



KEY JUMP — Eddie Stanky makes the pivot in Phoenix, Ariz., base, marking the fiery little second baseman's debut in Giants' regalia. Shortstop Alvin Dark and Stanky were traded from Braves to make the double-play for the New York Nationals.

'LUCKY BEAVERS' Portland Club's Outlook Poor By Loss Of Thomas And Rookie Hal Saltzman

By L. H. GREGORY (Sporting Editor, The Portland Oregonian)

RIVERSIDE, Calif., March 23.—(AP)—From a sixth place club subtract Hal Saltzman, a kid pitcher who surprisingly won 23 games and lost only 13, and another freshman, Leo Thomas, a third baseman who hit .233, with 18 homers, 95 runs batted in and won the league two-base title with 43.

Subtract this pair and what would you say? Obviously that the Portland ball club's replacements and reinforcements should be rather extra special to warrant any strong hope of a higher finish.

Says Manager Bill Sweeney: "Give me another infielder, another power house hitting outfielder if Hal Peck doesn't come, and two pitchers, preferably southpaws but one must be, and I'll guarantee to be fighting in the first division."

"Of these needs, I put a southpaw pitcher as the most urgent, for only southpaws can hope to curb the San Diego and Los Angeles left-hand batting strength."

What They Have Done
Let's see what the Portland Beavers have done about replacements and reinforcements:

1. Mickey Rocco, hard pull-hitting left-hand first baseman, added by waiver price purchase from San Francisco. He hit only .276 in 163 games to the 3.75 of holdover Vince Shupe. But Rocco hit 25 homers and 114 runs batted in, to Shupe's eight and 81 RBI in 161 games. Put down a plus mark.

2. Steve Mesner, a third baseman acquired in the deal that sent Saltzman to San Diego. He hit .297 and his RBI was only 42. Defensively, a plus mark; offensively, Mesner conscientiously "hits behind the runner" with men on base.

3. Joe Polich, 20-year-old shortstop on option from the Yankees via the class "B" Piedmont league, appears to have won the job here. At any rate, holdover Frank Austin has been used for utility.

4. Johnny Ritchey, catcher. An even up trade, or a shade for Portland, in a swap with San Diego for collegian backstop Bill Burgher. Hope for Peck.

Aside from pitching, that's the

extent of reinforcements as matters now stand. There is still hope that Hal Peck, outfielder from Cleveland, eventually will report. His power would help greatly, though he wouldn't be a defensive addition.

On the pitching side, who replaces Saltzman and veteran Tommy Bridges (11-11)? Most promising new flinger seems to be Jack Creel, 33-year-old veteran from the Texas league, with a 14-10 record with a low placing Houston club. Then there are Lyman Linde, a 14-15 pitcher from San Diego whom Sweeney considers has undeveloped possibilities; Red Adams, usually a 16 or 20 game winner in the coast league, along with Red Lynn; big southpaw Roy Heiser (16-19); Vince di Biasi, 18-game winner in '48 but a big disappointment last season (9-18); veteran relief pitcher Bill Fleming, and several rookie prospects.

Other holdover players include tall Jimmy Gladd (.288), deadly throwing catcher, Eddie Basinski, only a .267 hitter but a dream fielding second baseman; outfielder Joe Brovia (.313 but only 11 homers and 51 RBI); Johnny Rucker, still a fleet outfielder and at 33 years of age (.295 and 95 RBI), and Luis Marquez, another speedy outfielder (.294, 76 RBI and 32 stolen bases).



PARTING TEARS — Thirteen-year-old Thomas Sheehan cries bitter tears as he holds lifeless form of his dog, Queenie, struck by a taxi cab on a New York City street. Driver fled after hitting dog. — (AP Wire-photo)

Ed Gayda Leads Seattle Quintet To AAU Victory

DENVER, March 23 — (AP) — Seattle's Alpine Dairy, sparked by the offensive play of Ed Gayda, pulled the first upset of the national AAU basketball tournament last night with a 57-52 victory over seventh-seeded Los Angeles Clippers.

The victory pushed the Northwest's sole survivor into the quarter-final round where it will tangle tonight with Oakland's Blue 'N Gold defending champions. The latter swamped the Salt Lake City Murray Buicks 88-47 last night.

Gayda, who joined the Alpines after winning all-coast honors with the Washington state college division champions, poured 17 points through the hoop in leading the Dairymen's victory.

The other Washington team to reach the third round, Spokane's Inland Empire 66ers, bowed out yesterday morning, 77-56, before the tall Peoria, Ill., Caterpillar Diesels.

Oakland's Defending champions, alone among the top four seedings, came through third round games without a threat.

Bartlesville's Phillips Oilers (No. 4), all ran into serious trouble in winning their games.

Today's quarter final pairings: Santa Monica, Calif., (Golden Dukes) vs. Bartlesville, Okla., (Phillips Oilers); Milwaukee (Allen-Bradley) vs. Oakland, Calif. Peoria, Ill. (Diesel) vs. San Francisco (Stewart Chevrolet).

Other Third Round Results.
Milwaukee (Allen-Bradley) 72 Dayton, O. Al-Sitars 54 Santa Maria, Calif. (Goldendukes) 69 Houston, Tex. (Ada Oilers) 56.

