

Eugene Pitchers Gone, NWL Champs Weakened

By DICK STRITE
Eugene Register-Guard
SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The Eugene team which won the 1955 Northwest League pennant on the strength of the recognized best pitching staff in minor league baseball, is only a shell of itself at present.

Manager Cliff Dapper, at The Emerald helm for the second straight year, has been handicapped with "unseasonable" weather conditions here and can see only about three, possibly four pitchers, two infielders, one outfielder and one catcher of the caliber needed to make another bid for the league pennant.

All of the starting hurlers from last season are gone. George Storti, the league's No. 1 pitcher, is at Oklahoma City; Berlyn Hodges, No. 2, is at Portland; Frank Chase, a righthander who won 15, has retired to a job in law enforcement; Sam Williams, 9-7, is with San Jose of the California league on a player deal; Ad Satalich, a 12-game winner with a bad arm, has been sold to Salem; Jim Lee, with a 2-0 record, is with San Jose, and LeRoy Han, 5-3, has been retained by the Portland Beavers.

Southpaw Returns
Only pitcher remaining from last year's staff is Bill Griffin, a southpaw who had a 3-1 record and could be the best lefthander in the league this season.

Ted Hesse, a veteran outfielder, retired to take a job in San Francisco.

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cisco, and the only other player remaining from the championship squad is Manny Romero, a .333 hitter who played as an alternate first baseman and outfielder. The others have gone to higher classifications.

Actually, Dapper could floor a better baseball team than he could field a baseball club at the present time. Pitcher Dick Lawless was a member of the 1955 National championship basketball team from USC and Dick Garibaldi was a member of Santa Clara's high-ranking Broncos of three seasons ago. Several of the members of the present 21-man squad are members of championship high school teams.

Help Seen For Club
But with help from the Portland Beavers, the Boston Red Sox (via San Francisco Seals) and the Chicago White Sox, the Emeralds are almost certain to come up with a pennant contender.

At the present time Dapper, a former Brooklyn Dodger catcher who will do much of the receiving again this season, will have a young ball club — mostly without organized baseball experience.

Besides Griffin, other pitchers who have a chance to make the club appear to be Lawless, Russ Penfold, and Dave Gray, a former Willamette University hurler. All but Griffin are righthanders.

Del Johnston, a veteran, may make the grade as a catcher. Romero is certain either at first base or in the outfield and Carl Hutzler appears to be a fixture in centerfield. Only other player set for the starting lineup when the Northwest League season opens in Eugene against Spokane April 28 is Manny Lacosta, a third baseman who hit .237, but fielded .943 for Williamsport in the class A Eastern League last season. He played for Dapper at Billings in the Pioneer League.

As an example of the condition of the Eugene Emeralds at the present time, Hutzler is the only regular full-time outfielder. There are seven infielders, three of which are first basemen; ten pitchers, and two catchers other than Dapper.

The Emerald Empire Baseball Club is unusual in organized baseball, and win, lose or draw the Emeralds are almost certain to have a "balanced budget" for the second straight season.

Under the leadership of Frank Graham, a former Rocky Mountain intercollegiate pitcher who sponsored juvenile and bush ball in the Eugene area for years, and a bird-dogging of Dick Richards, 31-year general manager, the Emeralds are certain to make a go of it. Graham is a retired lumberman and Richards is owner of a sign-painting business in Eugene. Profit shown in 1955.

Last year the Emeralds showed a "paper" profit on the operation that involved some 28 partners (business and professional men) who were willing to guarantee any losses.

Bethel Park, home of the Emeralds, has been completely remodeled into what some baseball men believe is the best ball park on the Pacific coast. The field is in top shape because of the work done by Bobby Doerr, former Boston Red Sox second baseman and a partner. The box seats have been remodeled. Parking space will be 2½ times greater than last year — which was one of the major problems in attracting fans. Even so the Emeralds attracted 76,823 cash customers, in addition to the 10,093 for the playoff series Eugene won over Salem at the close of the season.

Portland U. Racquetmen Take 71st Dual Match

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The University of Portland tennis team won its 71st dual match victory without a defeat Saturday, blanking Pacific University, 7-0, at Forest Grove.

In the featured singles match, Bill Rose of Portland posted an easy win over Jerry Kalapus, 6-3, 6-1.

