

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS



TORNADO HURDLER — Wally Larson, above, smooth fast, hurdler and fleet relay anchor man, will be among the Medford high trackmen competing Saturday afternoon in the Grants Pass Rotary club track meet.

Medford, Crater in Rotary Track Tussle

"We're on our own now." That was the comment this week of a Medford high trackster as the Tornado thinclads turned their attention to relay engagements to regular track meet competition.

True, but with a bit of qualification. With the exception of the half-mile relay, it'll be the individual efforts of the cinder-men which count for points from here on rather than the combined efforts of three or four men in an event. But the cinder runners, and the field men will be striving still for team points and team victory.

Medford's Tornado crew goes to Grants Pass Saturday for a four-way meet, opposing the Cavemen, Crater and Roseburg. First event will start at 1:30 p.m. Rotary club is sponsor.

Most prognosticators favor the Medfordites in the session and they continue their grooming for district meet contention. But the Tornado athletes, themselves, feel they'll be up against some stout competition, particularly from the host aggregation. Strong showing of the GP thinclads in the Rogue relays and their third place finish last year in the Haywards is the evidence.

Varsity Divisions

Crater will go into the meet following a fine second place finish in the Class A Hayward event.

There will be two divisions in the meet, championship and novice, or varsity and jayvee. Coach Bob Newland has indicated that the Tornado will concentrate on the varsity events and let the novice competition take care of itself. Some 40 Tornado participants will make the jump to Grants Pass. About 28 of these will be in the varsity events.

After having top contenders over a period of several years, the Tornado is conceding the pole vault in meets this season. But at Grants Pass this week end, barring mishaps, the Tor-

nado figures to pick up good points in just about every other event.

A couple of hurdle contestants of MHS will be out of action, however. Terry Hamilton is still sidelined with an ankle injury and Henry Courtney reportedly will be on a spring vacation trip.

Picking Up In Discus

The Tornado hasn't been a great threat so far in the discus but is reported picking up strength. Neil Plumley, the shot put star, has been casting the platter for a couple of days and may be among contenders in that event. Larry Slessler is "pulling up" in the discus event after a late start because of basketball play.

In a number of events Medford entry is virtually obvious. Newland isn't expected to change his 880 relay combination of Loren Christean, Pete Kershaw, Mike Russell and Wally Larson except for some very drastic reason.

Newland isn't reporting his assignments completely for the meet but, with Bilbee Lane in the half-mile, Jerry Close in the broad jump, Larson in the hurdles and Eldon Francis in the javelin having won state championships, they'll be among those participating in their favorite events.

Ted Kluszewski Having Calcium Spot Removed

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — Slugger Ted Kluszewski underwent a second deep x-ray treatment today that may return him to the Cincinnati Redlegs' lineup over the week end.

The treatment was designed to dissolve a calcium deposit about the size of a pea in Kluszewski's left hip. The deposit has caused the big first baseman severe pain since early last season. He appeared as a pinch-hitter in Thursday's 1-0 loss to the Milwaukee Braves and hit into a double play.

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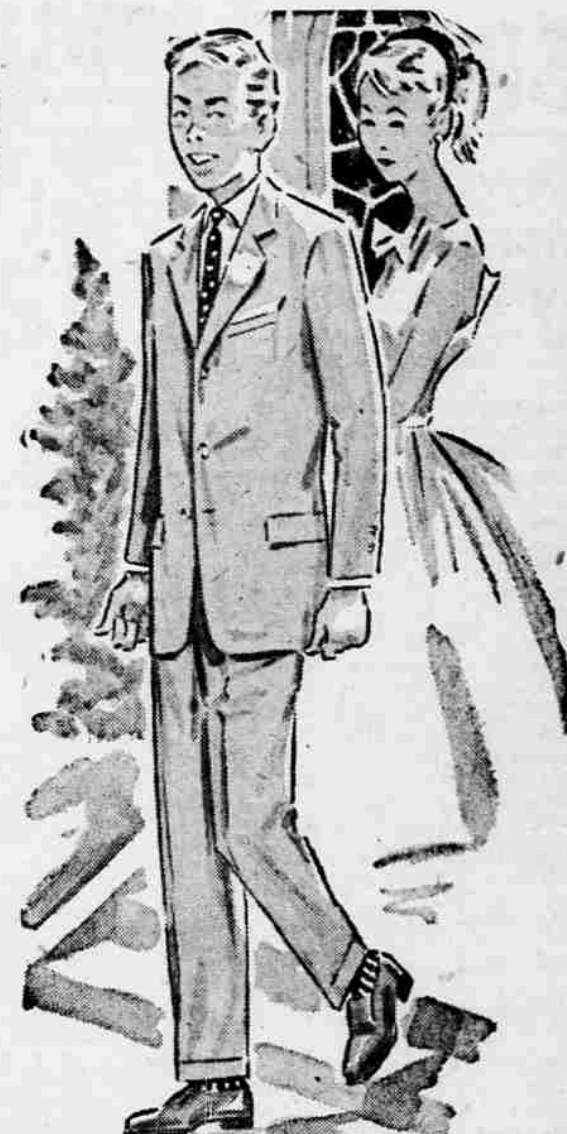
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