

Rogue Valley Retriever Field Trial Opens Friday Morning

Judges were to go over the grounds this afternoon to line up the series of tests for the four stakes in the Rogue Valley Retriever club's sixth annual field trial.

The American Kennel Club-licensed competition, which will draw a number of the finest retriever dogs in the United States, will begin at 8 a. m. Friday with the Amateur all-age stake.

First series in the stake will be in the vicinity of either Hoover lakes or the game commission management area along Rogue river. Signs posted at Crater Lake highway Four Corners and along the route to the site will direct spectators to the location of the opening series in the three-day rivalry for "working" dogs and their handlers. Both areas are in the Camp White district north of Medford. Open Stake Last

The trial will continue through Saturday and Sunday with tests conducted from 8 a. m. through 4:30 p. m. each of the three days. Derby and Qualifying stakes will follow the amateur in that order and the open all-age stake will be the last of the trial.

Judges for the trial are F. Roger Bacon Jr., Canby, Cal., Guy Burnett, Missoula, Mont., and Charles Miller, Medford. Burnett arrived here by airliner last night and Bacon was to have arrived in his own plane today.

Bacon is known nationally as an outstanding handler and judge and has judged in a national trial. His Bakelb Dondor is the open here last year. Burnett is well-known as a dog handler and is highly regarded in the northwest. His Chinky won amateur all-age events in two previous trials this spring. Miller is a former president of the Rogue Valley Retriever club.

Derby, amateur and open stakes will be judged by Bacon. Burnett will judge the qualifying, amateur and open and Miller the derby and qualifying.

Performance of Massie's Sas Boots in the open will draw the attention of many dog fanciers and hunters of the valley. The black Labrador, owned by William T. Cline, Chicago, Ill., won the national championship in 1956.

Other national qualifiers entered are field champion Red and C. Oakcreek's Firemont owned by C. E. Robin, San Francisco; Nic-O-Bets Black Candy, owned by Mrs. Hugh Wholsh, Hollywood, Calif.; FC Dale's Spiwise Zeke, owned by Hal Shidler, Klamath Falls, and Jack of Holly Lane, owned by Porter Sligar, Seattle.

Many members of RVRC also will be running their dogs in the trial, creating an element of local interest in the trial, which is more than just Pacific coast significance. The trial is one of a series on a circuit and will be the only one on the coast this week end.

HOCKEY

BY UNITED PRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE

The Boston Bruins need a victory over the champion Detroit Red Wings tonight to tie the Montreal Canadiens and bring the battle for second place in the National Hockey league down to the teams' last game of the campaign.

The Canadiens opened up a two-point lead over the Bruins Wednesday night when they beat the Toronto Maple Leafs, 2-1.

The Canadiens have one game left—at home against the last-place Chicago Black Hawks on Saturday while the Bruins end their season Saturday night against the New York Rangers at Boston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BY UNITED PRESS

The Cleveland Barons made a good try at postponing the inevitable but today—as expected—the Providence Reds won their second straight regular season American Hockey league championship.

The Barons bowed, 5-1, to Springfield, Wednesday night, to become the final AHL team to be mathematically eliminated from the championship merry-go-round.

In the other game played, Hershey edged within one point of a second-place tie, tripping Buffalo, 6-4.

BOXING MEET STARTS

Sacramento—(U.P.)—The 1957 Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Boxing Championships get underway here tonight with some 47 sluggers expected to provide an exciting three evenings.

REACH QUARTER FINALS

St. Augustine, Fla.—(U.P.)—Defending champion Judd Brumley and medalist Leon Sikes led the way into the quarter-final round of the American Seniors Golf Association tournament today. Brumley of Greenville, Tenn., went against Frank Ross of Hartford, Conn. Sikes, of Palm Beach, Fla., met Arthur Reed of Cleveland.

SPORTS



FALLING TO GROUND. Pee Wee Reese, Brooklyn Dodgers, nurses injured wrist after being hit by ball pitched by Detroit's Bunning in Miami game. (International)

Bradley, St. Bonaventure Favorites in Semi-Finals Of National Invitational

New York—(U.P.)—Record-busting Bradley and "hungry" St. Bonaventure will be the unhappy favorites tonight when the semi-final round of the National Invitation Basketball tournament matches four teams who were supposed to be back home reading about it in the newspapers.

