Fanfare

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Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Bracken's Flash, a black labrador retriever owned and handled by C. Weldon Kline, Medford, has been ranked as one of the top derby dogs in the country. Flash was tied for ninth in the ratings published by the Wisconsin "Field Trial News."

The labrador was two years old last November. Last year Flash won the derby in the Willamette Valley club's trial and took No. 1 spot in the qualifying stake of the Oregon Retriever club's event at Portland. In other derbies Kline's dog was fourth in the Southern California club's meet at Santa Barbara, was second at Klamath Falls, third at Salinas and won a certificate of merit at Santa Cruz, Calif. Competition was particularly tough at Santa Barbara.

Flash's first point trial test was in the derby here last spring. He won a certificate of merit. Kline has trained the dog and handled it in all the trials.

PLAY-OFFS SET

President Bill Singler has announced a single elimination play-off on February 16 and 17 at the junior high gym for the Medford Independent Basketball league title and subdistrict championship. A double elimination tourney was planned among the top four teams at the end of the regular playing slate but Singler said that the gym would not be available for that extensive a play - off. Winner of the play-off will oppose the Grants Pass league victor for the district diadem.

CLEARING HOUSE NEEDED

We've often wondered why some sort of committee isn't formed to serve as sort of a clearing house for scheduling big athletic events here. Some means is needed to prevent conflicts in dates that at least occasionally arise. This year cases in point are the Oregon Open Golf tournament and the Rogue Valley Retriever club trials. The golf tourney is set for March 25, 26 and 27 and those dates are the ones likely to be approved by the American Kennel club for the trials here. Both, of course, are daytime events.

CINCINNATI BECKONS

Glen Gorbous, who played for the Medford Nuggets professional baseball team in 1949, has been "drafted" for a spring tryout with the Cincinnati Reds. Gorbous has been with Brooklyn Dodger farm teams for five seasons and last year was with Fort Worth of the Texas league. His 204 hits for the 1952 season for Pueblo, Colo., is a Western League record. Gorbous is playing hockey this winter for his home community, Vulcan, Alta.

MAY DROP PLAY-OFFS

Peter Cornacchia, Eugene Register - Guard sportswriter, commenting on the fact that a separate A-2 basketball tourney for high schools next year awaits the completion of a statewide survey on all sports, adds: "Early returns from school boards indicate state basketball play-offs will be retained while footbal land baseball championships may be dropped."

This department would like to remind city league basketball teams that the amount of sports page space they receive depends to a large extent on them.

Several weeks ago a large number of forms were turned over to league officials. It was determined that after league games played at the junior high here, the winning teams should fill out the form and take responsibility of slipping it under the Mail Tribune's newsroom door the nights of the games. That way they are available to this department the first thing the following morning.

There's been a laxity in following this procedure. But if it is followed, the teams will get the space they'd like and we'd like to give.

So many mornings there's the need to run down the result of games by phone. There is jut not time and manpower, for what it's worth, to do this, get information other than just the scores and meet a deadline, too. Oftentimes, team managers and players are at work and cannot be reached.

Joe Ziegler Employs Psychology on Beavers

Portland —(U.P.)— Joe Ziegler, general manager of the Portland Baseball club of the Pacific Coast league, said he was using "psychology" this year to improve the team.

Ziegler said no player contracts had been mailed out yet. He said he was trying to "create some insecurity," to make the players worry about their jobs.

The new Beaver general manager added that "too many ball players have been here too long," making complacency a danger. He said he would not mention specific names.

Ziegler said the club's new local ownership would help build essential local pride.

BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY GAMES

East
Fordham 70, Connecticut 65
Boston College 63, Tufts 54
Army 76, Pittsburgh 71
Boston U. 64, Providence 55
Columbia 79, Brown 51
Duquesne 70, Westminster 56
LaSalle 85, Georgetown (DC) 58
Navy 91, Syracuse 79
Princeton 75, Rutgers 37
Cornell 71, Sampson AFB 38
South
Penn St. 77, W. Virginia 68
Wake Forest 96, Virginia 90
Midwest
Washington (Mo.) 70, Loyola (Ill.) 64
Southwest
Texas Christian 92, Texas A&M 62
Oklahoma A&M 67, St. Louis 54
West
Utah 77, Los Angeles St. 38
Arizona 88, Bradley 77

Main Bouts Listed for PAL Card

Top bouts were announced today for the novice boxing tournament on Saturday, February 5, at the Police Athletic league gymnasium here.

A pair of experienced scrappers will tangle in the main event of the night. But novice entries are slated in the other competition.

