Pels Near Finish Of Spring Sports

The spring sports program at Klamath Union High draws rapidly near a close this weekend as coach Don Megale and his Southern Oregon Conference champion tennis squad prepares for its big test in the state tournament in Corvallis Friday and Saturday; coach Len Surles and his Pelican track squad head for Central Point for a dual encounter with the Crater Comets in their last meet before the district clash in Medford and coach Dean White leads his KU varsity baseball team into four of their last six games of the season.

For the Pelican netters, the state tourney is the supreme test; they proved their superiority in conference activity in the 1958 season as they sailed through without a defeat and placed five of a possible six men in the statewide contest by virtue of two wins in the doubles and one in the singles in last week's district meet in Medford.

The KU racket-wielders, who were runnersup in the 1957 state meet on the OSC courts, are seeded No. 1 in the state and, in a situation highly reminiscent of the 1958 basketball tourney, find their No. 1 opponents to be Grant of Portland.

The Grant squad, under the direction of coach Clyde Knox, is seeded Oregon's No. 2 team and, like the Pelicans, placed five men in the state competition.

On the cinderpaths, the Pelican thinclads, who last weekend collected a win in a quadrangular test at Bend against Bend, Redmond and Prineville in addition to a "telegraph wire" championship over the Great Falls Bisons will meet another SOC opponent in the Crater Comets, at Central Point.

In their most recent test the Comets fell a poor third to Grants Pass and Ashland in a tri-way meet at Grants Pass. The Cavemen, who boast one of the most powerful track squads in the state, did not use their top performers and still handled Ashland and the Comets easily.

According to the dopesheet and steadily improving performances by the KU spikers, coach Surles crew figures to come out on top over the Comets, since they hold an early season win over the Ashland Grizzlies, who also dumped the Central Pointers.

Another heavy weekend of diamond activity faces coach Whites' nine; they meet the Crater Comets in an SOC doubleheader at 1:30 p.m. Friday afternoon on the Central Point home grounds, then on Saturday they trek to Bend to face the Lava Bears in a doubleheader, non-conference, rematch.

The Pelican club holds their only conference win of the season thus far over the Comets as they won the first-half of a twin bill at Gem Stadium in their first meeting. The Comets won the second and non-counting half of the bill.

Crater is in the basement of Southern Oregon Conference standings with a one-won, six-lost mark while the Whitebirds are just ahead of them with one-won, five-lost to date. A win by either club in the first game of this week's meeting will guarantee that team a solid fourth-place finish.

White's club also won the first half of a twin bill against the Bend aggregation at Gem Stadium last Saturday although the Lava Bears roared back in the nightcap to shutout the Pels, evening the count.

Following the two doubleheaders this weekend, the Pels have a week to rest before encountering the Medford Black Tornado in their final two games of the season.

KU Freshmen Beat Henley JV Spikers

Freshman Gary Hancock hurled the discus 118 feet for a new frosh record Tuesday afternoon on Modoc Field to help boost coach Jim [illegible]'s KU Frosh track squad to an 86 1-6 to 26 2-3 victory over coach Ted Armagnrman's Henley Hornet Jayves.

Hancock's toss bested his own [illegible] record of 116¼ feet; in [illegible] he moved the [illegible] a distance of [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] who was [illegible] of a number of [illegible], because of an attack of flu, managed to collect only four out of a possible 14 firsts.

[illegible] who won the 75 and [illegible] and [illegible] Phillips [illegible] the high jump; [illegible] who won two events [illegible] Caramas who led the [illegible] hurdles, and the pole vault and Larry Moffatt who captured the 440 and the 880 yard run.

Summary:

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Reed, Pernell Snare Shoot

Nelson Reed and Howard Pernell led two squads of Klamath Gun Club marksmen that competed in the Mid-Tribune Shoot in Medford last weekend as they brought home two trophies.

Reed made off with the Class A runnerup cup after a 60 bird shootoff with Dr. F. B. Adams. Adams had registered a 99 in the chance at the runnerup spot with Reed.

Howard Pernell walked off the range with the trophy in Class D.

