

Southern Oregon Conference Baseballers Clash Saturday

Another Southern Oregon conference baseball season opens Saturday with Medford High school in the defending champion role and games slated on the Medford and Central Point diamonds.

Medford's Black Tornado enters the Klamath Union high Pelicans, Crater will be host to Grants Pass with 1:30 p.m. starting times. Ashland, the other league member, will play Class B Prospect at Ashland at the same hour. Kings-xx second games will follow loop games at CP and Medford.

Conference play will see Medford, 1980 state champion, and Klamath going into action for the first time this spring. Ashland and Crater have met twice in non-counting games with Crater taking both. Grants Pass has met Roseburg.

Four or five of Medford's six lettermen may be in the opening lineup, according to mentor John Kovenz. Of the vets Bob Quinney may be at first base, Dick Ragsdale in center field and Craig Laurence at third base with Herb Wheeler on the pitching mound.

At catcher it's between lettermen Jim Barry and Art Ruhl, Barry is still troubled by a leg ailment which may be a strained tendon.

Elsewhere in the starting gang for the first game the probable are Bob Schroeder or Ruhl at second base, Dan Miles at shortstop, Sam Knudsen in left field and Mike Neathamer in right field.

Veteran Pel Club
Medford encounters a veteran-manned Klamath Falls team which is the favorite in District 4-A1.

The Pelicans are well fixed in lettermen. They'll likely have a monogram man at every position but one. Also, most of the Klamath diamonders were on the American Legion junior baseball club which won the regional championship and contended in the national tournament.

Coach Bill Mansfield indicated possible starters as Dave Saks, catcher; Bruce Brickner, first base; Don Wiley, second base; Sherm Allen, shortstop; Dave Stippich, third base; Ray Taylor, left field; Rich DePew, center field; and John Bianchi, right field.

John Webb is the probable starting pitcher.

All the foregoing but Stippich are high school lettermen. All but Taylor were on the Legion team. Stippich was a Pelican track man last spring.

Other Lettermen
Other lettermen who also were on the Legion crew are Henry Herrera, catcher, and Wally Palmberg and Kent Hunsaker, pitchers. The two pitchers were members of the state basketball squad. Mansfield indicated that he planned little use this week end of Palmberg. Hunsaker, who pulled a muscle in the state tourney, has been with the Pels for only three afternoon workouts and may not be in uniform against the Black Tornado.

Bianchi's name is displayed in the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., this year as the diamonder who made the outstanding play of the national League tourney. He made a spectacular catch.

Said Mansfield of his team's chances, "If we get the pitching, we'll be in good shape." The Pelicans last spring forced strong Medford into a playoff game to determine who would represent District 4 in the Oregon Class A-1 title eliminations.

Alvarez, Samples Out
At Central Point Coach Bill Piche reported Crater shortstop and captain, Louis Alvarez, out of action for possibly three weeks with a rupture of an achilles tendon suffered in practice. He said that pitcher Denny Samples is also sidelined by a severe strain of a right elbow tendon. The injury occurred while Samples was pitching in the first in-

ning against Ashland Wednesday.

With Alvarez out Piche plans to move Loyal Higinbotham from center field to short and Darryl Summerfield from left field to center, placing Neil Rivenburg in left. The mentor plans to work Summerfield and Pat Pepper at pitching to fill the gap made by Samples' injury.

Pitcher Bill Chase has reported back to the Comets after having dropped baseball for a job commitment.

Jeff Anhorn is to be in right field for the Comets against GP if he's back from a trip to Salem. Otherwise, the starter is to be Don Pfaff. In the infield, in addition to Higinbotham, may be Jim Allen at first base, Pat Pepper at second and Mike Gilnes at third.

Doug Pfaff is to get the pitching assignment with Ed Allen as receiver.

GP's new head diamond coach, Ron Maurer, may have either Dave Hauntz or Paul Blinks on the hill with the one who doesn't hurt to be on first sack. Other possible starters are Gary Holmes at catcher, Jack Sakrada at second base, Mike Milleman at third, Denny Walker at short and Mark Milleman, Gary Reddick and Larry Jones in the outfield.

