

Far West Loop Due For Opening Games

Rain Threatens Klamath-Oroville Clash

Backed up by major league clubs and assured good home support, the eight clubs of the new class D Far West baseball league swings into its opening games tonight.

The circuit comprises six California towns—Oroville, Pittsburg, Redding, Willows, Santa Rosa and Marysville—and two in Oregon, Klamath Falls and Medford. A schedule of 126 games will be played, ending early in September.

All contests will be played at night except at Pittsburg where there are no lights. Home games at Pittsburg will be played at twilight, starting at 6 p. m. (California time). Night games all over the league will start at 8:15 p. m. Sunday games probably will be played in the afternoon.

Opening-day games have Klamath Falls at Oroville, Medford at Redding, Marysville at Santa Rosa and Willows at Pittsburg.

However, reports from Oroville indicate that it has been raining so much, water is standing on the hillsides and it is very doubtful whether any baseball can be played tonight in that city. The Klamath Falls-Oroville game probably will be postponed.

Jerry Donovan, old time coast league outfielder and president of the Far West league, maintains an office on Market street in San Francisco. His umpire assignments for the opening series are as follows:

At Santa Rosa, Lou Ziger and Evans Mann. At Oroville, Joe Garibaldi and Howard Lovett. At Redding, Gene McIsaac and Charley Trainor. At Pittsburg, Bill Rossi and Steve Yuhase.

Donovan believes a lively race is in prospect for the league's maiden season, and after a survey of training camps gave this report on the various teams:

KLAMATH FALLS GEMS—Plenty of power, good young catching, strong outfield, good pitching, needs an infielder. Appears tough.

MEDFORD DODGERS—Young club, great defense, fast but not much punch.

REDDING BROWNS—Good infield and pitching, has only fair punch and needs an outfielder. Manager and co-owner Ray Perry, ex-coast leaguer, may play first base.

WILLOWS CARDINALS—Good punch, strong outfield, fair pitching, fast.

SANTA ROSA PIRATES—Good pitching, experienced catching, plate power and fair speed. Needs an outfielder and an infielder.

MARYSVILLE BRAVES—Good infield, fair pitching. Outfielder needed.

PITTSBURG DIAMONDS—Young club, good infield, needs left-handed hitter. Help coming from New York Giants.

OROVILLE RED SOX—Good power, fair pitching, infielder needed. Help coming from Boston Red Sox.

TAG TEAM FOES HAVE RE-MATCH

Although Frankie Stojack and Glenn (Buddy) Knox licked Georges Dusette and Frankie Hart a week ago tonight in a rousing tag team match, they must have to make it two best out of three to count.

The same four grapplers in the same two teams will go at each other again tonight in the main event of the armory wrestling card.

Even the referee will be the same, dour Bob Kenastor of Gold Hill, Ore., third-maning the affair.

Last week's match went the full hour time limit to a decision for Stojack and Knox in as rousing a conclusion as has featured a local mat affair in many months.

The opening event on the card will be a five-round scrap between Paavo Katonen and Buck Weaver, scheduled to get under way at 8:30 p. m.

Pels Smack Grants Pass

KUHS's Pelican baseballers divided a twin bill Friday afternoon with the Grants Pass Cavemen, but took the game that counted in Southern Oregon conference play.

Score of the seven-inning tilt was 8-2 for the Pels, while the Cavemen grabbed the five-stanza nightcap, 5-4.

Pat Williams, right-handed pitcher, held the Cavemen to six hits in the conference encounter and fanned six. The Cavemen took the early lead with two runs in the first frame, but the Pels put the game on ice in their half of the frame.

With two men on base, Ed Whitney was walked and Danny Derrah smashed out a triple to chase in three runs.

The games were played at Recreation field.

Twirls No-Hitter

PERRYDALE, Ore., April 30 (P)—Dick Turner, Valsitz high sch. pitcher, turned in a no-hit, no-run game yesterday against Perrydale High. Final score of the seven-inning tilt was 12-0.

Turner struck out 12, walked one and hit two batters.

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Postponed Tilts Piling Up On All Coast Loop Teams

By The Associated Press

Coast league managers were counting their pitchers today as postponements continued to pile up.

San Francisco's Seals added another half game to their lead by edging San Diego, 3-2, as two more games were rained out last night.

Idled were Los Angeles at Sacramento and Seattle at Oakland. The mounting total means lots of double-headers coming up, and that's when pitching will tell.

The twin bill fare will be extra rich at Oakland, with doubles carded tonight, tomorrow and Sunday. There'll be two tomorrow and Sunday at Sacramento following tonight's singleton.

In the other contest played last night, Hollywood outslugged Portland, 7-6, to move up to sixth place while the Beavers skidded from fifth to seventh.

Old Mountain Music, Cliff Melton, southpawed the Seals to a slick three-hit victory as Manager Lefty O'Doul, Second Sacker Hugh Luby and Centerfielder Gene Woodling were bounced for umpire entanglements.

