

PLENTY OF HITS AS SERIES OPEN

Portland Swamps Los Angeles While Hollywood Tames Oakland.

By The Associated Press) There was plenty of slugging as a new batch of series started yesterday in the Pacific Coast league.

The San Francisco Seals beat Sacramento 3 to 1; Seattle overcame the Mission Reds 9 to 2 and Hollywood doused Oakland 7 to 2. All the games were played last night.

Bowman, Portland pitcher, held the Angels to nine scattered hits while the Ducks gathered 15 off four Los Angeles pitchers.

Jimmy Zinn hurled the Seals to victory over Sacramento. The lone Sacramento tally was credited to an error by Vera, Seal third baseman.

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Imbler Defeats Union 30 to 0 To Clinch Title

IMBLEL, Ore. (Special)—The Imbler High school baseball team clinched the championship of Union county yesterday and will play Wallowa Friday in the second of a series for the Union-Wallowa league title.

HONOR TIGER ATHLETES AT HI-DAD MEET

The banquet last night formally honored the state athletes and president-elect, the yell leader and the business managers of the various teams. It was announced today that Hi-Dad honor will be given annually to those students who excel in their studies, would be awarded on the 21st of May.

Grand DeLoon introduced E. B. Towler, high school principal at the first speaker, after the Blue Mountain Wranglers entertained for several minutes with a number of well-played selections of those students who dwell upon the high morale of the teams and the Tiger spirit, which leads to greater and greater accomplishments with the passing years.

Gene Faus, football captain, John Shepherd, basketball captain, and Fred Nowland, track captain, spoke briefly, all expressing the appreciation of the athletes for the interest shown and the help given by the Hi-Dads and business men of La Grande.

Mr. Woodie spoke briefly, mentioning in his talk the fine records that the boys have made on their trips aside from athletics. He spoke particularly of the high standards of conduct the boys have exhibited during the year, and he also gave a brief hint that next year the Tigers—in spite of losses by graduation—would again be on the trail of state championships.

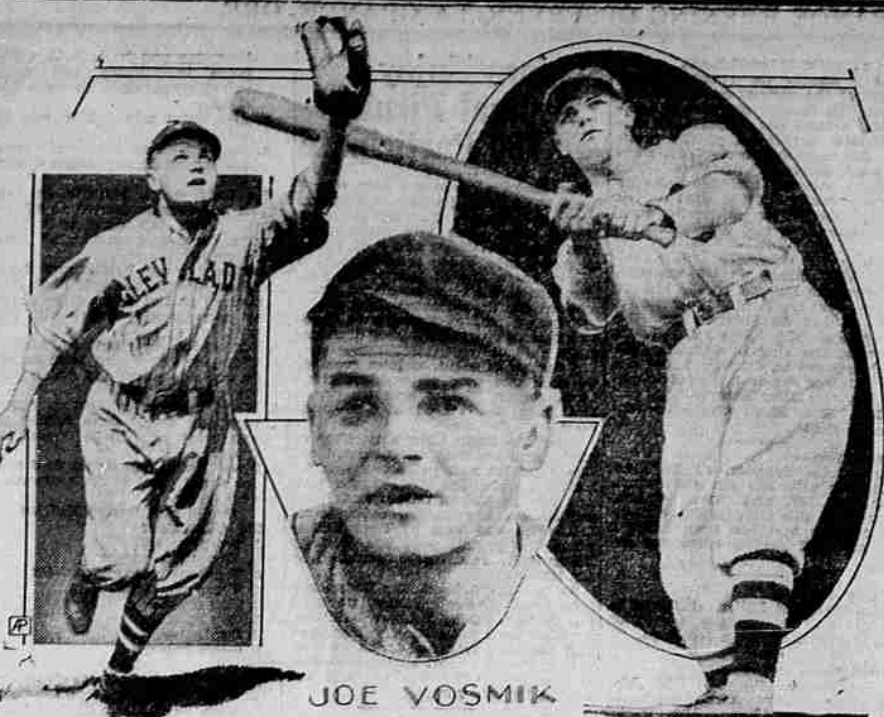
Russell Nelson, student body president, and James Leslie, president-elect, also expressed appreciation of the loyal support accorded the school by the men and women of the community.

Outlook is Brilliant. Arnold Oranly, freshman and class team coach, who brings much variety material to light each season, told of the high school system which brings out scores of boys for football, track, basketball, soccer, etc. that otherwise would have no athletic competition.

Harold Boone, secretary of the chamber of commerce, mentioned the great amount of state and Northwest advertising—front page advertising of the most favorable kind—that has resulted from the splendid records of the Tiger team. When you hear of Eastern Oregon in the western part of the state, you immediately think of La Grande," he said, by way of showing the fine publicity that has benefited this section.

King Princes Boys. E. R. Ringo, school board member and a new Hi-Dad, was the last speaker on the program. Prefacing his more serious remarks with a number of witty observations, Mr. Ringo also called attention to the character of the boys who engage in competition under the blue and white colors of all of the columns of stories given to L. H. S. athletics. Mr. Ringo admitted he had only saved one small clipping. That was the statement from Ontario people following the football game there last fall to the effect that the La Grande team ranked as the best and best eleven played by them that year.

He also expressed himself as of the opinion that the talk of "over-enthusiasm" of sports is of an erroneous nature. Health is of as great an importance as developed mentality, he said, stating that without the one, the other usually is of little help to the man or woman in their struggles with life.



JOE VOSMIK Two years ago a sandlotter, Joe Vosmik, Cleveland rookie sensation, provides the biggest baseball success story of the year. The batting and fielding form of the 21-year-old left fielder pictured above furnishes the answer.

