

Cavemen Tip Over Medford 45 to 44 To Deadlock Pelicans and Tornado in Campaign for Big Four Hoop Diadem

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

PCL Clubs Do Good Job Lining Up Farm Systems

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Pacific Coast league baseball clubs, taking their first wobbly steps in the "open" classification that eventually will lead them into major league status, have done a good job of lining up farm systems, a United Press survey showed Friday.

Nearly every team in the loop owns outright or at least has a loose working agreement with teams in lower classification.

"That is the way we do our long-range building," says Paul I. Fagan, president of the San Francisco Seals and one of the league's leading proponents of a major league status.

Seals Biggest

The Seals probably have the biggest farm system of any non-major league team in the country. They own outright the Yakima franchise in the class A Western International league. They have close working agreements with Twin Falls of the class C Pioneer league; Phoenix of the class C Arizona-Texas league; and a loose arrangement with Amarillo, Tex., of the class C Big State league.

Right now, the Los Angeles Angels are the only club owned by a major league interest—in this case, Phil Wrigley and the Chicago Cubs. However, Wrigley is a strong backer of the "major league for the west" program and already has agreed to make the Angels an independent team when the time comes.

Draw on Cubs

The Angels do not have a farm system of their own, but draw directly on the Cubs' program.

The San Diego Padres, who used to have a tie-in with the Cleveland Indians, have joined

the trend and now are strictly on their own.

The Sacramento Solons will farm out their surplus talent to the Pittsburgh Pirates, own stock in the Billings, Mont., club of the Pioneer league.

Billings Stock

The Hollywood Stars who recently sold 16 per cent of their stock to the Pittsburgh Pirates, own stock in the Billings, Mont., club of the Pioneer league.

The Oakland Acons, who always have spent a lot of money buying ex-major leaguers, are building with farm clubs at Wentechee in the Western International and Albuquerque, N.M., of the class C West Texas-New Mexico league.

The Seattle Rainiers have no specific tie-ups, but have a flexible working agreement with Vancouver, B.C., of the Western International.

Romack Wins Way to Finals; DeMoss Loses

Ormond Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Freckle-faced Barbara Romack of Sacramento, Calif., Saturday shot her way into the finals of the South Atlantic Women's golf tournament.

The 19-year-old long-driving Californian scored an easy 5 and 4 victory over Jane Crum Covington of Orangeboro, S. C.

In the other semi-final match, 21-year-old Edean Anderson of Helena, Mont., defeated Grace DeMoss of Corvallis, Ore., 3 and 2.

Miss Anderson meets Miss Romack in the 36-hole finals today on the swank Eleanor Village Ocean Front course.

BIG FOUR STANDINGS (Friday Night)			
	W	L	Pct.
Medford	3	3	.500
Klamath Falls	5	3	.625
Grants Pass	5	6	.455
Ashland	1	10	.091

Klamath Falls — Ashland high's cagers played control-ball against Klamath Falls here Friday night and the tactics almost paid off. Klamath slipped by the Grizzlies 26 to 18 after leading by only 18 to 17 at the third intermission.

Grants Pass high hoopmen Friday night lived up to their threat to throw the Southern Oregon conference Big Four chase "into a turmoil." The steady, sure-playing Cavemen did it by playing Medford 45 to 44 here.

Coupled with Klamath Falls' 26 to 18 decision over Ashland, the Grants Pass triumph threw Medford and Klamath Falls back into a first place deadlock. The Pels and Black Tornado each had eight wins and three losses in loop play after the Friday tangles. Medford had led Klamath by a single game going into the week-end series.

Regularly scheduled Big Four play concluded last night with Medford at Grants Pass and Klamath Falls at Ashland. Final whistles of both games were anxiously awaited by Pelican and Black Tornado followers.

Possible Results

These were the possible results: Victories by both Medford and Klamath, or losses by both, would maintain the deadlock and necessitate a play-off. A Medford win and a Klamath loss would give Medford the crown without an extra game. Or a Klamath decision and Medford defeat would hand the Pels the trophy.