Ducks Seek 4th Title

University of Oregon, Eugene—Coach Bill Bowerman's Oregon Ducks, who have won every Far West relays title since the meet was started three years ago, will try to make it four in a row on Saturday at Washington State's Rogers field with Oregon State offering the stiffest kind of competition.

"If we aren't ready for a good effort Saturday," Coach Bill Bowerman said, "they may carry us back from there on our shields." The Ducks are going into action for the first time outdoors, and were idle from regular practice for two weeks as the result of winter term final examinations and the spring vacation period.

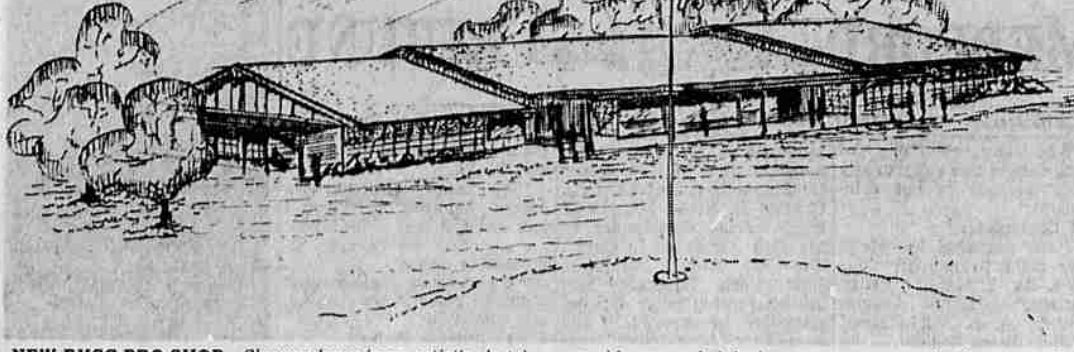
Oregon's strength in its bid for another championship lies in the strength and versatility of its middle distance runners and sprinters, plus a strong hurdle entry and possible points from all of its field events men.

Any number of records could fall during the meet, and the Webfoots may have a hand in some. This is particularly true in the sprints where world record holders Roscoe Cook and Harry Jerome go after the meet mark of 9.6 and then join with Jim Puckett and Mike Gaechter for a shot at the meet mark of 42.2 in the 440 yard relay.

Prall To Coach Bearcat Team

Salem—Bob Prall, former University of Oregon golf star, will serve as head golf coach at Willamette university this spring, Bearcat Athletic Director John Lewis announced Thursday.

RENEW TV CONTRACT
New York—The American Football league and the American Broadcasting company have renewed their TV contract through the 1981 season. Telecasts will be shown on 15 Sundays and on Thanksgiving day as well as the championship game.



NEW RVCC PRO SHOP—Shown above is an artist's sketch of the new pro shop under construction at Rogue Valley Country club. The shop, just east of the present one, will

provide expanded locker room space and other up-to-date facilities.

New Pro Shop Being Erected At Rogue Valley Country Club

Construction of a spacious new pro shop is now underway at Medford's Rogue Valley Country club.

The large concrete block building ties in with the expansion of the golf links to a 27-hole layout and fits in architecturally with the present clubhouse.

The new facility is being erected just west of the present pro shop and will replace that structure with just an electrical and telephone panel room to remain at the present shop site.

Men's locker room will be on the east wing of the new building and the ladies' locker quarters on the west. Center portion will be the pro shop proper with more room

for storage of clubs and carts and for workshop activities. It will provide better and speedier service for golfers.

New-Type Equipment
The structure will have space for 450 men's lockers and 150 women's. Each of the two quarters will have new type equipment. There will be approximately five times the present space for women. Men's locker room will provide 2 1/2 times as much space.

At the far west end of the ladies' quarters provisions

have been made for housing the caddies and storing electric golf carts.

The new pro shop is being erected in front of the No. 9 green. This will be No. 18 hole when the new nine goes into service. The green was No. 18 several years ago before new greens were placed in use.

Site of the shop is in area previously used for parking. A new parking area north of the main entrance to the clubhouse is being developed.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

SOC Red Raiders Saturday Hosts for Ore-Cal Relays

Ashland—Southern Oregon college's record-breaking track team plays host to the Ore-Cal Relays which are scheduled for the SOC track Saturday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m.

