

Cardinals Figure To Be Much Stronger Than Last Season

(This is another of 18 dispatches on the 1961 prospects of the major league teams.)
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St. Petersburg, Fla. — (UPI)—The St. Louis Cardinals surprised the baseball world last

year when they finished third. It wouldn't be surprising this year if they went all the way and won the National League pennant.
Solly Hemus, in his third season as manager of the Redbirds, says they can do it if they come up with a little more outfield and catching

power and a lefthanded relief pitcher.
Those are the departments the Cards were short in last year when they jumped from seventh to third place.
"We figure to be stronger—much stronger—than last season," said Hemus. "We have a fine all-around infield, young and strong pitching and plenty of outfielders."

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
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The Southern Oregon conference long has been respected in Oregon prep circles as one of the top circuits in the state. It was easy to see why last week end at Eugene. The league's reputation most certainly was upheld in basketball with the Medford high and Klamath Union in the all-District 6 finale of the Oregon Class A-1 tourney. All in southern Oregon who follow sports have reason to be proud of their representatives at McArthur Court.

Said Strite, a longtime tourney observer, in the Monday R-G:
"... the task was simplified this year by the performance of Fred Blehn, 5-10, 155-pound senior from Klamath Falls' title team. He was good all four games the Pelicans played and was particularly outstanding in the semifinal and championship games. He was not among the 11 players selected by the 16 tournament coaches on the first or second All-State teams. Perhaps he isn't a college prospect, but in prep circles he was the best all-around performer other than Dick Ragsdale, 5-11, 170-pound senior for the runnerup Medford Black Tornado."

With only five schools, the Southern Oregon, is the smallest A-1 conference in the state. It's spectacular that such a small league should produce both tourney finalists. It would seem to us that clubs who encounter a greater diversity of foes would be better prepared for the tournament at University of Oregon. Of course, there's the different view we heard at Eugene—that with so many different rivals on the schedule a team doesn't have time to gird for the tourney. Itself. But, what better preparation could a team want.

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BELOW EXPECTATIONS
Strite said that Jim Jarvis, Roseburg, and Wally Palmberg, Klamath Falls, were possibly the best college prospects in the tourney among the backcourt men, "but quite frankly they did not perform up to my expectations." He listed Barry among the good backcourt players. The Eugene writer pointed to Quincy as the fastest big man.

FRIENDLINESS
One of the finest things we noted at the big school hoop extravaganza was the cordial feeling between supporters of Medford and Klamath Falls aggregations. Perhaps, camaraderie is not the exact description but warm sincere friendliness certainly existed. We are for all-out, intense, hard-played rivalry on the maplecourt, the field, the diamond and the track but we certainly hope that the friendly feeling remains that way.

BEST COACHED
The R-G sports editor termed the Saturday night finale as "one, if not THE best championship game I've ever witnessed." He complimented Medford Coach Frank Roelandt and Klamath mentor Dean White "for sending two of the best coached quintets to the state tournament in many, many years." Added Strite, "It was unfortunate one had to lose because both played like champions."

FAVORITE ENEMIES
Scott points out that Klamath Falls people, holding their victory celebration at the Eugene hotel, "... invited their favorite 'enemies,' the Medford fans and players to join them." The buffet was provided by the Winema hotel of Klamath Falls.

GRAIN OF SALT
Heard a few times at McArthur court were remarks like this: "The refereeing in the tournament is getting worse every year." We take such comment with the proverbial grain of salt. We hear it every year we go to the tournament. Strite, who has seen so many tourneys, characterized the officiating as "better than usual." He criticized some excessive whistle-blowing. This writer, however, saw some occasions when game got out of hand. Some well-timed whistle-blowing would have restored order.

TORNADO INVITED
In another fine gesture, Klamath Union high has invited the Medford tournament squad to its sports banquet at which Len Casanova, University of Oregon football coach, will be the speaker. Tornado Coach Frank Roelandt said that his squad has had to regretfully decline.

BOYS, PARENTS PRAISED
Medford hoop mentor Roelandt yesterday reiterated his designation of his 1961 squad as the finest tournament aggregation of any club he's had and praised them for four of the finest tourney games that have been played. "I'm just as proud of them as any club I've had, if not more proud."

QUINNEY TOPS
In our humble opinion, Medford's Bob Quinney was the top player in the 1961 state A-1 hoop tourney. Not just for his scoring and his rebounding but for his all-around ability and his stature as a team player whose assists led to many goals by teammates.

Frank can't just brush aside his share of credit. It takes boys and parents, yes. But, it also takes a coach to drill into a group of players the intricacies of the game, to make a team of them and to provide an inspirational guiding hand. Everyone who saw the Tornado in action could see that it was expertly coached.

BIHN FORGOTTEN MAN
Each year Dick Strite, sports editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, picks a "forgotten player." This is a state tourney performer, who, in his estimation displays all-state work but is overlooked in the all-star selections. His choice in 1960 was Ken Durkin of Medford.

Bare miss of a state championship is disappointing. But the school and the community can tell the boys and coach, "well done."

Barney Riggs, Hedrick Junior high head coach, served as a state tourney referee with battered ribs. The injury occurred in a collision at Hedrick gym with Ralph Monroe, a wrestling coach. Monroe was an official at the state wrestling tourney.

SPORTS

New Contact Lens May End Pop Outs

By ED FITE
Dallas, Tex. — (UPI)—Fret no more, athletes with poor eyesight, about the embarrassing moment when your contact lens pops out at a crucial point in the game. Relief is in sight.
Nearly every basketball or football fan has seen a game delayed while players on both sides looked for a lost contact lens.