Babies Cry Before They Were Born

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 23.—(AP)—Babies crying before they were born started staff members of Kentucky Baptist hospital here twice this week.

An infant girl was born at 1:45 a.m. to Mrs. Robert G. Hallawell. But five minutes before the baby was delivered, there was a tinny cry heard by those in the delivery room—doctors, nurses and Mrs. Hallawell.

In fact, Mrs. Hallawell said she thought her baby already had been born. She was conscious under a spinal anesthetic.

Then nine hours later another baby girl was born, to Mrs. Phillip G. Zapp. This little girl cried four minutes before birth, those in attendance reported.

The doctor who delivered the Hallawell baby said there were only about 150 cases of such pre-birth crying reported in medical literature.

The physician explained that fluid in the uterus was released, being replaced by air which permitted the babies to start normal breathing and crying, usually heard only after birth.

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FLEES REDS — Aja Vrananova (above), world's champion woman amateur figure skater and daughter of an important Czechoslovakian Communist Government official, has joined the host of political exiles in London, England, from behind the Iron Curtain.

Woman Building Own Home At 84

NEW CITY, N. Y., March 23.—(AP)—The builder expects to have the new home of 84-year-old Mrs. Agnes Taylor completed by June.

The builder? Mrs. Taylor. From the concrete foundations to the beams on the roof, the small, white-haired former school teacher has put together every piece of her 12-by-15-foot, one-story cottage.

She even drew the blueprints, and has been at work on the house for about a year. She rides a bus to the job from nearby Nyack, where she is living with her son and his wife.

"It's wonderful for my health," she said. "I haven't had a cold all winter."

The house now is in the roofing stage. Mrs. Taylor says she may need some help on the open fire-place she wants in the living room. "I'm not such a hot mason," she explained. "The foundation I laid isn't too good."

Arthur Hopkins, Noted Playwright, Passes

NEW YORK, March 23.—(AP)—Arthur Hopkins, who produced or directed 80 plays during a long theatrical career on Broadway, died yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 71.

His first production was a hit—"Poor Little Rich Girl," in 1913. And so was his last—"The Magnificent Yankee," a play based on the life of the late Supreme Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, in 1946.

Sportsmen Ask Continuous Duck, Geese Season

KLAMATH FALLS, March 23.—(AP)—Sportsmen here plan to ask Gov. McKay to recommend a continuous season on ducks and geese in Oregon areas. The seasons have been split the past two years.

Thomas O'Dwyer, a director of the Klamath Sportsmen's association, said 5,000 hunters have signed a petition favoring the change. The governor will be asked to recommend the change to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service, which sets the dates.

The federal service has given the State Game commission the option of a split or continuous season in past years. The state has recommended a split.

O'Dwyer said "we would like to have the season start Nov. 1 or as near to that date as possible." A hearing on the season issue has been scheduled by the Federal service for May 22 in Portland.

UW Grid Chief Is Looking East

SEATTLE, March 23.—(AP)—Don't be surprised if the University of Washington football team invades the Ivy league or the Southwest conference in 1952.

The possibility, being discussed here today in unofficial sports circles, arose when it was learned that Southern California and Minnesota would open a home-and-home series Sept. 26, 1953.

The Husky arrangement with the Gophers expires in 1952 when Minnesota invades Seattle. Harvey Cassill, Washington's athletic director, said last night the gridiron warfare might be renewed later on an every-other-year basis. That, however, won't be decided until the Gophers get a new athletic director to replace retiring Frank McCormick.

Washington now is lined up in the next several years with Kansas State, Michigan and Illinois, as well as Minnesota. Extension of these arrangements is considered doubtful and with an open road date in 1952 and an open home date the following year, new foes are being sought.

Invasion of the Ivy league or Southwest conference would work out with Cassill's desires of bringing in teams from other sections of the country besides the Big 10.

Jack Dempsey's Former Wife Marries No. 3

LOS ANGELES, March 23.—(AP)—It's Hannah Williams Kahn Dempsey Monaghan now.

The 37-year-old ex-comediennes was married yesterday to actor Thomas J. Monaghan, 38. Her daughter by Jack Dempsey, Barbara, 13, arrived in superior court late and a repeat performance was held for her benefit. Joan Dempsey, 15, was not present.

Miss Williams was divorced by Dempsey in 1943. Her first mate was Roger Wolfe Kahn, son of the late banker, Otto Kahn.

Stolen Grain Racket Charge Hits Oregon Man

TOPEKA, Kas., March 23.—(AP)—An Oregon man was among 36 residents of nine states indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury on charges of transporting stolen grain in interstate commerce.

The Oregonian was E. L. Howard of Springfield.

Eugene Davis, assistant U. S. district attorney, said the men are accused of obtaining grain fraudulently by false weighing methods and other devices. He said "thousands of bushels" of grain were involved. He said he could not estimate the amount of money involved.

Davis said the indictments, which also charge all 36 with con-

spiracy to violate the national stolen property act, cover grain shipments between Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

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DOG RACING OKAYED

PORTLAND, March 23.—(AP)—The Oregon State Racing commission has okayed 60 days of greyhound racing at Multnomah stadium and left time for up to 40 days of horse racing at Portland Meadows.

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