Headliner test will put Junior McDonald, 135 pounds, Medford, PAL, against Johnny Green, 142, Roseburg Boxing club.

In one of two semi-mains Loren Christian, 158, Medford, will face Vern Morris, 160, Roseburg. Jimmy Evans, 90, Medford, will meet Larry Zang, 95, Roseburg.

Other Bouts

Numerous other bouts will lead up to these, PAL officials stated. All receipts will go to the March of Dimes. First action is set for 8:30 p.m. The PAL gym is above Acme Hardware store, 3 West Sixth st.

Tickets are available from city police. They were to be placed on sale today at the Union and Bohemian clubs and at Lamport's Sporting Goods store. About 300 seats will be available, all reserved.

The tourney is open to boys 12 years of age or over and boys need not be Medford residents to enter.

BOWLING

EVERGREEN LEAGUE

Every series of the evening went to the winners by a 3-1 margin.

The Barbers Local 269 took their series from the Bel Air Chevs in spite of a 557 series by Art Maggenti. Both the second place squads lost their series, the Tru-Mix Construction to the First National Bankers, and the Pierce Freightlines to the Big Y Marketeers.

The City Hall boys took Swift and Company while Sherwin-Williams Painters took their series from Jorgensen's Dairy. High series of the evening went to Ray Wise of Swifts with a 576, while Slim Hardin of Bel Airs had high game with 217.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

With the last night of the round coming up, three teams have a chance at the top spot, and a fourth team can tie for top in case of a split series. The Medford Mail Tribune newsmen were lucky to obtain a tie in their series with Quality Market, and fell into a tie with Table Rock Lumber Company which took a 4-0 series from Valentine Cafe.

Quality Market still held to the next spot, but must meet the powerful Alexander and Brown insurancement in the final week. The insurance squad took a 4-0 series from the Domestic Laundry. First National Bank spoiled the Crater Lake motormens chances by taking a 3-1 series. This left both the Bankers and the Ford boys out of the running for top spot.

Bates took a 4-0 from Darling Real Estate and Morning Fresh Bakery took a 3-1 series from the C and C Loggers to round the evening.

Fred Anderson of The Mail Tribune team rolled a 256 game and a 598 series for the high of the evening, and Quality Market had high game with a 936. The Tribune had high series for the evening with 2616.

EVERGREEN LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Medford Barbers 269	16	4
Tru-Mix Construction	13	7
Pierce Freight Line	13	7
Big Y Market	11	9
City Hall Slickers	11	9
Swift & Company	9½	10½
Bel Air Chevs	8	12
First National Bank	7½	12½
Sherwin-Williams Paints	6	14
Jorgensen's Dairy	5	15

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Mail Tribune	27	17
Table Rock Lumber	27	17
Quality Market	25½	18½
Alexander & Brown	25	19
Crater Lake Motors	24½	19½
First National Bank	23	21
Domestic Laundry	21	23
C & C Loggers	20	24
Bates Candy Company	5.20	24
Beck's Bakery	18	26
Darling Real Estate	17	27
Valentine Cafe	16	28

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Nelson Back With Eagle Hoop Quint

Return of Harvey Nelson to the Eagle Point high basketball squad this week raised the hopes of the Eagles for the subdistrict tournament and the rest of the Rogue League campaign.

With Nelson back, it was the first time since last November that the Bill Caldwell, Frank Reich and Nelson combination has been intact with the Eagle crew. And as the Eagles prepped for the Rogue series with Crater this week, Coach Jerry Mosby reported that his club looked "real good" and "better all the time." He was elated over having the trio together for three whole practice sessions.

The Eagles are hosts to Crater on Friday and play the Comets at Central Point on Saturday. In other Rogue loop mixes Phoenix plays Illinois Valley at Cave Junction on Friday and at Phoenix on Saturday.

Injury Trouble

Injuries to Reich, Nelson and Caldwell kept that combination apart up until now. Reich and Caldwell have been in the lineup in recent games but Nelson had been out since suffering a broken hand in the opening Rogue League fray with Crater last month. Reich and Caldwell's trouble stemmed from football hurts. Reich required an operation on a finger and Caldwell is still troubled by a bad knee and wears a heavy brace.

Minus the combination, Eagle Point lost its first four conference games and without Nelson, but with Reich, pulled out of the cellar last week with two wins over Illinois Valley. Jerry Cave and Jack Greb likely will round out the starting quint this week as the Eagles aim to whack the loop-leading Comets and get back into contention.

