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CUBS LOOK LIKE PENNANT WINNERS

Rogers Hornsby, However, Steadfastly Refuses to Make Predictions.

By Paul Zimmerman (Associated Press Sports Writer) AVALON, Santa Catalina Island, Cal., Mar. 3 (AP)—The spectre of last year's ill-fated pennant race which went a long way toward keeping the club from a National league pennant, has put caution on the tongues of those who would like to prophesy a great year for the Chicago Cubs.

who figured prominently in these disastrous occurrences, steadfastly refused to predict, although he willingly admits that the pitching prospects are much better than last season and the rest of the squad holds greater promise.

William Wrigley Jr., whose money has made the possible pennant that it is the best outfit he has ever seen assembled here, but he recalls the untimely death of Harold Carlson, veteran pitcher, Hornsby with a broken leg and Lester Bell and Riggs Stephenson with arm injuries and will not forecast his club's chances.

Pitching Staff Good The pitching staff is so good the rajah is puzzled as to just whose names will be crossed off the roster. He contemplates keeping 11 of the 10 who reported here.

Besides such veterans as Charles Root, Guy Bush, Pat Malone, Sheriff Blake, at least two of the rookies hold promise and three tried and proven from Boston, Cincinnati and Philadelphia are helping to make the spring training grind a cheerful one. Of these, Bob Smith, obtained from the Braves, and Lester Sweetland, from the Phillies, stand out in particular, while Frank May, like "Sugar", a powerful left hander, is counted on to turn in his usual wins over the New York Giants and do a great job of hitting.

A pair of right handers stand out over the group of five newcomers. Big Ed Batch, whose curve ball earned him 26 victories with Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast league last year and a chance with the Cubs has taken to big league hurling well, while Hornsby has also been impressed with the work of a strapping Arkansas youth, Lou Warneke, who came up from Reading, Pa., of the International league.

The rajah asks you not to overlook Art Tenchout, youthful out-pur who finished last season strong, as well as Bob Osborn of last year's staff.

Good Fielders Although Hornsby says without hesitation that he figures to use Hack Wilson, Riggs Stephenson and Russ Klett (Kiki) Cuyler as his regular outfield he is pleased with the spring training bat work of Johnny Moore, up for the second time from Los Angeles and Vincent Barton, a Big Canadian from Baltimore. They both hit .482 last year.

There has been some talk of shifting Wilson to right field where his fly chasing activities will be less, in an effort to increase his 356 batting average and the home run record for the senior circuit of 66 four base hits. Stephenson's arm appears to be in good shape again.

Rogers intends to play right through at second base, regardless of his managerial handling, and contemplates using the same infield as last year with Charles Grimm at first, Elwood English at short and Lester Bell at third. Bell spent the winter working his throwing arm into shape and reported it to be in better condition at the start of training than it was all last season.

For these reasons, those who are so privileged, would like to predict a great year—but hold their tongues, lest lightning strike twice in the same place.

Lemon Is Winner Over H. Ratzlaff

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP)—Lemon Lemon, San Diego, defeated Herman Ratzlaff, Minot, N. D., in a ten-round main event fight here last night. Ratzlaff was floored twice, but won up both times before a count was started.

Johnnie Jackson, Modoc Indian, won on a technical knockout over Jess Ayala, San Diego, in the fourth of a scheduled six round semi-final. Ayala's jaw was fractured and he was unable to continue. They are middleweights.

Portland Hockey Team In Running

VANCOUVER, B. C., Mar. 3 (AP)—The Portland Buckaroos, still are in the running for a play-off berth in the Pacific Coast hockey league. The Bucks last night staged a stirring third period rally to come from behind and defeat the second place Vancouver Lions, 4 to 3, and thus cut the distance between the two teams to four points. Vancouver trails the leading Seattle outfit by one point.

LOMSKI TO FIGHT MANLY PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP)—Fist-cuff fans predict another treat to-night when Leo Lomski, Aberdeen, Wash., light heavyweight, and George Manley, Denver, meet in a return 10-round bout. Their first meeting was declared a draw. Both men are in perfect shape and insist they will win by a knockout. Their first meeting attracted a capacity crowd and developed one of the best light heavyweight bouts seen here.

The new Mount St. Mary's college near Los Angeles overlooks seven cities and includes a marine view.

Another Babe Ruth? TAMPA, Fla., Mar. 3 (AP)—There's another Babe Ruth in training here with the Cincinnati Reds, but there are some who wonder whether he will live up to advance notices during the regular playing season. Manager Dan Howley, speaking from Outfielder Nick Cullop, acquired from Minneapolis in the American association, said: "He is a patient in a St. Louis hospital and I can acquire confidence in himself he is going to be a big boy for us."

