

MEDFORD BASEBALLERS SPILL GRANTS PASS AGAIN 4 TO 2; LOOP PENNANT WITHIN GRASP

Medford high's surprising baseball crew, which swung into stride after a slow start and has whirled strong when the weather permitted, was one game away today from its first Southern Oregon conference championship in three seasons.

Larry Cochel, Grants Pass sophomore chucker, limited the Black Tornado to just four hits in a loop engagement here yesterday afternoon but the Medfordites were able to put every one of the bingles to use and connect a 4 to 2 triumph over the Cavemen.

The Tornado fortified its loop leadership with the victory and needs only to take one of its two games Saturday at Klamath Falls to tuck away both the conference and District 6 A-1 banners.

One Medford hit was combined with a walk and an error for one run and the three other Tornado raps figured in a three-run outburst which put the home club out in front for keeps in the battle. Duane Sides threw a seven-hitter against the Cavemen.

Shoulder Deaden The Medford righthander, pitching with a shot of novacaine in his left shoulder to deaden a senior skip-day injury, had only one real rough inning. That was the second when GP socked four hits for both of its runs. A sensational diving catch by Second Baseman Larry Perkins helped the tosser of one anxious moment.

Ed Reinking of Medford drew a base on balls with two men out in the first inning. Larry Guber singled. An overthrow at second on Dick McLaughlin's ground ball to Shortstop Chuck Nevi allowed Reinking to tally.

Nevi, Dennis Eckstein, Walt McCurdy and Scott Tippets got the singles for Grants Pass in its second inning splurge. Pete Proctor's sacrifice helped out. Larry Guber led off with a single for Medford in the fourth inning. McLaughlin clubbed a triple base fly down the left field line, scoring Guber. Then McLaughlin came home on a wild pitch. Dennis King was hit by a pitched ball. Jim Putney singled and Ron Peery walked to load the bases. Gordon Ovesley grounded out shortstop to first base but that allowed King to come home with Medford's fourth and final marker.

Grants Pass got two men on base with two out in the third

and sixth innings. On the first occasion Sides settled the matter by striking out Eckstein. In the sixth Perkins snared Tippets pop fly right at the grass tops to end the GP batting turn. Sides allowed only one walk and hit one batter. He fanned five. Cocheil walked three, hit one and had three strikeouts. Guber hit two for two for Medford while McCurdy had a two for three batting day for Grants Pass.

The game was the last regularly scheduled one in the loop for Grants Pass. Medford only needs one at Klamath Falls but will be after victories in both tussles. Grants Pass still has a chance for the mantle. Should Klamath spill Medford twice on Saturday, the Tornado and GP will be tied for the title, necessitating a playoff.

Yesterday's victory followed an 8 to 5 win over the Cavemen by Medford and was the Tornado's third win over GP in four games this year. Grants Pass has held No. 6 rating in

Errors Plague PCL Teams; Mounties Beat Portland

By DON THACKREY United Press Writer

Last night it was boot, boot, boot for the home team in the Pacific Coast league as seven red-faced squads came up with a total of 19 errors.

Only the Seattle Rainiers played flawless ball as they moved into second place with a 5-0 shutout over the Hollywood Stars, who were charged with three miscues.

Although the Los Angeles Angels dribbled the ball three times, they kept a tight hold on their two-game lead on the pack by dropping the Solons out of the No. 2 spot.

In other games San Diego defeated San Francisco, 7-3, and Vancouver rapped Portland, 8-3. The Padres had five errors, the Seals committed three, and the Mounties and Beavers evened off at one each.

Six Hit Hurling Seattle got its victory on the crisp six-hit pitching of Bud Podbielan and a 10-hit attack sparked by Ray Orteig's two-run homer in the sixth inning. Jim McDonald's six-hit pitching and Jim Westlake's three-run homer sparked the Vancouver Mounties to their win.

The Mounties drew first blood with one run in the first inning, but dropped behind when the

the state while Medford so far has been unrated.

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Table with columns: Runs Batted In, Eckstein, Tippets, Guber, etc. Lists RBI statistics for various players.

Beavers came up with two in the fourth. Then Westlake put McDonald back in command with his big blast in the fourth and the hurler took it from there.

McDonald struck out six batters, walked only two and worked ahead of the hitter all the way. He didn't even allow an extra base hit.

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Eureka Boy Shining in Prep Circles

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco (U.P.)—A 17-year-old high school kid at Eureka, Calif., with a fast ball that explodes like a fire-cracker when it hits the catcher's mitt, is setting prep school circles afire in Northern California.

His name is Wade Hammond, a 165-pound right-hander who stands 5-11 and is a senior at Eureka High school.

So far this season, Hammond has: 1—Pitched five consecutive shut outs. 2—Pitched three no-hit games. 3—Allowed only one hit in each of the other two games. 4—Struck out 73 batters in 43 innings, walking only 14. 5—Batted at a 377 clip, playing third base when he doesn't pitch.

Pros Haven't Heard The professional scouts have not heard of this boy yet, because Eureka is pretty much back in the logging country. It is about 250 miles north of an San Francisco and, according to local coaches, there hasn't been a big league scout in the park this year.

