

Threeway Track Tiff Saturday Afternoon

Track season makes its bow Saturday in Medford, the high school track capital of Oregon. Crater and Ashland join with Medford on the local oval for a triangular affair. Three field events will get the meet underway at 1:30 p.m. and first race of the day will be at 1:45 p.m. While Medford meets its first interscholastic competition of the season, it will be the second meet of 1957 for the Crater and Ashland squads, which had a short distance dual tiff last Saturday. Crater was lopsided victor. But the schools will go full distance in flat races this time and it could make a difference in comparative performances. However, no team score is to be kept Saturday. The threeway affair is considered a tune-up. There will be a championship division for youths who have won varsity track letters and a novice division for non-letters.

The pole vault, shot put and high jump will be the opening events of the afternoon. High hurdles will be the first running contest. With the 440 and 880-yard relays there will be 14 different events with the champ and novice division in most.

Fine Progress
Medford coach Bob Newland has reported his squad a hard working one and has pointed to fine progress by a number of the Tornado athletes. Neil Plumley has put the shot 54 feet 6 inches already and Mike Murray's 47-4 put it the best ever made by a sophomore at the local school. Jerry Close, state champ in the broad jump, has a measured leap of 21 feet and Eldon Francis, state titlist and all-American in 1955, hurled the javelin 180 feet this week.

Wally Larson, state hurdle champ, and Mike Russell, quarter-miler were reported looking terrific and Newland said that

SPORTS

EP Netters Tip Tornado

Eagle Point tennis team, victor over Medford high on Wednesday, was to meet Grants Pass this afternoon, while the Medford club will play Roseburg at Grants Pass in the afternoon on Saturday. Grants Pass will face the Roseburg aggregation on Saturday morning.

The Eagles defeated Medford 4 to 3. They won three singles and one doubles match and also took an exhibition in singles.

EP wins in the counting singles were Gene Edwards over John Root, 6-2, 6-3; Morris Arthur over Lynn Custance, 7-5, 10-8, and Art Gardner over Mike Furrer, 6-1, 6-1. For Medford Bob Schmidt downed Alvin Simmons 8-6, 6-3 and Chuck Finch won from Sid Jackson 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

John Andrews won the singles exhibition from Pim Hill 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.

In doubles Jim Gordon and Schmidt defeated Edwards and Jackson, 6-2, 6-0, and Simmons and Arthur tripped Root and Finch 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Van Denies Placing Bet

Portland — (UP) — Quarterback Norman Van Brocklin of the Los Angeles Rams said today that apparently someone has used his name in Los Angeles to place bets on horse races.

Van Brocklin said he had a telephone conversation with a mad Wednesday who claimed the pro football star owed \$700 on bets placed over a four-day period.

Van Brocklin said he reported the incident immediately to Sid Gilman, coach of the Rams. He denied placing any bets.

The former University of Oregon star, who is in business here during the off season, said Bert Bell, national football league commissioner, is investigating the case.

He denied that he "ever bet on a horse race or any sporting event."

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Beavers Obtain Thorpe on Option

Portland — (UP) — Portland Beaver officials said today that Bob Thorpe, right-handed pitcher who had a 7-7 record with Los Angeles last year, has been optioned to the Beavers by the Chicago Cubs.

Bob Darnell, a 16-game winner for Portland last season, has been sent to the Los Angeles team by Brooklyn.

NOWAK ON ALL-STAR

New York — (UP) — Henry Nowak of Canisius has been named to the College All-Star team which will tour the country with the Harlem Grobrotters beginning at Madison Square Garden Sunday.

INVITATIONAL ARCHERY TOURNEY SUNDAY EVENT

Black Bear Bowmen will hold their invitational shoot Sunday, March 31, at the range on Old Stage rd.

Signs will mark the way to the range from the highway 99 signal light at Central Point and from the highway underpass at Gold Hill.

Contention will open around 9 a.m. and will continue through the day. Entry of at least 150 archers is anticipated.

All archers interested are invited to participate. Spectators also are welcome. Among those they'll see in action are two state champions of 1956, Bud Vroman in free style and Don Smith in instinctive.

Signs Mark Way
There will be both field and broadhead events with trophies, medals and other prizes given by the sponsoring group.

Celtics, Hawks Vie on Saturday

Boston — (UP) — Coach Red Auerbach of the Boston Celtics hinted today he might have defensive surprises for the St. Louis Hawks when the two teams open their National Basketball association championship playoffs here Saturday.

The two divisional champions play the first of their best-of-seven series Saturday afternoon 11:30 p.m. (PST) before an anticipated capacity Boston Garden crowd and a national television audience. The second contest will be played here Sunday afternoon at the same starting time and the schedule calls for the third and fourth games to be played in St. Louis April 6 and 7, tentatively.

Los Angeles — (UP) — The Los Angeles Angels resumed their exhibition schedule against Pacific Coast League foes today by meeting the Vancouver Mounties at Wrigley Field. The Angels Thursday easily defeated Pepperdine college, 7-2. It was their second straight win over a college team. Big Steve Bilko hit one over the fence in the first inning to score two runs.

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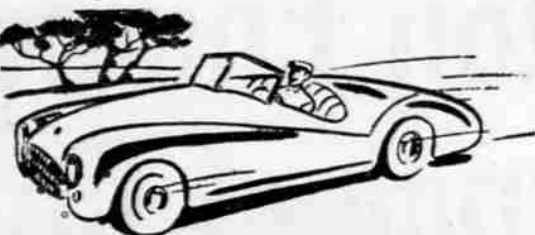
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