SLAMMER WINS MASTERS—Slamming Sammy Snead (right) of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., is congratulated by Jack Burke Jr., of Houston, Tex., after they finished one-two in the Masters tourney in Augusta, Ga. Snead had a total of 286, four better than Burke's second place 290.

Spit Into Channel Officially Declares Swim Season Opened

Dover, England—(U.P.)—John Burwill emerged from his little house snuggled against the White Cliffs, walked down to the water's edge and spat into the English Channel.

With this brief ceremony the channel swimming training season was declared officially open.

"Yep," said the ancient mariner who has piloted more channel swimmers than any man in history, "yep, I expect this will be a big year although the water is apt to be a bit cold. But I predict a big change in swimming direction.

"It used to be that everyone swam from France to England—what they call the easy route. of the conference was "almost a certainty" and that details of the plan probably would be announced after the next meeting. From now on I feel most swimmers will try the hard way—England to France," he said.

Burwill's optimism reflected the buoyancy of this channel port's unique industry despite last summer's near-death blow, when 18 people swam the channel in a single day, pilots, boatmen, grease sellers, dieticians and others who had been thriving on channel aspirants saw the end of an era.

Feat Made Race

"But after thinking it over all winter," Burwill said, "we've decided that all it did was take the France-to-England swim out of the class of a feat and make it a race. We think lots of people will come over just to try to lower the record of the Egyptian Hamad who crossed in 12 hours and 12 minutes.

"The England to France swim, tougher because of the rough tides, is still a feat, however. Only a handful of people have done it."

"Besides," he added even more cheerfully, "if you were the kind of man or woman who wanted to swim the channel you wouldn't be satisfied until you have done it both ways."

Burwill already has been approached to act as pilot for half a dozen aspirants. Before committing himself he is waiting word from Florence Chadwick of San Diego, Calif., whose women's France to England record of 13 hours and 20 minutes was beaten last year by Britain's burly, blonde Brenda Fisher in 12 hours and 42 minutes.

"Florence swam on a bad day," Burwill said, "and she wants to recapture the record for the United States."

TROUT RECORD GOOD

Chattanooga, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Veteran Dizzy Trout, slower but still as resourceful a pitcher as there is, seemed certain to rotate effectively as one of the Detroit Tigers' starting four. Trout made his spring record 4-0 Wednesday as he pitched seven innings in Detroit's 9-3 victory over Chattanooga.

New Basketball League Planned

Chicago — (U.P.) — Representatives of seven Midwest colleges returned to their schools Thursday with tentative plans for a new basketball conference.

The group met Wednesday to map details for the proposed conference and they planned another meeting within 10 days.

Meanwhile the representatives will seek approval of the terms of their plan by the athletic boards of their schools.

Athletic directors and faculty members from Loyola, DePaul, Bradley, Butler, Marquette, Louisville and Notre Dame.

A spokesman said formation

Wakefield Comeback Gets Encouraging Start

Tulsa, Okla. — (U.P.) — Dick Wakefield's "last-chance comeback" with the New York Giants was off to an encouraging start.

The one-time $52,000 bonus beauty, often described as one of the most talented and least ambitious players of his age, made his debut with the Giants by hammering a pinch-hit double in the sixth inning of their game with the Cleveland Indians Wednesday.

Manager Leo Durocher said he would try Wakefield in left field, then in right, "and just move him around and look him over."

Medford Baseballers 1st Loop Fray Friday

Medford high school's baseball nine opens its district No. 6 A-1 campaign Friday on its home field. The Black Tornado takes on Klamath Falls at 3:15 p.m.

There will be an admission charge to the game.

Medford will be launching what amounts to a district title defense. Last year the Tornado was champion of a district made up of four large Class A high schools and five small Class A schools and went to the state tourney. This year the large and small A schools in this area are in separate districts. The champs of the two districts will play-off for a state tourney berth.

Klamath Falls and Grants Pass are the only other schools in Medford's district this season.

Medford will go into the Friday contest as favorite. Klamath Falls has lost twice to Grants Pass which has lost twice to Medford. Only one of the Grants Pass-Klamath tussles counted in district play.

This year's Klamath crew is built around four lettermen. Top returnees are Ron Owings, third baseman, and George Hanson, first base. The others are Ralph Carroll, pitcher, and Kenny Young, catcher. The Pels have yet to hit the win column. They have lost twice to Redding, Calif., in addition to Grants Pass.

Either Carroll or Freddy Fiedel will be starting chucker for the Pelicans here.

Derald Wooton is scheduled to pitch for Medford. There was some doubt today as to whether Medford Second Baseman Curt Holzgang will be able to play. He was hit in the head by a thrown ball last night and was resting at home today.

