

Tornado Has Crucial Tilt At KF; Crater Goes To GP

Medford high's Black Tornado whirls over the mountain Friday for a crucial baseball skirmish with the Klamath Union high Pelicans.

Southern Oregon conference and District 6 A-1 title hopes of each squad rest heavily on that game. They are tied for the league leadership with 3-1 standings.

In other Friday action among loop members Crater goes to Grants Pass. On Saturday Medford entertains Ashland (1-1) and Crater is host to Klamath Falls at Central Point. Double headers are planned both Friday and Saturday with just the first game counting in league play.

Medford's Tornado will aim to erase the memory of 16 to 0 pasting at the hands of the Klamath Pelicans. The Big Wind owns an 11 to 9 win over the Pelis but the victory was not a league counter.

Grizzlies Edged KF

Ashland is the only club to beat Klamath in the circuit. The score was 3-3. The Grizzlies with a 1-1 standing are still much in the chase. They have tumbled to Medford 12 to 0 in the loop and 4 to 2 in a non-leaguer and bowed to Klamath 17 to 0 in a kings-ray.

Coach John Kovenz indicated that Bob Quinney will throw against Klamath Falls "if he's right." Otherwise, the mound choice will be Herb Wheeler. Whichever of the two does not go against

Klamath likely will be the hill starter against Ashland on the following day. Klamath Falls likely will go with either Wally Palmberg or John Webb on the mound.

Kovenz reported that Craig Laurence, who has been hobbled by a bad ankle, took part in a squad game yesterday and ran fairly well. He should see some duty on the week end according to the mentor. If Laurence plays, Art Ruhl may get a spot in the outfield. He's been doing well with the bat and is a speedster on the bases.

Shakeup Possible

While Kovenz was well pleased with the Tornado in its 6 to 1 decision over Crater on Tuesday, Coach Bill Piche of the Comets has indicated

that there will be a shake up in the Carter lineup for week end games.

Freshman Darryl Summerfield may be called upon to pitch in the conference game with Grants Pass while Willie Jones is to be at first base, Loyal Higinbotham at shortstop and Mike Pepper in centerfield. Pat Pepper likely will be at second base, as usual, with Mike Glines at third and Ed Allen catching. Jeff Anhorn may be in right field and Nell Rivenburg or Don Pfaff in left.

If Pat Pepper should pitch in the second mix, Summerfield may be at second base. Either Higinbotham or Lou Alvarez may be at short. If Alvarez is at short, Higinbotham would go back to center field and Mike Pepper would play left.

Doug Pfaff may toss in the main game against Klamath. Denny Samples, who has been out of action with an elbow ailment may hurl in the second tussle.

Larry Pierce could be Coach Bill Leybold's chucking choice against Medford in the county on Saturday. Steve Harris might get the second tussle call.

On the junior varsity front Medford meets Klamath Falls in a twinbill here Friday and Grants Pass vies at Crater. On Saturday Klamath Falls is at Crater and Medford travels to meet the Prospect varsity.

Softballers Set May 2 Deadline

Tuesday, May 2, is the deadline for teams to enter for Jackson County Softball association play during 1981.

An association meeting will be held that night at the Medford city hall. The deadline was set at a meeting last Tuesday evening.

Willard Barnum was elected president of the association. He has managed league activities for a number of years.

Tom Rodgers was named vice-president and Chuck Hoyt secretary-treasurer.

Barnum reported that 10 teams definitely are entered for 1981 competition.

There is a question now as to when and if the fairgrounds ball park will be ready for softball activity. Right now a light pole is still down and the field is not in playing shape. Barnum expects word in a day or two from the Medford city recreation department on the field's availability.

If it can't be used, even for a time, a crimp will be put in softball activity. The league does contemplate use of the Veterans administration domiciliary diamond at White City a couple nights per week. The football field at the senior high school, where softball games were contested last season, won't be available to the association this season.

SPORTSCASTS

Radio station KYJC will broadcast the Klamath Falls-Medford high baseball game at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

Ashlanders Win Over Prospect

Ashland high's Grizzlies trimmed Prospect 7 to 4 yesterday in a baseball encounter at Prospect.

Bob King and Steve Harris combined pitching to limit the Prospect club to two hits. Larry Pierce swatted three hits in four times up, including a double, for Ashland, and Galen Roberson hit two for four.

The Cougar thrower, Craig Gardner, slowed eight safe blows but struck out 12 while walking just two. Nine errors hurt Prospect.

King allowed one base on balls and struck out five. Harris walked two batters. Ashland goes to Medford for a Saturday doublebill. Prospect will entertain the Medford junior varsity that day. The Cougars are hosts to Butte Falls in the B league that day.

LINEUP: 004 030 3-7 8 6 Prospect 001 001 3-1 4 4 King, Harris (8) and Roberson; Gardner and Chapman.

