

MEDFORD TO PLAY LINCOLN FOR A-1 PREP BASEBALL TOGA

Black Tornado Clips High-Rated Indians 2-1 in Semi-Finale

Take last week's Oregon high school rating poll. Put it with yesterday's sparkling, thunderous victory on the county fairgrounds diamond. That makes Medford's roaring Black Tornado the No. 1 baseball power in the state, a ranking the Raging Wind of Oregon's peer capital will be out to uphold come Saturday night in Portland's Multnomah stadium.

Medford's blazing, confident baseballers, have played their best this season when the chips were down. They did it again yesterday and pulled off "the triumph of the season," stunning high-riding The Dalles, 1955 champion and the favorite to repeat, in a Class A-1 state semi-final elimination battle here. The score was 2 to 1.

Victory put the Black Tornado up against Lincoln high of Portland in the Saturday A-1 titular finale in Portland. The Cardinals last night trimmed Central Catholic 9 to 0 in the other semi-final.

Ends Win Streak
A crowd of some 1,000 exuberant, screaming fans, largest turnout for a prep diamond tangle here in many a season, saw Medford hand The Dalles its first loss in 20 games this year and end after 30 contests an indian winning streak which began last season. The Indians had rated over a period of several weeks as the state's No. 1 team.

The triumph goes into the Tornado record books as possibly the greatest in Medford high baseball history and was a superbly played encounter. It was the Black Tornado's ninth consecutive win of the season.

Getting just two hits but making both of them count for markers, and playing hustling, brilliant defense all afternoon, the Tornado came through in a stirring, dramatic finish. Ed Reinking slashed a low line single into right field to score Jim Putney with the winning run with two out in the bottom of the seventh and final inning.

The closing Medford turn at bat had all the aspects of a Frank Merriwell novel. A Tornado marker in the initial stanza and a run by the Indians in the fourth had tied the score at 1 apiece.

Jim Putney led off the final batting turn by drawing a walk from hurler Bill Roark. He got to second base on a wild pitch. Ron Peery laid down a bunt which the pitcher fielded and threw to third base too late to catch Putney. Denny Peterson, The Dalles' top pitching star, then came in to relieve Roark. He issued a walk to Henry Putney to load the bags with none away.

Two attempts to squeeze home Jim Putney on a bunt failed and Gordon Owsley and Larry Perkins both struck out for two down. Then Reinking stepped to the plate. He let Peterson's first pitch go by for a ball. The next toss he smashed into the outfield and Putney romped home and the game was over. A portion of the jubilant crowd surged onto the field.

Medford utilized two bases on balls, a fielder's option and a single to manufacture its only other run of the game. Owsley drew a walk to start off Medford's part of the opening panel. Perkins slapped the ball to third base, forcing out Owsley but getting to first himself. Reinking was walked. Larry Gober whacked a double to left field and Perkins came home.

Larson Drives In Run
Pete Foley of The Dalles was hit by a pitch in the fourth inning. He swiped second and went to the third sack on Roark's groundout. Ed Davidson walked and Rich Larson followed with a Texas league single to left field, scoring Foley.

But for some faulty base running, the Indians might have had another run or two. Gary Woodworth doubled with one out in the third inning and Doug Woolsey walked. Bob Lee lofted a fly which dropped into left field. Woodworth held up at second on the play instead of leading off. Quick fielding by Peery in the left pasture and a throw to third base got Woodworth out on a force.

In the fifth canto Woolsey singled and was sacrificed to second by Lee. Bill Sallee got a hit and went to second on an error. Woolsey getting to third base on the rap. Irwin Fandrey socked a fly to deep left field. Woolsey led off instead of tagging up. Peery came through with another quick throw and by the time Woolsey got back to third there wasn't time to try for home.

Great Fielding
Roark, while yielding just one hit in his six innings plus on the mound, gave up six bases on balls. But he kept them scattered through the middle frames and flawless fielding kept the

Black Tornado from denting home plate. Medford had its great fielding too with Owsley at shortstop and Perkins at second base making the long stretch or deep stop to hold down the Indians. Each had four assists. After Woolsey's failure to score in the fifth panel, Foley whacked a grounder that Perkins had to go far for and his throw to first was just in the nick of time to prevent a run. The Tornado came up with a double play, Owsley to Perkins to Sides at first, in the opening inning.

