

Tornado Diamond Nine Trims AHS; Medford Hosts Roseburg; Ashland Entertains Crater

A three-run jump and four innings of no-hit hurling by Herb Wheeler bolstered Medford high baseballers yesterday in a 4 to 2 non-league decision over the Ashland Grizzlies at Ashland.

The fracas was a prelude to week end contention by both aggregations. Medford engages Roseburg on Friday and Crater on Saturday. Both doublebills are set for the Medford field. Ashland entertains Crater on Friday and goes to Grants Pass on Saturday. Southern Oregon conference rivalry is involved in all but the Roseburg-Medford tussles.

Other league activity takes Grants Pass to Klamath Falls on Friday. Medford and Klamath currently head the loop with 2-1 standings. Klamath

has non-loop play at Yreka, Calif. on Saturday.

Yesterday's victory was the second for Medford over Ashland this spring.

Strikes Out Eight

Wheeler struck out eight batters, walked three and hit one in holding the Bruins without a safe blow. In the meantime, the Black Tornado used a double by Sam Knudsen, a walk and an error on a ground ball swatted by Ray Stewart for two runs in the second inning. In the fifth inning Dan Miles walked, stole second base and went to third on a passed ball. An infield single by Dick Ragsdale brought him home.

Ashland threatened to overtake the Big Wind in the sixth inning. Bob King drew a base on balls and Jim Doster singled. A hit by Galen Roberson brought King and Doster home. The bid continued when Rod Fuller boarded the bases on an error but Jerry Hauck, batting as a pinch-hitter forced Fuller at second base.

Flag Hopes High For Portlanders

Homestead, Fla. (Special) — Pennant prospects were high as Portland Beavers broke training camp this week and headed for Friday's Coast League opening in Salt Lake City.

"I'm not predicting any pennants," Manager Vern Benson declared, "but I will say that our personnel should put us right in the thick of the fight for the championship."

Benson's optimism is occasioned by the presence of 14 young St. Louis Cardinal prospects on the Beaver roster, led by bonus babies Gerry Buckek at shortstop and Clint Burke on the mound. The Cardinal youngsters have inspired the Beaver veterans to new heights, and overall club morale is termed "the best in 35 years" by Beaver General Manager Bill Sayles.

Average age of the "new-look" Beavers' current 23-man roster is just over 23. There are three 19-year-olds on the lineup, including Stark, Buckek and second baseman Phil Cagliano. Third baseman Jim Baxes is the only Beaver veteran on the starting lineup.

That lineup now looks like this: c, Jim Schaffer, 25; 1b, Duke Carmel, 23; 2b, Cagliano, 19; 3b, Baxes, 23; cf, Mike Shannon, 23; of, Bob Burda, 22. Prospective starting pitchers include Stark, Don Choats, 23; Harry Byrd, 24; Glenn McMin, 28; Mel Nelson, 24; Dick Hughes, 23; Bill Tolson, 21, and major league veteran Bud Podbielniak, 37. Relievers include Craig Anderson, 22 and Ed Bauta, 26.

The youngest pitchers will be caught by St. Louis Cardinal veteran Ray Katt, who also acts as Beaver pitching coach. Bill Wilson, 32, a '60 Beaver, is the reserve outfielder.

The Beavers open in Salt Lake with outfielder Harry Keister, 28, and infielder Jim Bredeweser, 24, a '60 Beaver, also on the roster. This pair are the most likely to be cut when the Portland lineup is trimmed to the Coast League standards of 21 in three weeks.

PCL Opens In Honolulu

Honolulu — (UPI) — The 1961 Pacific Coast league baseball season opened today in the loop's newest city with the Vancouver Mounties playing the Honolulu Islanders.

League President Dewey Soriano was on hand for the opening in the 25,000-seat Honolulu stadium.

Tommy Heath, who managed Portland last season, is the Honolulu skipper. Honolulu replaced Sacramento in the eight-team league.

The other teams go into action Friday with Portland at Salt Lake. Seattle at San Diego and Spokane at Tacoma in day-night twin bills.

Houston Classic Gets Underway

Houston, Tex. — (UPI) — Cold logic puts the favorite tag on Gary Player and Arnold Palmer in the \$40,000 Houston Classic golf tournament which started today, but the law of averages says look a bit deeper in the entry list.

Player and Palmer each have won three tournaments this year. Player, in addition to his Masters triumph, finished first in the San Francisco and Sunshine opens. Palmer took top honors in San Diego, Phoenix and Baton Rouge.

The list of 98 pros entered in the 1961 Classic brings all the season's journey winners here. The experts point out this is just too many good golfers to make winning the Classic a sure thing.

