

Medford Entertains Roseburg; Crater Host to Grants Pass In Saturday Baseball Tussles

Southern Oregon conference baseball campaign opens this Saturday—weather permitting—with a pair of doubleheaders while the defending champion has a non-league twinbill at home.

Conference clashes have Grants Pass against Crater at Central Point and Ashland at Klamath Falls. First games are set for 1:30 p.m.

Medford, which won the 1962 mantle, entertains Roseburg. "Play ball" time also is 1:30 p.m.

Grants Pass had tussles slated at Roseburg this afternoon but field conditions may have forced postponement. Klamath Falls was to meet Yreka, Calif.



AT FIRST BASE—Don Anderson is slated to be at first base for the Black Tornado Saturday afternoon when the Medford High baseball team entertains Roseburg here in a doubleheader.

The conference this season abandons the previous league plan of eight counting games. Sixteen-game schedules are to determine the loop titlist. Each team plays each other for one four loop frays as in basketball.

Second Games Count

In past seasons the schools have met in doubleheaders with second games non-counting five-frame affairs. This year the second games will be included in the standings and will be for seven innings.

The Black Tornado of Medford has a good nucleus of veterans back from the 1962 club which compiled an official conference standing of 7-1. It will wear the favored role when it begins league action, despite yesterday's 13 to 1 practice loss to Ashland. A tight race, nevertheless, has been anticipated.

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tle. We're going to try to give them a run anyway.

Maurer rates the Grants Pass-Crater rivalry a tossup.

For the Comet tangles Maurer anticipates starting Jerry McCormack and Jim Thompson, lettermen, on the hill, with Steve Newman, a sophomore who's looking good, for relief.

Other lettermen starters are Bob Peters, catcher; Bill Standley, second base; Lyman Keisecker, third base; Richard Wolny, shortstop, and Gary Reddick, center field. At first may be Don Summers with McCormack handling the duties when not pitching.

It's between senior non-lettermen Bill Arnold and Bob Newton in left field, Arnold or Tom Blanchard, No. 2 catcher, could be in right field.

Grants Pass and Roseburg are able to play today, Steve Warf, a freshman, and Pat Duchien and Ted Hummell, sophomores, likely will see hill service.

Crater Lineup

Larry Pepper and Wayne Clay are the probable Crater starting pitchers with Larry Mason and John Bush available for relief. Others in the lineup could be Darryl Summerfield, catcher; Howard Tomlinson, first base; Pat Pepper, second base; Mike Glines, third base; Lou Alvarez, shortstop; Don Kilbourne, left field; Neil Ribenburg, center field, and Willie Jones, right field.

Coach Bill Piche said that Dave Twedell may see some left field service.

Three Medford lettermen from last year who did not take part in the game at Ashland yesterday may be in the opening line for the Tornado tomorrow against Roseburg. These are Dick Deffley, second base; Dan Miles, shortstop, and Mike Neathamer, center field. They turned out at the start of the week after completing basketball play.

Other Players

Other possible starters are Ken Phipps or Wayne Couch, catcher; Don Anderson, first base; Ron Edmonds, third base, and among Gary Miller, Couch, Tom Barker and Mike Barnes, outfielders. Barnes is among the basketball players who just reported. Barker was ill and did not make the jaunt to Ashland.

Pitching for the Tornado may be divided among Stuart Young, Larry Sander, Bill Enyart and John Gates. Jack Forde, also among those just out after basketball action, is not ready for pitching service. Coach John Kovenz hopes he'll be able to throw some next Tuesday in another non-league fray with Ashland.

Coach Bill Leybold of Ashland has indicated that he will select his twisters for the Klamath games from among Bill Tifford, John Rhodes and Dave Barger. Rest of the crew may be Bob DeBoer, catcher; Rhodes or Dan Baker, first base; Rick Pierce, second base; Denny Kendall, shortstop; Dean Samuelson, third base, and



COMET CHUCKER—Wayne Clay, above, likely will see pitching duty for Crater high when the Comet dismembers take on Grants Pass at Central Point on Saturday in a Southern Oregon conference twinbill.

Clyde Nelson, Jan Susee and Gene Slade, outfielders.

Klamath Falls, which split with Wed, Calif., last week, has eight lettermen. Jim and Rich Jackson and Gary Benson are pitching veterans. Other lettermen are Larry Binney, first base; Lanny Guyer, second base; Mike Kitching, shortstop; Joe Parlotto, third base, and Larry Smith, outfielder.

Since Binney has been ill, John Gray may have the first base assignment against Ashland. Catcher likely will be Dave Johnson with Tom Osa and Rick Horn slated to round out the outfield.

Far West Relay Meet Saturday

Eugene—UPI—The sixth running of the Far West relays is scheduled for Hayward Field Saturday, but the Oregon and Oregon State track teams are going, there may not be enough athletes left to run the meet.

Defending national collegiate champion Oregon is favored to win the team title, as it has every year since the meet began.

However, Coach Bill Bowernan's already a dwindling forces got another shock Thursday when distance man Mike Lehner was ordered to the sidelines for at least two weeks because of mononucleosis. Lehner, who finished third in the NCAA steeplechase last summer, may be lost for the season.

