

Rogues Play Tonight, Thursday And Friday at Fairgrounds Park

(Editor's Note—See page one of today's paper for possible later in day postponement of tonight's game at the fairgrounds.)

It was still somewhat of a question late this morning whether the current cloudy showery weather would allow tonight's baseball opener to be played between the Medford Rogues and the Marysville Braves at the fairgrounds as the local pro season tried to start.

Last night's projected Far West league season opener for the valley fans was washed out early yesterday afternoon.

Opening ceremonies were scheduled tonight with Mayor Diamond Flynn, Sheriff Howard Gault and other city and county officials taking part. Secretary of State Earl Newberry will be unable to attend due to a meeting in Eugene.

A parade at 4:30 this afternoon with the junior high band, businessmen's and firms floats, a marine corps color guard, the Rogues' baseball squad, Athletics booster club members and others taking part was scheduled to start off the opening day festivities.

Floyd Shotwell is scheduled to hurl tonight's opener against the league-leading Marysville, Cal., team that currently is tied with Pittsburg. The tall righthander was tough in the pinches last week and came off with a victory against the Diamonds.

Tomorrow night the local hurler may be Lloyd Jones who pitched for the Nuggets last year before being hurt. The Braves end their current series with Medford tomorrow night.

Willows, whose three-game series at Eugene was cancelled due to the field not being in shape, will be in Medford to oppose the Rogues Friday and Saturday in single games and on Sunday with the season's first twin bill.

All four Far West league games last night were postponed due to rain or wet grounds, including Marysville at Medford, Pittsburg at Klamath Falls, Reno at Redding and Willows at Eugene.

'O' Baseball Nine Travels

Eugene, May 3—Coach Don Kirsh and 17 Oregon baseball players open a long road trip today against Idaho and conclude the series on Thursday.

Washington State will be host to the Webfoots on Friday and Saturday and then the Ducks move over to Seattle for games with Washington on Monday and Tuesday. The Webfoots will make the trip by chartered bus.

Oregon leaves its home ground after the poorest opening in 15 years. The Ducks lost a pair to both Washington and Washington State and split with Idaho. The Ducks, who have finished either first or second every year since 1940, will be trying to get out of the league cellar on the long trip.

School Golfers Defeat Raiders

Paced by Eddie Oldfield and Phil Getchell, the Medford high golf team bested Southern Oregon college linksmen 9 1/2 to 5 1/2 in a match at Rogue Valley Country club yesterday.

Oldfield carded a 73 to thump J. Boyle 3 to 0. Getchell shot a 75 to down Phillips by the same margin. Bob Smith was Medford's only other individual event winner, whipping B. Perrin 2 1/2 to 1/2.

B. Kelly of the college beat Justin Smith 3 to 0 and D. Lugnet defeated Billie McAllister 2 to 1.

Tacoma and Yakima Top Western International

Seattle, May 3—(U.P.)—The rained-out Tacoma Tigers joined the Yakima Bears at the top of the Western International league heap today.

While Tacoma's game against the Spokane Indians was postponed by an unseasonal eastern Washington storm, Yakima dropped a 10-5 decision to the seventh-place Vancouver Capilanos.



PLAYS TONIGHT—Tommy Nelson, above, player-manager for the Medford Rogues and former Boston Braves' infielder, will be at second base tonight when the local Far West league team opens its 1939 home season at the fairgrounds park. Playing ball will be at 7:45 after opening day ceremonies at 7:30.

'Stars' Sink Low in PCL

San Francisco, May 3—(U.P.)—Oakland today joined what might become a procession of teams defeating Hollywood, thus pushing the Stars down the Pacific Coast league's slippy slide.

The Coasts' last night handed Hollywood a blistering 10 to 2 defeat to make it the third straight loss for the Twinks. Mighty George Bamberger scattered six hits and Lloyd Christopher smashed across six runs to do it. It was the fifth win for Bamberger.

Christopher, a former Los Angeles player, unloaded a double in the first inning with the bases loaded to push across three runs and he homered in the seventh with two men on.

Hollywood got its two lonely runs in the sixth on singles by Catcher Mike Sandlock, Buddy Hicks and Bob Bundy.