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Californian Steals AAU Boxing Show

Boston—(U.P.)—New York took most of the honors in the 64th National AAU boxing championships but a featherweight future missionary from California stole the fans' hearts.

New York left with the team prize, two champions and the outstanding performer—Middleweight Floyd Patterson—in the three-day cavalcade of clout.

But it was little Mac Martinez of San Jose, Calif., State college who really stopped the show. Each time he appeared during the grueling eliminations he staged a miniature civil war.

Three Knockouts

And he brought it to a climax when he belabored 16-year-old Edson Brown of New York city from bell-to-bell for three rounds to win the 125-pound crown.

Patterson, an 18-year-old high school student, scored three knockouts in four appearances and was voted the outstanding competitor.

The complete list of champions: Billy Hill, Washington, D.C., 112 pounds; David Moore, Springfield, Ohio, 119; Mac Martinez, San Jose, Calif., 125; John Barnes Detroit, 132; Isaac Vaughn, Cleveland, 139; Andy Anderson, Riverside, Calif., 147; Ernest Anthony, New York, 156; Floyd Patterson New York, 165; Eldridge Thompson, Washington, D.C., 178; Jack Scheberies, Oakland, Calif., heavy.

Jake Victor Over Hayes

Detroit —(U.P.)— Rugged Jake LaMotta, who took out a new lease on his boxing life with his solid victory over Norman Hayes Wednesday night, was half-promised a shot at world light - heavyweight champion Joey Maxim.

President James D. Norris of the International Boxing club said that the first crack at Maxim would go to middleweight king Ray Robinson.

"But if that falls through, we'll give the fight to Jake," said Norris.

The 29-year-old Bronx Bull, who is anxious for a shot at either Maxim or Robinson, was elated by his slam-bang win over 20-year-old Hayes at the Olympia.

LaMotta showed flashes of old power against Hayes, five pounds lighter and eight years younger, but he couldn't put the Boston boxer on the canvas.

Steady body punches weakened Hayes in the early rounds and he never recovered. He fought in flurries in the closing seconds of each round as he did when he beat LaMotta January 28. But this time Jake matched him blow for blow and got in enough extra punches to gain an easy verdict.

Grade Schools Slate Baseball

Baseball will be a May program for grade schools of the Medford public school system.

The season will open on May 6 and each team will play each other school once. Nine inch softballs will be used and umpires will be furnished by the high school.

Games on Tuesday, May 6, are Roosevelt at Lincoln and Jackson at Washington. On Tuesday, May 13, Lincoln plays at Washington and Roosevelt at Jackson. On Thursday, Washington vies at Roosevelt and Lincoln at Jackson.

LOOP SEASON OPENS

Moscow, Ida.—(U.P.)—The conference track and field season opens in the Palouse Saturday when Washington State and Idaho, both unbeaten, clash in a dual meet at Neale stadium. The Cougars, perennially powerful, rule the favorite by comparison of scores with a common competitor, Whitworth college. WSC hanhandled the Whits 110 to 10 and the Vandals trounced them 88 to 42 last week.

BASEBALL

WEDNESDAY EXHIBITIONS

Boston (A) 6, Springfield (Int.)1
Cincinnati (N) 3, Washington (A) 2
St. Louis (N) 8, Philadelphia (N) 6
Detroit (A) 9, Chattanooga (SA) 3
Cleveland (A) 2, New York (N) 1
New York (A) 10, Norfolk (Pied) 1
Philadelphia (A) 15, Danville (Carolina) 3
Baltimore (Int) 4, Brooklyn (N) 1 (night)
Memphis (SA) 3, Pittsburgh (N) 2 (night)
Chicago (A) 8, Atlanta (SA) 7 (night)

SLIDING SAFELY HOME in second game of double header at San Francisco, Bob Thurman, of Seals, gives Jim Gladd, Portland catcher, a free ride. Seals' Bill McCawley (left) is motioning Thurman safe. Seals won opener, 5-2, lost nightcap, 5-3. (International)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

O'Doul's Padres Win Two To Hold 2nd Place Alone

COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	8	1	.889	
San Diego	6	3	.667	2
Oakland	4	4	.500	3½
San Francisco	4	4	.500	3½
Hollywood	4	5	.444	4
Portland	4	5	.444	4
Seattle	3	6	.333	5
Sacramento	2	7	.222	6

Wednesday's Results
Oakland at San Francisco (postponed)
Los Angeles 6, Hollywood 5
San Diego 6, Seattle 5
Sacramento 4, Portland 3

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The man in the green suit hasn't lost his touch.

