

Southern Oregon Scuffles Oregon Tech on Thursday

Ashland — Oregon Technical institute and Southern Oregon college will open the 1957 baseball season in the Rogue valley tomorrow when the two Oregon Collegiate Conference rivals meet at 3 p.m. on SOC's Fuller field.

The diamond skirmish will be a non-league affair since both OTI and SOC have had very little practice because of the weather. The league contest, originally set for tomorrow, will be played Tuesday May 7, a date left open on the Red Raider schedule for such purposes.

It appears that coach Ted Schopf, who is in his ninth year as head baseball coach at the Ashland school, will open with an experienced varsity, all having earned letters last season except for short top Willie Jones. Jones, from Hornbrook, Calif., is an experienced glove man, having played one season with Shasta Junior college. Two years ago he was voted the outstanding player in the Northern California summer baseball league.

Thies May Start
Ray Thies, big fireballing righthander will probably get the first starting assignment of the season. Thies, two year letterman was SOC's big winner last year with five decisions. Ned and Ted Landers will be at their familiar infield positions, first and third base, respectively. Both are seniors, and, if needed, can be called upon to catch and pitch, with Ned Landers doing the pitching, while brother Ted sends out the signals.

Ron Owings, SOC's leading hitter last season with a .411 average, is being converted into a second baseman by Schopf. Owings has made an outstanding name for himself as a catcher and last summer turned out to be one of the leading hitters for the Klamath Falls Lakers while playing rightfield. Last year, Owings lettered at SOC as a shortstop.

In the practice sessions held, the SOC infield tentatively shapes up to be one of the best that Southern Oregon has ever had, and could be the best knit infield in Oregon.

Bill Seymour, letterman catcher from last season will probably get the starting assignment behind the plate. However, big Phil Sword and Jim McAbee, ex-Ashland and Talent high stars, are making it a tough battle.

Outfield Lettermen
Southern Oregon's outfield probably will consist of three lettermen and one substitute at the present. Monogram winners

Dick Nix, Leroy King and Al Kimura have toured the garden for the past two seasons. Ray Wienhold, another Talent prospect, is also a top flight outfielder and should see lots of action before the season is over.

With a great nucleus of pitchers and catchers on this seasons team, Coach Schopf will probably have McAbee, Sword, Seymour, or Owings playing at different positions all over the squad when one or the other isn't behind the plate.

"Currently battling it out for pitching assignments are nine men with a wide field of talent. Thies, Hank Smith and Ned Landers are returning lettermen. Newcomers are, Dave D'Olivo, Elvis Mitchell, ex-Klamathites; Duane Sides, top chucker for the BlackTornado last season; Jim Eggers, ex-Illinois Valley star; Jack Brown, ex-service and Banks high school star, and Gary Walter, ex-Talentite.

Walden Winner Over Savoie

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Former Canadian lightweight champion Armand Savoie lost his second decision in two weeks Tuesday night, this time to virtually unknown Davie Walden of Youngstown, Ohio.

Savoie lost a split decision to world champion Joe Brown two weeks ago, but took a worse beating from 21-year-old Walden. Walden decked him at the close of the fifth and had the Canadian groggy in the sixth and eighth on his way to winning a unanimous 10-rounder.

INSIDE TRACK

Cincinnati — (U.P.) — Cincinnati reportedly held the inside track today to land the Rochester Royals National Basketball association franchise.

Boxing Results

By UNITED PRESS
Miami Beach, Fla.: Bobby Boyd, 162, Chicago, outpointed Franz Sauts, 162½, Bremen, Germany, (10).

SPORTS

San Diego Padres Going To Be Better This Year

(Following is another in the series of stories covering the spring training camps of Pacific Coast league teams.)

By ALEX KAHN

Ontario, Calif. — (U.P.) — The San Diego Padres had one of their poorest seasons in years during 1956 finishing seventh, but Manager Bob Elliott says things will be different this year. "You doggone rights we're going to be better," he said. "Last year we got what was left over after Indianapolis got first call on Cleveland's players and that didn't leave us much. This year we get the first shot, and that includes players on the Indianapolis' pennant-winning team that belongs to the Indians."

But until that help arrives, San Diego needs assistance everywhere—at the mound, the infield and outfield, although the outfield is better off than other areas.

Outer Pasture
For the outer pasture, Elliott has the aging Earl Rapp, who reports he is fully recovered from the arm injury that bothered him last year and with which he still hit .300. Harry Elliott also is

back, as is Floyd Robinson. Crawford Davidson may fill in at first temporarily and La Verne Grace, a former outfielder, is one of the catchers.

