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PIRATES EXPECT TO BE 'UP THERE'

Pittsburgh May Have Lot To Do With 1930 National League Pennant

(Note: This is another of a series of first-hand Associated Press stories on major league baseball prospects.)

By Russell J. Newland (Associated Press Sports Writer)

PASO ROBLES, Cal., March 6 (AP)—Pittsburgh's Pirates, winners of two National League pennants in the last five years and always one of the toughest teams of the senior circuit, give early spring training promise of having a lot to do with disposition of the 1930 championship.

The spring workout has been under way in full force only two days but Manager Jewell Eus has seen enough to convince him he

will pilot a club "that should be up there with any kind of break." A great squad, fast, young fellows, hard hitting—outfit... good pitching is the way Eus sums up the situation.

Expects Good Season

"Pennants aren't won in training camps but you can tell anyone who cares to listen that the Pirates are going to give a good account of themselves this season," he declared. "The general structure of the team that lost out to the Cubs in the closing weeks of last year's pennant chase remains the same but two corners have been reinforced. Gusie Ruhr, husky home run hitter from the San Francisco Seals, replaces Earl Sheely at first base while Al Reed, a workhorse catcher, has been purchased from the Baltimore Internationals."

Shortstop Position Open

The shortstop problem is unsolved as Dick Bartell, regular last year, is a holdout. Sam Tracy,

the vice president, and Manager Eus apparently haven't lost much sleep over Bartell's absence and instead have worked themselves up to a high point of enthusiasm over a rookie, Ben Sankey, who played with Selma, Alabama, in the Southern League last season. Dreyfus says Sankey is a "sweet pickup" and only needs coaching.

The outfield is nothing to worry about so no one is worrying. The Waner brothers, Paul and Lloyd, training camp Indians last season, were among the first on the ground this year. Paul, former leading batter in 1928, is determined to gather in that honor again.

Adam Comstock will patrol left field with Ira Flagstead, Fred Brickett and Jimmy Moffatt on hand for utility duties. Roy Prange, outfielder formerly with Oakland of the Coast League, was signed yesterday and will be given a chance to show his wares.

Grimes is Holdout

Whether Burleigh Grimes, the club's best pitcher, will be in uniform is a subject of much discussion at present. Grimes wants a two-year contract and has informed friends here he will not report until he gets one. Sam Dreyfus says the club will not give anybody a two-year contract. Manager Eus, however, believes his star twirler will come to terms and is counting on him to win at least twenty games.

Jesse Petty, the big left hander, looks better than ever this spring while Ray Kremer's had knee has returned to normal. Ernie Bremer, lefty right hander, who tops the six foot mark by two inches, will be the fourth of the regular starters. The other pitching squad likely will line up as follows: Larry French, southpaw; and Steve Swetonic, Glenn Spencer, Henry Meine and "Lil" Stoner, right handers. Two young stars, Leon Chapman, right wing, and Ralph Brichson, southpaw, are being closely watched.

Plenty of Spirit

A battle for the first string catching position is on between Reed, the big new comer, and Charles Hargreaves and Halston Gosley, last year's regulars. The "underground telegraph" has it the hard-walloping Reed will get first call.

If spirit alone would clinch the club, all the Pirate management would have to do now is order at Chicago. Max Carey, one of the great outfielders of Pittsburgh history and now a coach, says in all his career he has never seen a club with the zip of this one.

La Grande Gun Club Leader In Idaho Tourney

Although the La Grande Gun Club made a percentage of 67 in the first Sunday of the Oregon-Idaho telegraphic trapshooting tournament, the local club made a much better showing in the opening round of the Boise Capital News shoot.

A check of the standings of the 12 clubs in the Idaho-Oregon league finds La Grande leading the entire group with three wins and no losses for a percentage of 1,000. Boise No. 1 and Boise No. 2 are next with two wins and no losses, and Postville, Trip and Cascade are tied for third with two wins and one tie. All have perfect percentages as yet.

First Year in League

This is La Grande's first year to participate in the Idaho-Oregon tournament, which will close on May 4, a little later than the

closing date of the Oregon shoot. The scores made Sunday in the Oregon-Idaho league follow:

La Grande, 73; Basciello Athletic 72; La Grande 73, 90; Maries 71; La Grande 73; Weiser 70.

Sunday's Schedule

Sunday the local club will shoot against Baker, Boise No. 2 and Cascade, two of the three now holding a 1,000 percentage.

In the Oregonian shoot, the local team will shoot against Pilot Rock, Huntington, North Bend and Collins Park.