The Dalles collected five hits off the Medford chucks, four off Ernie Tyler and one off Henry Putney. Tyler whiffed three walks and Putney one and Tyler walked two. The Indian throwers combined for seven bases on balls and six strikeouts. No batter got more than one hit in the game.

Henry Putney was Medford's winning pitcher along with twin brother, Jim, scoring the winning run. Roark, who permitted the winning run to get on the bases, took the loss.

Poetic Justice
The 1956 baseball edition of the Black Tornado became the school's first diamond aggregation to gain actual state finals. In 1953 Medford was one of eight schools to reach state tournament play but rain prevented any games and all eight were declared co-champions.

Yesterday's victory came as a sort of poetic justice. In 1952 another strong Medford club was eliminated by The Dalles in a state semi-final conflict. The score in that fracas was also 2 to 1.

Medford's game Saturday will be under lights with a 9 p.m. starting time set. The Tornado has not played under lights this season and Coach John Kovenz taking a team into the state finale in his first year as a prep coach, plans drills under the football stadium arcs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The squad will leave Friday morning for Portland.

The Tornado mentor had high praise for his players who "just won't give up."

Jim Cloutier hit a grand slam homer for Lincoln against the Rams last night.

BOX:
The Dalles AB R H PO A E
Lee, 2b 3 0 1 3 1 0
Sallee, 3b 4 0 0 0 0 0
Fandrey, 2b 3 0 0 0 0 0
Foley, 1b 2 0 0 0 0 0
Roark, p 0 0 0 0 0 0
Peterson, p 0 0 0 0 0 0
Davidson, ss 2 0 0 1 2 0
Larson, cf 0 0 0 0 0 0
Woodworth, rf 3 0 1 0 0 0
Woolsey, lf 2 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 25 1 5 20 11 6

Medford AB R H PO A E
Owsley, ss 3 0 0 4 1 0
Perkins, 2b 2 0 1 0 0 0
Reinking, 3b 2 0 1 0 0 0
Gober, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0
McLaughlin, c 3 0 0 4 0 0
Sides, 1b 3 0 0 9 0 0
Putney, p 3b 3 0 0 5 1 0
Tyler, p 2 0 0 0 1 0 0
H. Putney, p 0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 22 2 2 21 11 2

COLTS, LITHIANS VIE HERE THIS WEDNESDAY
Pete Berg, ex-Butte Falls Logger player, may be tossing the slants at the batters for the Ashland Lithians Wednesday when they go against the Cheney Colts.

The game will be at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds ball park here. Both clubs are members of the semi-pro Rogue Valley Baseball league. However, the scuffle will have no loop significance.

Gene Parent and Phil Sword were the Lithian battery Sunday when Ashland won over Butte Falls. Neither was expected to be available Wednesday. An Ashland report yesterday said that the youths have jobs that demand their time. In the absence of Sword, Jerry Montgomery, ex-Talent high athlete, may wear the mask and chest protector.

Possible infielders for the Ashland nine are Jack Colley, manager, first base; Giward Knox, second base; Loyal Green, third base and Howard Gang, shortstop.
May Vary Line-up
Manager Harry Tonn may call on Eldon Davidson, ex-Grants Pass high to do the pitching for the Colts. Laval Meunier or Gerald Darland may do the catching. On Sunday the Colt infield-

Vale's Vikings Bounce Crater 11-0 To Go Into A-2 State Title Contest

Central Point — Vale high's Vikings combined stellar pitching and heavy walling here yesterday to fight their way into the finals for the Oregon Class A-2 baseball championship.

The Vikings shutout the Crater High Comets 11 to 0 in a semi-finals skirmish to win the right to face either Seaside or Canby at Multnomah stadium in Portland on Saturday night for the A-2 banner. Canby and Seaside were to have played their semi-final affair today.

