

Colts Play Glendale In Rogue Valley Loop Tilt This Afternoon

It's either Eldon Davidson or Kay Kelley pitching today when the Cheney Colts take on the Glendale nine in an opening Rogue Valley league baseball conflict. The scrape will start at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds diamond here.

Manager Harry Tonn said that either Howard Morris or Gerald Darland will handle the catching assignment. Morris will be on hand from Linfield college.

Al Simmons Of Baseball Fame Dies

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — Al Simmons, 34, one of the greatest major league right-handed batters of all time, died at his home early Saturday after apparently suffering a heart attack.

He was dead on arrival at Milwaukee County Emergency hospital.

Simmons played with seven major league teams in his baseball career, but he achieved stardom with the Philadelphia Athletics from 1924 to 1934. He was the leading hitter in the American league in 1930 with a .381 average and again in 1931 with a .390 average.

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Golf Day Action At Rogue Valley Begins June 3

Rogue Valley Country club participation in National Golf day competition is scheduled June 3 through 9.

National Golf day will be on June 9. On that day Jack Fleck and Fay Crocker, 1955 U.S. Golf association men's and women's open champions will play a round of 18 holes at the Oak Hill country club, Rochester, N.Y. Golfers throughout the country, playing at their home or other courses, will compete against them. Men's and women's net scores will be matched against the gross tallies of the champions.

While the champs play their round on the one day, men and women trying to "beat" them, can play any time June 3 through 9. Each entry costs \$1.

PGA Sponsors
National Golf day is sponsored by the Professional Golfers association. Net proceeds of the rivalry will be turned over to the National Golf Fund, Inc. Funds will be allocated to the turf research and education, veterans rehabilitation program, development of golf among blind amputees, PGA relief, educational and benevolent funds, caddie scholarship foundations and similar projects.

Women whose nets are better than Miss Crocker's gross will get an "I beat the champion Fay Crocker" medal. Men who trim Fleck will get an "I beat the champion Jack Fleck" medal.

Contestants may play as many rounds as they wish by paying an additional fee.

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SPORTS

Oregon Staters Top Ducks; Cougars Clinch ND Pennant

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Jerry Exley, Oregon State captain and centerfielder, smashed out three home runs and drove in six runs to lead OSC to an 11-10 win over the University of Oregon here Friday.

At Pullman, Washington State downed Idaho 4-1 and cinched the Northern Division pennant, won the previous three years by the Ducks.

Exley homered in the fourth inning to give OSC its first run. He hit another in the seventh with two men on to tie the game at 6-6, then polled his third home run over the centerfielder's head in the eighth inning to score two runs and put OSC ahead 10-7.

Ducks Rally
The 11th and decisive run was scored later in the eighth on an infield hit by Tom Hunt—a walk

to Jerry Bettendorf and a single by Tom Bowen.

Oregon rallied for three runs in the ninth on a walk, a triple by Jim Pfifer and singles by Terry Maddox and Dick Schlonshein.

The rally fell short, however, when Lowell Pearce came in for the Beavers and retired the last two batters on infield outs.

29 IN OLYMPICS
Stockholm — (U.P.) Twenty-nine countries, including the United States, have entered the 1956 equestrian Olympic games, with 11 nations taking part in all three contests—the dressage, the three-day event and the jumping Grand Prix. The events will be held here, June 10-17.

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Lithia Leads In Softball

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The Ashland club, one of two games to play two contests so far, was winner of both. Three other teams are unmarred in one game.

Twilight play continues at the senior high stadium this week with games on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Starting times are 6 p.m. for two games each day. There could be action either Tuesday or Friday to work in the Crater Lake Motors club, which has just joined the loop.

Following is the list of games this week.

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Ned Landers OCC All-Star In Baseball

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland State, baseball champion of the Oregon Collegiate conference, landed four berths on the all-conference team released by the league today.

Pitcher Gary Lansing, Shortstop Merle Stewart, Outfielder Dave Starbuck, and Infielder Harvey Neffendorf, all nailed down spots for the Vikings on the 10-man squad named today.

Others gaining all-conference distinction were: Charles Tykesson, Stan Phelps and Gary Dorn, Oregon Tech; Barry Adams and Larry Buss, Oregon College; Ned Landers, Southern Oregon.

Buss is the only player to repeat from last year's all-conference team. Stewart and Landers were second-team selections a year ago.

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