

SPUDS DEPART COMING WEEK FOR NORTHLAND

With tomorrow's game with Elgin, the Spuds will likely get the last glimpse of their favorites in action before their return from the first three weeks of the active season. According to present plans subject to change the team goes North on Wednesday, stopping at Adams or some place near Walla Walla where fast field work can be developed on good diamond and hot climate. This schedule takes the team to Toppenish for an exhibition game a week from Sunday, and if possible, four

other exhibition games will be reeled off before the Spuds open the season with North Yakima at the north end of the circuit. From there the team will swing down to Walla Walla, then Pendleton and finally home by the middle of May. Hence if the fans want to get familiar with the form and style of the individual players they had best do so tomorrow. The Elgin game should be no joke either for the Elginites can always stir up something interesting in the baseball line.

MEET AT PENDLETON

Pendleton Prepares for Annual Meet of Eastern Oregon.
Pendleton, April 12.—(Special)—This year the staging of the annual Eastern Oregon high school track meet falls to the Pendleton high school and May 3 has been set for this, the greatest academic athletic event of the spring. The league is composed of the track teams of Umatilla, Union, Walla, Baker, Malheur, Morrow, Harney and Grant county high schools and at the meet the flower of Eastern Oregon youth is assembled to contest for supremacy.

track of which will be put in first class condition and, weather permitting, new records will probably be established.

As is customary, Pendleton will offer and present suitable medals and cups to the winning teams and victorious individuals.

Pendleton Team Ready.

Pendleton, April 12.—(Special)—With the arrival last evening of Pitchers Wheeler Osborne and Ralph Buggess, Third Baseman Donald Rader and Outfielder Varian, Terry McKune's lineup of Buckaroos is practically complete. But one more recruit remains to appear, he being Outfielder Doherty, and thereupon is to commence the real practice work which will determine the personnel of the team. Practically the only elimination which is to be done is among the pitchers and outfielders. Haworth and Bladen will probably

land as first and second catcher, Laddell, Eader and Augustus are virtually fixtures at first, third and short and of course McKune will have no opposition for the second bag. The four pitchers will be selected from a field of even or more. Berger and Osborne, reliable of last year, are almost sure of berths and for the other two places Wells, Ashenfelder, Fisher, Burgess, Harian and probably others will put up a strenuous fight.

LOOK 'EM OVER.

Probably no one in the Spud lineup has had the actual experience in baseball that has been scrouged on the history of Phillip Nadeau's career on the diamond. He is a man from everywhere. He first got into the national game with Springfield in the Three I league when that institution was at its height. For two years he played in the Western league, two years in the New York State league, five years in the Southern and then came west to play with Portland in the coast league. Last year he was with Pendleton. The willow manipulator has always been touted as a spendid, big-company outfielder, and he's only stumbling block to fast company now, is his arm. Last year he batted right up to Pembroke in the Tri-State league, registering more hits than the Pendleton catcher, but also had more times at bat. These were three or four points difference.

In Tom Hodson, La Grande has a twirler who lacks not in fast company experience. He, like Nadeau, started in with baseball in the east. He pitched with Trisco in 1906 and was sold to Springfield (Three I) there and at Dubuque until 1911 when he came west. In 1912 he sojourned in the mountains of the west and is now with the Spuds. His home is in Toledo. He is tall, well built and carries himself like a pitcher in every sense of the word. He bumps the measure beyond the six foot mark.

Arthur Vahrenhorst, better known as Van Horst, and sometimes answering to the beckon of "Blondy," has his history pretty well uncovered to local fans. Jacksonville in the Iowa league saw him back about the early part of the present century. He went to Denver and from there to Savannah in the South Atlantic league, drifted to Vancouver, B. C., and from the Canadian town was brought to La Grande by Jack O'Brien when the local champs put the Eastern Oregon league afire. He cavorted about second base at that time. From here, when the explosion came, Van went to Salt Lake and was sold to Des Moines three years ago, but refused to report and was suspended. Outlaw baseball was his lot for three years until La Grande again became his stamping ground. Outside of trying to make awful good with the Spuds he has his eye on the Observer automobile contest and is confident of winning out.

George Naughton's career is shorter than some but has been brilliant while it lasted. Bush baseball was his lot way back in Sioux City. Three years ago he came to Boise and was with that club in the Union league when he went to La Grande last year. His fielding record in 1912 was at the very pinnacle of infielders in the Western Tri-State and his bunting rabbit's foot has always been a marvel with the fans along the class D itinerary. Others can lay them down as good as he maybe but not with the success of standing up on first afterwards.

WALLOWA HAS CLAIMED LEAD

ONE TIE MATCH AGAINST LOCAL SHOOTERS.

High Score at Wallowa—Locals Against Bend.

SHOOT OFF TIE SUNDAY.
In addition to the regular schedule La Grande and Troutdale will shoot off her tie tomorrow afternoon. The official standard above is used by Secretary Pean of Eugene, and all teams that have shot against Baker so far are not credited with victories.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W	L	Pct.
Wallowa	3	0	1.000
La Grande	*1	0	1.000
Troutdale	*2	0	1.000
Bend	1	1	.500
Portland	1	2	.333
Eugene	0	2	.000
Pendleton	0	3	.000
Baker	0	0	.000

*Ties to account for.

After the victory Sunday with Portland, the Wallowa Gun club claims to lead all clubs of the state for high average in the series now being pulled off by the state league. This is partially correct, as La Grande has one tie game to shoot off, but has no defeat on her hands, either.

"Wallowa has won every meet so far," relates the Sun. It says further: "Sunday Portland broke 114 birds out of the possible 125, and the local boys secured 117, winning by an easy margin. Two weeks ago in the shoot with Bend Wallowa got 113 birds, while Bend secured 111."

"The shoot next Sunday is with Eugene, a club that is considered hard to beat. At the shoot last Sunday 21 men participated, and local interest in the new arrangement is increasing steadily. The scores of the five high men Sunday follow:
Wolfe 24
Brady 24
McBath 24
Evans 23
Imlah 22
Total 117

MEET BEND TOMORROW.

Telegraphic Shoot to Be Conducted With Interior Town Tomorrow.

Bend, the outlying village which seems to have a first class gun club, will match strength with La Grande blue rock guns tomorrow, in the telegraphic league. La Grande will shoot on the new range near Oro Dell where it is said conditions are more favorable than where the range formerly was. Other matches scheduled for tomorrow are: Baker vs. Pendleton; Eugene vs. Wallowa; Troutdale vs. Portland.

ENTERPRISE HAS TEAM.

Branch Line League Is Now a Certainty, It Seems.

(Enterprise Record-Chiefsta.)
Enterprise will have a baseball team this spring. The feeling that the town could not stay out of the game has been growing with the warm, sunny days, and at last Chas. G. Blyeu said the word this morning and started out framing up a team and making financial arrangements. He said there would be a good team on hand by the time the season really opens and that about settles it. Old ball players should report to Mr. Blyeu at once and newcomers who know the game are urgently requested to make known their qualifications. As soon as the team is got together practice will begin. With a team at Enterprise the formation of a branch league probably

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is assured. Elgin players have been preparing for the season all winter. Wallowa started last fall, and announced that a good team would be in the field when the playing started. The fourth member of the league is in doubt. Elgin wants an amateur team formed at La Grande believing the games in the latter place would be profitable. Joseph and Union are possibilities for the fourth place.

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