

# Ladies' State Softball Tourney Opens Thursday

## Eight Clubs Will Clash For Title

Eagle Point—Eagle Point Lions today were in the midst of final preparations for the women's state tournament of the Oregon State Softball association.

The tourney opens on Thursday evening with two games at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary Memorial Stadium, Camp White and two others at Eagle Point High school. Eight teams are entered double elimination contention continues through Sunday. All Friday, Saturday and Sunday combats will be at the VA stadium.

Thursday slate is Klamath Falls versus Madras at 7:30 p.m. and Eugene versus Astoria at 9 p.m. at Eagle Point and Salem versus Irving at 7:30 p.m. and Rogue Valley Dairy Maids versus Eagle Point at 9 p.m. at Camp White.

Teams will arrive at Camp White and register Thursday afternoon. A meeting of tournament officials and team managers is set for 4 p.m. at the VA stadium.

**Hale Director**  
Lions committee announced that Glenn Hale has been appointed tournament director. He will be coordinator of tourney activity and resolve problems which may arise. Bill Hall will be chief scorekeeper for the tourney and Niles Smith will have the official book on the Thursday contention at Eagle Point. Announcers will be Mike Provoost at Camp White and Eston Way at Eagle Point.

The diamond at Eagle Point high is being put into shape and both Camp White and Eagle Point fields are being adjusted to conform with tournament regulations. A backstop has been built to



**SOFTBALL HOSTESS**—Jean Main, above, is catcher for Rogue Valley Dairy Maids, hostess team for the women's state tourney of the Oregon State Softball association. The tourney at Memorial stadium, Camp White, opens Thursday evening and continues through Sunday.

place 25 feet behind home plate at Memorial stadium. Only backstop otherwise has been the grandstand.

Bleachers have been set up at the Eagle Point field and will be moved to Camp White to assure adequate seating for Friday, Saturday and Sunday crowds.

**At Least 14 Games**  
A total of 14 or 15 games will be played in the tourney with four each on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with two or three on Sunday. The tourney is over when all but one team has been defeated twice.

Teams beaten Thursday night will play in a losers bracket with tussles at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Friday. Thursday victors will have evening conflicts on Friday at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

## Yanks Take Lead Over Hungarians

Budapest, Hungary—UPI—Olympic champion Tom Courtney, making what could be his last real attempt to break the world 800 meter record before retiring, was expected to lead United States track and field forces to the completion of a solid victory over Hungary today.

Although no official tally of points was being kept, the U. S. men's team held a 66-30 lead over Hungary going into today's events while the Hungarian women led the U. S. women's team, 33-30, in unofficial standings.

Courtney, former Fordham star from Livingston, N. J., already holds the world 880 yard record and is anxious to add the 880 meter mark, too, before he ends his brilliant career. He came out of semi-retirement to compete on this U. S. touring team and expects to quit completely after the meets here and at Athens, Greece.

A crowd of more than 50,000 at Nep-Stadium saw American athletes win six of eight men's events and three of five women's events Tuesday as the tournament got underway.

Saturday afternoon scrambles will match the Friday afternoon winners against the Friday night losers. Victors on Friday night meet on Saturday evening as do the two clubs who win in Saturday afternoon losers bracket.

A semi-final scrap is set up for Sunday afternoon with the one or two finals billed for Sunday night.

Lions and Dairy Maids are selling booster tickets in books of 10. Books are available also at Lampport's Sporting Goods store in Medford.

## SPORTS

### Theater TV Expansion Considered

New York—UPI—Irving B. Kahn, president of the Teleprompter Corp., may start monthly theater-TV shows within the next year if the Floyd Patterson-Roy Harris title fight proves a competitive and financial success.

Kahn, a nephew of songwriter Irving Berlin, would like to hear the music of four-million-dollar or five-million-dollar gate at regular intervals for big fights, football classics, World Series games, basketball championships and red hot Broadway stage shows.

"I'm considering the possibility of presenting outstanding monthly attractions through closed-circuit television to theatres and other locations in the United States and Canada," he said. "But, before I go any further, I'll wait and see what success we have with the Patterson-Harris fight on Aug. 18."

**Would Cut Costs**  
Kahn stressed that costs would be much cheaper all along the line—from producer to spectator—if the closed-circuit shows were presented at regular intervals, instead of once or twice a year on grab-bag dates.

Although Irving is not the promoter of record for the Patterson-Harris fight at Los Angeles, his all-out promotion of sales for the 516,000 seats now available at theatres and arenas has hit the boxing world with a refreshing impact.

