

Pro-Amateur Tussle Thursday Begins Oregon Links Open at Rogue Valley

Field Nearly Full With 170 Entries

It's early (and bright is hoped for) Thursday for the tee-off of preliminary action in the Oregon Open Golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club here.

Pro-amateur competition, warm-up for the actual tourney, is scheduled for tomorrow with 138 linksmen in foursomes and five-somes teeing off starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Medford links.

The official tournament, a 72-hole medal play event, being held one of its few times outside the Portland area, begins on Friday and continues through Sunday.

The entry list was virtually complete this morning for the tournament which attract some of the top professionals and amateurs in at least five western states. A total of 170 linksmen had signed to compete in the tourney by early today.

Listed were 121 amateurs, 36 professionals and 13 seniors. They are from Washington, Oregon, California, Utah and Idaho.

Heading the list of amateur entries are Bruce Cudd, Portland, the defending champion, and Ralph Dichter, 1954 runner-up. Leading the pros is Eddie Hogan, Riverside Portland, the leading money winner in the tourney last year.

Entries from Utah and Idaho were assured yesterday. Tourney committee stated that Pro Bill Johnston, Provo, the Utah Open champ, definitely will be here. From Idaho have come the entries of Cliff Whittle and Robert Burns, Twin Falls. Whittle was formerly at La Grande and Portland.

Heading the California representation is George Bazzini, Northern Calif. Open champion, from Diablo club, San Francisco. Joe Greer, Yakima, Wash., Pacific Northwest Professional Golf association titlist, as among the top entries from the Evergreen state.

18 Holes Friday
Dick Yost, formerly of Portland, now of Seattle, joins Cudd among the amateurs to give the tourney two Walker Cup team

List of Entrants Now Complete For Field Trial Opening Friday

Entries are now complete for the Rogue Valley Retriever club's fourth annual American Kennel club licensed trial. The trial will be held at Hoover lakes members.

Participants will contend for 18 holes on Friday and for another 18 on Saturday. Thirty-six holes are slated for Sunday. Seniors, participants over 50 years of age, will play only the first two days unless they declare for amateur and qualify for the Sunday session. The low 60 and ties for pros and amateurs will constitute the field for Sunday activity.

A 4:30 p.m. professional clinic and a 5 p.m. driving contest for pros and amateurs are scheduled for Thursday. A hole-in-one contest is slated from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Add (head to come—Oregon Open) spt PRO-AM PAIRINGS
8:30 a.m. "Vince Aleksa, RVCC; Clayton Lewis, Tom MacLeod; Bob McKevitt; 7:40 a.m. "Pete Parrish, Burns; Dave Hill, Emil Pasquazi; Larry Wren; 8:30 a.m. "Alex Webber, Prineville; Bob Hogan; Gary Loustalo; Harvey Woods Jr.; 8:30 Eddie Oldfield; Roseburg; Marvin Clark, M. Hillmark, Don Avery.
8:10 "Leo Galloway, Olympia; James T. Green, Harold Olson; Justin Smith Jr.; 8:20 "Ron Caperna, Astoria; Ford Knutsen; Bill Palmer; Lloyd Drew; 8:30 a.m. "Mel Babica, Eureka; Art Bravo; Harry Millette; Ken Phelps; 8:40 "Ockie Eliason, Tacoma; Ray Beecher, Dr. John Woods, Larry Fogen; 8:50 a.m. "Bobby Litton, Vancouver; Bill Kallinak; George Lynch; Eddie Knapp; 9:00 "Al Feldman, Tacoma; Bob Dauterman; Bob McReynolds; Marshall Smith.
9:10 "Dave Juarez Jr., San Jose; Del Travis; George Harrington; Dick Searns; 9:20 a.m. "George Buzini, Diablo; Eddie Simmons; George Kenney; Ken Myers; 9:30 "Ray Honsberger, Seattle; Ralph Dichter; John Riggie; Lloyd Mattison.
9:40 "Ted Longworth, Portland; F. E. Bennett, Fred Brown; Art Abrahamson; 9:50 "Dave White, Washougal; John Kelly; Lu Ross; Bob Prall; 10:00 a.m. "Clark Goodie, Klamath Falls; Frank Hall; Bob Smith; John Brodie.