In the infield in addition to Davidson at first, the Padres have been promised Larry Raines from the Indianapolis team of last year by Cleveland as a shortstop. Bobby Long, who hit .330 between Indianapolis and Cleveland, appears to have second sewed up and either Ed Kazark from last year or Stan Pawloski from Indianapolis will play third, leaving Al Federoff available as help.

On The Mound

On the mound, San Diego has the veterans Vic Lombardi, John Carmichael, Ed Erault and Dave Haskins from last year's team plus such rookies as Howard Rodemeyer and Murphy Murszewski up from Indianapolis and several fairly good rookies from Mobile, the best of which may be Gene Lary who had a 19-7 record last year and Bill Dailey with a 15-8 mark.

For catchers in addition to outfielder Grace, San Diego has Russ Nixon who was with Indianapolis or Dick Brown from Mobile.

"The situation isn't bad for this time of the year," says Elliott. "We know from Ralph Kiner, our general manager who has been in the Cleveland camp, that help is coming and we're a little more confident now than we were at this time last year."

Bilko Outdoes Ted at Plate

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The Los Angeles Angels were slated to play an exhibition game against the University of Southern California today after suffering their sixth defeat in seven games to the Boston Red Sox.

Jimmy Piersall's 10th inning homer at Wrigley Field Tuesday gave the Sox a narrow 6-5 win over the Chubs, but the Angels' big Steve Bilko bettered Boston's famed Ted Williams in a clouting. Williams had to be content with a double in three tries, while Bilko blasted a two-run homer in four attempts.

HOCKEY

By UNITED PRESS

The Boston Bruins held a one-game lead over the pennant-winning Detroit Red Wings today in the National Hockey league playoffs.

The brash Bruins whipped the Red Wings, 3-1, Tuesday night in the opener of their semi-final series at Detroit, while the Montreal Canadiens downed the Rangers, 4-1, at New York.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

By UNITED PRESS

The American Hockey league playoffs start today as a result of double shutout victories by the third place Rochester Americans and the fourth-place Hershey Bears.

Rochester nudged the Providence Reds, 1-0, and Hershey outclassed Cleveland, 3-0, Tuesday night to draw first blood in their respective best four-of-seven semi-final playoff series.

MH Jayvees, Jacksonville Vie Thursday

Choice of pitchers is between a pair of sophomores Thursday when the Medford junior varsity appears in the first home baseball game of the season for the Black Tornado.

The Jayvees play the Jacksonville varsity. Game will get underway after 4 p.m.

Either Dennis Barr or Tom Lawrence will get the pitching call, coach John Kovenz has reported.

Clyde Smith and Gary Hueners, a pair of lettermen, may divide mound duties for Jacksonville, according to coach Fred Richardson. When one is pitching the other is at first base.

The Redskins have two other lettermen on their squad, Maurice McIntyre, second base, and Gary Smith, centerfield.

MHS versus Roseburg
As has been true with a good number of prep teams, Jacksonville has not been able to work out on its diamond. The Redskins have had to pick out a dry spot on their athletic field to get in practices.

First home action for the Medford varsity will be this Saturday afternoon when the Tornado plays Roseburg in a doubleheader here, a good showing against the veteran Indian aggregation would be a good boost for the Medford club. Roseburg boasts lettermen at almost every position, and a half-dozen of the players were on the American Legion junior baseball club which took third in the national last year.

Star performer for the Indians is Bill Oeding who tossed a no-hit no-run game against Grants Pass last week end.

Patterson Bout Bids Now Sought

New York — (U.P.) — Gus D'Amato, manager of heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, invited "open bidding" among promoters today for a June title fight.

He extended the invitation, he claimed, because he is "very cool" toward the International Boxing club, "which broke its word with me about using my preliminary boxers."

D'Amato said he was not excluding Promoter Jim Norris and his IBC from the bidding, "but before they can do any business with us, they have a big re-selling job to do."

D'Amato said he preferred a big outdoor fight in a major city, "without television of any kind" and with Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson as challenger.

IRISH CO-CAPTAINS

South Bend, Ind. — (U.P.) — John McCarthy of Chicago and Bob Devine of Philadelphia have been named co-captains of the 1957-58 Notre Dame basketball team. Both juniors, they were the team's third and fourth highest scorers during the season just completed.

