

Tornado Diamonders Tussle Roseburg Here on Saturday

Coach John Kovenz will call upon the veterans for the opening game Saturday when the Medford High baseball club starts its season with a doubleheader against a strong Roseburg team.

Rivalry will be on the Medford field with the opener set for 1 p. m.

Herb Wheeler will go to the hill for the Black Tornado in the first contest.

In the starting infield Kovenz likely will have Lowell Dean at first base, Ray Konopasek at second, Cal Dean at shortstop and Ken Durkee at third. Ken Jensen is slated for catching with Dick Ragsdale, Wayne Thompson, and Mike Parsons possible starters in the outfield.

The mentor indicated that sophomore Bud Lowery is ticketed to begin on the mound for the second game. Bob Quinney and Jerry Anderson likely will do some pitching during the afternoon with both possibly seeing, also outfield services. Pitcher Pat McLoughlin has been sidelined by a strep throat.

Jim Barry may handle the receiving duties in the second fracas.

Kovenz reported "real good spirit and enthusiasm." This, apparently is a carry-over from Medford's success in winning the state basketball crown. The mentor is hopeful it will continue. He said that the squad is "beginning to come around real well."

The athletes who laid away their basketball togs and have donned the diamond gear, have been hitting the ball better, with their timing improving, and have been fielding better as this week has progressed.

Roseburg, which consistently comes up with a strong club and has some veteran talent, will be well ahead of the Medford squad as a whole in preparations for the season.

Lake To Pitch
Ron Lake is expected to be one of the pitchers for Roseburg with the choice for the other game among Mike Brundage, Arlan Foote, Charlie Young, Walt Edmonds and Jim Barrong.

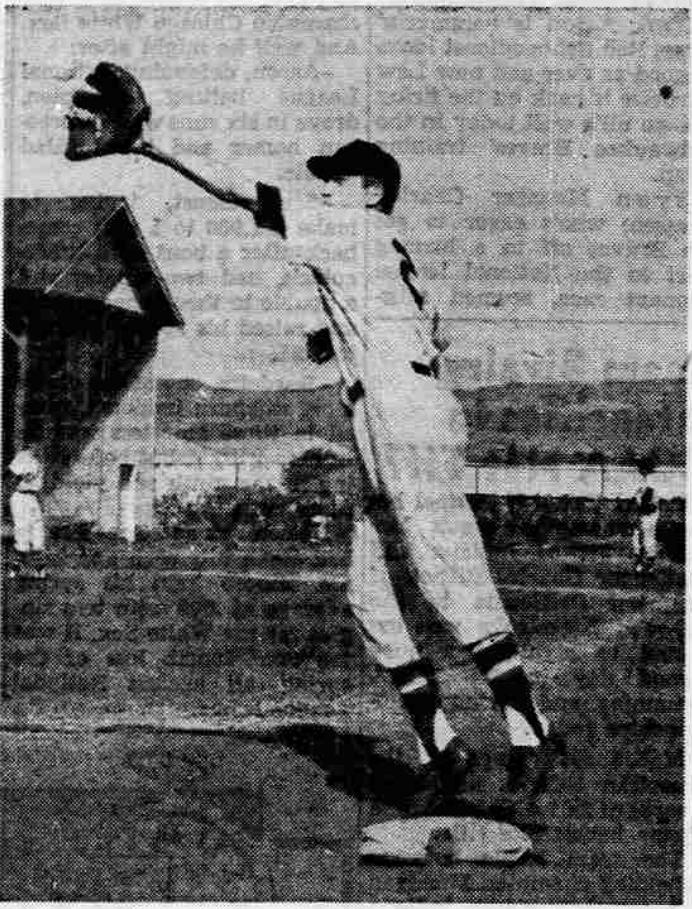
Chuck Hiney likely will do the catching for Coach Bill Horner's Indians. Other possible starters are LeRoy Roberts, first base; Jim Jarvis, second base; Mary French, shortstop; Marlin Burgess, third base; and Larry Hink, Howard Gausnell and Lynn Baxter, outfielders.

Of the foregoing players Lake, Hiney, Roberts, French, Hink, Burgess and Brundage are lettermen. Roberts and Hiney are two-year lettermen. Hiney, a junior, lettered as a freshman. Jarvis is a transfer from Coquille, where he gained two years experience and lettered as a freshman.

Brundage will alternate between the mound and outfield and Baxter will divide his time this year between baseball and track.

Roseburg had an 8-6 record for 1959 with third place in its league at 5-4. The Indians had 10 games cancelled by rain or wet grounds last spring.

KUHARICH SPEAKER
Portland—UPI—Joe Kuharich, head football coach at Notre Dame, will speak at a banquet here April 21.