Fast Break Drill

At Central Point Coach Leonard Warren has been drilling the Comets on their fast break and is stressing defense. Crater turned in what was considered a poor performance when it split with Phoenix last week. Its fast break was not clicking well and it was not hitting its shots. The Comets probable starters are Fred Hogue, Jim Higinbotham, Bob Gray, Harvey Tonn and Vern Parent.

One Comet reserve, Donn Johnson, missed practice yesterday. He had to go to Grants Pass to do chores for his injured grandfather.

Phoenix, now in second place in the loop, split with Illinois Valley in the first round but gained confidence with a fine showing when it divided with Crater. It will be out for a sweep this time with the Cougars and is favored to take the series.

Allie Reynolds Quits Baseball

Oklahoma City—(U.P.)—Allie Reynolds, the New York Yankees' "Super Chief" of six pennant-winning teams, quit baseball today because of his aching back.

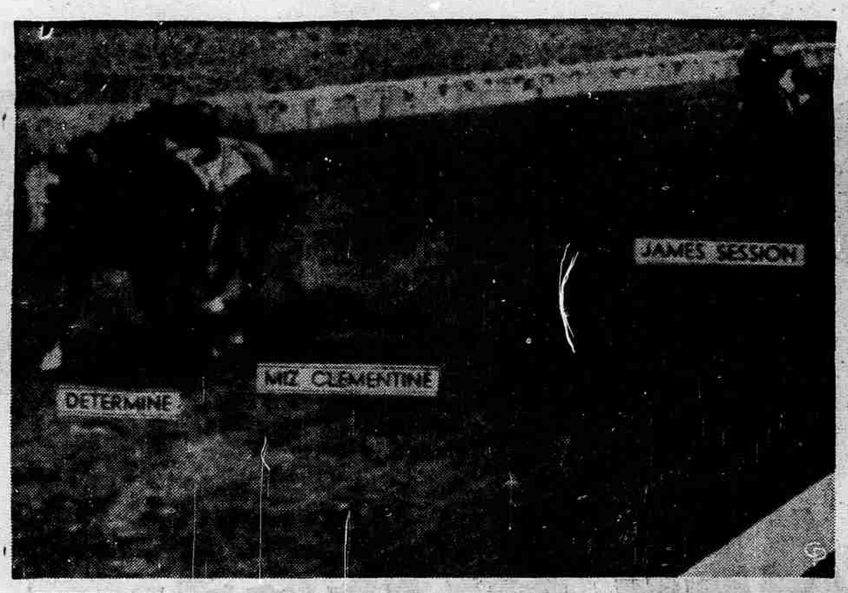
The 37-year-old part Creek Indian, perhaps the greatest "clutch" pitcher of the post-war era, announced Wednesday night that he is quitting on the advice of his local physician in order not to aggravate a back injury stemming from a 1953 bus crash in Philadelphia.

Reynolds, who won 13 games and lost four last season although plagued by the injury, said he had fully intended to play during the coming season until the latest warning by the physician.

Reynolds, who will pass up a 1955 salary reached the major leagues in 1942 with the Cleveland Indians. After five seasons with the Tribe, he was traded to the Yankees in the deal that sent star second - baseman Joe Gordon to Cleveland.

OUT OF MARKET

Miami, Fla. —(U.P.)— Boston Doge, the New England colt no one wanted last fall, priced himself clear out of the market by adding the $15,000 added Bahamas Stakes to his victory skein. The dark bay unbeaten son of Zhe Doge, who could have been bought for $7,500 last fall, ran his win total to eight causing his owners, the brothers Paul and Frank Andolino, to dismiss all talk of his sale.



BEARING FAR OUT from rail, Miz Clementine bumps Determine in running of Santa Anita, Cal., Maturity. Miz Clementine won by neck but stewards gave purse to Determine. *(International)*

Winds, Cold Par Threat At Phoenix

George Harrington, Medford amateur, reportedly was paired with topnotch pro Gene Littler, yesterday in the pro-amateur prelude to the Phoenix Open Golf tournament. However, there was no score on the two available from United Press.

Phoenix, Ariz. —(U.P.)— Continued brisk winds and cold weather threatened to explode hopes of par shattering performances today as the $15,000 Phoenix Open tournament got under way over the Arizona Country Club course.

Some 150 golfers, topped by defending champion Ed Furgol, Clayton, Mo., and the leaders of the game's current "youth movement" are bidding for top prize money in the 72-hole tournament.

