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Huggins Tagged as No. 1 Backstop of League Circuit

"The sweetest little catcher in the league" was the description given by an oppositional team's manager of the Umpqua Chiefs' Jerry Huggins. "He's evidently played a lot of ball" the observer concluded, and the 32-year-old, five-foot eight-inch spectacled catcher has done just that.

Spark-plug captain of the local Chiefs' nine, Huggins holds the entire club's respect for his natural leadership and calm judgment which has several times held the local club together in tight spots under league competition. According to the records thus far in the Southern Oregon League play, he has dropped but one fly ball and that was under high velocity wind conditions. He has but one error chalked up against him in eight league games, and is reputed as one of the heaviest hitters in the entire league.

Huggins began his baseball career on vacant lots in Haynes, N. D., and at the age of ten was playing first-string with the town team. Upon moving west to Castle Rock, Wash., he participated in three years of high school athletics, with baseball holding his major interest, and finally worked into the Longview Forest Rangers' lineup in the semi-pro Timber League at 18. With this club he caught for Carl Mays, former submarine hurler of the New York Yankees. The Tri-County League at Castle Rock took him in 1933 to become manager and he participated with them in winning the pennant the following year.

Education Preferred

Prospects of getting into Pacific Coast League ball looked better with the Longview Antlers which he joined in 1935 and was immediately pulled aside by Portland Beavers scouts, which he turned down in favor of an edu-

cation. Although he might have ended up an all-around athlete at Portland University, Huggins enrolled at Central Teachers College at Ellensburg, Wash.

During his college years he managed the Ellensburg town team, Central College not participating in baseball competition, and accompanied them to several Yakima Valley League titles. While managing this club one of his star moundsmen was Kenny Wyatt, then 17-year-old, who was recently bought by the Portland Beavers from Detroit and is now pitching with the Salem Senators. Another teammate who made good with the Coast League was Hurler Tony Chappetta, now with San Diego.

Upon completion of school in 1935, Huggins left baseball in favor of marriage and softball, making three state tournaments with a Longview club and missing the national trip by one game. Now residing in Roseburg with his wife and nine-month-old daughter, Huggins has acquired himself a permanent position behind the homeplate without a replacement man. Spectators invariably pick him out each game for his spectacular accurate wrist-action snap-peg from behind the batter's box, and several opponents have termed it "sudden death" to attempt a steal to second with Huggins at the catching position.

District Title of Junior Legion at Stake in Series

The Southern Oregon American Junior Legion Baseball championship will be the stakes for Thursday and Friday's games at the local diamond when the Roseburg Juniors play host to the Klamath Falls youngsters in a triple series playoff. The doubleheader will begin at 1:30 on Thursday and 2 P. M. Friday.

If the locals win the series, a dual series will be played with Eugene of the Central Oregon District Saturday evening and Monday to determine the nine to enter the state tournament at Portland August 2, 3 and 4.

Coach Mel Ingram was very pleased with the local club's showing Sunday in trouncing Springfield 6-1, and will start husky pitcher-first baseman Benson of the mound in the first contest, Richardson in the second game, and save ace-hurler Kelly of Oakland for the final game Friday afternoon. Stress will be on hitting again this week at practice sessions with light infield work, Ingram said.

Tickets for the triple series will

go on sale today by American Legion Umpqua Post members and a large attendance is predicted by game committeemen. Thursday's starting lineup will be: Marsters, c; Benson, p; Richerson, 1b; Pope, 2b; Evans, 3b; Davidson, ss; Clayton, lf; Weaver, cf; Filbrook, rf.

Doubleheader on Sunday's Program For Umpqua Chiefs

The Umpqua Chiefs will be out to win both of Sunday's home grounds games, but stress will be toward an impressive victory over Central Point, which is a Southern Oregon League contender. The second game of the afternoon will be an exhibition match with the famous whiskered House of David's club and is looked forward to without great expectations of a win.

The Central Pointers, cellarized in the league have one win and nine losses to their record. The local Chiefs will be after their eighth win in nine starts and are working diligently in this week's practice sessions to avoid any possibilities of an upset by the southern visitors.

The House of David contest is expected to be a "loafing game" for the locals with the purpose in mind of entertaining the spectators at more-or-less their own expense, although a great deal of experience and diamond tricks are expected to be learned from the professionals.

Due to numerous comments of local baseball fans toward the seemingly high admission prices set for Sunday's doubleheaders, H. W. Gray issued the following statement:

"It is a Southern Oregon Baseball League ruling that 75c and 25c admission will be charged for all league games. We feel that we were fortunate in scheduling the House of David club for an appearance in Roseburg and were unable to get them at any other date. The Davids refuse to consider playing for less than \$1

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The first of the doubleheader will begin at 12:30 P. M. at Finlay field and will be followed promptly by the exhibition game.

Baseball Standings

(By The Associated Press)

American	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	65	26	.714
New York	53	37	.588
Detroit	50	37	.575
Washington	44	43	.506
Cleveland	42	47	.472
St. Louis	39	50	.438
Chicago	35	53	.398
Philadelphia	26	61	.299

No games yesterday.

Pacific Coast	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	77	40	.658
Oakland	77	41	.653
Los Angeles	61	54	.530
Hollywood	61	55	.526
Sacramento	57	61	.483
San Diego	53	67	.442
Portland	41	71	.366
Seattle	38	76	.333

Falconry was practiced by the ancient Persians, Egyptians and Romans thousands of years ago.

Beaver Boys Delegates To Forum Selected

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 24.—(P)—James Dunn, Corvallis, and Jack B. Gunn, Eugene, have been named to represent Oregon at the Boys' Forum on national government at Washington, D. C., August 4-9.

The boys were selected from youths at the American Legion-sponsored Beaver Boys State here. Dunn was governor of the meetings and Gunn was elected "outstanding citizen."

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