

Coast Loop Opens Today

By The Associated Press
Umpires shout "Play Ball" Tuesday to open the Pacific Coast league's 53rd baseball season.

With a new hustle program, new league president Claire Goodwin predicts the circuit will draw over three million fans this year. San Diego, last year's pennant

winner, hosts San Francisco in day and night games. Eddie ERAUTT starts for the Padres against Lefty Steve Nagy for the Seals in the afternoon. At night it will be Padre Bob Kerrigan against Don Fracchia.

Gettel Rides Again

The Oakland Oaks host Seattle and plan to use Al "Two Gun" Gettel on the mound. The Seattle hurler was not announced. George Metkovich, former Phil, and Jim Marshall from the Chicago White Sox are expected to be the big hitters for the Acorns.

The Seals' 12-9 record won the Desert league title by half-game over the Acorns.

In Los Angeles Joe Hatten starts against Portland's Dick Waibel in renovated Wrigley field. Beaver standouts are Artie Wilson at second, Walt Judnich in left field and Russ Sullivan in right.

The Hollywood Stars face Sacramento's Bud Daley in the Solons' park. Red Munger is up for the Stars. Paul Pettit, who failed as a \$100,000 bonus chucker, is trying for a comeback in the Stars' outfield.

Big Cash Awards

Goodwin, starting his first year as a baseball executive, predicted the PLC will have a new look in its 53rd season. He has installed a hustle program backed up by \$20,000 in cash awards and thinks the system will produce dividends both on the field and at the gate.

"When I took over as league president I said we would draw at least three million fans," Goodwin said. "After three months I have seen nothing to lower that estimate. In fact, if anything I'd be inclined to boost it a little."

"All clubs are strengthened over last year and there seems to be a new outlook throughout the circuit. It is our aim to give fans the best possible brand of baseball."

"We'd like to see everyone hustle out to the ball parks and see the new look of the Pacific Coast league."

Bevos Feature Five New Faces

GLENDALE, Calif., (AP) — Five players obtained since last season will be in Portland's starting lineup at Los Angeles Tuesday.

The lineup, announced Sunday by Manager Clay Hopper, will include Artie Wilson, second base; Russ Sullivan, right field; Ed Mickelson, first base; Sam Calderone, catcher; and either Dick Whitman or Bob Caselli, center field.

Hopper hopes to start Whitman but the former University of Oregon player, purchased from Montreal last winter, may be sidelined with the flu.

The manager announced this batting order: Wilson, Whitman or Caselli, Sullivan, Mickelson; Walt Judnich, left field; Don Egger, third base; Frank Austin, shortstop; Calderone, and Dick Waibel, pitchers.

Football Hopefuls To Meet Today

All varsity football candidates are to meet with head coach Len Casanova today at 4 p.m. in McArthur court. Plans will be discussed for spring practice for all players who can participate.

Spring practice will open Monday, April 18, and last through 20 sessions, the maximum allowed under Pacific Coast conference rules.

Ducks Travel to Portland; Pioneers Here Wednesday

After a week of rainouts, the Webfoot baseball team hopes for good weather as they take on the University of Portland in a doubleheader this afternoon at Vaughn street park in Portland. Game time for the first of the two seven inning clashes is 1:30 p.m.

Four games were rained out last week and practices were limited as well. The Ducks were favored with excellent weather during the California spring vacation tour but haven't had opportunities for intensive workouts since.

Wednesday's schedule calls for Lewis and Clark to play here. Willamette will be here Friday,

and the Ducks will travel to McMinnville Saturday for a pair against Roy Helser's Linfield club.

The conference season opens Friday, April 15, versus Oregon State at Corvallis. The Beavers will play here April 16.

Coach Don Kirsch plans to start righthander Bill Blodgett

The rest of the lineup will be Bernie Averill rf (.500), Pete Williams 3b (.200), Jerry Ross rf (.231), Neal Marlett c (.167) and Blodgett p.

In the second game sophomore Jim Pingree will go to left field, and either Norm Forbes, Terry Maddox, or Bob Wagner will patrol right. Garner will pitch.

Forbes, Oregon's star righthander in 1954, still is suffering from a sore shoulder and won't pitch against Rich Carlascio's Portland club. Forbes has done no throwing since the return from California.

Northwest League Starts Training

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Eugene, Ore., joins six teams of the old Western International league in opening spring baseball training this week under the newly hoisted colors of the Northwest league.

The new circuit, the only one in the country with an odd number of members, opens its season April 26.

Three of the teams will start limbering up Wednesday in California. Wenatchee is at Petaluma, Eugene at Santa Cruz and Salem at Napa.

Working the kinks out at home will be Lewiston, Tri-City and Yakima, while Spokane will train at Clarkston, Wash.

A flock of new managers will be calling the signals with Hugh Luby at Salem the only returnee from the defunct WIL.

Cliff Dapper is at Eugene after a stretch at Billings of the Pioneer league. Hub Kittle will crack the whip at Yakima and Hillis Layne, of Pacific Coast league fame, replaced Larry Barton at Lewiston.



PETE WILLIAMS
Webfoot co-captain

against Portland in the opener and follow with lefty Bill Garner in the second game. Both will be given a chance to go the distance.

Schlosstein Cleanup

Oregon's probable batting order will have shortstop John Keller (.400) leading off, Jim Johnson, 2b, (.278) batting second, George Shaw cf (.450) third, and Dick Schlosstein 1b (.412) in the cleanup slot.

Patera Selected For All-Sig Team

Jack Patera, a four year football star at Oregon, has been named to the 1954 All-Sigma Chi football team, according to that organization's official publication. Patera was placed at tackle and selected as captain of the mythical eleven.

Patera, a 223-pounder, was named All-Coast by AP, UP, and the PCC coaches. He played in the East-West Shrine game on New Year's Day and in the Hula Bowl in Hawaii on January 9.

Drafted by the New York Giants professional football team, he was traded to the Baltimore Colts, where he will join Oregon teammate George Shaw.

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