Furgol, the gallery favorite in pre - tourney consideration, toured the course in a two-over par 72 in Wednesday pro-amateur event. Like other golfers, the National Open Champ found winds reaching 30 miles per hour in gusts as much of a problem as the unfamiliar course.

Few Break Par

Only a handful of players who planned to enter the Phoenix Open competition today broke par in the pro-amateur. Leading the class was John Barnum, of Grand Rapids, Mich., with a three-under 67. Barnum teamed with Bill Boutell, of Phoenix, for best ball honors with a 62.

Expected to put up the biggest fight for Furgol's crown were Gene Littler, Palm Springs, Calif., the constantly-improving winner of the Los Angeles Open; Shelly Mayfield, Chicopee, Mass., winner of the Palm Springs tourney, and such veterans as Jimmy Demaret, Kiamesha Lake, N. Y., and Cary Middlecoff, Memphis, Tenn.

Lloyd Mangrum, Niles, Ill., won the tournament in 1953, and still is rated among the top contenders.

Darrell Floyd Retains College Scoring Lead

New York —(U.P.)— Furman's Darrell Floyd, in an effort to outshine memories of the exploits of fabulous Frank Selvy, retained first place among the major-college scoring leaders, it was revealed today in NCAA statistics.

Floyd, who replaced Selvy as Furman's big man when the all-time collegiate scoring ace graduated and went to the Milwaukee Hawks, had a nation leading figure of 37.1 points per game on a total of 557 points in 15 games.

The only two other players with 30 point averages were Ohio States Robin Freeman, who placed second with 33.5, and third place Buzzy Wilkinson of Virginia, who is dropping in 31.6 points per game.

HONOR GUESTS

Chicago —(U.P.)— Gabby Hartnett and Ray Schalk, former Chicago Cubs and White Sox catchers who this year were elected to the Hall of Fame, will be honor guests tonight at the 37th annual banquet of the Old Timers Baseball Association. About 1,500 former semi-pro and professional players and officials were expected to attend.

B Hoopsters Mix Friday

There'll be no change in Jackson County B league alignment Friday night if the loop members run true to form and efforts of the first round of the circuit.

Rogue River is picked to stay undefeated on its trip to Butte Falls. Talent, a game behind the Chieftains, is favored over St. Mary's in a tussle at Medford, and Jacksonville, traveling to Prospect, is figured to push the Cougars farther into the cellor.

All the favorites this week end won over the underdogs in the first loop round. But there will be one thing different this time. The underdog quints will be playing on their home floors.

Seeks Third Win

In Medford, Talent will go after its third win of the season over the third place Crusaders. The Bulldogs trimmed St. Mary's in the Southern Oregon college tournament as well as in the league. However, St. Mary's is still in the contender class and, if it has a hot night as it did last Thursday at Butte Falls, it will make trouble for the Bulldogs. Talent was cold most of the way Tuesday against Jacksonville.

A loss by St. Mary's will not put it out of its current position but will just about wreck any aspirations it has for the B loop title.

Fishing Outlook Should Improve

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game commission:

Southwest: Smith river poor; few steelhead taken in Tenmile lakes outlet; striped bass fishing on Isthmus slough good with an occasional sturgeon taken; Millicoma and Coquille should be good for steelhead.

Rogue and Illinois rivers improved with boat angling better; fresh eggs best lure; Applegate should improve.

Prospects for weekend should improve unless there is radical change in weather and water conditions; steelhead angling slow in lower Umpqua; all streams in upper Umpqua area are rising and roily; prospects poor.

Kentucky's Playmaker Quits Team

Lexington, Ky. —(U.P.)— Linville Puckett, star playmaker of Kentucky's nation-leading basketball team, confirmed today he has left the team and the school after the squad was given a tongue-lashing on breaking rules.

Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp, who laid down the law to his team regarding training in a special meeting Wednesday, said he assumed Puckett had quit when he failed to show up for practice Wednesday afternoon.

"I advised them that, if anyone didn't feel he could comply with the rules, he didn't need to attend practice in the afternoon," said Rupp. "I assume that those who didn't show up didn't wish to live up to the team's training requirements."

Life or Death

Rupp issued his training ultimatum just two days after Kentucky, rated the nation's best team by the United Press Board of Coaches was upset for the second time this season by lightly-regarded Georgia Tech.

At his home in Winchester, Ky., Puckett confirmed that he had left Kentucky and planned to enroll elsewhere.

He asserted that at Kentucky basketball is regarded "not as a game, but as a matter of life or death. It resembles going to war."

