

Minor League Team Releases Joe Page To Wind Up Brilliant Hurling Career

By OSCAR FRALEY

New York—(U.P.)—Mentally the big handsome guy must be back in the mines today.

Maybe you missed it, because it was only a little item which said that Joe Page had been released outright by Kansas City. But it shows you what a short step it is from the top of the success ladder to the bottom.

Gay, laughing Joe, who only three years ago was the toast of the world championship New York Yankees and hailed as the greatest relief pitcher in baseball, went out with a few cold lines of type.

You must remember him if you are a baseball observer at all. His cherubic face was always decorated with a broad grin, he walked with a cocksure stride—and he was quite a pitcher.

Four Years In Minors

Joe came out of the Pennsylvania coal fields and spent only four years in the minor leagues before he hit the major league headlines. He had two 50-50 years with the Yankees and then he blossomed.

That was in 1947 and the follow with the curly black hair and the inevitable grin was little short of sensational. His record was only 14 won against eight losses but every time you looked up there was Page striding in confidently from the bullpen to put out another fire.

Once he worked five games in a row, winning three and saving two others. And in the World Series he appeared in five of the seven games it took the Yanks to win.

The next year he couldn't put out the cat. But it didn't bother Joe, at least on the surface.

Worked 83 Games

And the next year, 1949, there was the old Page again. He'd throw a few cream puff lobs and

Sisler Returns To Cardinal Club

New York—(U.P.)—Convinced that he has solved two of the St. Louis Cardinals' most pressing defensive problems with one trade, Manager Eddie Stanky assigned newly-acquired Dick Sisler to first base and returned Stan Musial to his preferred post in the outfield.

Sisler, who broke into the majors with the Cards in 1946, returned to his old club along with shortstop Virgil Stallcup Tuesday night in a straight player trade that sent outfielder Wally Westlake and third baseman Eddie Kazak to the Cincinnati Reds.

stalk in cheerfully from the pen and douse the flames, Joe worked in 63 games and won or saved the equivalent of 35. In the series he was in three of the five games it took the Yanks to win the classic again.

No less a person than Connie Mack tabbed him the "difference" among the first four clubs in the race that year. Joe was

riding high. It felt, he said, just great.

In 1950, Joe lost that old left hand magic. He won only three and lost seven. Last season he was shunted to the minors. This year even Kansas City gave up on him and sent him to Syracuse on option. When he was returned to them Friday, they cut him loose.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



CAUGHT STEALING—Chicago second baseman Nelson Fox, caught stealing second, is tagged out by Tiger second baseman Gerry Priddy in game at Detroit. Umpire calling the third-inning play is Bill Grieve. Detroit won this game, 1-0. Chicago took the first game of the doubleheader, 6-5.

Softball League Session Thursday

A meeting of the Medford Softball association has been set for 8 p. m. Thursday at the YMCA.

A schedule for a 10 team league will be voted on. Teams will have their last chance to post the entry fee required.

There will be a Camp White club in the circuit, after all, it was reported. Andy's Jewelers is also entering a nine. Others in the loop will be Eagle Point, Central Point, Timber Products, Trowbridge and Flynn, National

HORSE FALLS DEAD

Toledo, O.—(U.P.)—Cam Fin, a 99 to 1 shot, failed to run in the money at Ft. Miami race track Tuesday, but her bettors got their money back. Cam Fin, a 15-year-old bay mare, fell dead as she approached the starter's post for the second race.

Major Loop Clubs Must Cut Rosters

New York—(U.P.)—Eighteen major league players, eight from the National League and 10 from the American, must be dropped from their clubs by midnight when the 25-player limit goes into effect.

Actually, eight clubs still will be carrying more than 25 players Thursday. The Cubs and Athletics each have a man on the disabled list, while the Dodgers, Braves, Phils, Browns, Yankees and Indians have returned servicemen who do not have to be included on the rosters.

The Senators, White Sox, Athletics and Reds already have trimmed their squads to the 25-player limit.

The Dodgers have 27 men on their roster but will not have to cut anyone Wednesday because outfielder Dick Williams and pitcher Billy Loes come under the service ruling. However, Williams' year of grace ends May 29 and Brooklyn will have to release a man then.

