

MEDFORD TRIBUNE  
**SPORTS**

**B Leaguers Launch Slate This Friday**

Jackson County B League baseball crews have their first scuffles which count Friday with St. Mary's of Medford, Talent and Prospect high schools appearing strongest contenders in the chase.

St. Mary's will tackle Butte Falls at the fairgrounds park here, Prospect will play at Rogue River and Jacksonville will go to Talent.

Talent has won the county, district and regional titles for the past two years and has been a state tournament participant for two seasons, gaining the state co-championship in 1954.

The Bulldogs have eight lettermen back from their 1955 aggregation but their pitching strength isn't yet up to what it has been in several previous years. St. Mary's also has eight vets on its squad and looks to have some good pitching talent.

Prospect has been handicapped by a late start. With the help of a road grader, a bulldozer and last week's sunny weather the Cougar athletic field was cleared of snow. Despite the delay Prospect won its initial outing at Prospect. It then lost to Eagle Point.

**Five Experienced**  
There are five experienced players. Lyle Pope, Keith Setzer, Bob Jones and Mike Clark are lettermen. Don Vannice, a fine pitching prospect, is a transfer from Halsey. Remainder of the squad is most sophomores. The infield may be an all-sophomore line-up, although Don Anderson, a senior may win the first base job. Pope has been moved from the outfield and may handle most of the catching. Dave Cardener and Vannice may do most of the pitching.

Jacksonville is building around four lettermen, Bob Guches, second base; Gary Hueners and Clyde Smith, first basemen and pitchers, and Jack Daley, third base. Rounding out the line-up for the opener may be Gary West, catcher; Morris McIntyre, shortstop; and Eldon Smith, Gary Smith and Norm Pawlowski or John Winningham, outfielders. The Redskins beat Butte Falls 6 to 1 in one practice game and were leading the Loggers 3 to 1 when rain halted another fray after two innings.

Rogue River which has lost to Eagle Point and also to Butte Falls, has seven lettermen on hand. They are Gary Phillips, center field; Richard Twiest and Loy Towse, pitchers; Bob Bigman, catcher; Fred Hopper, shortstop; Bob Wilson, first base; and Gary Stinchcomb, second base and pitcher.

Coaching the clubs are Millard Webb, St. Mary's; Gene Farthing, Talent; Fred Richardson, Jacksonville; Wes Stauffer, Prospect; Ray McClain, Rogue River; and Art Backlund, Butte Falls.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 am Monday for Monday other days 5:30 previous day

**Rogue Valley Relays Most Colorful Event**

The biggest and most colorful event of the current high school track and field season at the Medford senior high school stadium is slated for Saturday afternoon.

Approximately 200 thinclad athletes will be on hand for the Rogue Valley relays at the Medford oval. It will be the 17th annual staging of this event, which is often termed the "Little Hayward's."

Contending schools are Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Ashland, Crater and Marshfield. The meet will begin at 1:30 p.m. with four of the field events and will pick up in tempo when the starting gun for the first cinder track contest is fired at 2 p.m.

Relay track meets are the most interesting of the run, jump and throw sport and the Medford school, which has a reputation for running meets according to a rapid time-table, isn't expected to let the competition drag along. A schedule of slightly more than two hours has been set up for the event.

**Hayward Pattern**  
Saturday's session is patterned after the metropolitan and Class A struggles the following week in the Hayward relays at Eugene. The local meet, while it has stature in its own right, will also be warmup for the trip to the University of Oregon Campus.

There will be 12 events, six relay races, three relay field events and three individual field contests. The meet will open with the pole vault and discus, individual competitions, and the high jump and shot put relays. In the latter two events the heights and distances of the three top performers of each school will be added together for a total mark.

In the 440-yard relay, which starts the track engagements at 2 p.m., four men of each school will run 110 yards each. The two-mile relay is another four-man team affair with each runner going a half mile. In the half-mile test four competitors from each school go 220 yards. Legs in the distance medley are three-fourths, one-fourth and one-half mile and a mile. Three men each go 100 yards in the shuttle hurdles and in the mile relay go one lap, a quarter-mile.

**Medford Records**  
Other events of the meet are the javelin, an individual affair, and the broad jump in which the three best leaps for each school will be added.

Medford, the defending champion, owns nine of the meet's records for the Rogue relays and

shares another with Ashland. Shares Pass owns one record and Ashland the other. Most recent mark set was by Dan Morris. Don Gray, Pete Kershaw and Don Crow of Medford with 3:29.9 last year in the mile relay. Oldest record was D. C. Mills' 178-foot javelin throw for Medford in 1950.

