

Medford Has Invitation To Join Northwest Pro Baseball Circuit

Medford has been invited to join the Northwest professional baseball league, it was learned here over the week end. It is a Class B circuit and at present includes Spokane, Tri-City and Yakima in Washington; Lewiston, Ida., and Salem and Eugene in Oregon.

The invitation was extended to local baseball interests by Babe Hollingberry, president of the league.

It was also learned that a valley business firm has offered to underwrite about half of the expenses involved in fielding a team in the league if underwriting can be found for the balance. The firm preferred not to have its name disclosed at this time.

A meeting of interested persons has been called for Monday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at the Holland hotel to discuss the matter and to see if some decision can be reached on underwriting the balance necessary to operate a club.

Could Use Fairgrounds

Possibility of using the present baseball field at the Fairgrounds park also will enter into the discussion and a decision will be reached.

Odds Against Rehiring of C. Goodwin

By SCOTT BAILLIE

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Claire V. Goodwin comes up for reappointment as president of the Pacific Coast League late this month, and the odds are against him, the United Press has learned from a source close to the PCL.

The fact that Goodwin was middleman in two abortive efforts to find a buyer for the financially-stricken San Francisco Seals was tabbed by the source as reason for some league directors as being dissatisfied.

Goodwin or the directors can terminate his "working agreement" with the league anytime and matters will come to a showdown at the annual minor league meeting in Columbus, O., Nov. 28. Among clubs believed to be opposed to retaining the retired super-market executive are Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle and Hollywood.

Deals Collapse

The source said there was no indication who might succeed him.

Jerry Donovan, executive secretary of the league and president of the Class C California league, doesn't "have a big enough name for the directors," the source added. "They want to get somebody like General MacArthur."

Two "sure things" deals for taking over the Seals have collapsed within less than a month. The latest toppled in Vancouver last Thursday when an expected bid by the Milwaukee Braves never materialized after the league had taken up the Seals franchise on forfeit to clear the way for the National League team.

Braves Withdraw

Foreclosure was made on the grounds the "Little Corporation" running the broken club hadn't paid back \$30,000 due to the league on time. Twenty minutes later, Vice-President Joseph F. Cairnes of the Braves walked out after being told he could have the Seals for \$200,000.

Thus the league found itself custodians of the Seals without a customer in sight.

Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Cleveland Indians, figured prominently as a buyer on Oct. 20 when he offered to run the club but not pay off any debts until he had a profit to do it.

The former American League home run belter withdrew his offer when the league stalled and Goodwin said no action would be taken until last Thursday's session in Vancouver.

Goodwin has declared he is sure more prospects are on the horizon.

Virginia Club To Be Auctioned

Richmond, Va. — (U.P.) — The Richmond Virginians, the South's highest classified minor league baseball team, was to be auctioned off by the federal government here today for failure to pay back taxes.

The Virginians of the Triple-A International League, its players and all of its equipment, goes to the highest bidder at a sale of the Virginians' home diamond.

The federal tax collector seeks \$79,218.60 in back taxes for 1954 and 1955. The club was seized Nov. 1 after the government had filed liens for admission, withholding and social security taxes. Club President Harry C. Seibold had until auction time to pay the taxes and keep his team. But Seibold has given no indication that he would do this.

sion will have to be reached on what can be done with the site, with the least possible expense, before Medford's entry can be accomplished.

It is understood that a working agreement with Seattle of the Pacific Coast league is a possibility if Medford decides to come into a circuit.

Medford had a franchise in the now-defunct Far West Class D league, and while the operation was not entirely a financial success, it was such that baseball interests here feel that the Class B operation could be carried out under the arrangement of the firm carrying a portion of the expenses.

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SPORTS

Bears Tie for West Division Pro Lead; Eagles Spill Browns

By EARL WRIGHT

United Press Sports Writer
The Chicago Bears, picked by their coach to lose two more games, tied the Los Angeles Rams for the National Football league's Western Division lead today while the Cleveland Browns, victims of a brilliant Philadelphia Eagle rally, nursed a one-game edge in the Eastern race.

"I think we'll lose two more and we could lose three or four," Coach George Halas said after his Bears walloped the Rams Sunday, 24-3. The Bears reeled off their fifth straight victory to deadlock the Rams with five triumphs and three defeats. Each of the 12 clubs has four more games.

