

Rogue Valley Retriever Trial Now Underway; Win End Sunday

Two previous champions will be in contention for top honors in the Rogue Valley Retriever club's fifth annual licensed field trial which opened today in the Camp White area north of Medford.

In addition to Hal's Spiwise Zeke, an American and field trial champion, is owned by Hal Shidler, Klamath Falls, and Sprig, a field trial champ, is owned by C. R. Tobin, San Francisco.

Other championship entries in the open stake are Massie's Sassy Boots, owned by William T. Cline, Chicago; Oakcreek's Sir Dorchester, owned by James Stillwell, Klamath Falls; Dan McGrew of Wake, owned by Dr. L. J. Anderson, Boise, Ida.; Marion's Timothy, owned by Marion McPhail, Tacoma, Wash.; Havenhurst Cliff's Pride, owned by Lufe Utter, Los Angeles, and Oakcreek's Fremont, owned by Tobin.

Most of the entries are from west coast states.

The amateur stake with 28 entries opened the trial this morning. Amateurs are those who have not received compensation for handling a dog for a period of one year preceding a trial. The derby stake for young dogs is to follow the amateur and may be underway today with 33 dogs entered.

Qualifying stake for dogs which have not won an open or a previous qualifying stake will follow the derby but is not to begin before 8 a.m., starting time for Saturday activity. The open stake is to follow the qualifying but will not begin before noon on Saturday. Sunday's activity is also set for 8 a.m. Thirty-eight retrievers are listed for the qualifying event and 42 for the open.

Most of the series of tests for the entries will be on the Game Commission management acreage on Rogue river in the military bridge area. Other tests will be at Hoover Lakes. The various series through which

dogs will be run will be similar to hunting conditions. There will be water and land tests and pigeons, ducks and pheasants will be used. Use of dogs to retrieve game in actual hunting is a conservation measure as well as a convenience.

Spectators Welcome

The trial is open to spectators. Lunch and other concessions will be sold at the grounds by Women of the Moose.

Dogs and handlers will be in competition for a number of prizes and trophies. Trophies will go in this trial to first, second, third and fourth place winners and certificates of merit will go to others. Points are

sought toward other season honors.

Dogs entered include labradors, golden retrievers and chesapeake.

Spectators are asked to stay well behind the "line" designated by the trial marshal. They are requested to refrain from loud talking and excessive motion while dogs are on the line. "Visiting" dogs are not permitted on the trial grounds. Spectators are also cautioned to stay out of the line of gunfire.

A no-host dinner for the club members and visiting owners and handlers is scheduled Saturday night at the Tally-Ho dining hall.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Padres' Success Depends On Help From Cleveland

(This is the fifth in a series on the outlook of Pacific Coast League baseball teams for the 1956 season.)

By ALEX KAHN

Palm Springs, Calif.—(U.P.)—San Diego's hustling baseball club will be as strong this year as Cleveland makes it.

The Padres finished second last season and Manager Bob Elliott now has his fingers crossed that the Indians send him the help he needs. That's the chief reason for the tie-up with the Cleveland club.

The border team is heavy with age. The men Elliott is counting on mainly are past 30 and some are closer to 40. But despite the years, these are the men Elliott

must work with. Some of them have been the stars of past seasons who must come through again.

Even if the veterans do have another good season, San Diego still needs help on the mound and behind the plate if Ralph Kiner, the club's new general manager, is to field a contender.

Perhaps one of the most popular acquisitions during the winter was Harry Elliott, the bespectacled outfielder who led the PCL batters with a .350 average for the Padres in 1954.

On The Bounce

Harry was no ball of fire in his second shot with the Cardinals last year, hitting .256, but Manager Bob thinks he can top .300 again in the coast loop.

And the Padres are counting heavily on Earl Rapp to have another good season in the outfield. Joining Harry Elliott and Rapp in the outer pasture are Eddie Barr, who was acquired from Portland, and Bob Usher.

"I think the outfield will do and I'm banking on our infield coming through," Elliott says. "But I need pitchers badly and our eyes are turned toward Cleveland in the hope that they come through quick with players."

Topping the San Diego mound staff is Eddie Erault, who had a good season in 1955 with an 18-10 record. He is joined by such dependables as John Carmichael, Bob Kerrigan, and Bill Thomason.

Elliott hopes Tommy Herrera will play up to his winter league performance and he also has a rookie who may make the grade in Jim Peete. Peete burned up the Arizona-Texas League last season with a 24-11 mark.

Smith Gone

The infield lost Mitt Smith, who was delivered to Cincinnati in a deal and farmed out to Seattle. But Elliott hopes that Doug Hansen from the Cleveland chain or veteran Al Federoff can hold down second base.

At first, the call will go to either Dick Sisler or Joe Macko, who comes from Seattle, while Eddie Kazak is slated for third. Rookie Gene Tanselli from Salem, Ore., is the only shortstop available and Elliott looks for help there, too. Assistance also is needed behind the plate. So far, Elliott has a lone catcher in Dick Aylward.

"If we can get three frontline pitchers and a catcher and shortstop we'll be in there slugging," Elliott says. "Cleveland has nine catchers so we ought to get one. I'm not selling my team short. But I couldn't say now how we'll do."

Bill Borchers Future Still Uncertain

Portland—(U.P.)—Bill Borchers' future as University of Oregon basketball coach remained uncertain today.

Borchers, in Chicago to attend a coaches' meeting, said yesterday he had not quit the job and had never discussed "in so many words" his resignation with university officials.

The Oregon Journal said yesterday Borchers was "through" as coach at Oregon. It quoted "an unimpeachable source" as saying he planned to resign publicly when he returns from the meeting in Chicago.

To Return Sunday

Borchers was expected back in Oregon Sunday. He is reported to have talked to an official of Seattle university and indirectly about a coaching berth at Clemson.

Leo Harris, Oregon athletic director, denied in California that Borchers had resigned but declined to discuss the issue further.

Borchers has coached five years at Oregon and the Ducks have a 69-68 record against all competition under him.

HOCKEY

By UNITED PRESS

The New York Rangers, after taking more than two years to accomplish the "difficult," now hopes to complete the "impossible" in the next eight days.

With a 31-year-old rookie, Gordie Bell, in the net, the Rangers turned back the Montreal Canadiens, 4-2, Thursday night at Montreal to even their Stanley Cup semi-final series at one game apiece. Detroit, meanwhile, gained a two game lead over Toronto by whipping the Maple Leafs, 3-1, at Detroit.

The Rangers' victory was their first at Montreal since Jan. 30, 1954, and only their second on the Canadiens' home ice in the last six years. What's more it followed a 7-1 setback at the hands of the league champions only Tuesday night.

OSAA Penalizes Two B Schools

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon School Activities association yesterday penalized two small schools for rules and sportsmanship code violation.

Long Creek of Grant county, with 37 students, was suspended from all interscholastic competition for this school year. The school had used an ineligible player on its basketball team.

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