He set the east on its ear when, fresh from San Francisco's butchertown, he invaded the major leagues, garbed in green raiments.

Then, selling baseball as a barnstormer in Japan, O'Doul Dou San became a national figure. He was America at its greatest to Nipponese sports fans.

More than 17 years ago, Frank (Lefty) O'Doul went home to San Francisco to manage the village ball club. Seal fans grew to know him, affectionately, as marblehead. He was a permanent fixture, they thought, in the third base coaching box.

But this season, ousted from the Seal helm after an eighth place finish, colorful O'Doul went to San Diego—where the baseball picture looked dull.

So—O'Doul's Padres have won six out of nine, from Oakland and Seattle, to rest alone in the PCL's second place.

Home Run Sign

O'Doul gave his famous home run sign to rookie Dick Faber Wednesday night and the southpaw responded in the ninth inning to gain San Diego a 6-5 decision over Seattle.

In other battles, first-place Los Angeles stayed there with a 6-5 triumph over Hollywood, and Mike McCormick's four hits helped Sacramento to a 4-3 nod over Portland.

San Francisco and Oakland was rained upon.

Sacramento's McCormick batted home three runs and scored the fourth on Bill Glynn's eighth-inning triple.

Young Jack Pickart, who pitched 1-3 of an inning, drew credit for the win.

It was sacramento's second success this year but did not lift the Sacs from the cellar.

THE LINESCORES:

Portland 100 000 200—3 10 3
Sacramento 100 010 02x—4 10 2
Lynn, Linde (8) and Gladd; Johnson, Pickart (7) Palica (8) and Smith, Kinaman 8.

Seattle 100 000 040—5 10 2
San Diego 040 001 001—6 6 2
Kerkazakos, Kindsfather (2) and Erautt; Luna, Benton (8), and Summers.

Hollywood 000 200 003—5 8 1
Los Angeles 200 040 00x—6 11 1
Walsh, Shepard (5), Theis (7) and Malone; Spicer, Besse (9), Hamner (9) and Peden.

ARRIVAL SLATED

Portland — (U.P.) — Charley Eagle, Connecticut heavyweight, was scheduled to arrive here Thursday to start workouts for his bout Monday with Harry (Kid) Matthews of Seattle. Matthews and his manager, Jack Hurley, arrived Wednesday and also scheduled a workout for Thursday.

Pullman — (U.P.) — Washington State and Seattle university split their baseball doubleheader here Wednesday as WSC came back to take the nightcap 8-5 after losing the opener 5-2.

Prexy Predicts Best WIL Season

Wenatchee—(U.P.)—The Western International Baseball league's new "A" classification will make 1952 the best season in the WIL's history, League President Robert Abel predicted Thursday.

Both larger attendance and a closer race can be forecast, he said.

He added the new classification would mean the clubs could work more closely with Pacific Coast league teams, with which all but two WIL clubs already have connections.

Bowling

WOMEN'S LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W.	L.
Oregon Finance	34	22
Medford Feed	30	26
Y Club	29	27
Red Barn	28	28
Green Lantern	27	29
Mann's Dept. Store	26	30
Morning Fresh	26	30
Elk Lumber	24	32

WOMEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS

Red Barn 4		Mann's Store 0	
A. Monroe	421	M. McCall	383
A. Swoape	429	V. Cummings	386
Absentee	405	L. Mann	371
N. Littrell	415	M. Little	339
A. Carbiener	349	E. Ludwig	454
	2019		1954

Morning Fresh 3		Elk Lumber 1	
H. Wolgamott	393	L. Sacchi	454
K. Jennings	422	V. Peterson	360
D. Doty	350	E. Eaton	327
S. Beck	410	Absentee	354
E. Brantley	417	F. Willett	405
	1992		1907

Y Club 3		Green Lantern 1	
C. Lowd	434	V. Knox	361
Z. Andrew	445	D. Stanley	369
J. Wilson	558	H. Barney	352
A. Gebhart	417	L. Rudy	397
D. Virtue	416	R. Eberius	415
	2270		2209

Oregon Finance 3		Medford Feed 1	
L. Leaming	437	M. Tennant	369
V. Corby	405	D. Hawley	358
V. Johnson	350	A. Hare	462
V. Florey	353	P. Curry	414
N. Burroughs	410	R. Barr	512
	2057		2055

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Aspirations of the Medford high school track team for the defense of its Rogue River relays title this week and its state championship later in the season suffered a harsh blow yesterday when Earl Covey, top sprinter for the Black Tornado was injured.

Coach Bob Newland reported that Covey sustained a tibia dislocation while broad jumping and that the bone pinched a lower leg nerve. The injured leg will be in a cast for some time, Newland said, and Covey is lost for the season.