While the Bears tightened the Western race before 50,187 Chicago fans, the Eagles unleashed one of the league's finest rallies to upset the champion Browns, 33-17. Cleveland, trying for its seventh straight victory, took a 17-0 lead in the first 12 minutes. But quarterback Adrian Burke led a comeback that dumped the champions before a standing room crowd of 39,303 Shibe Park fans.

The Washington Redskins took advantage of Philadelphia's triumph and cut Cleveland's lead to a game by shutting out the San Francisco Forty-Niners, 7-0. But the New York Giants ruined Baltimore's chance to deadlock the Rams and Bears for the Western lead by defeating the Colts, 17-7.

In other games, the Detroit Lions stopped a last-second scoring bid by the Pittsburgh Steelers to win, 31-28, and the Green Bay Packers defeated the Chicago Cardinals, 31-14.

Cleveland now has a 6-2 record, Washington is 5-3 and Pittsburgh is third in the Eastern Division with a 4-4 mark. The Rams and Bears both 5-3 are only a game ahead of the Colts and Packers, both 4-4 in the close Western scramble.

The Bears got all their points in the first 19 minutes. Quarterback Ed Brown got off an 84-yard scoring pass to Harlon Hill and a 35-yard TD toss to Gene Schroeder. Chick Jagade plunged a yard for the other Bear TD and George Blanda kicked a 24-yard field goal. Lou McFadin's 41-yard field goal in the final minute saved the Rams from a shutout.

Burke threw two scoring

Forty Niner Boss Effigy Hanged

Washington — (U.P.) — Coach Red Strader of the luckless San Francisco Forty Niners extended the clammy hand of fellowship today to the newest member of the rope club.

He is Strader's boss, Tony Morabito, president and co-owner of the Forty Niners who was hanged in effigy from a light pole in San Francisco after yesterday's game with the Washington Redskins.

The Redskins won, 7 to 0, handing the Forty Niners their fifth defeat against three wins and their first shutout in five years.

Strader himself was hanged in effigy last Monday, the day after the Forty Niners dropped a game to the Los Angeles Rams. Five other coaches in the West have been hanged in effigy this season. Morabito is the first non-coach to join the club.

"But I'm not worried," Morabito declared bravely in San Francisco. "I've joined a pretty select club. Anyway, I think these effigy hangings are a bit ridiculous."

The effigy, clad in a pair of grimy football pants and a shaggy shirt, bore two signs. One said, Redskins 7, 49ers 0. The other said, "Goodbye Tony. Have fun at Kesar Dec. 4th with the seagulls."

That referred to the Forty Niners' next home game with Green Bay. The team is currently on a three-week road trip.

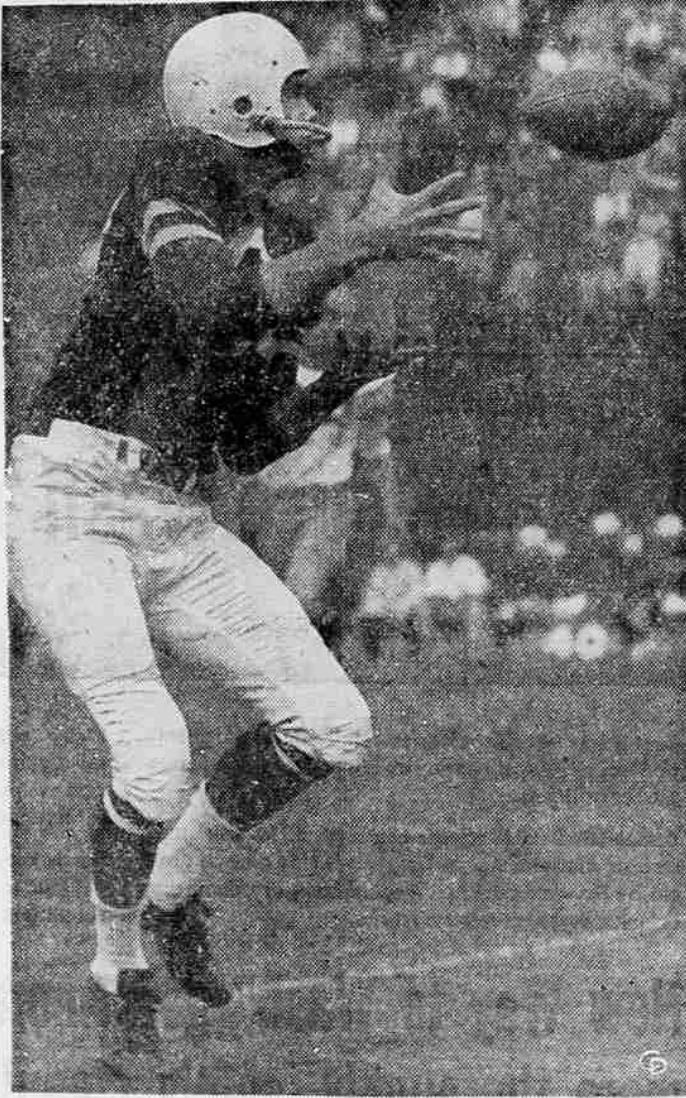
passes to Bill Stribling to pull the Eagles within range of the Browns and then scored the winning touchdown on a one-yard plunge early in the final quarter. Bob Hudson set it up by blocking a Horace Gillom punt on the Cleveland five.

