

Black Tornado Opposes Pels in SO Loop Baseball Opener

Southern Oregon conference baseball contention gets underway this week end and Medford and Crater High schools make their home field debuts.

League rivalry will be on Friday with Medford as host to Klamath Falls and Grants Pass playing at Ashland. Doubleheaders will start at 2:30 p.m. with the first games going into the loop standings and the second tussles being non-counters.

On Saturday Crater will entertain Yreka, Calif., for one game and Medford will go to Roseburg for a non-conference doublebill. Cheney field at the south edge of Medford is Crater's home diamond and the non-loop game is planned for 2 p.m.

KF Has Experience

Medford's squad is deep in talent this year with a good number of veterans. But, the Black Tornado will be up against a Pelican club which also boasts experienced personnel.

Blake Griggs is the top-line pitcher for Coach Dean White's Pelicans and probably will get the call in the loop fray with Medford. Pat Carney, Paul Bishop, John Webb and Keith Farrell are other lettermen chucks and behind them are Bert Albritton, Kent Hunsaker and Wally Palmberg.

Dave Saks, catcher, is a lettermen, as are Dean Dunson, first baseman; Steve Binney, second baseman; Bob Yunc, shortstop; Estin Kiger, third base, and Dick Depew, Jim Hall and Bill Worlein, outfielders.

The Klamath nine split with Prineville last Friday

and on Saturday took two games from Bend.

Medford Coach John Kovenz has not settled on starters at several positions for the Klamath opener. Pitcher will be Dennis Barr or Tom Lawrence. Kovenz said yesterday that Barr is troubled by a blister on his finger.

Pond Captain

Bob Pond, captain of the team is expected to handle the catching duties with Lowell Dean at first base, Ray Konopasek at second base, Calvin Dean at shortstop and Jerry Anderson in center field. Either Dick Ragsdale or Ken Durkee may be at third base with George Lee or Frank

Peterson in left field and Ken Jensen or Mike Parsons in right field.

For the second game Jensen may do the catching with Pat McLaughlin or Herb Wheeler pitching.

Crater Coach Bill Piche said that Bill Anhorn likely will hurl for the Comets against Yreka. A slight charge for admission will be made at Cheney field.

Against Grants Pass, Ashland Mentor Bill Leybold likely will name his starting tosser from among Bob Johnson, Pete Stemple and Alan McKinnis. Dick Hayes may be on the mound for Coach Mel Ingram's GP Cavemen.

Washington Called Sorry Excuse for Major League Club

(This is the 14th dispatch on the prospects of the major league clubs for 1959.)

By LEO H. PETERSEN
UPI Sports Editor
Orlando, Fla.—What can you say about the Washington Senators after you say you're sorry?

They are the sorriest excuse for a major league club around and no one knows it better than their manager, Cookie Lavagetto. However, with a straight face he says he hopes the club will win 70 games this year—which still would probably leave them in the cellar.

That would be nine more victories than they scored in 1958 when the third time in the last four years they finished eighth.

"I'm hopeful we'll win more this year because our kids have had another year's experience, and if they live up to their potential, we should be better," Lavagetto said.

He singled out rookie outfielder Renaldo Bertola and third baseman Harmon Killebrew as "three players who could make a difference."

Many Positions Unsettled
Allison hit .307 at Chattanooga last year with only nine homers but had 93 runs batted in. Lavagetto plans to play him in left field if he uses Washington's hitting star, Roy Sievers, at first. Otherwise, Allison will be in right instead of big Jim Lemon.

Little Albie Pearson, the American League's 1958 Rookie-of-the-Year, will be in center.

Lavagetto would like to keep Sievers in left field, but he isn't sure that Norm Zauchin can make it at first base. Zauchin hit only .228 last year, but will get a shot at the job again. The only first baseman available is Julio Becquer, who was used mainly in pinch-hitting roles.

Bertola, obtained from Detroit, will play second if Killebrew, one of the three bonus players in Washington's history, can make it at third. Otherwise, Bertola will take over third with Herb Plews, who held down the position last year but hit only .258, at second.

Desperate for Shortstop
Ken Aspromonte, a disappointment last season after the Senators acquired him from the Boston Red Sox, and Bob Malkmus, whom Lavagetto was so high on last spring, are other second base candidates. Malkmus hit a lowly .186.

