

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Fanfare

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After all the uncertainty and several contradictory reports, this department hopes that Roseburg finally is in the Southern Oregon Baseball League and that the entry is on firm footing. No sarcasm is intended. This writer is among those who have wanted to see Roseburg in the loop since it's healthy for the circuit to have that city as the hub of fast semi-pro ball in southern Oregon. But to hear one report one day and the exact opposite the next is disconcerting. May we add our welcome to the SOL's newest member.

Just what the Brookings populace feels about the withdrawal of the Beavers from the SOL isn't known here. Nevertheless, the finance problems and the poor condition of the playing field mentioned by Pete Lesmeister in his letter to the league are evidence that the residents of that coast community, as a whole, are not greatly concerned and won't miss the league. Lesmeister has been business manager of the Beavers. From the viewpoint of other clubs — We're certain that all feel that the bow out of Brookings will serve the best interests of the circuit, considering the long jaunt required of most teams and condition of the field there. Of course the trips from Bandon and Coquille to Bend, and vice versa, still are considerable journeys.

PERRY SKIPPERS WOOTON

Remember Ray Perry, the Little Buffalo, who managed the Redding Browns of the now defunct Far West Baseball League. And remember the beefs that he was involved in when the Browns played at Medford? He's still a master in the rhu-bar department.

Perry now manages Cedar Rapids, Ia., of the Class B, Three I League. Its the Brooklyn Dodger farm club for which Derald Wooton, ex-Medford high, is now a pitcher.

The other day, in a game in which Wooton was starting pitcher, Perry and Jack Kiloren of the Quincy, Ill. Gems touched off a riotous battle royal. It started when Kiloren, the runner, came into third with spikes flashing high. Perry was guarding the sack. After the riot subsided, Tom Incaviglia, a Medford Dodger of 1948, replaced Perry at third base.

CLANCY WITH BRONCS

In a yarn on the Mail Tribune sports pages this week, Pitcher Jim Clancy was listed as winner of his first game for the Lewiston Broncs of the Northwest League. Clancy was on the Medford Rogues aggregation of the Far West League in 1951.

ENCLOSING STANDS

Bill Askwith, business manager of the Medford Cheney Stude of the Southern Oregon Baseball League, has reported that work at the fairgrounds ball park is being completed this week. Back of the stands facing the highway is being enclosed. Bill said this move, in addition to helping the appearance of the park, cuts off the draft of cold air which has seeped through the stands. It is figured that fans will be more comfortable at night games.

TORNADO MEN TOPS

Four Medford high track and field men have the best marks in Oregon prep competition so far, according to information Bob Swan, sports writer for the Portland Oregonian, has been able to pick up.

The best in the state recorded by Medfordites are Wally Larson, 15.3 in the high hurdles; Don Crowl, .51 in the quarter-mile; Eldon Francis, 189 feet 1 inch in the javelin; and Lew Breazeale, 12-3 1/2 in the pole vault.

In the 220-yard dash, Dan Morris, Medford, with 22.2 is listed second best to Julius Strong, Roosevelt, Portland, 21.9. The 2:02.1 by Medford's Jack Pool is second to the 2:00.3 by Jim Grelle, Lincoln, Portland. Medford's quartet of Dan Morris, Wally Larson, Don Gray and Don Crowl shares the second low 880-yard relay time, 1:33.8 with

Grant of Portland. Roosevelt's 1:31.5 time is best.

REICH HAS :10.04

When Frank Reich, Eagle Point, won the 100-yard dash last Saturday in the Rogue River invitational, his time was :10.04 rather than the :10.4 inadvertently turned in. His time compares to :09.9 by Roosevelt's Strong and Eugene's Jim Brown. Huey Hatten, Jefferson, Portland, has a :10 flat clocking.

A 6-foot 1-inch high jump by Bob Johnston, Crater, compares to 6-3 by Bob Burr, Gresham, and 5-1/2 by Bud Toombs, Myrtle, Ted Stanfield, Rogue River, has a 21-5 broad jump while the state's best so far this season is listed at 21-8 by Huddy Schepman, North Bend. Jerry Christian, Elmira, has gone 21-8.

ABSENCE EVENS MEET

When Eagle Point's Reich and Bob Stewart were missing from a dual track tiff in Phoenix on Wednesday because of sickness it was considered quite an evening factor.

DON'T PICK UP FAWNS

Fawning season is again at hand, C. R. Shepard, district game agent, has pointed out. He warned that it is a violation of law to pick up and remove young deer, or, for that matter, the young of any game animal from its natural habitat.

Under no conditions will permits be issued for holding of fawns, Shepard stated. He mentioned that a doe will leave her fawn for several hours at a time while she searches for food. People shouldn't jump to the conclusion that the young animal has been abandoned, he said.

TERM DISBANDED

Frank DeSouza, former Medford postmaster and now a city judge for Phoenix and Jacksonville, objects to the term "technical knockout" being used when a fight is stopped by cuts or other such injuries. He feels that a phrase such as "fight stopped" would do more justice to the defeated fighter. He brought out that a fighter now "technically knocked out" is often leading in points when a head butt or similar incident causes a fight to be halted.

