

DERALD WOOTON SIGNS PACT WITH BROOKLYN

Hurler Will Report To Great Falls

Derald Wooton, stellar young baseball pitcher who finished his Medford high school career this spring and has been flinging for the Medford Cheney Stubs, signed a contract early Saturday morning with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League.

He will report to the Great Falls, Mont., club of the Class C, Pioneer league, joining it at Boise, Ida., on Tuesday.

Wooton was signed by Bill Svilich and Bill Brenzel, Brooklyn scouts, for a bonus payable over a three-year period. The pitcher, his parents and the scouts declined to reveal the amount of the bonus.

Five Figures

However, Lloyd Wooton, father of the tall, loose-limbed hurler, said it was in five figures. He described the amount as "satisfactory," although not as much as was received this spring by two other Oregonians, Pitcher Eddie Urness, The Dalles, and Catcher Jerry Zimmerman, Milwaukie, for signing with the Boston Red Sox.

The 18-year-old Medford pitcher was signed for a salary comparable to Class A wages, although he will start in a Class C circuit.

By inking with the Dodgers, Wooton fulfills a long ambition. He is a Dodger fan. He had received offers from several other major league organizations but had made up his mind recently that, if he undertook a professional career, it would be with the Dodger system.

LEGION ALL-STAR

Derald has been a pitcher since his grade school days in Medford but has seen infield duty as well. He has played both American Legion junior ball and high school ball. In 1950 he was named to the Oregon junior league all-star nine as an infielder.

Had Medford played more than that one game in the state prep tourney this season, Wooton, it seems certain, would have gained all-state recognition. Fans who saw The Dalles and Medford vie in the tourney opener still are arguing concerning the relative capabilities of Urness, The Dalles hurler, and Wooton. The Dalles beat Medford 2 to 1 in a hard luck loss for the Black Tornado.

Wooton compiled a record of 35 wins and six defeats in his years of prep and Legion ball.

Strikeout Leader

Chucking in the extremely fast Southwestern Oregon league since the end of the high school season, Wooton had a record of two wins and two losses. For the first four week-ends of loop action, he paced pitchers with 28 strikeouts.

In high school Derald also played basketball and was named to the 1952 Southern Oregon conference Big Four all-star second team. He stands about six feet two inches and weighs

SPORTS

Navy Sweeps Annual Collegiate Regatta

Syracuse, N. Y.—(AP)—Navy's mighty midshipmen erased the memory of Marietta Saturday by scoring a brilliant sweep of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association's Golden Jubilee Regatta.

Conquering wind-whipped Lake Onondaga in the tradition of true admirals, Navy won the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity races to a complete sweep for last year's showing when three Middle shells sank ingloriously at Marietta, O.

Navy's sailing head coach, the venerable Russell (Rusty) Callow, confined to his bed with a cold last night, was on hand to see his first varsity crew since 1926 win an IRA championship. Takes Command

In all three races, Navy took command at the start, and

Autos Will Race Today Near Airport

Auto races at the new speed bowl on municipal airport property will be held today, rain or shine. Promoter Eddie Claassen and Ray Reid said.

Races will start at 1 p. m. on the three-eighths mile dirt track. Local drivers listed by the two men are they, themselves, Chuck Pendleton, Gene Campbell, Jim Downs, Bob Williams, Wayne Dunningan and Joe Bean. Reid has vied at Redding, Calif., and in this area and Pendleton has raced at Grants Pass, San Diego and other spots in southern California.

The two promoters received a lease from the city for use of the property. The track is near the airport off Biddle road to the right.

There will be no admission charge.

about 185 pounds.

Derald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wooton, 1314 South Peach street. He is one of six children and has three brothers and two sisters. His brother, Dick, who will be a senior at Medford high next year, is a catcher and has often been Derald's battery mate.

Wooton's wife, the former Cynthia Baker, will not go to Great Falls with him but will remain here to take summer school work.

Svilich, who signed Wooton, was business manager for the professional Medford Dodgers in 1948.

Junior Chamber Golf Tournament To Open Monday on Bend Course

Bend — (AP) — Top notch junior golfers from many parts of Oregon will be here Monday and Tuesday to compete for the right to play in the national Junior Chamber of Commerce tourney, to be held in Eugene in August.

