

Tornado Host To GP; Crater, Ashland Vie In SO Loop Baseball

Medford high's Black Tornado has its Southern Oregon conference inaugural, Grants Pass and Ashland seek their second league victories and

Tornado JV Wins Over Ashlanders

Medford junior varsity diamonds took advantage of Freshman Pitcher Hart's wildness and four hits in the first inning to gain an 8 to 4 decision over Ashland high jayvees yesterday.

The Junior Tornado collected seven of its markers in the first inning. Five bases on balls were issued in the stanza. Bob Eckel hit a double and Dennis Lungren, Wayne Thompson and Pat McLaughlin singles. There was one error in the frame and Medford had 13 batting turns.

Five Fanned In Row
McLaughlin pitched five innings, yielding five hits, walking four and fanning three. Jerry Anderson took over on the hill for Medford in the sixth. The first batter he faced grounded out. He walked the next then struck out the next five batters in a row.

Lungren tripled in the fourth inning in addition to getting his single.

In a tussle on Tuesday Crater junior varsity tied 5-5 with the Jacksonville varsity. Darkness halted play after seven innings.

Rose Teams Up With Fageros In Net Doubles

Jacksonville, Fla. — Southpaw Mervyn Rose of Australia teamed up with Miami's "Golden Goddess" Karol Fageros today as singles play gave way to mixed and men's doubles in the Masters tennis tournament.

The Australian, top-seeded in the tournament, defeated John Powers of Florida, 6-4, 6-3, Wednesday before a heavy downpour caused postponement of several other matches.

He and Miss Fageros were scheduled to meet Miguel Olvera, Ecuador, and Maria Barcia, Cuba, today.

In one of the top men's doubles, second-seeded Luis Ayala, of Chile, and Don Candy, of Australia, faced Jimmy Peterson and Tommy Holton, both of Jacksonville, Fla.

Powless teamed up with Tony Vincent of New York to play Jack Frost, Monterey, Calif., and Bill Quillian, Seattle.

In another major parring Wednesday, Ayala beat fellow countryman Patricio Rodriguez, 6-2, 6-0, to gain the semi-finals.

In women's singles, Louise Snow, Oakland, Calif., downed Martha Hernandez, Mexico, 6-4, 6-2, and Laura Lou Kunnen, Clearwater, Fla., whipped Miss Garcia, 6-1, 6-0.

Southern Oregon Cinder Crew To Be Host to OTI

Ashland—Southern Oregon college cindermen meet Oregon Tech in their second meet of the season Friday on the Raider oval beginning at 3 p.m.

The Raider track men will be out for their first dual win of the season and are favored by a slight edge.

Coach Dan Bulkley has Clarence Baker to lead the lineup of sprinters and he will get good help from Gordon Clayton if Clayton's leg muscle is in good shape. Stan Read, freshman, is also slated to compete in the sprints.

Dick Johnson appears to be the top hurdler in both the highs and lows. Johnson, a freshman, was state champion in his junior year at Elkton high school. Don Austin will also compete and possibly Denny Walker.

Johnson, Conley in 440
Jack Johnson and Pat Conley are nominees for the 440-yard dash. Johnson will also run the 880-yard run and Conley will compete in the 220 yard dash.

George Perreard will couple with Jack Johnson in the two lap 880 with possibly Frank Scott.

In the mile and two mile runs Bulkley has Don Moody and Rich Scott with possibly Frank Scott competing in one

Hawks Take Third Verdict From Celtics In Playoff

Boston—Slater Martin, smallest player in the National Basketball association at 5-10 and one of the oldest at 32, held the spotlight in the St. Louis Hawks' third victory in their best-of-seven championship playoffs against the Boston Celtics.

The "tiny" veteran played one of the finest games of his nine-year pro career Wednesday night in St. Louis' 102-100 win. The triumph gave the Hawks a commanding 3-2

lead in the series which resumes Saturday night at St. Louis.

Bob Pettit took game scoring honors with 33 points, eight more than Martin, but the speedy backcourt star was immense as a field general and in holding Boston's Bob Cousy in check.