St. Bonaventure is favored by three points over speedy Memphis State in the opening game of the twin bill and second-seeded Bradley is a five-point pick over Temple.

But seven of the eight games played so far have resulted in upsets, and the dazed odds-makers aren't sure of anything. In tonight's first game, they're worried about injuries to two Bonnie stars and in the second they're scared stiff on Temple ace Guy Rodgers.

The Bonnies rely on speed and ball-handling for their "upset magic" and will be badly hurt if Brendan McCann and Don Newhook aren't up to par. Ace sparkplug McCann is ailing with a virus; Newhook stretched a ligament in a bad fall during Monday's quarterfinals.

Pitcher Don Larsen Never Looked Worse

By FRED DOWN United Press Sports Writer

Don Larsen has made his long-awaited spring debut as a model of deportment for the New York Yankees and the unanimous verdict is that he never looked worse.

The Cincinnati Redlegs made the World Series perfect game here look like nothing more than a perfect batting practice pitcher as they routed the Yankees, 20-6, Wednesday with a barrage of 25 hits. Larsen, pitching for the first time since his Oct. 8 epic against the Brooklyn Dodgers, retired the first two batters he faced but then was socked for five runs and six hits before retiring after three innings.

The Redlegs went on from that point to batter rookies Al Cicotte and Jack Urban with an attack good for 43 total bases and hand the Yankees what is believed to be their worst Grapefruit league loss since 1925. George Crowe, Jerry Lynch and Smokey Burgess collected a homer and a triple each and Don Hoak also weighed in with a triple.

The Boston Red Sox, who could not buy a run in the early days of Grapefruit league competition, went on their third straight scoring rampage when they downed the Chicago White Sox, 9-4. Dick Gernert drove in three runs and Billy Klaus knocked in two to lead the Red Sox' 11-hit attack.

Clem Labine, Bob Darnell and rookie Rene Valdes turned in a nifty four-hitter as the Brooklyn Dodgers scored a 2-1, 11-inning victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Harvey Kuenn and Charley Lau knocked in two runs each to lead the Detroit Tigers on an 8-4 decision over the Pittsburgh Pirates, who suffered their fourth loss in 12 games.

Richie Ashburn's bloop bingle knocked in two eighth-inning Phillies to a 6-4 win over the Washington Senators. Ed Bouchee's three-run homer and Bob Bowman's solo shot accounted for the Phillies' first four runs.

The Milwaukee Braves squared their spring record at 6-6 with a 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Athletics with rookie Jerry Nelson picking up the decision.

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MANN'S STORE SECOND

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Fanfare

School months have been rushing by. It seems only a short time ago that high school athletes were still in their football togs. Now 1957 basketball campaigns for Oregon preps are completely over. At hand is that time of year when good weather is foremost in the hopes and desires of mentors and their proteges. Athletic concentration has switched from gymnasiums to the out of doors.

At a good number of schools both track and baseball aspirants have been working out for weeks, as weather permitted. But, the real concentration on the sports, the final tuning for competition, as usual, follows the state basketball tournaments and spring vacations.

TORNADO DEFENDS
With Hayward relay metropolitan and state Class A-1 championships won last year in track and state A-1 runner-up spot gained in 1956 in baseball, Medford high's Black Tornado will have the most prestige to uphold this spring in major sports.

Track defenders this season in this area will be Medford in the A-1 district. Bonanza in the B district. Grants Pass in the Rogue relays. Eagle Point in the Little Rogues and Rogue River in Jackson county B. Hoping to repeat titles in baseball will be Medford in the A-1 district and Southern Oregon conference and Talent in the B district and Jackson county league.

There will be new champs this year in the Rogue league and A-2 district in both track and baseball since the 1956 victor, Crater, has moved up into A-1 ranks. In the cinder sport Crater coach Ed Knapp will base hopes on a good number of performers who did well in A-2 last year. Comet baseball fortunes, under the helm of new tutor, Albert (Bill) Piche, may rest considerably on the shoulders of stellar pitcher Fred Herrmann. Crater was a state diamond semi-finalist in 1956.