The local gunners will convene this Sunday on their home range at [illegible] where both the Jim [illegible] trophy and the Marion Grant C and D cup will go on the block.

Marion Grant, John Lichtenstern and Ted Cimato [illegible] on the [illegible] cup while Harold York and [illegible] will be looking for a second leg on the Grant prize.

L&C Whips NW Champs

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

College of Idaho, which already had clinched the Northwest Conference baseball title, closed out its regular season Tuesday by dropping a 6-5 decision to Lewis and Clark at Portland.

The Coyotes, who wound up with an 11-4 conference record and 22-4 for the season, now await a chance to get into the NCAA playoffs.

Meanwhile, Linfield climbed into a second-place tie by downing Pacific 13-4. That gave Linfield and Pacific records of 7-7 while Lewis and Clark has a 6-6 mark.

Whitman, which defeated Willamette, 5-2, Tuesday, comes next with a 6-9 record. Willamette trails at 4-8.

Don Person, College of Idaho third baseman, accounted for all his team's scores by hitting a home run in the second inning and then smashing a bases-loaded homer in the third.

Ron Parrish of Linfield also had a heavy hitting day. He cracked out a homer, a triple, and a single in Linfield's win.

MARBLE CHAMPS — Victors at the recent Klamath Falls annual city marble championships were, left to right, Bob Johnson, runnerup in Class B, Steve Springer, winner in Class A, Gary Barker, Class A runnerup and Larry Knapp, champ of Class B. All four will go to Portland this Saturday to compete in the State Tournament at Jantzen Beach.

City Marble Kings Named

Declared champions at the Klamath Falls annual city marble championships held on Conger Field last Saturday were Steve O. Springer, 13, of Conger School, in Class A and Larry C. Knapp, 14, of Fairview School in Class B.

Runnersup were Gary L. Barker, 11, of Fairview School, in Class A and Robert R. Johnson, 12, of Conger School. Class A includes boys aged ten through 12 while Class B is made up of those 13 through 15.

Both the champions and runnersup will enter the annual Oregon State Marble Championship Tournament which will be held in Jantzen Beach in Portland, Saturday, May 17.

Entrants in the city tournament, which is directed by Joe Peek, city grade school athletic director, are determined by playoffs at each school at which the top two shooters in each division are picked.

Transportation to Portland and expenses for the city tournament winners' trip will be footed by the local [illegible] Club. First and second place winners in Portland will be sent up to the national tournament which will be held in Arizona.

Klamath Falls had second and third place winners in the state competition last year in the persons of [illegible] and Jimmy Ison.

PEP MEETS SINGLETON

BOSTON (UP)— Former world featherweight titleholder Willie Pep engages in his 18th bout in seven weeks next Tuesday when he meets Bobby Singleton of Philadelphia in a 10-rounder here. The 35-year-old Pep has won 28 of his last 29 fights.

Today's Sport Parade

Basilio Has Two-Way Hand

BY OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK (UP) — Carmen Basilio had a pat hand today as he sat comfortably in the middle of one of boxing's biggest poker games.

Middleweight champion Ray Robinson is playing it cozy as he squeezes the percentages for a third bout with Carmen. But the winner of the welterweight championship final between Vince Martinez and Virgil Akins has to hope that Basilio will return to the 147-pound class.

So Carmen, whose presence is necessary to provide a big pot in a September outdoor extravaganza, has a sure-fire winning hand.

Sugar Ray is running a fine bluff, hinting that he may not return to the ring again.

MONEY IS THERE

But the Harlem dynamiter, who recaptured the middleweight title from Carmen in their last bout, knows from experience that he can't pick up the bundle anywhere else that he can against Carmen. It was a dollar deficit while working as an entertainer which brought him back to boxing.

ting on the big squeeze. In their first bout, Robinson took 40 per cent and Basilio got 25 per cent—although the boxers' total end in any production is 60 per cent. The last time, when Carmen was the champion, they split it 30-30.

Now Robinson is demanding 42½ per cent and Basilio says he won't fight for less than 30 per cent. The promoting IBC contends it lost $150,000 on the first bout in which it gave them a total of 65 per cent.