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	PCT
San Diego	25	11	.694
Hollywood	21	12	.630
San Francisco	19	16	.543
Los Angeles	19	17	.528
Portland	16	17	.483
Seattle	13	22	.371
Seattle	7	25	.219

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	PCT
Detroit	6	3	.667
New York	2	6	.250
Boston	6	5	.545
Washington	5	4	.556
Cleveland	4	4	.500
Chicago	2	4	.333
Philadelphia	4	8	.333

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	PCT
Brooklyn	8	3	.727
Hollywood	8	2	.800
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583
St. Louis	6	6	.500
St. City	6	7	.462
Boston	6	7	.462
Philadelphia	6	7	.462
Cincinnati	4	6	.400
New York	1	6	.143

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL			
Team	W	L	PCT
Tacoma	8	3	.643
Yakima	6	10	.385
Wenatchee	5	5	.500
Salem	7	6	.538
Tri City	6	6	.500
Spokane	6	7	.462
Vancouver	5	8	.385
Victoria	3	10	.231

Scores Yesterday

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Boston 6, Cleveland 1			
Detroit at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.			
Chicago at New York, postponed, rain.			
St. Louis at Washington, postponed, rain.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Chicago 10, Philadelphia 8			
Pittsburgh 6, Boston 1			
Brooklyn 10, St. Louis 3			
New York at Cincinnati, postponed, rain.			

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 0			
Oakland 10, Hollywood 2			
San Diego 10, Portland 1			
Seattle 5, Sacramento 3			

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL			
Tri City 14, Wenatchee 6			
Vancouver 10, Yakima 3			
Tacoma at Spokane, postponed, rain.			

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Ducks Grid Prospects

Eugene, May 3—Coach Jim Aiken planned to slow down the rugged pace of the 1939 spring football practice as mid-term tests and the fourth annual spring game approached.

The Duck boss was both pleased and worried at the conclusion of the first 18 days of scrimmage. "Our line has come along nicely, considering the number of new men," Aiken said, "but we still lack good running backs and I don't know if we can find them before the conclusion of our spring work."

Every practice session so far has included at least a half hour of scrimmage and Aiken said he would continue the schedule for the remainder of the spring. "Our big weakness is lack of experience," Aiken stated, "and I think the best way to get ready for the fall season is to work under game conditions."

In the first full game scrimmage the Whites defeated the Greens, 30 to 18, and the work of Earl Stelle and sophomore Jack Williams at end contributed much of the White scoring punch.

High Schools Play Friday

Medford high baseball team today looked forward to its Southern Oregon conference game with Ashland high at the Grizzlies' field Friday afternoon and Eagle Point high diamond players were expecting Myrtle Creek at Eagle Point for a J.D.J. league game the same day.

Yesterday's scheduled conference tilt between Medford and Central Point at C.P. and Grants Pass at Eagle Point were postponed because of rain. Eagle Point will try to play its game with the Cavemen this afternoon but Medford-C.P. game has not been settled.

Today the Black Tornado was scheduled to play Ashland high on the local field at 3 p.m. in a conference encounter but late this morning it was doubtful if the game could be played. The field was wet and soggy from yesterday's rain.

Central Point is scheduled to play Illinois Valley at Junction City on Friday in a J.D.J. contest.

Camp White Game Scene

Camp White, May 3—The Eagle Point Townies and the club Butte Falls will usher in the Rogue Valley league baseball season the afternoon of May 17 on Hatton field.

Announcement has just been made that there will be a regular field day with plenty of prizes to players for "firsts" as the game is played. Prior to the game itself will be base running, distant and accurate throwing and other stunts.

Additional seating space will be provided. Two new sections of bleachers are going to be up. Fred Bruegger, mayor of Eagle Point, will toss the first pitch; Paul Hatton, manager of Camp White will attempt a base hit and back of the plate holding up "His Honor" will be Jake Olson to catch.

The time of the game will be coordinated so as not to conflict with National Hospital day which will be observed on the station the same day.

Madras High Selects Bob Pollard as Coach

Prineville, Ore., May 3—(U.P.)—A Lewis and Clark college football, basketball and baseball star—Bob Pollard—will take over Madras Union high school coaching chores this fall, Madras school superintendent Carl V. Rhoda said today.

Pollard is to receive his masters degree in physical education from the Portland college this summer. He succeeds Joe Piedmont, who resigned to enter private business.

'Snuffy' Smith Named Ashland School Coach

Ashland, May 3—The third Southern Oregon college graduate in succession will hold the football coaching reins at Ashland junior high school when Gaylor "Snuffy" Smith takes over the job next fall, succeeded by Chuck Jandreau who will work for his masters.

In addition to Jandreau as SOC graduates was Chuck DeAutremont who now is coaching a northern California coast school. All three have been outstanding athletes at SOC.



Albany is putting on all out effort to bring the finest baseball park in Oregon high school annuals to that city and in time for the state prep school state championship baseball tourney slated to start there May 25.

