

LA GRANDE IS LEADING TEAM

SHOOT LAST SUNDAY BEAT ALL RECORDS OF DAY.

Individual Scores of All Shooters Given to the Readers.

Standing of Clubs in State Shoot.		
	Won	Lost
La Grande	1	0
Troutdale	1	0
Wallowa	1	0
Portland	0	1
Eugene	0	1
Pendleton	0	1

La Grande's shot gun artists made the highest score of any club in the state last Sunday and the squad will not only be larger, good weather prevailing, tomorrow than the first day but interest will be keener with all shooters. Troutdale, against which La Grande shoots tomorrow, tied with Portland for the next highest score, that of 143 as against 114 for La Grande. Eugene, the team that has been generally credited with being the strongest in the state, got off with a bad start and was way down the list. E. A. Bean, the state secretary, writes the Observer complimenting the local team on its splendid start. Shooting is an up and down game and La Grande is liable to fall tomorrow, but such is not generally deemed a likelihood, as the shooters are of the 22 bird class which represents a 300 batter in baseball. Anytime a shooter is above that figure he is better than average, and La Grande ought to have six of seven who average better, than that.

The score made by individuals last Sunday follows:

Baker	vs.	Bend
No shoot.	Kumle	24
Wet grounds.	Weston	23
	Mann	22
	Hunter	19
	Knutson	19

107

Troutdale	vs	Eugene
Edmunson .. 25		Deirlein 23
Whilon 24		Seavey 21
Knarr 24		Bull 19
Sisal 24		McCormack .. 17
Coon 20		Fitzhenry 16

113		95
La Grande	vs.	Portland
Lewis 25		Carlson 24
Hughes 24		Cullison 24
Rayburn 22		Thornton 23
		Archer 22
Jolly 21		Knight 21

114		113	
Wallowa	vs.	Pendleton	
Brady	22	Deapum	24
Larem	23	Phelps	20
Jones	21	Sharp	20
Wolfe	22	Hawley	18
Hambila	20	Matlock	17

Club Meeting Monday.
The regular meeting of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club will be held next Monday evening. At that time all the charter members are requested to have their membership fees paid up.

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OREGON BLUE ROCK LEAGUE SCHEDULE IN DETAIL

	Baker	Bend	Eugene	La Grande	Pendleton	Portland	Troutdale	Wallowa
Baker	The	March 23	March 20	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27	May 4
Bend	March 23	schedule	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27	May 4	March 30
Eugene	March 30	April 6	of the	April 20	April 27	May 4	March 23	April 13
La Grande	April 6	April 13	April 20	1913	May 4	March 23	March 30	April 27
Pendleton	April 13	April 20	April 27	May 4	Oregon	March 30	April 6	March 23
Portland	April 20	April 27	May 4	March 23	March 30	State	April 13	April 6
Troutdale	April 27	May 4	March 23	March 30	April 6	April 13	bluerock	April 20
Wallowa	May 4	March 30	April 13	April 27	March 23	April 6	April 20	league

MILTON OR TOPPENISH TO BE TRAINING GROUND FOR SPUDS

THE TRAINING CAMP PERSONNEL.

Pitchers — Hodson, Harlon, Moeller (Southpaw), Mountain, Pugsley and Jamison (Southpaw). Possibilities—Manning, Beer from the blowup Blue Grass league, Tyson and Garbett.
Infielders — Naughton, ss, Vahrenhorst and Nadeau second, Corbin third, King first, Peterson and Gleason (the latter unsigned but coming), catchers.
Outfielders — Luttrell, Aiken, also first baseman, Lind, coming from the Spokane club.

Commencing immediately the dozen and a half baseball players from whom will be picked the La Grande club in the Western Tri-State league, will commence to report in this city and on Wednesday next Manager King will bunch his wild ones and hie to either Milton or Toppenish. There the sore spots will be rubbed out of the arms of the "Spudlets" and the hardworking little leader of La Grande club will get the first real lineup of what he is going to go through with. It will be a strenuous two weeks that the club is facing but Manager King and President Foley are elated over 90 per cent of the team. The only real question and problem to be solved is the pitcher's. There are so many unknown

quantities that the outcome is the only stickler in the club's welfare.

Three Hundred Batters Many.

A squint at the personnel going to the training camp, reveals the great, big pleasing feature that there are 300 batters in plenty. Look for instance at such as these: Nadeau, 322 last year, Luttrell, batting over 300, Vahrenhorst, Naughton, Peterson, King, Aiken and so on down the line. As far as fielding abilities go, there is none better in the league than these same men—watch the results and mark what The Observer said on March 29. There is no need to go into details about any of the infield except maybe it might be Corbin, Corbin, by the way, was signed up while King was in Boise. This little wonder hails from Nampa, and his only vice is that he likes to eat. Young, a good stickler and fast as they make them at third, is a valuable adjunct. As for Naughton, Nadeau and the old time King at first there is little or no room for improvement. Aiken, an outfielder, is also a first baseman, a six-footer in height and hails from Beaverton.

