

Hardtop Racers Eye Crown As Season Approaches End

Saturday night at the Valley View speedway, just north of Ashland, will be a big night for the auto racing drivers of the area.

All of the racing crews have been laboring busily on their cars to put their men in a top spot. Only a few more Saturdays of racing are left on the championship calendar and all hard-toppers will strive to make the most of it.

Crock Hunter, 15x, still leads with 409 points. Cruck had a lot of tough luck last Saturday night and will be wheeling hard to improve his lead over second place Wayne Lemley, A57. Wayne has 363 markers.

Bobby Jenkins, M16, moved up a spot from fourth to third place with 316 points. Bob won his second main event in a row and will be running for the third. Last Saturday he won the trophy dash, his heat race and the main event and firmly believes he can do it again. Bobby Wilcox, M27, is only two points behind Jenkins, with 314.

Johnny Jones, M77, held his fifth position with 263 but Rusty Phillips, C33, from Yreka is only six points behind with 257. Leadfoot Lou Kurz, M7, 222

points, kept his number seven spot.

Flying Fred Arneberg, C10, from Yreka, stayed in the eight spot with 211 to hold off Allen Bausman, K7, from Klamath Falls with 208. Neil Woodbridge, M15, came back to drive with one arm still in a cast but made enough points to move from 11th to 10th and make room for Cecil (Iron Man) James who took over the speedy M21 to move into 11th place. Neil has 191 points and Cecil 174. Waymon Core, C16, still in the hospital, is in the No. 12 spot with 171.

Time trials will be at 6:30 and the first event at 8:00.

MUSIAL SEEKS 3,000

New York—(AP)—Stan Musial of the Cardinals said today he plans to retire in 1958 after he achieves his goal of becoming the seventh player in modern baseball history to collect 3,000 hits. The 35-year-old Musial who got the 2,763rd hit of his major league career against the New York Giants Thursday night, insisted he definitely will continue playing next season.

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Hill Has Swift, Rugged Halfbacks At Southern Cal

Los Angeles—It isn't often that a coach loses only a couple of second string halfbacks from the preceding season and also welcomes back a consensus All-American, but that's the bright picture that faces Jess Hill as he readies his SC team for the start of the 1956 campaign.

Led by all-time SC great, Jon Arnett, Coach Hill will have a swift and rugged band of Trojan halfbacks at his disposal this year. Arnett is one of those "guilty" seniors limited to five games of play but there are an eager bunch of understudies ready to step in.

Arnett, the nation's No. 2 scorer last year with 15 TDs and 18 conversions, will end a brilliant Trojan grid career this season. The team's top rusher in '54 with 478 yards and again last year with 672, Jon currently ranks 12th on the list of all-time Trojan varsity career rushing leaders.

Zampese No. 2

Behind Arnett, Hill will be able to call on Ernie Zampese, Doug Kranz, and Rex Johnston. Zampese was Arnett's top replacement last year while the highly under-rated Kranz has been moved over from the right half position. Johnston is up from the frosh.

Manning the right half slot is another 1955 standout, Junior Don Hickman. At the start of the '55 season, Don was battling for starting honors with veterans Ron Brown and Ernie Merk. He quickly won the first string berth with his determined and fierce play. A hard-driving runner, he is also rated as Troy's top backfield blocker. Hickman has also seen duty at left half and will be ready to move over if the need arises.

Backing up Hickman are Tony Ortega, a standout on last year's frosh; Joe Agapay, up from the JVs, and Fred Pierce, a non-let-terman on the '54 and '55 varsity.

BABE STILL LOSING

Galveston, Tex.—(AP)—Doctors attending cancer-stricken Babe Didrikson Zaharias reported Thursday the famed woman athlete still is showing "progressive loss in weight and strength."

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

When head coach Fred Spiegelberg spoke to the Medford Kiwanis club this week concerning season prospects for the Medford High school football team, some members were eager to know how they should bet on the game. Fred is known for his cautious statements about his clubs. And he voiced caution in this particular reply. "Keep your money in your pocket," was the mentor's advice.

Do They Graduate

Fred's remarks got around to the ever tough Marshfield football team which Medford feels again this season. He told of the standout players the Pirates have back this year. And he quoted the remark of a former Medford educator concerning athletes at the Coos Bay school: "I don't think they graduate them over there."