Covey was state B dash champ performing for Phoenix last year and was regarded as the top sprinter in southern Oregon this season. He was being counted upon to pick up a sizable number of points for Medford in the 1952 campaign.

Loss of Covey undoubtedly will mean more duty for Sprinter Duane Goodman. He is expected to take Covey's spot in the 880-yard relay in the meet here this week-end. Goodman had the second best time this week in the 220-yard dash. Other leading Medford dash men are Dennis Davis, Frank Baize and Bill Reddin.

Broad Jumper Norm Hanscom is also lost for the Rogue relays, Newland stated. He has the flu.

The annual relay tussle is scheduled for the Medford oval Saturday afternoon with Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Ashland and Crater invited to participate with Medford. The Tornado has won the meet two years in a row and can gain the Medford Kiwanis club trophy permanently with a third triumph.

Grants Pass is expected to provide the greatest competition for Medford.

Relays are planned in six running events and three field events. There will be individual participation in other field tests.

Don M. Wilson Elected Legion Rifle Club Head

Don M. Wilson has been elected president of the newly formed Medford American Legion Rifle and Pistol club.

Other officers are Ray Morris, vice president; Hugh Williams, executive officer; Clyde Fichtner, chief instructor; and E. H. Capps, secretary-treasurer. Vic David, a former district marksmanship officer, will be advisor.

New charter members of the club include, Clark E. Anderson, Nettie Ellenburg, Ray Jenks, Betty V. Fichtner and Ned E. Cloverdale.

The charter will be held open till April 22. Meetings will be held on April 15 and 22 at which individuals can join the club. National Rifle association members-at-large are asked to join and receive Class A club benefits, of a charter issue of 120 rounds of 30-06 ammunition and participation with active shooting membership. This NRA club is for the purpose of teaching and learning the safe handling and shooting of firearms.

Meetings at Legion Hall. Big bore rifle shooting will be scheduled at the Camp White range this spring and summer. .22 rifle and pistol shooting will be part of the marksmanship program. Sportsmanship and instruction will be stressed as part of the club activity.

B Loop Baseball Contests Friday

Jackson County B League Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Talent	1	0	1.000
Phoenix	1	0	1.000
St. Mary's	0	0	.000
Prospect	0	0	.000
Jacksonville	0	1	.000
Rogue River	0	1	.000

Two Jackson County B league teams will be striving to protect their undefeated status in the loop's baseball pennant chase Friday while four others will be going after their first victories.

The Phoenix Pirates, who opened their season last week with an 11 to 5 league win over Jacksonville, will be shooting for another victory at Rogue River. Talent, which topped Rogue River 7 to 3 last week, plays host to the St. Mary's Crusaders, who were idle last week.

The other league contest sends the Redskins of Jacksonville to Prospect, whose Cougars also sat out the opening round of play last week.

SIGNALS READINESS

Richmond, Ind. —(U.P.)— Lefthander Ken Raffensberger signalled his readiness for the new National league season Thursday as the Cincinnati Reds completed their spring series with the Washington Senators. The veteran "control - pitcher" flipped four-hit ball for seven innings Wednesday and the Reds shoved over a run in the eighth inning to beat their American league rivals, 3-2. It was their sixth victory in nine games with the Senators.

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Linfield Downs OSC Diamonders

McMinnville, Ore. — (U.P.) —A four-run eighth inning gave Linfield's Wildcats an 8-4 baseball victory over Oregon State here Wednesday.

Stan Blank held the Beavers to eight hits and fanned six. Don White of OSC also gave up eight hits and fanned seven.

GETCHELL VICTOR

Rogue Valley Country club has reported an error in tabulation of results of last week's play in the men's spring golf handicap. Bayard Getchell beat Deane Lambert in a first flight match and was scheduled to face Bob Sherwood this week. It was previously reported that Lambert defeated Getchell.

VANDALS WIN

Moscow, Ida.—(U.P.)—Outfielder H. A. Butler stole home in the last half of the ninth inning to give Idaho a narrow 8-7 baseball victory over Whitman here Wednesday.

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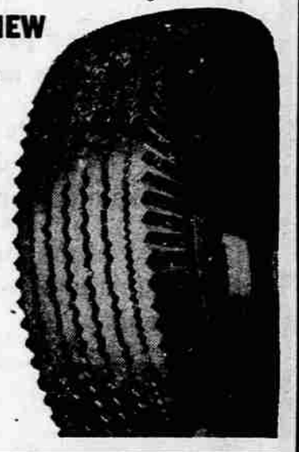
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