

Keen Club Contention Likley In Spring Title Drag Races

Competition will be the keynote at this week end's Spring Championship drag races at the Medford Drag strip.

Action gets under way tomorrow at 10 a.m. with early timed runs. Highlights of Saturday activity will be tuning and timed runs by many of the dragsters entered in the meet and a series of special "grudge" races later in the afternoon.

Club contention should be very keen with several in the running for special prizes put up by Southern Oregon Timing association for the outstanding clubs. At least five hot-rod groups will make an all out attempt to top the honors in this division.

One of the strongest clubs may be the KLAN Racing team from Springfield. Last fall this group of racers won top club honors with the most cars entered and also won more trophies than any other contending group.

California Clubs

This weekend the KLAN will meet stiff competition from two California clubs.

Coming from Santa Clara with several entries, including three in the dragster division, is the Coilers Racing team. Several of the cars are record holders at Bay area drag strips and are well known for putting on a good show for contestants and spectators.

Sacramento, Calif., will send a strong delegation from the Capitol Auto club, representing eight classes of competition. Included in the Capitol club's entries are several roadsters and two gas class coupes that are expected to speed to at least 100 miles per hour.

Many towns and communities in Oregon and northern California will be represented with club entries in many divisions.

SOTA has put up two special prizes of \$25 each to the outstanding groups of racers.

Challenge Races

Latest word from the racing camp of Skeans-Pickering in Vancouver, Wash., is that they are arranging a series of challenge races with other top entries of the meet. In a phone call from Dave Skeans yesterday he told SOTA officials he had already made arrangements for one of the races and was in the process

of contacting the Shoehorn team in Reno, Nevada, to challenge them.

These will be in addition to the three special match races between the meets two fastest cars for the "Mr. Eliminator"

title. Mr. Eliminator races will be run on Sunday.

Site of the races is seven miles north of Medford off the Crater Lake highway in west White City. Concessions will be available at the track.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Medford, CP Studs To Tangle Tonight

Medford and Central Point American Legion baseball nines collide this evening in their second meeting of the season.

The two aggregations, who have a spirited rivalry, clash at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial field, White City.

This tussle will find CP's Cheney Studs trying to maintain the upper hand and Medford's Cokes aiming to even the situation for a 1 to 0 setback one week ago.

Tonight's tussle is the final non-league tuneup for each team. They open Southern division play in Area 4 on Sunday on different diamonds.

The tangle last week was a topnotch skirmish and the Studs and Cokes will try to make this one another in the same vein. Likely pitcher for Medford is Stuart Young. He took last week's loss although giving up just two hits, while the Cokes got five. Either Mike or Larry Pepper could be the chucker for Central Point.

The Cokes draw their talent from Medford high and Central Point's Studs get their players from Crater high. Both clubs are fortified by varsity players from the two schools.

This will be just the second game of the season for Medford. Central Point is 2-3 after contests with Grants Pass and Roseburg, as well as Medford.

In the league openers on Sunday, Central Point will play the Klamath Falls Falcons at Klamath Falls and Medford will go to Grants Pass. Doubleheaders are set to start at 1:30 p.m. Only the first games count in the Southern division standings.



STUD'S SACKMAN—Pat Pepper, above, is the second sacker for the Central Point Cheney Studs who play Medford in an American Legion junior baseball game this evening at Memorial field, White City.

Ladies Knotted In Civitan Golf

Austin, Tex. — (UPI) — Sandra Haynie, a local favorite, and three other professional women golfers took a two-stroke lead into today's second round of the \$7,500 Austin Women's Civitan golf tournament.

Miss Haynie, 19, who went to high school in Austin but now lives in Fort Worth, shared the lead with a 69 total with Gloria Fecht of Los Angeles. Mickey Wright of Dallas and Jackie Pung of Daly City, Calif.