Vancouver Pitcher Plain Pain To Pads

By RAYMOND L. ANDREWS

United Press International

As far as the San Diego Padres are concerned, Vancouver pitcher Phil Paine doesn't spell his name right. To them he's just a plain pain.

The Montie relief artist came on again in the ninth inning Wednesday night just when the Padres were rolling and stopped them cold for a 3-0 Vancouver victory.

Paine pulled the same stunt the previous night and his two saves gives the Mounties a 3-2 late and a one-game lead over second-place Tacoma.

Seattle thumped Salt Lake City 13-8, Tacoma edged Portland 3-2 and Hawaii took Spokane 5-2 in the other games.

Vancouver collected but four hits in its victory over San Diego but two of them were homers by Howie Goss, who had 29 circuit clouts for the Mounties last year, pounded his first homer in the fifth with two aboard. The second was a solo shot in the seventh.

Veteran George Bamberger received credit for the victory on the assist from Paine.

Sherman Roadblock Jones of Tacoma slammed the door shut in the faces of the Portland Beavers to give the Giants their win.

Jones, third Tacoma pitcher, took over with one run in, two men on base and two out in the ninth. He fanned catcher Ray Katt and that was it.

Larry Stubing plated two Tacoma runs in the third with a single and the eventual winning run crossed in the seventh on a single by Bob Perry. Duke Carmel of the Beavers hit a solo homer in the fifth.

Seattle had an easy time with Salt Lake with a 13-hit flurry that included three homers. The Rainiers wrapped it up in the fifth with a seven-run spurt that included a three-run homer by shortstop Curt Jensen.

Dave Mann hit a bases-empty homer in the same inning and Bo Toft added a solo

homer in the ninth. Don Schwall got credit for his second win of the season but needed relief help from Jay Ritchie in the sixth.

Right-hander Diego Segui scattered seven hits to lead Hawaii to its victory. Segui, who owns a 2-0 record, ran into trouble only in the seventh when Al Norris planted a two-run homer in the left field seats.

Hawaii got three runs in the sixth with the big base hit, a two-run single by Bob Prescott. Jim McManus provided Hawaii with its other two runs in the seventh with a two-run homer.

LINEUP: 008 000 200-3 7 1 Hawaii 000 003 200-3 5 1 Harwell, Warren (5) Valdes (6) Gump (1) and Friol; Segui and Paine. WP-Segui, LP-Harwell.

Seattle 000 170 041-13 13 3 Salt Lake 002 001 020-6 10 3 Schall, Ritchie (6) Fiske (7) Spencer (8) Weaver (8) and Grace. WP-Schall, LP-Tyriver.

Portland 000 010 001-2 6 2 Tacoma 002 000 100-3 7 2 Nelson, Anderson (8) and Schaffner, Katt (7). WP-Nelson, LP-Jones (8) and Oratino. WP-Rivas, LP-Nelson.

Vancouver 100 031 100-6 4 0 San Diego 000 000 102-3 6 1 Bamberger, Paine (9) and Whitte; Jimenez, Drapcho (7) Rosenbaum (8) and Napier.

BASEBALL

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GAMES

Oregon 8, Idaho 7

Whitman 10, Eastern Oregon 1

Clark 7, Portland 6

Linnfield JV 12, Portland State JV 4

OSC Rooks 1-11, Linfield JV 6-7

Angling Results Good At Fish, Willow Lakes

Trout fishing at Fish Lake and Willow Lake has been good all through this week, according to reports from the two resorts.

The road into Willow Lake is described as being in very good shape. Routes to Fish Lake are said to be in pretty good condition. For mountain roads they are in good shape, reported resort proprietor Lloyd Morris. Snow is about all gone and there is none on

STANDINGS

United Press International			
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	8	5	.615
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583
Milwaukee	4	4	.500
Los Angeles	8	7	.533
Chicago	6	6	.500
St. Louis	7	7	.500
Cincinnati	5	7	.417
Philadelphia	4	8	.333

Wednesday's Games			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Chicago 3, Cincinnati 2 (10 in.)			
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2 (night)			
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 1 (night)			
San Fran 6, Los Angeles 5 (night)			

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	8	2	.800
Minnesota	8	3	.727
New York	4	4	.500
Cleveland	7	5	.583
Boston	5	5	.500
Chicago	4	5	.444
Kansas City	3	5	.375
Baltimore	4	7	.364
Washington	7	7	.500
Los Angeles	1	7	.125

Wednesday's Results			
Team	W	L	Pct.
New York 13, Detroit 11 (10 in.)			
Washington 2, Boston 1			
Cleveland 6, Baltimore 3 (night)			