SEE-SAW AFFAIR
The Hollywood Portland contest was one of those things. The Seals went ahead 2-0 but Portland tied it in the fourth inning. Hollywood exploded for four runs in the sixth but Portland did the same thing in the seventh, so they were still tied, 6-6.

Hollywood's Lou Kahn doubled to deep left in the ninth to score Don Ross from first base with the winning run. The Beavers outhit the Seals, 13-11, but at that got three of their runs by the aid of four Hollywood errors. Each team used three pitchers.

PORTLAND

	A	R	H	O	E
Rucker, cf	3	1	0	2	2
Ratto, ss	3	1	0	2	2
Smith, lf	3	2	2	1	0
Mole, lb	4	1	2	1	0
Silvers, c	4	1	2	1	0
Silvers, 3b	4	0	0	1	3
Reich, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Basinski, 2b-as	4	0	1	3	3
Dibasi, p	1	2	0	0	1
Lazor, cf	1	0	0	0	0
Pippen, p	1	0	1	1	2
Mullen, 2b	0	0	0	0	0
Wyatt, p	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 34 7 11 27 17
x-Batted for Ratto in 8th.
HOLLYWOOD

	A	R	H	O	E
Cox, ss	3	0	0	3	3
White, cf	4	1	2	1	1
Stringer, 2b	3	0	1	1	4
Walters, lf	4	1	1	2	1
Zernial, rf	4	1	1	2	1
Lilke, lb	3	2	2	1	2
Woods, p	4	0	3	3	3
Kahn, c	4	0	3	3	3
Woods, p	2	1	1	1	1
Martinez, p	0	0	0	0	0
Skurski, 2rf	1	0	0	0	0
Handley, p	0	0	0	0	0
McLendon, p	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 34 7 11 27 17
x-Walker for Maltzberger in 7th.
x-Han for Zernial in 7th.
One out when winning run scored.
Portland 9th 2nd 4th 6th
Hollywood 11th 0th 0th 6th
SUMMARY—Winning pitcher, Bullard; losing pitcher, Wyatt; errors, Smith, Cox, Bernal 2, Kahn; left on base, Portland 7, Hollywood 13; passed ball, Kahn; wild pitch, Woods, Pippen; two-base hits, Lilke 2, Woods, Kahn 2, White, Libasi; Rucker, stolen bases, Kahn, Basinski; runs batted in, Kelleher, Kahn 2, Stringer, Silvers 3, Smith, Mole; double plays, Ratto to Basinski to Mole; Basinski to Mullen; Time, 2:50. Umpires, Englin, Doran and Gordon. Attendance 362.

Angling Season Starts

Burford Ransom, hard-punching and popular young welterweight from Seattle, announced in that city Thursday that he had signed to fight Richard Renzel of Fresno, Calif., Tuesday in a 10-round main event at Seattle, thereby giving Phil Sampson of Klamath Falls something closely akin to a run-around.

Last Tuesday night, when Sampson was colliding with Billy Tierney at Seattle, quite a ceremony was made from the ring over a challenge from Ransom to the winner of the bout. He offered to meet the victor next Tuesday.

History records that Sampson turned out the lights on Tierney in three rounds.

History also records that last fall Sampson knocked out Burford Ransom in Portland, administering the Seattle boy's only professional defeat.

However, nothing more was said about the "challenge to the winner" made by Ransom until Seattle newsmen asked why. Then it was reported that Sampson "had to return to Klamath Falls to go to school."

Sampson does not go to school in Klamath Falls or anywhere else, having finished high school at Reno some time ago. The Indian southpaw is believed to have returned to his home in Reno after the Tierney fight when he wasn't offered a return with Ransom.

Boxer Sent To Hospital

TACOMA, April 30 (P)—A preliminary fighter was hospitalized overnight after a right hand to the head knocked him unconscious for 20 minutes in a fight here last night.

Attendants said the boxer, Dave McAllister, 150, of Seattle, complained of a headache. He suffered no apparent injury, however, they added.

The blow came in the first round of McAllister's fight with Mel Barnhart, 152, Puyallup.

Charley Johnston, 142, Tacoma, decisioned Wilf Desjardins, 139, Calgary, Alta., in the 10-round main event.

Preliminaries: Sgt. Dick Evans, 150, McChord field, decisioned Ralph Ayers, 153, Pendleton, Ore.; Dave Davey, 196, Tacoma, decisioned Sonny Orrock, 186, Spokane; Jess Hall, 185, Los Angeles, and Jack Flood, 190, Seattle, drew 6.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACKSTERS READY FOR 16TH RUNNING OF 20-30 CLUB'S CINDER CLASSIC

A dozen high school track teams—maybe more—are scheduled to compete Saturday afternoon at Modoc field in the 16th annual Southern Oregon-Northern California track classic, and naturally the Medford Black Tornado, coached by Bill Bowerman, will be top-seeded to win the crown held by the Klamath Falls Pelicans the past two years.