The Friday night encounter had another of those whirlwind finishes that have marked many Medford games this season. Dick James was the hero for the Cavemen. He got 20 points for Grants Pass and his last bucket with 1½ minutes to go was the one that brought the victory. Grants Pass stalled the rest of the time. Dick Atterbury of Medford got one unsuccessful try at the hoop before the final buzzer.

The Cavemen went into the final quarter with a 36 to 31 lead. They had a 41 to 34 advantage midway in the period. Two buckets by Ed Bingham of Medford, one on a steal, cut the gap to 41 to 38. Jack Boardman connected and the count was 41 to 40. Dennis Conner followed to hand Medford a 42 to 41 edge.

But James gave the leadership to Grants Pass again, 43 to 42. With two minutes left Derald Wootton put Medford on top again, 44 to 43. Then James came through with the game winning goal.

Tornado Leads

Although Medford playing was erratic and many shots were missed, the Tornado appeared headed for victory in the first quarter. Grants Pass just couldn't put in a field goal in the stanza and Medford was in front 13 to 8 at the intermission.

It was in the second period that the Cavemen quieted the Tornado, outscoring Medford 20 to 8 for a 25 to 21 Grants Pass halftime margin. Shorty Dick James and elongated Sam Dean spurred the second canto Caveman splurge with three field goals each.

Medford tied up the game 28 to 28 and 30 to 30 in the third chucker and lead briefly 31 to 30 on Bingham's free toss. John Harbour hit from the field to put Grants Pass back in the lead. Cavemen Steadier

Grants Pass throughout the tussle outstaidied the pressured Black Tornado. The Medfordites appeared tired and, except for the final moments, lacked their usual hustle and alertness. Medford sank only 29.1 per cent of its field goal tries, 16 out of 55. Grants Pass put in 11 of its 13 free throw chances and Medford 12 of 21 attempts.

In the junior varsity prelim Medford finished strong but not strong enough and Grants Pass won 55 to 47.

LINE-UPS:			
Grants Pass 45		44 Medford	
Harbour 11	f	12 Bingham	f
Reese 5	c	5 Spina	c
Norrick 6	e	10 Wootton	e
Robertson 4	e	4 Conner	e
James 20	e	8 Atterbury	e
Substitutes — For Grants Pass:		Substitutes — For Medford:	
Schweinfurt 4		Hedgkoth 4	
Pepper 1		Boardman 2	
Thompson 3			

Sport Bulletin

New York — (U.P.) — Roscoe Browne of the New York Pioneer Club won the invitation 880-yard run at the Knights of Columbus track and field meet in Madison Square Garden tonight, spelling second place Don Behrmann's hopes of a "double" in the half-mile and mile.

Dead line Sunday Close is at noon Saturdays.

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

LaVere Herrmann, the hardest worked pitcher of the Medford Rogues during the 1950 and 1951 baseball seasons, heads for Texas this month. Herrmann, a Central Point resident and ex-high school athlete there, was ticketed for tryout with possible sale to Yakima, Wash., of the Western International loop this spring. Someone slipped up in the formalities, however. Came the draft and Abilene of the West Texas-New Mexico league (Class C) snatched the chucker.

Herrmann hopes to leave by train by March 12 for Texas. He will be accompanied by his wife and son, who probably will stay with Mrs. Herrmann's brother at Houston during the spring training. The hurler has been employed by Richard Danielson, contractor, this winter.

EX-ROGUES TRAIN

Several of the boys who performed for the Medford Rogues last year have been mentioned in San Francisco Examiner stories concerning training sessions of the Coast league Seals. Chuck Malmberg, Les Maddox, Jim Clancy, Frank Lucchesi and Gene Howard have been listed in inter-squad lineups. Jack Thompson is also at the workouts at Seals' stadium.

