

Baseball Greatest Of Games, Sportsman Gregory Tells Booster-Player Banqueteers

Nearly 150 Peewee and American Legion junior baseball boosters heard L. H. (Bill) Gregory, Portland Oregon sports columnist, describe baseball as the "greatest game ever devised by man," last night at a Peewee baseball benefit banquet in the junior high school auditorium.

The devoted disciple of the baseball game related numerous anecdotes that he had picked up over the years of his sports reporting, following his unexpected initiation into the Paul Bunyans, who belittled their way into the banquet room, flourishing their out-sized falling axes.

Gregory was introduced by Del McKay for Mayor Al Flegel, who is on his vacation. A telegram of welcome from Flegel to Gregory was read by McKay, during the latter's introductory remarks, after which he was presented with a key to the city.

The Oregonian sportswriter described baseball as a combination of a one-man game and a team game. The pitcher is alone, but he must pitch in a pattern that will permit his teammates to help him win the game, said Gregory.

He lauded the Junior Legion baseball program as "probably having saved" the game some 25 years ago, when boys were tending to "break away" from the sport.

Today, however, Gregory estimated nearly two-thirds of the big-leaguers are ex-junior legion baseball players.

Gregory praised Roseburg's Peewee and Junior Legion program of last year, under the "excellent direction" of Barney Koch, who is coach at Tigard high school.

Baseball is a character builder, said the dean of Northwest sportswriters, adding that boys who play baseball "rarely get into trouble" with the law.

Rules Discussed

The game of baseball is basically the same as when first invented, said Gregory, and he deplores attempts to change the rules. He cited the intentional walk as a specific instance. "Why throw four balls?" the uninformed ask, according to Gregory. "Let the pitcher just motion the batter to first."

Gregory explained there is a possibility that the batter may "get a hold of one," and thereby change the complexion of the game, which

reason is sufficient to keep the intentional walk "as is."

He cited another ruling, mentioned in the book for the first time this year, in which Gregory avers it is permissible to pitch one "bean ball" during a game.

The deliberate bean ball has been ruled out for some time, by mutual consent of all concerned.

He explained that according to the wording of the rule book on that subject, the umpire may caution the pitcher against committing the same infraction twice, provided the umpire feels the "bean ball" was deliberate.

According to Gregory's interpretation of the rule, if a pitcher is cited a second time, the umpire may feel free to retire him from the game.

The guest speaker told how through the years the distance from pitcher's box to home plate has increased from 45 feet to 50, then finally in 1892 to the present 60 feet 6 inches.

Odd Incidents Told

Relating one of his many anecdotes, Gregory told how a certain former big league pitcher buried an entire game in Washington recently, then complained it was a tiresome venture, Greg said it took an up-and-coming youngster, Dick Sinovic, only a few practice throws over the same distance to decide something was wrong.

A tape measure was brought out and it was found the man who had laid out the diamond had misread the plan and made the distance 66 feet, instead of sixty feet six inches.

Relating another humorous incident, Greg told of Wilbert Robinson, one-time catcher on the Brooklyn "Daffy" Dodgers team, who wanted to out-do the man who caught a ball thrown off the top of the Washington monument.

Robinson was going to catch one thrown from a plane. Came the day and the plane roared over the field, dropping its cargo.

Robinson reached, it slipped past his glove bounced off his chest. The blow winded him. He felt his chest, and his hand came away wet and sticky.

Robinson screamed he had been mortally wounded, but upon closer examination, it turned out the pilot had played a joke on him and dropped a grapefruit instead.

OSC Coach Warns On Commercialism Threat

EVERETT, Feb. 24 — (P) — One of the new additions to Northwest coaching ranks, Oregon State's Kip Taylor, flashed a verbal caution signal last night on the threat of commercialism to athletics.

The Beaver grid mentor termed the belief that a boy can play better for money than for love of the game just "malarkey," and added:

"Before we start bidding for high school boys with large salaries we must think of what we are doing to them. Do we want to make them athletic bums with elephantiasis of the head, or do we want them to become men of poise and dignity?"

Taylor was top speaker at the city's "man of the year in sports" dinner honoring Jack Westland, amateur golfer and Everett businessman. Over a 30-year span, Westland is a three-time winner of the state amateur, member of the 1932 and 1934 Walker cup teams, a one-time western open titlist and runnerup in 1931 to Francis Ouimet

Oregon High School Basketball Scores

(By The Associated Press)

Eugene 53, University (Eugene)

42. Clatskanie 36, Knappa-Svenson

34. Maupin 41, Corbett 35.

Wheeler 37, Nestucca 28.

St. Mary's (The Dalles) 59, Mosier 55.