**Rogue Loop Baseballers Open Action**

Quest for the Rogue League and District 6 A-2 southern division baseball laurels begins Friday with two games.

Illinois Valley will contend at Eagle Point and Crater High will travel over to Phoenix. The same teams are matched on Saturday with the Eagles and IV moving to Cave Junction and Crater and Phoenix to collide at Central Point.

Rogue League clubs will have a six game slate this spring, each school meeting each other one twice.

Crater is defending champion in the circuit. The Comets and Eagle Point loom as top contenders for 1956 honors. Only five lettermen are back at Crater but the Comets have indicated A-2 strength in one-run setbacks at the hands of A-1 rivals, Medford and Ashland.

**EP Has 9 Vets**  
Eagle Point has a gang of nine veterans back from last year. In non-loop play so far the Eagles have divided with Glendale, an A-2 district northern division entry. EP has also trounced Class B Rogue River and Prospect.

Phoenix with four lettermen back is lacking in pitching depth. The Pirates have dropped a decision to Prospect.

As at Crater and Phoenix, its a building year at Illinois Valley. Coach Gale Davis has four Cougar lettermen. They are Andy Mellow, catcher; Howard Pickle, outfielder; being converted to third baseman and pitcher; Lee Carothers, pitcher; and Ron Gregg, outfielder. Dan Slanaker, a freshman, looms as top pitcher for IV, which will play its first game of the season when it meets the Eagles.

Mentors of the Rogue loop clubs are Roscoe Larson, Phoenix; Clarence Melbye, Crater; Les Warner, Eagle Point; and Gale Davis, Illinois Valley.



**MAIN EVENTER SATURDAY**—Jackie Puscas, newcomer to Medford but a veteran in the amateur ring, will be seen in action for the last time locally this season when he tangles with Cliff Sams, Burns, Saturday night on the Medford Police Athletic League boxing card at St. Mary's school gym. The scheduled five-round ruckus will be the headliner on a 15-bout program. Puscas, who'll weigh about 135 pounds, was the 1955 national AAU champion and Sams, who'll enter the ring at near 138, has been a semi-finalist in National AAU. The Medford battler is much feared for his knockout punching but he may have his hands full against Sams, a boxer-puncher. The clever Burns fighter made Jackie work hard for a win in the recent Golden Gloves tourney at Portland.

**Full Card Revealed For Saturday Fights**

Full card for their Saturday night fist show has been announced by officials of the Medford Police Athletic League. The boxing encounters will get underway at 8:30 p.m. at the St. Mary's school gymnasium. This card will wind up the boxing season in the home ring for PAL.

There will be a 15 bout card with Medford and Burns battlers predominating. Nine mittmen each from the two communities are scheduled to appear in the ring. In seven of the engagements Medford and Burns youths will face each other.

Topping off the program will be Jackie Puscas, 135 pounds, Medford, and Cliff Sams, 138, Burns. Puscas was the 1955 National AAU lightweight winner and Sams has gone to national semi-finals. Semi-main will feature Larry Lewis, 114, Medford, and Lloyd Louis, 115, Burns. In the special event Loran Christean, 180, PAL, goes against Del Smith, 182, Burns.

**Other Bouts**  
Other tangles matching local and Burns battlers are: Bobby Little, 110, versus Ron Daniels, 110; Jimmy Evans, 102, versus Jake Gregg, 104; Larry Christean, 110, against Bobby Dikes, and Larry Little, 100, opposing Steve Jordan.

Dick Lopez, 179, Medford, former Texas Golden Glove winner, will take on Mose Martinez, 178, Chiliquin, in the featured preliminary.

Other bouts are Dick Rensfield, 140, Ashland, against Jodie Marietta, 138, Burns; Ernie Knoble, 150, Burns, versus Johnny Cole, 149, Klamath Falls; Beannie Crest, 139, Klamath Falls, versus Nick Johnson, Burns; Mike Cline, 80, Medford, opposing Dick Rose, 79, Ashland; Randy Jones, 58, Klamath Falls, meeting Bobby Raspono, 59, Ashland, and Arnie Galla-wher, 57, Klamath Falls, versus Dean Patterson, 58, Ashland.

Despite the fact that there are a large number of bouts the card could be a fast moving one. PAL officials are extending every effort to have a minimum of delay between fights and the program should be run off with clock-like precision.