Detroit took a 24-7 lead into the last quarter and escaped with a three-point victory when the Steelers thrilled 34,441 Pittsburgh fans with three touchdowns in the last 15 minutes. Jim Finks hit Sid Watson with a final pass and Detroit's Jack Christiansen and Jim David stopped him inches from the Lion goal line as the final gun sounded.

Bert Zagers scored Washington's touchdown on a 13-yard run after end Gene Brito set it up by forcing Y. A. Tittle to fumble and recovering the ball.

Ben Agajanian's 32-yard pass to Ken MacAfee provided New York's points. The Colts scored in the final minutes on George Shaw's pass to Jim Mutscheller.

Quarterback Tobin Rote made one touchdown and three scoring passes to Gary Knafele, Bill Howton and Al Carmichael to lead Green Bay's attack. Rookie passer Ogden Compton and Dick Lane collaborated on a 98-yard pass-run touchdown for the Cardinals.



CLASSY CATCH—Stanford end John Stewart grabs a pass from quarterback John Brodie good for nine yards in the first quarter of the Indians' game against Oregon at Stanford stadium. This same combination later accounted for the Cards' first touchdown. Stanford won 44-7.

Pistons Finally Hit Win Column

By UNITED PRESS

The Fort Wayne Pistons finally were "squared away" today to defend their Western Division title in the National Basketball Association.

Beaten in their first three starts of the season, the Pistons broke into the win column Sunday night when they took command late in the third period and went on to a 93-79 victory over the Syracuse Nationals. The New York Knickerbockers won their fourth straight game, 94-91, over the Rochester Royals in the only other game.

Larry Foust scored 19 points and Bob Houbregs 22 to lead the Pistons, while John Kerr tallied 16 for the Nationals. Fort Wayne outshot Syracuse, 24-28 from the field and 25-23 from the free throw circle.

The Royals made 37 field

HOCKEY

By UNITED PRESS

Jean Beliveau, Maurice and Henri Richard and Boom Boom Geoffrion, hog most of the headlines but goalie Jacques Plante has been every bit as valuable to the Montreal Canadiens in their bid to take an early stranglehold on first place in the National Hockey League.

The 26-year-old native of Shawinigan Falls, Que., scored his second straight shutout and fifth of the year Sunday night in the Canadiens' 2-0 triumph over the Chicago Black Hawks.

The victory enabled the Canadiens to retain their five-point hold on first place, although the New York Rangers moved into undisputed possession of second place via a 4-1 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Boston Bruins and Detroit Red Wings played a scoreless tie in the other game.

The Providence Reds, who haven't been beaten in their last four starts, opened up a four-point lead over Buffalo and Pittsburgh today in the American Hockey League race.

The Reds, thanks to Paul Larivee's overtime goal, downed Hershey, 3-2, Sunday evening after the Cleveland Barons had shaded the Bisons, 2-1, in the afternoon on Eddie Glover's overtime marker.

LC Pioneers, CI Coyotes Share Title

By UNITED PRESS

Lewis and Clark College of Idaho shared top honors in the Northwest Conference today on the basis of Pacific University's stunning, 7-6, upset of the Pioneers Saturday.

The co-champions each finished with a 4-1 conference mark. C of I's only defeat was a 34-12 decision to the Pioneers early in the season.

In other league games College of Idaho overwhelmed Whitman, 45-12, and Linfield whipped Willamette 29-0.