While Gerald Harrod was permitting only one Crater hit over the six innings he pitched, he and his Vale teammates collected 10 hits, most of them rousing wallops, off the offerings of Comet tosser Fred Herrmann. Five Crater errors also aided the Viking run production.

Struck Out 11
Harrod struck out 11 batters and walked three in his six inning stint. Gene Bates threw the final inning and gave no hits or walks. Herrmann whiffed nine and also gave three bases on balls.

For a marker in the opening inning Vale put together a walk, a single by Harrod and a wild pitch which let Gene Bates home. Bill Moore tripled and Frank Bishop singled for a run in the second. In a three-run third inning Frank Havelley doubled and Gene Bates, Moore and Bishop singled. In the fifth inning an error, fielder's choice and Gary Smith's single accounted for a run.

Big scoring frame for the Vikings was the sixth with five runs. Larry Bates and Smith each two-bagger. There were three errors and a base on balls.

Crater's Gary Smith singled in the fifth inning for the Comets' only hit. Closest to a threat by Crater was in the fourth inning when Bill Reeves and Herrmann walked with one out.

Six Lefties
Six left handed hitters helped give Vale its batting might. Despite the semi-final defeat Crater considered its season a successful one. The Comets had eight victories and, while they dropped seven games, they were unbeaten in A-2 rivalry until yesterday's fracas.

Crater won the Rogue League toga, beat Douglas for the district crown then upset Junction City in state quarter-finals. Six of the setbacks this season were at the hands of A-1 schools.

The Comets had one tie and were leading when another game was halted by rain. Vale's last action against Vale was its last as an A-2 school. It moves up into A-1 next year. The game also completed Clarence Melby's service as Comet coach. He's been named vice-principal of the school.

LINESCORE:
Vale 11: 113 015 0-11 10 0
Crater 0: 000 00 0 1 5
Harrod, G. Bates (7) and Havelley; Herrmann and Letler.

High School Scores
By United Press
A-1 Semi-Finals
Medford 2, The Dalles 1
Lincoln 9, Central Catholic 0
A-2 Semi-Finals
Vale 11, Crater 0
Canby at Seaside today
B Semi-Finals
Sisters 5, Echo 3
Glide 5, Gaston 1

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FORD FINDS VIE
New York (U.P.) — It's this way when you're playing a hot hand in baseball:
Whitey Ford, enroute to his seventh pitching victory of the year, strolled out to the mound at Yankee Stadium Monday night and picked up a \$2 bill lying at the edge of the pitcher's box.

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MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Scores Highest Ever In Bowling Tourney

Scores in the Southern Oregon Handicap tournament now underway at Medford Bowling lanes are the highest recorded in the seven-year history of the event.

McNamara and Peepe Lumber company, Crescent City, Calif., after two week ends of play heads 10 teams which have rolled over the 3000 mark. The Californians have a 3113 count. Last season only one of the men's entries was higher than 3000.

The Fumblin' Five, Klamath Falls, leads ladies' quints with 2759. In other men's events Maurice McFarland and Orace Endicot, Grants Pass are on top in doubles with 1324. Buster Forney, Ashland, paces singles with 709 and all-events with 1981.

There are 10 doubles combinations with 1250 tabulations or better. Last year's high was 1269 with just four over 1250. In singles last year's title was taken with a 692 and three have that tally or better so far this time.

A count of 1912 won the all-events last season with just two men above 1900. There are five men higher than 1900 with two week ends gone in 1956 contention.

1245 Ladies Best
Sally Hadden and Skip Newell, Grants Pass, with 1245 are women's doubles leaders. Jean Runtz, Medford, has best count so far in singles with 677 compared to the winning score of 640 last season. Skip Newell's 1824 is best up to date in all events, and compares to high of 1797 last year.

Women's Golf
Rogue Valley Country club lady golfer's play for the day Thursday, May 31, will be for speed. There will be a board meeting at 1 p.m. in the club house.

Women were hostess to the Grants Pass Lady Golfers on Thursday, May 24. Play was for the Harold Johnson trophy which was won by Medford. Score was 24-12.