Sports fans in that town call the stadium being built there the "finest" in the state. Incidentally the entire project not only is for baseball but a companion layout with stands and facilities needed for football are being constructed on a nearby tract also.

"What does all this have to do with Medford?" You ask. Well, for one thing there is a possibility that Medford high's baseball team will represent this district at the state tournament, which is a great honor in itself. But we are also reminded that the city of Medford with its 18,000 or more people has but one baseball diamond within its borders and that is a school diamond on which there is a cer-

tain amount of restriction due to schools having priority in its use.

The fairgrounds baseball diamond not only is out of the city limits but its facilities are at least partly limited due to the Rogues using it and the fair board has jurisdiction over its use. In other words it is not like a playground which is open to all at any time.

Attempts have been made in past years to obtain land either through purchase or gift nearer downtown Medford for a large baseball layout with adequate seating facilities, large parking areas and within walking distance of a large section of the city.

Such a baseball project might be like a playground—open to all—with a lighted diamond for professional, semi-pro and high school baseball as well as diamonds for youngsters who now have only the limited facilities at the senior high.

One of the projects many in the Athletics booster club would like to undertake is aiding the Summer Baseball school conducted by Alex McDonald so that a part of its sessions can be held at Hawthorne park, providing a baseball diamond will be available there.

It seems doubtful now that an eastside playground facility for the baseball school will be provided this season but perhaps another year will see not only a baseball diamond there but also a well laid out softball diamond.

Evidently this corner's early season prediction that Redding would be a top team in the Far West Baseball league this season and that Marysville might be in the second division are not going to bear fruit.

The Braves from Marysville currently are on or near the top while the Browns from Redding are resting on the bottom of the league ladder.

When the writer saw Marysville in a practice game two weeks ago he was not impressed particularly but we hear that since then the Braves have taken on three or four boys to strengthen their fielding and hitting.

Redding evidently does not have the good hitting to match its batting tunder.

Lewis, Clark Climbs Top Conference

Lewis and Clark college climbed atop the Northwest conference baseball standings Wednesday after lacing Williamette 9 to 5 with a late-inning rally.

Lefty Don Wright went the full nine innings for the Pioneers and got needed hitting support in the seventh inning when his teammates broke a 5-5 deadlock and went on to win. Frank Gatchell, 34-year-old Willamette righthander, went out in the eighth inning on a three-run pioneer rally and was charged with the defeat.

Willamette U. Drops Willamette dropped into a two-way tie for second place in the conference with Linfield college, which moved to a 3 to 1 victory over Pacific.

Johnny Nauman pitched the Linfielders to the second-place tie by giving up only two hits. The Wildcats scored two runs in the eighth inning to break a 1-1 deadlock.

Lewis and Clark now leads the conference with three wins and one loss followed by Willamette with three wins and two losses, Pacific with one win and three losses and College of Idaho with five losses in as many starts.

McDermott Just Misses

New York, May 3—(U.P.)—Joe Page of the New York Yankees is a guy with a heart. That explains why Mickey McDermott of the Boston Red Sox almost pitched a no-hitter.

Page watched McDermott pitch against the Yankees last week. After the 20-year-old Lefty was batted out, the star Yankee fireman gave him some sage advice.

"He was firing that ball back at the batter just as soon as he got it from the catcher," Page said. "I said 'count up to 40 or 45 before pitching and see if you don't do better next time out.'"

Yesterday was "next time out" and the skinny southpaw pitched a no-hit ball against the Cleveland Indians until Larry Doby singled in the seventh — a scratch infield hit. The final score was Boston 6 to 1.

Local Rifle Club Slates Award Night

Medford Rifle club, which now sports the Oregon four-man team small bore rifle championship, will have its annual party and award meeting for members and their wives at 7:30 p.m. today at Merrick's indoor range. The main attraction will be a crab feed.

Medford's four-man crew of D. J. Bolton (384), Lewis Conger (384), Harry Heidenreich (380) and John Rust (385) Sunday at Portland won the state crown with a 1,533 total. Portland was second with 1,521. The match was 20 shots prone and 20 standing.

The team score will be sent in to the National Rifle association for national title competition.

Conger with a 200 plus 10x was among the expert winners in Match 1 for individuals. It was 20 shots prone.

Next shooting activity of the Medford club will be on the outdoor range near the Crater lake highway Four Corners on May 14.