A number of local high schools and colleges have signed their intentions of entering the meet, however meet director Dan Bulkley, who coaches the SOC tracksters, indicated that he is expecting several last-minute entries in both divisions.

High schools entered include Ashland, Medford, Klamath Falls, Crater, Canyonville Bible Academy, St. Mary's, Lakeview, Dunsmuir, Etna, and Rogue River. So far only Oregon Tech and Redwood Empire Athletic club from Eureka, Cal., are the only other entrants in the college division beside SOC. More entries are expected in this division before the Saturday deadline, said Bulkley.

Strickland Gets UO MVP Award

Eugene—Denny Strickland was named here Thursday night as Oregon's 1980-81 most valuable basketball player.

The Duck MVP award was presented at the squad's annual banquet following team balloting.

Strickland, a 6-foot-5 senior guard, was a varsity starter for the past three seasons and this year led the nation in free throw shooting.

No team scores will be kept, however first, second, and third place finishers will be awarded certificates. Field events will be limited to individual competition while all other events will be relays.

The Saturday meet will be the second taste of competition for the SOC crew, which opened the season with a surprising win over the Cal Aggies in a recent dual meet at Davis. In the process, the Raiders cracked four school records to boost their total of broken records over the past two seasons to 11. Seven marks fell last year as the Southerners placed second to

Portland State in the Oregon Collegiate Conference meet. Heading the way for SOC in Saturday's meet will be sophomore Doyle Branson in the sprints, senior Len Dobry in the shot put and discus, sophomore Don Korth in the javelin, and transfer Terry Boatman in the mile and two-mile events.

Large MHS Contingent In Relays

When the Ore-Cal relays are staged Saturday at Ashland, the biggest entry likely will be from Medford High school.

Coach Dean Benson of the Black Tornado said this morning that he plans to take 55 boys to the track and field meet at Southern Oregon college. The tutor regards the meet as a good opportunity to look over his athletes, particularly those he hasn't had much opportunity to observe.

The coach said that he plans to enter five teams in the 440-yard relay, three in the sprint medley, two in the 880 relay and two in the shuttle hurdle relay.

Harder Walt Ayres will not be taking part, Benson reported. Ayres is taking advantage of an opportunity to audition for a music scholarship in San Francisco.

Mike Hood will compete in the shuttle hurdles but not in individual hurdle competitions. He was ill over last week end, Benson reported, however, that Hood will broad jump and high jump.

Ducks Knotted In Second Spot

Santa Cruz, Calif.—Defending champion Oregon shot a 299 to tie for second in the first round of the 15th annual Far Western intercollegiate golf tournament Thursday.

The Ducks were knotted with San Diego State, 11 strokes behind front-running Fresno State and one stroke better than Southern California, San Jose State and Seattle.

Oregon State was in eighth place at 302 after the first round.

Southern Oregon was far down the list with 330.

Beavers Beat San Juan 2-1

Homestead, Fla.—The Portland Beavers scored their eighth exhibition baseball victory in a row by beating San Juan 2-1 here Thursday.

The Beavers, who started the streak after losing their 1981 opener, now are idle until Sunday.

Portland is expected to get Gerald Buchek, 19-year-old shortstop bonus baby, from the St. Louis Cardinals. The Beavers also shipped Catcher Pete Gonzola to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

South GP Claims Frosh Relay Toga

South Grants Pass Junior high took the crown yesterday in the Southern Oregon Freshman Relay Track meet held here.

The Trojans won two first places and tied for another in amassing 68 points. North Grants Pass claimed only one clean cut first place and tied for another but the Cavekids picked up points in every event to finish second with a 64 total.

Crater's Comets captured

the most first places, four, but lacked supporting strength in enough other contests and were third with 47 markers. The Comets took the 440-yard relay, the sprint medley, the distance relay and the broad jump relay.

Other scoring was McLoughlin of Medford 40, Hedrick of Medford 33, Klamath Falls 30 and Ashland 2.

South and North GP tied in the high jump. South took first in the distance medley and shot put and North in the pole vault. McLoughlin got its wins in the shuttle hurdles and discus and Klamath took the javelin.

