

Hard Tops Roar Here In First Run Sunday



HARD TOP RACE DRIVING calls for a lot of dust-eating, cramps and near-collisions but there's also some pleasant phases, as Vern Keffer can well testify. Keffer engaged Barbara Olsen, Oregon Tech secretary, to grease his car as the Klamath Falls pilot gets ready for the opening of the hard top race season here Sunday.

30 Local Cars In Opener

Sunday's hard top racing program at Gen's Stadium—first of the season—will have a predominantly local flavor with Klamath Hardtop Inc. running the show and in the neighborhood of 30 local drivers gunning for the top money prizes.

NINE EVENTS

Sunday's time trials begin 1:30 p.m., with the nine-event racing program scheduled to get underway at 2:15. Klamath Hardtops Association ran the show and local drivers were few.

FOUR HEATS

After time trials, four heat races will be run. Winners will qualify for the trophy dash, fifth event on the show. The second and third finishers in the heat races qualify for the final heat, following the trophy dash.

Hot Springs on Spot for Using Negro Pitcher; Ousting Hinted

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP)—Hot Springs of the Cotton States League presumably will decide today whether to forfeit every game in which it attempts to play a Negro pitcher or cease its efforts to introduce Negroes into the three-state loop.

'A' Baseball Meet Opens

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—The annual class A high school baseball tournament opens here Thursday with four games, weather permitting.

opposing club when Tugerson's name appears on the roster. Club co-owner Lewis Goltz said the directors would meet today to settle the issue "once and for all." He termed the agreement "illegal and contrary to federal law."

And from Natchez, Miss., came a hint that the league may try once again to oust the Bathers from the eight-team circuit.

But Hot Springs forestalled the action with a ruling by minor league head George Trautman that a club could play Negroes if it desired. Following the Greenville, Miss., meeting alleged to be Haraway in yesterday's statement, the Bathers optioned the brothers to Knoxville, of the Class D Mountain States circuit, where Jim compiled a 6-2 record. He was recalled Tuesday.

He did not say what "concession" Hot Springs received in the agreement but it was at this meeting that a previous transfer of Bather ownership was discussed.



JACK KEMNITZER issues the first call for American Legion Baseball candidates Monday, 4:30 p. m., at Recreation Park. Kemnitzer takes over the Coke coaching job vacated by John McGinnis.

Kemnitzer To Coach Coke Nine

Jack Kemnitzer, named to coach the Cokes, takes a first look at his American Legion Junior Baseball prospects Monday, 4:30 p.m., at Recreation Park.

League Number 4, of which Klamath Falls, is a member, will also carry Central Point, Medford and Grants, Pass.

The league opens June 14 with Klamath Falls hosting Grants Pass and Medford visiting Central Point.

The season is split with each team playing 12 games.

The Southern Oregon district playoffs will be completed before Aug. 5 with the state tournament billed for Aug. 10-13 at Salem.

Holdovers from last year's team include Don Dexter, infielder; pitchers David D'Olivo and Elvis Mitchell, and catcher Larry Yarnell.

Kemnitzer is expecting a flock of candidates. Any boy in the Klamath Basin who had not reached his seventeenth birthday before the first day of this year is eligible.

That will rule out Champ Hatcher and Jo Jo George, brilliant Chiloquin hurlers. George Hanson, Clay Hanson, Ing Montgomery and others on last year's team.

The team will play under the banner of Klamath Post 8, and is sponsored by the Coca Cola Bottling Company.

Non-league game has been lined up in Bend June 28, and negotiations are underway now for games with Alturas, Yreka, Arcata, Eugene, Albany, Salem and Corvallis.

Lakeview notified League 4 chairman Bob Bonney it would not field a team this season.

Any boys unable to attend Monday's opening practice are asked to call or write Bonney at the City Hall.

Kemnitzer is taking over the reins this season from John McGinnis, who guided the Cokes last year. McGinnis will be out of town this summer.

St. Louis Purchase Helps LA

By The Associated Press
The debut of Dixie Upright in the Pacific Coast League was downright sensational.

Ten days ago Manager Stan Hack of Los Angeles was yelling for a long ball hitter. So the club purchased Upright from the St. Louis Browns.

Wednesday night Hack sent Upright in to bat for Frank DiPrima in the eighth inning against Sacramento. The Sacs had just scored two runs and held a 2-1 lead. Bob Usher was on base. Upright hit smashed Burt Barkley's second pitch deep into the right field bleachers for a home run that gave the Angels a victory, 3-2, which by an unusual coincidence was the score of the two other PCL games played.

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THE 1953 VERSION of William Tell was enacted this week by Gerald Bevans and son Jimmy when the father-son team captured top honors in an open tournament sponsored by the Benton Bowmen Sunday at Corvallis. Bevans won the title in the men's division in which 85 participated. Son Jimmy was the top shooter in the intermediate class. They're also better than average thespians, as this picture by the Herald and News photographer shows. Both are members of the Klamath Archers, Gerald the president.

OCC Bills Baseball, Trackfest

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Collegiate Conference will wind up spring sports here Saturday with a conference track meet and baseball tournament.

Baseball teams from the four conference schools will play two games each, starting at 8:30 a. m., when Oregon Tech meets Oregon College of Education, Portland State and Eastern Oregon follow at 10 a. m.

The losers will meet at 1 p. m., and the winners at 3 p. m. for the championship.

The track meet is scheduled at 1:30 p. m., with Eastern Oregon favored to defend its title successfully.

Golf and tennis also will be played, but Eastern Oregon and Portland State are the only entrants.

Anderson Merchants' Sunday Hill Choice

The Klamath Merchants will try to get in the winners circle in the still young Oregon-California Border Baseball League Sunday on the right arm of Andy Anderson. Manager Hi Hatfield yesterday named Anderson for the mound job against Alturas in the California town.

Both Klamath Falls and Alturas as will be aiming for first wins. In league openers last Sunday, Lakeview edged the Merchants, 8-8 at Recreation Park, and Burns squeaked by Alturas, 5-4.

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