**Rematches**  
In putting Puscas against Sams and Lewis against Louis, PAL is rematching foes of the recent Golden Gloves tourney in Portland. Puscas had to extend himself to get by Sams and Louis took a disputed verdict over Lewis.

Loran Christean was one of the surprise performers in the Golden Gloves. He's fast improving but faces a hard socker in Smith. Lopez was a three-times Golden Gloves winner in Texas and should provide a stiff test.

**SIGNS WITH CARDS**  
Chicago — (U.P.) — Joe Hushe, a former quarterback for Southern Illinois university and the Fort Belvoir Army team, today signed with the Chicago Cardinals of the National Football League.

**Fight Results**  
By UNITED PRESS  
New Orleans, La.—Willie Pastrano, 188, New Orleans, outpointed Johnny Arthur, 228, South Africa (10).

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**Julius Boros in Exhibition On May 3 at RVCC Course**

Julius Boros, who became "man of the hour" in golf when he won the 1955 world championship at Tam O'Shanter Country club in Chicago for the second time in four years will give an exhibition of his playing skill in Medford at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Through arrangements with the George S. May company, sponsor of the world titular classic, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce announced that the noted golfer will appear in this city on Thursday, May 3.

Boros, a Connecticut Yankee, registers as "pro" at Mid Pines, N. C., outplayed more than 350 of the leading professional golfers of America and 25 foreign stars in acquiring the world title for the second time. He scored his first victory for the honor in 1952.

**Clinic Scheduled**  
His masterful golf technique will be displayed in a clinic and exhibition match here Thursday, May 3. He will start his clinic at 1 p.m. and will tee off in the match immediately following.

The swarthy, suave, 200-pound Boros, born and reared in Fairfield, Conn., climaxed a year of competition as the 1955 high money winner when he annexed the richest stakes of the Tam tournaments—the world championship which yielded the burly pro a total of \$106,000.

Broken down in tangible figures he received \$50,000 cash, plus a contract for a minimum of 55 exhibitions at \$1,000 each, plus transportation and expenses, plus a \$1,000 caddie fee.

Without computing revenue that will accrue from exhibition matches, Boros by winning the \$50,000 cash award in George S. May's World Championship boosted his total winnings for the year in tournament play to \$61,971.

**Hard Pressed**  
When Boros won the world title in 1952 he was awarded \$25,000 as first prize. He is one of two players who have twice won the coveted honor since its inauguration in 1943 by George S. May. Ben Hogan was the other two-time winner, having annexed the title first in 1947 and again in 1951.

In the 1955 competition, the 36-year-old Boros was hard pressed by a battery of star contenders especially in the final 18 holes of the 72 hole world title pursuit. He refused to fold up. He ripped two strokes off Tam O'Shanter's par 72 and finished with seven under with 281 for the route — 72 holes. His round-by-round score was 70, 72, 69, 70—281.

The champion is an extremely personable, matter-of-fact gent.

**Salmon Fishing On Lower Rogue Should Improve**

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

**SOUTHWEST:** Striped bass angling in Isthmus slough is fair to good. Bullheads are best bait. The best area continues to be between Shingle House and Delmar. Bay fishing for flounder and perch has been fair to good. Perch fishing in the surf has also been good.

Salmon fishing on the lower Rogue river was poor opening week. With improved weather and water conditions, fishing is beginning to improve. Bass are being taken on Tahkenitch lake. The lower Umpqua river is clearing, and chinook angling should improve within the next few days.

Opening week end for spring chinook in the middle Umpqua area was very slow. The North Umpqua is appearing to be in good condition, but the others are still roily. With continued fair weather, prospects should improve, but fishing probably will not be better than fairly over the coming week end.

**84 Tee Off In Masters**

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — Ben Hogan felt good, Cary Middle-coff felt better, and Sam Snead had a brace of sub-par practice rounds to belie his aches and pains today when they teed off for the golden Masters golf crown.

The strongly-favored threesome were among a record 84 golfers, old and new, starting the first round over the Augusta National Course which began as an idea in Bobby Jones' mind and has blossomed to one of the premier events of American sports.

**Baseball**

**WEDNESDAY EXHIBITIONS**  
By UNITED PRESS  
Baltimore (A) 15, Chicago (N) 4  
Detroit (A) 2, Boston (A) 1  
Philadelphia (N) 4, New York (A) 3  
Cincinnati (N) 5, Washington (A) 0  
Milwaukee (N) 7, Brooklyn (N) 5  
Pittsburgh (N) 4, Kansas City (A) 2  
Cleveland (A) 2, New York (A) 0

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