Linfield, Whitman and Pacific tied for third place in the conference with 2 wins and 3 losses, while Willamette held unquestioned title to the cellar with only one win and four losses.

Duane Baker returned an intercepted pass 31 yards to set up the Pacific touchdown, which he scored from three yards out. Gary Fisk added the conversion, which proved to be the margin of victory as Jimmy Johnson scored on a 12-yard run for LC in the final period.

OSC Has Opportunity To Top PCC Standings

By UNITED PRESS

The field goal, virtually forgotten in college ranks but a mighty potent factor among the pros, was responsible today keeping UCLA and Oregon State out of the red faced brigade along the Pacific slope.

Fourth-ranked UCLA inches to a 19-17 win over aroused Washington on Saturday thanks to Halback Jim Decker's three-point from the 25 yard line with 18 seconds to play. And only Ted Searle's kick from the 10 in the third period could give Oregon State a 16-14 edge over California.

Decker's goal, which was registered before 47,619 nerve-wracked fans in Los Angeles, just about iced a bid to the Rose Bowl for the Bruins, who were four touchdown choice over the Huskies.

However, Oregon State kept a half-game behind UCLA in the final week of the Pacific Coast Conference race thanks to Searle.

The bowl situation could run into a snarl if Southern California caught the Bruins off balance next week as Washington

did and beat them while Oregon State was defeating Oregon. This would put the Bruins on top in the final PCC standings with 6-1 and UCLA would be second with 5-1.

But the consensus is that the stronger Bruins would get the call anyway to face Michigan or Michigan State. Coach Red Sanders' single wingers bounced Oregon State 38-0 this year.

While almost losing to Washington, UCLA definitely lost tailback Ronnie Kox for the USC tilt. The baby-faced passer suffered a broken ankle early against Washington and only rates a "possible" starter for the Pasadena show.

Washington State plays Washington at Seattle this Saturday in their traditional.

On the regional front, Arizona Tempe State kept its undefeated record intact in the Border Conference by defeating Texas Western 20-13. Arizona's Art Lupino, the nation's leading ground gainer, picked up 200 more yards as the Wildcats were drubbing Montana 29-0. The battered Grizzlies meet weak Idaho in their classic at Moscow, Ida.

PACIFIC COAST STANDINGS

Conference Games	W	L	T	PF	PA
UCLA	5	0	0	180	75
OSC	5	1	0	96	79
USC	3	2	0	145	68
Oregon	3	3	0	110	105
Washington	3	3	1	77	73
Stanford	2	2	1	92	65
California	1	4	1	60	143
WSU	1	4	1	47	174
Idaho	1	4	0	21	8

All Games	W	L	T	PF	PA
UCLA	8	1	0	268	50
OSC	6	2	0	126	62
USC	6	3	0	216	121
Oregon	5	4	0	176	158
Washington	4	4	1	114	96
Stanford	5	3	1	179	135
California	2	6	1	107	197
WSU	1	6	2	60	230
Idaho	1	7	0	87	174

Braves Eye Miami Spot

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — The Milwaukee Braves cast covetous eyes on Miami, Fla., today as a replacement for their American Association Toledo franchise.

The possibility arose that the Braves will go into Miami for the 1956 baseball season and swap their American Association franchise, probably to Columbus, for an International League berth at Miami.

Braves Vice-President Joseph Cairnes made the surprise announcement that the Braves probably would take a farm club to Miami at an annual meeting of Wisconsin Youth Men last night.

Cairnes said the Braves had disclosed their intentions of pulling out of Toledo without a place to go to avoid expense and embarrassment for civic officials in the Ohio city.

