

GUARD NUDGES LITHIANS TO REACH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

It will be Company A of the National Guard against Chris Drugs of Jacksonville in the finals of the play-off for the Jackson County Softball association championship.

National Guard won its berth against the Druggists by hanging on at the finish yesterday evening to turn back Walt's Lithia Motors of Ashland 7 to 6. It was Lithia's second loss and bumped it out of the double elimination tournament.

Chris and the Guard vie Monday at a field yet to be named. If the Druggists win they'll be crowned champs without further to-do. A win by the Guardsmen will force another game, probably Wednesday. The Jacksonville nine is unbeaten in two tourney tussles. National Guard has suffered one loss and that to the Druggists.

Yesterday the Guardsmen took the field in the seventh inning with a 7 to 3 margin and came within an eyelash of being caught by Walt's. But the Guard, victim of a last inning surge on the part of the Jacksonville nine Wednesday, managed to survive this time. And it was pitcher Don Vessey, the loser Wednesday, who put out the Lithian fire.

Pete Hale led off the Ashland-sponsored team's last turn at bat with a triple. Don Reverman sent Hale home with a Texas leaguer. On Brittan's rap to shortstop and Chuck Cleman's throw to Gene Snook at second base Reverman was safe on a hotly disputed play. Bob Smith fled out to center field and both runners advanced. Then Reverman snatched home.

Vessey relieved Luther Fisher on the hill. An error on Cliff McGinty's rap put that Lithian on first base. He went to second on a wild pitch. Allen Pierce grounded out and McGinty went to third, putting the possible knotting run on third base. Vessey whiffed Charlie Garner, however, to end the fracas.

Lithia, which sailed through the regular loop slate without a defeat, looked on its way to another win as the game opened. The Ashland team combined a base on balls, a bunt hit by Reverman and an error for a run in the first inning. In the second frame, Garner's fly-ball safety, John Drew's bunt and an error allowed a tally.

NG Takes Lead

National Guard zoomed on top for keeps with four runs in the fourth inning on hits by Dick Phillips, Denny Burns and Ned Landers, three errors, a fielder's option and a base on balls. In the fifth inning Phillips walked and Snook reached first on an error, going to second on the throw-in as Phillips got to third. Fisher lined to left field scoring both runners for a 6 to 2 spread.

Lithia Motors picked up a lone counter in the sixth panel on a base on balls and hits by McGinty and Garner. Then the Guard reciprocated when Ned Landers two-baggered, was safe on a close play at first after Jack Burns' foul out back of the third base line and was ruled safe at home closely following Bill Matejka's groundout.

National Guard came up with one oddity which pulled it out of a tight spot. That was in the fifth. Chuck Mars of Lithia had walked and stolen second. Hale skied out but Reverman singled and went to second on the throw in. Mars holding at third. E. C. Brittan then slashed a liner. The ball sizzled off Ted Landers'

glove at third base but shortstop Clemans snared the ball for the putout and Mars was doubled off third base. Landers got an assist on the line-out.

The Guard totalled seven hits against Brittan while Lithia

reached Fisher for 10. Reverman hit three for four in the game. Ned Landers two for three and Garner two for four.

LINEUP:
Lithia Motors: 110 001 3-4 10 6
National Guard: 000 421 2-7 7 3
Brittan and Hale; Fisher, Vessey and Phillips

SPORTS Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Monte Holst, Medford high's lone representative in the State Metro Shrine high school all-star football game will leave here Saturday to join the State squad in Portland. The State crew, which will be quartered at the Mallory hotel, gathers Sunday and on Monday will begin serious drills for the encounter on Saturday night, Aug. 18, in Multnomah stadium.

Holst, All-conference first team guard for the 1955 Black Tornado and Medford's outstanding lineman, has been driving a truck in the woods this summer for the Steve Wilson logging company. He's been working out at home for the past two weeks, running and jumping rope to get his legs in shape for the Shrine classic.