Two Servicemen

The Braves also have 27 players but will be able to carry them for a while because the roster includes serviceman Ed Mathews and Phil Whisenant. Mathews comes off the national defense list July 11.

The Phils are allowed 26 men because pitcher Curt Simmons has just returned from a tour of Army duty in Germany. The Browns have 30 men on their roster but only four will have to go because pitcher Dave Madison also comes under the service rule.

The Tigers cut down to the limit Tuesday by optioning pitcher Wayne McClelland, first baseman Ben Taylor and shortstop Alex Grabowski to Buffalo of the International League.

The Senators got down Tuesday also by selling Sherry Robertson to the A's.

Grant Wins Net Crown

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Portland's Grant High school tennis team Wednesday wore the Oregon prep racquet crown after winning the title yesterday in the annual state tournament.

Grant claimed the team trophy on combined boys and girls points with 15. McMinnville was second, with 10.

BASEBALL

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Coast League:
Oakland 4, Sacramento 3
Seattle 7, San Francisco 2
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 1
Hollywood 6, Portland 0

National League:
Brooklyn 14, St. Louis 8
New York 7, Cincinnati 4 (night)
Philadelphia 6, Chicago 0 (night)
Boston 3, Pittsburgh 1 (night)

American League:
Cleveland 10, New York 6 (night)
Chicago 6, Boston 0 (night)
Washington 4, Detroit 3 (night)
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 1 (night)

Western International:
Spokane 23, Wenatchee 3
Victoria 6, Tri-City 5 (12 innings)
Vancouver at Salem, rain
Yakima at Lewiston, rain

Standings

COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	28	14	.667	
Oakland	23	16	.590	3½
Hollywood	23	18	.561	4½
Los Angeles	19	21	.475	7
Seattle	18	22	.450	9
Portland	17	21	.447	9
San Francisco	16	23	.409	9½
Sacramento	15	26	.366	12½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	16	5	.762	
Brooklyn	15	6	.714	1
Chicago	14	10	.583	2½
Cincinnati	14	10	.583	2½
St. Louis	11	14	.440	7
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	7½
Boston	9	14	.391	8
Pittsburgh	5	21	.192	13½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	18	8	.692	
Washington	14	8	.636	2
Boston	14	10	.583	3½
St. Louis	12	13	.480	5½
Chicago	12	13	.480	5½
New York	11	12	.478	5½
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	7
Detroit	9	18	.333	11½

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Spokane	14	6	.714	
Victoria	13	6	.684	1
Vancouver	8	7	.532	2½
Lewiston	9	11	.452	3
Salem	9	12	.428	4
Tri-City	9	13	.409	4½
Wenatchee	8	12	.400	5
Yakima	7	13	.350	7½

Dead time Sunday Classifieds in at noon Saturdays

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Medford high school's 10-man track squad will have to really put out at Corvallis next Friday and Saturday if it is to win for the Black Tornado for the fifth straight year the hardware emblematic of the Oregon state championship.

Stories in Portland papers, based on district meet performances, indicate that Medford's chances are not too bright. We go along with that impression to some extent but the times, distances and heights (listed for first place winners) do not show an absolutely true picture.

SECONDS NOT SHOWN

Medford was seen as good for a first, third, fourth and three fifths, hardly enough to take the mantle.

Not taken into account were second place marks that were better than firsts in other districts. For instance, Medford's Don Spinas, second in District No. 3 in the high hurdles with a time of 15.25 is not listed among state contenders although his time is better than that of Don Clos, Newport, who rated third in the performance summary. Spinas' javelin heave of 171 feet 10 inches is not shown either, although his heave was better than the third ranked 162 feet of Ray Skeen, Nyssa.

So far as Medford is concerned (and it could have been the same elsewhere), Spinas and Pole Vaulter Dave Newland were not up to physical par for the district test.

It must be taken into account that performances of one individual in track can vary considerably from week to week. Ed Bingham, Medford, is a case in point. In a meet late in March he leaped 6 feet 1¼ inch, or 1¼ inch better than the top mark in district meets throughout the state last week. In his own district meet, Bingham went only 5 feet 8 inches well down the list of contenders.