Winners in the medal play for Grants Pass were Mrs. Earl Voorhies with a 96 for low gross, and Mrs. Merle Saunders with a 78 for net net. Mrs. Jess Bradley won A group with a net 86. Mrs. Don Light and Mrs. Dorothy Bauman tied with an 87 in B group.

Medford winners were Mrs. W. W. Davies with a low gross of 79 and Mrs. George Harrington with a low net of 72. Mrs. Rose Bunch took A group with a net 78, and Mrs. Ken Teeter won B group with a net 79. Mrs. Henry Bauman won C group with a net 77 and Mrs. R. Haysell won the D group with a net 85.

The nine hole group had a three way tie of net 43, winners being Mrs. S. Tunny Bullis, Mrs. William Knope and Mrs. Keith Bates.

Play for the women's spring handicap ended last week with Mrs. Thomas Culbertson defeating Mrs. W. W. Davies for the championship.

Bowling
SATURDAY SENIORS
Strike Outs 23 7
Rambling Rebels 19 11
Alley Cats 17 13
Pin Slayers 8 22
Bowling Bombers 8 22
Crazy Four 3 27

STANDINGS

By UNITED PRESS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee 17 9 654
St. Louis 22 14 611
Pittsburgh 19 13 584
Cincinnati 18 13 545 2 1/2
New York 17 15 531
Philadelphia 14 19 428 6 1/2
Chicago 11 21 344 9
Washington 9 12 300 10

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 26 11 684
Cleveland 20 15 571 4 1/2
Boston 18 17 514 6 1/2
Chicago 13 30 407 7
Baltimore 17 19 472 8
Detroit 16 21 432 9 1/2
Kansas City 15 21 417 10
Washington 15 22 405 10 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago 1 3 1
Nuxhall 1 3 1
Fowler (5), Jeffcoat (6), Lapalme (6) and Burgess, Rush (3-2) and Chit. Loser—Nuxhall (1-4).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Brooklyn 2 2 1
Pittsburgh 3 6 0
Poston 3 6 0
Friend (8-2) and Folies, Loser—Erskine (2-4).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 0 2 3
New York 0 3 4
Sullivan (3-2) and White, Ford (7-1) and Betta.

League Leaders
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Player AB R H PO A E Pct.
Long, Pitts. 34 128 27 53 414
Repsulski, St. L. 27 92 20 36 381
Bever, St. L. 26 114 28 32 342
Bruton, Milw. 23 83 17 30 333
Walls, Pitts. 31 94 19 33 353

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Mantle, N.Y. 38 142 42 60 423
Maxwell, Det. 31 97 32 38 381
Vernon, Bos. 27 90 15 31 344
Berra, N.Y. 31 120 28 32 342
Cortny, Wash. 29 81 12 31 342

Home Runs — Mantle, Yankees 17; Long, Pirates 14; Berra, Yankees 12; Sizemore, Senators; Boyer, Cards; and Post, Red Sox all 11.
Runs Batted In — Mantle, Yankees 43; Gump, Pirates 37; Boyer, Cards 37; Berra, Yankees 35; Sizemore, Senators 33; Musial, Cards 33.
Runs — Mantle, Yankees 42; Bauer, Tigers 30; Sizemore, Senators 30; Lopez, Athletics 30; Yost, Senators 29; Blaizynski, Cards 29.
Hits — Mantle, Yankees 60; Long, Pirates 53; Boyer, Cards 52; Kuenn, Tigers 50; Sizemore, Senators 45.
Pitching — Lumber, Red Sox 45-0; Ford, Yankees 7-1; Lemon, Indians 6-0; Brewer, Red Sox 6-1; Friend, Pirates 5-2.

Idaho Coach Visits UO
Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.) — Steve Belko, basketball coach at Idaho State College, was reported visiting the University of Oregon campus Sunday to discuss the vacant coaching job here.

Belko was reported to be one of four candidates remaining to get the job vacated by the resignation of Bill Borchers earlier this spring.

Others being considered are Eddie Hickey, St. Louis University coach; Ralph Miller of Wichita and Bill Stranagan of Iowa State, according to the Oregon Journal in Portland.

Athletic Director Lou Harris had no immediate comment but indicated a successor to Borchers would be named soon.

