

PELICANS OPEN SPRING SPORTS WARS TOMORROW



Trackmen Trek To Medford

Some new Pelican track stars may blossom tomorrow afternoon at Medford when the Klamath track club unites for the first meet of the season against a highly-rated Black Tornado squad.

Veteran Coach Paul Deller has just three lettermen to form a nucleus in a year the Pelican coach admits is one "for building."

The lettermen are Harold Simmers, half-miler; Barry Pitts, sophomore miler, and Jerry Johnson, entered in the high hurdles, javelin, pole vault and high jump.

Sophomore Jim Dougherty may be one of those to come "from nowhere" to strengthen a team that is below par, at least on paper.

Dougherty, in his first fling at broad-jumping, landed this week on the 20-foot mark. He's also entered in the high and low hurdles and 440-yard relay.

Fourteen events will be run off in the dual affair tomorrow, plus one that won't count in the team totals, the 440-yard relay.

Main weight candidate for the Pel is Steve Chatfield, entered in the discus, javelin and shot put.

Klamath entries are:

100-yards: Clinton Mills, Don Mills, Joe Thomas.

220-yards: D. Mills, Dick Abraham, Doyle Watson.

330 yards: Thomas, Tom Wells, Elvin Mitchell, Guy Hunsell.

880 yards: Harold Simmers, C. Mills, Wells, Orville Swindler.

1 mile: Barry Pitts, Rod Klus.

High Hurdles: Chase, Dougherty, Jerry Johnson.

Low Hurdles: Jim Dougherty, Jim Bevans, Mike Chase.

Shot Put: Steve Chatfield, Greg Schultz, Jim Young, Doug Campbell.

Discus: Chatfield, Johnson, Munsell.

Javelin: Chatfield, Johnson, Munsell, Mitchell.

Pole Vault: Johnson, Stewart, Watson.

Broad Jump: Dougherty, Abraham, Bevans, Wells.

880 Relay: D. Mills, Watson, Abraham, Wells.

440 Relay: Doug Pence, Ed Barron, Dougherty, Boyd Sprague.

High Jump: Johnson, Billy Waybrant, Chase, Stewart.

LETTERMAN Jerry Johnson eyes the pole vault bar before taking off. He's also entered in the high hurdles, javelin and high jump in tomorrow's meet at Medford, the first outing for the Pelicans.

Ben Wade May Stay This Trip

By The Associated Press

The Brooklyn Dodgers may have hit pay dirt once again in the case of Ben Wade who is striving for a pitching berth at the ripe old baseball age of 29.

Wade, a righthander, has been knocking around the Minors for 11 years. He had a couple of cups of coffee with Cincinnati and the Chicago Cubs but never stayed around for the dessert.

Ben just about clinched a job Thursday as the Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 3-0, at Bradenton, Fla., on one hit.

He held the Braves hitless until the seventh inning when Sam Zito beat out a bunt for Boston's only safety.

Bob Rush also came up with a fine pitching performance as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Cincinnati White Sox, 4-2 at Mesa, Ariz. Rush went the distance and allowed only three hits.

HOME RUN

Ed Waitkus, a former Cub, slammed a home run in the fourth inning to give the Philadelphia Phils a 3-2 triumph over the Detroit Tigers at Clearwater, Fla.

The Pittsburgh Pirates ended the Giants eight-game winning streak by beating the New Yorkers, 2-1, at Phoenix, Ariz. Rookie Joe Walls tripled home the winning run in the fourth.

Veterans Ewell Blackwell and Ken Raffensberger pitched Cincinnati to a 9-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox at Sarasota, Fla. The Reds sewed it up with five runs in the first inning.

BIG INNING

The St. Louis Browns also enjoyed a big inning, scoring seven runs in the sixth to defeat the Cleveland Indians, 11-2, at Tucson, Ariz. Hank Art and Marty Marion former manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, poked home runs. Marion's blow came with two aboard.

Ed Lopat and Johnny Sain were touched for 10 hits but managed to turn back the Cardinals, 8-2, at St. Petersburg, Fla., when their New York Yankee mates came up with five double plays.

Minneapolis of the American Association upset the Philadelphia Athletics, 4-1, at West Palm Beach, Fla. The Buffalo Bisons of the International League turned back the Detroit "B" team, 5-4, at Lakeland, Fla.

