

Oswego, Salem, Eugene Win State Tournament Openers

Mermaids Show Class By Edging Medolarks

The 1955 Oregon Women's Softball Tournament opened on schedule last night at Conger Field as the favorites, Lake Oswego, Eugene and Salem, poised opening round wins. But the class displayed by the Oswego nine, and the spirited play of the Merrill entry stole the evening's spotlight.

Eleven games were on tap for today's schedule which got underway this afternoon at 1 o'clock at Recreation and Conger. Play continues through the evening hours with one o'clock games at Conger Field, two more on the same field starting at 7 o'clock and still another pair slated for 9:30 tonight.

It didn't take long for the Basin softball fans to notice the style displayed by Lake Oswego Mermaids when they took a narrow 3-0 verdict over a tired bunch of Forest Grove Medolarks.

And in one of the nightcap battles, Merrill's band of "Jazzing kids" threw a scare into Eugene before dropping a 4-3 tilt, Eugene used a heavy offense to overturn the Rogue River 14-7, in the other diamond best played on the opening evening of the annual state playoffs.

Thelma Parrish Carlson, former All-American outfielder and several times all-state pitcher, hooked into a pitching duel with Forest Grove's Thelma Thompson to give the Conger Field fans, nearly 1,200 in all, a first rate show. It was the top of the fourth before the Mermaids were able to collect a tally of Thompson's deliveries.

Leading 1-0 going into the top of the seventh, Oswego pushed across two unearned runs as Flo Dick was hit by a pitched ball and Madelyn Lindsay walked. Two wild pitches, a passed ball and an error paved the way for the two Mermaid tallies.

Carlson gave up but two hits, singled by Barbara Wening and Joyce McNeil, while setting nine Medolark hitters down with her strikeout pitch. Oswego only got five singles off Thompson's innings, but seven walks and untimely errors by her teammates proved to be costly.

Both teams played a fired-up brand of softball, with the Oswego club showing a little bit more polish and diamond know-how. It was this same type of play that gave the Mermaids the 1953 state championship.

In the second game played last night at Conger No. 1, Merrill "grew on the crowd, not only because they were local entry, but also because of their hustling and competitive spirit. And it looked as if the fans were not going to be disappointed, but the roof fell in as the McCulloch Chain Saw team scored twice in the top half of the last inning.

With one out, Wanda Conner of Eugene walked and Joyce Boentgen was safe on an error. Merrill then got the second out of the inning, but another error and a passed ball scored one run and set up what proved to be the winning tally. Linda Walker was safe on the third error of the inning as Boentgen crossed home plate.

In the last of the seventh, Merrill had a runner as far as second, but their last rally fell short when Walker pitched her teammates out of trouble.

Although the No. 1 diamond seemed to be a pitcher's delight, Conger No. 2 proved just the opposite as the offensive spurge of the first night was witnessed by Salem and Rogue River fans.

After one full inning Salem led a one run, 3-4 margin as both teams went the full length of their respective batting orders, Salem falling to three outs. Salem left off with five runs on three hits, a walk, an error and two fielder's choice plays.

It didn't take the QTs long to bounce back to within a one-run reach of the Williamette Valley team. A hit batsman, two errors and a three run home run by hard hitting Pat Schroeder, Rogue River catcher, closed the Salem margin to one run. Then in the fifth, the bottom of the QTs beat out and a four-run spurge by Salem all but sank the Rogues. Four more runs in the sixth and a single tally in the first half of the seventh buried the red and white softballers from Eagle Point.

Marg Husley led the winners with two hits in three times at bat, while Betty Schroeder, Lois Duncan and Phyllis Nybakke each accounted for two hits in four official trips. The big hitter star of the game was Rogue River's Pat Schroeder who blasted out a double, triple and homer in four times up.

Lake Oswego met Roseburg this afternoon and the winner of that game plays the winner of the Oakridge-Eugene fray tonight at 7 o'clock at Conger. The other 7

o'clock game pits the winners of the Rogue River-Forest Grove and Merrill-Roseburg-Oswego games. In the two 8:30 battles, the Klamath Basinettes of the Gales Creek Diamond Darlings meet the winners of the Salem-Albany test, while the loser of the Klamath-Gales Creek pairing faces the winner of game 10, which could be Eugene, Oakridge, Salem or Albany.

