

Salt Lake City Bees Shaky As Coast League Member

(Editors Note: This is one in a series of stories on the revamped Pacific Coast Baseball League)

By ROBERT F. ALKIRE
SALT LAKE CITY. — Look into a crystal baseball and you may see a cloudy future for the national pastime here. Salt Lake's Bees, last year's Hollywood Stars, are making ready to return to the Pacific Coast League for the first time since 1925. They open their season April 15 in Vancouver, B.C. The road to Vancouver is rocky and the biggest boulder on the route is money.

When the Bees left the Pioneer League last year they took along the best park in the circuit—Dirks Field. It is woefully short of PCL standards. A \$300,000 bond issue has been offered by the city commission to finance expansion of the park near downtown Salt Lake. Its seating capacity is to be nearly doubled to 11,000.

Question Stirs "Prayer" Asked if he thought the park would be ready when the Bees return here April 29 for a stand against Vancouver, Gen. Mgr. Eddie Leishman clasped his hands, rolled his eyes and "prayed."

A roster of Hollywood veterans and youngsters is in Jacksonville, Fla., shaping up a Bee squad, which has a Pittsburgh major league tieup.

The schedule is ready, the team is getting ready, the park may be ready and the management hopes everything is ready. The big question is whether the fans are ready.

Less than a thousand diehards some times showed up to watch the occasionally shaky Bees go through their paces. Polished PCL vets may drag more to Derks. How many is the question.

City of Recreationists Salt Lake was a spectator city when it left the PCL in '25. Today it is a city of recreational commuters who stream into nearby mountains for outings, tramp several golf courses or get caught up in the dozens of sandlot and softball leagues.

A potential ballpark fan, forsaking television, his personalized sport or a cool mountain trip in favor of two or three hours perched on a hard set under a broiling sun may be as hard to find as a 300 slugger.

(Tomorrow: Vancouver)

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JUMPING JACKS—Roseburg's Larry Sloan (40) and Dick Hodge (22) of Bend bounded after the ball in Roseburg's win over the Lava Bears Wednesday in the state A-1 basketball tournament in Eugene. Sloan, with 16 points, led the Indians to a 39-28 victory. (Eugene Register-Guard)

New Leaders Setting Pace In City Bowling Tourny

New leaders have cropped up in the Roseburg City Bowling Tournament, under way this week at Roseburg Bowl.

Harry Hagan racked up a score of 1,854 to take over the leadership in the class C all-events Thursday night. Vince Carter, with 1,817, has the previous high tally.

Sutherland City Drive in became the new leader Thursday night in class B team with a 3,026 score, taking over from Elks Lodge, which had 2,995.

The remaining leaders in the team and all-events posted their scores earlier in the week. They include: Quant Realty, class A teams, 3,123; Stan Cornitt, class B all-events, 1,889; and Eldon Lee, class A all-events, 1,907.

Scoring Wednesday and Thursday nights:

Class A team: Bruton's Shoe Repair, 3,054; Umpqua Lions, 2,920.

Sports In Brief

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BASEBALL

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Veteran Yankee first baseman Joe Collins retired from baseball after he was sold to the Philadelphia Phillies.

GOLF

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — George Bayer posted a first round 34-34-68 for a two stroke lead in the St. Petersburg open.

PINEHURST, N.C. — Mrs. Philip Cudone, West Caldwell, N. J., won the North and South Amateur Qualifying Medal with a three-over-par 77.

TENNIS

SHREVEPORT, La. — Pancho Gonzales defeated Lew Hoad 11-9, 7-5 cutting Hoad's lead in their cross-country pro series to 21-19.

TRACK

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA — Mrs. Mariene Mathers clipped one tenth of a second off the women's world record for the 100-yard dash with a clocking of 10.3 and beat Olympic gold medalist Betty Cuthbert in the final of the Australian championship.

RACING

MIAMI, Fla. — Scansion (\$5.50) beat Lady Larve by a length in feature at Gulfstream.

BASKETBALL

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Wayland's 4-year winning streak of 131 games was ended by Nashville 46-42 in National Women's AAU tourney.

Little A-A Selected

NEW YORK. — The 1958 Little (small college) Basketball All-America as selected by the Associated Press on the basis of writers and broadcasters:

First team: Jim Smith, Steubenville, 6-6, Senior, Homestead, Pa.; Jim Daniels, South Dakota, 5-11, senior, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mel Peterson, Wheaton, 6-4, soph, Wallace, Mich.; Dick Barnett, Tenn. State, 6-3, junior, Gary, Ind.; and Bennie Swain, Texas Southern, 6-9, senior, Talladega, Ala.

