

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
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"I couldn't have been any prouder if they had won by 100 points."

Such was the comment of Head Coach Bob Newland concerning members of the Medford high track squad on return from Corvallis where the Black Tornado on Saturday won its third consecutive state track and field championship — its 12th in 16 tries. The reference was to the slender one-third of one point margin by which the Tornado nipped the second place teams, Eugene, North Bend and Roosevelt of Portland. "They were surely competing," the mentor declared.

'IFS' AND 'LITTLE THINGS'

Paul Cour, Oregon Journal writer, who pointed out that the Tornado was less formidable than in some past years but "still got the job done," said that many observers last Friday felt that the Medford reign was over. However, the slim margin might even have been a little wider. That is seen in considering some of the "ifs" and reviewing some of the "little things."

For instance Wally Larson was leading the pack when he reached the last barrier in the high hurdles. He hit the hurdle and the result was only fifth place. In the lows he passed up all but the winner after a poor start and was only a half-stride behind first place winner George Clausen, Grant.

In the javelin Mel Morgan had a 178-foot heave, good enough for second place but he stepped on the toe board and the throw was disqualified. He had a 165-foot throw and also fouled. Dan Morris ran the 100-yard prelims in the same heat with Huey Hatten, Jefferson, and Bob Brown. Eugene, finishing third behind them in 10.1. The first two places in the heats, not the times, decided finals entries. Hatten was first and Brown second in the finals.

Then Bud Kastner and Morris had had shots for National Guard camp — shots which should have been delayed — and they weren't feeling quite up to par. Nevertheless, Morris, running anchor in the relay, outfoated Hatten for Medford's fifth place.

GOOD AS A MILE
But those extra points which "might have been" weren't needed for a team victory. Medford's fraction of a point is just like that inch which is as good as a mile.

CROWL EQUALLED BEST
The Tornado's Don Crowl equalled his best time of the season with :51 flat in taking second in the 440-yard run. He was a couple of yards behind John Erickson, Grant.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT
When Medford regained its Oregon Class A track throne in 1953, the margin was by 37

Fights
By UNITED PRESS
New York: (St. Nicholas Arena) Virgil Akins, 143, St. Louis, stopped Joe Miceli, 148½, New York, (1).

points. In 1954 the spread was only two and one-third points. With this year's one-third point gap, the trend seems toward a co-championship or even de-thronement in 1956.

In reality the outlook is much brighter for Medford to go on dominating the annual state cinder show. While six members of the 1955 state meet squad graduate this spring, six others will be back and three of those are sophomores of great promise. Newland is awarding letters to 28 thincads in an assembly to-day. Only eight are seniors and a good share of the others are soph.

The coach has also pointed out that boys who did not gain state meet spots scored 115 of Medford's 171 counters in the district meet. There are other boys on the verge of breaking into varsity competition, among them are young sophomores who show a fine potential.

Actually, outlook for the future is the best in a number of years.

GRADS LISTED

State meet team members who graduate this year are Glen Allison, Jeff Williams, Dan Morris, Bud Kastner, Jack Pool and Don Crowl. Other senior lettermen are Mike DeVore and Bron Oglesby. Returnees from the state title squad will be Mike Hawkins, Mel Morgan and Ken Tucker, juniors, and Eldon Francis, Neil Plumley and Wally Larson, sophomores. Coach Newland termed Larson the "best looking hurdler" in the state tussle. He wasn't referring just to Wally's handsomeness.

TO ENTER AAU

Varsity track season is over at Medford high but a number of youths are still earnestly working out. Coach Newland plans to take Medford's largest representation in a number of years to Portland for the AAU track meet on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, June 4. The crew will be mostly sophomores. Among them are Les Lingscheit, miler; Pete Kershaw, quarter-miler; Neil Plumley, shot putter; Wally Larson, hurdler, and Jerry Close, broad jumper.

Ninth graders slated to make the trip are Mike Russell, high hurdles and quarter-mile; Terry Bergman, high jumper, and possibly a discus thrower. Lew Breazeale, pole vaulter, will be the lone junior on the squad. Breazeale and Francis and Larson will vie in the high school division and the others in the junior group.