Saturday's schedule finds two afternoon games starting at 2 o'clock at Conger. Then the action moves under the lights at Gem Stadium starting with a 7 o'clock game and a nightcap at 9:30. Sunday afternoon there will be one game at 2 o'clock and the championship fracas at 7 o'clock.

Thursday's line scores

R H E	Lake Oswego	Forest Grove
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Carlson and Lindsay, Thompson and Wallis.

R H E	Eugene	Merrill
110 000 2-4 5 3	102 000 0-3 4 7	

Craig, Walker and McKay, Conner; Harding and Conner.

R H E	Salem	Rogue River
500 041 1-14 9 8	400 001 0-1 8 2	

Schroeder and Duncan; Ingle, Hickson and Schroeder.

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Tam Led By Krak

CHICAGO (UP)—Mike Krak, the son of an immigrant Czechoslovakian steel worker who has made only \$970 in 12 tournaments this year, was on the road today toward a \$106,000 payoff which could make him golf's leading money winner for 1955.

Krak, a 27-year old unattached pro from Louisville, rallied from a 1-2 deficit to tie for first place in the two day better known "names," Bob Rosburg and Gene Littler, for first place after 18 holes of the \$157,200 "world" tourney.

Littler, 35, the National Amateur champion in 1954, was fifth leading money winner this year with \$18,557.76, and Rosburg, 29, the National Amateur, has picked up \$15,014.76 to rank sixth in earnings.

But heading into the second round of the game's richest event, Krak was no better than Krak, who was deprived of a chance to play the final rounds of the British Open this year by a two stroke penalty for a lost ball on the seventh hole of the second round.

Thursday all three players had hot putters as Krak twice dropped birdie puts of three feet and another of seven. He also chipped only five inches from the pin to birdie another hole. Rosburg had seven putts ranging from 30 inches to 45 feet to get birdies, while Littler had three on three of the four par five holes, canned birdie puts of four, five, six, eight and twelve feet.

Their hot runs, though, left them only one stroke ahead of Fred Hawkins, Chicago, and Do Winters, Oklahoma City, Okla., with 67's and two up on Antonio Cerda, Argentina; Henry Ransom, Chicago, and Jay Hebert, Woodmere, L.I., with 68's. Eight players were deadlocked at 69.

A total of 41 of the 105 pros contesting for the top award in the tournament equaled or broke the par of 72, a performance rated by sponsors as the best first day scoring in the 45 year history of the event.

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Mighty Savage Averages Fight Loss To Mims

SALT LAKE CITY (UP)—Salt Lake City's Mighty Savage wore down Holly Mims of Washington, D. C., with a steady barrage of punches Thursday night to gain a unanimous decision over the No. 2 ranked middleweight.

Savage weighed 158, Mims 137.4. The unranked Savage thus avenged a loss he suffered to Mims in Brooklyn last winter. Sports writers at the ringside thought Savage had won that one, too, but the unpopular decision went to the Washington fighter.

Gil Hodges of the Dodgers was the only one of eight pinch hitters who got a hit during the 1955 All-Star game at Milwaukee. He smashed a single.

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STAR PERFORMERS in opening night action of the State Women's Softball Tournament were these two girls and Mayor Paul Landry, who threw out the first ball. At left is Monique Wetten, four-year all-state shortstop for Lake Oswego, 3-0 winner over Forest Grove last night. At right is Tommie Thompson, who lost for the Rogues despite a five-hit pitching effort. The official tournament opener will be the 7 o'clock game Saturday night at Gem Stadium.

In Brief

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOLF
CHICAGO (UP)—Bob Rosburg, Mike Krak, and Gene Littler each carded 6-under-par 66s to share first round lead in the World Tournament, Patty Berg and Fay Crocker about 5-under-par 71s to tie for first place in the women's pro division and Doug Sanders took a commanding first round lead in men's amateur section with a 67.

