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SPORT NEWS

LOOSE BY BIRD TO HILLSBORO

Whether they had expended all their energies slaying 100 crows, the rumples and five hawks early in the morning or allowed the thought of matching tournament leaders to fudge their aim, the Wing, Pin and Pilefoot shooters missed a chance to break Hillsboro's undisturbed record in the telegraphic shoot yesterday.

The Washington county club, with only 73 counters to its credit in the face of a long line of straight, beat La Grande by just one bird. Coquille turned in a perfect score.

After the heavy rains of Saturday night, the crows and magpies had the odds all their side in the battle Sunday morning. Most of the hunters found it almost impossible to get off the main highway.

Five teams reported at the grounds at noon.

Search and McAllister, with 30 pairs of crows legs and one set of fungle trophies, claimed the honors of the hunt. Stange, Kinzell, Warnock and Serogin made up the team that earned second place. They got 18 crows and four hawks.

The Union club, which challenged La Grande in the expedition, had not turned in its report at noon today.

Although 73 was the total of high scores in the local shoot yesterday, there was a perfect tally in the trio. Tod Conrad scattered the clay with every crack. Clifford Conrad missed but one. Hal Hoffmankamp turned in a 23.

Hillsboro, despite its low mark, went to the head at the top of the list: 19 shoots without a defeat. Coquille, Enterprise and Eugene take the next three places. Portland, Wallawa and Salem all lead La Grande, which clings to eighth rung.

Yesterday's straight-shooters numbered six: Coquille, Salem, Jontor, Corvallis, Pendleton and Portland. The metropolitan sportsmen beat La Grande by one bird on the 75, however, having drawn a bye in the first shoot. Portland is now in fifth place.

HOLLYWOOD TAKES TWO GAMES FROM SEALS AT FRISCO

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Hollywood	4	0	1.000
Los Angeles	2	1	.667
Portland	4	3	.572
Sacramento	2	2	.500
Missions	2	2	.500
Seattle	3	4	.429
Oakland	1	2	.333
San Francisco	0	4	.000

SAN FRANCISCO, APR. 12. (AP)—Delay in opening most of the games in the Pacific coast league gave hitters little opportunity to show their prowess and the end of the first week of the season finds few having made many trips to the plate.

Of those who went to bat a considerable number of times Art Griggs, new first baseman of Seattle, heads the hitting column. Official figures including games of Saturday give Griggs 2 hits out of 37 trips for an average of .529. Lafayette, Portland, with .450, E. Johnson, Portland, with .437 and T. Baldwin of Seattle with .400 are others high up in the column who have made more than 15 trips to the plate. Koehler with 3 out of 4 leads the Soxers with an average of .750. Other club leaders who have been to bat three or more times are:

Slade, Missions, .500; Kerr, Hollywood, .420; Agnew, San Francisco, .400; Stutz, Los Angeles, .367 and Baker, Oakland, .347.

Griggs also is high man for home runs with three circuit clouts.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Hollywood 5-2, Seals 2-0.
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—R. H. E. Hollywood 5 10 1
San Francisco 2 6 1
Batteries—Singer and Cook; Moody, Geary, Mitchell and Agnew.
Second game—R. H. E. Hollywood 2 9 6
San Francisco 0 3 0
Batteries—Fullerton and Redmond; Kerr and Yelle, Agnew.

LOS ANGELES 4-1, Oakland 3-4.
LOS ANGELES (AP)—R. H. E. Oakland 3 9 1
Los Angeles 4 9 1
Batteries—Kinn, Freeman and Reed, Baker; Crandall and Sandberg.
Second game—R. H. E. Oakland 4 7 1
Los Angeles 1 3 1
Batteries—Fruitt and Boal; Glassner and Hannah.
(Called at end of seventh; rain.)

STOCKTON (AP)—R. H. E. Missions 1 5 1
Sacramento 2 2 1
Batteries—Piletto, Bryan and

Billy Evans Says:

One Oscar Melillo has upset considerably the plans of Manager George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns.

By way of introduction, Melillo is a second baseman. He started with Milwaukee in the American association last year.

When Sisler came south to condition his athletes for the 1926 race, he felt that his infield was one department of play that was definitely settled. In other words, it seemed a certainty that Gene Robertson would play third, Walter Gerber short, Marty McManus second, while Manager Sisler would revert around first.

