

Sports

'Old Men' Slate Baseball Meeting

Here is a baseball announcement.

A meeting to try to revive baseball in Roseburg is slated.

This is more than just a normal meeting in many ways.

It will be held Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.

It will be held at Dr. Roy Hanford's office, corner of Madrone and Military.

If you are interested and 35 years or older be sure to attend. If you are not yet 35 years of age do not bother to show.

The budding organization plans nothing but mid-week night baseball.

It hopes to play independently, meeting Evergreen League teams and the like.

Watch for future announcements.

Minor Leagues

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEXAS LEAGUE
San Antonio 6, Oklahoma City 2
Dallas 13, Shreveport 2
Houston 6, Tulsa 1
Beaumont 8, Fort Worth 2

Hockey Playoffs

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 2 (Pittsburgh leads best-of-7 final series 3-1)

Czechs Charge Attempted Bribery Of Hockey Team

VIENNA (AP)—A Prague newspaper charged Thursday that an attempt was made last month in West Germany to bribe the entire Czechoslovak ice hockey team to quit their Communist homeland. The newspaper Mlada Fronta said the alleged attempt was made on March 8, while 33 players, trainers and newspaper reporters were flying by Dutch airliner from West Germany back to Prague. During a stopover at Munich, the paper charged, the players were met by three men who offered to "buy" the entire team for 300,000 marks (\$75,000).

Is That So!

Although there are today, roughly speaking, about 3,000,000 species of creatures in the animal kingdom—worms, insects, spiders, fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, etc.—only a tiny fraction of these are mammalian species—less than 4,000. Yet this tiny minority is the predominant form of life on earth.

Many and wonderful are the differences among these 4,000. Some, like the bats, have taken to the air; others like the monkeys have taken to the trees; some like the whales have left the land and gone to sea; others like the mole have burrowed underground.

IN SIZE they range from the tiny shrew that weighs less than a used 25 cent piece—a fraction of an ounce—to the gigantic sulphur-bottomed whale which may weigh 300,000 pounds!

Yet, despite the tremendous diversity, because they are mammals they have many things in common. First off, as the Latin word mamma implies—breast—all are milk-sucking during infancy, although two, the duck-billed platypus and spiny anteater of Australia are without breasts, the milk supply oozing out of a general area and following the hair roots when the young lap it up.

Also, except for this primitive pair which lay eggs, all mammals bear their babies alive.

Some young like the agouti of South America can be weaned the first day and may survive; others like the porcupine may need only a week of the mother's care; others like the walrus may nurse for three whole years—until its tusks grow long enough for it to rake up mollusks from the sea floor.

Variation of development at birth, likewise, is enormous among these mammals: Some rodents remain sightless for more than six weeks; some hoofed animals, like the pronghorn antelope, can race 25 miles an hour within as many hours.

Size at birth also varies tremendously from the opossum's "living abortion" which is delivered from 10 to 13 days after mating and a dozen could fit into a teaspoon—to the whale which may weigh a 25,000-pound calf within a year after mating.

ALL MAMMALS are backboned and have four legs, although bats and seals are hardly four-footed in the ordinary sense of the word; in the former the limbs have developed into wings for flight, in

the latter they have become flippers. And as for the hind limbs of the whales, dolphins and porpoises, they are only a pair of small rudimentary rods buried deep in the body, not even hooked up to the spine.

All mammals are warm-blooded, with a four-chambered heart which pumps blood through a double circulatory system, consisting of arteries, veins and capillaries. Yet the blood temperature among mammals may vary and, in fact within the same individual during the year may undergo a 65 degree change. In hibernation, for example, it may dangerously drop from 100 degrees to near-freezing—below freezing the animal dies.

To go with this highly developed circulatory system, which gets oxygen into the blood stream and carries away poisonous carbon dioxide, all mammals have a chest which contains the heart and lungs, and this is separated from the abdomen, containing the stomach and other organs, by a thin sheet of muscle called the diaphragm. Needless to say, all mammals breathe air—even a whale will drown if it cannot surface regularly to draw life-giving oxygen into the lungs and expel carbon dioxide.

TO HELP maintain its warm temperature, every mammal has hair ranging from a few stout bristles to very fine—and sometimes, expensive—fur. Even the whale has a few scraggly thin whiskers.

Another mechanism unique to mammals which helps to regulate their temperature is sweat glands, although in some animals like the camel they are exceedingly few to conserve bodily moisture in deserts.

Add all these, and you have the mammal. And besides in nearly every type, a creature of exquisite beauty and grandeur of form.

Another Site Studied For Portland Center

PORTLAND (AP)—Another mid-town site now is under consideration for Portland's proposed sports center.

The latest suggestion is to locate the center in the 35 acres surrounding Benson Tech High School on the near East Side. Known as the Buckman site, part of the area already is city-owned.