So something has to give in their current demands for a total of 72½ per cent — and it won't be Basilio.

Because Carmen has an ace in the hole.

That's a return to the welterweight division which he abandoned as champion to move up into the middleweight division. The frenzied elimination to produce a new 147-pound king reaches its climax in St. Louis on June 6 when Akins goes in as a 9 to 5 favorite against Martinez.

AGGRESSIVE AKINS

Akins is the choice of most boxing experts although his record isn't as impressive. Each of them has had 65 bouts. Martinez won 57, against five losses, and scored 31 knockouts. Akins won 47, lost 17, drew one and had 27 knockouts. But Akins has looked more impressive in recent bouts and is a more aggressive battler.

But no matter which one wins, either would be delighted to see Basilio snub Robinson and challenge for the welterweight crown he formerly held. Carmen would have no weight problem because he is a natural 147 pounder and scaled only 153½ at his heaviest against Robinson.

That he probably would capture the welter crown from either Akins or Martinez wouldn't deter either of them. They fight for money and Basilio, outdoors, would mean hitting the jackpot.

The feeling is that Robinson will reduce his percentage demands and fight Basilio outdoors. But, either way, Carmen can't lose.

Rigney Has Shades Of McGraw's Works

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Nobody ever accused Giant Manager Bill Rigney of being another John McGraw, but Rigney has defied all the percentages and made the San Francisco National League entry an early - season pennant contender.

He has used at least four rookies in the lineup nearly every day—and has been astonishingly successful with three of them.

He is batting around the 400 mark with his pinchhitters.

He has made a regular starter out of 19-year-old southpaw Mike McCormick, with fine results.

"I decided during the winter months and in spring training that we weren't going to get any place with the lads who put us in sixth place two years in a row," said Rigney before taking the Giants on tour.

"So it was sink or swim with the rookies. So far it is working out very fine."

DIAMOND STRATEGY

He installed Jim Davenport, a 25-year-old sure-handed rookie who hit .291 at Minneapolis last year, at third base. That made Ray Jablonski available for pinch-hitting duty.

He put Orlando Cepeda, a 20-year-old Puerto Rican youngster also up from Minneapolis, at first base. That benched veteran Whitey Lockman and also made him available for pinch-hitting duty.

He installed big Bob Schmidt, also up from Minneapolis, as a catcher, benching the speedy Valmy Thomas.

All these rookies have been sensations. Through Monday, Davenport was hitting .322; Cepeda .326 and Schmidt .[illegible]. Cepeda has eight homers and is one of the league's leading home run hitters.

Comforting thing about this group is that Rigney has fine replacements for every one.

The lone failure has been right field. This had been Don Mueller's old stand for nine years—and "Rig" was so confident that young Willie Kirkland would fill the bill that he sold him. Willie is hitting only .[illegible].

"Willie has been too tense," said Bill. "We had to give him a rest."

But in the place, the manager has installed still another rookie, Leon Wagner. All Leon has done in a few games is blast the ball at a .3[illegible] clip.

TACTICAL ERRORS

This club is so young that when it loses it looks like the worst kind of a bum. The youngsters make a lot of tactical errors. But tactical errors don't show when they are at bat. They have been knocking down fences from the plate to make up for their lack of experience on the defense.

And with the aid of such seasoned performers as the one-and-only Willie Mays, shortstop Daryl Spencer and outfielder Hank Sauer, it has turned into a veritable top-to-bottom murderer's row.

Some of the local fans are so high on the rookies that they see an enduring greatness for them—with Cepeda at the top of the list.

"That youngster has such a great future," said a local investor, "that I'd give $250,000 to him right now for his earnings for the next 10 years—and I'd make a nice profit."

The University of Southern California has won 19 out of 36 NCAA track and field championships.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Teeing Off

Friday, May 16, the ladies of Reames will start their qualifying rounds for the Spring Handicap Tournament.