The remarkable thing about Hammond's pitching is the fact that he uses a fast ball almost exclusively to get by. In a seven-inning one-hit shut-out against another high school team recently he struck out 19 batters—all except two that he faced.

Hammond, son of a truck driver, didn't want to be a pitcher. Last year he played third base for the local American Legion team. But he whipped the ball over to first base with such speed that his high school coach asked him to take a hand on the mound.

Talent, Merrill To Vie for Toga

Talent—Talent high school will battle Merrill at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 21, at the fairgrounds ball park at Medford for the District 5B baseball championship. Talent won the Jackson County B League title and Merrill was victor in Klamath county. Both clubs were unbeaten in loop encounters.

STANDINGS

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Table with columns: COLLEGE BASEBALL, Oregon 4, Idaho 0, etc. Lists scores for various college games.

Ex-Cards Spark Phils In Win Over Braves

By FRED DOWN United Press Sports Writer

It's Roy Hamey's turn today to glory over the Philadelphia Phillies' big deal with Frank Lane and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Hamey's face was beet-red on Sunday when the first returns of the deal came in. They showed that Harvey Haddix was keyed in his debut with the Phillies while Murry Dickson and Herman Wehmeier starred for the Cardinals. It raised speculation that Lane had clinched the deal by promising to send Hamey to the Brooklyn Bridge on the next slow freight to Philadelphia.

But Tuesday night ex-Card Stu Miller tossed a six-hitter against the Milwaukee Braves to snap the Phillies' 10-game losing streak and Wednesday night infielder Solly Hemus, also obtained from the Cardinals, in the deal singled with the bases filled in the ninth inning to give Robin Roberts a 2-1 decision over Bob Buhl.

At the same time the Brooklyn Dodgers tagged Wehmeier with his third defeat in downing the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-3, in their "home away from home" at Jersey City. The victory was the world champions' sixth straight and put them only 38 percentage points out of first place.

Solly's First Appearance Hemus, who had entered the game at second base in the eighth inning, made his first appearance at the plate for his new club after Del Ennis' single, a walk and center fielder Bill Bruton's muff of a fly filled the bases with one out. Hemus fouled off Buhl's first pitch and then lined the next one into right field for the game-winning single.

The Dodgers took advantage of errors by catcher Hal Smith and third-baseman Ken Boyer to pour five unearned runs over the plate in the fifth inning and beat the Cardinals for the second straight game. Ken Lehman picked up his first win in relief although he needed Clem Labine's ninth-inning aid.

Bob Friend, the National League's earned run leader in 1955, scattered nine hits to pitch the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 9-2 triumph over the Cincinnati Redlegs and score his fifth victory.

Giants Trample Cubs Al Dark, Ray Katt and Whitey Lockman homered and Willie Mays hit a triple and single as the New York Giants walloped the last-place Chicago Cubs 9-3. Don Liddle went the route for his first win while Bob Rush, who has scored the Cubs' two victories since April 22, suffer-

Hodges Hurls Eugene to 16-5 Verdict

By UNITED PRESS

Memo to Northwest league hitters: Berlyn Hodges is back. Eugene's crafty left hander was 16-5 for the Northwest champs last season and this year has already turned in two victories in one week since rejoining the Oregon club.

Hodges pitched a steady six-hitter last night as the Emeralds gained their sixth straight with a 6-3 decision over Lewiston.

The victory kept Eugene atop the seven-club Oregon percentage points ahead of Yakima.

What Doctor Ordered Yakima continued to find Spokane pitching just what the doctor ordered. The Bears cashed in 19 hits for a 13-4 victory over the Indians.

A lot of heavy thinking went to waste at Salem where Tri-City took Salem 8-6. The Braves did it with a 3-run eighth inning rally that jelled when an intentional walk went awry.

Milt Martin led off the eighth with a single but the next two batters were retired without trouble. Danny Holden then was deliberately passed but Gene Laursen tripled for two runs.

Pinch hitter Jim Hill followed with a run-producing single.

Lane Shuts Out Vandals

Moscow, Ida. — (U.P.)—Oregon left handed hurler Don Lane shut out the Idaho Vandals 8 to 0 and allowed only four hits in a Northern division baseball contest yesterday.

The Ducks led only 2-0 going into the ninth when the Idaho defense fell apart and Oregon picked up six runs on five hits and five Vandals errors.

Idaho threatened in the fourth when it filled the bases with two singles and a walk with one out but a pop-out and a force at second base ended the threat. Vandal batters Ray Copeland and Dwight Moore collected two hits apiece from Lane.

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Ducking Throws No-Hit Victory

Eugene — (U.P.)—Stan Thompson of Nyssa hurled a no-hit game yesterday as the Oregon Frosh drubbed Tillamook high 10-1 here. Two infield errors cost him a shutout.

4-Towns Seek B Hoop Tourney

Corvallis — (U.P.)—A full schedule of business, highlighted by choosing a site for the 1957 Class B basketball tourney, will face the Oregon School Activities Association board of control when it starts a three day meeting here tonight.

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