Belko compiled an outstanding record as coach at Idaho State. He played college basketball at the University of Idaho.

Tony Trabert Tips Pancho Gonzales in Pro Tennis Scuffle

Desire of Tony Trabert to keep his tennis future alive received a big lift last night when the 1955 world amateur titlist subdued the world pro champ, Pancho Gonzales in Hedrick junior high school gymnasium here.

Trabert downed Gonzales 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in the feature match of another leg of the world's championship professional tour. It was the first appearance of big time tennis in Medford and the skill and dexterity of the top players in the sport drew the "ahs" and "ohs" and enthusiastic applause of a small audience of 559 paying customers.

Other matches during the evening saw Pancho Segura win 8-4 from Jack Kramer, who is just getting into shape for national pro tourney at Los Angeles, and Trabert teamed with Rex Hartwig, Australian Davis Cup star, to defeat Gonzales and Segura, a world doubles champ, 8-6.

Gonzales, who has already clinched a \$25,000 bonus for his play against Trabert, has a 72 to 24 edge in victories over the youth from Cincinnati, O. Hartwig and Trabert have won 56 of 76 tussles with their doubles rivals.

In the deciding set last night between Trabert and Gonzales, each won his service through the third game. Then Trabert broke his foe's service and won his own to go ahead 4-1. Each then took his service until Gonzales broke through on Trabert's serve to slice the set score to 5 to 4. Pancho tied it up at 5-5 but Trabert won a love game for 6-5.

In the next game Gonzales lost three straight points on his own serve and gave Trabert three chances for set and match points. He cut the count to 30-40 but Trabert came through with a cross court backhand to end the tangle.

Ecuadorian Pancho Segura's better conditioning from more constant play paid off against Kramer who is regarded as the all-time greatest star in tennis. Both possessed versatility in shots and Segura capitalized in lightning agility to move about for lobs and volleys, Kramer

Bilko's Bat Continues to Dominate PCL
San Francisco — (U.P.) — Steve Bilko, Los Angeles' slugging first baseman, boosted his batting average 22 points during the past week to consolidate his position at the head of the Pacific Coast League hitters with a .411 mark.

At the same time he bashed out seven home runs during the week to bring his total for the season to 18.

Bilko also leads in hits with 69 and is second in runs-batted-in with 44.

Bob Anderson, Los Angeles right hander, tops the loop in hurling with a perfect 5-0 mark. Dick Drott of the Angels leads in strikeouts with 74.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Los Angeles baseball fans can rest assured that homerun swatter Steve Bilko isn't taking his .411 batting average anywhere.

President John Holland of the Los Angeles club said he had turned down a proposal by Jerry Donovan, president of the San Francisco Seals, who offered \$25,000 cash for Bilko, shortstop Ritchie Myers and pitcher Marino Piretti.

"I wouldn't sell Bilko for anything," Holland said.

displayed marked ability to slam or lob the ball back while leading away from the net.

An overpowering, sizzling service appeared as one of Gonzales' biggest assets. He frequently aced his singles foe but the Cincinnati swished some singletons too and outdistanced his rival from Los Angeles.

Hartwig appeared the perfect doubles mate for Trabert as the two functioned smoothly together. However, they broke their rivals' service only twice in the match abbreviated because of the late hour. Gonzales and Segura won one game on the serve of Hartwig and Trabert.

The indoor area, although smaller than specified for the matches seemed to be no severe handicap to the world's top five professional stars.

The appearance of the tour here was under sponsorship of the Medford Lions club.

Auto Races Slated This Saturday
Hardtop auto racing in southern Oregon will open Saturday, June 2, at Valley View speedway for the 1956 season.

Drivers of Medford and Ashland, other communities of the area and car jockeys from northern California will be on hand for the starting program. Time trials begin at 6:30 p.m. with the first race at 8 p.m.

The track is the former Ashland speedway. Several yards of clay have been added and the oval has been rebuilt.

Medford and Ashland racers have joined forces for the summer and plan to race each Saturday night. The Medford track is not being used by the group this year.

Merchants of both Ashland and Medford have donated added money to the purse.

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