Larks Cancel Cards Series

Eugene, Ore., May 3—(U.P.)—Far West league baseball games at Medford and Klamath Falls were postponed last night because of wet grounds but Eugene cancelled its three-game series with Willows because recent bad weather slowed down construction of the club's new ball park.

Construction crews were not able to complete work on the grandstand and the park diamond was not in shape for the series.

Club President Art Hadler said the Eugene-Willows series probably would be cancelled and that Eugene would play its Friday through Sunday series at Marysville, Cal. Willows will play at Medford beginning Friday.

Both Eugene and Willows traveled here Monday but Hadler said the club decided against using any other city park.

Eugene's opening game here tentatively is scheduled for May 16, when the Larks meet Reno. This is Eugene's first year as a professional baseball city.



CUMMINGS SIGNED—Bob Cummings, above, coast junior heavyweight wrestling champion, will be the sixth man in the battle royal at the armory tomorrow night, starting at 8:30. Cummings, who won the title from Al Szasz in Boise, Ida., recently, will go in with Newcomer Eddie Williams, Charley Carr, Leo Wallick, Norval Stockstill and Ted Bell. Three regulation matches will follow the battle royal with pairings decided by elimination in the free-for-all.

Bowlers Register For City Handicap

Bowling association will hold its annual city handicap tournament Sunday, May 7, starting at 1 p. m. at the Medford Bowling lanes. It was announced today.

The tournament will consist of both doubles and singles, those in charge said. All bowlers who are interested in signing up for the tourney may do so at the bowling lanes' desk.

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AUSTIN NOTES

Earl Burchfield, a local power shovel operator, drives an Austin A-40. He tows a 2800 lb. (Covered Wagon) house trailer behind this car. Has been into Copco's Tokatee Falls camp and several trips to Tacoma.

Drives up to 55 miles per hour on highway and averages 25 miles per gallon on gas from Medford, Oregon, to Kelso, Wash., covered that distance in 11 hours elapsed time.

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Black George Winner Kentucky Derby Trial

Louisville, Ky., May 3—(U.P.)—The paddock pundits overlooked trial winner Black George today and stuck by Hill Prince and Your Host as the hot favorites for Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

Black George proved to be the surprise package in the mile trial when he splashed home two lengths ahead of King ranch's Middleground at Churchill Downs yesterday. But the William Veenceman colt didn't receive as much praise as Hill Prince did for a simple workout.

Moving out on the track between the second and third races, Hill Prince went the full Derby distance of a mile-and-a-quarter in 2:09 3/5. Actually he went only a mile and an eighth at his best speed, being eased up for the final furlong.

Hill Prince's time for the mile was 1:40 2/5. That was only two-fifths of a second over Black George's clocking in the trial. And the Prince's other fractional times also were eye-poppers—24 3/5 for the first quarter, :50 for the half mile and 1:02 3/5 for five furlongs.

Oil Capitol, Tom Gray's swift gray colt, also showed he was ready for the Derby jaunt by turning in a splendid workout. Oil Capitol only worked a half mile but it was a corker—being clocked in :50 3/5.

Carlos Legnon, Oil Capitol's regular exercise boy, turned in a good report on the gray ghost from Tulsa, saying "he was reaching out all the way and fighting for his head."

BOWLING LADIES LEAGUE

High individual game honors in the Ladies' Bowling league went to A. Carbiener with 188 and Audrey Swoape captured high individual series with a 511 pinfall when the women held their weekly session last night at the Medford Bowling lanes.

Medford Feed and Seed took high team game with 764 and high team series of 2,149 went to Shaw's Apparel shop.

LADIES LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Medford Feed, Seed	49	31
Shaw's Apparel Shop	47	33
Western Thrift Store	47	33
Elk Lumber Company	45	35
Oregon Finance Co.	41	39
Hubbard's	32	48
Ellis Grocery	32	48
Western Decorating	30	50

Team	W	L
Ore. Finance 4	48	37
Lowd	46	39
Corby	43	42
Johnson	39	46
Absentee	37	48
Little	41	44
Burroughs	35	50
2067		1876

Team	W	L
West. Thrift 3	40	40
Medall	30	50
Ludwig	34	46
Cummings	38	42
Damon	44	36
Little	41	44
Klatt	28	52
1935		2083

Team	W	L
Hubbard's 1	37	43
Harnish	37	43
McGraw Thrift Store	30	50
E. Beck	40	40
S. Beck	42	38
Klatt	28	52
1935		2083

Team	W	L
Shaw's 3	38	42
Tollerson	37	43
Swoape	31	49
Absentee	31	49
Carbiener	42	48
2149		2126

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