Lucchesi figured in the scoring in one game. Here's the comment by Harry Borba in the Examiner about Maddox: "Les Maddox, Negro right-fielder from Medford, almost stole the show from Bill Reeder and Bill Bradford, giant hurlers, as the Orteigs won their third straight intra-squad contest from the Graces, 2-1."

"Maddox drove in the Graces' one tally in the first with a sizzling double. He smashed a single past second in the third and pilfered a base. Then, when Herman Lewis, hungering for the kind of base hits he made in the Mexican Pacific league, lapped a line foul in the sixth, Maddox draped himself over the bleacher wall and speared the swift-traveling pelota."

SUCCESS WISHED

We wish American Legion members speedy success in their efforts to provide a much-needed electric scoreboard for the high school football field and to establish a fitting memorial to the late A. Z. (Tubby) Dean.

Legionnaires have undertaken a project supported last fall in this column. The scoreboard would be a welcome replacement for the present manually operated device. The electric board fits in more with the attractive stadium which Dean had a hand in providing. Legionnaires state that the scoreboard was one of Dean's pet projects and that they are just finishing a job left undone by his death.

SHARES BEING SOLD

Many merchants already have been asked to purchase blocks of scoreboard shares and to make them available to their patrons. Sale of 1,800 shares is the goal and the aim is to place them in the hands of 1,800 people. The dollar shares are good for admission to the basketball extravaganza on March 27.

Because of the manufacturer's work schedule, there is need for a hurried up campaign if the scoreboard is to be ordered, built and in operation by next fall. Chairman Bud Fisher has asked friends of Dean, who wish to participate but were overlooked in the mail appeal, to contact him at Bud and Lucille's cafe (phone 2-9293).

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Grade School Basketball Tourney Will Commence Here on Thursday

Grade schools of eight Jackson county non-high school districts will participate this week in the second annual basketball tournament held for them by Medford high school. The tourney opens Thursday at 4:30 p.m. on the senior high school floor.

Howard and Evans Valley vie in the first tussle. Other first-round conflicts are Lone Pine versus Shady Cove at 5:30 p.m., Griffin Creek versus Oak Grove at 7:30 p.m. and Elk Trail versus West Side at 8:30 p.m.

The tourney will be single elimination with consolation brackets for third and fourth places. Trophies will be awarded for the first four places.

Eagles End Season With 47-40 Win

Eagle Point — Eagle Point high wound up its basketball campaign Friday night by defeating Illinois Valley 47 to 40.

The win was the fourth straight for the Eagles. Three of those victories have been over teams that previously beat Eagle Point.

Illinois Valley led 12 to 9 at the quarter and 27 to 21 at half-time. The Eagles held the Cougars to a single tally in the third period and were in front 30 to 28 by intermission time.

Bud Lucas was high man for Eagle Point with 15. Wayne Gillespie followed his teammate with 11. Jim Wright headed the Cougars with 10.

Eagle Point posted nine wins and lost 10 games during the season.

These were the same men who snared victories in the winter Olympics.

Henry won the sprint Saturday in 43.4 seconds. Andersen, breaking his own record, won the 5,000 meters in 8 minutes, 16.8 seconds, six seconds off his Olympic record.

Johnny Werker of Minneapolis was second in the 500-meters in 43.8 seconds with Masanori Aoki of Japan a surprising third in 44.1 seconds. Don McDermott of Englewood Cliffs, N. J., was fourth in 44.5 and Pat McNamara of Minneapolis seventh in 45.1.

Lassi Parkkinen of Finland was second in the 5,000 in 8:25.1 with Kees Broekman of Holland third in 8:25.5.

Royals Downed In PCHL Upset

By United Press

The lid blew off the Pacific Coast Hockey league Friday night. The cellar-dwelling Victoria Cougars scored a stunning upset by overwhelming the league-leading New Westminster Royals, 7-4, at Victoria.