Fanfare

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Ray Smith, ex-Medford high distance runner who last week won the Skyline conference mile championship for Brigham Young university, is looking forward to a month-long jaunt through Europe this summer. He will travel with the BYU track team. Ray, who is home following the Skyline meet, which came after his school was out, said that the Cougar trackmen will fly out of New York on June 28 for Helsinki, Finland.

The team will have meets at Helsinki, Oslo, Stockholm and Brussels, on the Riviera, in Zurich or West Berlin and in London. Two meets are scheduled on the Riviera and in London. Twenty to 22 athletes will make the trip and will be back home around the first of August.

Smith's best mile time has been 4:10 recorded this year in the dual meet with University of Oregon. He reported that running in the higher altitudes of his conference area is harder and his times have ranged around 4:14. That was his mark in the Skyline meet which BYU won with 77 points to second place New Mexico's 44. Ray said that he ran the three-mile a couple of times but without impressive times.

Smith is studying toward a teaching degree in physical education and is also going into pre-physical therapy studies.

EMERALD GAMES HERE

Arrangements have been completed by the Eugene Emeralds with the Veterans Administration domiciliary and two service clubs to play four of their Northwest league baseball games at Memorial field, White City, this summer.

First tussle will be with the Salem Dodgers on Wednesday, June 25. Eugene will meet Salem again at White City on Aug. 2, will play the Lewiston Broncos on Aug. 13 and will face the Tri-City Braves on Aug. 27.

Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the June 25 and Aug. 13 games and Medford Lions club those on Aug. 2 and Aug. 27. Proceeds netted by the jaycees will go to the Crater high stadium fund.

Tickets for the June 25 tangle were to be available today at Barker's Men's store and the Bohemian club in Medford, the Central Point pharmacy, Pendleton's Mobilgas in Central Point, Foster's pharmacy in Jacksonville, Olsen's confectionery at Eagle

Point and the Shady Cove tavern and cafe.

RAGSDALE HONORED

Dick Ragsdale, ex-Medford high three sport man, was one of three young men named freshmen athletes of the year at Stanford. The others were Marty Hull and Paul Schlicke.

Ragsdale was cited for his play in football and basketball. In football he paced the Papooses in rushing, passing and scoring and displayed great punting and defensive talent. His teammates voted him the Murphy award, emblematic of the frosh grinder with the most varsity potential.

In basketball Dick was the No. 3 guard. He averaged 4.3 points per game, hitting 48 per cent of his shots.

Hull was honored for water polo and swimming and Schlicke for cross country and track. Schlicke was Washington state high school mile champ in 1961. He has run a 4:10.6 mile and 1:53.3 in the half-mile this season.

The three were recognized as the best among a bumper crop of athletes.

YREKA PROUD

He's not with a California team but residents of Yreka, Calif., have reason to be proud of Dennis Bennett, rookie pitcher with the Philadelphia Phillies. Bennett, a former Yreka high twirler, chucked the four-hit, 11-strikeout shut-out last Saturday which ended the 13-game winning streak of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Belmont Shapes Up As Wide-Open Race

New York — (UPI) — The 94th running of the \$125,000 added Belmont Stakes Saturday shapes up as a wide-open race between Greek Money. Decidedly, Jaipur and Crimson Satan.

Admiral's Voyage, Vimy Ridge and David K. also are expected to compete in the tough mile and one-half grind, third leg of Thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown for 3-year-olds.

The field was narrowed Thursday when Roman Line

and Daddy R. were withdrawn. Roman Line had finished second in the Kentucky Derby and third in the Preakness Stakes.

Greek Money, the Preakness winner, was listed as the

5-2 favorite in the latest advance line, followed by Jaipur, the Jersey Derby winner, at 3-1; Crimson Satan 7-2; Decidedly, Kentucky Derby winner, 9-2; Admiral's Voyage 8-1; Vimy Ridge 12-1, and David K., 20-1.

New York — (UPI) — Dick Weber of St. Louis and Shirley Garms of Chicago will be honored with "Bowler of the Year" awards by the Metropolitan Bowling Writers association at its annual dinner June 10.

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