That was because the corneal type contact lens in current usage is no larger than a medium-sized pea, literally floats on a tear and is subject to popping out of the eye or floating over to a non-seeing portion of the eyeball at the first healthy jolt or jar.
Three optometrists believe they have come up with the

answer to this problem. They are Drs. Harold I. Moss of Wilmington, Del., Solon Braff of El Monte, Calif., and William Collins of Pottstown, Pa.
And, they are offering their findings free to any optometrist or laboratory with no commercial angles attached.
Moss, who said he had been working on the problem for eight years, made the first public announcement of their success while attending the Southwestern Contact Lens congress here this week.

Oklahoma Mat Team NCAA Pick

Oregon State University, Corvallis—All wrestling roads in America point westward to Corvallis this week end, when Oregon State hosts the 1961 NCAA collegiate wrestling championships.

The breakthrough came on a chance meeting and discussion of the subject between Moss and Braff. They discovered they were working on the same idea and Braff had solved one problem which had stumped Moss.
Their solution is a convex-shaped lens, about twice the size of a corneal lens and half the size of the old-style conventional contact lens which covered the entire eyeball.
The lens proper has a flanged edge which rests on the sclera, or white portion, of the eyeball and also fits under the edge of the eyelids.

First round preliminaries start Thursday at 2 p.m. at mammoth Gill Coliseum, with quarterfinals on tap that evening. Grapplers compete again Friday, with champions to be crowned Saturday night.
In addition to the NCAA event, OSU will sponsor a national kid's tournament, involving boys four years of age through 12. There is no registration necessary for the kid's tourney, and several hundred are expected—many of them from out of state.

The lens, called the "Scleriform," will not move about because of the lid pressure and the suction on the whites of the eye. Neither will it be subject to popping out of the eye.
The bill, HB1324, is a compromise and the League of Oregon Cities did not object.
The 220 cities in Oregon share in 10 per cent of the state's gas tax funds, but there is a restriction that limits Portland's cut to two-thirds of its population.
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No Kids' Titles
Kids will tangle starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, with matches continuing until 11:15 a.m. Boys are divided into various weight classes, with participation the keynote. There will be no championships, but entrants will be given different colored ribbons for winning or losing. Length of matches will be less than three minutes.

As for the NCAA championship, Oklahoma State heads into the meet as tourney favorite. That school has won the team crown 21 times in the 30 times it has been held, but last year finished fifth—it's lowest in Cowboy annals. Oklahoma State whipped through seven dual meets and a quadrangular tournament with virtually no strain.

Defending champion Oklahoma, of course, will be strong again. Heavyweight Dale Lewis is a defending titlist, and Duane Miller and Bill Carter are title favorites. Lehigh, from the east coast, will bring a full-squad loaded with talent. Michigan State has good balance, but not enough men likely to make it all the way through. That is also true of Oregon State's Pacific Coast champions, certainly the best in the west but not yet the national power Coach Dale Thomas is searching for. Other schools such as Michigan, Iowa State, Colorado State and Iowa Teachers have some strong individual performers on hand.

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Two rookies, Mel Nelson, a 13-game winner at Spokane, and Clint Stark, who won 12 at Tulsa, are candidates for the left-handed relief pitching vacancy. Free agent Mickey McDermott also is getting "a look."

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Should Kline regain his old form he would join the list of starters, making either Simmons or Sadecki available for spot jobs and southpaw relief pitching.
Miller may be the key to the St. Louis pitching fortunes. Only 22, he has the potential to be a 20-game winner.
"He well could be the ace of our staff," said Hemus.
If he is and Hemus can come up with a little hitting power from his outfielders and catchers, the Redbirds may fly too high for the other clubs to catch this season.

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Entries Number 118 For RV Field Trial

Total entries for the 10th annual field trial of Rogue Valley Retriever club number 118.

The trial is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 24, 25 and 26 at the Rogue Valley Game Management area on Rogue river and at Hoover lakes.

Entries for the event closed Monday night. There will be 39 dogs in the open stake, 18 in the amateur, 29 in the qualifying and 33 in the derby. Labrador, golden and Chesapeake breeds are entered.

The trial area Thursday. Judges will be James M. Wever, Klamath Falls, and Dr. Charles Versteeg, Cave Junction, for the derby and qualifying stakes, and Donald L. Burnett, Pocatello, Idaho, and Kenneth G. Denman, Medford for the amateur and open.

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Some of the finest retrievers in the country will be in the running. Two Canadian dogs are entered. The trial is open to the public. Signs will mark the way from the "Y" in north Medford to the trial grounds. A snack wagon will be in operation at the trial site.

BOUT POSTPONED
Paterson, N.J. — (UPI)—The Jose Torres - Bobby Barnes middleweight bout scheduled for Saturday night has been postponed until April 1. Torres, a Puerto Rican, is suffering from a sore throat.

Glen Bessonette is field trial chairman and Harley Nelson is marshal.

Hunting Simulated
Dogs will be put through a series of tests on land and in water. Hunting conditions will be simulated.

REPORTED IN LINE
Portland — (UPI)—Ole Johnson, who coached Madras to the state class A-2 basketball title this year, was reported in line today for the coaching job at Portland's Wilson high. Johnson is a 1951 Linfield graduate.

OSC Trackmen Win 101 1/2-29 1/2

Fresno — (UPI)—Oregon State won seven events Tuesday to defeat Fresno State 101 1/2-29 1/2 in the dual track meet here.

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