

# Baseball Loop Admits Medford, Yreka Miners

### Northern California Diamond Circuit Will Operate With Eight Franchises; Ashland Elks May Come In

The Northern California amateur baseball league will operate as an eight-team circuit this coming summer, it has been disclosed by League Prexy Felix Gaspara of Mt. Shasta, and there is a possibility that there will be three Oregon teams in the loop. The Medford Craters, apparently intending to withdraw from the Southern Oregon circuit, have been granted admission into the league, as have the Yreka Miners. The Ashland Elks may also be voted in. Acceptance of petitions from the Craters and Miners brings the league membership to eight clubs, but Redding may pull out and make room for Ashland. The eight clubs now holding charters are the Klamath Falls Sons, Weed Sons, Mt. Shasta A. C., McCloud Loggers, Dunsmuir Railroaders, Redding Cubs, Yreka Miners and Medford Craters.



## No, Braddock Was Champ At The Time

Probably the one sports question which stirs more arguments than any other is: Was either Joe Louis or Max Schmeling heavyweight champion at the time of the fight in which Schmeling knocked Louis out?

That fight took place not quite 11 years ago and is one of the most talked of and written about sports events of the 20th century, but you'd be surprised how many people will argue that one or the other of the contestants was the champ.

The joker in that deck was Jimmie Braddock. At the time of the first Louis-Schmeling brawl (June 19, 1936) Cinderella Man Jimmie Braddock had foregone his WPA checks for the emoluments accruing to the heavyweight champion of the world, while Louis and Schmeling were among half a dozen or so logical contenders for the purple when Braddock chose to fight again.

The Brown Bomber and the Black Uhlan hooked up in their historic scuffle with nothing at stake but prestige and the big end of the purse. Schmeling knocked out Louis in the 12th round.

It was a year and three days later that Joe Louis became king by knocking off Braddock in six. June 22, 1937. He's been champ ever since and considering the current crop of heavyweights will probably be champ for several years to come.

Louis, as champion, decided Tommy Farr, knocked out Nathan Mann and Harry Thomas, before getting around to Schmeling again. That was exactly one year to the day after Joe had won the title (June 22, 1936), and he chilled Schmeling in the first round.

So time went on and Max went home to Germany. He became one of Herr Hitler's boys, a corporal in the army, and was reported seriously wounded, dead or dying several score times during the big conflict.

Recently Maxie turned up as a graduate of a denazification school and has been quoted as saying that he wants to fight Louis again.

## Let's Look At The Record Book

Some other oft-asked sports questions are:  
Q—Did Tunney retire after beating Jack Dempsey the second time?  
A—No, not immediately. Gene Tunney knocked out Tom Heeney in 11 rounds on July 23, 1928, then retired undefeated. In his only previous title defense he had outpointed Dempsey.

Q—Did Notre Dame ever play in the Rose Bowl?  
A—Yes. Notre Dame beat Stanford 27-10 January 1, 1925, the year the Four Horsemen were seniors.

Q—How many baseball players have been elected to the Cooperstown Hall of Fame?  
A—Election of Frankie Frisch, Mickey Cochrane, Carl Hubbell and Lefty Grove a few days ago brings the number to 53. Of that total, 14 are classed as immortals (Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Lou Gehrig, Christy Mathewson and so on), while the remainder are just honor men.

Q—Are Leo Durocher and Laraine Day really married?  
A—Well, yes and no.

## Crisler Says He's Interested

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 3 (AP)—H. O. (Fritz) Crisler, coach and athletic director of the University of Michigan, was on his way to California today to confer with University of California officials regarding the coaching job there.

Crisler, who said "I have the best job in the world at Michigan," expressed interest in the California position. He said he had been given to understand that a change had been made in the set-up there.

"The athletic set-up has been taken out of the hands of the students, according to my understanding," Crisler declared.

## Ted Will Get Huge Salary

BOSTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox slugger, today signed his 1947 contract—reportedly calling for between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

General Manager Eddie Collins of the American league baseball champions, said that Williams "wrote his own ticket."

Ted himself refused to divulge just what he was getting, but did tell newsmen "it's the most money I ever got."

He was smiling broadly and appeared obviously well satisfied as he emerged from a brief conference with Collins.

## Chevs Stake Mark Again

The undefeated Ashley Chevrolet team will go to the well again tonight, this time against the last-place American Legion quints in the final game of a basketball doubleheader on Al-tamont court.

The Chevs have three Basin league wins and no losses, while the Legion has a record of none and three.

In the opening game tonight, starting at 7:30, the Oregon Woolen squad comes to grips with the Sons of Italy, both quints seeking their second conference win.

