

LINCOLN SUBDUES MEDFORD 5-1 FOR A-1 BASEBALL DIADEM

Lolich Strikes Out 18 in 3 Hitter for Cards; Vale, Glide Win B, A-2 Finales

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Multnomah Stadium, Portland — Lincoln high of Portland applied "the big inning" and the masterful chucking of its south-paw ace, Mickey Lolich, against the Medford Black Tornado here in a "midnight rendezvous" to annex the first Oregon Class A-1 baseball championship and the first state diamond title in the history of the school.

The Cardinals, champs of the Portland Interscholastic League, launched out with four runs, their margin of triumph, in the opening canto. From there they relied on the capable left arm of Lolich, a poised 15-year-old sophomore and one-time Portland Beaver batboy, to carry the bulk of the burden in a 5 to 1 decision over the Tornado.

In an hour and 55 minute finale which began at 10:57 p.m. Saturday and wound up at 12:52 a.m. Sunday, the youthful hurler faced up to his responsibility with the skill of a veteran. Possessor of a fine curve, Lolich kept his tosses low to all but handcut the Medford batsmen. The Cardinal soph struck out Tornado batters a bulging total of 18 times and permitted but three hits, all singles over a seven inning route.

Two Other Titles

The Class A-1 finale capped off a program of state championship baseball which began at 5 p.m. on Saturday in the Portland presentation with a 2 to 1 nod over Sisters for the B school honors. Vale followed with a 5 to 3 verdict over Seaside for the A-2 banner. The games required 12 innings and three hours and 25 minutes, a record for Oregon baseball play-offs, delaying the A-1 clash, which had a scheduled 9 p.m. starting time.

Duane Sides, the senior right-hand Tornado thrower himself turned in a fine performance on the hill but it just wasn't Medford's night in this massive Beaver ball plant. The Tornado, a clutch hitting crew through the season, got men on base but could get the range only once on Lolich to get a run across. Lolich issued the Tornado seven bases on balls, even three in one inning, but came through in form on that occasion to spoil the Medford chance with a pair of strikeouts.

Sides, with a five-hitter job on the mound, held the Cards hitless in four of his six innings. He walked six and struck out seven. Three of the Lincoln single base raps came in the first inning when the Portlanders did their heavy scoring. The two others failed to produce a tally as Medford held the line in the fourth frame.

Perkins Hiss Twice
Combinations of bases and balls and miscues were responsible for the other markers in the A-1 conflict as Lincoln picked up its fifth run in the third inning and Medford tallied in its final turn at bat.

Larry Perkins of Medford was the only man to get two hits in the ball game and Dick McLaughlin got the other Medford rap.

Only three other Tornado swats went into fair territory, one flyout and two groundouts. Seventeen Lincoln putouts were on strikeouts and a dropped third strike prevented an 18th out in that manner. First Card putout on a fair hit ball by Medford came in the sixth inning after Lolich had fanned Tornado batters 15 times.

The fracas was played under a cloudy sky with the threat of rain. Only a few sprinkles fell. Lincoln Scores

Lincoln put together its singles, two bases on balls, a Medford misplay, a groundout and a passed ball for its first inning markers. The safeties were by Paul Goddard, Pete Verdummen and John Whitelaw. Whitelaw drove in two of the runs and Goddard and Jim Cloutier each one. Cloutier was the man who grounded out.

The error and passed ball served only to advance runners who would have moved later by other means so all the runs went into the book as earned.

Scoring for the Cardinals was completed when Verdummen crossed the platter in the third frame. He led off the inning by drawing a base on balls and went to second base on a passed ball. Terry Lenchitsky fled out to Ron Peery in left field and Whitelaw was retired on a foul fly to Jim Putney, the third baseman.

Then pitcher Sides struck out Cloutier. But the ball broke the web of catcher Dick McLaughlin's mitt on the third strike pitch and got away. Cloutier dashed for first base. McLaughlin retrieved the ball and heaved to first baseman Dennis King, but the throw was into the dirt

and King couldn't nail it.

Verdummen Tallies
Verdummen got home and Cloutier reached second on the error charged to McLaughlin. Ken Scales drew a base on balls but Lolich struck out ending the inning.