in Oregon Open Golf Tourney story—
10:10 "Harvey Bunn, Eugene; Earl Bennett; Bob Norquist; Vern Allen; 10:20 "Vern Martin; Corvallis; Jerry Cloninger; Ray Holland; Wallace Hugg; 10:30 "Eddie Hogan, Riverside; R. W. Bingham; Don Bails; Dick Webber.
10:40 "Harold West, Laurewood; Al Erickson; Bruce Cudd; Eddie Hall; 10:50 "Harvey Bunn, Tualatin; Dick Price; Fred Hudspeth; Dick Marks; 11:00 "Bunny Mason, Salem; Bob Rasmussen; Larry Holland; Wallace Hugg; 11:10 "Cliff Whittle, Twin Falls; Ed Harper; Don McKrick; Ward Sligh; 11:20 "Larry Lamberger, Portland; L. Conaway; Phil Getchell; Hal Duden; 11:30 "Bill Johnston, Provo Utah; Dick Yost; Lou Stafford; Don Provost.
11:40 "Bob McKendrick, Oswego; Harley Eckles; Ted Fieskes; Everett McGraw; 11:45 "Dave Killen, Eastmoreland; Dr. Max Hunter; Med Ingram; John Moffatt; 12:08 "Joe Greer, Yakima; Warren Dailey; Bill Ward; Hal Grant.
12:20 "Eddie Joseph, Crescent City; Leonard Schwelm; Nelson Galand; Hugh Roberts; Bob McKeown; 12:32 "Joe Moxel, Lloyds; Gene Bates; Bill Hartman; Pete Huddle; John Hulbert; 12:44 "Al Williams, RVCC; W. J. Howell; Russ Heysell; Ward Cummings; Carl Woods.
12:56 "Ken Omlid, Cottage Grove; R. C. Applegate; Fred Lanzley; Les Pierce; Del Berg; 1:08 "Wendie Wood; Eugene; Dr. S. H. McKean; Wayne Hagen; Hilding Norburg; Larry Butler; 1:32 "Eddie Loustalo, Redding; Dale Johnson; Jim Sheldon; Earl Voorhies; Carl Schmidt; 1:44 "Fred Hill, Grants Pass; Miles Doran; Frank Malze; Chuck Van Linge; Cam Wheaton; 1:56 "Carl Sullivan, Ashland; Ken Lusk; Wendell Wissler; Jim Matlock; Willard Wood.
2:06 "Ken Townes, Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Bob Rector; Adam Rott; Billy Lees; Harry Terry Sr.; Denotes Pro.

and vicinity on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 25, 26 and 27.

There are 132 entries in the four stakes, field trial committees reported. They said that the total is almost 40 more than for any of the three previous trials. Thirty-one are listed in the derby, 41 in the qualifying stake, 30 in the amateur and 32 in the open. The entries will be from Washington, Idaho, California, Oregon and Montana.

The trial committee held the official drawing on Monday to give the entries their places in the running of each stake.

Preparations are now finished for the trial. It will start at 8 a.m. Friday with the amateur stake. Participants and spectators will gather at the clubhouse at Hoover lakes. First series will be near there. Exact location is to be announced.

Judges Alfred H. Schmidt, Portland, and Lave Utter, Los Angeles, will arrive Thursday to go over the grounds and lay out tests for the trial with local judge Irv Warren.

Field trial champion retrievers liberally sprinkle the lists with

seven in the amateur all-age stake and nine in the open. Sprig of Swinomish, owned by C. R. Tobin, San Francisco, will defend its 1954 crown in the major event, the open. Oakcreek's Fremont, owned by Norman House, Klamath Falls, will be defender in the amateur competition.

Among local dogs in the derby will be Ira Parish's Coaly, Gene Hunts Rip, Dr. Rambo's Rogue, William McAllister's Meg and Russ Semon's Babe. Earl Westcott's Belle, Sid Monasco's Pete and Roy Lathroy's Betsy will be in the qualifying stake. Belle and Ken Denman's Kip will be in the amateur and Kip in the open.

Tests will be held on the water of Hoover lakes and on the land near there. Pigeons and ducks will be used in the derby and qualifying events and pheasants and ducks in the amateur and open.

A concession stand will operate at the trial grounds. A no-host dinner will be held at the Tally Ho at Talent on Friday evening for all who are interested in attending.

Tornado Nine Plays Yreka On Saturday

Medford senior high school's baseball season begins Saturday with slightly more than a week of practice behind the Black Tornado.

The preppers will travel to Yreka, Calif., for a 2 p.m. game. Coach Alex McDonald is building his 1955 varsity from a crew of eight lettermen, some boys up from the junior varsity and some promising sophomores on a squad of 35. The boys had two workouts previous to drills this week.

Lettermen back are Dick McLaughlin, catcher and first base; Ken Piland and Ed McCullough, pitchers; Paul Eckel, first base and outfield; Jim Owsley, second base; Larry Gober, third base, and Lorin Jacobs and Ed Reinking, outfielders.

