

Favored Black Tornado Squad Bound for State Track Hassle

It's Medford high in the favored role again as the perennial champion Black Tornado headed for Corvallis today to defend its championship in the Oregon state track and field meet at Corvallis.

A crew of 12 Tornado stalwarts left Medford at 11 a.m. today. They'll begin their efforts at noon on Friday to protect the crown that Medford has copied for three consecutive years.

Preliminaries in both A-1 and A-2 state meets are billed for Friday with the finals to get underway at noon on Saturday.

Medford triumphed in the district meet at Klamath Falls last week end and gained 12 spots in the state A-1 struggle. Coach Bob Newland last night pronounced his Tornado cohorts in "fine fettle" for their big assignment with the possible exception of Les Lingscheit.

Lingscheit, who has the best half-mile time in the state this season at 1:59.6, has a pulled Achilles. It won't be known for sure whether he'll run at Corvallis until just about race time Saturday. Newland thinks he'll be able to go but whether he'll be able to perform up to par is something else again.

The 880 man said that the injury probably occurred when he started into his sprint in the district meet. He danced at the notice Saturday night and didn't promote anything was wrong until Sunday, he reported. Lingscheit was on crutches Monday and Tuesday to aid recovery from the ailment.

Others Medford has on the state meet squad are Wally Larson in both hurdles and the relay; Jerry Close in the broad jump; Dave Johnson in the high jump; Eldon Francis in the javelin; Lew Breazeale in the pole vault; Mike Russell in the 440 and relay; Bilbee Lane in the 880; Hike Hawkins in the 100-yard dash and relay; Pete Ker-

shaw in the relay, and Bob Gould, relay alternate.

Best in State
In eight events Medfordites own the best records in the state this year. They are Larson with 14.6 and 19.3 in the hurdles, Lingscheit and Lane with 1:59.6 and 1:59.7 in the half-mile, Russell with :50.5 in the quarter-mile, Lew Breazeale with 12 feet 9 inches in the pole vault, Jerry Close with 22-2 in the broad jump, Mike Hawkins, tied with Don Speights, Redmond (A-2) at :09.2 in the 100, and the relay team of Larson, Kershaw,

Russell, Hawkins with 1:31.3. Plumley has second best effort of the season in the shot with 55.2. Hawkins' :22.3 in the 220 is second best on record and Francis with 182-5 has the third best javelin heave publicized.

From southern Oregon, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Ashland athletes will join Medford in A-1 at Corvallis. Crater, Illinois Valley, Eagle Point and Phoenix will be represented in A-2. In the B meet at Springfield, St. Mary's of Medford, Rogue River, Jacksonville and Prospect will have entries.

Cavekids Capture Diadem In Freshman Track Meet

Grants Pass piled up 172 points yesterday to score an overwhelming triumph in the Southern Oregon Freshman District Track meet at the Medford senior high stadium.

McLoughlin junior high ninth graders of Medford were a distant second with 77 and Hedrick of Medford was third with 71 1/3. Klamath Falls tallied 70 and Crater 29 2/3.

The Cavekids collected five first places and tied for two other in recording the victory. McLoughlin had three firsts and a tie. Hedrick was the winner in two events and shared top spot in another. Klamath Falls was victor in one contest and knotted in one.

Double winners of the meet were Terry Hamilton of McLoughlin, Jim Dean of Grants Pass and Jerome McQuade of Hedrick. Hamilton won the low hurdles in :09.75 and the high hurdles in :13.7. Dean took the 75-yard dash in :08.2 and the 150 in :16.2.

McQuade, who transferred to Hedrick after playing freshman and junior varsity football at Crater last fall, won the broad jump at 18 feet 6 inches. He won the discus with a 118-2 throw.

Winningham of Grants Pass won the javelin with 165-6 and tied with John Harvey of Hedrick at 10-3 in the pole vault. Other GP victors were Simmons with 3:26.5 in the three-fourths mile, Wilson with 1:31 in the

600-yard run and the relay team. Armstrong, Gordon, Sturgill and Dean with 4:7.3 in the relay. Barrett deadlocked with George Koch of McLoughlin and Bob Drace of Klamath in the high jump at 5-2.

Mike Murray put the shot 57-2 for a McLoughlin win and Carl Dick Matthews took the 330 in :38 flat for the KF team.