Girl's Death Caused By Grief Over Dog ATHACA, N. Y., Mar. 3 (AP)—The death of Eleanor McKay, 5, here Sunday was attributed yesterday indirectly to grief over the loss of her pet dog, Gyp, a water spaniel.

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Connie Mack's Team Opening Spring Grind

FORT MYERS, Fla., Mar. 3 (AP)—Counting noses today, Manager Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics found his roster complete, with the exception of Barnhart and Simmons, who are training according to their own ideas at Hot Springs. The outfit here numbers 38 players and three coaches. Mack issued orders today for workouts morning and afternoon.

"From now on," he said, "we will devote all our time to playing the game. The race this year will be no walkaway for any team."

BUILDS HIM UP SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Mar. 3 (AP)—Freddie Lindstrom has turned up on the New York Giants training camp with a waistline of close to aldermanic proportions. Somebody wanted to know where Freddy had found so much excess weight.

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Ragains Lease Frank Phy Farm In The Valley

By Mrs. Charles Spencer (Observer Correspondent) ORANGE HALL (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. McGee have again leased the Frank Phy farm where they plan to move soon.

Mrs. Arthur Golden, Mrs. Delbert Anson and Mrs. Orin Anson entertained the Countrywoman's club Friday afternoon at the home of the latter. Following a short business session, contests and a spelling match made up the diversion of the afternoon with Mrs. Arnes winning first and Mrs. J. B. Lindsey consolation in one contest and Mrs. Reece McAllister first in the other. Mrs. Robert Kelly received first and Mrs. George Hughes consolation in the spelling match. Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Fred Yeske were visitors at the meeting. Late in the afternoon the hostesses served a lovely lunch.

Sunday was a very eventful day as well as a most enjoyable one for Mr. and Mrs. William Jasper because a party made up of their friends and neighbors met with them at their home here and spent the day. At two o'clock a splendid potluck dinner was served followed by an afternoon of visiting. There were 30 grown-ups and 16 children present at the happy gathering.

Tommy Macomb, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macomb, is ill of bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Unzicker attended the two-day Sabbath school convention of the Adventist church held in Union Saturday and Sunday.

Members of the Liberty Sunday school met Sunday with Mrs. E. J. Charles Gekeler. The classes will again begin their studies at the school house, as is their custom, as soon as the weather becomes somewhat warmer.

The home economics department of Blue Mountain grade is sponsoring a play, "Happy Valley" to be given Friday night, Mar. 13, at the hall by the Walt Creek grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Spencer, of Summerville, were Sunday visitors at the Elmer Daron home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macomb, who have had the J. E. Reynolds farm leased for the last three years, are preparing to move to the Vandermill place located just north of Island City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bond, of Haines, spent Sunday with Mr. Bond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bond.

Dee Davis, who has been in Portland for some time, is expected home in about ten days.

The first of a series of card parties is to be given at Blue Mountain grade hall Friday evening. Mrs. R. A. Masterton is chairman of the committee in charge.

A calf of unusual size was born Sunday at the George Salisbury farm, the Senator Colon R. Eberhard and the Shorthorn breed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer and Mrs. Joe were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hibberd, of La Grande.

Mrs. Reece McAllister, accompanied by her brother, Gilbert Courtwright, left early Sunday morning for Portland to attend to business.

LA GRANDE WILL MEET JOSEPH IN OPENING CONTEST (Continued from Page One)

foot in one hand, did the drawing last night in the presence of Union and La Grande school men. The drawing was conducted by J. P. Eberhard, chairman of the district board. Other members of the board are Hugh Coleman, of Baker, and L. Hollenberg, of Nyssa.

The tournament begins at Union Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Four games will be played Thursday, seven games Friday and three games Saturday, with the possibility of a fifth round game being played Monday night, Mar. 9.

The first round (Thursday) follows: 3 p. m.—Wallowa vs. Nyssa. 4 p. m.—Baker vs. Ontario. 8 p. m.—La Grande vs. Joseph. 9 p. m.—Union vs. Mt. Vernon.

The Friday games follow: 8:30 a. m.—Winner of Baker-Ontario vs. Loser of Wallowa-Ontario. 10:30 a. m.—Loser of La Grande-Joseph vs. Loser of the Union-Mt. Vernon game.

Two Eliminations In both of the above games, the losing teams will be eliminated from further play.