TAPERING OFF

Also working out yet are the distance men. Allison, Williams and Pool. They are just "tapering off."

RECORD IMPRESSIVE

Tornado trackmen have lost only one dual meet and only two district meets over the past eight years, seven of them with Newland at the helm. The dual loss was to Grants Pass by one point in 1951. Klamath Falls won the district toga in 1949 and Grants Pass in 1952.

Red Hot Padres Tie Win Mark; Beavers Defeat Seals, 5 to 1

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	33	16	.673	
Seattle	29	21	.580	4½
Los Angeles	25	24	.510	8
Portland	22	23	.489	9
San Francisco	23	23	.500	9½
Oakland	21	23	.479	10½
Sacramento	19	28	.404	13½
Hollywood	19	29	.396	13½

Monday's Results
San Diego 3, Los Angeles 1
Seattle 3, Hollywood 2
Portland 5, San Francisco 1
(Only games scheduled)

How Series Stand
San Diego 1, Los Angeles 0
Seattle 1, Hollywood 0
Portland 1, San Francisco 0
Oakland 0, Sacramento 0

By DON THACKREY
United Press Sports Writer

The San Diego Padres continued to spread - eagle the Pacific Coast League field today but it was their second place rivals, the Seattle Rainiers, who did the most with the least last night.

The automatic Padres made it a record-tying 11 in a row and 21 out of 22 with a 3-1 victory over Los Angeles.

But the Rainiers got five runs on four hits and two walks in the third innings and made them stand up. The rest of the game the Suds failed to get a man on base, but they beat Hollywood 5-1.

Portland handled San Francisco easily 5-1 and vaulted over the Seals into the first division. Charles Bishop, down from Kansas City, limited Los Angeles to three hits and he duelled George Piktuzis down to the final frame. Then in the ninth with the score 1-1, Earl Rapp did it again with a double to send Milt Smith home. Ed Kazak then singled Rapp home and the scoring was over.

Piktuzis gave up only six hits but took the loss. The Angels were playing under the direction of Coach Jack Warner while awaiting the arrival of their new manager, Bob Scheffing from Chicago. Bill Sweeney resigned just before the game because of a kidney ailment.

Howie Judson hurled the win for Seattle in his first start of the year. He allowed only six hits. Seattle Scores

Bob Garber pitched perfectly except for the third inning for the Stars. But in the big third he walked two and a single by Harv Zernia was followed by doubles by Carmen Mauro, Bill Glynn and Joe Ginsberg.

Bob Greenwood of San Francisco and Bob Alexander of Portland had a fine duel until the sixth. The Seals then scored their only run and Portland drove Greenwood to the showers with three in the bottom of the same frame.

The Portland crew added two in the seventh to ice it as Alexander limited San Francisco to six safeties.

Bob DiPietro of San Francisco hit safely in his 14th contest and Dick Whitman of Portland, the loop's leading batsman, did just twice as well by hitting in his 28th straight.

The Sacramento Solons and the Oakland Oaks were idle, playing a doubleheader tonight in Emeryville.

THE LINESCORES
San Diego 001 000 002-3 6 0
Los Angeles 100 000 001-4 0 0
Bishop and Bailey; Piktuzis and Fanning.

San Francisco 000 001 000-1 6 1
Portland 000 003 202-5 10 0
Greenwood, Bradford (6), Walsh (8) and Ritchey; Alexander and Robertson.

Hollywood 101 000 000-2 6 0
Seattle 005 000 000-3 4 0
Garber and Hall; Judson and Ginsberg.

Title Bout Postponed

New York — (U.P.) — Officials of the International Boxing Club hoped to arrange today a substitute television match for the June 1st Jimmy Carter-Bud Smith lightweight title fight at Boston Garden, which was postponed indefinitely Monday night by champion Carter's sore throat.

"We want to put on a TV fight at the Boston Garden on June 1," said matchmaker Billy Brown. "And we want to re-schedule the lightweight title fight for the Boston Garden on July 6."

