

Medford-Ashland Tilt Halted in 5th Canto

"Rain, rain go away. Come again at the end of May." Although not popular with the farmers, that's the current saying in high school baseball circles.

The wet weather yesterday interrupted Medford high's fourth and final diamond clash of the season with Ashland and washed out the remaining baseball rivalry planned for this week end by the Black Tornado.

Medford and Ashland struggled through the rain for 4½ innings here yesterday and, while showers finally halted after a last hard downpour, the clubs yielded to the fact that the field was too wet and muddy for continuing the struggle. Medford was leading 4 to 3 at the time.

Four and one-half innings, according to the book, can constitute a game but Coach Alex McDonald of Medford acknowledged the desire of Coach Snuffy Smith and his Ashland charges to continue despite the wet and mud. Mutual agreement was reached to continue the scrap at a later day. And several extra innings may be played "for kicks."

No Eugene Trip
Called off also because of rain this week in the Willamette valley was Medford's trip to Eugene. The Tornado was to have met the University of Oregon Frosh in a single game today. A doubleheader with Eugene high had been slated for Saturday.

Medford packed all its runs into the first inning yesterday while Ashland's Grizzlies surged in the top of the fifth for their three.

Ed McCullough led off the Tornado's first batting turn with a single. Frank Rector also safetied. McCullough went to third and Rector strided to second on the throw in. Ed then tallied on a wild pitch by Hurler Gene Parent and Frank got to third. After Dick McLaughlin fanned, Lorin Jacobs boomed the ball into right field. It bounced over Fleider Don Olson and went for a home run.

Larry Gober got to first base on Shortstop Pete Cotton's fielding miscue and stole second. Ed Reinking slapped the ball into the left pasture for a triple to drive in Medford's fourth run.

Rector Doubles
Only other Tornado batter to tag Parent for a hit was Frank Rector. His fly ball dropped between two fielders in the second canto for a double. However Ernie Tyler and McCullough struck out and Dick McLaughlin

skied out in the frame. Ashland loaded the bags on Medford Sophomore Chucker Tyler in the first inning. After two batters retired Parent singled, Phil Sword walked and Jim Sutherland singled. However Lance Locke fled out to center field to end the threat.

Tyler retired Grizzly batters in order during the second and third tussles but infield errors put him in a tough spot in the fourth. Sword and Sutherland got on base on success misplays. Locke popped to first for an automatic infield out. Sutherland was forced out at second on Mark Fitches grounder and Sword got to third. Bill Workman socked a fly ball for the third out.

In the fifth Ashland got to the tiring Tyler for four hits. Cotton, Bob Alley and Jack Lane got successive singles to load the bases. Parent hit into a double play ball which allowed Cotton to score and Alley to perch on third base. Medford seemed pretty well out of trouble but Sword walked and Sutherland followed with a double for the third run.

Sides Relieved
At that point, with rain starting to shower hard, Duane Sides relieved Tyler. He struck out Locke to end the inning.

The clubs swarmed into the stands to await the end of the downpour. Rain showers, light to heavy, had fallen during most of the action. After the last heavy shower let up Ashland returned to the field to warm up although the pitcher's mound the batter's box and base paths were soaked, chewed up and slippery. The Grizzlies, after the fifth inning turn of events, were eager to go on with the game but after the Medford concession agreed to come back and finish another day.

Sutherland and Rector were the only ones to get more than one hit in the mix. Each collected two.

Tyler walked two men along with giving up six hits in 4 2-3 innings. Sides whiffed the only batter he faced. Parent held Medford to five hits, struck out five and walked none in four stanzas.

LINESCORE:
Ashland..... 000 03
Medford..... 400 4
Parent and Sword; Tyler, Sides (5) and McLaughlin.

Vejar Favored To Lick Melis

Syracuse, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Chico Vejar, who hits the books at New York university when he isn't cuffing ring opponents, is a prohibitive 5-1 choice to defeat Paolo Melis, former Italian champion, in a 10-round bout tonight.

The fight will be televised and broadcast nationally. Vejar, who is undefeated in his last nine bouts, is given a good chance to knock out his Italian opponent. The youngster from Stamford, Conn., who is a dramatic arts student at NYU, has scored 31 knockouts in winning 60 out of 65 bouts.

SHOEMAKER HURT
Albany—(U.P.)—Jockey Willie Shoemaker was to undergo a final medical examination today before his doctor allows him to fly to Kentucky. Shoemaker was thrown from his mount, Marvaco, in the first race at Golden Gate Fields yesterday. The horse stumbled as it broke from the gate, catapulting Shoemaker to the track.

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SPORTS

Mat Fans Get First Look At Mixed Tag Go Saturday

Something new for valley wrestling fans will be presented for the first time at Merrick's arena tomorrow night when Mack Lillard offers a mixed tag team match. It pairs Yogi Hussane and Gerry Hunter against Champ Thomas and Bonnie Bartlett.



While the men will not be permitted to wrestle the women, under any circumstances, Lillard pointed out that the match offers many possibilities for fireworks.

