

CENTRAL POINT SOFTBALLERS WIN 7-0 IN PLAY-OFF OPENER; FRACAS TONIGHT

With Hurler Vern Collins scheduled to toss his fourth game in five nights, the Central Point softball crew will gun for a victory tonight that will earn it the District No. 8 championship. Last night the Pointers blasted Grants Pass 7 to 0 at Grants Pass in the first game of a two-out-of-three series for the district championship.

Tonight's engagement will be on the Medford high stadium turf. It will follow a 7:30 p.m. girls' skirmish. The girls' tussle between the Crater Babes and Eagle Point will also be a championship affair. The Babes beat Central Point 13 to 3 last night and Eagle Point downed Butte Falls to gain a deadlock for the Medford Softball association women's title.

One-Hitter
Collins, throwing his third conflict in four nights last night, turned in a one-hitter for his shutout. Only four Grants Pass

men got on base. The CP chuckler appeared in great shape despite his iron man duty and his drop was functioning effectively in the seven-inning mix.

Central Point obtained two of its runs in the third inning on doubles by Ralph Pettit and Darrell Copeland and an error. Two errors, a walk, a fielder's choice and hits by Pettit and Homer Sullivan brought four runs in the fifth stanza. A bingle by Jack Daugherty, stolen bases and a flyout by Lee Flink scored the final run in the sixth.

3rd Game Possible
Grants Pass still has big hopes in the play-off series and could send the contention into a third game by winning tonight. The third game, if required, will be played at 8 p.m. on Saturday at the Medford stadium.

The climate city nine took steps to make an all-out effort tonight. With the cause apparently lost last night, Pitcher Bob

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Rookie Black Helps Dodgers Hold Margin

By UNITED PRESS

Joe Black, Brooklyn's prize candidate for rookie of the year honors, shrugged a weary shoulder and said Friday Giant Manager Leo Durocher gave him his inspiration for winning the game that could prove to be the most vital the Dodgers will chalk up all year.

The husky right hander, called upon to relieve Ben Wade in the fifth inning, went on to score his seventh win against two defeats, 7 to 5, in a victory that left Brooklyn 5½ games in front of the Giants. New York had taken the afternoon game of the doubleheader 8 to 2 and the situation was growing acute as far as the Brooks were concerned.

Three-Run Homer
"I wanted to beat those guys real bad," he said. "When I went in there I heard Durocher say—'Let's get this coke up guy, he won't be in there long.'"

Black, whose specialty is what he calls a "wiener curve"—too big to be a slider and too small to be a curve—got by nicely after serving Whitey Lockman a three-run home run ball.

The guy who has pitched in 34 games this year in relief roles, said to his team mates: "We play the Giants a doubleheader on Sept. 8. That means Sept. 9 is Joe Black day. I want all of you guys to contribute."

Biggest Contribution
Manager Charley Dresen agreed that Black's contribution was the biggest of all, despite Roy Campanella's first inning grand slam homer and second inning homers by Billy Cox and Jackie Robinson, which put them ahead to stay.

The Giants cashed in on four unearned runs in the first game as Henry Thompson hit a two-run homer and Alvin Dark and Davey Williams got three hits apiece. It looked as if the Brooks might be on the run again in the nightcap until Black settled things. Dark hit safely in the eighth, too, to prolong his consecutive game streak to 22, two short of Stan Musial's.

Smith was removed to save him for tonight's affair.

Don Schneider, Medford, slated to umpire behind the plate tonight and Don Hedgepeth, Grants Pass, on the bases.

LINE SCORE:
Central Point . . . 002 041 0-7 8 0
Grants Pass . . . 000 000 0-0 1 3
Collins and Flink; Smith, Morehead (6) and Krenck.

24, which is tops for the National League season.

Face Phillies

The Dodgers, who now must play the hot Phillies six games in four days, derived no comfort from the fact the no-longer quaking Quakers topped the Braves 2 to 1 and 10 to 2. The Cards beat the Reds 7 to 4 in the only other National League game.

In the American League, the Yankees stayed three games ahead of idle Cleveland by splitting with Washington, winning 7 to 1 after losing 4 to 2. The third place Red Sox, five games behind, and beginning a three game series with the Yankees tonight, also split, losing 7 to 5 at Philadelphia, then winning 8 to 4. The Browns beat the Tigers 5 to 4 in 12 innings.

Hardtop Cars Roll Tonight

A slam bang evening of auto racing is expected here tonight when the California Star Car association holds its regular weekly attraction of hardtop competition at the posse grounds on Sage road at the west edge of Medford.

A field of 20 cars is billed to compete in the collision-filled, fence-busting program. There will be a number of local drivers. Among them are expected to be Lou Smith with his new car and Dave Hines of the Sewing Machine center.

From Grants Pass will be Donny Hood and Bernie Miller and from Klamath Falls will come Murrell Betsch.

Drivers from Yreka, Calif., will include Don Moore, seeking his third main event victory of the season. Frank Danley, Sacramento driver is entered. Danley will promote at the new track being opened Sunday at Klamath Falls.

Semi-main, heat race, trophy dash and special rivalry are on tonight's card.

FLORISTS WIN

Albany—(U.P.)—Portland's Lind Florists downed the World Champion Phoenix, Ariz. Queens girls' softball team, 5-4, here Thursday night as the squads continued a trans-Oregon series.