"I don't know if you could call it my best game ever," said Martin. "But I know I felt good out there and everything I did seemed to work out right."

Hank Aaron Spurs Braves in 5-4 Nod

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer
Hammering Hank Aaron thinks he'll hit "around .345 or .350" and at the pace he's going now, rival pitchers will gladly settle for that.

The Milwaukee slugger socked his eighth home run of the spring and his third in as many games Wednesday to lead the Braves to a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dallas.

Aaron also had a single, for two of the five hits Milwaukee was able to muster off four Dodger pitchers.

"I figure if I can get off to a good start I have a chance to lead the league in hitting," Aaron declares.

A "chance" the man says. Who's he kidding? Outside of Stan Musial, he's the most logical candidate to capture the crown. Even Musial, who won the title last year with a .351 average, says Aaron is the man he must beat out.

Ladies AAU Swim Tilt At Dallas

Dallas, Tex. — Sylvia Ruuska and Chris von Salza, a couple of 14-year-old swimming phenoms from the West Coast, shaped up today as the ones expected to make the biggest splashes in the Women's AAU Indoor Swimming championships opening today.

The California youngsters, standouts in a field that runs predominantly in the teenage level, may walk off with as many as five or six individual titles between them by the time the three-night meet ends.

Miss Ruuska, who will be defending champion in the 400-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle, also will rate a good chance to grab the 200-yard butterfly crown which Shelly Mann of Washington, D.C., gave up. She will also enter another event and swim on the Berkeley, Calif., YWCA relay team.

Rated Strong
Miss Von Salza, the 250-yard freestyle titlist from the team champion Santa Clara, Calif., Swim Club, was rated a very strong challenger to Carin Cone's 200-yard backstroke crown and may enter the 100-yard freestyle and tangle with Miss Ruuska in the medley.

Miss Cone, swimming unattached from Ridgewood, N.J., and Miss Ruuska are the only double champions in the field. Miss Cone also won the 100-yard backstroke last year at Beverly Hills, Calif.

But, all of the 1957 winners with the exception of Miss Mann are back for a shot at new laurels in the 25-yard Perkins Natatorium pool on the Southern Methodist University campus.

In addition to Misses Ruuska, von Salza and Cone, there will be Molly Botkin of the Los Angeles Athletic Club in the 100-yard freestyle; Patty Kempner of the Kris Kristenson Swim Club, North Hollywood, Calif., in the 100-yard breaststroke; Ivanelle Hoe of the University of Hawaii in the 250-yard breaststroke; Nancy Ramey of the Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, Wash., in the 100-yard butterfly; and Paul Jean Myers of the Encino, Calif., Swim School in the one and three-meter dives.

Dobby Shows Well
Len Dobby has been showing well in the discus and shot put and will enter both events. Doyce Lemley is also another nominee for the high jump.

Eldon Francis is a probable competitor in the javelin, his specialty for the past few years. Gordon Clayton will be another entrant in the javelin and possibly Herb Chapman or Dick Johnson.

Millard Marsh is the chief Raider hope in the broad jump. Marsh has been going over 20 feet of late. Read and Dick Johnson will also compete.

The mile relay team is still undecided and won't be known until just before race time more than likely.

Ray Lunde Tops 'Cats
Corvallis — Southpaw Ray Lunde twirled a six-hit shut-out Wednesday as Oregon State blanked Linfield 5-0 in a non-conference baseball game here.

The game was halted because of rain in the seventh inning.

It was the sixth win in eight starts this season for Oregon State. Lunde got three double plays to help his performance. Twink Pederson was the only OSC batter with two hits.

Successful Season In National League Foreseen by Giles

By WARREN C. GILES
President of National League
(Written for the United Press)

Cincinnati — Bright prospects for another hard-fought pennant battle; the debut of Los Angeles and San Francisco into the National league, and increased advance ticket sales by all our clubs, point toward a most successful season for the NL in 1958.

Our Giants and Dodgers will receive a royal welcome in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The people of those areas are eager and ready for major-league baseball and I am confident that the interest will increase as the folks on the West Coast get a first-hand taste of big-league ball.