Other tennis results Saturday included:
University of Oregon defeated Reed College, 5-2, being forced into extra sets in all except one match.

Linfield College defeated Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, 7-2.
Southern Oregon College of Education blanked Humboldt State of Arcata, Calif., 7-0.

Fish Movements Remain Encouraging At Winchester

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Well, boys, choose your partners this week. It's the last regularly scheduled match in all leagues except the "Classics," so your next match will be decided by who you beat this week. Junior Classic is one week behind and the seniors two weeks behind everybody else.

Teams headed for the Brookings tournament not listed last week are Bill Stock Motors and West Side Pharmacy, men's teams, and Hanley & Post and McKay Drugs for the women. Most Roseburg entries will go down May 26 with Harris Plumbing rolling on the last night, June 2.

TO DATE, the secretary has signed five entries for men at Medford, and we know of at least two women's teams lined up for the Pear City show. We still have our little black book and will help you fill up a team, or find a place for you on a team. Just let us know how you're fixed. (Pat Patt says he won't be working at it, so you'll have to do it yourself.)

And while we're on the subject, Pat Patt is about to realize a great ambition. He started out to fall a 100,000 maple logs, and at last week's end, was getting close to his mark. Including Friday night, Pat has sold-decked 99,950. He only bowls in seven leagues, since the Classic Junior and the girls figure he isn't quite good enough to fit in their class. While working on his project, Pat garnered a pair of 1939, two 3-7-10 Christmas trees two 200's, for a 578, and Don Nye ditto for 590. Ed Willis also had a pair of 200's. Ed Davis again missed a 600, this time by only 13 pins. He'll do it yet, we allow. Floyd Porter hit his lifetime record with 212-573.

And now, lest we forget, don't you gals forget. Your annual banquet will be held at the Indian Room in the Hotel Umpqua Monday night, May 14 at 8:00. Tickets only \$2.25, but you must have them by May 1, the night you wind up your league play.

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Officers for next year will be elected, along with other regular business. But the highlight of the evening, we'll wager, will be the distribution of the league and tournament trophies. A nice lot of them, and you should all be there to receive them in person. Write this important date down on your powder box and lipstick.

SOME FAT GAMES last week, but nothing hair-raising in the line of series. Top series was a 632 by Dan Hansen, including 248 and 233 lines (plus a wee 151). Bob Shroyer had a huge 257 game, which won't pay him anything aside from his turkey, since it was as a sub on Sun Studs Monday night. Bob Nesbitt had a 237-596. Glen Wright hit a 233, Jim Pope hit a 593 set aided by a swell 244 line. Al Fish 231-580, and Vern Whitbeck started a big set with a nifty 233, then the roof caved in and he slipped 95 sticks, but still managed a 514 set. Joe Coe also missed his 600; after starting with 203-201, he ended with 540. (You figure that last line.) Eldon Zane now leads the Classic Junior in both series and game scratch scores. He split 252 pretty pins for his league leading single.

Some more rail splitters. Frank Simons cleaned up a 6-7-10 Wednesday night, and Joe Quant trimmed a Christmas tree. Gus Spakowsky had two plus 200's, for a 578, and Don Nye ditto for 590. Ed Willis also had a pair of 200's. Ed Davis again missed a 600, this time by only 13 pins. He'll do it yet, we allow. Floyd Porter hit his lifetime record with 212-573.

NORDIC PLYWOOD and Coca-Cola tied for series Thursday night at 2,974, rather unusual. Business Men's Assurance had a pair of 945 games, with a 963 in between. Jerry Coen had a pair of 159's, Jack Hayman 173's, Roy Elliott 138's, Don Nye 191's, Ed Davis 158's, Wayne Ottedahl 145's with a 149 and Don Linnell 142's both sides of a 140.

Frank Kees is back in town after spending the winter in "sunny California" repairing flood damages. Jerry Witten, recuperating fast from a recent operation, expects to be back on the firing line soon.

Misery loves company and we like to see the hot shots take their bumps too. Hamm's Beer, Chicago dropped from 1,085 to 884 in one game. Vern Turner's doubles partner let him down with a 473 series and 143 game. Eli Patelli, now in first place singles in ABC got 722, following 481 series and one 128 game in his doubles.