Brown disclosed that Sugar Ray Robinson, former welterweight champion, had been asked to accept a suitable opponent at Boston on June 1, but "Ray said he couldn't get ready in time."

BEAVERS SIGN ADAMS

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League today they have signed Vern (Diz) Adams, 19-year-old Longview hurler, to a baseball contract.

Manager of San Diego Proves Good Prophet

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Bob Elliott, former major league slugger and now freshman manager of the San Diego Padres, in the Pacific Coast League, is in the process of making good as a prophet.

His Padres are in the act of making a run-away of the PCL and currently are the hottest baseball team in the country. They have won 20 out of their last 21 games.

But, apparently, this is no surprise to Elliott, who used to play for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Boston Braves, New York Giants and St. Louis Browns during a 14-year span in the majors.

Last spring he was asked what he thought his chances were. "I think we'll be in the thick of the race all the way," he replied. "Will we win the pennant? Why not?"

Today, Elliott has no reason to change that opinion. His club looks like the most solid overall team in the loop.

Big Bob probably is one of the few managers in history ever to get his job by popular de-

Ada's Tough

Chicago — (U.P.) — Ada Ash, a lady wrestler, had two obstacles in pursuing her profession — the Illinois Supreme Court and her family.

She overcame one of them when the Supreme Court ruled she had the right to become a professional wrestler.

As for her family, she said: "I had a father and three brothers who thought I was too frail, so I beat 'em all up and then turned pro."

Inquiry in Drug Case Continues

By RUSS GREEN
United Press Sports Writer

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — The Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, which believes a handler of Julio Mederos knows who drugged Harold Johnson before his bout with the Cuban, looked for Jimmy White, one of Mederos' managers, to appear at its hearing today as it continued investigating the strange finish of the bout.

White was identified by earlier witnesses in the investigation of the nationally-televised fiasco on May 6 as one of the persons in Johnson's dressing room before the bout. Johnson's fantastic collapse between the second and third rounds brought on a 90-day suspension of boxing in Pennsylvania and the commission inquiry.

White also was identified as a manager of the Cuban heavyweight who, the commission was told, is co-managed by ex-convict Louis Saccomore of Miami, Fla., and former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta.

Well Rehearsed Testimony
Baron Cohen of Springfield, Mass., a boxing promoter, matchmaker and handler for 35 years, who drew the ire of deputy state Atty. Gen. Herbert Levin Monday for what the counsel called "well rehearsed testimony," told the investigators White hired him to work in Mederos' corner for the Johnson fight.

Cohen was the "cut man" — in boxing jargon the man hired to close cuts and lacerations sustained by the boxer.

STARS DROP QUEEN

Hollywood, Calif. — (U.P.) — Mel Queen, former major league pitcher, today was given his unconditional release by the Hollywood Stars. The Pacific Coast League team also announced the purchase of southpaw Fred Waters from Waco of the Big State League.

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Ted Blasts Home Run in Exhibition

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer

If coming events cast their shadows before them, here is a warning to American League pitchers.

Look out—Ted Williams has found the range.

It was only an exhibition game, but the Boston blaster came back into action Monday night for the first time since he went into temporary retirement at the end of the 1954 season and hit a home run into the right field grandstand in his second time at bat.

Plays Three Innings

The Red Sox won the charity contest from the world champion New York Giants, 4-3, and Williams retired after three innings of play. The game itself was called after seven innings, both teams being committed to catch trains for games Tuesday night.

Williams hopes he will be able to get into the Red Sox lineup regularly again by next week end.

In another exhibition on a major league off day, the White Sox gained a 7-7 tie with the Braves in Milwaukee when pitcher Mike Fornieles hit a three-run triple in the eighth. The game was called after 10 innings to permit Chicago to go to Cleveland for tonight's game with the Indians.

Lone Pine Keeps Slate Unmarred

The Lone Pine seventh and eighth grade boys' baseball nine and girls' softball team continued last week by chalking up their eighth straight wins. They downed Howard teams.