This factor alone would assure one of the most interesting seasons in the league's 82-year history. In addition, however, we have every reason to anticipate another great pennant race—something that has become a National League trademark.

Went Out on Limb
Last year at this time, when I went out on a limb and predicted a race as closely contested as the one we enjoyed in 1956, I was branded an "optimist" in some quarters.

You will recall that our 1956 championship wasn't decided until the final day of the season as the Dodgers, Braves and Redlegs battled down to the wire.

Last year, although we didn't have the spine-tingling finish, the race was another "four-star thriller," or I should say "five-star thriller." Five of our clubs were "nip-and-tuck" all the way up to the first week in August and that had never happened before in all of major-league history.

For several years now, I've been saying that the National league's overall strength makes it the best balanced league I've ever seen. Our recent pennant races have borne out that contention, and 1958 should be no exception.

I believe it will be harder for Milwaukee to win in 1958 than it was in 1957 and I think the Braves realize it. They are a determined lot, but judging by what I saw of the Cardinals, Dodgers, Reds and Phillies, we could easily have a repeat of last year's scramble.

Good Crop of Rookies
In Florida this spring, I saw the best-looking crop of rookies in five years. That is a most healthy situation, one only proving that a supply of talent is there, but the presence of capable rookies presses the veterans into better performances.

As I see it, our new fans

Peter Burnside Fights To Stay With NY Giants

Houston, Tex. — Lefty Peter Burnside of the San Francisco Giants was to be pitching for his major league life today against Cleveland's Bob Lemon—who was testing his elbow.

The Giants are due for a cut, so Burnside knew he would have to show his stuff today. Lemon, who was treated for an arm injury during the winter, was testing it for the third time.

In Harlingen Wednesday, Mike McCormick, the Giants' 19-year-old hurler, outdueled Cleveland's Herb Score, 6-3, in a battle of southpaws.

Error Hurts
Score gave up only two hits in six innings on the mound, but a Mickey Vernon error allowed the Giants four runs in the third inning.

McCormick went seven innings, allowing six hits and three runs. The five Giants hits were scattered among five players.

Danny O'Connell got a double off Score, while Jimmy Davenport and McCormick tapped him for singles. Jim King singled off Cleveland reliever Ray Narleski, and Daryl Spencer followed King with a homer in the seventh.

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Park To Be Named for Hennessy

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco — San Francisco's recreation department will dedicate a baseball diamond on Sunday to a man who helped develop more men for managerial jobs in professional baseball than any man in history.

The fellow's name was Edward (Spike) Hennessy, who died nearly 15 years ago—but just now is getting his recognition.

The diamond will be used for local sandlot baseball—in the same tradition which Hennessy taught and developed talent for the major leagues and the high minors in the pre-World War II years.

Hennessy started to fame such well-known managers as Oscar Vitt, who managed Cleveland, Hollywood and Oakland; Lew Fonseca, Chicago White Sox; Joe Cronin, Washington and Boston Red Sox; Eddie Joost, Philadelphia Athletics and San Francisco Seals; Carl Zamolet, Oakland; Jimmy Caveney, San Francisco Seals; Willie Kamm, San Francisco Missions; Dutch Reuther, Seattle; Lefty O'Doul, two-time National League batting champion and manager of five different Pacific Coast League teams; Dolph Camilli, Oakland; Joe Orenge, Sacramento; and many others who managed in smaller leagues.

But these were only a few of the big names of baseball who gained some of their knowledge under Hennessy. In 1922, for instance, the entire Cincinnati Reds infield was composed of men who started under Spike. On this club were first baseman Fonseca; second baseman Sammy Bohner; shortstop Caveney; and third baseman Babe Pinelli, the latter to become a National League umpire of repute. This infield stayed together for four years.

The great Walter Mails, now in the promotion department with the San Francisco Giants, got some of his knowledge from Hennessy before he went on to become a hero for the Cleveland Indians. Vince DiMaggio sat at Spike's feet. Gene Valla, one-time major league infielder, learned from Hennessy. So did Long George Kelly, one-time star first baseman of the New York Giants.

Every club in the American, National and the Pacific Coast league has been helped at one time or another by a Hennessy protégé.