The county division slate has the league-leading Tulelake Flyers playing the Merrill Independents and Beatty plays the Tulelake Merchants in the other half of the twin bill at Tulelake.

A doubleheader is also on the griddle at Bonanza where the Langell Valley Beavers take on the Henley town team, and the Merrill Townies meet Bonanza. A single game is on the slate for Malin with Chiloquin at the opposition.

## Dimes Drive Game Winner

MERRILL, Feb. 3—A March of Dimes benefit basketball game here Saturday night raised \$85.91 for the infantile paralysis fund, and the Merrill Huskies topped the Gilchrist Grizzlies 26 to 24 in a non-league game.

All proceeds from the game went to the March of Dimes, and the officials, Ernie Bishop and Harold Douglas of Klamath Falls, donated their time.

Gilchrist won the B string game, 29 to 18.

Lineups and scoring: Merrill (26) (24) Gilchrist O'Keefe (5) F. (2) Jacobs Snapp (6) F. (4) Toomey D. Haskins (6) C. Schotts Trotman (3) G. (2) Reed Simmons (4) G. (12) Shelton Merrill reserves—Doyle Haskins (2) and Bowman; Gilchrist reserves—Anderson (4), Brader and McCow.

## Threats Join Boxing Probe

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 3 (AP)—Three participants in Vancouver's current boxing investigation reported to police over the week-end that they received telephone threats.

Alderman Jack Price, who nominated the five men elected to the athletic commission, said his warning said "it's going to be too bad for some people."

Tommy Cruise, ring announcer, said his unknown caller advised him he "talked too much," while boxing manager Joe Martin said calls received by himself and his wife were "very vague" but "ominous."

The investigation followed recent disclosures of gambling activity at ringside and the substitution of scheduled fighters without announcement to fans.

## Cougar Bounties Bring Men \$240

PORTLAND, Feb. 3 (AP)—Two Sandy hunters earned \$240 hunting cougar in the Larch mountain area in two days.

Warren Cruthers and John Mills said they used dogs to track the four mountain lions, killed them with pistols. They collected \$50 from the state and \$10 from Multnomah county for each animal.

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Because Redding made such a poor showing last summer, winning only one of 15 league games, and because the hop to Redding from Klamath, Medford or Yreka is overly long and expensive, there is a movement on foot among the other clubs to drop that city's league franchise.

During a recent league meeting at Mt. Shasta when the Redding question came up it resulted in a tie vote, and the Redding representative, seeing how the wind was blowing, promised either to see that the Cubs had a better team on the field this summer or withdraw from the league.

If a withdrawal is decided upon, President Gaspari is to be notified early this week. In that event the application of Ashland will be accepted to make the eighth team.

The league has also received requests for entry from Hill and Summit City, but has tentatively turned them down.

Last summer the Medford Craters fielded a good team in the southern Oregon conference and defeated the Klamath Sons twice in non-conference games. Medford has a lighted field, and will probably be allowed to play night games in the northern California league.

Yreka played independent ball last summer and has a recently refurbished field.

On the local scene the offer of the Klamath Sons to revamp Recreation field is still before the city's official family, but has not been acted upon. The Sons would install lights for night baseball and reconstruct the stands and grounds in return for a priority on use of the city-owned diamond.

## Buck Weaver Has Opener

Billy Goetz, clever little grappler, who currently is listed as the holder of the Pacific coast lightweight crown, will appear in Thursday night's wrestling opener against Buck Weaver of Louisville, Ky.

The match is set for three rounds. Weaver will be making his first appearance here, although he has been in Portland for a couple of weeks. Buck is no novice to the game, having been at it since he finished college. About 15 years ago he played football for the University of Indiana.

Billy Weidner, who once defeated the Grey Mask in the local squared circle, may get another fight with the masked man in the main event Thursday. The Mask at times appears to be losing his grip, since he lost everything but the decision against Frankie Hart last week, but he still is of main event caliber.

## Coon Huntin' Good In Portland

PORTLAND, Feb. 3 (AP)—'Coon hunting was good just outside the southeast suburbs of the city yesterday—but three-year-old Walter Tschudy should get the credit for the seven skins.

Edward Tschudy and Louis Lehman reported they were walking in the woods when the boy pointed to a "kitty" 100 feet up in a large fir tree.

The father returned home for a rifle. Lehman's shot brought down one. Then three others exposed themselves, and three more were bagged within 50 feet of the first tree.

## Cerdan Takes Title

PARIS, Feb. 3 (AP)—Marcel Cerdan, French middleweight champion, won the European 160-pound title by knocking out Leon Fouquet of Belgium in 2:06 of the first round on their scheduled 15-round bout Saturday.