The 18-hole pairings are:

8:45—Maskell, Schuss and Anderson. 8:50—M. Drew and Good. 8:55—E. Drew, Pernell and Coddington. 9:00—Sproat, Egge and Miller. 9:05—Grove and Marks.

The 9-hole pairings are:

9:10—Ashley and Ellis. 9:15—Farley, Chilcote and Robertson. 9:20—Adams, Stonecypher and E. Robinson. 9:25 — Larkin and O'Neill.

Those not able to qualify Friday have until next Wednesday noon to play. Anyone not qualifying for the tournament and wishing to play Friday can tee off following the last of the scheduled pairings.

Stan's Woman Has Her Man

CHICAGO (AP) — To baseball fans, he's Stan (The Man) Musial. But his wife says, "He's my man."

Stan's wife, Lillian was among the 5,962 fans who saw the star St. Louis Cardinal first baseman get his 3,000th major league hit in Tuesday's game with the Chicago Cubs.

Musial, after slapping a double in Tuesday's game with the Chicago Cubs.

Musial, after slapping a double in a pinch hitting role and then taken out for a pinch runner, walked to a front-row box and kissed a pretty blonde.

"Did you know that girl you kissed?" one of the many photographers on the scene asked Musial.

"Meet Mrs. Musial," smiled Stan.

And Mrs. Musial got in the last word as the reporters ended the interview.

"He's my man," she said.

Pilots Get Bid

PORTLAND (AP) — Idaho State College has invited Portland University to play in the ISC invitational basketball tournament Dec. 4-5.

Two other teams will be invited later.

Playoffs Start

PORTLAND (AP) — Douglas High won the opening game of a Metropolitan League playoff by downing Beaverton 7-6 in eight innings Tuesday. It is a best two-of-three series.

Musial Breaks 3000; Sets Sights On Mark

CHICAGO (AP)—Stan Musial, having cleared the 3,000 hit barrier, now wants to become the biggest hit maker in National League history.

Musial collected his 3,000th hit in a pinch hitting role against the Chicago Cubs yesterday which paved the way to a 5-3 St. Louis victory.

Musial had only one regret in becoming the eighth major leaguer to hit safely 3,000 times. "I wish I had made it in St. Louis," he said, "but I'm glad it's over with."

Cardinal Manager Fred Hutchinson had benched his star to give him the opportunity to get the big hit in St. Louis where the Cardinals meet San Francisco tonight.

But with the team trailing 3-1 in the sixth inning, a man on second and only one out, Hutchinson called on the 37-year-old veteran. Musial worked the count to 2-2 and then drove a Moe Drabowsky offering into left field for a double.

Photographers rushed on the field, the ball was brought to Musial and Hutchinson walked out to congratulate Stan.

Hutchinson then sent in a pinch runner and photographers, reporters, newsreel cameramen and well wishers mobbed Musial in the dugout runway.

Two hours later he was still surrounded by interviewers in the clubhouse.

Musial's desire to become the greatest hit maker in the league is within range. Honus Wagner ended his National League career with 3,430 hits. This figure is surpassed by the American League's Ty Cobb with 4,191 and Tris Speaker with 3,515. Behind Wagner are Eddie Collins with 3,313, Nap Lajoie 3,251, Paul Waner 3,152, Cap Anson 3,081 and Musial.

Musial is a cinch to pass Anson's total this season, but how about Waner?

"Maybe this year," said Stan, "but if I don't do it this year, I'll be back next year. I'll be back every year as long as I can hit .300."

If Musial keeps coming back and continues at the pace he has set, he will pass Wagner's total sometime in 1960.

"There'll be others joining the 3,000 hit club," he said. "It'll take a real good player who breaks in at the age of 18 or 19 and hangs around for a long time. It's a tough grind. After all, it means getting 200 hits a season for 15 years."

Musial did it in his 16th season. Cobb was the only other player to do it in less than 17 years and Musial bettered Cobb's time by three months.

Grant '9' Wins

PORTLAND (AP) — Grant nosed out Wilson 6-5 Tuesday and maintained a half-game lead in the Portland high school baseball race. Lincoln remained on the heels of Grant by defeating Washington 10-7.

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