Hussane is anxious to even the score for a defeat by Thomas last week and Miss Hunter is still boiling over Miss Bartlett's refusal to assist her in unethical tactics while they were tag team partners on the last card. Both Hussane and Hunter are well known for their activity outside the ring and to what use this will be put to take advantage of Thomas and his partner remain to be seen.

Two other matches, each worthy of top billing, have been carded. The middle event sends popular Cyclone Cobb against Joe Hahn and in the opener newcomer Logger Porter tackles Larry Presnell.

Starting time is 8:30 p.m. with doors to open an hour earlier.

BOWLING

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

With the last evening of the regular season bowling due next week, the Commercial Bowling league standings leave only Alexander and Brown Insurance squad a chance to catch C and C Loggers. The Loggers aided their own cause when they downed the Crater Lake Motormen 4-0 this week. First National Bank helped the Loggers when the Bank took a 3½-½ series from high standing Mail Tribune.

Alexander and Brown managed only a split series with Table Rock Lumber, leaving a two-game gap to close with the last week of bowling. Darling Real Estate fell off the pace with a 2-2 split series against Valentine's cafe.

High series went to C and C with 2700, and individually Duane Lubbers of Quality Market. Bates Candy won 3-1 from Domestic Laundry and Quality Market lost 3 to the Beck Bakery squad.

High game went to Beck's Bakery with 921 and to Lubbers with 230.

A meeting of the team captains will be held prior to the 7 p.m. bowling time next week, R. A. Lane, secretary of the league, reported.

Standings:	W.	L.
C and C Loggers	30	14
Alexander and Brown Ins.	28	16
Crater Lake Motors	25	19
Darling Real Estate	24	20
Mail Tribune	23½	20½
Table Rock Lumber	23	21
Morning Fresh Bakery	22	22
Domestic Laundry	21	23
Bates Candy Company	20½	23½
First National Bank	17½	26½
Valentine Cafe	17	27
Quality Market	13	31

Results:	C & C Loggers	C L Motors	
Joe Cahler	490	Jim Farrar	541
Jim Cahler	546	Bill Rover	486
Chas. Tennant	503	San Van Dyke	399
Jack Cahler	576	Abu	307
Bob Cahler	585	Mel Cannon	332
		Handicap	12
	2700		2475

Table Rock	2	A and B	
Jack Gardner	493	Frank Boone	459
Wally Neece	455	Ed Guldán	535
Dave Kreier	488	Lee Meyers	547
C. Freeman	506	Bud Casser	425
Hal Schroeder	558	Jim Knapp	511
		Handicap	6
	2480		2483

1st Nat'l. Bank	3	Mail Tribune	14
Paul Dimick	528	F. Anderson	492
Ed Bennett	475	Bob Monsey	535
Wes Nissen	387	Bud Casser	457
Larry Clark	532	F. Liddell	448
Bob Lane	451	G. Spauhorst	495
		Handicap	108
	2511		2425

Bates Candy	3	Domestic Lndry.	1
C. Thompson	479	Jack Weber	536
Pat. Drant	505	Ernie Olson	462
Lee Gustison	382	Absentee	423
Ira Bollinger	460	Absentee	423
Hunter Dixon	568	B. Garrett	499
		Handicap	9
	2401		2348

Valentine's	2	Darling Rl. Bst. 2	
Stan Straus	526	Jack Olson	444
Ray Klepper	387	D. Copeland	453
Dick Lehman	433	LeRoy Boyd	449
Lloyd Carr	411	Sandy Clave	481
Les Schneider	493	Oliver McNeal	489
		Handicap	33
	2283		2326

Morning Fresh	3	Quality Mkt.	1
Fred Beck	544	D. Lubbers	589
Ed Berry	384	Wayne Kyker	407
Chas. Shinn	492	Wayne Ratty	461
Dick Spain	560	Loyd Huston	458
Al Sacchi	519	Al Henderson	514
		Handicap	21
	2699		2450



MAT FOES — Joe Hahn, top, Portland fireman, returns to local wrestling wars tomorrow night to face Cyclone Cobb, lower photo, in the middle event of a three-play card at Merrick's arena.



Butte, Applegate Reported Clear For Fishermen

Big Butte Creek and Upper Applegate river were reported fairly clear today as anglers awaited the opening of the general trout season in Oregon.

The season opens Saturday and thousands of fishermen are expected to flock to streams. Evans creek also was reported in good shape. Rogue River was reported fishable but roily. Bait fishing was listed as likely the best means of hooking trout in the Rogue.

The Game Commission reportedly has been conducting a planting program with two trucks reported working in this area in the last week. Unconfirmed reports were that plantings were made at McKee Bridge on the Applegate and at Bybee, Military and Dodge bridges on the Rogue.

Pettit Optioned To Mexico City

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Pitcher Paul Pettit, who received a \$100,000 bonus from the Pittsburgh Pirates five years ago, and Ron Necciai, who struck out 27 men in one game with Bristol of the Appalachian League in 1952, were cut from the Hollywood Stars roster today.

Pettit was optioned to Mexico City of the Class AA Mexican League, while Necciai was returned to Waco of the Class B Big State League.

Medford grade school baseball games scheduled yesterday were postponed because of the rain. It was planned to play the scrapes today if weather allowed. Tussels were Washington at Lincoln and Roosevelt at Jackson.

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