Hits by Stewart Young and Art Ruhl and a groundout by Mike Neathamer provided Medford with an insurance run in the seventh canto.

Young, chucking the last three innings for Medford, gave up three hits, fanned one batter and walked one.

Pierce Goes Five

Larry Pierce went five innings on the hill for Ashland and allowed three hits and four bases on balls. He struck out three. King, pitching the sixth inning, walked one, and Steve Harris, tossing the final frame against the Tornado, yielded two safeties.

Art Ruhl, with two for four, was the only batter with more than one hit. Each team had a double play.

A good running catch of a low fly by outfielder Dick Ragsdale in the sixth inning and a diving snare of a liner by outfielder Sam Knudsen in the seventh helped the Tornado cause. Knudsen's catch ended the game.

Ankle Improving

Wheeler may get Coach John Kovenz' starting hill call for Medford in the 2:30 p.m. game with Roseburg tomorrow. Steve Ray could get the second game call, although he's missed some practice this week because of illness. Bob Guinney is the likely mound choice for the 1:30 p.m. Saturday league brush with Crater. Roseburg moundsmen may be picked from among Scott Crenshaw, Arlan Foote, Ron Lake and Tom Hobbs.

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SPORTS

The BOWLERS ALLEY

By DARLENE AND BILL TOPE

SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sunday Nighters league held its playoff, 4 J's winning over first half winner Rolling Pins. Individual trophies were won by Thelma Luy, high game scratch, 212; Norma Drew, high game with handicap, 241; Julia Smith, high series scratch, 509; Thelma Luy high series with handicap, 648; Etta Axtell, most improved lady bowler; Troy Dean, high game scratch, 280; Marvin Axtell, high game with handicap, 300; Troy Dean, high series scratch, 650; Max Dalton, high series with handicap, 674; Earl Manley, most improved man bowler.

ANDY'S MIXED LEAGUE

Standings for Andy's Mixed league are Fearless Four 30 1/2, Four D's 29, Sharpies 28, Handicappers 27, Jets 26 1/2, Rough Necks 26, Creepers 25 1/2, Eagle Eyes 24, Sleepers 22, Eight Balls 20, Four Get Me Not 15 and Cotton Pickers 14 1/2. High games and series among men were Jake Olsen 200-201-558, Larry Fish-554, and George Allen 219-539. Among the women the best scores were by Edith Tuttle 187-527, Pat Smith 177-489 and Emily Gregg 465.

SENIOR JUNIOR LEAGUE

Highest scores in Senior Junior league were Karen Jones 146 and Barbara Hopper 360, Berry Scruggs 223 and Larry Jones 560, B&B Auction leads with 15, Dale Davis 482, WOTM has 14, (fort); Waincott's Pharmacy 14, Jones 560; Bauman's Fire Equipment 13, Ron Bauman 500; Reter Fruit 12, Scruggs 541; McLains Drug Center 12, Dennis Salyers 490; Highway Lumber 12, Larry Litt 551; Big Y Market 11, Monty Jantzer 473; Medford Paint & Wallpaper 9, Rick Larson 443; Snider's Pepsi Cola 8, (fort).

RAINBOW LEAGUE

Trophy winner in Rainbow league was George Davis with a 664 series with handicap, 260 game with handicap and a 221 game scratch. Ike Eisenstein had 591 high scratch series. First place is Steve Wilson Lumber with 24 1/2. The United States National Bank and Local Loan have 21 1/2, Crater Lake Machinery 21 1/2, Harry and David 20 1/2, Rogue Valley Creditors 17, State Forest Patrol 16, Motel Owl Logging 16, Moose, Knights of Columbus and Crater Lake Machinery Two 15, Carolina Pacific 14. Men from each team with high series were Noel Davis 481, Bud LeRoy 527, Ike Eisenstein 591, Roy Bratten 433, Clarence Byrd 520, Jim Cabler 549, Gordon Layton 555, Kenneth Walker 495, Marvin Rose 484, Ron Perry 544, Larry Snolp 547 and Ernie Flakus 498.

PACIFIC LEAGUE

Results from Pacific league show Wen's Alignment won 4, Bob Thurman 508; Surefit Seat Covers 0, Jerry Herrington 505; Rogue Vending 2, Kenny Larson 513; Korner Farm 2, Elmer Korner 477; Smith Sales & Service 4, Doyle Smith 205-558; Ping's 0, Paul Lovejoy 494; Lininger's 0, Les Goff 248-558; Patterson's Plumbing 4, Evan Wruick 497; Copeland Lumber 3, F. Richenbark 449; Rogue Valley Country club 1, K. Patterson 541.