AT SHORTSTOP—Cal Dean, above, starts his third season as Medford High school shortstop Saturday when the Black Tornado baseball team begins its season against Roseburg here. First game of a doublebill will be at 1 p. m. The senior infielder led the Tornado in hitting last spring with a .400 average. He had 24 hits in 600 turns at bat. Scored 22 runs and batted in 18 markers. His collection of safe swats included five two-baggers. Dean is among the members of the state champion Medford baseball squad which turned to the diamond sport this week.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS BOWLING

EMPIRE LEAGUE		MORNING GLORIES	
Standings:	W. L.	Standings:	W. L.
Alley Cats	28 12	Alley Cats	28 12
Big Cleaners	27 13	Doozies	18 14
Century Sporting	24 16	Short Pins	18 14
Ekerson	23 17	Missing Links	17 15
Western Thrift	20 19 1/2	Cream Puffs	16 16 1/2
Nu-Way Cleaners	20 20	Snap Dragons	16 16 1/2
Grassier House	19 20 1/2	Kool Kats	14 18
The Clock	19 21	Pea Pods	14 18
Mill Cafe	16 24	8 Balls	14 18
Winnies	16 24	4 Hits & A Miss	5 27
Food Basket	15 24 1/2		
Viking	11 28 1/2		

ROXY ROCKERS LEAGUE	
Standings:	W. L.
Snider's	30 12
Medford House Movers	24 16
Rogue River Wood Prods.	21 18 1/2
Rogue Valley Bank	20 19 1/2
Phoenix Chevron	15 24 1/2
Stage Road Grocery	8 31 1/2

WEDNESDAY TRIOS	
Standings:	W. L.
Medford Lumber	29 12
Oregon Tire Service Dept	22 14
Cascade Electric	21 15
Ross Mobligns	20 15 1/2
Sears Store	18 17 1/2
Southern Oregon Bearing	18 18
Mansfield Chevron	17 19
McCulloch Chain Saw	17 19
Country Club	16 20
Keith Schulte Garage	16 20
Team Five	14 22
Faber's Market	12 24

Basketball Benefit Set For Sunday

Third annual Knights of Columbus benefit basketball game is scheduled Sunday at St. Mary's school gymnasium here.

Co-chairmen Gordon Boner and George Holtzinger have guaranteed a couple of quarters of serious basketball along with shenanigans, novelty entertainment and clown acts which will provide amusement for young and old.

The benefit performance is set for 2 p. m. A small admission fee will be charged to individuals and two family groups. As a token of appreciation, all proceeds will go to the Sisters of the Holy Names who teach at St. Mary's. The Sisters will be guests of honor and the parish priests also will be on hand.

Teams will be from the Rogue River council of the Knights of Columbus. They will be coached by John Mansfield and Neil Murphy.

"Wounded" will be treated by "Dr." Mike Altobello and consoled by "Nurse" Jerry Krueger. Boner and Lee Meeker will be yell "queens."

Halftime will provide a serious interlude. Grand Knight Bill Dugan will officiate at the presentation of merit certificates to members of St. Mary's High school basketball team in recognition of their Jackson County B league and Sub-District 5 basketball crowns. A certificate also will go to Coach Bill McKibbin, Sister Superior Gerard Mary will accept another in behalf of the school.

A halftime feature, too, will be the appearance of the "imported Lemon Sisters." The chairmen have suggested that the program is entertainment for the whole family. Game-type refreshments will be available and balloons will be sold.

Baltimore Orioles Have Corner on Youngsters; Club Deserves Watching

(This is the fourth in a series on the 1960 prospects of the major league clubs.)

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Miami, Fla.—UPI—Casey Stengel of the Yankees warns, "look out for those Baltimore kids in 1960."

And Oreoles Manager Paul Richards agrees with him. "We've got a corner on kids, especially when it comes to pitching," the usually stern-faced Richards smiles. And there isn't a dissenter in the American League.

They all agree that Richards, only a mediocre catcher in his major league career, can work a magic when it comes to pitching. But they are not at all sure that he has enough other young blood along with that pitching to overtake such clubs as the White Sox, Indians and Yankees.

"We're a good dark horse bet," is all that Richards will say. But he will admit, with one of his rare smiles, that his team "is a mighty good bet for the future." He won't say that this year is that "future."

Pride and Joy
His pitching is his pride and joy. He points out four: "Mitt Pappas, who won 15 last year and whom Richards says he wouldn't trade for 'any other pitcher in the league.'"

—Jerry Walker, 21, who was 11-10 with a 2.92 earned run average.

—Jack Fisher, also only 21, whose 1-6 record after being called up from Miami wasn't impressive, but he lost close ball games and showed he had the stuff.

—Chuck Estrada, the "old man" of the quartet at 22, who never has pitched an inning of major league ball. He struck out 178 while winning 14 at Vancouver last year.

To back them up he has knuckle ball specialist Hoyt Wilhelm, no kid at 36; Skinny Brown, another oldster at 35; Arnie Portocarrero, at 28; and two lefthanders, Billy Hoedt and Rip Coleman.

For young infielders, Richards has 22-year-old Brooks Robinson at third base. Stengel described him as one of the most improved ball players in the league last season. The 21-year-old Ron Hansen is at short, and Richards calls him the "best glove man in America."