Comparative figures are reported as follows:

Year	Period of April 1 - 15	Total through April 15	Total run	Per cent of run by April 15
Winter Steelhead				
1946	1,027	5,761	6,563	87.8
1947	813	10,703	11,220	95.4
1948	1,050	8,732	9,700	90.0
1949	1,030	8,923	9,225	96.7
1950	621	5,850	7,008	83.5
1951	884	3,796	4,188	90.6
1952	2,610	9,172	10,635	86.2
1953	93	4,631	5,094	90.9
1954	1,149	8,418	9,124	92.3
1955	450	4,421	4,755	93.0
1956	1,292	8,933	—	—
Spring chinook (adults)				
1946	20	20	1,974	1.0
1947	12	18	2,994	0.6
1948	7	8	2,245	0.3
1949	29	29	2,109	1.4
1950	10	10	2,044	0.5
1951	62	62	2,940	2.1
1952	8	8	4,702	0.2
1953	49	56	4,310	1.3
1954	171	207	6,613	3.1
1955	75	104	6,266	1.7
1956	88	137	—	—
Spring chinook (jacks)				
1946	0	0	533	0.0
1947	2	2	817	0.2
1948	0	0	248	0.0
1949	1	1	484	0.2
1950	0	0	277	0.0
1951	4	4	677	0.6
1952	0	0	559	0.0
1953	0	0	521	0.0
1954	0	0	1,576	0.0
1955	10	10	1,378	0.7
1956	14	14	—	—

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Boston	3	3	.500	2
Washington	3	4	.429	2½
Cleveland	2	4	.333	3
Detroit	2	4	.333	3
Baltimore	2	5	.286	3½

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	—
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	½
Brooklyn	3	2	.600	½
Chicago	3	2	.600	½
New York	3	3	.500	1
St. Louis	3	3	.500	1
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333	2
Cincinnati	1	4	.200	2½

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Robin Roberts to win 20 games is as close to a sure thing as you get in baseball.

The Philadelphia Phillies are a head start toward a seventh straight year in the select circle. But he insists he never set a goal, just doing his best for the club.

He doesn't put too much stock in "winning games" in which he gives nine hits is a better job than a lost one-hitter.

His first two starts this season illustrate. He barely staggered through against Brooklyn opening day, yet he won it. Yesterday at Philadelphia, he needed a tight effort to beat Johnny Antonelli's three-hitter. He gave the New York Giants five hits but Antonelli threw one bad pitch — a three-run homer by Ted Kazanski — and the Phils won 3-1.

Giants Win Second
The Giants climbed on Curt Simmons, making his first start, and batted out a 9-7 edge in the second game. Willie Mays hit a

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three-run homer off reliever Bob Miller in the ninth.

Don Newcombe got on the beam with a three-hitter as Brooklyn Downed Pittsburgh 4-1 in a game called by rain in the seventh.

Milwaukee remained in the National League lead by slugging St. Louis 13-5 in the second game after St. Louis took the first 10-4 on an eight-run sixth-inning.

Homers by Ernie Banks, Monte Irvin and Solly Drake gave the Chicago Cubs a 5-4 decision over Cincinnati. Their second game was called by darkness, a 1-1 tie after seven innings.

The New York Yankees cooled off the Boston Red Sox, taking three in a row at Yankee Stadium to tighten their grip on the American League lead. Five Red Sox errors and homers by Don Larsen, Yogi Berra and Joe Collins added up to a 13-6 Yankee victory.

Billy Pierce of Chicago shut out Kansas City with three hits 3-0 in a quick turnaround by the White Sox, who were slugged 15-1 by the A's Saturday.

Two homers by Detroit's Al Kaline helped account for a first game victory over Cleveland 6-4, but Bob Lemon went the route for the first time since last May 30 to give the Tribe an even break with a 5-2 verdict in the nightcap. Rookie Fred Besana topped Washington in Baltimore's 7-3 opening victory, but Camilo Pascual earned a split for Washington with a 4-1 four-hitter in the second.

Rook Trackmen Win

CORVALLIS (AP) — The Oregon State College Rook track team defeated the Portland Track and Field Club, 61-47, in a dual meet here Saturday.



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