COULD BE READY
In Eugene last week University of Oregon coach Bill Bowerman said he didn't know whether Jim Bailey, the Australian and Duck thieland who has toured the mile in under four minutes, would be ready to run in exhibition at the Rogue relays here on April 7.

Bowerman said that Bill Dellinger, the U.S. 5,000 meter champ, wants to come. Bailey's acceptance of an invitation to the Willamette relays on March 30, is a hint that he may be here also.

Medford Kiwanians, who provide the trophy for the Rogue meet, are working on plans to bring added lustre and stature to the relays, first big track contest in southern Oregon for 1957.

SLOWER BASEBALL LOOMS
Present indications point to the end of fast semi-pro baseball as has been exemplified in this section of the state in past recent years by the Southwestern and Southern Oregon leagues. Bend, Coquille and Coos Bay-North Bend have announced withdrawal from the Southern Oregon circuit, which leaves only Medford and Drain and breaks up the loop (as such) which three seasons back succeeded the high-powered Southwestern.

Future of semi-pro baseball in the area hinges on a Rogue Valley league meeting set for Sunday, March 24, at 2 p. m. at the Cheney Lumber company office at Central Point. Invitations have been extended to both Drain and Roseburg interests to attend the meeting along with representatives of last year. Rogue Valley has been a slower circuit than the Southern Oregon.

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MOYER TO FIGHT GREEN ON PAL SATURDAY CARD



JOHNNY GREEN, Roseburg, will be the opponent of Denny Moyer, Portland, nationally rated 150 pounder Saturday night in the special event of the Medford Police Athletic league benefit boxing card at Hedrick Junior High school gymnasium.

The big card of possibly as many as 18 bouts features Dick (Geronimo) Lopez, 185, Medford

PAL, against tough 190-pound Don Hawley, Burns in the main event. Larry (Lil' Tiger) Lewis, Medford PAL, encounters Willie Ira, Portland, national AAU finalist, in a bantamweight semi-final whing-ding.

Green was champion in the recent Golden Gloves tournament in his home city. He's regarded as aggressive, tough and daring with dynamite in his right glove. The Roseburg battler has met Moyer before. While Dazzling Denny has taken the verdicts, Green is confident, according to his coach, Dick Gilman, that he can land his Sunday punch. His ability to accomplish his resolve is the question mark of the tussle.

In the Lewis-Ira go, fans will see a rematch. Lewis took a closey from Ira in the Northwest Golden Gloves this year. The bout was rated the most exciting and action-packed of the tourney.

The supporting card is packed with Golden Glove champs in a wide variety of weight classifications. PAL club officials emphasized that the big card with many bouts will be run off with clock-like efficiency. First bout will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

Tickets are now on sale at the Medford police department, Sam's and Lampert's Sporting Goods stores, the Union club and Brown's cafe. Police officers will deliver tickets on telephoned request.

Big League Ball Another Business To Revenue Men
Washington—(U.P.)—The internal revenue service said today that big league baseball "is just another business to us."

The government's tax attitude toward baseball came up in the wake of the Boston Red Sox million-dollar offer for Cleveland fireballer Herb Score. The Indians admitted they were awed by its size.

An internal revenue spokesman said major league baseball, under tax laws, is treated the same as any other big corporation and is required to pay a 52 per cent corporate tax on profits of the teams. Under a 1922 Supreme Court decision, baseball enjoys exemptions from the anti-trust laws.

The Internal Revenue spokes-off the price tag on Score from the Cleveland viewpoint. He said if the Indians, usually a big drawing team in their mammoth Municipal Stadium, can break even on operating expenses this year then the offer for Score would be classed as a profit if they made the big deal.

This would mean that after uncle Sam took his tax bite, they would receive only \$480,000 for the strike-out king—or the sale price, less the 52 per cent corporate tax.

The Red Sox, on the other hand, could charge off the entire one million as an operating expense for this year.

Lightner To Ref At Kansas City

Salem—(U.P.)—Referee Al Lightner, who was involved in a controversy with Oklahoma City University officials following a playoff game last week end, left here today to officiate in this week end's NCAA basketball finals at Kansas City.

Lightner was chosen as the Far West representative. He is scheduled to work Friday night's game between Michigan State and North Carolina.

Less Free Shots Could Be Result Of Rule Changes
Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—College basketball today appears headed toward less free throwing.