ENTRIES NAMED

At Corvallis Medford will be represented by Bingham in the high jump and javelin (his best throw in district meets); Spinas in both hurdles and javelin; Don Jacobs in the discus; Newland in the pole vault; Bill Redden in the 220-yard dash, and Duane Goodman, Dennis Kittle, Frank Baize and Spinas in the relay. Dennis Davis will go as a relay alternate.

We wish them all the best of success.

TOPS A AND B

Ralph Hiner, Rogue River, in the District No. 3B meet here Saturday, posted the best 100-yard dash qualifying time. A or B, with his 10.1. Russ Hawk, one of the Rogue River mentors, wasn't talking through his hat, evidently, when recently he predicted state meet success for the Chiefs' speed merchant. Hiner also qualified for state in the 220.

AIDS IN SHUTOUT

Pitcher LaVere Herrmann, ironman of the Medford Rogues for two seasons, was doing all right with the Abilene Blue Sox of the West Texas-New Mexico league. He's rated a large picture in an Abilene paper. A story tells of him combining with another pitcher in a 17-0 shutout victory. Herrmann took over in the fifth inning and "pitched fearless, shutout ball the rest of the way."

CARRIER BOY SHINES

Allan Hoffman, who pitched a no-hit, no-run, 6 to 0 baseball victory for Talent grade school over Jacksonville last week-end is a Mail Tribune carrier. He fanned 18. Young Hoffman, an eighth grader, is unbeaten in two years.

Ralph Carroll chucked a no-hitter for Klamath Falls over Grants Pass high in a Friday diamond tussle but the Cave-men got a run on a hit batter.

Comets Nick Eagles 8-6; Crater, Viks Vie For Toga

Eagle Point—Crater high school kept in the thick of the fight for the JDJ league and District No. 6 A-2 baseball laurels here Tuesday by nudging Eagle Point 8 to 6.

The Comets and Myrtle Creek now have five wins and two losses and will vie at Myrtle Creek on Friday for the title while Eagle Point ends its league season at Cave Junction against Illinois Valley.

Victor of the Crater-Viking scrap will play Medford, District No. 6 A-1 champ, for a state tournament berth. A double-header for the first two games in a two-out-of-three series probably will be arranged for Saturday.

Eagle Point made it rough going for Crater Tuesday by scoring three times in the first inning. John Millard singled, Charles Eccleston and Don Cattanch walked. Wayne Gillaspie doubled in Millard and Eccleston and Cattanch, trying to score was caught at the plate. Carl Christian singled Gillaspie home.

Crater didn't tally until the fifth frame but pushed over four runs in the canto. Del Tucker got on base on an error and Vern Parent walked. Marv Bohnert doubled to send them home. Punky Monroe's double scored Bohnert and Monroe went to third base on an error and then came in on Howard Morris' safety.

The Comets added a run in the sixth stanza. Collins got aboard the bases on a misplay, went to second on a wild pitch, journeyed to third on an infield out and crossed home after Gordon Carrigan's flyout.

In the seventh Crater padded stolen base, passed ball and error.

Harry Schmidt, 1125 North Riverside avenue, has indicated that Chinook salmon are now up this far in Rogue River. He reported landing a 14½ pounder above Bybee bridge on Sunday.

Mel McGrew, Medford, was second in D utility racing in motorboat competition at Devils lake on Sunday. Held there during the week-end were world record trials under recognition of the American Power Boat association. McGrew bettered the world record last year.

by playing Grants Pass on Saturday and sending their B squad against Butte Falls on Monday.

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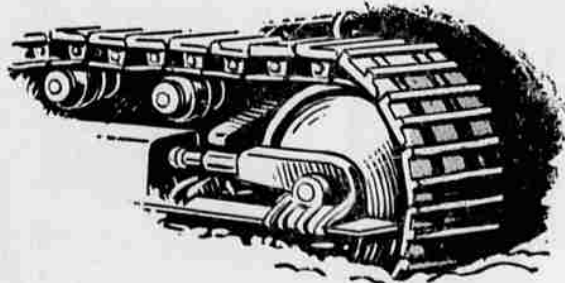
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