The four medalists of the two-day Bend tourney and one alternate will qualify to participate in the national tournament. The

Stan Musial Senior Loop Bat Leader

New York — (AP) — The National league batting race snapped back to normal this week as five-time champion Stan Musial of the Cardinals took his usual place at the top.

Musial, trying for his third straight batting crown and his sixth since 1943, edged into first place midway in the week and official averages, which included Thursday's day games, gave him an eight - point edge on Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers. Musial was hitting .336, Robinson .328.

Musial made a slow start. He was batting .301 midway in May but has gained steadily since.

Sauer Slumps

While Musial and Robinson, two of the major's best hitters, took over the top spots, home run hitter Hank Sauer of the Cubs ran into a slump, and slipped from first to sixth. His average dropped from .345 to .316 since last week.

Whitey Lockman of the Giants was third with a .324 average. Frank Baumholtz of the Cubs was next with .321 and Toby Atwell of the Cubs was fifth with .318.

The American league race also began to settle down as the four top batters remained unchanged from last week. Dom DiMaggio of the Red Sox picked up one point to hold first place with a .338 mark. His new teammate, George Kell, added four points to boost his runner-up average to .330. Al Rosen of Cleveland kept his third place average at .326 and Billy Goodman of the Red Sox picked up eight points to hold fourth place with .323.

Shantz Shines

Dale Mitchell of the Indians jumped from 10th to fifth by boosting his average 13 points to .316. He replaced Eddie Robinson of the White Sox, who slid to sixth with .307.

Although his average dropped, Sauer continued to lead the majors in homers with 19 and in runs-batted-in with 60. Vic Wertz of the Tigers led the American league in home runs with

Bob Donnelly Mel Wasley Golf Champ

Portland — (AP) — Portland golfers swept the state junior golf championships at Alderwood Golf and Country club here in the final 36 holes Friday.

Bob Donnelly, Alderwood, won the Junior division crown and Sue DeVoe of Rose City captured the girls' championship.

Donnelly defeated Lloyd Eckardt, Columbia - Edgewater, 3 and 2, and Miss DeVoe topped Anne Quast of Marysville, Wash., 2 and 1.

Hval Wins

Young Gary Hval of Eastmoreland won the boys' title by staging a comeback from three down at the end of the first 18 holes to defeat Roger Sellicky, Eastmoreland, on the 40th hole.

A Pendleton Golf club representative, Don Seivers, won the playoff for the medalist honors in the boys' division with a score of 44-38-82 against Vince Altenhofen who made 46-40-86.

MISSFELDT QUALIFIES

Long Beach, Calif. — (AP) — Oregon's Chuck Missfeldt qualified Friday for the final U. S. Olympic trials next week with a javelin throw of 206 feet 8 inches, good for sixth place in the National AAU meet here.

Missfeldt represented the Multnomah Club of Portland. Bill Fell, another University of Oregon star, did not qualify in the preliminary heat in the 100-meter dash.

13. Rosen led in runs-batted-in with 41.

Preacher Roe 6-0 of the Dodgers and Harry Dorish 3-0 of the White Sox were the only pitchers holding perfect percentage records but the outstanding pitching mark in the majors was the 12-1 performance posted by little Bobby Shantz of the Athletics in 13 appearances.

SOFTBALL POSTPONED

Both tussles scheduled by the Medford Softball association for Friday night were postponed because of rain. Andy's Jewelers were to have played Central Point and Trowbridge and Flynn were to have met Camp White.

347, and Cece Garriott, Victoria, Ia., 346.

Charlie Oubre of Wenatchee and Cal McIrvine of Victoria were the pitching leaders, each with eight wins and two losses.

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Legion Nine Vies Today

Medford's American Legion junior baseball nine will be out for its second win of the season today. The Legion opposes Myrtle Creek at the fairgrounds park here. Starting time is 2 p. m.

The Medfordites have a record of one win in four games. They split a doubleheader Wednesday with Eugene after losing twice to Klamath Falls last Sunday.

Gordon Carrigan will pitch for Medford.



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