

# SPORTS

## Tornado, Comets Vie In Southern Oregon League; Pels at GP

Medford high seeks to become more firmly established in the race, Grants Pass tries to clinch at least a tie for the mantle and Crater at Cheney field at the south edge of Medford and Klamath's Pelicans vie at Grants Pass.

A doubleheader is slated for the Comets and Black Tornado at Cheney park. The first game at 2:30 p.m. will be the only one counting in the standings.

At last report Klamath and the Cavemen were billed for 1:30 p.m. Only one game is scheduled at GP in order that the Pelican crew may get home in time to attend a sports banquet at which Slat Gills, basketball mentor at Oregon State college is speaking.

**Second Place Chance**

A Medford victory over the Comets would boost the Tornado into a second place deadlock with Ashland which is idle over the week end. Crater needs the win to further its ambition to wind up the season above the cellar and Klamath Falls has similar desire in its scuffle with Grants Pass. The GP Cavemen with a verdict over the Pels would be only one game away from a second successive championship in District 6-A-1.

Dennis Barr is expected to get the pitching call for Medford from Coach John Kavenz. He hurled a masterful game against Grants Pass last week which brought considerable praise from Caveman tutor Mel Ingram. It was the Cavemen's first loss in the loop. Tom Laurance may get the summons for the second fracas against the Comets.

Coach Bill Piche of Crater is expected to choose between Wayne Allen and Bob Fowler for hill service with the one not starting the opener, or Charlie South, getting the second game assignment.

Jim Smith may hurl for Medford high batting and fielding:

| ab          | r  | b  | h  | hr | ave. | rbt | sb  | bb | so | a  | po | e  | fa  | sac.  | bp  |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|-----|
| Konopasek   | 46 | 6  | 10 | 1  | 0    | 217 | 2   | 0  | 6  | 13 | 27 | 36 | 3   | 853   | 1   |
| Durkee      | 32 | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 156 | 0   | 2  | 7  | 11 | 17 | 6  | 825 | 0     |     |
| C. Dean     | 41 | 11 | 12 | 2  | 4    | 1   | 292 | 10 | 5  | 10 | 12 | 25 | 18  | 9     | 826 |
| L. Dean     | 48 | 7  | 11 | 1  | 1    | 0   | 229 | 10 | 1  | 2  | 7  | 3  | 18  | 1     | 954 |
| R. Peery    | 49 | 3  | 14 | 1  | 1    | 0   | 255 | 10 | 1  | 2  | 7  | 3  | 18  | 1     | 954 |
| G. Ice      | 33 | 4  | 5  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 151 | 2  | 0  | 2  | 11 | 1  | 11  | 2     | 857 |
| K. Jensen   | 19 | 2  | 7  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 269 | 3  | 2  | 3  | 0  | 2  | 0   | 1,000 | 0   |
| D. Durante  | 26 | 2  | 7  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 142 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 3  | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0   |
| D. Shaw     | 9  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 105 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0   |
| L. Brown    | 22 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 105 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0   |
| D. Barr     | 13 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 076 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 3   | 800   | 0   |
| L. Laurance | 8  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 125 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 5  | 3   | 2     | 600 |
| Anderson    | 7  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1   | 228   |     |
| McLaughlin  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 000 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 3  | 0   | 1     | 750 |
| B. Pond     | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 3  | 1  | 1   | 750   |     |

Totals 494 51 79 11 9 1 .195 43 18 44 97 139 322 41 .910 6 7

**MEDFORD HIGH PITCHING RECORDS:**

| IP         | W    | L | BB | SO | H  | R  | ER   | ERA  | HP | WP |
|------------|------|---|----|----|----|----|------|------|----|----|
| Barr       | 22.5 | 2 | 17 | 39 | 18 | 10 | 3    | 4.90 | 3  | 2  |
| Laurance   | 22.5 | 2 | 15 | 24 | 17 | 13 | 7    | 2.16 | 3  | 0  |
| Brown      | 10.5 | 0 | 2  | 16 | 7  | 11 | 12   | 5.38 | 1  | 3  |
| Anderson   | 22.5 | 7 | 24 | 16 | 4  | 3  | 3.94 | 0    | 1  |    |
| Peery      | 5    | 1 | 0  | 5  | 3  | 3  | 0    | 0.00 | 0  | 1  |
| McLaughlin | 13   | 1 | 1  | 8  | 9  | 7  | 5    | 2.69 | 0  | 1  |