The Medfordites didn't give up, not even in the final inning, and their spirit paid off with the run which kept them from being entirely shut out. After King fanned, Gordon Owsley drew a walk. Perkins came to bat. He drew life when catcher Lenchitsky dropped his high pop foul then drove a low fly single into right field. Owsley got to third on the hit. Dick Occhuito's throw in from the outfield went uncaught and bounded toward the stands back of the left foul line. Owsley headed for home. Catcher Lenchitsky finally retrieved the ball and threw to third baseman Verdummen at the plate. Owsley slid in safely on a close play. Umpire Bert Fleskes drew a howl of disapproval from Cardinal backers on his call.

Bases Loaded
Medford's biggest missed opportunity to tally came in the fifth stanza when Lolich walked Owsley, Perkins and Reinking to fill the bases after having whiffed King. However, Guber went down swinging and McLaughlin went out on a called third strike and the Card twirling star got back on the beam.

Medford left nine men stranded on bases. Two were left on in first inning when Reinking and Guber drew free passes. In the second inning Sides, leading off, was walked by Jim Putney, Peery and King each fanned. After Owsley went out on strikes in the third inning, Perkins singled and got to second on a balk but Lolich again came through with strikeouts, fanning Guber and Reinking, to end the threat.

McLaughlin singled in the fourth inning as the first batsman but Sides, Putney and Peery were out in order on strikes. The sixth inning was the only one in which the Tornado was unable to get a man on base. Sides was out when second baseman Erick Blitz made a one-handed stab of his liner. Putney whiffed and Peery grounded out.

Eight Men Stranded
Lincoln left eight men stranded on the base paths. Runners were left on in every inning. Lolich struck out to start the second Cardinal batting turn.

Blitz was hit by a pitch but was forced at second on Goddard's grounder to shortstop Owsley. Goddard continued to second when the relay to first on a double play attempt went for an error. Occhuito fled to Owsley to end the canto.

Blitz singled in the fourth inning and was forced at second on a Goddard grounder to third baseman Putney. Goddard went to second when another Tornado double play went askew. Occhuito got the second hit of the inning off Sides. Goddard went to third and Occhuito made it to second on the throw in. Verdummen fouled out to McLaughlin. Perkins went deep at second to make a nice stop of Lenchitsky's grounder. He threw to first for the third put out of the inning.

Whitelaw grounded out to start the Card fifth. Cloutier walked and swiped second. He was stranded when Scales whiffed and Lolich fled out to Guber in right field.

Perkins made his fourth assist of the conflict to advance Blitz out at first as Lincoln came to bat in the sixth inning. Goddard was given a base on balls. Occhuito grounded to first baseman King who threw to shortstop Owsley to force Goddard at second. Occhuito swiped second but Verdummen was the victim of Sides' seventh strikeout to end the inning.

Vale's triumph in A-2 was hardest to take for Garry Holmes, the Seaside twirler. Holmes struck out 24 batters in 11 1/3 innings before putting on 11 1/3 batters before putting on the 12 and final frame. He gave up only six hits during the contest while he and his Seaside mates were getting 10.

The Vikings got the two bases on balls. Frank Hawleys single and an error to score their winning runs. Vale got two runs in the second inning on a double by Gerald Harrod, a triple by Gene Bates and a fielder's option. Larry Bates doubled and Hawley singled for a run in the third.

Seaside got a run in the third inning and tied up the fray in the sixth with two others. In the third inning Jack Burke walked and Grant Hunter grounded to Pitcher Harrod. The hurler turned to throw to second but his heave went into the

Portland Moves Into 4th Place In Coast Circuit

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Los Angeles takes its potent batting attack tonight to Sacramento where the Angels will seek to stretch their league lead while the Sacs try to prove they still belong in third place and aren't just a flash in the pan.

The Cherubs retained a three-game lead over Seattle Sunday by beating San Francisco twice in a wild double header, 5-3 and 8-4, while the Sacs were doing the same thing to Hollywood, 4-1 and 4-2.

Sacramento Beaten
Portland bounced into fourth place by sweeping a twin bill from Sacramento, which remained in third. The scores were 1-0 and 5-3. Bob Alexander clobbered the Senators with a three

hitter in the opener.