The Senators are in desperate need of a shortstop. All they have now is Ron Samford, who may not be ready by opening day because of arm trouble, and Jose Valdivielso, Samford hit .301 at Charleston, Valdivielso .308 at Phoenix and later in the year .222 at Minneapolis.

Clint Courtney, who rated as the No. 1 catcher, broke a bone in his right leg, is expected to be ready for the season's opening game. Ed Fitzgerald, J. W. Porter, who also played first base or the outfield, and Steve Korchick are reserve receivers. Their 1958 batting averages were: Fitzgerald .263; Porter .200 with Cleveland, and Korchick only .078 with Washington.

Weak in Pitching
Lavagetto has two ace starting pitchers in Camillo Pascual (8-12) and Pedro Ramos (14-18) and a fine reliever in Dick Hyde (10-3). But all three have been mentioned in trade talk.

As other possible starters Lavagetto lists, in order, Truett Davis 2 (George Bronson 552) 2532; Taylor-Salade 1 (W. Fowler 521); Chittwood-Stone 3 (O. E. Stone 500); Teachers 1 (E. Gregg 477); United 3 (D. Fisher 531); 1st Christian Three 4 (P. Shaffer 499); 1st Christian Two 0 (G. Couch 503); PMT 1 (D. Phillips 491); Coca Cola 3 (C. Findley 459); Baker's 4 (A. Bauman 539); Stevens 4 (C. Marr 447); 1st Christian One 1 (R. Henry 503); Medford Veneer 3 (W. Fischer 526).

man Clevenger (9-9), Chuck Stobbs (3-9) overall with the Senators and Cardinals last year, Russ Kemmerer (6-13) and Bill Fischer (4-10) with the White Sox, Tigers and Senators.

If not needed as a starter, Clevenger will be in the bullpen with Hyde. Another relief possibility is southpaw John Kralick, who spent most of last season in semipro ball.

It doesn't add up to much for the Senators.

Billy Loes Traded to Senators

Miami, Fla.—(UPI)—The Washington Senator's acquisition of problem pitcher Billy Loes is believed the forerunner of a deal in which they also would get shortstop Willie Miranda from the Baltimore Orioles.

The Senators sent pitcher Vito Valentini to the Orioles Wednesday to obtain the 29-year-old Loes—an eccentric right-hander who never has lived up to expectations. A product of the Dodger farm system, Loes has a 67-49 record for eight big league seasons but was 3-9 last season.

"We got Valentini because at least he acts like a pitcher," said Baltimore Manager Paul Richards. "Everyone knows Loes has ability, but your patience wears thin with him since he is so unpredictable."

The Senators, who think they can afford to gamble on Loes' in-and-out performances, are desperate for a shortstop and the light-hitting but fire-fielding Miranda is understood to be available.

Harris Pounds Donnie Freeman

Dallas, Tex.—(UPI)—Roy Harris reigned king of the Texas heavyweights today but his manager doubts the bloody brawl with Donnie Freeman has moved him any closer to another crack at World Championship Floyd Patterson.

Harris, the former backwoods school teacher who expects to become a father any day now, pounded out a unanimous 12-round decision last night in the nationally televised Texas Championship fight.

Joey Giambra, 157, won a unanimous decision over Al Andrews, 162, of Superior, Wis., in a co-feature middleweight bout. It was Giambra's second victory in a comeback after an elbow injury ended his last year. He formerly fought out of Buffalo, N.Y., but calls Dallas home now.

Fleeman, 183, opened a two-and-one-half inch gap over Harris' eye, which hindered the Cut 'n' Shoot, Tex., fighter's vision for six rounds until trainer Bill Gore stopped the flow at the end of the eighth.

MANY APPLY
Portland—(UPI)—Chairman Ted Bruno of the Oregon Racing commission said today more than 30 persons have applied for the job of chief steward to succeed Cecil Edwards, whose services were terminated. The commission meets here Friday afternoon and may at that time name a successor. Edwards is opposing his ouster in court action.

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STANDING HERE TO FIGHT, Billy Loes (left) and Donnie Freeman trade punches in closing moments of fight at San Francisco. Loes won unanimous judges' decision.

Red Raider Scantclads Will Entertain Shastans

Ashland—Southern Oregon college sports the 1959 track season with a dual meet against Shasta Junior college here Friday.

This year's track club expects to be stronger overall than the fourth place Raiders last of the 1958 Oregon College conference meet.

Clearence Baker and Gordon Clayton lead the only lefties on the team. Baker is a 100 and 200 yarder and he will be accompanied by Lawrence Wagner and possibly another.