County 'B' League To Open Season Friday

By JIM VANCE
Sports Writer, News-Review

With defending champion Elktion favored again, the six-team Douglas County B Baseball League opens a five-round slate Friday afternoon.

Initial games send Camas Valley to Riddle and Oakland to Yoncalla. Elktion and Glide do not play.

The league is almost perfectly balanced as far as returning lettermen are concerned. Yoncalla leads the parade in this respect with nine.

Camas Valley and Glide each have eight returning letter winners. Riddle and Elktion have seven apiece and Oakland has five.

Last year, Glide finished in second place in league play with a 4-1 record. Riddle, Oakland and Yoncalla tied for third with 2-3 marks and Camas Valley was winless in five starts.

CAMAS VALLEY

Out of a turnout of 12 at Camas Valley, Coach Lawrence Gibson has eight lettermen. He says that he will be short on pitching again this year but that the Hornet's should have "a pretty good infield."

Listed as infielders are Jim Bartley, first base; Chester McClellan at second; Bobby McClellan at shortstop and Gary Spencer at third. Catching will be freshman Byron Baker.

Pitching will be handled by Les Mode, Jim Bartley and Glen Wafer.

In the outfield it will be Glen Wafer, Ron Munch, Jerry Bartley, Chuck White, Dwain Brown, Clifford Wiley and Dale Duncan.

Camas Valley schedule:

April
8—Riddle, away
15—Glide, home
22—Oakland, away
29—Yoncalla, away

May

3—Riddle, home
6—Elktion, home
13—Douglas, home

GLIDE

Coach Jack Forsythe will be particularly in pitching and catching at Glide this year, giving the Wildcats a strong chance of overtaking Elktion which is weakest in that department of the game.

There have been 35 boys working out at Glide including eight lettermen.

Leading pitching candidates are Dickie Smith, Eugene Polley, Ernie Sharp and Wayne Kennaday.

Experienced catchers include Lannie Crow, who is a transfer from Grants Pass, Bert Baker and Jerry Ward.

Gilbert Magness leads the infield candidates, returning to his third base position again this year.

Glide schedule:

April
15—Camas Valley, there.
22—Yoncalla, there.
29—Riddle, there.

May

6—Oakland, there
10—Elktion, there

ELKTON

Elktion's greatest weakness this year appears to be pitching with only Ronald Moore returning to the Elks hurling corps.

Teaming with Moore at the catching post will be letterman Harold Duncan.

Other lettermen returning to Coach Carl Grimshaw's club are Jack Whitefield, Larry Bishop, Clifford Otto, Dean Gill and Boyd Garrison, all infielders.

There are eight other candidates out for positions for an overall total of 15.

Elktion schedule:

April
8—Sutherlin, home
15—Riddle, away
22—Yoncalla, home
29—Riddle, home

22—Riddle, away
27—Sutherlin, away
29—Oakland, home

May

6—Camas Valley, away
10—Glide, away

OAKLAND

A discussion on Oakland's prospects appeared last week in the pre-season coverage given the Umpqua Valley League.

Summarizing, the Oakers will have five lettermen, fewest in the league, returning to Coach Tommy Lyon.

They are pitcher Chet McKenzie, catcher Don Maddox, first baseman Carl Rice and outfielders Dick Baird and Dick Copeland. There are 10 other candidates for positions.

RIDDLE

Positions on Riddle's team were wide open in spite of seven returning lettermen. Senior Bill Edwards was a strong pitching candidate and sophomore John Uetzel a good bet for catching duties.

Five other letterwinners, Frank Denton, Stan Long, Norm Raul-

ston, Curt Renhard and Larry Cockrell, were vying for the other seven positions.

The Irish lost the services of letterman catcher Roy Weatherford because of a football injury incurred last fall.

Coach Al Barnhart's team meets all four Umpqua Valley League teams in addition to the B league teams.

Riddle schedule:

April
8—Camas Valley, home
15—Oakland, away
22—Elktion, home
29—Sutherlin, away
May
6—Glide, away

YONCALLA

Coach Tom Mason, in his last year at Yoncalla, has the strongest letterman turnout in the circuit with nine returners, making the Eagles a strong darkhorse possibility behind Elktion and Glide.

The list is led by pitcher Phil Blomquist, a left hander, who also wins state track championships in his spare moments.

Other lettermen include pitcher Kenney Means, catcher Bud Sanders, second base: Everett Swezey, third base: outfielders John Blomquist, Bill Benner, Rudy Powell and Lloyd Dages.

Mason also expects pitching help from Drain letterman transfer Ron Powell.

Yoncalla schedule:

April
8—Oakland, home
15—Elktion, away
22—Glide, home
29—Camas Valley, home

May

2—Riddle, away



TAKE YOUR PICK—Detroit's three first basemen look around protective screen in front of the base at Lakeland, Fla., camp, wondering who will open season. Left to right are Ferris Fain, Wayne Belardi and Jack Phillips. (NEA)

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