San Diego pounded last place Vancouver 7-2 and the Mounties won the second game, 3-2.

Luis Marquez socked a bases empty home run in the first game for Portland and Alexander made it stand up all the way to post his fourth win. Gene Bearden also went the route and led, Dick Fiedler preserved a 5-3 win for Darryl Martin by putting down a rally in the ninth inning of the nightcap as the Sacs threatened with two runs.

LINESCORES:

(1st game)
Portland..... 100 000 0-1 7 1
Sacramento..... 000 000 0-0 3 1
Alexander and Calderone; Bearden and Baich.
(2nd game)
Portland..... 000 200 021-5 8 1
Sacramento..... 010 000 002-3 7 4
Martin, Fiedler 9 and Bettler; Boyer and Bright.

SPORTS

Tigers Get Back In AL Pennant Race; Top Yanks in Twinbill

By FRED DOWN
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It took a drive even the Pittsburgh Pirates didn't match during these last two hectic weeks, but the Detroit Tigers are back in the American League pennant race.

And no less an authority than Manager Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees says, "They are in it to stay, too. I've been saying all along they're a good club and now they're proving it."

Stengel should know because Bucky Harris' Tigers dealt the Yankees 6-3 and 7-4 losses Sunday to complete a sweep of a three-game series. The sweep gave the Tigers 11 wins in 15 games—a .733 pace since they were mired in seventh place on May 20. Even the giddy Pirates have travelled at "only" a .692 pace since May 20 in turning the National League race upside down.

Tigers Equal Mark

Southpaw Billy Hoelt struck out seven batters and scattered nine hits to win his fifth game in the opener and Hal Aber picked up his second win when the Tigers staged a three-run outburst in the 10th inning of the nightcap. The three straight losses mark the Yankees' longest losing streak of the season and the double loss was the first they've suffered since last August.

At the same time, the Tigers' six straight victories equal the longest winning streak in the majors this year. They're tied with Boston Red Sox for fourth place only two games behind the second-place Chicago White Sox.

The White Sox took advantage of the Yankees' double loss to slice two full games off their

Walters Victor In Lefty Tourney
Eugene—(U.P.)—Jack Walters of Tacoma won the Oregon left handers golf tournament yesterday with a 36-hole score of 153, one stroke better than Clay Carson of Eugene.

outfield and Burke went all the way to score. In the sixth Jim Dickerson got to first on a single and Burke was safe on a fielder's choice. Hunter hit to load the bases and Kit Hanson walked to force in a run.

Glide got two runs in the fifth inning and 15-strikeout, four-hit pitching by Dick Smith to trim Sisters in the B game.

BOX Medford..... 2 1 0 2 1 0 0 0
Owsley, ss..... 2 1 0 2 1 0 0 0
Perkins, 2b..... 3 0 2 2 4 0 0 0
Reinking, 3b..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Gober, rf..... 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
McLaughlin, c..... 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0
Sides, p..... 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
J. Putney, 3b..... 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 0
Peery, 1b..... 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
King, 1b..... 3 0 0 4 1 0 0 0

24 1 3 18 7 4
Lincoln..... 2 1 0 2 1 0 0 0
Blitz, 2b..... 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
Goddard, lf..... 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
Occhuito, cf..... 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
Verdummen, 3b..... 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Lenchitsky, c..... 2 1 0 17 1 1 0 0
Whitelaw, 1b..... 3 0 1 2 0 0 0 0
Cloutier, 2b..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Scales, ss..... 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
Lolich, p..... 3 0 0 0 1 0 0 0

24 5 21 3 2 3
Medford..... 000 000 1-1
Lincoln..... 401 000 3-5
Runs batted in—Whitelaw 2, Verdummen, Cloutier, Scales bases—Occhuito, Whitelaw, Cloutier, Reinking. Left on base—Medford 9, Lincoln 8. Bases on balls—Off Lolich 7, off Sides 6. Strikeouts—By Lolich 18, by Sides 7. Earned runs—Lincoln 4. Hit by pitched ball—Blitz (by Sides). Wild pitch—Sides. Passed ball—McLaughlin. Umpires—Fleskes, Irvin. Time—1:55.