It was a long time coming, but the recognition for one of the nation's greatest developers of talent finally is being made.

He was so good, in fact, that three of his boys are in the Hall of Fame: Harry Heilmann, Joe Cronin and Joe DiMaggio.

ANOTHER TRY FOR TITLE
Boston — Former world featherweight champion Willie Pep, who hopes to get "one more crack at the title before I hang 'em up," meets 19-year-old Jimmy Kelley of Lowell, Mass. in a 10-round bout at Mechanics Building April 29. Pep scored victory No. 209 Tuesday night, beating George Stephany of New York in a 10-round bout at Bristol, Conn.

Webfoots Trail When Rain Ends Baseball Fray

Eugene — For the second straight day Oregon was rained out of a baseball game Wednesday.

The game was called with Oregon leading Willamette 5-0 in the fourth inning, Tuesday Oregon led Linfield 3-0 when the game was washed out.

Drysdale Choice To Hurl Opener

Mesa, Ariz. — Young Don Drysdale, whom many already consider the best pitcher in the National league has been picked to pitch the opener for the Los Angeles Dodgers against the San Francisco Giants, April 15.

To prepare for the assignment, the 21-year-old Drysdale was to attempt to become the first Dodger pitcher to go the distance this spring when he faced the Chicago Cubs here today.

Drysdale has looked exceptionally sharp this spring outside of his last outing. That was against Milwaukee when he was nipped for four runs in three innings. The opening day assignment represents quite an honor for Drysdale inasmuch as Don Newcomb has been the Dodgers' inaugural day starter for the past two years. Drysdale probably will face Johnny Antonelli of the Giants.

Alston Pleased
Manager Walt Alston appeared quite pleased about the Dodgers' pitching Wednesday even though they lost to the World Champion Milwaukee Braves, 5-4, at Dallas. Starter Sandy Koufax yielded only two hits in the first five innings while relievers Jackie Collum and Larry Sherry pitched hitless ball in relief.

The only Dodger pitcher who did take a pasting was loser Roger Craig, who was roughed up for three hits and as many runs in one-third of an inning after taking over for Koufax with the score tied 2-2 in the sixth.

Duke Snider played the full game for the first time this spring but he had a tough time, misjudging one ball and dropping another for a two-base error. He played left field while Gino Cimoli played center.

The game wound up the exhibition series between the Dodgers and Braves with Milwaukee holding a 5-4 edge. All told this spring, the Dodgers have won 13 games and lost 14.

Linfield Beats Portland State

McMinnville — Linfield defeated Portland State 87 1-3 to 43-2-3 in a track meet Wednesday.

Len Lukens, Portland State sophomore, won three firsts, in the 880, the mile and the two-mile.

Black Tornado Will Enter All-Events But Two-Mile In Hayward Relay Meet

Black Tornado trackmen will vie in every event except the two-mile in the Hayward relay meet, Coach Dean Benson of the Metropolitan class defending champion Medford high crew reported this morning.

Medford's squad will leave at noon Friday for Saturday contention in the annual meet at University of Oregon in Eugene.

Benson reported that Dave Frohnmayer may not be available to run the two-mile because of conflicting speech

SOC Tennis Gang Goes To Arcata

Ashland — A tennis match between the SOC Red Raiders and Humboldt State is on tap Friday afternoon in Arcata, Calif., home of the HSC Lumberjacks.

Coach Skip Graham took a traveling squad of six men to the match headed by first man, Bill Isaacs.

Graham has named Bob Gouley his second man next to Isaacs and Bruce Merrill as the number three man on the rated tennis ladder. Jack Jacobson is number four and John Russell is rated number five.

The sixth man was chosen by elimination between Oris Theford, Dick Clark, and Merle Deets. The edge as to which man is the sixth would go to Theford as he has beaten Clark and Clark has downed Deets.

The doubles teams will consist of Jacobson and Merrill in one match and Isaacs and Gouley in the first doubles. If possible the fifth and sixth men will make up a third double team.

