separated by the Suez Canal. Egypt is thus partly in each, since its historic Sinai Peninsula lies east of Suez.



PETE IN ACTION—Typical actions of Pete Belcastro, the wild Weed Italian, are shown above where Belcastro is pulling the hair of an unidentified opponent while the referee is being squashed in the melee. Belcastro will be seen in action at the armory tomorrow night when he faces Ted Bell in the middle event of the weekly wrestling card. Lee Grable opposes Leo Wallick in the headliner and Buck Davidson takes on George Strickland in the opener.

Local Tennis Players Meet

A meeting of those interested in playing with a Medford tennis organization was held last night at the home of Tod Tibbutt, 2215 East Main street.

Highlights of the discussion were promotion of player-spectator participation, availability of tennis equipment in the city, types of rackets, balls and the like, upkeep of the courts and establishing a tennis clinic for anyone desiring to learn and perfect fundamentals.

Another meeting and practice session of local tennis players will be held Sunday, April 30, at the senior high courts starting at 9 a. m.

Again it was stressed by those in charge that the season is just getting underway and that anyone wishing to play on a city tennis team is invited to attend Sunday's practice.

Joe Kahut Wins Contract Suit

Portland, Ore., Apr. 26—(U.P.) Pacific northwest heavyweight boxing champion Joe Kahut yesterday won his suit to end his contract with former Manager Jack Capri.

Kahut sued for cancellation of the contract on grounds that Capri failed to account for the fighter's funds.

Circuit Judge Martin T. Hawkins ruled that Capri was lax in accounting and was in no position to account for money rightfully belonging to Kahut.

Capri indicated through his attorney that he would appeal the decision to the Oregon supreme court.

PACIFIC U. WINS 11-1

Portland, Ore., Apr. 26—(U.P.) Pacific University staged a seven-run rally in the ninth inning, to defeat Vanport 15 to 11 in a baseball game here yesterday.

Willamette U. Defeats OCE, Vanport in Track

Salem, Ore., Apr. 26—(U.P.) Willamette university score 85 1/2 points to win a triangular track meet here yesterday against Oregon College of Education and Vanport college.

OCE scored 59 1/2 points and Vanport trailed with 16. Ted Mertz of Willamette was the top individual performer, scoring 20 points with wins in the high jump, 100-yard dash and high and low hurdles.

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