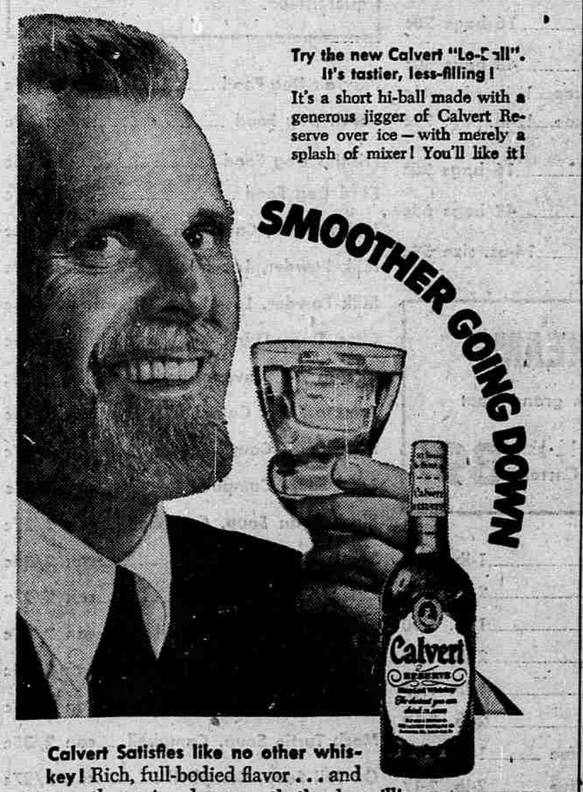
Puckett said he left Kentucky with ill feelings toward nobody, including the coaches.

SETS UP FOUNDATION

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Cliff C. Jones Sr., a 76-year-old insurance man who has been a baseball fan since he came here from Kentucky at the age of eight, has set up a $10,000 foundation so that deserving persons may be able to see the Kansas City Athletics play baseball. Jones says he wants tickets made available to boys, veterans, crippled persons and others in financial difficulties.

YANK TEAM LOSES

London — (U.P.) — The touring United States hockey team was beaten, 6-2, by the Harringay Racers Wednesday night. The Americans won their opening game on Tuesday, defeating a picked English squad, 8-2.



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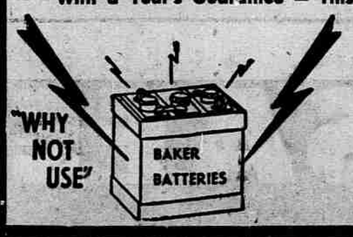

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SPORTS

13 MEDFORD HIGH HOOPMEN TO TRAVEL TO MARSHFIELD

Medford high's entire varsity basketball squad is scheduled to make the Coos Bay journey this week end, Coach Frank Roelandt announced this morning. But there was one player on the doubtful list.

The Black Tornado, idle for two weeks, encounters Marshfield high in non-conference tangles on Friday and Saturday nights.

Bill Cochran, a steadily improving 6-4 reserve, has been battling the flu bug and this morning was reported as the lad who might miss the jaunt. If he is able to go, there will be 13 Medford players on the road trip.

Roelandt indicated that his starters would be usual ones, Jerry Kalapus, Glenn Peterson, Bud Kastner, Larry Copple and Frank Rector.

Also to make the trip are Dick McLaughlin, John Foust, Ed McCullough, Bob Tisdel, Lloyd Cearly, Ed Reinking and Warren Deakins. Foust appears over his cold and Kastner, bothered by a recurring cord slippage behind his knee, was said to be in good shape.

The Tornado went through a good hard drill last night and Roelandt indicated that the club appeared to be in shape and all set for the Pirate series.

Medford will be up against a rugged foe which is the No. 2 team in the coast area. The Pirates have lost two to North Bend which is the ranking aggregation in that region. Medford nipped North Bend 59 to 56 here in December.

The Pirate squad is made up largely of players from Marshfield's state co-champion football team.

Gun Club Retains Three Directors

Martin Clogston, Paul Culbertson and Weldon Kline were reelected directors at the annual meeting of Medford Gun club last night.

Directors will meet on Wednesday, February 9, at Billy Young's garage, to name new officers. Holdover directors are Ed Pease, Ed Webber, Young, Harry Elden, Bert Peck and Sam Samson.

Guests, who gave short talks at the meeting last night were Jim Morris, Lake Grove, first vice - president of Pacific International Trapshooting association, and Don McNeil, secretary - manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Morris spoke on the PITA Grand Pacific shoot scheduled here this year.

Webber was in charge of the annual dinner held at the clubhouse. About 40 club members attended.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

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