Peterson is to have a running mate in a man named Gleason whom King hooked on at Boise when he was there this week to see Cohen. Lind is also a Cohen player but was up against it because of veteran fielders with the Indians. Both of these men King considers topnotchers. Gleason was with Aberdeen last year and tried out with Oakland.

With such an infield, and such an outfield, too, for that matter—there is Nadeau, if not used in the infield, Nadeau the premier outfielder and hitter; there is Aiken and Lind too. It becomes some job that King has cut out for himself in picking the bunch that is going through the season with him.

To get back to the pitching staff again. There is scarcely a known quantity in it. Jamison thinks he ready, and Mountain is now here, and outside of these three the rest is all guess work, for their merits are unknown.

It is likely that three pitchers will be held on to when the blue envelope commences to scare the training camp squad, and by the time the Northwest league commences to prune strings will be janked, bringing clever pitchers from that direction to climb the mound for La Grande.

Milton is considered as ideal for a training field as any but it is just possible that the Spuds will commence to grow in Toppenish, equally ideal from a climatic standpoint.

If diligence and keeping their managerial noses to the grindstone, early in the season, will bring together material for a one, two, three team, these said Pat and Carl are doing their Herculean tasks with 'noble' stamped on every act.

Two men, one who played on last year's Bear team and a recruit, are on the ground ready to commence

14 MILES FOR AVERAGE UNITE

EXPERT DECLARES ECONOMY IS NEEDED.

Auto Engineer Points Out How to Save Gasoline.

"Economical operation with a six-cylinder car, or in fact any car, may be said to be attained when about 14 miles on one gallon of gasoline is the average over a fairly long period in the use of that car," says Arthur Holmes, chief engineer of the H. H. Franklin Manufacturing company.

"Gasoline economy is but one of the many economies that can and should be worked for on a car. It is possible but very seldom obtained by the average man, no matter what car he owns. This merely indicates that he has not the knowledge of the different things that go to make up economical use of gasoline.

"In general, if one understood the combustion of fuel in the cylinder, he would have at that is necessary to understand economical operation. He should know that a certain amount of fuel and this will practically in every case be gasoline, requires air mixed with it in order to have it burn and thus produce power. It is necessary that it should have the correct amount of air, although a little excess of air does very little harm.

"Ignition is another feature of gasoline economy, and ignition should always be at a point that would give maximum power.

"How a man should drive is important. If the operator holds out his clutch when going down a hill, and allows the engine to run under its own power, he is needlessly using gasoline. If he holds out the clutch when he is slowing up the car, instead of closing the throttle, he is needlessly using gasoline. In fact every time that the brakes are used on the car and the throttle not closed, and this can happen by holding out the clutch and leaving the throttle open, he is wasting gasoline.

"The average man does not realize the importance of the needle valve. In all cases, this valve should be adjusted to the minimum possible and still have good operation. Adjusting this needle valve to the minimum really means getting the right proportion of gasoline and air, and today even in warm weather, the gasoline is so hard to vaporize that it is absolutely necessary to use the needle valve under several different adjustments when starting up, and until the engine is well warmed up. In the winter time the valve may be opened up to twice its regular opening in order to get good operation when everything is cold. It is very likely that if the needle valve is not closed down and the motor warms up, from two to three times as much gasoline is used as is necessary.

"Touring in the country gives the best possible chance for economical operation, as it allows the motor to be used at a more economical point in its power. At the same time, driving at high speed in the country does not give economical operation as far as

NO NEUTRAL FLOOR GAME

UNION REPORT OF RECENT GAME ANSWERED.

Accusations Made by Union People Discussed by "Local Fan."

Union, March 28.—(Special)—The basketball game Wednesday night between the La Grande high school team and the Union high school team drew the largest house of the season.

The Union team easily obtained the lead at the opening of the game and maintained it to the close of the first half with a score of 7 to 6 in favor of Union. Larson of La Grande was referee for this part of the game and knocked off one point for Union, which however, appears to those who saw the play, to be an error on his part.

Henderson of Union had been chosen by Union as referee for the second half and when he called the game to begin Coach Olson of La Grande called his team off the floor and would not allow them to play unless La Grande's referee, Larson, continued to act for the balance of the game. This action on his part forfeited the game to Union without the necessity of playing the second half and gives Union the championship of the high school basketball teams of Eastern Oregon, which they have rightfully earned in the face of many handicaps.

