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Sport Slants
by ALAN J. GOULD

Although he must rebuild the better part of his line this year, due to the loss by graduation of such stars as Law, Cannon, Moynihan and Twomey, the master of Notre Dame, Knute Rockne, is so worried in the slightest about his glibness prospects for next fall.

Rockne talks, lives, eats and enjoys football on the sands of Miami Beach, Florida, just as easily in February as he does in his workshop at South Bend or

across the banquet table at any other time of the year. His youngest son hosts a football around the camp, friends, coaches, friends, pupils and visiting journalists visit "the Rock" to look in the sun, hear the wince break—and talk of the gridiron.

A natural looking holding court, so apt to speak, on the outside where he has spent most of the winter recovering from the very serious leg ailment, a blood clot that kept him from even being on the sidelines in most of the games Notre Dame played last season. The famous coach has made a remarkable comeback and is now well on the road to complete recovery. He still favors his leg, but can get around easily. Tanned a deep tan, he looks as fit as ever, but he has decided that his days of going into the line to show the boys how to block are over.

"You know, my injury may be fixed, but the bones and ligaments I took out there for years on the practice field," said Rockne. "I liked to get out there to show 'em how to do it. I would anchor myself and invite a guard, far easier to try to bowl me over. I took more a thumping around the hips and thighs which probably contributed to the condition that held me up last year."

"I don't know whether we will have as great a team in 1930 as we did in 1929," went on Rockne. "Teams like that are hard to duplicate. The boys showed great spirit under Tom Iola. They knew their stuff."

But there doesn't seem any reason why he should not have another good outfit. It may be necessary to put some sophomores in the line, something we do not try very often, but as you know we have a veteran backfield, losing only Jack Eiler among the regulars.

Notion Smith is only around young age but the Missouri kid wizard has applied a seasoned outlook on the game well beyond his years.

They were congratulating the great young professional around Tampa after his sensational triumph over Bobby Jones at Savannah but it was just like so much water on a duck's back.

"Woot" stretched the big youth. "Daddy certainly is a fine sportsman."

Other than that, Smith had no comment to make. His brother professional has most of the intelligence speaking for him. They

Shawkey Plans Yankee Lineup For First Tilt

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Mar. 17 (AP)—Manager Bob Shawkey of the New York Yankees announces that the Yankee lineup for the opening game of the season against the Athletics at Philadelphia April 15 will be, Condie, Ruth and Cooks in the outfield, Gehrig, Lauerer, Koenig and Chapman in the infield, Dickey catching and either Hoyt or Phipps pitching.

This lineup departs from last year's in only two instances, Cooks and Chapman being minor league stars who seem to have made the big league grade.

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 17 (AP)—Word via the grape-vine telegraph has it that Babe Herman, slugging outfielder of the Brooklyn Robins, has shaved \$100 off his salary demands.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Mar. 17 (AP)—John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, is perturbed about the weather.

As he watched the rain wash off an exhibition game with the Chicago White Sox yesterday, he remarked that his team had lost more work by rain this year than in all the previous five years since he has.

FORT MYERS, Fla., Mar. 17 (AP)—Connie Mack hasn't spoken officially yet, but he indicated today that Roger Connor, Manchester, N. J. rookie, may stick with the Athletics. The A's sent him to Martinsburg last season for more experience.

"Connor likes to play," Mack said, "and he always has a bat in his hand. He can hit too."

WINTHROP, N. C., Mar. 17 (AP)—Entertaining a bunch that this may be a southern year in the National League, Manager Shotton of the Phillies is anxious to pay wages to three pitchers or all the pitchers in his squad.

Battalino And Walker To See Action In Ring

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (AP)—Two champions and several who would like to be, should provide the nation's boxing fans with plenty of high class action this week.

The champions are Bat Battalino of Hartford, Conn., and Mickey Walker. Those who would like to be champions include Kid Chocolate, Cuban featherweight, and Primo Carnera of Italy and Tommy Loukens of Philadelphia, each of whom has at least one eye on the vacant throne.

Battalino meets Bud Taylor, in a ten round bout at Detroit Thursday night, but the Hartford lad is leaving his featherweight championship belt home in gold scum.

Nor will Walker's middleweight title be at stake when he tangles with Jimmy Mahoney of Chicago in a ten rounder at Chicago tonight.

North Bend Wins Hoop Championship

MARSHFIELD, Ory., Mar. 17 (AP)—North Bend won the district high school basketball title here Saturday night by defeating Cuyahoga 25 to 19. North Bend will represent the Cuyahoga district at the state tournament in Salem this week.