Two Northwest players received honorable mention.

They are Chuck Curtis of Pacific Lutheran and Dave Gardner of Northwest Nazarene.

Ring Record

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LOS ANGELES — Paul Jorgensen, 130, Houston, Tex., outpointed Ernesto Parra, 130, Mexico City, 10.

BOISE, Idaho — Dale Manz, knocked out Dick Lane, 158's, Boise, 10.

PARIS, France — Ted Wright, Detroit, stopped Henry Cabelduc, France, 6 (welterweights).

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Open Season On Umpqua Elk Goal Of Game Commission

The Oregon Game Commission, which Tuesday planted 14 elk in the Umpqua National Forest, hopes to have an open season on elk some day.

J. W. Vaughn, Southwest Oregon regional administrator, said that is the goal. But such a season won't develop until four herds now in the forest become established. If and when hunting is allowed, it will be restricted to bulls so production of the herds won't be restricted.

The transplant Tuesday was the third in the forest since sometime prior to 1950.

Vaughn said seven herd were moved from the Sikkum area of Coos County to the Copeland Creek area along the North Umpqua River. Last year, six animals were released in the upper reaches of the Rock Creek area.

1958 Planting Done

The earliest planting is developing "nicely," Vaughn said.

The Game Commission next summer will begin taking stock of its elk herds in the forest. No up-to-date census exists now, but that will be the special project next summer.

Wildlife Week Observed

The transplanting of the Coos County elk this week in the Umpqua National Forest coincided with National Wildlife Week this week, which is being observed with conservationists over the state.

'59 Cage Rules Will Stay Same

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The college basketball coaches' organization had a new president Friday and — they hoped — the same rules under which the game was played this season.

Cliff Wells of Tulane was chosen president of the National Assn. of Basketball Coaches Thursday night during a meeting at which the coaches voted 77-6 against recommending any major rule changes.

Wells succeeds A. T. (Slats) Gill of Oregon State, who becomes a member of the NABC's board of directors. The overwhelming vote against any major changes in the way the game is played sets somewhat of a precedent, ending a decade of wholesale switches in basketball regulations.

The decision of the coaches goes now to a Sunday meeting of the rulemaking body, the National Basketball Committee of the U.S. and Canada. Changes are possible despite the coaches' vote, but unlikely.

Duck Football Assistant Takes Iowa Teacher Job

EUGENE, Ore. — Willard Hammer, an assistant football coach at the University of Oregon, said he will leave early in April for Iowa State Teachers College to take over his new job as head football coach.

Spring Baseball

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New York 11, Philadelphia 8; Milwaukee 11, Cincinnati 1; Pittsburgh 7, Kansas City 4; San Francisco 7, Cleveland 5 (10 innings); Baltimore 4, Chicago (N) 1 (first game); Chicago (N) 1, Baltimore; (Second game, 10 innings); Los Angeles 6, Detroit 4 (night); Pittsburgh "B" 3, Kansas City "B" 0.

Frank Hunsaker Passes At Ocean Lake Recently

Frank Hunsaker, Glendale resident for a number of years, passed away at Ocean Lake last week. Funeral services were held March 18 at the Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland. Hunsaker lived in Azalea, and later in Glendale where he made his home with a cousin, Thomas Hunsaker.

He first worked in a barber shop on Pacific Avenue and later purchased it. He sold the business to Tom Lange in 1940.

He is survived by a son, Donald, of San Francisco, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Mona Olson of San Lorenzo, Calif.; and a cousin, Thomas Hunsaker, of Ocean Lake.

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Discharged

Roger Crumpacker, Diane Nelson, Charlotte Cooper, Roseburg; Juanita, Virginia and Ruth Robinson, Sutherlin.

Mercy Hospital Admitted

Surgery: Linda House, Mrs. John Farnsworth, Roseburg; Connie Davis, Sutherlin, Mrs. LeRoy Leblou, Mrs. Perry Van Cleave, Roseburg.

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Budget Bureau Clears Fort Clatsop Measure

WASHINGTON. — The federal Budget Bureau has cleared a favorable report on a bill by Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.), calling for an appropriation of \$286,000 to initiate a project to convert Fort Clatsop near Astoria into a national museum park.

Neuberger said this information came from Robert Merriam, assistant budget director.

"This was the major obstacle I had feared," the senator said. "With this hurdle apparently overcome, I believe the prospects for passage of the bill are now reassuring."

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