Dual Track Meet Won By Phoenix

Phoenix-Phoenix high, taking first in less than half the events but sweeping two contests and piling up sufficient additional points, defeated Rogue River 82 1/2 to 67 1/2 in a dual track meet here yesterday.

Rogue River had winners in seven of the 13 events with Jeff LeRoy taking the high hurdles, the mile and half-mile.

Mike Palm, captain of last year's team, was recently chosen again by the 27 boys turning out.

Coach Vern Steward lists seniors on the crew—Palm, pole vault and hurdles; Ray Petersen, sprinter; Pat Grimwood, 880; Tom Perdue, who is out for baseball, high jump; Wally West, pole vault and 880.

Juniors include Steve Gerren, sprinter; Darrell Stock, discus and sprints; Pat Meyer, sprints and field events; Ralph Goode, 880; Ken Paulsen, 880; Gary Sheldon, javelin and sprints; Dale Vaughan, hurdles and high jump; Lew Whipple, high jump and hurdles. Goode doubles in baseball.

Sophes Promising
The sophomores appear to be quite promising according to the coach. They are Sam Charters, sprints and hurdles; Jim Mahacek, javelin and 880; Steve Gustafson, a transfer from Crater, 880 and mile; Larry DeHaven, broad jump and 440; Richard Short, javelin and pole vault; Ed Hanscom, shot and discus; Bill Short, javelin and 880; Tom Hudson, a transfer from Ashland, 880 and mile; Bill Hoeft, javelin, discus and shot; and Gary Clement, sprinter.

Freshmen include Wes Cowden, sprinter; Leonard Hanson, shot and discus; Jim Brewer, high jump and mile, and George Adams, 880 and 440.

Roy Moore, a senior and Eagle Point record holder for the mile is not competing this year because of his age. His record is 4:40.

"This is definitely a building year at Eagle Point; however, we will be stronger this year than last," said Steward. Dale Bates is assisting in track.

Raider Net Club Victor

A Southern Oregon college varsity-Jayvee tennis team took measure of the Medford high varsity 4 to 2 at Ashland yesterday.

A seventh match was halted by darkness with each side having taken a set in No. 2 doubles.

Singles winners for SOC were Lorraine Eichworth over John McKinley, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Bruce Engle over Jim Randles, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, and Bran Palmer over Art House, 8-6, 6-3. For Medford Gary Highland defeated Roland Hegler, 6-0, 6-2, and Jim Yoder downed George Converse, 6-2, 4-9, 9-7.

In doubles Eckworth and Engle beat McKinley and Randles 6-0, 6-4. House and Highland took one set 6-1 from Palmer and Hegler and the collegians took the other 6-2.

Medford faces Klamath Union high here at 1 p.m. Saturday.

RESULTS:
Shot put—McLoughlin (Larson, Edmonds, Barnes); North GP, South GP; Klamath; Hedrick, 38.

Javelin—Smith, KF; McCormack, NGP; Murray, H; Bauer, SGP; Dow, M, 161.

440 relay—Crater (Kiger, Ryerson, Clark, Swanson); South GP; North GP; Hedrick; Klamath and McLoughlin tied third, 46.2.

Distance medley—South GP (Grant, Robinson, Burroughs, Noodley); North GP; McLoughlin; Crater; Hedrick, 8:54.

Pole vault—Van Koten, NGP; Van Sickle, Mt. Brown, H. Kelley, SGP, 10-6.

Shot put—South GP (Bauer, Graistrom, Maakstead); McLoughlin; Klamath Falls; North GP; Crater, 143.9.

Sprint medley—Crater (Kiger, Ryerson, Clark, Swanson); Hedrick; North GP; South GP; Klamath; Hedrick, 1:12.8.

Distance relay—Crater (Mooster, Stevens, Thompson, Prillman); South GP; North GP; Klamath; Ashland, 6:49.6.

Broad jump—Crater (Swanson, Kiger, Ryerson); Hedrick; South GP; North GP; McLoughlin, 54-7 1/2.

Discus—Wintrou, M. Cole, NGP; Maakstead, SGP; Mills, KF; Young, C, 116-1.

High jump—North GP and South GP tied first; Klamath; McLoughlin and Hedrick tied fourth, 16-1.

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Parkside 6, Reynolds 4
West Linn 12, Milwaukie 10
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