

Palmer Favored To Capture Second Masters Championship

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Oregon Tech Thinclads Small, But Determined

Oregon Tech athletics, which seems to be short on numbers but high in quality, has no exception on the track team. Coach Larry Burleson's team right now numbers only six members, but they are six good ones.

The Owl track club hasn't yet entered a meet. They were scheduled to compete in the Willamette Relays last Saturday but Old Man Weather stepped in and the meet had to be cancelled. The next scheduled meet is a week from Friday in Bend against the Central Oregon College squad. The Owls will rest this weekend after a strenuous week of drills and will go to Eugene Saturday to view the Oregon - University of Southern California meet.

Despite the few numbers on the team, which undoubtedly ranks as one of the smallest teams in the nation, there is some good material in the "Sturdy Six" and Coach Burleson is optimistic about the Owls' chances to certain degrees.

Coach Burleson's team had an intrasquad meet on the Mile High track Monday and student coach Ken Lenhardt reported that bad weather failed to hamper the efforts of the Owl thinclads.

Lenhardt, who ran off the meet, said that John Maricich and Ed Cecil turned in top flight performances. Maricich posted a 9.3 wind-aided century and Cecil was right on his heels with a 9.5 clocking. "The wind wasn't great and these were tremendous times for the soft track and the weather," stated Lenhardt.

Norm Johns, who is figured to place high again in the discus event this season and possibly win it, hurled it 139 feet into the wind. His best toss, however, has been 155 feet. Bob Chard was second in the squad meet with a throw of 128 feet. "Both discus throwers can do better," said Lenhardt. "By the time they throw, it was anowing and there was a strong wind against them."

The high jump stopped at 5-6. Both Bob Bryant and Wayne Dennis were in the competition until this height when they succumbed to the wind and weather conditions.

The Owls will be a team in shape, that is for certain. And they will have to be. Burleson, with only six participants, will have each athlete competing in four to five events. "We will probably do better in the bigger meets with the individual performances. But we might be overworked in a dual match. We figure to have each boy competing in four or five events," he said.

"These boys out here now are hard workers. They have to be because I really have a stiff workout for them," he said. "This is an ideal place to work out for track because of the hills. They can really get into shape running around the hills. And he wasn't kidding. Maricich had just finished running for about an hour and a half through the hills and he then ran three good 220s at which he exclaimed, "Coach, I'm a little tired. My legs feel a little dead." Burleson explained that the distance he had just finished was close to 10 miles, virtually all uphill.

Burleson is high on the athletes he has out for track and he works them hard. He figures, however, that this work will pay off in the long run and it should.



JOHN MARICICH Heads Burleson's Program

Holiday Juniors Have Top Scores

The results of the Holiday Bowl portion of the American Junior Bowling Congress National Mail-ographic Tournament last weekend found the locals notching some high scores and topping the Lucky Lanes bowlers in some categories.

The top performance came in the senior boys' scratch trio where the Holiday Trio turned in a very fine 1277. That score will be sent in to the nationals for recognition among the nation's best. Lucky's Trio hit a 1619. Rex Reed had the high game with a 246 and a series of 627 which tied Dennis Graham of Lucky.

Charlene McNoise topped the senior girls with a 209 game and a 843 series. The Unconcerns were top in the senior girls' scratch trio with a 1451 total. The senior boys' regular team roll was led by the Top "3" which rolled a 2835. Reed also led here with a 216 game and Gene Rosterola fired a 597 series which was the tops from both lanes.

The junior boys were led by the Top Dogs with a 2467 pin total with Ray Van Pelt hitting a 210 game and 494 series which was best of the two lanes. No Talent was second with a 2395. Wood Hogs third with a 2376 and Hypophrenics fourth with a 2220. The bantam boys were paced by the Holiday Majors with a 1593 which was best in the city and Wayne Begg rolled a 194 single game and Gene Cyrus a 346 series, both of which were best. Holiday Minors were second with a 1425. Sharpshooters third with a 1404. Fast Balls fourth with a 1357. Pin Flowers fifth with 1349 and Unwanted Five sixth with a 1342.