Hurting For Infielders
But from that point on, he may be hurting for infielders. Jim Gentile, who couldn't make it with the Dodgers; Walt Dropo, coming to the end of the major league road, and Bob Boyd, a .265 hitter, are the first base candidates.

Then there's veteran Billy Gardner at second, but one of two rookies—Jerry Adair, 23, who hit .309 at Amarillo, and Marvin Breeding, 25, up from Vancouver where he hit .288—could beat him out.

Veteran Billy Klaus is on hand for infield reserve duty. Two outfield positions are set—the veteran Gene Woodling, who seems to get better as the years go along, in left and Jack Brandt, obtained in a deal with the Giants, in center. Right field is a battle among Willie Tasby, bonus baby Dave Nicholson, little Albie Pearson and Al Pilarcik.

Nicholson, one of the most highly touted of the \$100,000 bonus babies, may go back to the minors for another year's experience. If he does, there is no question in Richard's mind that one-day he is going to make it big.

Richards also has two other kids he thinks highly of—first baseman John Powell and shortstop Bob Saverine. For catching, there is one of the best in the business—Gus Triandos. Behind him are Myron Ginsberg and Gene Green, the former Cardinal, who also can play the outfield.

The Orioles have youngsters for sure. Whether they have enough veterans to blend in with them for the coming season, only time will tell.

Pitt Heads Collegiate Mat Fray

College Park, Md.—UPI—The University of Pittsburgh, ahead at the end of two preliminary rounds, faced stiff competition today in the quarter and semi-finals of the 30th annual national collegiate wrestling championship at the University of Maryland.

Four Pitt wrestlers survived the opening rounds Thursday but Oklahoma, had five winners. Iowa State also sent four men into the quarter-finals.

Pitt led the 81-college field with 11 points. Iowa was second with 10. Iowa State and Oklahoma scored nine each. Penn State, only Eastern team ever to win the tourney, and Wyoming each posted eight points in the opening rounds.

College Park, Md.—UPI—Fritz Fivian of Oregon State and Autrey Ehler of Portland State advanced to the third round in the 157-pound class of the NCAA wrestling tournament Thursday with two victories each.

Gary Hoagland of Portland State had a first round bye in the 130 pound class and defeated Joe Dibella of the Coast Guard in the second round.

Jerry Perez of OSC had a first round bye and lost to Dick Martin of Pittsburgh in the second round. Mits Tamura of OSC had a first round bye and won in the second round from Bob Campana of Springfield. Tobe Zweygard, also OSC, defeated John Zolickoff of Pittsburgh after a first round bye. Frank Hankin of OSC defeated Leon Griddle of State U. of New York but lost to Art Craft of Northwestern.

Garry Stensland of Oregon won two matches.

Medford Ladies Gain Honors in Pin Tournament

Pauline Bennett won the Class D all-events competition in the Oregon State Women's Bowling association tournament which ended last week end at Roseburg.

She had a 1419 count. She and Edith Dickenson placed third in Class C doubles with 1011. Taking third in Class B were Elsie Baker and Betty Weiss, Medford, with 1064.

Medford teams to finish among the top 10 were Hawkenson Tire Tread, 10th in Class A with 2360 and Three Big Y Markets, fifth in Class C with 2301.

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Semifinals Reached in AAU Action

Denver—UPI—Three former champions—the Seattle Buchanan Bakers, the Phillips Oilers and the Peoria Cats— and the Akron Goodyear Club comprise tonight's semifinal competitors in the National AAU Basketball Tournament.

All are members of the National Industrial Basketball league, which has dominated this year's AAU tourney since the first round.

The Buchanan Bakers, who won the AAU title in 1958 before they joined the NIBL, upset defending AAU champion Wichita Vickers 93-83 Thursday night.

Phillips, the current NIBL champion and tourney favorite, waited until the final minute to edge the San Francisco Investors 80-78.

Peoria got past the Cleveland Pipers, 84-82, on Bob Boozer's three points in the final 28 seconds.

Akron, though trailing 46-47 at halftime, ran away with the New York Tuck Tapers in the second half for a 111-97 win.

VETERAN HORSEMAN DIES

Columbus, Ohio—UPI—T. Benton (Pop) Dempsey, a harness race owner, trainer and driver for 65 years, died Wednesday at the age of 87.

Dempsey, a charter member of the U.S. Trotting association, drove in his first race at the age of 12.

Meeting Called For Semi-Pro Baseball Men

All prospective players for the combined Medford-Camp White baseball club are asked to meet at 6 p. m. Monday, March 28 at the Medford High school baseball field.

League rules and the schedule will be discussed.

Pete Hale will manage the club this season. The Medford and Camp White teams of last year are combining forces.

Medford Bowling lanes will be sponsor and home games are planned for the Veterans administration domillary field, Camp White.

All interested are invited to the Monday meeting.

Hale will attend a Rogue Valley league meeting at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Cave shop at Grants Pass.

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