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Vancouver	6	2	.750
Tacoma	4	2	.667
Portland	3	3	.500
San Diego	4	4	.500
Chicago	4	5	.444
Kansas City	3	4	.429
Baltimore	2	4	.333
Salt Lake	1	4	.200

Wednesday's Results			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Seattle 13, Salt Lake City 6			
Tacoma 3, Portland 2			
Vancouver 6, San Diego 3			
Hawaii 3, Spokane 2			

NORTHWEST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Yakima	2	0	1.000
Wentworth	1	1	.500
Salem	1	1	.500
Lewiston	1	1	.500
Tri-City	1	1	.500
Eugene	2	2	.500

Wednesday's Results

Tri-City 7, Wentworth 6

Salem 7, Lewiston 4

Yakima 8, Eugene 5



LONG REACH—Ario Goodwin (10) of the Portland Buckaroos makes a long reach for the puck as Gerry Leonard (16) of Seattle tries to take it from him in Western Hockey league playoff game at Portland. Seattle's Totems won the game 2-1. Second game in the best of seven series will be on Friday at Portland. (UPI Telephoto)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Schools in other areas of Oregon should perk up and take notice. Medford high, which hasn't claimed the state golf laurels since 1952, looks to have a strong title contender in the sport this year. Perhaps the Black Tornado won't produce the medalist when the state meet is conducted May 22 and 23 over Glendoveer course at Portland. But, the Medfords loom as a title threat because of the consistently low scores as a team.

What helps for this situation is the battle for weekly playing berths among seven of the linksmen. Mike Monroe, Stan Dowson, Steve Cummings, Craig Miller and Larry Brown have represented the Tornado for the past couple of outings. Paul Evansen, faculty supervisor of the team, indicates that either John Hamlin or Vaughn Bigelow or both could take over spots on the crew at anytime.

Evansen is awaiting the performance of the Black Tornado in the Upstate tourney May 5 and 6 at Corvallis before making a real appraisal of Medford's state title chances.

Credit goes to the help from Rogue Valley Country club pro Ron Caperna and diligent hard practice for the success of the Big Wind linksmen. They play at Roseburg on Friday and meet Marshfield at Coos Bay on Saturday.

CHALLENGED

A passing remark in the Klamath Falls Herald and News may provide impetus for the Medford high tennis team. It was said that the Grants Pass netters "appear to be a shoo-in" for Southern Oregon conference honors.

We'll agree that the Cave-men are strong and certainly look on their way to the round-robin crown. However, the Medfordites, who have dropped a decision 5-2 to Grants Pass, have opportunity for a co-championship. They'll have to beat Klamath Falls there on Friday and Grants Pass here on Saturday to turn the trick.

This is the last week end of the regular schedule for the Tornado. They'll enter the district tourney at Ashland on May 6.

VELVET WINS OPEN

Dogs of Rogue Valley Retriever club members claimed first places in two events of the annual spring trial of the Shasta Cascade club south of Klamath Falls last week end. Jibodad Velvet, owned and handled by Dr. Charles W. the open stake. In the derby Thornwood's Ray-De-Oro, owned and handled by Ernest Mist, Medford, was first.

Misty Mist, owned by Floyd Bubb, Shady Cove, took second in the derby. Certificates of merit in this same event went to Kaynel's Gay Hunter, owned by Leonard and Kathryn Nelson, Medford, and Judy's Buttons, owned by Everett McGraw, Medford.

SEMI-PRO FUTURE QUESTIONED

"Baseball may be on its way for another season, but ... it's on its way out as a national pastime." So says a recent release from Esquire magazine. In this area, although we are hopeful it can be revived, semi-pro baseball seems on the way out, period.

The article in Esquire accuses television of baseball murder. Here, there seems to be a combination of circumstances. Television provides some distraction from the semi-pro sport, of course, but there are a variety of other interests in the summer months, which take the attention of both potential players and potential fans away from baseball.

Perhaps this situation could be blamed, if that is the right word to use, on automobiles and boats. The popularity of water sports, of drag racing, hardtop and go-kart racing and of sports car rallies is pretty well recognized.

Still, it is strange that semi-pro baseball can't carry on. Surely, there is sufficient material for teams from among boys just out of high school or in college—good players at that. As we see it, adequate, interested and enthusiastic sponsorship would revive the sport. Dye in the wool baseball fans, however, seem few and far between among potential sponsoring groups or businesses.

SHOULDN'T BE HAPHAZARD

From the standpoint of sponsor and fan support, no baseball at all is better than a haphazard operation. For a team to fail to show up for a game or to cancel out at late notice is disgusting and creates a four taste.

DIAMOND ACTIVITY

Diamond fans seem assured of some interesting activity this season with most of it at the Veterans Administration domiciliary field. American Legion junior baseball, Jackson County Softball association (men's) and Northwest Women's Softball league games will provide the bill of fare.