The reason given by Coach Olson of La Grande for calling his team off was, that he claimed to be playing by the Spaulding rules and insisted that Union was not. However, a careful reading of the rules which he had, showed the reverse of his claim to be true. The first rule covering the point in question, plainly states that the visiting team shall notify the home team at least four days before the game who they have chosen for referee, and if then accepted by the home team as satisfactory, then the visiting team is entitled to select referee for the entire game, with the umpire to be chosen by the home team. The La Grande team failed to follow these rules and so forfeited their right to choose a referee for any part of the game. However, it has always been customary (or each team to have their own referee for one half of the game where notification was not given according to rules, and never before has any team, except La Grande, ever objected.

The Union high school basketball team have never refused a game with any team and having won a majority of all games played, rightfully claim to be and are the champion high school basketball team of Eastern Oregon, and stand ready at all times to defend the title.

In this issue appears the Union correspondent's zealous, though rather obscured, account of the Union-La Grande basketball game at Union Wednesday night. Since this account is so clearly partisan, a clear statement of the case seems necessary.

The Union team secured the lead in the first part of the first half and scored seven points. In the last seven minutes of the first half La Grande shut out Union completely and scored ten points. The La Grande boys had by this time located the baskets, become used to the strange floor, and settled down to that steady, fast, bewildering team work which has, at this very period in the game spelled success for them so many times. Larson, the referee disallowed one of Union's fouls because the thrower stepped over the foul line; and Henderson, Union's umpire, by calling fouls at the crucial moment, succeeded in cancelling two of La Grande's field baskets. This brought the score at the end of the first half to a tie—6 to 6.

At the beginning of the second half the Union umpire established himself as referee. To this the La Grande management objected because it is the rule for the visiting team to furnish the referee and it was evident that justice could not be secured from the Union official. The captain of the Union team refused to play with Larson as referee and so the game ended. Referee Larson declared the game forfeited to La Grande since Union refused to play under the rightful referee.

To substantiate their demand for the referee, the Union coach trumped up the excuse that La Grande did not notify him as to who the referee would be. He was notified, though.

gasoline is concerned, because the wind resistance increases so fast that the amount of gasoline used in covering any particular mileage is very much greater than if that same mileage was covered at a lower speed. Probably 20 miles per hour represents the best speed for economical operation."

that La Grande would bring her referee and he forgets that he is equally culpable in not notifying La Grande of his umpire.

The Union correspondent states that no team except La Grande's has ever objected to a change of referees between halves. He forgets that Columbia college, while playing at Union, made this very objection when Union attempted to substitute for Bean, the Columbia referee, a Union man, Columbia maintained her point and Beau refereed the entire game according to rule.

Desirous of settling the dispute once for all the La Grande management yesterday challenged the Union team to a game on a neutral floor. Union rejected this challenge, and now she claims the championship of Eastern Oregon!

Who now is really champion? Here are the facts—let those interested judge for themselves; Union was beaten by Baker, 24 to 10, and La Grande defeated Baker 23 to 20. La Grande beat Cove by a larger score than Union did and Columbia college defeated Union by a much larger score than they did La Grande. Besides, Union has never played Wallowa, one of the strongest teams of this section, whereas La Grande defeated them by a few points. Union is welcome to all the honor she can squeeze from claiming the championship in the face of these facts. She may claim it if she likes but the great neutral majority of Eastern Oregon fans will continue to look upon La Grande as the real champions not only on the strength of Wednesday's game but because of comparative scores as well.

A LA GRANDE FAN.

Wallowa Fans Warming up.

Wallowa ball fans are anxiously awaiting this week to hear the outcome of the proposed league with Enterprise, Wallowa, Elgin and the second team of La Grande, says the Wallowa Sun. The last three places have signified their willingness to enter teams, but nothing has been heard from Enterprise. Manager Marvin of the local club notified Elgin last week that Wallowa would be ready.

Prospects for a team in Wallowa were never better than this season. Many of the old players are out practicing now and several new men will be added this year. Ben Culver, pitcher, who finished the season with Wallowa, last year, is coming back. Erwin Schmidt is said to be a good man and Howard Shutt of Joseph will be in Wallowa this summer and will join the team. Hayes, Johnson, Maxwell, Schilke, Holmes and several other old players are all here and will probably turn out.

If Enterprise does not come into the league it is thought probable that either Union or North Powder will join, and the four team league thus made possible.

Elgin Loses Two Games.

(Elgin Recorder.)

The Elgin high school basketball quintet returned on Sunday evening's train from Wallowa county where they met the teams representing the Wallowa county high school and the high school team of Wallowa city.

The locals lost both games but gave their opponents a run for their money. During the first half in each game the boys displayed brilliant team work, but lacked the training to pull through the second half on even grounds.

The local boys were royally treated by the students of Enterprise and Wallowa, and say that the trip was one of pleasure, even though they were at the short end of the score in both contests.

The local club has the making of one of the fastest teams in the eastern portion of the state and with the proper training next season will bid fair to capture the championship.

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