In the mile and two-mile events it will be Norm Paskowski, Duane Haley, and Ed Sussan along with the McLain in one of the events.

Scott Peterson is a definite in the low hurdles.

Len Dobry, Pedro Colley, Dave Lockard, and Noble Adamsack will enter the discus and the first three will be entered in the shot put.

Clayton is entered in field events, the javelin and broad jump. Ron Lapp will high jump and broad jump and Larry Derry is scheduled in the pole vault.

American Youth Physical Shape At Low Point
Portland—(UPI)—Two well-known sports personalities said Wednesday that the physical fitness of American youth was at the lowest point in the nation's history.

The Rev. Bob Richards, famed pole vaulter, and Olympic Committee President Avery Brundage spoke to the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation meeting here.

Richards said he believed the Olympic games should be staged every year instead of once every four years. "The athletic demands would be outside the norm," he said.

Brundage said the nation's greatest asset was the strength, health, energy and efficiency of the people and that it "should be our first consideration."

Jerry Kalapus Badger Netter
Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.—(UPI)—Jerry Kalapus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kalapus of 1124 Hillcrest street, was included on the varsity roster of the tennis team as released this week by Dr. Paul Stegg, tennis coach.

Jerry is a senior majoring in physical education and a letterman in basketball and tennis. He is a graduate of Medford Senior high school.

CRACKERS TOP SEES
Jacksonville, Fla.—(UPI)—The Salt Lake City Sees hoped to even the score against American association foes in a game with Loukas here today. The Atlanta Crackers handed the Sees a 2 to 1 defeat in a tight contest Wednesday at Jacksonville Beach.

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Celts Gain East Toga; Trip Nats

By BOB SLAMON

United Press International
Boston—(UPI)—Whatever happens in the National Basketball Association championship playoff series between the Boston Celtics and the Minneapolis Lakers is apt to be anti-climactic.

Little could top Wednesday night's thriller in which the Celtics staged a late rally to win the Eastern division playoffs from the stubborn Syracuse Nats in the seventh and deciding game.

The upstart Nats, given practically no chance against Boston in the series, led by 16 points at one time in the second period. The Celtics regained the lead at the close of the third period at the Garden but had to pull it out of the fire in the game's last minutes after Syracuse refused to give up and held a one-point advantage as late as the eight-minute mark of the fourth stanza.

Score: Celtics 88-82.
"It was one of the greatest—no, the greatest—series I've ever played in during nine years in the NBA," said Bob Cousy, who drove in the last basket that gave Boston the lead with three minutes remaining.

"We both said before the series began that it would be a tough series and it was just that," said Cousy.

"We had a seven shot advantage in the second game here but we lost it," said Cousy. "The third and fourth games will be played at Minneapolis and I'm sure we'll win them."

Veteran George Mikan, an outstandingly great player at the age of 30, said he'd like to play for the Celtics.

"We just got the word that we were going to play in the third game of the series and we were all excited," said Cousy. "We were all excited."

Varsity and basketball stars, Dolph Schayes, also 30, helped in two tremendous games. Dolph Schayes, also 30, helped in two tremendous games.

Cousy and Frank Ramsey of Boston who scored the Celtics win.

Cousy scored the final basket and had 20 points, 10 in the fourth quarter.

The score: Celtics' 130, Syracuse 125.

Vets Draw Support in Masters Tourney

By LEO H. PETERSEN

UPI Sports Editor
Augusta, Ga.—(UPI)—Golf's old guard, including Sam Snead, Jackie Burke, Gary Middlecoff and grand-pappy Jimmy Demaret, attracted added support before start of play today in the Masters tournament.

A field of 88, made up of 19 amateurs and 69 professionals, teed off this morning for the first of the four rounds which will decide the winner of the tournament started by Bobby Jones 25 years ago.

When word got around that windy weather was predicted for today's first round, the odds-makers installed Snead, a three-time winner of the

Masters, as the favorite at 5 to 1, dropping young Ken Venturi, the original choice, down to 6-1.

Snead is used to the winds which often sweep the Augusta National Golf club course and so are Burke, Middlecoff and Demaret. Demaret, who is the only golfer besides Snead who has won this tournament three times, is regarded as the best wind player in the game.

The forecast also increased the chances of defending champion Arnold Palmer, also regarded as one of the better players when breezes engulf the course.