NIGHT HAWKS LEAGUE

Best Night Hawks league game was 221 by Jim Reinholz. Ken David had best scratch series, a 559 and Russ Fowler high series with handicap 630. McCulloch Chain Saw has 27 1/2, Kachina Lodge and Hashbarger Lathers 25, Bohemian Club 19, Triangle Market, Hart's Hatchery and Morgan's Pekinese Kennels 18, Piggly Wiggly One 18 1/2, McLaughlin Plumbing & Heating 15, Piggly Wiggly Two and K dov 12, Reserve Officers Association 10.

CRATER LAKE LEAGUE

Next week in the Crater Lake league Mechanics Laundry and City Hall will play off for the championship. In last action scores were: Mechanics Laundry won 4, Howard Myers 536, City Hall 0, Neal Dow and Olin Riser 475; Earl & Roy's 2, Bob Porter 503, Mann's 2, Rick Vance 524; Oregon Veneer 3, Lewis Dimock 539, Bateman's Cafe 1, Gordon Layton 538; Med-

ford Neon 4, Ron Brenneman 550, Weisfield's 0, Frank Lovett 440; Stevens Auto Parts 3, Larry Anderson 495, Cogswell's Market 1, Harold Boen 481; United Grocers 4, J. Colley 591, OK Market 0, Duane Lubbers 533. High games were Jack Colley 215 and Rick Vance 208.

TRIANGLE LEAGUE

Willamette Valley team had 558 the best game in Triangle league and Pat & Mike's had 1,519 best team series. John Jensen and Arnie Wolf each had 216 games and T. Mitchell had 552 top series.

SPORTSMAN'S LEAGUE

In Sportsman's league Hillier Oil leads with 23 wins. Brookhurst Subdivision has 21, Butte Falls General Store 20 1/2, Chester Bird and Seven Up 18, Phoenix Golden Eagle, Brecount Brothers and Steve Wilson 16, First Christian Shell and Fern Valley Ranches 13, First Christian Church One 6, A. J. Powell rolled 234 for big game and a 592 series. Howard Blew had 215, Ollie Medicus 212-571 and Keith Maryott 598 top series.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Leading Major league is Rogue Valley Country Club with 26 wins. Brothers Five have 25, Desert Service 23, Standard Oil and Mail Tribune 20, Western Oil & Burner 19, Asko Supply and Rotary Two 17, Home Gas 16, Hamilton Funds 14, Cal Oro Ranches 10 and Rotary One 9. Men with best series for teams were J. Fowler 202-509, Lee Ziesmer 514, Ernie Dukesher 565, Forrest Liddell 213-594, L. Fowler 222-528, Gene Brooks 220-594, Buzz Moran 507, Don Davis 221-540, Phil Huntley 500, Maynard Hadley 520, Everette Taylor 472 and Mill Snow 550.

ROXY ANN CLASSIC

Roxy Ann Lanes leads Roxy Ann Classic with 31 wins. Wooden Shoe has 27, Kim's 24, Clave Construction 23 1/2, Daugherty Lumber 22 1/2, Timber Room 21 1/2, Cubby's 17 1/2 and Beck's Bakery 14. Top scores for each team were Ken Phipps 234-624, Bill Howell and Bill Newland 570, F. Newland 540, Jake Olson 224-592, Oliver McNeil 607, Bill Blunt 577, Nels Nelson 221-581 and Jim Hennebeck 598.

STARFIRE LEAGUE

Gale Culy scored 234-260, 221 to ra roaring 661 series in Starfire league. Other top scores were Frank Craig 232-526, Doug Baker 222-575, Art Baker 204-535, Del Walker 208-588, Jack Mitchell 202-563, Dick Swan 530, Terry Coulter 202-537, Russ McDonald 215-523, Bill Walls 230-524 and Herb Masterson 238-556. Weeks & Orr leads with 31, Larry's Lineup has 28, Soco Prospect 26, Hughes Construction 23, Jeddell Brothers and Jackson County Coop 20, Olson & Ross 19, Tex Mash 17, Pinnacle Orchards and Ron's Standard 14, Rogue River Wood Products 12.

RAMBLING ROLLERS

In Rambling Rollers league Betty Brookman carded 219 game scratch for 270 with handicap. Jane Baker scored 487 high series scratch and Ann Baker had 598 top series with handicap.