Shot put and discus star Dave Steen has a sore elbow, distance man Ted Abram is sidelined with a heavy cold, and quarter-mile hopeful Bob Bruce has dropped out of school. Pole vaulter Gerry Mora and javelin thrower John Burns also are nursing minor ailments.

Tom Boswell of Oregon State, favored in the 100, is out of action with a pulled muscle, Sprinter Lynn Ezen and quarter-mile Lee Hazen also have muscle woes.

Washington State sprinter Jim Easley is through for the season because of muscle problems and defending pole vault champion John Cramer of Washington is a doubtful participant Saturday for the same reason.

The meet is scheduled to start at 1 p.m., with the first running event at 2.

Kart Races On Sunday

Trophy races are scheduled for Sunday, March 31, at Medford kartways, weather permitting.

Gates open at 11 a.m. Time trials are planned for 1 p.m. Trophies will be awarded in each class.

Spectators are invited. Coffee and chocolate will be available.

Angels Perfect Baseball Show

Palm Springs, Calif.—UPI—The Los Angeles Angels not only have just about finished preparations for the 1963 season, but apparently have perfected their road show version of their stylized ninth-inning drama.

In 1962, the Angels never really gave the fans a chance to breathe easy—it was always down to the wire, win or lose.

The 1963 edition of the impressive Angel ballclub is no different. Thursday, the Seraphs came from behind for three runs in the ninth to beat Cleveland 4-3 for their third win in a row scored in the final frame.

CAST REMOVED

St. Petersburg, Fla.—UPI—Chris Cannizzaro, a catcher for the New York Mets who suffered a fractured right finger in the opening week of spring training, had the cast removed Wednesday. Cannizzaro won't be able to resume catching for another two or three weeks.

SPORTS

Grizzlies Down Tornado 13-1 in Practice Scrap

Ashland high's Grizzlies, rated as underdogs in the Southern Oregon conference chase, downed Medford 13 to 1 yesterday in a practice baseball game.

The Bruins did their scoring in the third inning. Medford got its lone run in the first.

Originally, the game was billed for Tuesday. Because of rain, it was moved to Wednesday. Weather again on Wednesday resulted in postponement. It was decided to work the game into the schedule later in the season. Then,

Pro Golfers Come Here On Monday

Some 30 pros, members of the Oregon division of the Professional Golfers association, and a field of possibly 150 players is anticipated at Rogue Valley Country club Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2, when the division's annual spring pro-amateur tourney is scheduled.

The golfers come here after Tuesday rivalry at Roseburg.

Each of the pros is bringing two amateurs with him and two for each will be provided by the local club. All spots are filed for Monday play here and there is a waiting list of alternates. However, as of yesterday there were three amateur openings for Tuesday. Golfers interested in filling them are asked to call RVCC pro Ron Caperna.

Top Amateurs

Some of the better amateurs in the state will accompany the pros and most of the local low handicappers will take part.

Among the pros slated to vie are Bunny Mason, Columbia, Edgewater, Portland; Bob McKendrick, Oswego; Marlow Quick, Astoria; Boots Porterfield, Grants Pass; Jerry Mowlds, Riverside of Portland; and Bob Ellsworth, Meriwether of Portland, and Harold West, Tualatin.

Among the amateurs will be Phil Getchell, ex-Medford high and ex-Stanford university player who has held the Southern Oregon title.

Harold Kneec Links Leader

Wilmington, N. C.—UPI—Harold (Catfish) Kneec was in a good position today to win his first PGA tournament.

Kneec, 27, the short and stocky Aiken, S. C., pro, blistered the Cape Fear Country club course here Thursday with a 6 under par 66 to take a one stroke lead in the \$22,500 Azalea Open golf tournament. Former USGA Open champion, Jack Fleck, 42, and Gene Littler, 32, trailed Kneec with 67s and Billy Farrell, 27, came in with a 68.

Two-time Azalea winner Jerry Barber was tied at 69 with Rod Funsech. Carding 70s were Bill Blanton, Bob Spence, Jim Wright, Billy Maxwell, Dan Sikes, Jack Rule, Herb Marcussen, Randy Glover, Bob Harrison, George Kudson, Lionel Hebert, Frank Wharton and Larry Beck.

Crater High Net Team To Contend

Central Point—Crater high tennis team opens its season on Saturday here against Grants Pass at 1:30 p.m.

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They include Mike Gardner, Les Dewey, Cliff Pinkham, Robert Bruce, Jerry Calhoun, Rick Mayes, Mike Turner and Greg Appien.

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Santa Clara Leads Way In Nat Test

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TRANSFERS AT UO

Eugene—UPI—Two junior college transfers, both tackles, have enrolled at the University of Oregon this week and will be present for spring football practice starting April 15. The two are Jerry Inman, 6-2, 215 pounds, from Boise Junior College and Adrian Paul, 6-1, 215, from Hancock JC in Santa Maria, Calif.

Frosh Relay Meet Off

Southern Oregon freshmen relays, which had been scheduled for this afternoon at the Medford High stadium have been cancelled.

Weather and track conditions are the reasons.

Lee Ragsdale, supervisor of physical education for Medford schools, said that the track was in such shape it would not have been possible to get it ready for the meet.

The annual event was to have matched ninth grade athletes of Southern Oregon conference schools.

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