The nation's top coaches convened here to discuss rule changes for the game and top item on the list was the disliked one-and-one free throw system.

Reports from a rules committee meeting was that most coaches are unhappy with the current rules, and would like to switch to a system tried on an experimental basis this past season in the Big Ten.

Under the Big Ten system, the one-and-one does not apply to the first six fouls in each half. But outside of that lone conference, a fouled player trudged to the line in most cases knowing that if he could make his first shot, he would get a "bonus" try.

COOPER, BURKEMO TIE IN SEMINOLE
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—(U.P.)—A \$27,500 week of golf moved here to the \$5,000 Coral Ridge Pro-Amateur tournament today with Pete Cooper and Walter Burkemo leading the touring professionals.

Cooper, of Lakeland, Fla., and Burkemo of Franklin Hills, Mich., each earned \$1,400 Wednesday for their victory in the \$10,000 Seminole Pro-Am tournament at Palm Beach.

Cooper and Burkemo topped a blue ribbon field at Palm Beach by finishing the 36-hole route with six-under-par 66s and 139 totals.

The formidable Sam Snead and Ben Hogan finished at 141 in a third-place tie.

Lunedin, Fla.—(U.P.)—Doug Ford, 34-year-old Mahopac, N.Y., pro who has collected in every tournament he entered this year, leads golf's money winners so far this year with \$13,848.55 in winnings.

Hallendale, Fla.—(U.P.)—Needles and Fabius, the horse that kept Needles from winning the turf's "triple crown" last year, are likely to match strides again this Saturday in the \$100,000 Gulfstream handicap.

Rogue River Meet Friday

Rogue River—Rogue River high, defending county B champion, has its first track meet of the season on Friday.

The Chieftains meet Illinois Valley, an A-2 school, at 2:30 p. m. here.

Coach Tinker Hatfield has been working with a squad of 19 aspirants, including 10 lettermen. The Chiefs have been hampered, like everybody, by the weather and this early in the season Hatfield is hesitant to consider any of his squad top flight performers.

However, there are three men who have lettered three years. They are Lawrence Wagner, miler; Fred Bond, broad jumper and low hurdler, and Larry Elledge, half-miler. All are seniors.

Other lettermen are all one-year, are Fred Bowan, senior, quarter-miler; Gary Moore, sophomore, pole vaulter; Bill Morrow, sophomore, half-miler; Russ Miller, senior, discusman; Don Hoffman, junior, pole vaulter; Allan Steinhardt, sophomore, miler, and Bill Dixon, sophomore javelin thrower.

Hatfield considers his club weak in the sprints, high jump, high hurdles and shot put.

The Chieftains were eighth in the state B meet in 1956 and fourth in the district.

Other meets eyed by Rogue River are:

March 20—Phoenix at Rogue River; April 3—At Glendale; April 6—Little Rogue at Phoenix; April 12—Hayward relays at Eugene; April 17—Glendale at Rogue River; April 26—At Eagle Point; May 3 or 4—County meet; May 7—At Douglas; May 11—District meet; Bay 17-18—state meet.

The saw-whet owl gets its name from its call which sounds like the filing of a saw.

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Lindsey, Savage In Main Event At Grants Pass

Grants Pass—Luther Lindsey, who is considered the greatest colored wrestler in the world, will appear in the main event this Friday night at the Grants Pass arena against the rough and tough Wild Bill Savage.

Last week Savage took the measure of Reg Parks with the dreaded cobra sleeper hold.

Many fans have asked for a chance to see Luther Lindsey tangle with the Illinois meanie, Wild Bill. Lindsey has wrestled all over the USA and recently grappled Lou Thesz to a draw before 10,000 fans in Houston, Tex. He is an accomplished leverage wrestler with terrific strength and ability to absorb punishment.

Luther is a real tiger when aroused and he can use his fists along with headbutts when he has to. His pet hold is the full nelson although he frequently uses the suplex body drop. He is a fabulous figure in wrestling. This may be the only chance to see him here this year as he will be leaving soon for New Zealand.

The great Lethario, a handsome Mexican boy who comes highly recommended by Pepper



LUTHER LINDSEY In GP Bout

Gomez, will appear against Reg Parks in the one hour opening match. This stacks up as quite a match with Parks anxious to get back into the win column.