SALEM SHOOTER HIGH

PORTLAND, Mar. 17 (AP)—Orel Hahnberg of Salem was high gun in the Portland Gun Club shoot here yesterday, breaking 55 on a possible 100 targets. He missed the 55th hole. Jim Johnson of Cuyahoga was second with 53. H. J. Vetch of Portland was high professional with 52 targets.

A BREAK FOR SOMEONE



By Oscar Hitt Sydney Franklin Gored by Bull

MADRID, Mar. 17 (AP)—Tossing about by a black bull with wide sharp horns, Sydney Franklin, Brooklyn bull fighter, today was in a hospital injured seriously, although probably not fatally.

In a second off guard, as he whirled his maddening red cape in front of the enraged beast's eyes, he turned him back on the animal, which impaled him and

INDIANS WILL BE IN PENNANT RACE

Cleveland Whipping Powerful Squad Into Shape for 1930 Season.

By Ralph Wheatley (Associated Press Staff Writer)

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 17 (AP)—The Cleveland Indians are on the march and their whippersnappers are hooped up around the top of the hill when the 1930 season closes.

Chief Roger Ekeblom is whipping a powerful squad into shape at Hot Springs park. While they may not have enough power to fend off the Athletics and Yankees, they should be giving somebody a tussle for the firing line when the season closes.

The Indians are certainly in having the backbone of their team made up of men old in baseball but young in years. In addition they have a promising bunch of rookies looking to step into the shoes of the regulars. Out of the squad of 42, the men, 25 may be considered well beyond the raw stage.

Indians Have a Chance

Last year the Indians finished in third place and were playing ball like demons when the season ended. If it were possible for the Indians at the start of this season to hit their stride of the last month of the 1929 season they probably would go rough shod over anything in sight.

There will not be any drastic changes in this season's lineup. Charlie Jameson may be forced to function as utility outfielder as his 37 years have placed him in the twilight of baseball. It will be hard for him to hold his regular post against such men as Bob Fink, Earl Averill and Dick Porter.

The Indians had the right of their lives when it looked as if another fever would sweep Lewis Ponsessa off first base, but all is sunshine now for word has come from California that Ponsessa is up and about, is even taking light training on the coast and will be fit for the start of the season.

The Indians would have been in good luck if they had lost this week, which led the American League in hitting homers last season and snipped into it on four bases as naturally as duck in taking to water. They were drilling Henry Bonner and Alex Hooks for the job but they showed nothing to

Mumps Attack Several People At Hilgard, Ore.

By Verma Weimer (Observer Correspondent)

HILGARD (Special)—There have been several cases of mumps among the school children and also the teacher contracted the disease and was out for a few days but school was to begin again today.

Nolan Wilson and Jim Rainey went to Pilot Rock recently to work for the Ruzg Sheep company.

L. Wiley, who is working for Smiths here at Hilgard, was home over the weekend.

Mrs. Joe Young was in La Grande Thursday on business.

A surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Foster and children Saturday evening and a large crowd was present enjoying the evening in games and dancing.

A rice shower was given for Mrs. Emory Ferguson at her mother's home Friday afternoon. She received many nice gifts. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Conroy and Mrs. Sanford.

Mrs. Clifford Nolan and daughter went to Baker Friday to spend the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keefer came home Monday from Portland where they had been for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Carwright were in La Grande Monday attending to business and shopping.

Miss Donna Scott was a guest at the Walker home Thursday and Friday. She attended the shower given at Mrs. Sanford's Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Ross and Miss Wilmer Weimer entertained at a birthday party Thursday evening in honor of their mother. The decorations were beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pickett and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker, all of La Grande, were present, besides neighbors and friends of Hilgard.

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Destination	One Way	Round Trip
Pendleton	10:15 a. m.; 1:40 p. m.; 6:50 p. m.	\$2.25 \$3.40
Walla Walla	10:15 a. m.; 1:40 p. m.	3.75 5.65
Lewiston	10:15 a. m.; 1:40 p. m.	7.25 10.90
Spokane	10:15 a. m.	8.75 13.15
Yakima	10:15 a. m.	7.30 12.65
Portland	10:15 a. m.; 6:50 p. m.	8.00 12.85
Baker	10:10 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.; 8:25 p. m.	1.80 2.70
Boise	10:10 a. m.	7.10 10.85
Salt Lake City	10:10 a. m.	19.15 31.90

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