District 3-B Tournament

Alsea 41, Pleasant Hill 28.

Brownsville 43, Siletz 25.

Falls County 8, Tournament

Falls City 42, Monmouth 37.

Perrydale 53, Valse 47.

Morrow-Umatilla 8, Tournament

Helix 48, Lexington 28.

Pilot Rock 29, Umatilla 16.

Athens 39, Ione 26.

Echo 65, Weston 35.

Honus Wagner, 76 Today, Not Quitting Baseball

CARNEGIE, Pa., Feb. 24. — (P) —

Birthday number 76 caught up with

baseball's Mr. Shortstop today, but

to bandy-legged, indestructible

Honus Wagner the word retire is

just another term for going to bed.

"I won't quit baseball until it

quits me," he declared.

A flock of birthday cards rained

in on the veteran Pittsburgh Pirate

coach. His gifts included a 25-pound

turkey from oil millionaire Mike

Benedum.

"How about that," marveled

Honus. "All these people remember

me. Why, I don't know most

of the people who sent me cards."

Honus is recovering from a mus-

cular hip spasm that had him hos-

pitalized for awhile.

MORE LIGHT FOR ELK

LOGAN, Utah — (P) — A rancher

in Wyoming's Star valley hung a

lighted lantern in his stock yard in

the belief it would keep elk away

from his haystack. E. Von Al-

men said he looked out late at

night to see if the light was still

burning. It was moving around

the stock yard.

"I discovered," he said, "that

an elk bull had the lighted lantern

hanging from one of his antlers

and was showing the elk cows

where the best hay was."

Y-Church League Games Slated

B DIVISION

Episcopal 4 0 1.000

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First Christian 1 3 .250

A DIVISION

Salvation Army 4 0 1.000

First Baptist 3 1 .750

First Christian 2 2 .500

First Methodist 2 2 .500

Faith Lutheran 1 3 .250

Presbyterian 0 4 .000

Y-church league play ends Satur-

day for the A division, but the B

continue another week, after which

playoffs will commence.

Games Saturday, to be played at Benson school gymnasium, will pit undefeated Salvation Army, A division leaders, against First Methodist, who have two wins and two losses behind them.

In the other A game, First Baptists, who lost last week for the first time, oppose the Presbyterians. Both games start at 1:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran plays First Christian at 3:30 p.m.

Undefeated Episcopalians of the B division play the First Christian five, and First Methodists oppose the First Baptists, immediately following the A games.

Members of the Indian varsity basketball team will officiate. Last week, Frank Olson, Roy Van Horn and Mickey Coen officiated.

Both divisions will participate in

College Basketball

(By The Associated Press)

Eastern Oregon 72, Vanport 68.

Pacific Lutheran 71, Western

Washington 55.

Central Washington 70, British

Columbia 51.

Southern Idaho 65, Northwest Na-

zarene 53.

Basketball, Volleyball

Bid Boys To Jr. High Gym.

Interested boys of the community

will participate in basketball and

volleyball at the junior high school

gymnasium Saturday morning

from 9-11:30 a.m.

The program, sponsored jointly by the Roseburg YMCA and Kiwanis club, is under the direction of Chuck Allen and Marlen Yoder.

A Y-church tournament to be held at senior high school, Saturday night, March 18.

Two Teams Vying For Bowling Lead

Industrial Bowling League

Donut 16 8

Ump. Valley Hdw. 16 8

Vets Hospital 13 11

Jovin Brake Supply 12 12

Elks 326 11 13

Jones Insurance 10 14

F. O. E. 10 14

B. P. O. E. 8 16

Industrial league bowling con-

tinued to see two top teams vying

for the lead, with Donut Bar and

Umpqua Valley Hardware each

defeating their opponents Wednes-

day night in the Roseburg alley.

Dick Yundt topped the single game scores with a 236 tally, while Chuck Fingerios latched on to the high series tab with an even 600. Both bowl for Umpqua Valley.

Wednesday night results put F. O. E. over B. P. O. E. 3-0; Umpqua Hardware over Elks 326, 3-0; Veterans hospital over Jones Insurance of Myrtle Creek, 3-0.

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and Donut Bar over Jovin Brake Supply, 2-1.

Charles, Beshore in Top Shape For Tuesday's Bout

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 24. — (P) —

Ezzard Charles and Freddie Beshore—these men are ready for the fight of their lives. That was the conclusion yesterday of Dr.

Louis A. Kaiser, who examined Charles and Beshore five days before their Tuesday bout in which Charles' NBA world's heavyweight crown will be at stake.

Charles weighed 189½, but his handlers said he would get down around 185 before the official weighing-in Tuesday noon. Beshore scaled 184 and expects to go into the 15-round scuffle at that figure.

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