TORNADO HANDS FULL

On the outlook for Medford this season, Spiegelberg stated, "We may be the favorite but we'll have our hands full before the season is over. On a recent television program all Southern Oregon conference coaches with the exception of Spiegelberg, who looks for particular trouble from Klamath Falls.

In his Kiwanis talk the coach pointed to the fact that Medford high is one of only two schools in the state in which the athletic fund is kept up solely by gate receipts from games. Marshfield was listed as the other. The mentor therein pointed up the need for sale of football season tickets. These are still available at the school with the price adjusted in accordance with remaining games.

FISHPOLE OWNER SOUGHT

Any fisherman missing a pole might will contact Millard Webb at 835 Cherry st., Central Point. The St. Mary's

High school athletic coach says he found a fishing pole recently lying in the middle of the road between Eagle Point and Fish Lake. He says the pole is a good one and that he feels the owner would appreciate getting it back.

TITLE NOT DEFENDED

Sue DeVoe, Medford, and Carole Jo Kabler, Sutherlin, did not team yesterday and today to defend their women's championship in Portland women's basketball competition at Eastmoreland course. Miss DeVoe is undergoing treatment for a foot ailment which has plagued her since before the Southern Oregon tournament here in which she was medalist.

LOCAL ENTRIES PLACE

Labradors owned or handled by Rogue Valley Retriever club members gained honors last week end in the fall trial of Shasta Cascade Retriever club of Klamath Falls. Chief Snykeb Venture, owned by Sid Menasco, Grants Pass, and handled by Carl Newell, Medford, was third in the derby and Cindy of Holly Hill, owned by Eugene DeVoe, Medford, and handled by Newell, was fourth. Third in the qualifying stake was Hot Toddy's Minsky, owned by James Johnson, Klamath Falls, and handled by Tom Rickard, Medford. Certificates of merit went to Kip of Geneva, owned and handled by Kenneth Denman, Medford, in the amateur all-age stake, and Black Pete, owned by Menasco and handled by Newell in the open all-age event.

South Salem Faces Albany

Oregon high school football goes into its second week end tonight with several outstanding games billed throughout the state.

Albany and South Salem clash in an important early-season district 8-A contest with Albany favored on the basis of its clobbering of Central Catholic last week while South Salem took it on the chin from Beaverton. Central Catholic should have it easier this week, meeting Hermiston at home.

Medford, which dumped Jefferson of Portland last week end, plays host to a rugged Milwaukie team which edged Oregon City. Gresham, the Valley Coast league king, has a date with Fort Vancouver.

Ft. Lewis Boxers Nab Seven Togas

Oakland, Calif.—(AP)—Fort Lewis boxers claimed seven of nine crowns Thursday night in the finals of the Sixth Army boxing championships.

In the top bout of the night, Claude Jones of Fort Lewis scored a technical knockout over Rudolph Avilla of Fort MacArthur to take the lightweight crown.

Other champions: Ciemle Turner, Fort Ord, heavyweight; Charles Cooks, Fort Lewis, light-heavy; Frank Dunnagan, Fort Lewis, welterweight; Frank Gomez, Fort Lewis, lightweight; Curtis Jameson, Fort Lewis, light-middleweight; Marvin Stevens, Fort Lewis, bantamweight; and Jesus Gomez, Fort MacArthur, featherweight.

CARROCCIO JOINS CATS

Hamilton, Ont.—(AP)—Russ Carroccio, former Virginia line-man who saw service in the National Football league with the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles, has joined the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of Canada's Big Four Football union. Carroccio lives in Passaic, N.J.

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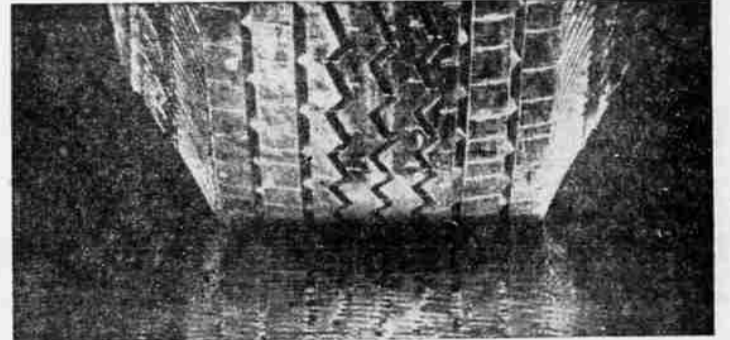
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