LINESCORE:
Vale..... 021 000 002-5 8 2
Seaside..... 001 002 000-00-3 10 3
Harrod, Bates (7) and Hawley; Holmes, Dickson (12) and Olson.

Death Takes Mrs. Rockne

South Bend, Ind.—(U.P.)—Messages of sympathy from all over the nation came today to the family of Mrs. Knute Rockne, widow of the renowned Notre Dame football coach, who died Saturday.

Mrs. Rockne was 64. She died in St. Joseph's hospital after a lingering illness.

As preparations for funeral services Tuesday were under way, messages from sports leaders of the present and the Rockne era were received from all parts of the nation.

Included among them were words of sympathy from men who played under the great coach when he made gridiron history at Notre Dame from 1918 to 1930.

Rockne was killed in a plane crash March 31, 1931.

DEL MONICO ASSIGNED

Baltimore, Md.—(U.P.)—The Baltimore Orioles today assigned Joe Del Monico, a 24-year-old infielder from Brooklyn, N.Y., to Thomson, Ga., of the Class D Georgia State league. Del Monico is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

Stud Skipper Can Choose From Four

Manager Jack Cooney will pick his starting hurler from among four men and possibly three of them will see some mound service Wednesday night when the Medford Cheney Studs open their semi-pro baseball slate against Yreka, Calif., at the fairgrounds diamond here. The non-league mix will begin at 8 p.m.

Cooney will have Don White and Jerry Droscher, from Roseburg, and 'Derald Wooton and Jim Kelly, Stud throwers, back from 1955, from whom to choose.

Frank Roelandt, of the Medford high coaching staff, probably will do the catching with Tiger Bob Smith, ex-Southern Oregon college, in reserve. Cooney at first

base but the rest of the infield is uncertain. Dick Toney, from Lewis and Clark college, may be at shortstop or second base with Don LaBeau and Jim Taylor also possibilities at an infield spot. Taylor or Wooton could be at third base. Smith is also a reserve at first.

Outfielders will be picked from among Johnny Kovenz, Medford high coach, Jim Steffen, from University of California at Los Angeles, Doy Gatlin, like Taylor from Arizona State college, Bill McLean, ex-Southern Oregon, and Wooton.

White is Roseburg high coach and Droscher was a hurling star for Roseburg high. Kelly will be home from Santa Clara university. Wooton is an ex-Medford high and ex-Dodger farm player.

NBA DEFENDANT

New York—(U.P.)—Maurice Podoloff, president of the National Basketball association, was to be the first witness today in the initial hearing on a \$1,000,000 anti-trust suit against the league. Plaintiff in the suit, which will be heard in federal court, is Morris Fox, head of a Washington group which has been trying to acquire a franchise in the professional circuit.

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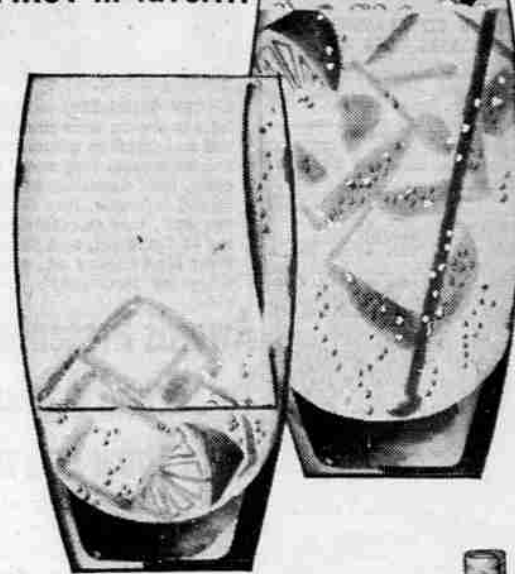
Hannover, Germany—(U.P.)—Hugh Stewart of San Marino, Calif., won the men's singles title Sunday in the Hannover International Tennis championships by defeating Jack Arkin.

stall of Australia, 6-1, 7-9, 6-4. The Californian also won a share of the men's doubles crown and the mixed doubles championship.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

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