SPEEDBOATER HURT

Jack Schauble, Shady Cove, suffered a serious back injury in a speedboating mishap last Sunday and members of the Western Speedboat association are using the accident to emphasize one of the rules laid down in connection with their June 5 regatta at Emigrant lake.

Schauble and Jerry McGrew, Medford, were trying out their boats side by side when they hit a wake from a fishing boat. The Shady Cove racer's boat flipped.

A fishing boat race is planned as a morning event of the regatta and the accident illustrates the reason why the WSA will have the lake cleared of the fishing craft before the faster racing hulls get on the water.

Water Flow Increase Improves Situation

Portland—(U.P.)—A slight increase in water flow in the Pacific Northwest has improved the region's power situation despite the fact that Grand Coulee Dam is producing 700,000 kilowatts less than capacity.

The Bonneville Power Administration today said it has also lost about 200,000 kilowatts at Hungry Horse Dam. The generation will be decreased at the dam until about July 1 for repairs to the tail race.

Bonneville and other federal dams were operating at 15 percent above normal capacity to make up generation shortages, according to the BPA.

JUST MAD

Denver, Colo. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Gretchen Blain told police she never did find out what a horn-blowing motorist wanted. She said she got out of the car to see what was wrong and the man cursed her, slapped her in the face, pulled the keys from her ignition and threw them at her, shoved her back into her car, then jumped into his own car and drove away.

They'll Do It Every Time

WELCOME HOME, CHIEF... GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK... I NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH YOU MEANT TO THE OUTFIT TILL I HAD TO WORK EVERY NIGHT TO TAKE UP SOME OF THE SLACK... I'D LIKE TO SEE ANYBODY TELL ME YOU'RE NOT INDISPENSABLE...



By Jimmy Hatlo

"WORK EVERY NIGHT... I LIKE THAT... PHOOTY'S ONLY BEEN HERE PAYDAYS SINCE THE BOSS LEFT... HEH-HEH... WAIT TILL THE CONVERSATION GETS AROUND TO LAST FRIDAY... BOSS-O WAS TRYING TO GET HIM ALL DAY ON LONG DISTANCE..."



BOWLING

EVERGREEN LEAGUE

Final week's bowling in the Evergreen League made only one change in the standings. Pierce Motor Freighters moved up one game, and tied Medford Barbers Local for the top spot. A three-game play-off will be scheduled. Championship play-offs will wait the results of the half play-off.

No great scores were made by most of the bowlers in the last regular evening, but youth won over age when Grant Burroughs again won the family honors by bettering his dad, Jerry. Grant had the high series for the evening in the league with his 593.

Point money and individual

SPECIAL GOLF RANGE

New York — (U.P.) — A special golf "range" has been constructed on the United States liner America so that the U. S. Walker Cup team, on its way to England, will be able to practice. A mesh enclosure, located between the two funnels of the ship, will permit one golfer at a time to fire at a bulls-eye.

STARS GET INFILDER

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Curt Roberts, who spent the 1954 season as the Pittsburgh Pirates' second baseman, was the Hollywood Stars' new second sacker today. Roberts batted .232 last season and had appeared in only five games this season with a .143 batting mark.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Swimmers Conquer Colorado River

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — Two rubber-suited frogmen swam into the upper end of Lake Mead last night, thus completing a 26-day, 279-mile swim down the Colorado river through the Grand Canyon.

William K. Beer, 26, and John Daggett, 27, both of Los Angeles, arrived in good condition. They said, "it was very cold in the water" but the bizarre trip "was uneventful."

Beer and Daggett entered the Colorado river at Lee's Ferry at the southern entrance to the Grand Canyon Easter Sunday. No word was heard from them for eight days and they were feared dead, until they climbed a trail and turned up at the Grand Canyon Villa Lodge.

TITLE AT STAKE

Zanesville, O. — (U.P.) — Mary Jane Stebbins, 11, prepared her equipment today to defend her pogo-stick jumping championship title against 40 other youngsters. Mary Jane claimed the title after bouncing up and down 6,201 consecutive times in one hour.

VIKINGS WIN

Portland — (U.P.) — Pitcher Mike Menath struck out seven and held Linfield to six hits yesterday as Portland State blanked the Wildcats 5-0 in a non-league baseball game here.

Friday, May 6, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

ROGUE LEAGUE TRACK MEET AT ASHLAND ON SATURDAY

First annual Rogue League track meet is scheduled Saturday. The four-school encounter will be at the Southern Oregon college track at Ashland.

Preliminaries are set for 10 a.m. and the meet will continue until late afternoon. Participants will be Phoenix, Crater, Eagle Point and Illinois Valley.

Crater, which has won the titles in the three other Rogue loop sports this school year, is favored to win its fourth crown

for a clean sweep in 1954-1955 rivalry.

Comets Have Depth

The Comets get top rating on the basis of other meet results this year and on their depth. Other schools have some good individual performers but Crater should have more strength throughout. Largest school in the loop, Crater will have 34 entries in the tussle.

The four schools formerly completed in the JDJ League, now disbanded. They'll be out to better marks set in the former circuit and, if they have good weather, a number of records should be exceeded. Their performances will give an indication of what chance some of the athletes have in the Class A district engagement next week. All four of the Rogue schools are in A-2 category in enrollments.

St. Mary's Victor Over Rogue River

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