DODGER OFFICIAL DIES
New York — Harry R. C. Hickey, 71, treasurer of the Los Angeles Dodgers, died Wednesday in suburban Huntington.

competition in Eugene. He said that Jerry Gaines and Ray Smith, who ran in that event Saturday, will go to Eugene as squad alternates along with Bob Emmens.

Better Time
After time trials yesterday, Benson expressed the feeling that the Medford mile relay team will turn in a better time in the Hayward relays than it did in the Rogue relays last week. He said that Glenn Kaye, Ron Reich and Mike Russell would be members of the quartet with fourth man to be named among Henry Courtney, John Connolly and Terry Ryan. Sickness kept Kaye from running last Saturday.

The coach hoped that the Tornado would be better on its baton exchanges, a detail which has received considerable attention this week.

Mike Murray, the Tornado's top shot putter has had a "catch" in his back but Benson said he thought the big weight man would be all right for the week end meet.

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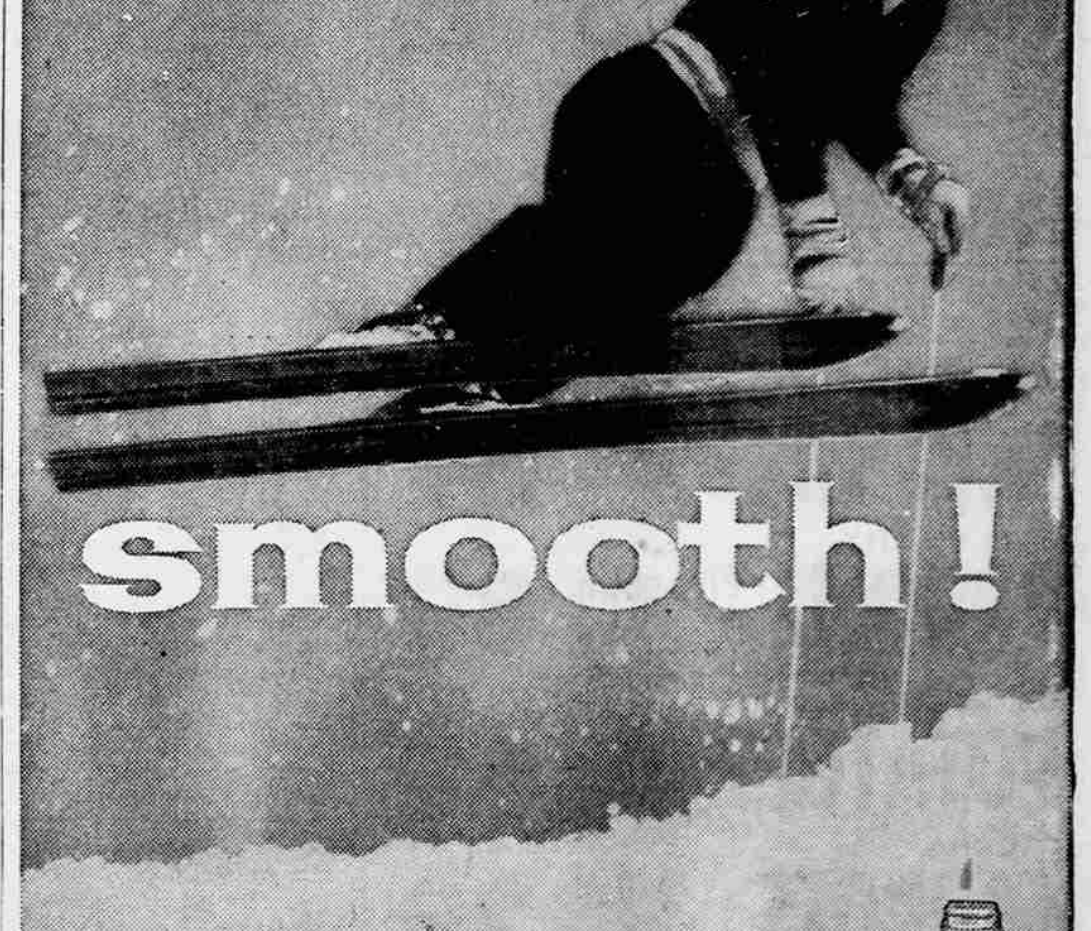
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