In track and field competition so far this season, the power-laden Tornado has blanketed Southern Oregon and also captured the Hayward Relays.

Klamath's Pelicans should take second place and Ashland is figured to come in third, Roseburg, although sending down only a small delegation, may figure prominently

in the results and Henley high's county champs might show some of the larger schools some post-making.

In a meet such as this one, where each event is on an individual basis, athletes from the smaller schools have a good chance of upsetting some of the stars from the larger teams.

Other entrants besides the ones mentioned include Lakeside, Malheur, Bonanza, Weed, Grants Pass, Merrill and Central Point.

The 20-30 club, sponsoring the meet, has arranged for the winner of each event to receive a permanent trophy, going to the athlete and not the team. In addition, several special awards are to be handed out.

Unless exceptionally good weather prevails for the meet, only one meet record is in any real danger of being nullified. That is the shot put mark of 46 feet, 1 1/2 inches set in 1941. Tom Moutery of Medford has done about 10 feet better than that several times this spring.

For the most part, the records over the years of this meet are fairly substantial and will be topped only by extra-special performances.

Tomorrow morning, starting at 10 a. m., preliminary rounds will get under way in most events to cut the field to the number who will participate in each race or event in the afternoon. The championship session starts at 1 p. m.

Weather predictions can be made 25 per cent more accurately by use of the seismograph, the instrument scientists use for recording earthquakes.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Victoria Coming Up To Jostle Tacomans

By The Associated Press

Tacoma continued to rule the Western International league roost today, but out of the corner of their collective eye, the Tigers are watching the fast-coming Victoria Athletics.

The Canadians, yet to lose on their home field, marked up their fourth straight last night—a 5-2 decision over Wenatchee—to jump from sixth to a third place tie with Salem. Two days ago they were in the cellar.

Tacoma, meanwhile racked up No. 7 with a 10-7 margin over Yakima as runner-up Vancouver edged out Spokane 4-2. Salem and Bremerton divided a twin bill, the Oregonians taking the opener 9-7 but losing out in the 10-inning finale 3-2.

The split lifted Bremerton from a co-hold on the cellar to sixth place. Yakima and Spokane took seventh and eighth respectively.

The two-hit hurling of Victoria's Larry Ward completely throttled the Wenatchee attack. The Chiefs, hitless for six innings, made both of their runs in the seventh when Ward bounced a pitch off Wilson's head. Andrade doubled and both scored on Gaviglio's single. A fourth-inning fourth did the trick for Victoria.

Tacoma batters continued their field day at Yakima. Their 12 hits ran the three game series total to 43. Yakima bunched seven runs in the seventh inning but couldn't offset a three and six-run spurt by Tacoma in the fifth and sixth.

Carl Gunnarson's four-hit pitching and Frank Mullens' three doubles were the highlight of the Vancouver-Spokane fracas.

Bremerton fans sat through five hours of baseball as the Blue-jackets and Salem divided their twin bill. After watching four Bremerton hurlers throw away the opener with 10 walks, the long wait paid off at the end of the nightcap. With the hometowners trailing 2-1 with two away in the ninth inning, Bill Barisoff singled and knotted the count on Eddie Sameoff's triple into left. Bremerton won in the 10th as Al Maul tripled into deep right center and scored on Frank Volpi's single.

The Calumets weren't the first this morning, however, as R. W. McIlvain's Billings became the initial entry shortly after the box was opened at the Churchill Downs secretary's office.

Citation and Coalton followed shortly, then came William L. Brann's Escadr, Galedo, Ben F. Whitaker's My Request, and Mrs. John Payson Adams' Grandpere in order.

Jammed trains, planes, buses and other conveyances kept arriving today with people in them, all eager to get sardined into the rest of the crowd, expected to swell to 100,000.

Woodburn Youth Is Javelin King

CANBY, April 30 (P)—L. Hall, Woodburn, was getting mention today as the state's next high school javelin king.

He tossed the javelin 185 feet 10 1/2 inches yesterday in the Willamette Valley league track meet, won by Molalla.

This was a meet record. It was short of the state mark, but observers believed a duplicate throw would be good enough to win the state title for him at Corvallis later.

Molalla scored 79 1/2 points in winning, followed by Silverton 33 1/2, Woodburn 30 1/2, Estacada 24, Dallas 16, Canby 15 1/2, Mt. Angel 8 and Sandy 3.

Merrill Athletic Fund Is Growing

MERRILL, April 30—The campaign for funds for the renovation and lighting of the Merrill athletic field is going along satisfactorily with about half the money needed already raised.

An elk barbecue—the elk donated by Chet Barton—and a dance are among the fund-raising projects planned for the future. The ball park committee is headed by Dick Marks.

Floodlights for night football and softball are to be installed on the field.

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