Totals 112 8 11 68 106 74 46 23 1.44 7 7

**Tornado JV 2-1 Winner**

Jerry Anderson threw three-hit ball and Jim Berry was the biggest hitter yesterday as the Medford Black Tornado won a junior varsity baseball fracas from Ashland 2 to 1.

Winning run for Medford was in the fifth inning when Berry singled, Tom Turpin walked, Mike Parsons hit to load the bases and Garland Lowery drew a base on balls to force in the tally.

Medford picked up its first run in the opening frame on singles by Booth Deakins and Berry, an error and a walk.

Ashland tied it in the third on a walk, passed ball and single by Tom Doster.

Anderson walked four and fanned six batters while Duane Nelson of Ashland in a four-hitter walked six and whiffed 10. Berry had two hits for Medford.

**LINEUP:**

Ashland — 001 000 0-1 2 1  
Medford — 100 000 2-2 5 0  
Nelson and Davis; Anderson and Eckel.

Portland — University of Portland won its 14th straight baseball victory Wednesday, 9-3 over Clark Junior college.



**MEDFORD TWIRLER**—Tom Laurance, above, likely will pitch for Medford in one of its three games this week end. The Black Tornado meets Crater in a doublebill starting at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Cheney field at the south edge of Medford. Yreka, Calif., and the Tornado meet on the Medford High diamond at 2 p.m. Saturday. Laurance has a two-win two-loss record for Medford.

## Southern Oregon Faces PSC in Three Conflicts

Ashland—The Oregon Collegiate conference crown is highest in the minds of the Southern Oregon college baseball team this week end when it meets Portland State.

The Red Raiders have three games with the Vikings with the first one Friday afternoon and the other two Saturday, all in Portland.

Currently, the men of SOC possess a perfect 6-0 record in conference play which ties them for the league lead with Eastern Oregon college.

Wins this weekend over Portland State and wins by Eastern Oregon over Oregon College of Education would put the title on the block next weekend May 16 and 17 when the Raiders and EOC Mounties meet.

## Freshman Track Fray Here Friday

Annual southern Oregon district freshman track and field meet will be held at the Medford High school stadium Friday, beginning at 3 p.m.

Six schools from Southern Oregon conference cities will have ninth graders in the meet. These are McLoughlin and Hedrick of Medford, Crater of Central Point, Grants Pass, Ashland and Klamath Falls.

The meet could be a thriller down to the final event. Grants Pass has the favored role in team tabulations but could be challenged by Crater and McLoughlin.

**GOOD CONTESTS**

Some good contests are foreseen in the sprints. Grants Pass may have the fastest group of short distance speedsters but will get good competition from Crater, McLoughlin and Hedrick. McLoughlin appears to have the edge in the distance chases. Field event honors may be evenly divided among the six crews.

Grants Pass seems the best bet in the relay.

McLoughlin, Hedrick, Crater and Grants Pass each are expected to field full teams.

## High Score Needed for Trap Prize

If rivalry this year matches that of other seasons of the post-war period, a score of 99 or 100 will be needed to capture the Mail Tribune trophy in the annual shoot set for Saturday and Sunday at Medford Gun club.

The newspaper hardware offered in the two-day trapshooting tourney goes to the winner of the 16-yard gunning on Sunday.

Perfect 100 scores have taken the trophy for the past three tournaments. Scores have been 99 or 100 since 1946, when the shoot was resumed after being cancelled for four seasons. E. E. Driscoll took the title with a 97 in 1941.