Vancouver Canucks fell 2-1 before Seattle Ironmen in a hard-fought game at Vancouver.

Saskatoon beat Edmonton, 7-3, in the only other league game.

CLINIC COACH

Eugene—Coach L. R. "Dutch" Meyer, veteran of 18 years as head football coach of the Texas Christian university Horned Frogs of the Southwest conference, has been named as the visiting coach for the University of Oregon summer coaching clinic, July 14 through 18, it was announced by Dean Paul Jacobson, director of the summer session. Coach Meyer, director of the famed TCU "spread" which took the Horned Frogs to the conference championship last season and an appearance against Kentucky in the Cotton bowl, has been associated with TCU athletics as a player and coach almost continuously since 1917.

WOLVES GAIN TIE

By United Press

Oregon College of Education's Wolves gained a first-place tie with Vanport Friday night by handing the Vikings a 55-52 defeat at Portland. Each team now had eight wins and three losses in conference play.

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Bolt Leads Texas Field; Duden Third

Baton Rouge, La. — (U.P.) — Tommy Bolt, a 41-year-old temperamental Texan, shot a weak one-under-par 71 Saturday, but his round was good enough for a two-stroke lead at the 54-hole mark of the \$10,000 Baton Rouge Open Golf tournament.

Bolt, who has been a professional only four years, toured the chilly wind-swept country club course with a 37-34-71, which gave him a three-round total of 208, two strokes in front of fellow-Texan, Jackie Burke Jr.

Trailing Bolt by one stroke with a 138 at the start of the third round, the 29-year-old Burke, who is from Houston, ran into trouble with his wood shots and had to settle for an even par, 36-36-72.

Three strokes back of Burke was Bob Duden of Portland, Ore., who fired the best round Saturday with a four-under-par 34-34-68. He was seven strokes behind at the end of the second round.

At 214 were Shelley Mayfield, Cedarhurst, L. I., and Felice Torza, St. Charles, Ill., Earl Stewart Jr., of Dallas, Tex., and Bill Nary of Albuquerque, N. M., ended third round play with 215.

Cary Middlecoff of Memphis, Tenn., was tied at 217, one over par for 54 holes, with Dick Mayer of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Johnny Palmer of Badin, N. C.

WEATHER

By UNITED PRESS

North California: Partly cloudy through Sunday; scattered showers Saturday; occasional rain north of Ukiah and Red Bluff Sunday; strong northwest winds north interior Saturday; northwesterly winds 35 MPH with gusts to 50 off coast diminishing by night.

Huskies Roll Over Cougars

Seattle—(U.P.)—Bob Houbregs and Frank Guiness, the northern division's deadliest scoring combination, led Washington to a brilliant 75-57 victory over cross-state rival Washington State here Friday night before 10,800 fans.

Cougar forward Eric Roberts gained a share of the division's free throw record to salvage some WSC prestige. Roberts' six free shots gave him a total of 77 for the season, tying Jack Nichols' mark set in 1948 for Washington.

Breaks Open

The game broke wide open in the second quarter after a tight first period in which Washington led 14-9.

Then Houbregs and Guiness went to work. First Houbregs would hit, then Guiness. Houbregs scored 20 points and Guiness 16. Houbregs' total put him within 27 points of a new conference scoring record for one season.

WELL, 7 HOURS ANYWAY

Boston — (U.P.) — Sign on a Charlestown quick-cleaning establishment: "Five hour service. In at 10, out at 5."

Women's Golf Activities

The golfing season for the women golfers of the Rogue Valley Country club will open on Thursday, March 6.

After the noon luncheon, members will make their own pairings or get their pairing at the pro shop for the play. Play for the day will be blind bogey.

Mrs. Francis Cheney, tournament chairman, will be in charge of the play for March.

Al Williams, golf pro, will conduct free group lessons for beginning golfers after the regular players have teed off. Beginning golfers wishing this instruction are requested to register at the pro shop.

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