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Oaks' Edge In Loop Now Half-Game

San Francisco—(U.P.)—The baseballs being used in the Pacific Coast league this season may be deadlier than usual, but the game itself certainly isn't.

There was nothing moribund, for example, about the 23,497 fans who paid their ways into Wrigley field Thursday night to see Hollywood outscore the Los Angeles Angels, 6-5.

Jamming the aisles with one of the largest masses of humanity in the history of the park, the throng raised to more than 45,000 the number who have seen the clubs play four games this week. And that, in this era of clockless turnstiles, isn't bad.

Record Near

Wrigley Field had seen larger crowds for exhibition games but the biggest previous attendance for a regular league game there was 23,088 in 1949.

The Angels and Stars will have set a league series attendance mark, for this season at least, when they conclude hostilities Sunday.

Happily, the big turnout was treated to a thrilling game. The Angels had homers by Ron Northey, Max West his 22nd and Les Peden, while catcher Mangano clubbed one for the Stars.

Portland Wins

Peden's poke, in the ninth, brought the Angels within one run of victory and raised high the pitch of excitement among the compressed onlookers.

Hollywood, tied for second place with San Diego, advanced to within one-half game of Oakland's league lead. The Acorns were stopped by Portland, 4-1, on homers by Eddie Basinski and Frankie Austin.

The sizzling Padres of Lefty O'Doul kept pace by downing San Francisco, 4-3. In other action, Seattle trimmed Sacramento, 4-1.

Trout Fishing Fair to Good In Rogue River

Portland—(U.P.)—Week-end sports fishing in Oregon will be only fair in many sections of the state, but according to the Oregon State Game commission prospects in the central Oregon area were picking up.

The report included: **SOUTHWEST:** Trout angling on coastal lakes and streams is poor. Salmon fishing in the lower Rogue river is fair to good. Salmon fishing at Brookings is good.

Steelhead Fair

Trout fishing is good in the Rogue river from Prospect to Muir creek and fair from Gold Hill to McLeod. Steelhead catches are fair and improving from Gold Hill to Rogue Elk.

Some jack salmon are being taken at Bybee bridge and Shady Cove area. Salmon fishing at Winchester bay is fair. Trout fishing on coastal lakes is poor. Good catches of trout are reported in the North Umpqua river from Winchester to Eagle Rock and South Umpqua from Milo to Camp Comfort.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

Friday, August 8, 1952

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Little Men Lead at Tam

Chicago—(U.P.)—Golf's little men were the ones to beat Friday as nearly every star of the game opened the second round of Tam O'Shanter's "world" tournament, aiming for the gigantic \$25,000 first prize.

Only one of the first four leaders was listed among the top 25 money winners of 1952, Roberto de Vicenzo, ranked only 21st among the money winners with but \$5,020.47 to his credit this year, was merely tied for third place in the rich event.

Front-runners were Lew Worsham, Pittsburgh, and Pete Cooper, White Plains, N. Y., each aiming for his first 1952 tournament victory.

Slap 65's

Worsham and Cooper slapped out 7-under-par 65's Thursday, each showing exceptional clipping and putting skill.

Worsham could have challenged Lloyd Mangrum's course record of 63, except that he missed two putts of eight feet and another of six which would have given him two birdies and an eagle, had they dropped.

Even in the group of five at 68, three strokes behind the leaders, the luster of the stars was missing. Julius Boros, National Open champion from Mid Pines, N. C., who was 11th among the money winners with \$9,332.97 was deadlocked here with Dave Douglas, Newark, Del.; Earl Stewart Jr., Dallas; Jim Ferrier, Chicago, and Mario Gonzales, Rio de Janeiro.

Standings

COAST LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Oakland	74	56	.569	
San Diego	73	56	.566	½
Hollywood	73	56	.566	½
Portland	65	63	.508	8
Los Angeles	66	65	.504	8½
Seattle	63	62	.504	9
San Francisco	54	76	.415	20
Sacramento	48	82	.369	26

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Brooklyn	87	52	.627	
New York	82	58	.586	5½
St. Louis	62	44	.585	8½
Philadelphia	56	47	.544	13
Chicago	52	51	.505	17
Boston	42	60	.412	26½
Cincinnati	43	63	.406	27½
Pittsburgh	30	79	.275	42

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	64	45	.587	
Cleveland	60	47	.561	3
Boston	56	47	.544	5
Washington	56	50	.528	6½
Philadelphia	52	49	.515	8
Chicago	54	53	.505	9
St. Louis	46	63	.422	18
Detroit	36	70	.340	26½

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Victoria	73	36	.673	
Spokane	63	49	.563	11½
Vancouver	54	49	.524	16
Salem	52	36	.593	20½
Lewiston	52	38	.579	21½
Yakima	51	61	.455	23½
Tri-City	47	60	.439	25
Wenatchee	44	66	.400	29½

Auto Races Here Sunday

Another program of hard top car races, featuring drivers of the Rogue valley, will be held Sunday at the airport speedway. Time trials are set for 12:30 p.m. Races will get underway at 1:30 p.m.

Hard top racing is well-known by now for its spills and thrills and the usual number can be

anticipated at the local one-half mile oval on Sunday. Sponsors of the race suggest that race fans bring their families and make a picnic of the day.

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