The shoot opens at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Rogue Valley Hundred at 16-yards, the Chester Wood handicap and 25 pairs of doubles. The Mail Tribune trophy event, the Jim Morris handicap and another 25 pairs of doubles make up the Sunday program. Shoot in the 16-yard contention begins at 9 a.m.

Gunners from throughout southern Oregon are expected with some likely from northern California. The tourney is registered by the Pacific International Trapshooting association.

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## Long Arms of Togetherness Envelop Pacific Coast Loop

Portland—Major league baseball invades Portland for a day today.

The San Francisco Giants were to fly into town shortly after noon for a parade through the city in a motorcade and a game tonight with the Portland Beavers, who lead the Pacific Coast league by five percentage points.

It will mark the first appearance of a regular major league club in Portland.

A crowd of around 30,000 was expected at Multnomah stadium for the exhibition game.

**By GENE BRYANT**  
**United Press Sports Writer**

The long arms of Togetherness have enveloped the Pacific Coast League.

Seven of the loop's eight clubs found themselves no more than a half game apart today as the 1958 pennant chase continued to tighten. Only Seattle, clearly out of step, went against the trend as the Rainiers clung to their firm hold on last place, two games off the pace.

Last night, action sent Portland, Spokane and Vancouver into a three-way tie for first place, although the Beavers retained a .004 edge in the percentage column. Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Diego and Sacramento were next in line, a half game behind the top three, while Seattle brought up the rear.

Spokane hung a 6-5 defeat on Portland Wednesday night, but it took a homer by Bob Jenkins in the 13th inning to do it. In other games, Phoenix homered Salt Lake into submission, 9-4; Vancouver defeated Seattle, 6-4, and San Diego edged Sacramento, 2-1.

**Spokane Fans Happy**

Portland loaded the bases in their half of the 13th but Spokane ended the contest with a double-play to send 1,680 fans home unhappy.

The Beavers had tied the score at 5-5 with a pair of runs in the eighth and a single tally in the ninth. The two clubs then went scoreless until Jenkins' homer in the 13th. It was his first of the season.

At Salt Lake, Phoenix powered home runs all over the place to even the Giants' series with the Bees. Leon Wagner paced the Phoenix onslaught with two of the five round-trippers, while Filipe Alou, Willie McCovey and Dusty Rhodes contributed one each. Dick Stuart hit a bases-empty homer in the fourth for the Bees to bring the game's total to six.

Seattle put together two late inning rallies, but Vancouver held on to even their series at one game apiece. The Rainiers, trailing 6-1 going into the final two frames, scored a pair of unearned runs in the eighth and another in the ninth. Mountie pitcher Mel Held choked off the rally in the last inning to pick up his second victory against one loss.

**Solons Only Get Four**

At Sacramento, fire-balling Gary Bell set down the Solons with only four hits as the Padres brought their record to 11-11.

The Solons had moved out to a 1-0 lead in the second inning but the Pads tied it with an unearned run in the seventh, the first scored off Solon starter Carl Greene in 21 innings. The San Diegans then went ahead for good with a single run in the eighth.

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**Willamette Thumps UO**

Salem — Willamette's baseball team won a wild game from University of Oregon, 20-12, Wednesday.

Willamette scored 12 runs in the sixth inning when the Bearcats batted around twice. The Bearcats had but 12 hits but five Oregon reserve pitchers gave up 10 walks, hit two batters and uncorked two wild pitches.

Oregon got its dozen runs on only seven hits.

Dick Hamada of Willamette and Ron Dodge of Oregon had three-run homers.

**Held Has No-Hit Tiff for Wilson**

Portland — George Held pitched a no-hit, no-run game Wednesday as his Wilson high school team defeated Franklin 5-0.

**BUCS GET PORTERFIELD**

Boston — Veteran American League pitcher Bob Porterfield, dogged by hard luck throughout most of his major league career, was sold by the Boston Red Sox to the Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday. Porterfield, who has worked in only four innings this year, had a 4-4 record with the Red Sox in 1957.

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