The boys won 16 to 8 after an 8-all deadlock in the fourth inning of the seven inning mix.

Pitcher Billy Maurer had control trouble at the start and errors hurt the Piners. But Maurer settled down for a three-hit effort for the full game. He struck out 11 batters and helped the cause with a home run with two men on base.

Jim Crumm hit three times in four times up for Lone Pine and Garland Lowery had two for three.

CHRISTIE UNHURT

Indianapolis — (U.P.) — Bob Christie, of Grants Pass, Ore., was unhurt when his Dodge V-8 skidded off the track during Sunday's time trials for the 39th annual 500-mile classic auto race. The mishap occurred when the wheels locked in Christie's racer. His was the last semi-stock engine remaining in the field when he was disqualified.

ACCURACY PAYS \$100,000

Seattle — (U.P.) — The time honored baseball cry of "knock one over the fence and break up this game" may soon be replaced by "knock one through the fence and get rich quick" at Sick's stadium, home of the Seattle Rainiers. Beginning Thursday night, any Pacific Coast league play-

er, home or visitor, who hits a pitched ball during a game through a specially built knothole in the left field wall, will receive a certified check for \$100,000.

The hole, set in a steel plate to prevent tampering, will be 11½ feet from the ground and 360 feet from home plate. It is one-half inch larger than a regulation baseball. A single tripped will be installed inside the hole to prevent the ball from bouncing back out once it has entered.

KTVW, the television station which televises all home Seattle games, will sponsor the unusual promotion.

"Maybe I've loused up baseball," said Roger Rice, who conceived the idea.

Rice said the knothole will be insured. If any player hits the hole, he gets the \$100,000 and the policy remains in force.

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	23	11	.676	
Cleveland	22	12	.647	1
Chicago	20	13	.606	2½
Detroit	19	16	.543	4½
Washington	14	18	.438	8
Boston	13	21	.381	9
Kansas City	14	21	.400	9½
Baltimore	10	25	.286	13½

Monday's Results

Tuesday's Probable Pitchers
Washington at New York (night)—Stribos (6-3) vs. Grim (2-2).
Chicago at Cleveland (night)—Pierce (2-2) vs. Score (4-2).
Detroit at Kansas City (night)—Gromek (5-2) vs. Dittmar (1-1).
Boston at Baltimore (night)—Henry (1-0) vs. McDonald (1-0).

Wednesday's Games
Washington at New York
Chicago at Cleveland, night
Detroit at Kansas City, night
Boston at Baltimore

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	27	8	.771	
New York	21	14	.600	6
Chicago	20	16	.556	7½
Milwaukee	18	18	.500	9½
St. Louis	16	18	.471	11½
Cincinnati	15	19	.441	11½
Pittsburgh	11	24	.314	16
Philadelphia	10	23	.303	16

Monday's Results

No games scheduled
Tuesday's Probable Pitchers
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh (night)—Pedres (4-2) vs. Law (0-1).
New York at Philadelphia (night)—Hearn (2-2) vs. Jackson (2-2).
Cincinnati at Milwaukee (night)—Minnick (2-0) vs. Spahn (0-3).
St. Louis at Chicago—Jackson (2-0) vs. Minner (2-2).

Wednesday's Games
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh, night.
New York at Philadelphia, night.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, night.
St. Louis at Chicago

Akins Defeats Miceli in 1st

New York — (U.P.) — Virgil Akins, inspired by his "paralyzing" first-round technical knockout over Joe Miceli, began yelling for a shot at the welterweight crown today.

"I've got an even chance of takin' the title if I get the shot," said the St. Louis Negro, who Monday night paralyzed New Yorker Miceli with a body punch and floored him three times for an automatic TKO at 2:41 of the first round in St. Nicholas Arena.

It was a turn-table victory because Miceli had outpointed Virgil in their previous bout at Milwaukee, Sept. 30, 1952. Due to his recent improvement, left-hooper Akins was favored Monday night before he registered his fourth kayo in five fights this year.

Miceli weighed 148½ pounds to Akins' 145.

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