FIELD IN BAD SHAPE

We certainly hope the move of the county and city recreation departments to resume control of the ball park at the fairgrounds means that the field will be used this summer instead of just sitting idle.

Right now, we're informed, the field is in bad shape and a light pole is still down from the February windstorm. The park has been well maintained and some improvements have been made, since the demise of pro baseball, through the pocketbook of Cheney Lumber company and the efforts of Bill Askwith of that firm.

We won't argue the point of public or private control of the facility. We will say that, if the past arrangements had been continued, the field would be in playable shape right now. We believe that whoever has charge of the field has an obligation to keep it in shape.

ARM AILING

An ailing arm spoiled the aspirations of John Anhorn to play Rook baseball this spring at Oregon State college. John is an ex-Crater high outfielder and a cousin of Bill Anhorn, also ex-Crater, who is pitching for the Rooks.

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NCAA Council Lifts Auburn's Probation

Washington —(UPI)—Auburn university was back in the good graces of the National Collegiate Athletic association today after nearly five years in the doghouse—and off television.

The NCAA policy-making council Wednesday restored full membership rights and privileges to the school. The action lifted the longest and most severe probationary ban in NCAA history, dating back to May 1, 1956.

Auburn originally was put on probation for violating the NCAA's recruiting aid regulations by trying to lure two college athletes improperly. While the school was under a three-year probation term for that violation, it was found guilty of an additional infraction of the same rule concerning a football player. The probation then was extended until Sept. 1, 1981.

The ban made Auburn ineligible for the association's 18 championship events or any of its other 42 events, including football bowl games, and Christmas-vacation basketball

tournaments.

It also prohibited Auburn from having any of its sports carried on national television.

Howard Takes Grade Mantle

Howard took the American league championship in Medford district grade school baseball by thumping Jacksonville 21 to 3 in a makeup tangle yesterday.

The verdict gave Howard a 5-1 standing for the season. Jacksonville was 0-6.

Griffin Creek wound up 4-2 and Oak Grove 3-3.

Howard yesterday had a 18 run third inning. Richard Wolfe tripled with two teammates on base and Tom Weaver doubled with the bases filled. The champs took advantage of 18 bases on balls.

League Leaders

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player & Club G AB R H Pct.

Moore, L.A. 14 49 11 23 .469

Cunningham, S.L. 44 10 17 .389

Mathews, M.L. 9 37 8 14 .378

Gonzalez, Phil. 11 37 7 14 .378

Post, C. 11 37 6 13 .351

Aaron, M.L. 9 38 4 14 .368

Kaoko, C. 11 44 4 16 .364

Clemente, Phil. 12 40 6 18 .360

F. Alou, S.F. 13 43 6 18 .349

Neal, L.A. 9 29 4 10 .345

Home Runs

National League—Moon, Dodgers; Spencer, Cards; 4; Boyer, Cards; Coleman, Reds; 3; H. Davis, Dodgers; 3; Lynch, Reds; 3; Roseboro, Dodgers; 3; Virdon, Pirates; 3; American League—Mantle, Yankees; 4; Allison, Twins; 3; Gentile, Orioles; 3; Mincher, Twins; 3; Klusazewski, Angels; 3; Smith, White Sox; 3; Colavito, Tigers; 3.

Runs Batted In National League—Moon, Dodgers; 14; Spencer, Cards; 11; Aaron, Braves; 11; T. Davis, Dodgers; 10; Post, Reds; 9; American League—Mantle, Yankees; 15; Allison, Twins; 11; Cash, Tigers; 11; Francona, Indians; 11; Boras, Tigers; 10.

Pitching National League—Elston, Cubs; 4-0; Friend, Pirates; 3-0; Mizzell, Pirates; 2-0; Podres, Dodgers; 2-0; Duffalo, Giants; 2-0; Craig, Dodgers; 2-0; Jones, Giants; 2-0; American League—Lary, Tigers; 3-0; Ramos, Twins; 2-0; Allen, Indians; 2-0; Plea, Twins; 2-0; McClain, Senators; 2-0; Moss, Tigers; 2-0; Brewer, Red Sox; 2-0.

Ducks Top Idaho 8-7

Eugene—(UPI)—A sparkling relief pitching performance by Bob Christiansen carried Oregon's Ducks to an 8-7 Northern Division baseball win over Idaho here Wednesday.

The victory came in the Ducks' ND opener. Washington State leads the race with a 2-0 mark.

Christiansen, a junior right-hander, took over in the fifth inning and gave up only three hits the rest of the way.

Ray Haroldson, Trevor Swagard and Bill Davidson paced the Ducks' nine-hit attack with two hits apiece. Idaho shortstop Bill Johnson had three safeties, including a pair of doubles, and batted in three runs.

Idaho, which now has a 1-2 record in ND play, and Oregon met here again today.

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