The bantam girls had the Foul Balls as leaders with a high of 1393. Debbie McNoise was high game and high series leader. The Lucky Strikes were second with a 1363, and Gutters Balls third with a 1257.

Special award emblems from National were won by bantam girls Debbie McNoise and Christine Pepper. Wayne Begg, Gene Cyrus, Ken Phelps, Joe Snyder, Richard Bailey and Ron Stenler won bantam boys emblems. The junior girl getting an award was Julie Phillips and Roy Van Pelt and Ken Dugan received emblems in the boys division. Charlene McNoise was the only senior girl for an award and Gene Rosterola and Rex Reed among the senior boys.

Roberta Anderson, Mary Bothwell, Marion Linville, Mabel Wachter and Charles York coached these youngsters and did a fine job.

Babe Ruthers Hold Tryouts

The Klamath Falls City Babe Ruth League will hold its final tryout Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m., at Wright Field near the high school.

This will be the final tryout. The first tryout was held last Sunday with a small turnout. The league is for boys 13-14-15 who live in the Klamath Falls City Elementary School district. All boys wishing to play Babe Ruth League ball are asked to attend this final tryout.

Tigers Option Mickey Lolich

DETROIT (UPI)—The Detroit Tigers Wednesday optioned pitcher Mickey Lolich to their Syracuse farm club in the International League. Lolich is a former Portland, Ore., high school star.



FAVORITES MOBBED — There's no doubt about who the favorites in the 1963 Masters Tournament are, as Arnold Palmer, right, and Jack Nicklaus are all but mobbed by autograph-seekers Wednesday. The pair, along with Gary Player, are odds on favorites to win the coveted title in play which began today at Augusta, Ga.

— UPI Telephoto

Boxers Split On Ban Of Boxing In Oregon

SALEM (UPI) — Five former boxers split here Wednesday over whether boxing is "a brutal sport" that should be banned. They agreed, however, the ring and the fighters should be better padded.

The testimony came before the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on a bill by Sen. Tom Monaghan, D-Milwaukie, to ban professional boxing in Oregon. He called it "legalized potential murder."

Former fighters Phil Moyer, Jimmie "Bang Bang" Walker, and John Gabel said boxing should remain. But they said it could be improved by requiring four-strand padded ring ropes, protective headgear, larger gloves and a softer canvas.

Former fighters Tommy Moyer (uncle of Phil and Denny Moyer), and "Mick" Monahan said boxing leaves some fighters "hurt, destitute, penniless or blind."

Phil Moyer, now a Eugene businessman, replied that only the smallest percentage of fighters suffered permanent injury or death.

He and Walker, a journalist, said fighting made them what they are today.

Monaghan called professional boxing "deadly serious business." He cited cases of fighters left hurt or broke, culminating with the death last month of Davey Moore, a father of five.

He said if Oregon doesn't act, the championship matches that are being banned elsewhere could come to Portland, and "a Portland, Oregon, killing could be seen nationally on television."

Dr. Jack Battalia of the Portland Boxing Commission replied there are more deaths per year, per capita, in football and baseball than in boxing. He said the national board of underwriters rates boxing seventh among hazardous sports. Football is first.

Dr. Battalia said boxing is well controlled in Portland. Most witnesses praised the commission.

Battalia said, however, he would approve of rules requiring more safety equipment. He said he would like to see the Portland commission more strongly backed up on the state and national level in taking new safety steps.

There is no state commission. About 90 per cent of the bouts in Oregon are regulated by the Portland commission.

Phil Moyer said he thought fighters would accept new equipment if they had to choose between wearing it or not fighting.

Co-sponsor Ken Maher R-Portland, said professional fighting should be banned on "medical and moral grounds." He said brain damage leaves some fighters permanently punch drunk. He said there is a correlation between boxing and crime. Tommy Moyer said fighters can be victimized by managers and promoters.