Palmer, however, still was listed as an 8-1 shot along with Middlecoff and Ben Hogan. Demaret, along with Art Wall and Billy Casper, were 10-1 while Burke was 12-1.

Prospect Will Play Jacksonville

Prospect—Fifteen boys are on the baseball squad at Prospect high which opens its Jackson County B league season on Friday at Jacksonville.

Coach Al Gardner has five lettermen on his aggregation. They are Tom Davidson, pitcher; Lee Gitchell, outfielder and pitcher; Floyd Scaife, centerfielder and pitcher; Norm Jantzer, first baseman; and Cliff Chapman, catcher.

Gardner indicated that Wallace Nye or Mike Rurill will have second base call with Bob Fitch at shortstop and Don Gillespie or Paul Rogers at third sack. Ray Scaife is expected to patrol left field with Gitchell or Dave Hall in right and the choice among Floyd Scaife, Davidson and Gitchell in center.

The Cougars meet an A-2 school on Tuesday, April 7, when they journey to Rogue River.

Teams in the B league this spring will play a home and home slate of six games.

Headheaded the third-period Boston comeback. Ramsey, playing with the index finger of his shooting hand in a light cast, led the Boston shooters with 28 points.

The score: Celtics' 130, Syracuse 125.

AUTO TRIALS STAGED
Daytona Beach, Fla.—(UPI)—Final trials for speedway cars were scheduled today in a warm-up run for the 100-mile big car and Formula Libre races Saturday. There also was a possibility that qualifying trials for sports cars would be held today. Potential entrants for the USAC FIA 1,000-kilometer sports car race Sunday were forced to postpone qualifying Wednesday because of rain and a wet track. Three featured races are slated over the week end.

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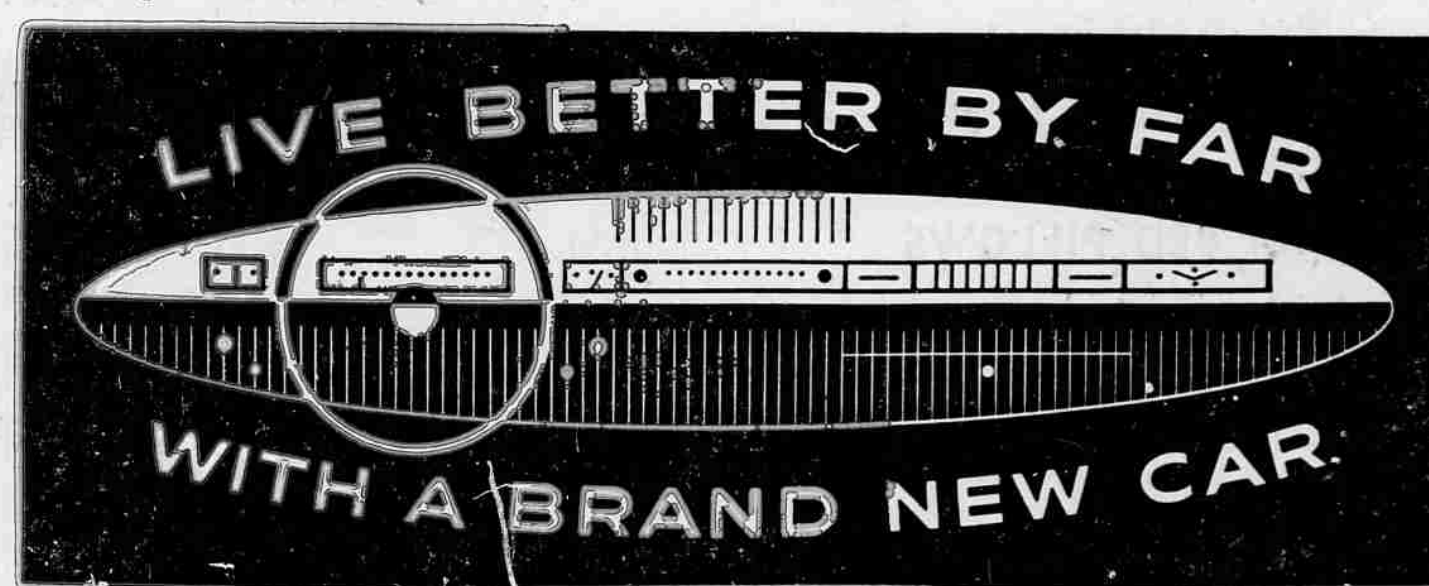
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