It was just possible that his infield will line up that way when the season opens but at present it is the most unsettled part of the entire team.

From the very start of spring training, Melillo has made it apparent that he is a mighty good ball player. He early showed brilliance in the field but did nothing sensational at the bat.

BATTING PICKS UP
When it seemed as if his batting was too light to furnish serious competition for Marty McManus, he began to sling the ball all over the lot. In a game I saw him play against Brooklyn, he made four clean drives for a base or better.

Throughout the spring exhibition games Melillo has shown unexpected strength at the bat, a phase of play at which it was feared he might fall several notches shy of the big show.

So, instead of having no worries over his infield, Manager Sisler has been forced to do considerable experimenting. He has been using both McManus and Robertson at third base. That is Robertson's regular job.

When McManus came to the American league he was a third baseman. He did fairly well, but was soon shifted to second and at once took to the new position. He is now rated as one of the best players in the American league around the base-outlet.

Second base has always been Melillo's forte. It is the one place in the infield that he can play.

His great showing in the spring
Walters; Keating and Shea.
Second game—R. H. E. Missions 9 18 1
Sacramento 7 18 3
Batteries—Oeschger, Bryan and Walters; Kallio, W. Canfield, E. Shea and Koehler.

Seattle 8-4, Portland 1-6.
PORTLAND (AP)—R. H. E. Seattle 8 12 2
Portland 1 5 2
Batteries—Elliott and E. Baldwin; Payne, Meeker and Tobin.
Second game—R. H. E. Seattle 4 9 2
Portland 2 8 0
Batteries—Beit, Gillespie and Jenkins; Tachak, Burns and Terry, Ilio.

McManus at Third
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If Melillo forces McManus off second and McManus wins the job at third, it will relocate one of the best men in the league at that bag to the bench, Gene Robertson.

Melillo can field and he likes to play baseball. I would rate him a sure enough big leaguer. His ability to consistently hit big league pitching can only be proved in actual competition. Until that is definitely demonstrated there is no certainty as to the makeup of the St. Louis infield.

Regardless of who win the jobs as regulars, the club certainly has been strengthened by the addition of so clever a player as Oscar Melillo.

Vets Coaching Dodgers



"Iron Man" Joe McGinnity, who at 55 pitched baseball games with all the vigor and precision of a young recruit, and Joe Kelly, another diamond veteran, are now putting the Brooklyn Dodgers through their spring training paces at Clearwater, Fla. McGinnity is the one on the right in the accompanying photo.

BIG LEAGUES READY TO GO

CHICAGO, APR. 12. (AP)—The tumult and the shouting that died last October begins again tomorrow in the major baseball world.

The 16 American and National league teams that enter the 1926 lists contain both known and unknown possibilities. The strength of the world champion Pittsburgh Pirates and the Washington Senators, winners of the American title, is not denied in any quarter. The dopests figure each in the fight for first place in their respective leagues, but several other contenders for the crowns are strong in the betting.

The Philadelphia Athletics and the St. Louis Browns loom as formidable contenders in the American race, while McGraw's New York Giants and Hornsby's St. Louis Cardinals are two teams at least that stand in the way of a repeat by the Pirates. In fact, McGraw says that only injuries can defeat him.

As usual a number of famous faces will be missing from Tuesday's opening lineup, but the list of cripples is not nearly so long as that announced in the 1925 season.

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CLUB LEADERS VIEW PENNANT

Below are given personal opinions of each big league team manager, in both the National and American leagues, as to what the 1926 pennant race looks like to them:

American League.
Stanley Harris, Washington—My ball club was good enough to win last season. It is a much better team this year. The added punch lies in its better reserve strength. We have one or more good substitutes for every position. My pitching could be more formidable but that is a weakness of every club in the majors.

Connie Mack, Athletics—I feel this is an Athletic year. My team proved its ability last year, being a runner-up until the home stretch was reached. It lacked poise that only comes with experience. The tough breaks of last year are lessons which will be well remembered this summer. I am figuring on a pennant.

Ty Cobb, Detroit—If I was better satisfied with my pitching I believe I would start bragging about winning the 1926 pennant in the American league. In all other departments of play I am of the opinion that the Tigers are better fortified than any other club in the majors. If we get consistent pitching we will come close to winning.