Ewart Potgieter To Fight Buford

Salem — (U.P.) — Ewart Potgieter, the seven-foot-two-inch heavyweight from South Africa, is scheduled to fight Frank Buford of San Francisco in a 10-rounder here Saturday night.

Winner of the bout may get a shot at Cuban heavyweight Nino Valdes in Portland early next month. Potgieter's last fight was against Bruce Olson in Portland. Olson was critically hurt in the bout when he was knocked out.

Preps Call Off Baseball Tussle

Lack of a field in playable condition forced cancellation yesterday of a baseball game between Eagle Point and St. Mary's high of Medford.

Coach Millard Webb of St. Mary's reported at a tussle slated with Glendale on Friday also would be called off.

The mentor stated that the Crusaders have been unable to get on a field for batting and fielding practice and have been able only to "work on arms." They did play at Glendale last Friday despite the lack of drill.

Webb indicated that he might take his crew over to Hawthorne park for a workout today.

BOWLING

BANTAM LEAGUE
Standings: S. W. 38 22, Veterans of Foreign Wars 36 24, Gold Arrow 36 24, Hudson's 33 26 1/2, Ginn's 27 33, Gilman's 26 34, Women of the Moose 24 36, Wilson's 19 41.

VICTORY LEAGUE
Standings: S. W. 29 10 1/2, Clave Construction 25 15, Crater Department Store 22 18, Skeeters and Skeeters 21 18 1/2, Viking Sewing Center 19 20 1/2, Davis Transfer 19 22, Keith Bros. Construction 18 22, Trowbridge and Flynn 16 23 1/2, Nicks Apparel 16 24, Leon's 13 27.

Results: Clave Const. 1 Ross Lumber 3, D. Hickson 400 H. Culy 310, E. Callaghan 296 A. Bohannon 321, R. Shama 405 L. Patterson 413, A. Hoffman 427 E. Baker 444, H. Paulson 397 D. Christensen 440, Handicap 315.

Leon's 2 Skeeters 2, R. Rose 398 O. Stroup 358, M. Troutman 357 D. Edwards 407, M. Schluchter 397 M. Balfour 383, P. Gardner 337 S. Weiskamp 448, M. Janzen 422 N. Hollenbeck 435, Handicap 2131.

Keith Bros. 0 Crater Store 4, C. Pardee 415 O. Henson 410, J. Nelson 216 J. Withrow 332, L. Keith 339 J. Johnson 416, M. Swagerty 382 D. Hopkins 497, H. Paulson 397 D. Christensen 440, Handicap 24.

T-F Blind 4 Davis Trans. 0, G. Frye 525 E. McGray 409, H. Frye 418 J. Phillips 376, G. Russell 348 L. Williams 328, D. Paul 394 L. Young 311, J. Russell 439 E. Redfield 453, Handicap 2124.

Viking Sewing 2 Pick's 2, C. Lownd 519 B. Spencer 418, M. Klatt 333, M. Dyer 379 M. Puett 414, A. Walton 443 T. Maggenti 433, V. Corby 413 D. Wolff 440, Handicap 2109.

Yank, Czech Stars Wed In Prague

Prague, Czechoslovakia — (U.P.) Olympic champions Harold Connolly of Boston and Olga Fikotova of Czechoslovakia were pronounced man and wife three times today in wedding ceremonies that ended their long fight to wed across the Iron Curtain.

Three thousand enthusiastic Czechs overflowed the huge old town square outside City Hall and cheered on the couple as they moved from one ceremony to another — Roman Catholic, Protestant and Civil in accordance with their religions and Czech law.

Wedding bells pealed throughout the Czech capital for the American Olympic hammer champion and his pretty brown-eyed Czech bride, who won a gold medal at the Melbourne Olympics for discus throwing. It was their romance started.

They were married first in a Civil ceremony at City Hall as prescribed by Czech law. Then they were re-married at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady. Finally, another ceremony was conducted across the square in Olga's own church, the Evangelical Church of St. Salvator.

Connolly, 26, and his 26-year-old bride had hoped to be the first couple in line when City Hall opened, but a huge crowd barred the way. Finally they got in an hour and 15 minutes later and a city official married them.

Ann Arbor, Mich. — (U.P.) — The count stands at 12 victories for Ken Rosewall and 28 for Pancho Gonzales in their professional tour after Rosewall's uphill victory at the University of Michigan Tuesday night.

Paul Lea Catch First of Season

Paul Lea of Lea Motors, Medford, made the first salmon catch reported on Rogue river this season. He made the catch Sunday. The 36-pounder was taken 10 miles up the river from Gold Beach.



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