Frank Rector is a letterman shortstop who may or may not be out this year. Joe Raabe, who lettered in the outfield, has transferred to Eugene. Reinking, out with a broken wrist much of last year, and McCullough have reported after completing basketball play. McLaughlin, out because of illness, had not made the switch from basketball. Eldon Francis, letterman catcher last year, is out for track this season.

Among catcher candidates are Terry King, sophomore; Ray Hilton, javvee last year, and Mike Smith, a junior transfer. Pitchers include Ernie Tyler, sophomore, and John Bellack, Larry Clark and Jim Gibson up from the javvees. Gibson is also a first baseman.

Sophomore infield candidates include John Hawley, Jim Putney, Larry Perkins, and Gordon Owsley. Duane Sides is a pitcher and infielder aspirant who was a javvee in 1954.

Outfielders included two seniors Dale McCay and Pete Young. Bobby Mays is a sophomore candidate and Ken Morris is a junior who hits the ball well.

Games with Crater high are set for the Medford field on Friday, April 21, at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 2, at 2 p.m.

Perennial Powers To See 1st Action in AAU Tourney

Denver — (U.P.) — Darkhorse North Carolina State and the perennial powers see their first action today in the National AAU basketball tournament.

Phillips Oilers of Bartlesville, Okla., tangles with the Santa Maria, Calif. Golden Dukes in the first game of real consequence in the weeklong tourney. The Oilers drew a first round bye and the Dukes tripped the Mt. Morris, Ill. Kolts 74-57 last night.

The Peoria, Ill., Caterpillars, like the Oilers, members of the National Industrial Basketball league and pre-tourney favorites, also were idle during the first round. They meet the Buchan Bakers of Seattle, Wash., at 5:30 p.m.

North Carolina State, the nation's fourth ranking college team, will get their first test in the AAU tourney against the order competition of the current meet playing Hope Wuthnow of Hope, Kan. The colleg-

ians figure to win and are given a fair chance to go all the way in the tourney.

In other games today and tonight, the San Francisco Olympic club was to play the Akron, Ohio, Goodyear Wingfoots of the NIBL; the Artesia, N.M., Travelers of the NIBL were to meet Gregory Clothiers of Greeley, Colo.; the Denver Central Bankers of the NIBL were to play the U.S. Marine champions, and the ADA Oilers of the NIBL were to face Luckett-Nix of Boulder, Colo.

There were no upsets in the final games of the first round yesterday, although Kirby Shoes of Los Angeles had to hustle to whip the collegians playing for the Utah Hi-Hats 71-62.

The Marines, from Quantico, Va., used their second team most of the way in trouncing St. Agnelo of New York 105-50. The Buchan Bakers were not pressed in beating Donti Lavelli of Cleveland 79-62.

T. Maddox Wins for UO

Stanford, Calif. — (U.P.) — The University of Oregon downed the Stanford baseball team for the second straight time yesterday, beating the Indians 7-4 in a practice game.

Dick Schlosstein, Webfoot first baseman, led his team with a 380 foot home run and two singles in four trips to the plate. Winning pitcher was right-hander Terry Maddox who relieved Ev Stiles in the fourth frame. Walt Payne was the loser.

Canadians, Red Wings Grab Play-off Starters
By UNITED PRESS
The Montreal Canadiens and the Detroit Red Wings, who dueled to the wire during the regular season, matched victories in the opening games of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The Canadians, introducing two-platoon goalies, skated to a 2-0 victory over the Boston Bruins Tuesday night at Montreal, while the pennant-winning Red Wings posted a 7-4 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs at Detroit.

The teams will resume their best-of-seven semi-final series in the same cities Thursday night.

SEALS WIN
Brawley, Calif. — (U.P.) — With six straight wins in Desert Coast league competition the San Francisco Seals played host to Oakland today in an exhibition game. The Seals got 14 hits in defeating Sacramento at Yuma, Ariz., last night. Tommy Perez, Ted Beard and Mike Bares all hit home runs. San Francisco rallied for four runs the last two innings to break a 7-7 tie.

STARS TAKE GAME
Anaheim, Calif. — (U.P.) — Ed Wolke was to take the mound for Hollywood today as the Stars end their spring training series with the Fort Ord Warriors. Bobby Bragan's men beat out 11 hits in defeating the soldiers 5-3 here yesterday.

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Nomellini Nabs Bout; U.S. Title Disputed

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Leo Nomellini of the San Francisco Forty Niners and Lou Thesz staged a rough and tumble battle last night for the national heavyweight wrestling championship and they're both claiming the title.