BOWLING QUEENS

Betty Weiss and Mable Clark shared top game honors with 199's in Bowling Queen's league. Medford Stationery has 43 1/2, Helene Culy 554 top series; Port O Call 42, Clark 551; Hotel Medford 39, Betty Reinholz 515; Charm Cot-

tage 33, Gertie Blind 482; Highway Ready Mix 27, Rita Cabler 464; Reter Fruit 25, Phyllis Brady 424; Hilton Lumber 23 1/2, Edna Asher 421; GMAC 23, Cappy Lindquist 455; First National Bank 22, Deana Hukill 438; Copco 22, Gayle Mullin 441.

LADY ELKS LEAGUE ONE

Boll Weevils had 1,378 top team series in Lady Elks league One. Jaci Langston had 196-509. Others with high series for teams were Mel Little 441, Jean Lust 445, Evelyn Read 460, Dorothy Jantzer 463, Jane Miller 455, All Salyers 477, and Wanda Booth 483. Termites have 20, Fire Bugs 14, Draggins Flies 13, Boll Weevils and Crickets 11, Beetle Bugs 10 1/2, Doodle Bugs 9 and Lady Bugs 7 1/2.

LADY ELKS LEAGUE TWO

Lois Stephen had 228 highest game in Lady Elks league Two. Wapitis have 36, Evelyn Read 458; Tornados 34, Stephen 595, Merry Madcaps 26, Jean Phillips 442; Doozies 23, Polly Anderson 465; Antlers 22, Dorothy Huntley 487; Stags 15, Marie Troutman 429.

BULLDOG LEAGUE

Leading Bulldog league is Mutual of Omaha with 35. La Pointe's have 34 1/2, Talent Club 33, Naumies Equipment 31 1/2, Pooles Mobile Homes 31 1/2, Hart's Hatchery 26 1/2, Oregon Liquid Gas 26 and United Radio 23. LaVon Edwards had 188 top game and Rutt Vessey 493 best series.

ROLLING PIN LEAGUE

Lyla Smith had 226 top game in Rolling Pin league. Bonnie Anderson had 215, Vivian Rodgers 189, Pauline's hold first with 45, Marion Nobbs 451, Jacks Drive Up is 40, Rodgers 532; Tom Tom 39, Elfa Long 425; Pioneer 38, L. nora Clark 407; Faber's 35, Iris Wimer 403; McLain's 34 1/2, Anderson 457; Roethler's, Chevron 32, Kathy Franks 382; Elk City Market 30 1/2, Smith 548; B&B Auction 26 1/2, Nancy Weber 378; Cedar Lodge 20, Enid Wolff 475.

BLUE MONDAY LEAGUE

Straight Shooters have first in Blue Monday league with 37, Joan Davidson 427, Pin Pickers show 33, Ruth Carpenter 505; Ditch Diggers 26, Grace Hunter 424; Gutter Bells 21, Pat Shelton 402; Sallers 20, Karen Montgomery 414; Strikers 19, Carol Waltermire 396, Carpenter had 202 top game.

ROXY ANN ROCKETTS

In Roxy Ann Rocketts league G. Slayers had 180 top game. Stevens Auto Sales has 39, Slayers 508; Nealey Nelson Lumber 38, E. Edwards 477; Crosby's 35, R. Patten 465; Lucille's Beauty Cottage 35, K. Moore 433; Roxy Ann Lanes 34, J. Lusk 503; Dykes Floor Cover 27, E. Hastings 473; Big Y Cleaners 25, G. Laurine 459; Norton's Market 23, D. Peyton 415; Economy Market 22, R. Walton 360; Weter & Olson 20, E. Holbrook 480; Wheeler's Shell 19, R. Rowbotham 388; Shelly's Drive In 18, V. Wilson 486.

ROLLERETTE LEAGUE

In Rollerette league Carol Adams had 187 top game and 493 series. Jackson County Coop has 36 wins, Browns Cafe 32, Faber's Super Market 29, and Bateman's Insurance 23.

CENTENNIAL LEAGUE

Nora Bailey had 200 high game in Centennial league. The Slufflers have 10, Carroll Peterson 436; Slippers Four 8, Alice Casbrier 489; Alley Busters 8, Jan Pomeroy 479; Pot Holders 8, Nelda Morris 500; Slow Pokes 7, Bev St. Clair 434; Spare Squares 7, Irene Whitmore 430; Lucky Strikes 5, Rita Riggert 428; Odd Balls 5, Betty Gosman 444; Mis Haps 4, Bev Washburn 479; Hi Lows 4, Leola Whitlock 391; Fire Files 3, Evelyn Brandhorst 460; Pin Pickers 3, E. Merit 470.

BURNETT PACES

Portland — (UPI) — Jiggs Burnett's two-run singles in the seventh and ninth innings gave Willamette a 4-1 baseball win over Portland State here Wednesday. Fidel Gavola limited the Vikings to two hits to register the victory.

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