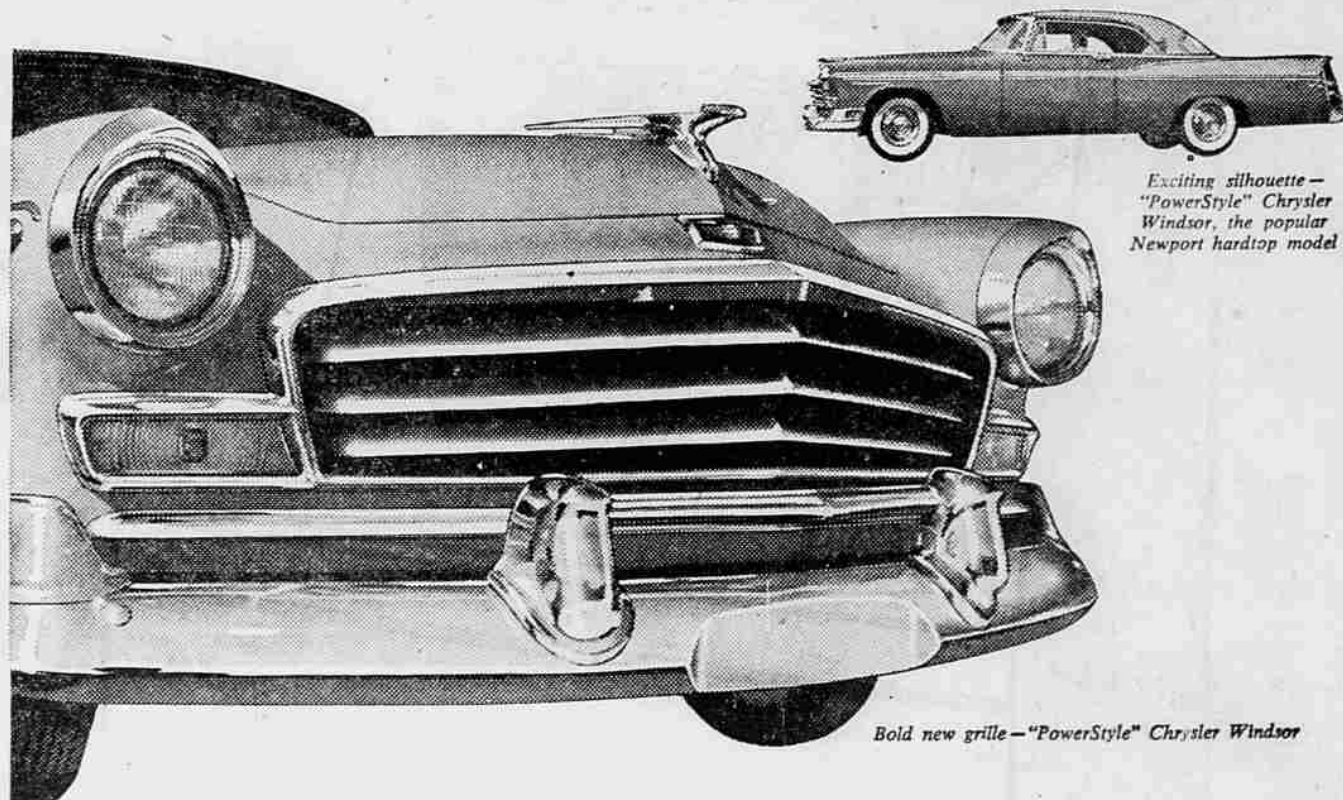
He said Toledo leaders had planned to buy the stadium and improve it and the Braves had to make their premature announcement to stop the plans before they caused any damage.

PATTY CHAMPION

Paris — (U.P.) — Budge Patty of Los Angeles won the men's singles title of the Coupe Canet tennis tournament Sunday with a 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 triumph over Sweden's Torsten Johansson while Mrs. Suzanne Chatier of France beat Mrs. Ginette Bucaille of France, 6-0, 6-2, to win the women's crown.

Football

SATURDAY COLLEGE GAMES
 Linfield 29 Willamette 0
 SOCE 13, OCE 6
 Central Washington 32 Western Washington 0
 EOC 41 Carroll 0
 Lower Columbia JC 39 OTI 18
 Seattle Ramblers 27 Portland St. 12
 San Francisco State 33 Sacramento State 14
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 Pomona Claremont 20 LaVerne 14



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Beaver Skipper Sets Conference

Portland — (U.P.) — Tommy Holmes, newly named manager of the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League, was expected to arrive here late this week to confer with Beaver officials.

Holmes was picked Saturday to succeed Clay Hopper who resigned after four seasons as Beaver skipper. Holmes is a former outfielder for the Boston Braves who was a top left-handed batter during the late 1940's. He also managed the Braves briefly twice and last year was at Fort Worth.

One of Holmes' first actions was to sign on Bill Fleming as coach for Portland for another year.



VOTED BEST — The Professional Golfers Assn. in New York named Doug Ford as "Pro Golfer of the Year." Ford played 121 tournament rounds, winning the PGA, All-American and Sponsors tournaments in 1955. He is shown here with the cup after his victory in the PGA at Northville, Mich., last July.

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