2:30 p. m.—Winner of Wallowa-Nyssa vs. winner of Baker-Ontario. 3:30 p. m.—Winner of La Grande-Joseph vs. winner of Union-Mt. Vernon.

7:30 p. m.—Winner of 10:30 vs. winner of 3:30. 8:30 p. m.—Loser 3:30 vs. loser 2:30 game.

In both the above games the loser will be eliminated. 9:30 p. m.—Winner 2:30 vs. winner 3:30.

On Saturday afternoon the semi-finals will be played at 2:30 and 3:30 and the final game is scheduled for 8 p. m. An extra game will be necessary if two teams go into the finals, one undefeated and the other with one loss and the one with one loss wins. That would leave each with one loss and double elimination is necessary.

Officials Announced Officials for the tournament follow: Referee, R. C. Caccia, Portland; Mr. French (one of referees for state tournament at Salem); timer, Dr. William Pearce, scores, Nolan Skiff, both of La Grande.

Each team may send only eight players to the tournament and state tournament rules will govern the play. Some of the teams will arrive at Union tomorrow. In the event of sickness or injury of a player, a substitution may be made when a doctor certifies that the boy is unable to play and the board approves the substitute. No substitutions may be made after 12 noon the first day of the tournament.

Torrence Improving Coach Ira Woodley said today that his center, Willie Torrence, who was handicapped in the sub-district tournament here last weekend, due to an injury, was improving rapidly. He expects Torrence will be in good condition for the tournament. It is expected that Woodley's selection for the Union tourney will be the same as here last week—Torrence, Shepherd, Conley, Aus, Burnett, Osterling, Corey, Nelson.

290 Undesirables Will Be Deported NEW YORK, Mar. 3 (AP)—A group of 290 men, women and children aliens arrived at Ellis island yesterday to await deportation. They have been ordered out of the country by federal officials at hearings in various cities. Twenty of the aliens are insane and arrived in strait-jackets.

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Eberhard Says New Plan Will Correct Matters

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 3—Declaring that he never favored the total abolition of the public service commission, Senator Colon R. Eberhard supported the one-man commission measure as representing a real remedy for the situation in this state.

ISLAND CITY PERSONALS By Mrs. N. E. Hershey (Observer Correspondent) ISLAND CITY (Special)—The little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McCab, who have recently been so ill with scarlet fever, have contracted whooping cough. Etta Lou was getting fairly strong again but Eva Fern is still in a very frail condition owing to the lancing of her throat which took place little more than a week ago.

Arthur Hermann left on Saturday morning for Lagrange, Ill., called there by the illness of his mother, Mr. Hermann went by stage.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Simmons entertained Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Case, of La Grande, at a noon dinner on Sunday and had a warm supper on Sunday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simmons and their children, Hazel and Buddy.

Independent Enters Chicago Campaign CHICAGO, Mar. 3 (AP)—Dr. Herman N. Budgeon, Cook county coroner and prominent Democratic leader, yesterday announced definitely he would run for mayor of Chicago on an independent ticket, opposing Mayor William Hale Thompson. Republican, and Anto J. Cernak, Democrat, in the April election.

Judge Denies Plea For Second Trial MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP)—Circuit Judge H. D. Norton yesterday denied a plea for a new trial in the case of James E. Kingsley, under sentence of death for the killing of Sam Prescott, Ashland traffic patrolman. Kingsley was sentenced to hang April 3. He is in a death cell at the state prison. Attorneys this week will petition for a certificate of probable cause upon which to base an appeal to the supreme court.

Trappers estimated at 15,000 have been engaged this season in the swamps of Louisiana. Numerous wolves in the Kobi district of interior Alaska have alarmed natives so much they will not venture away from home alone. Three hunters caught a live mountain lion near Three Rivers, Cal., trussed it on a pole and carried it seven miles to their automobile.

Championship Basketball TOURNAMENT State District No. 1 — Oregon H. S. Athletic Ass'n. Thursday, Friday, Saturday March 5, 6 and 7 UNION, OREGON THURSDAY Games at 3:00, 4:00, 8:00, 9:00 FRIDAY Games at 9:30, 10:30, 2:30, 3:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 SATURDAY Semi-Finals 2:30, 3:30. Final 9:00. ADMISSION Daytime Games (except Sat. afternoon) 35c-25c-10c Saturday Afternoon 50c-35c-10c All Evening Games (except final) 50c-35c-25c Final Championship Game 75c-50c-25c Season Tickets — Adults \$2.50 — Students \$1.50 — Children 75c

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