

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Optimistic Rogue River Will Take on Glendale

Rogue River - Rogue River High school, with a squad reported more optimistic than Chieftain clubs of past recent seasons, opens 1962 activity on Friday night.

The Chiefs, under the head coaching helm for the first time of Wayne Misener, travel to Glendale. This will be a non-league prelude to a full Rogue league slate. Glendale is a member of the Umpqua Valley circuit.

Misener has had his crew spend much time on fundamentals in the three weeks of practice sessions. And, he reports, "The line is coming along pretty well and looks fair." The backfield, with a couple of key men lost, will be small.

Much Expected
The mentor reported that quite a bit is expected from three veterans, Jack Salter, quarterback; Mike O'Brien, tackle; and Gust Schefstrom, guard. They have been doing well in practice. Salter played halfback last season. Bob Pentecost, a guard, is another

Prospect Encounters Sisters 8

Prospect - Prospect High school steps off into the new campaign in Class B eight-man football Friday, under a new coach, entertaining defending state champion Sisters in an afternoon encounter.

The Cougars, under Coach Glenn Aken, have a veteran backfield and a new line.

Lettermen starters in the backfield are Richard Bean, quarterback; Gene Wyatt, blocking back; and Larry Bean, wing back. Possibly in the forward wall lineup at the start will be Art Anderson and Andy Maurer or Cleve Shafer, ends; Alvin Karjala and Duane Chapman, guards; and Rex Boothy, center.

Prospect has a squad of 19 boys. Aken succeeds Duane Payne who is the new school superintendent at Jordan Valley. He will teach mathematics and world geography. A grad of Brigham Young university, he taught last year at Orem, Utah.

Frank D'Eagle earlier was scheduled to take the coaching post but reportedly did not qualify.

WINS ORIENT TITLE

Tokyo - Mitsunori Seki of Japan won the Orient featherweight title from Thailand's Veeranid Charoemaung Wednesday by scoring a unanimous 12-round decision. Seki is the second-ranked challenger to the world featherweight crown.

HORN RISKS

Portland - Middleweight Bobby Horn of Eugene risks his unbeaten record in a 10-rounder against veteran trial horse Ernie Gipson of Seattle in the Portland armory tonight. Horn has won seven of his eight professional fights and has one draw. He has scored five knockouts.

CASPER TO DEFEND

Portland - Billy Casper, who has won the Portland Open three years in a row, said today he will be back to try again in next week's 72-hole, \$25,000 event. Dow Finsterwald announced he would enter the open.



LION HUNT ENDS - The great lion hunt is over and Gwen Dolyn, the 75-pound puma, is back in her dog house at Rolling Hills, Calif. Mrs. William Deacon, owner of the pet, can't even coax her out. The 18-month-old animal was the object of an all-day search after slipping out of the Deacon home. She was found cowering in a clump of bushes by two children and was dragged from her hideout by the tail. (UPI)

Eagles Called Improved, Better Balanced Crew; Sonny Jurgensen Sound

This is the 19th in a series on the pre-season prospects of professional football teams for 1962.)

By RUSS GREEN
Philadelphia - A sound, hale and hearty Sonny Jurgensen and a primed defense, specializing in halting the opposition's passing game, are the Philadelphia Eagles' strong points as they try to duplicate their championship year of 1960.

A shakeup too strong to be called mild, an eye-opening trade here and there, plus some tested runners and top-flight pass receivers make the Eagles' bid for the National

Football league's eastern title and maybe the big prize, something more than a flight of fancy.

It isn't that Coach Nick Skorich is indulging in such flights without paying attention to hard work. As the Eagles' skipper sees it, the team is definitely improved and better balanced.

Skorich said he looked for better blocking from the offensive line, plus a stronger defense than he had in the final five games of 1961, when defensive back Tom Brookshier was out with a broken leg.

Helps Running Backs
The better offensive line,

ended last winter - sound and just as able. King Hill, newly outfitted with contact lenses, has backed him up well in pre-season games.

Defensively, the Eagles fell two shocks. Brookshier, who broke his leg last November, is done for the season and so is his replacement, Glen

Amerson, who underwent brain surgery last week end. **Player Trades Help**
But the trade winds brought little John Baker from the Rams and Jim Schrader from the Redskins. Don Oakes was shifted from offensive tackle leaving the big four Baker, Riley Gunnels, Oakes and Gene Gossage, with rookie Bob Richards a possible.

BOLOTNIKOV WINS
Belgrade, Yugoslavia - Pyltor Bolotnikov, no stranger to American sports fans, won the 10,000-meter run with ease Wednesday to get Russia off to an expected fast start in the seventh European track and field championships.

Ben Scotti, brought up from the Redskins, gave the defensive backs help, lost by the injury to Brookshier and the operation on Amerson. The current combo is Scotti, along with Jimmy Carr, a smarter and improved Irv Cross, and reliable Don The Blade Bur-

roughs as the take-charge guy. Chuck Bednarik is ambling wherever needed, defensively only.

The defense intercepted 10 passes in the last two games. The Eagles, as a team, intercepted 17 in 1961. Skorich says the difference comes from the big rush by the new defensive line.

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