TENNIS
NEWPORT, R.I.—Herbie Flam, Beverly Hills, Calif., upset Kurt Nielsen, Denmark, 4-6, 6-1, 11-9, 6-4 to gain semi-finals of the Newport Tournament.

SWIMMING
PHILADELPHIA — Carolyn Green, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., won the 1,500 meter freestyle title for the fourth time, at the women's National AAU championships.

RACING
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y. — Rhythmum (47-20) won the North American steeplechase Handicap at Saratoga.

DEL-MAR, Calif. — Loose Skeels (\$11.10) won the feature mile by half a length at Del Mar.

Out Of Doors With The Sportsman

Weekend Angling Outlook

PORTLAND (UP)—Salmon fishing is improving along the coast, but things generally are slower with trout—except in the high lakes, the State Game Commission said Thursday in its weekly fishing report.

The report by areas:
Northwest — Salmon beginning to enter the Columbia River. Fishing is fair to good in tidewater of the Alsea, Siletz and Siuslaw rivers for sea-run cutthroat. It is good to excellent in the upper portions of streams for planted trout.

Southwest — Salmon angling good at Winchester Bay. Sea-run cutthroat are being taken on spinners and worms in the lower Umpqua and Smith rivers. At Charleston salmon angling has been good in the early morning. Trout fishing in the upper Rogue and north fork remain good. Trout fishing has fallen off throughout the upper Umpqua area.

Central — Fishing generally slow, but nice catches of trout being made at high lakes in the Mink Lake basin, Taylor Burn area, Irish, Taylor lakes, and Waldo Lake area.

Northeast — Excellent catches of brook trout reported from high lakes of the Willows. Excellent rainbow catches being made in the Minam and Imnaha rivers. High lakes in the Elkhorns also good.

Southeast — Most streams in Lake County are low and warm, angling generally poor. Campbell and Deadhorse lakes have fair results.

Richardson Crucial Due

NEWPORT, R.I. (UP)—Top-seeded Hamilton Richardson of Baton Rouge, La., lays his court mastery on the line today in a vital semi-final singles match with un-rated Bob Wilson of England in the 7th Invitational tennis tournament at the Newport Casino.

Herb Flam of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Japan's Atsushi Miyagi will play their semi-final match Saturday.

Richardson moved into the semi-finals Thursday by defeating fifth-seeded Straight Clark of Philadelphia in a three-out-of-five contest, 6-2, 8-3, 6-7, 6-3.

Miyagi experienced little difficulty in eliminating Australia's Malcolm Anderson, the fifth foreign seed, 3-6, 6-1, 6-7, 6-4.

Flam, fourth-rated among the domestic entries, came from behind to beat temperamental top-seeded Kurt Nielsen of Denmark, 4-6, 6-1, 11-9, 6-4. Nielsen won the first set, then complained that 11 a.m. was too early in the morning for him to play.

All four quarter-final singles matches were rescheduled for play Thursday because of threat of Hurricane Connie, which didn't materialize.

The semi-finals of both doubles and singles matches will be completed Saturday with the finals in both divisions due Sunday.

Run-Happy Bantams Score Softball Wins

RUNS were plentiful in Bantam softball play last night at Kwanis Park.

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Herald and News Sports

CLAYTON HANNON SPORTS EDITOR

College Star Team Gets Underdog Role

By ED SAINSBURY
United Press Sports Writer

CHICAGO (UP)—The 1955 College All Stars, coached by professional tutors for the first time, were 12 points underdogs today for tonight's 22nd annual battle with the National Football League champions, this year the Cleveland Browns.

A crowd of 75,000 was expected for the Soldier Field spectacle with a gross gate, including television and radio receipts, of about \$400,000, equalling the 1954 record.

The All Stars were prepared for the scrap by Curly Lambeau, former Green Bay Packer, Chicago Cardinal and Washington Redskins coach, with assistance from Steve Owen, longtime New York Giants coach; Hank Anderson, once with the Chicago Bears, and Hampton Poole, former coach of the Los Angeles Rams.

In the past, the collegians were trained by college coaches, but the sponsors switched to the professional staff this season after four straight defeats by the pros by one-sided margins.