George Sisler, St. Louis—The Browns have been threatening for several years, always just a trifle shy of delivering. I am hopeful that the faults of the team have been so corrected that this will be a St. Louis year. Added infield strength, better pitching, plus the drive the club has always had, are the three things on which I am banking.

Eddie Collins, Chicago—The White Sox surprised them last year and I am hopeful that we can continue along those lines this season. My club has pennant possibilities but there are several 1198. One of them is shortstop, another is the condition of my injured leg, the third, getting an outfielder to fit in with Mottil and Palk. We are liable to win the pennant and might be as low as sixth if the breaks go against us.

Miller Huggins, New York—Despite the fact that the experts are calling my team a joke, I am perfectly satisfied and feel that I have a club that will play interesting, big baseball and provide stiff competition, regardless of where we finish.

Tris Speaker, Cleveland—While there will be few if any changes in the Cleveland club that finished sixth last season, I am naturally shooting at a higher rating for 1926. I am basing my hopes on better spirit, improved physical

condition and far more efficient pitching.

Joe Fohl, Boston—The Red Sox are hoping to kiss goodbye to last place. I am rebuilding the club with young material and feel that the team should be 25 per cent stronger than last year when we just managed to stick in the league.

National League.
Bill McKechnie, Pittsburgh—I see no reason why the Pirates shouldn't repeat. It is a much better ball club than last season. It has profited by winning a pennant and a world series. The experience gained should be very helpful in strengthening the confidence of the ball club. In addition, we have picked up several likely recruits.

John McGraw, New York—Pittsburgh is the biggest obstacle in the path of the Giants to a National League pennant. The Pirates are a great ball club. If the team has a weakness it is pitching. The Pirate twirling staff may falter if hard pressed. The St. Louis Cardinals stand out as the other pennant menace.

Rogers Hornsby, St. Louis—I figure the Cardinals are better than five other clubs in the National league. That means that I believe two teams I fear are Pittsburgh and New York and I have more respect for McGraw's club than the world champs.

Jack Hendricks, Cincinnati—I figure my club a first-division team. Any club able to stick around in the first division is always within striking distance of the pennant. If our shortstop play is up to the high standard a contender must have, then we will be in the running all the way. My pitching is the best in the league.

Dave Bancroft, Boston—I am not claiming any pennant, but I am positive my club will have considerable to say as to who will win the National league flag. The Braves are the "dark horse" of the league, a young club that feels it is going somewhere, therefore should prove very troublesome.

Wilbert Robinson, Brooklyn—I am not satisfied with my infield but hope to be able to get the problem settled before the race gets too far advanced. I figure my pitching as good as any club in the league and we also have plenty of power at the bat. A pennant winner, however, must have a star infield.

Arthur Fletcher, Philadelphia—I

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of ball that will at least please the fans.
National league pennant, simply because it would be foolish for me to think my club rated a strong pennant contender. However, it is a much improved club that should play interesting ball and offer keen competition to the rest of the league.
Joe McCarthy, Chicago—The National league is all new to me and I want to get properly acquainted before making any predictions. Of course I want to make a better showing than the Cubs of last season, but regardless, am sure the team will play an aggressive type

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Oregon Tennis Team Whips Reed College

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—The University of Oregon tennis team defeated the net stars of Reed college here Saturday in the singles matches, winning every match. The doubles were cancelled because of sudden showers.

This Saturday the Oregon men will meet the Multnomah Athletic club stars in Portland.

The summary of Saturday's events:
Oberberg, Oregon, defeated Sweet, Reed, 6-1, 6-2.
Cohn, Oregon, defeated Shapiro, Reed 6-2, 4-4.
Mead, Oregon, defeated Willett, Reed, 6-1, 6-4.
Adams, Oregon, defeated Atkinson, Reed, 6-4, 6-4.

Pendleton Buckaroos Wallop Indian Team

PENDLETON, Apr. 12. (AP)—The Pendleton Buckaroos of the Blue Mountain league defeated the Cayuse Indian baseball team here yesterday by a 9-1 score.

MATCH ARRANGED.
EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—Joe Blackwell, of Eugene, and George Dixon, of Portland, have been signed for the headline bout of the next Winter Garden boxing card here April 20.

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