MONTE HOLST

Monte reported last night that he and halfback Mike Hawkins plan to enroll this fall at Shasta, Calif., Junior college, where he will take pre-forestry and Mike pre-electrical engineering. The two were Medford gridiron co-captains in 1955.

8:15 P.M. KICK-OFF

Kick-off time for Medford high school's home football games will be at 8:15 p.m. this year. The hour has been 8 p.m. in past seasons. Head Coach Fred Spiegler, who has been selling Oldsmobile's for Darrell Miller company this summer, says the reason is to enable fans to watch the Friday night boxing bouts on television and still arrive on time at the gridiron for the opening kick-off.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT

We are not trying to put Black Tornado gridiron on the spot and we hope we are not jinxing the team in any way. But, as we foresee it, the 1956 season could be one of the finest in Medford high football an-

nals. The Tornado will have a host of lettermen back from its 1955 roster. Not all of them have a wealth of experience but some of them do. There may be as many as seven two-year lettermen on hand and as many as six players who gained all-conference recognition last year.

SIX HOME GAMES

The outlook for the season could mean great fan interest and fine attendance at home games this year. Purchasers of Medford high season tickets this fall will see six consecutive Tornado home games. The Tornado meets gridmen of Jefferson of Portland, Milwaukie, Roseburg, Marshfield, Crater and Klamath Falls all on successive week ends. There probably will be high interest in all of these home encounters. Opener against Jeff is on Friday, Sept. 7. The encounter was moved up after first being set for the eighth.

CRATER'S A-J BOW

Of interest this fall will be the bow of Crater high of Central Point into District 6 A-1 for athletics. The Comets will play a full conference and district slate of four contests plus for other games. Crater headman Leonard Warren expects about a dozen lettermen to turn out.

JAMBOREE NOT FAVORED

Grants Pass Junior Chamber of Commerce proposal for a football jamboree among the four big preps of the Rogue valley Sept. 5 seems to have met with a negative reception. Both coach Spiegler of Medford and Warren of Crater reported being contacted by a representative of the civic organization who said GP high would go for the proposal. Inquiry at Grants Pass yesterday, however, was contrary.

The school athletic official who reportedly said the Cavemen would go for the jamboree could not be reached but two others connected with the school's athletic program said that such a grid event was "impossible" and "out of the question" this year. Lack of time to prep for such an event, the fact that all schools have regular games two or three days after the projected Sept. 5 date, and the desire for more extensive planning make a jamboree unpopular this year.

We don't have Ashland's viewpoint but both Spiegler and Warren indicated their disfavor. Each, however, said that he would be willing to have his team enter the jamboree if each of the other three schools wanted it.

DRILLS OPEN AUG. 27

Oregon's prep start football workouts on Aug. 27 this year. Medford in drilling for Jeff and Crater in girding for Eagle Point on Sept. 7 each have just 10 days to practice. Grants Pass plays Roosevelt on Sept. 8 while Ashland opposes Del Norte high of Crescent City, Calif., that same evening.

LOTS OF GUESSING

With ballots now out to determine the Southern Oregon league's most valuable player, there'll be a lot of guessing about the outcome of the poll until the results finally are announced.

Medford Cheney Studs probable leading candidates are manager and first baseman Jack Cooney and catcher Frank Roelandt for their hitting, defensive play and leadership. Coquille has a candidate in its heavy swatting fielder, Pete Goodbrod, and Coos Bay-North Bend in a slugging shortstop, Jim Pifer from University of Oregon.

On the Drain roster consideration may go to a pair of veterans and sluggers, catcher Bill Beard and outfielder Pat Wohlers, who contribute to Black Sox poise. Bend offers a sturdy, steady catcher in Irv Roth and sluggers in infielder Ron Bowen and infielder-outfielder Maury Rasmussen.

Among the pitcher candidates there's Jerry Bartow, the CB-NB star from Washington State college; Derald Wooton, the Studs ex-Dodger chain and ex-Medford high player; Noel Aronson, Drain's top flinger from Whitman college, and Stan Dmochowski, Bend twirler from U of O.