The collegians have won six games, the last in 1950 with a 17-7 triumph over Philadelphia, while the pros have 13 triumphs with two games tied.

The pros' were the favorites this year chiefly because the Browns, champions of the All America Conference for each year of its existence, will bring into the game the same experienced personnel which carried to the league crown last year, with only one exception.

Quarterback Otto Graham returned during the winter and will be replaced tonight by George Ratterman, who saw only incidental service last year, but who averaged 8.7 yards gained with each of his passes.

Ratterman will have the same targets that Graham used, mainly Dante Lavelli and Pete Brewster. Other receivers could be Dub Jones, Ray Renfro, Ken Konz and

Greenberg Scouts

LOS ANGELES (UP)—General Manager Herb Greenberg of the Cleveland Indians is scouting two former major-league pitchers now doing well in the Pacific Coast League — righthanders Lou Kretlow (11-0) for Seattle and George Mungler (17-7) for Hollywood.

Kretlow, 32, has been with the Tigers, Browns, and White Sox and had an 8-4 record with the Orioles this year. Mungler, 38, was a Cardinal star from 1943 through 1951.

John Pettibon, all standout half-back.

In addition, the Browns boasted fullback Maurice Bassett, fifth leading ground gainer in the National League last year, and an experienced line both for offense and defense.

Against this combination Lambeau was expected to start fullback Alan Ameche of Wisconsin, quarterback Ralph Guglielmi of Notre Dame, and center Dick Mogle of Rice and Dave Middleton of Auburn.

The starting All Star line was to include ends Max Boydston of Oklahoma and Jim Temp of Wisconsin, tackles Frank Varrichione of Notre Dame and Rosy Grier of Penn State, guards Tom Bettis of Purdue and Larry Morris of Georgia Tech and center Dick Szymanski of Notre Dame.

However, Grier, Bettis, Morris, Temp and Middleton were expected to switch to defense once the game begins to put more effective offensive players into action. Probably L. G. Dupre of Rice will replace Middleton at halfback.

Bevos To Sign For Stadium Use

PORTLAND (UP)—A contract was to be signed Friday between the Portland Baseball Club and officials of Multnomah Stadium, allowing the Beavers to use the stadium for their home ballpark next season.

The agreement is expected to be for 20 years, with the baseball club to pay 10 per cent of its gross profit each year or a minimum of \$35,000 annual rental.

Cal Souther, president of the stadium association, and Clay Brown, head of the baseball club, were to sign the contract.

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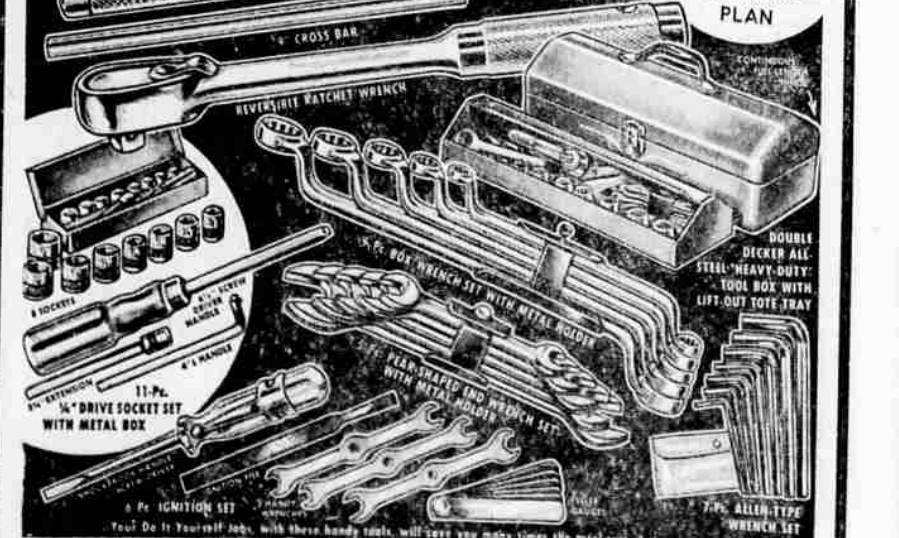
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