SPARTANS TURNED PRO

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—When Darrell Lindsey, slugging Michigan State junior outfielder, signed a Chicago White Sox contract recently he became the 25th Spartan player with eligibility remaining to join the pro baseball ranks since 1946.

RON OWINGS is hit-minded as the Pelicans prepare to leave for Redding tomorrow for a season-opening doubleheader. Owings, one of three Pelican lettermen, has been switched from third base to catcher for the opener.



Ball Club Goes To Redding

Coach John McGinnis, new baseball coach at Klamath Union High School, sends his team into action for the first time tomorrow afternoon in a doubleheader at Redding.

McGinnis honestly admits there's a flock of questions to be answered about the 1952 Pel team. And he'll be looking for the answers tomorrow in the non-league twin bill.

There'll be plenty of switches made, McGinnis said, but the Pel mentor expects to have a fairly accurate line on the Pels when it's all over.

SWITCH

Ron Owings, one of the three lettermen back, has been changed from third base to catcher to strengthen the backstop spot.

He'll be understudied by Louie Taucher.

Letterman George Hanson gets the first-base job without opposition while the third letterman, Ralph Carroll, tries his fast stuff on the mound in the first game.

Fred Friedel gets the nod for the second game. Pat Kittredge and David D'Olivo will be held in reserve when, and if, Carroll and Friedel falter.

TRANSFER

Sam Wilbur, a Salt Lake City lad, who transferred here this school year, starts at third base. Jay Kosen goes to short-stop, Don Dexter at second base.

Dick Lundsten gets the center-field assignment. Ing Montgomery right field. Left field is a toss-up between Clayton Hamon and Calvin Gilmore.

Both games are billed for seven innings, the opener starting at 1 p.m.

OLYMPIC Cagefest Saturday

NEW YORK (AP)—How will the nation's top college basketball teams—Kansas or LaSalle, for instance—stack up against the toughest AAU contingents in the Olympic trials, opening Saturday night?

Warren Womble, 32-year-old coach of Peoria's champion AAU Caterpillars, took the question and bounced it around a bit. When he was through, the AAU came out on top.

"I think our best AAU clubs, our team or the Phillips club, should beat the best college team eight or nine times out of ten," the young Oklahoman said.

Womble has brought his Caterpillars to town early for the opening round of the tryouts to pick Uncle Sam's cage representatives in the summer games at Helsinki.

The tournament, involving four AAU and four hand-picked college quintets, begins Saturday in New York's Madison Square Garden and in Kansas City. The schedule:

At New York: Peoria Caterpillars (AAU champion) vs. U.S. Air Force (AAU No. 3); LaSalle (NIT champion) vs. St. John's (NCAA runnerup).

At Kansas City: Phillips Oilers (AAU runnerup) vs. Hollywood Fibber McGee and Molly (AAU No. 4); Kansas (NCAA champion) vs. Southwest Missouri State (NAIB winner).

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SPORTS



IN THE SWIM — Jackie La Vine climbs out of the Chicago Town Club pool after a brisk splash session in preparation for the U.S. Olympic try-outs coming up this summer. The 22-year-old Chicago star was National AAU outdoor 100-meter freestyle champion in 1950, also the indoor 220 and 440-yard queen.

DUCKS WIN

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—The University of Oregon defeated San Jose State 6-5 Thursday in a 14-inning baseball game that lasted three and a half hours.

George Shaw scored the winning run for Oregon in the 13th. The frosh centerfielder singled, got to second on an error, was sacrificed to third and scampered home on Catcher Ron Botter's long fly. The clubs play again Friday.

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GALLAGHER PICK AS TEAM PARTNER

Georges Dusette wants another crack at Eric Pedersen and Kurt Von Poppenheim—but with another mat partner.

The French-Canadian Hercules yesterday picked Dr. Gallagher as a partner and Pedersen and Von Poppenheim agreed to the match.

Promoter Mack Lillard signed the tag team but as the feature hassle on Wednesday's weekly wrestling card at the Armory.

Dusette and Cowboy Carlson went to a draw with Eric and Kurt last Wednesday night—but Dusette had to go it alone the last 10 minutes when Carlson was injured.

Gallagher, on his two appearances here, looks like he'll fill the bill. He stopped Frenchy Roy Wednesday night but was disqualified by Referee Wally Moss for refusing to let Moss examine a head cut suffered by Roy.

Carlson will be back in the opener against Toi Yamato, sensational Japanese wrestler from Singapore.

Reserved tickets went on sale today at Castleberry Drugs.

HOCKEY

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