The La Grande score of 72, made by Ray Kremer's 23 and Chuck Johnson's 49, and Dr. E. K. Kump's 24, was second high in the Idaho-Oregon league, with Boise No. 1 and Boise No. 2 each shooting straight 75.

The tournament last Sunday at Lane Tree was about 50 and the local club is hoping for a larger attendance this coming Sunday.

Huskies Arrive In Los Angeles For Hoop Clash

LOS ANGELES, March 6 (AP)—South Hec Robertson, whose University of Washington basketball team twice won the northern division honors of the Pacific coast and twice failed to win the conference title, is due here today with ten players, bent on winning the championship from the southern division winners, the University of Southern California. Both quintets are scheduled to take short workouts in preparation of the three game series beginning Friday, with the championship going to the team winning twice.

Captain Sam Barry of the Trojans has expressed dissatisfaction with the showing of his eager in practice this week and predicts a hard battle with the invaders given the edge. Both teams play a man-for-man defense, while the Trojan mentor is exponent of the slow breaking attack and the Washington five is schooled in a fast, short passing offense.

Dorris Defends Game Commission

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6 (AP)—Hon. E. Dorris, recently appointed member of the state game commission, today characterized charges against Harold Crawford, state game warden, and other members of the commission, as "absolutely false" and "political charges on the part of persons making the charges."

Charges of mismanagement of the state game commission may be filed by Governor A. W. Norblad as the result of Portland sportsmen's organization, it was announced yesterday.

Viscount Passes

LONDON, March 6 (AP)—Viscount Herbert John Gladstone, youngest son of the Victorian statesman, William E. Gladstone, died today of bronchitis. He was 74 years old. His illness began in January.

Clam Feed Held by Union Club; Cornell Speaks

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caused the three methods which will be used in stocking the country with the birds. First the hatching of the birds at the state game farm at Pendleton and holding them in pens either there or at the Union grounds until the close of the season for hunting, then liberating the full grown birds. Second the shipping of eggs directly to Union and hatching the birds here where they would grow up in a wild condition. Third the cooperation of ranchers in setting traps on their ranches and thus increasing the total number liberated during the year.

By these methods he estimated that about 1200 pheasants could be turned loose during each year. Necessary work at the Union grounds could be done by sportsmen. He reported that the birds and deer wintered with a minimum of loss and were in excellent condition here in the county.

The new trap grounds near La Grande were described and the hope expressed that a state shoot might be staged in the Union county city.

Mr. Cornell also told the trappers just how the officers intended going about enforcing the trapping laws. Time will be given local trappers to get in their reports and comply with the law before complaints are filed.

Dr. Fry and Doc Fellows each spoke briefly and each lauded the work of the Union club and the local girls on their efforts to prepare and serve the excellent clam feed.

Oregon Farms, Hatches Lead

Commissioner Wright told of the work of the state commission and especially praised the game wardens, club members and game farms and hatcheries men for their work. He stated that Oregon game farms and hatcheries were rated as about the best in the entire United States.

Mr. Rogers, veteran game warden of Wasco county, told of his long trip to reach Union for the meeting, starting from a point 45 miles out of Enterprise early in the morning and traveling almost all day to cover the 125 mile journey. "But," he said smilingly, "you see I got here. Everything in Wasco county is all right and there will be fine fishing and hunting there this year."

Altogether it was an enthusiastic and interesting meeting and the out-of-town visitors were held in their praise of the hospitality shown them by President Cadwell and the Union Sportsmen's club.

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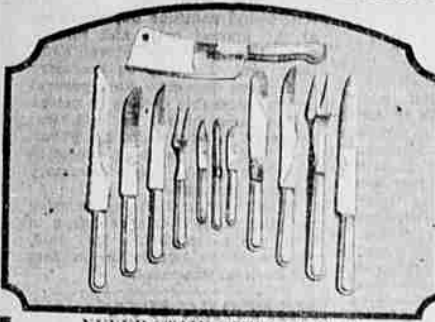


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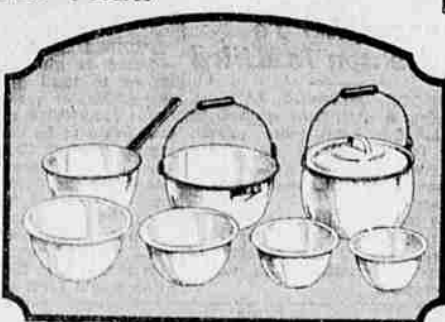
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