Choice by the players probably won't be based on one single quality but on a num-

ber of traits which not only make the man a good ball player but contribute to the success of his team. Their selection could, to the fans, be a surprising one.

FIGHTS

By UNITED PRESS
Charlotte, N.C.—Al Andrews, 161½, St. Paul, Minn., felled Don Billy Ruggie, 169, Miami, Florida, 10.

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE (By United Press)

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	70	47	.598	—
Seattle	61	55	.528	14½
San Francisco	53	62	.463	20½
Portland	54	61	.470	20½
Sacramento	53	62	.461	21½
San Diego	52	65	.444	23½
Vancouver	45	72	.385	30½

Thursday's Results
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 0
Hollywood 6, Vancouver 1

Friday's Probable Pitchers
San Francisco, Max Surkont 3-4, at Los Angeles; Johnny Briggs 3-3, San Diego; Vic Lombardi 7-5, and Pete Mesa 8-9, at Seattle; Bud Podbielan 12-5 and Howie Johnson 7-9, Sacramento; Gene Bearden 10-8 and Roger Osenbaugh 7-9 at Portland; Bill Werle 10-10 and Rene Valdes 15-8, Hollywood; Bob Garber 5-1, at Vancouver; Charlie Beamon 6-4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	57	37	.606	—
Cincinnati	50	41	.550	1
Brooklyn	57	41	.582	1
St. Louis	49	47	.510	9
Philadelphia	46	52	.469	12
Pittsburgh	41	57	.415	15½
Chicago	41	53	.427	17
New York	34	59	.368	22½

Thursday's Results
Cincinnati 10, New York 2
Brooklyn 3, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 5
(Only games scheduled)

Friday's Probable Pitchers
Chicago at New York 2 (twilight-night); St. Louis at Detroit 12-5 vs. Earl (3-10) and Littlefield (0-3) or McCall (2-3); Cincinnati at Philadelphia (night)—Pollock (6-8) vs. Craig (10-6) or Koufaly; Cincinnati at Philadelphia (night)—Lawrence 15-2 vs. Simmons (7-6); Milwaukee at Philadelphia (night)—Spahn (10-8) vs. Law (3-12).

Saturday's Games
St. Louis at Brooklyn
Chicago at New York
Cincinnati at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
New York	67	33	.670	—
Chicago	59	39	.600	7
Boston	55	44	.555	11½
Baltimore	49	46	.516	15½
Detroit	45	55	.450	22
Washington	41	61	.398	27½
Kansas City	36	63	.364	30½

Thursday's Results
Chicago 5, Washington 4
Kansas City 2, Baltimore 2
Boston 15, Detroit 0
Cleveland 4, New York 0

Friday's Probable Pitchers
Baltimore at Chicago (night)—Schultz (0-2) vs. Pierce (16-4); Washington at Kansas City (night)—Paschal (2-1) vs. Dittmar (2-1); New York at Detroit (night)—Turley (5-2) vs. Hoelt (12-9); Boston at Cleveland (night)—Parnell (4-2) vs. Garcia (7-9).

Saturday's Games
Baltimore at Chicago
Washington at Kansas City, night
New York at Detroit
Boston at Cleveland

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Yakima	15	11	.577	1
Salem	15	11	.577	1
Wenatchee	15	12	.555	1½
Spokane	12	15	.444	4
Lewiston	12	15	.444	4
Tri-City	11	14	.440	4½
Eugene	9	18	.333	7½

Thursday's Results
Eugene 4, Lewiston 3 (first game)
Eugene 10, Lewiston 6 (second game)
Wenatchee 6, Yakima 5
Tri-City 3, Spokane 2 (first game)
Tri-City 6, Spokane 1 (second game)

Studs-'Jacks Series Starts on Saturday

A 17-year-old twirler up from American Legion junior baseball may well draw one of the starting assignments this week end when the Coos Bay-North Bend Lumberjacks come to the fairgrounds park here for their three-game series with the Medford Cheney Studs in the Southern Oregon league.