Referee Mike Mazurki ruled that Nomellini won the National Wrestling Alliance title while lying flat on his back out of the ring, but Thesz howled, "I'm standing up, so how can I lose my title?"

Thesz took the first fall of the match in 28:59 when he reversed an arm lock by the 250-pound Nomellini, but the challenger bounced back to take the second fall with a series of flying tackles, the last of which knocked the 222-pound champion from the ring.

Nomellini won the final fall when he hit Thesz with a flying tackle that carried both men out of the ring. Thesz returned to the canvas first and twice kicked Nomellini off the ring apron as the challenger attempted to return. Mazurki disqualified Thesz for his action.

Thesz and his manager, Ed (Strangler) Lewis disputed Nomellini's new claim to the championship and claimed that under National Wrestling Alliance rules a championship cannot change hands by disqualification.

Presnell Named As Mat Referee Over Objections

Disregarding objections from Gerry Hunter, the Medford State Athletic commission and Promoter Mack Lillard have again named Larry Presnell, of the Portland police department, as referee for next Saturday's wrestling card at Merrick's arena.

Miss Hunter, who has promised to defeat Tiny Kim and Ella Kivalski in 30 minutes or forfeit her pay, says she can't get a fair deal from Presnell. Lillard pointed out that her argument doesn't stand up inasmuch as she is undefeated here. The blonde bombshell is still irked over being thrown around the ring by Presnell last week after she slapped his face during a match.

"Crybaby" Johnny Dobbs will test Cyclone Cobb in the middle match and Yoggi Hussane will go against Buck Davidson in the 8:30 p.m. opener.

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LeRoy Han Hot Prospect

Portland — (U.P.) — LeRoy Han, youthful fast ball pitcher from Vancouver, Wash., has become one of the hottest prospects of the Portland Beavers, General Manager Joe Ziegler said today.

Ziegler, who returned here from the Beavers' spring training camp at Glendale, Calif., said several big league clubs were after Han, who turned in a sparkling performance against Los Angeles Monday.

Ziegler said he was rejecting all the offers. The Bevo general manager also said there would be no television of games from the Vaughn street park this season.

AL Andrews To Meet Will Pastrano Tonight
Chicago — (U.P.) — Middlegweight Al Andrews, denied a chance at title-contender Joey Giardello, meets a substitute opponent in Willie Pastrano tonight with everything to lose and little to gain.

Their 10-round bout, a regular television go from the Chicago Stadium, was rated a toss-up with odds quoted at 6-5 and pick the winner. Originally Andrews was to face Giardello, rated the No. 1 challenger for Bobo Olson's title, over 12 rounds, but Pastrano, a 19-year-old with 36 pro fights, was substituted when Giardello was convicted of an assault charge in Philadelphia.

ROOKIES NAMED

Bradenton, Fla. — (U.P.) — Manager Mayo Smith of the Philadelphia Phillies named seven rookie pitchers today who are almost certain to stick with the team past the opening of the National League season. They are Jack Meyer, Jim Owens, Tom Casagrande, Dick Farrell, Angelo Liperti, Ron Mrozinski and Lynn Lovenguth.

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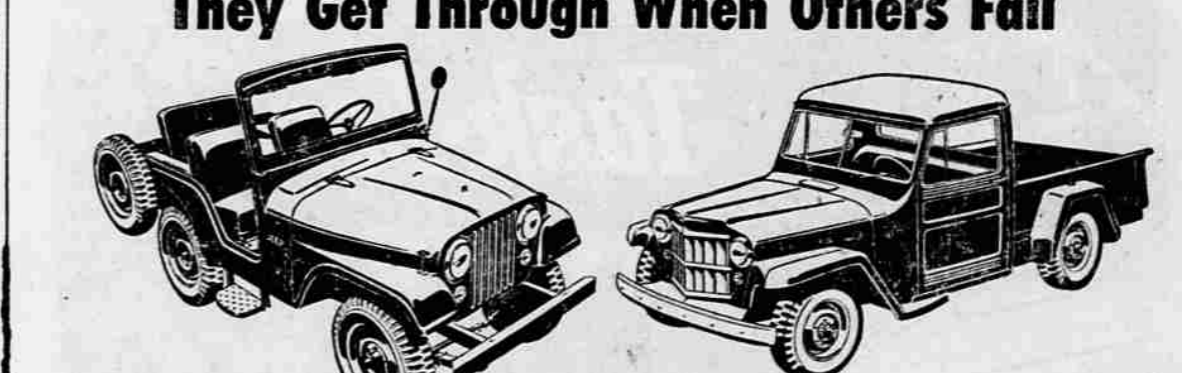
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