The former director of radio and TV for 20th Century-Fox said the Teleprompter corporation—in which Western Union has a robust interest—will take a \$275,000 gamble on eliminating a radio broadcast of the fight and on signing a sliding-scale, must-be-good-fight movie contract.

**Reject Radio Offers**  
He said, "We have rejected offers as high as \$75,000 for the broadcast rights in order to attract more fans to the theatres. We know that 20 million listened to the broadcast of the Ray Robinson-Carmen Basilio return bout at Chicago in March. And we figure that at least one percent of those 20 million will go to the theatres to see the fight if there's no home broadcast."

The distributors, to be named later, will pay a very high percentage if Harris wrests the crown from Patterson or puts up a sensational fight. At the other extreme, the distributors' payment will be very low if the bout is a fiasco.

"Should we be wrong in our appraisal of this fight, we'll get about \$200,000 less than we would have been assured on a straight-away contract," he said.

## Skiers Tune for Regional Tourney at Gardener Lake

Some 25 entrants were practicing at Gardener lake today for the Western Regional championships of the American Water Ski association.

Howard of Delighten Trailers have provided two trailers for dressing room facilities. Medford Ambulance will have a vehicle on hand.

Lions have had tickets on sale at Purucker Piano House, Barkers Men's store and Lampport's Sporting Goods store.

They also can be purchased at the gate. Gardener lake is about 15 miles by road from Medford. It can be reached by turning east off Crater Lake highway onto Antelope rd. and following Antelope to Yankee Creek rd.

Other contestants arrived in southern Oregon during the day today and more will come Thursday for the tourney Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the small man-made lake northeast of Medford. Around 50 entries were on file today and total number of participants is expected to be between 60 and 70 by the start of events on Friday morning.

The three skiers considered top contenders in the junior girls division were among those already on hand today. They are Vicki Van Hook, 14, national overall champ, and Martha Ann Williams, 11, Long Beach, Calif., and Colleen Dodge, 14, Sacramento, Calif.

Among others were Carol Van Wyk, Stockton, Calif., women's division entrant, and Ni Orsey, Stockton, and Wally Pallock, from the San Francisco area.

**Stiff Requirements**  
Competition will be in slalom, jumping and individual and mixed doubles trick riding. Classes are men's, women's, veterans, junior boys, junior girls and pee wees. Top five in all but the pee wee group will qualify for the national meet in Georgia.

Men in the regional tourney must have an expert rating and others must rank first class, according to stiff requirements of the ASWA. A number of aspiring contestants have not yet passed the ASWA standards but will have the chance for rating on Thursday throughout the day at the lake.

Events will be staged from 9 a.m. throughout the day each of the three tournament days. Families turning out to watch the meet have the opportunity to make daylong picnics at the lake. A concessions stand will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, snow cones and hot and cold drinks.

Crater Lions club and Gardener Lake Water ski club are sponsors of the tourney. Members have been hard at work getting facilities ready.

**Ski Jump Slickened**  
One of the projects today was the removal of some of the graphite and addition of more oil to the ski jump. Some of the skiers practicing at the lake said they found the jump not slippery enough. It seemed to be a bit sticky.

Lions committee said that the state forest patrol will have a truck at the scene in addition to five cans for fighting possible brush or grass fires. Agnar Larsen and Russ

## FIGHTS

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Miami Beach, Fla.—Robinson Garcia, 131½, Cuba, outpointed Bobby Bell, 130, New York (10).

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## Drag Races On Sunday

Sanctioned drag races, sponsored by Southern Oregon Timing association, will be held this Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Camp White drag strip according to SOTA officials.

A large turnout is expected as drivers continue to tune their cars in anticipation of high speeds on the strip.

The savings bond posted on the strip record of 134.24 mph has been raised to \$125 and racing enthusiasts from throughout the region will be trying to better this mark. Trophies will be awarded to all class winners in stock, gas and the competition classes at the Sunday meet.

Additional bleacher sections are being installed at the drag strip this week to provide better seating for the spectators. About 500 can be accommodated. A concession stand, operated by the Medford Lions club will be in operation.

Time trials will open at 9 a.m. with eliminations set for after the lunch hour. The public is always cordially invited to view the drag racing program sponsored by SOTA. The drag strip is located in West Camp White 7 miles north of Medford off the Crater Lake highway. Directional signs will be posted from the "Y" in North Medford.

**PAGING OLIVE GREEN**  
Chicago—UPI—What's in a name? Plenty, if it happens to be Olive Green. The Spanish Green Olive Institute said it's looking for a woman by that name to help celebrate Green Olive Week. If found, she will be crowned Green Olive Woman of the Year.

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