The youth is Clayton Smith, who joined the 'Jacks at the end of the Coos Bay junior Legion season. On Wednesday night Smith displayed his prowess. He held Coquille of the SOL to a lone hit as his mates pounded out 16 in a 15 to 1 CB-NB non-loop verdict over the Loggers.

Medford entertains Coos Bay-North Bend at 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. The Studs need only one victory to keep their 1 e a d over the second-place Lumberjacks. But Drain could catch up in the standings if Medford doesn't win at least two. And the Studs will be after wins sufficient to retain their place in front of the pack when they lay out Aug. 11 and 12 with a bye.

Rain, Wind Hinder Coast Links Play

Astoria—UPI—Golfers competing in the Oregon Coast tournament yesterday got bad weather as rain and gusty winds hampered play but resulted in few surprises.

Second round senior matches were postponed until today, while women had the day off anyway.

In the men's under 40 division, Ralph Dichter of the host city came through again with a 1-up win over Gene Malmford of Portland. Defending Champion Dusty Woods of McMinnville, three down at the nine-hole turn, defeated Jack Springgay of Portland, 2-up.

Dick Twiss of The Dalles continued his winning ways with a 2 and 1 win over Bob Norquist of Portland; Harold Weston of Portland played par golf to defeat another Portlander, Ed Watson, 5 and 4.

Aubry Victor

Bill Aubry of Corvallis won over George Shirilla of Pendleton 5 and 4; Jeff Stockton of Seattle defeated Bob Girtle of Portland 2 and 1; G. B. Nichols of Portland won over Ron Isaacs of Portland, 2 and 1 and Dr. Blair Henningsgaard of Astoria defeated Ted Dichter of Gearhart, 2 and 1.

In the over-40 round, Dr. Ed Palmrose of Astoria and defending champ Mike Jerulli of Oswego overcame Ed Rapp of Vancouver, Wash., and Vern Zuta, also Vancouver, by 5 and 4 scores. Joe Grahman of Bend lost to Ken Fields of Yakima 3 and 2.

Sports Broadcasts

Television station KBES will bring the Joey Giambra-Rocky Castellani boxing bout at 6 p.m. today and the Boston-Cleveland American league baseball game at 9:55 a.m. Saturday.

Colts Skirmish Outlaws; Whitters Host Butte Falls

Although he did not elaborate, Manager Harry Tonn admitted that he had an "ace in the hole" as the Cheney Colts eyed their week end battle to hold on to their second place status in the Rogue Valley Baseball league.

The Colts travel to Cave Junction on Sunday and they look for a troublesome time. Other clubs who have made the jaunt this season have not found the Illinois valley town's diamond to their liking or the reception to welcome as the Outlaws have lived up to their moniker.

Cave Junction and the Colts are knotted with Grants Pass for second in the loop and all three will be scrapping to stay within breathing distance of the loop preacing Glendale Loggers. Grants Pass is host to Ashland and will be favored over the Lithians.

Glendale is heavy choice to continue its romp this week end when it entertains cellatire Eagle Point. Butte Falls will vie at Camp White in the other Sunday game.

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Exley Busts Up Fracas

By RAY ANDREWS
United Press Sports Writer

Jerry Exley of the Eugene Emeralds rang down the curtain in dramatic fashion last night in the second game of a Northwest League twin bill.

With two men out in the bottom of the ninth and the bases loaded, Exley smashed a grand slam homer that produced a 10-6 victory over the Lewiston Brones.

Eugene had taken the opener 4-3 behind Bill Griffin who allowed but three hits in picking up his 10th decision of the year.

Exley's clout sank relief hurler Bob Roberts and gave the victory to Bill Marten, third Eugene hurler.

Tri-City turned in two wins also with 3-2 and 6-1 victories over the slipping Spokane Indians.

Wenatchee rallied for five runs in the third with the aid of a two-run homer by Don Lundberg and added another

run in the fifth to nip Yakima 6-5.

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