RESULTS:
High hurdles—Hamilton, Mc; Winningham, G.; Thumler, C.; Hawley, K.; Monroe, H. Time :09.75.
75-yard dash—Dean, G.; Peak, H.; Storey, K.; Funston, Mc; Bennett, C. Time :08.2.
Shot put—Murray, Mc; Dean, G.; Montgomery, G.; Perkins, K.; Dean, H.; Funston, Mc. Distance 52 ft. 7 in.
Three-fourths mile—Deamons, G.; Norton, H.; Coffman, K.; Johnson, Mc; Spencer, G.; Higginbotham, C. Time 3:26.5.
High jump—Koch, Mc; Drave, K. and Barnett, G. Tied first; Wilson, G.; Hamilton, Mc; McQuade, H.; Burns and Surgenon, C. Tied sixth. Height 5 ft. 2 in.
300-yard dash—Matthews, K.; Sturgill, G.; Armstrong, G.; Evers, C.; Funston, Mc; Turner, Mc. Time :38.
Low hurdles—Hamilton, Mc; Clark, G.; Thumler, C.; Emmens, H.; Smith, K. Time :09.75.
Javelin—Winningham, G.; Priest, K.; Putnam, G.; Harvey, H.; Greer, Mc; Clark, Mc. Distance 165 ft. 6 in.
150-yard dash—Dean, G.; Priest, K.; Peak, H.; Barnes, C. Time :16.2.
660-yard run—Wilson, G.; Reich, Mc; Kaye, Mc; Winterbottom, G.; Krahenburg, G.; Burns, C. Time 1:31.
Pole vault—Winningham, G. and Harvey, H. Tied first; Berrow, G. and Maurer, H. Tied third; Scherer, Mc; Schultz, Mc. Height 10 ft. 3 in.
440-yard relay—Grants Pass (Armstrong, Gordon, Sturgill, Dean). Time 4:7.3.
Broad jump—McQuade, H.; Sabin, G.; Stull, G.; Storey, K.; Evers, C.; Matthews, K. Distance 18 ft. 6 in.
Discus—McQuade, H.; Putnam, G.; Montgomery, G.; Connolly, Mc; Davis, C.; Matthews, K. and Murray, M. Tied sixth. Distance 118 ft. 2 in.



SEEK B TRACK LAURELS—This group of trackmen will carry the St. Mary's high of Medford colors into the state B meet at Springfield Friday and Saturday. Kneeling are Ramon Elbert, left, and Jim Darland, relay runners. Standing, from left, are Pat Sullivan, relay alternate; Bill Carey, half-mile and relay entry, and Dick Hayes, relay man. Not pictured is Gerald Darland, quarter-mile shot put and rela man. He was on the crippled list early in the week.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

WEATHER MAN EASES MIND OF RAY ROBINSON

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The weather man today promised Sugar Ray Robinson some relief from the heat when he climbs into the ring about sunset Friday to defend his middleweight title against Field (Bobo) Olson at Wrigley Field.

"Cooler but no rain" was the Weather Bureau's forecast for the fight-of-the-year.

Sugar Ray has a horror of heat because of his collapse in the 14th round on June 25th, 1952, while trying to take the light-heavyweight crown from Joey Maxim. The temperature that night in Yankee Stadium was 104 degrees.

The 35-year-old champion, who scurried out of his camp at San Jacinto, Calif., Wednesday because of the baking heat, was relaxing today at the home of friend Bill Townsend in cooler Brentwood, a suburb of Los Angeles.

Co-manager Ernie Braca explained: "It was in the mid-90s at San Jacinto yesterday." San Jacinto is 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Ironically, the temperature here at Wrigley Field at noon Wednesday was 99, a record breaker for May 16.

Meanwhile Robinson continued a 13-10 betting favorite to win the nationally televised and broadcast 15-rounder, and he was favored at 2-1 in a poll of 24 sports writers who will cover

Sports Broadcasts

Radio station KYJC will have a broadcast from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. Friday on state high school track meet activities at Corvallis.

Diane Peterson Heads Petters

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Diane Peterson of McMinnville leads a field of some 120 high school tennis players into the annual prep tournament here today and tomorrow. Miss Peterson is three-times singles champion.

TWO FISH AT ONCE

Hillman, Mich. — (U.P.) — Six-year-old Joe Gorwolski, of Detroit, was fishing for trout in a stream near here Wednesday but got more than he bargained for. He was about to land an eight- and one-half inch brook trout when an 18-inch Great Trout pike clamped onto the trout and Joe had to call his grandfather to help him land the double catch.

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Only 9 May Be Entered In Preakness

Baltimore—(U.P.)—The field for the 80th run of the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Saturday will comprise no more than nine thoroughbreds unless some undecided owners have a last minute change of heart.