Walker countered by saying if his son wanted to be a professional athlete he would choose boxing.

Phil Moyer, who appeared in the best of health, conceded he might have a detached retina but "nobody knows." He has been retired by the Portland commission.

Red Raiders Wallop COS

ASHLAND (UPI) — Southern Oregon stayed unbeaten Wednesday with a 6-1 baseball victory over College of the Siskiyous. It was the eighth consecutive win for the Red Raiders.

Nicklaus, Player Rate Nod Behind Arnie In Top Meet

AUGUSTA (UPI) — Arnold Palmer, still unhappy about his wayward driver, was favored nonetheless today as he teed off against 81 other competitors in a bid to become the first golfer ever to win the Masters championship four times.

The 33-year-old Palmer, generally rated the finest golfer of the past decade, also will be attempting to become the first man in history ever to win a pair of Masters' titles back-to-back.

Clear, windless weather was predicted for the opening round. The temperature is expected to be in the 80's and a crowd of at least 25,000 will watch the cream of the nation's golfers start on the four-day 72-hole test.

Most of the galleries will follow Palmer, as they always do here over the delicately manicured 6,989-yard Masters course. He was to tee off along with amateur ace Charlie Coe of Oklahoma City, Okla., at 12:30 p.m.

Nicklaus Second Choice

A rush of last-minute support for U.S. Open champion Jack Nicklaus made him second choice in the star studded field, with Gary Player, the 1961 Masters' titlist, the third choice.

Others who are expected to provide ample competition for Palmer are former U.S. Open champions Billy Casper and Gene Littler; young Johnny Pott, who has turned in some fantastic practice rounds; former PGA champion Dow Finsterwald; long-ball hitting Bill Collins and 51-year-old Sammy Snead, a three-time winner of this event.

The field begins teeing off at 10 a.m. today with all 17 of the Masters' champions present except Ralph Guldahl and Ben Hogan.

The players will go out in twosomes this year instead of threesomes as last year. Fifty United States professionals, 18 foreigners and 14 American amateurs comprise the field which will be cut to the 44 leading players and ties after Friday's second round. Any player within 10 strokes of the leader, however, also will qualify for the final two rounds on Saturday and Sunday.

Bowling Fete Set Saturday

The City Men's and Women's Bowling Tournament Banquet will be held Saturday night at the Kingsley Field Officer's Club. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30.

Tickets for the fete can be bought at either of the desks at Lucky Lanes or Holiday Bowl or from officers of the bowling association. Tickets are \$2.35.

A big crowd is expected for the event and those wishing to attend are urged to pick up their tickets now. Trophies won by various people in the tournaments will be presented, as will the prize monies to the top winners.

A dance will follow the dinner from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Floyd Wynne of the Herald and News will be the master of ceremonies.

Palmberg Hurls Ducks To Win

EUGENE (UPI) — Unbeaten Oregon defeated Willamette 5-2 in the rain Wednesday for its seventh baseball win of the season.

Sophomore Wally Palmberg, formerly of Klamath Falls, limited the Bearcats to three hits in five innings of relief pitching. Ron Veres started on the mound for Oregon and was tagged for a two-run homer by Willamette catcher Larry Sturholm in the second inning.

Terry Leininger led the Oregon hitters with three hits in four trips, including a double.

The game was originally scheduled for Salem, but moved to Eugene because of wet grounds.

Little League Holding Drills

Tryouts for Klamath Falls Little Leaguers will be held at Mills Little League Park Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 1:30.

The tryouts will be for minor leaguers who played last year and are trying out for the majors. They will begin workouts at 12 noon. It was also announced that signups will be accepted, starting at noon, for the boys who couldn't make the signup last Friday.

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This work will be going on all day Saturday and Sunday and those who would like to help out can come any time during those two days with their rakes and shovels to help clear the field for the diamond.

This is part of a work project for the South Suburban Babe Ruth League. The tryouts being April 20-21.

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