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## Pels Trounce Tornado For Split In Series

MEDFORD, Feb. 3—The struggle for the basketball leadership in District 4 (Southern Oregon) is now right back where it has been all season, a deadlock between the Klamath Falls Pelicans and Medford Black Tornado, each with seven wins and one loss.

Saturday night the Pelicans completely reversed a previous decision taken by the Tornado, winning 48 to 37 after having lost 46 to 36 Friday night.

After about two minutes of play Saturday the fired-up Klamath hoopers, paced by Capt. LeRoy Coleman's deadly accurate shooting and speed, took a lead over the Tornado that was never brooked. Coleman pushed in nine field goals and one charity throw for 19 personal points.

## How They Stand

District 4	W.	L.
Klamath	7	1
Medford	7	1
Grants Pass	3	5
Central Point	2	6
Ashland	1	7

  

Northern Division	W.	L.
Oregon State	7	1
Washington State	7	3
Washington	5	5
Oregon	3	5
Idaho	0	8

  

County B League	W.	L.
Chiloquin	6	0
Henley	5	1
Gilchrist	5	1
Malin	3	3
Academy	2	4
Merrill	2	4
Bonanza	1	5
Bly	0	6

  

City Division	W.	L.
Ashley	3	0
Rickys	3	1
Hal's Sports	3	1
Merchants	1	2
Sons of Italy	1	2
Oregon Woolen	1	3
Legion	0	3

  

County Division	W.	L.
Tule Flyers	6	0
Bonanza	4	2
Chiloquin	4	2
Merrill Ind.	4	2
Merrill Town	4	2
Henley	4	2
Malin	2	3
Beavers	1	5
Beatty	0	5
Merchants	0	6

## Lengthy Leap Hurts Skier

LEAVENWORTH, Wash., Feb. 3 (AP)—One of the strongest contenders for a U. S. Olympic games berth, national amateur ski jump champion Art Devlin of Lake Placid, N. Y., was hospitalized today with a wrenching right leg after jumping the lightning fast Leavenworth ski hill.

Devlin, whose injury may keep him out of competition for six months, soared on a 286-foot leap which took him beyond the landing slope.

The leap was 13 feet farther than the Leavenworth record set in 1941 by the late Torger Toke, and would have come within two feet of the national mark had he not fallen.

Six of the first 13 jumpers fell. Ray Hendrickson, the local favorite, fractured a rib during a practice jump prior to the meet.

Art Granstrom of Everett, posting leaps of 237 and 234 feet, took first place in class A with 218.8 points. Art Van Buskirk, Leavenworth, took class B honors with 205.2 points on jumps of 136 and 143 feet.

Senior honors went to Toney Knutsen, Fjeld club, Stanwood, with 134 and 128 feet and 197 points.

## Speed Demon Gets Speeding Ticket

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of the world's water speed record, pleaded guilty today to a charge of speeding on land.

Police said he was driving his car at 38 miles an hour on the highway. Sir Malcolm paid ten shillings (two dollars) costs and the summons was dismissed.

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Lem's Dogs vs Thad's Chickens

Running a newspaper, you get to know a lot about human nature. Thad Phipps was in the other day, all burned up. Wanted me to run an item on how Lem Martin's dog had raided his chickens again, and ought to be put away by law. I told him: "Lem was in on Saturday. Said you shouldn't be allowed to keep those chickens so close to his house—and in a residential zone, at that."

Thad shuts up right pronto then. And that very evening I see him making his peace with Lem.

Joe Marsh

## Beavers Stay Out Front With Whirlwind Victory

By The Associated Press  
The Universities of Washington and Oregon, currently running third and fourth in the northern division coast conference cage campaign, place their mathematical pennant chances on the line tonight and Tuesday with the Huskies invading the Oregon campus.

Oregon State, which took over a game lead with its double win over Washington during the week-end, is idle until it entertains the Oregon Ducks this Saturday. O S C trampled heavily on the Washington hopes by winning Friday 57-52 and then taking a whirlwind 84-63 decision Saturday.

The week's only other tilt finds Washington State, currently runner-up, winding up its series with Idaho in a single loss for the leading Beavers, but the Ducks' coach, Howie Hobson, still sticks to his contention that the ultimate winner will be beaten five times.

Washington enters the series, its last on the road, as the underdog on the basis of its leg-wearying series with Oregon State and the loss of Boody Gilbertson. The lanky guard was lost for the season Friday night with an ankle injury.

## Simpson's Team Falls From Grace

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—The northwest's last undefeated cage machine bowed by the wayside Saturday night when Southern Oregon College of Education stubbed its toe in reaching for its seventeenth triumph.

Coach Al Simpson's charges dropped a 54-46 U decision to Pacific university.

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