As of today the field should be made up of Needles, the prohibitive choice, Fabius, Count Chic, Come On Red, Golf Ace, Eiffel Blue, No Regrets, Fleet Peet and Ratham.

Assorted Scratched
The Llangollen Farm's Assorted and the Christiane Stable's Ricci Tavi were the latest eligibles to be withdrawn. Assorted, who won the Preakness Prep here on Monday, was scratched by Trainer Oscar Mackey. The colt has a bowed tendon, probably incurred in Monday's test. Ricci Tavi, never seriously considered a starter, definitely will not start in the mile and three-sixteenths classic. Trainer Henry Clark said it would not be fair to put the colt up against the top three-year-olds when he wasn't in his best shape. Ricci Tavi finished second to Assorted in the Preakness Prep.

GAME SOLD OUT

Washington — (U.P.) — This year's major league All-Star game is all sold out, and what's more it took only 21 hours to accomplish. The Washington Senators, who host the game this year, report about 25,000 applications on hand. Griffith Stadium seats around 28,000.

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John Saxton Wins by TKO Over Turner

Chicago — (U.P.) — Middleweight Gil Turner lost his own fight when he was brash enough to tell how he could beat welterweight Champion Johnny Saxton, the happy victor said today.

"He said 'I'll beat Saxton, if he don't run,'" Saxton said, "So I just stayed in there against the ropes and ducked and blocked the punches he threw until he got tired, and then I moved around and went to work."

Saxton's battle plan worked so perfectly that he knocked out victory over one of the 58 men who have beaten him in five pro fights, avenging his defeat by Turner with a split decision June 15, 1953, a result which ended Saxton's string of 39 wins and a draw which began his pro career.

The bout was stopped by physician Irving N. Slott, who refused to let Turner come out for the tenth.

"When he took out his mouthpiece," Slott said, "he brought up about a cup of blood."

Turner earlier was bleeding from a cut on the right eyebrow, which he suffered in the first round, and in the ninth he began to bleed from a slash on the point of his nose as well as from his mouth.

Slott found tonsil lacerations on Turner, as well as some pinpoint abrasions, in an examination after the fight. Turner's manager, George Katz, complained bitterly about the result of the battle, claiming the bout was stopped by "incompetents."

When the bout ended, with Saxton's 51st victory, he was ahead on the card of Referee Frank Sikora, 87-85, and on the card of Judge Marovitz, 87-84, while Judge Frank Clark had Turner the leader, 88-86. It was Turner's 11th loss in 62 pro battles.

Scattergunners of Area Eyeing 23rd Annual Mail Tribune Shoot

Trapshooters of the area will compete for the Mail Tribune trophy in the Sunday morning 16-yard event of the annual Mail Tribune Trapshooting tournament at Medford Gun club.

Any amateur is eligible to compete for the trophy and anyone winning it three times becomes permanent owner. A Mail Tribune trophy has yet to be retired. Dick Skeeters and George L. Jantzer, both of Medford have won the event on two occasions each.

The 23rd annual tournament begins Saturday morning with the Rogue Valley Hundred, a

Red Raiders Contend in OCC Scuffle

Ashland — Southern Oregon college Red Raider track team heads for La Grande this week end to defend the Oregon Collegiate conference championship which it won last year at Klamath Falls.

Eastern Oregon college, which the Raiders upset last year to win the championship, is favored to take the crown this time. Southern Oregon college is figured to give the closest opposition.

The Red Raiders do not have the first place strength that they had in winning last year, when they set six conference records. Only returning winner in last year's meet is Chuck Crandall in the 880, and his best time is not as good as some others in the conference.

Best chances for wins by the Raiders are by Earl James, Bill Hollingsworth and Dick Gustafson. James has the best times in the conference in the 100, 220, and 440, and whatever events he runs in he should win. Bill Hollingsworth set a new school record in the pole vault this week with a 12 foot mark, and could win that event. He may also surprise in the high jump where he has consistently been clearing 6 feet, and should go higher.

Gustafson could surprise in the distance races, where he has already set two new school records.

The Red Raiders' main strength is in depth. By picking up enough seconds, thirds and fourths, they may give the Mountaineers of Eastern Oregon a close battle.

Last Monday the Raiders closed out their dual meet season with an easy win over Oregon Tech, beating them 85-46. James and Hollingsworth and Dick Smith were double winners for the Raiders, as was Andrews for the Techmen. Bill Hollingsworth set the record in the pole vault in clearing 12 feet, breaking his old record set earlier this year at 11 feet 9 inches.

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