Athletics Reach Top After Poor Start In April

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr. (Associated Press Sports Writer) In the 1931 baseball season follows the pattern set by two previous years, the Philadelphia Athletics are due to win their third straight American league pennant. Twice in succession the A's started badly and then breeched through to the championship. This year they were off to a bad start again.

In 1929, Philadelphia required five weeks to get into first place but never was ousted. Last year, the A's dropped as low as fourth early in the season, climbed back to the top in May, dropped out again to regain the post on June 1 for all but two days of the remainder of the season. This season they have had plenty of troubles but finally are back in their accustomed place at the top of the standing.

It took Bob Grove's pitching and all the slugging the A's are accustomed to give him to win first place and some wet weather in St. Louis was an added aid. While the New York Yankees were idle in St. Louis, Grove pitched a four hit game and Simmons, Fox and Co., batted out a 5 to 2 victory over the Chicago White Sox to give the A's the lead by a few percentage points. Grove was a bit wobbly in the first half of the game, granting a pair of runs in the fourth when Carl Reynolds tripled but he breezed through the last four frames without giving a hit. Philadelphia scored early against Pat Caraway and Simmons put in the homer of the year in the ninth.

Grove was not the only pitching hero of yesterday's games, however, for every contest which escaped the weather brought forth a good mound performance. Vic Sorrell did the work in the second American league game, pitching Detroit to a 2 to 0 victory over the Boston Red Sox. Sorrell got into trouble several times but was able to pitch his way out. The Tigers made only six hits off the combined pitching of Jack Russell and Howard Johnson, but they put together three of them in the fourth with Hayworth's double bringing in both runs.

Brandt Wins Again. Ed Brandt of the Boston Braves won his fifth straight victory by beating the Cincinnati Reds 4 to 2 in the first game of a double header, then Silas Johnson reversed the decision by a 3 to 2 count in a five-inning duel with Bruce Cunningham. Brandt's victory, gained through a three-run rally in the first inning, was notable because it gave him one more game this year than he was able to win all last season. Cincinnati won the second game with the aid of a valuable home run by Jimmie Foxx, a cloud of smoke to hide the ball from Berger's view. What looked like an easy fly was recorded as a double for Roush and drove in two runs. Doubles by Hendrick and Heastor, in the eighth brought the deciding tally.

Three other National league games suffered the same fate as two in the American, giving way to cold and wet weather.

AMERICAN HORSE Among Favorites

NEWMARKET, Eng., May 13 (AP)—The possibility of an American bred and owned horse winning the Epsom Downs derby was seen today as William Woodward's Sir Andrew galloped to a length victory in the Newmarket stakes for three-year-olds, defeating ten other derby eligibles.

Behind him he left the second favorite for the derby, Goyacas, who ran second to the derby favorite, Cameronian in the two thousand guineas here last month.

Baseball Standings

Table with 3 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Portland, Oakland, San Francisco, Hollywood, Missions, Sacramento, Los Angeles, and Seattle.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Portland 10, Los Angeles 2, Seattle 9, Missions 7, San Francisco 3, Sacramento 1, Hollywood 7, Oakland 2.

Huskies Win Easily From O. S. C., 18 to 4

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 13 (AP)—Washington overcame Oregon State 18 to 4 in winning the second game of their conference baseball series here yesterday. The State's pitching staff were helpless before the Husky batters, who piled up a total of 19 hits.

SEATTLE, May 13 (AP)—Smiling, Roy Olmsted, central figure in the famous Olmsted liquor conspiracy case, stepped from the McNeil Island federal prison launch at Stellacoom landing Tuesday, free after four years imprisonment.

STANISLAUS ZBYSZKO COMING



Stanislaus Zbyszko, 60-year-old Polish wrestler of international fame, will meet Charles Westenberg here Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock at Eagles hall. Zbyszko is pictured above.

16 Teams Will Enter The 1932 State Tourney

PORTLAND, May 13 (AP)—John L. Gary was passing the good word around the state today—the 12-team field in the state high school basketball tournament has been abolished, and replaced by a 16-team field, eliminating the troublesome "byes."

Heavyweight Fight Contract Signed

CLEVELAND, May 13 (AP)—Any doubt that the heavyweight championship fight between Max Schmeling and W. L. "Young" Stribling would not be held in Cleveland's new municipal stadium July 3 was removed yesterday.

Willamette Wins In West Division

SALEM, Ore., May 13 (AP)—Andy Peterson, Willamette university pitcher, allowed Pacific university three hits and one run while his team mates piled up 20 tallies here yesterday, thereby clinching the western division championship of the Northwest conference. Willamette scored 11 runs in the eighth inning, battling through the batting order before a patout was scored.

MAUREN ORCUTT TO TRY AGAIN

NEW YORK, May 13 (AP)—Maureen Orcutt has decided to try again for the British women's golf championship which will be held this year at Portmarnock, Ireland. She will sail for Europe May 20.

Ed Hopkin, Maryland basketball star, counted 11 goals in four games for the old line lacrosse team.

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Vosmik Poison To Rival Clubs In First Year

CLEVELAND (AP)—Easy swings from powerful shoulders and a keen eye have counted heavily for Joe Vosmik, 21-year-old left fielder for the Cleveland Indians in his climb from sandlots to big league in two years.

As soon as he stepped into the majors his batting was the talk of the baseball world.

Vosmik was kept out of the opening game with Chicago, but was in the lineup the next day. Pat Caraway was in the box. Vosmik collected two singles in five tries. In the next game he batted against the veteran spitball pitcher, Urban Faber. Joe slammed Faber for a double and a single before he was sent to the showers.

In the fourth game with Chicago, Vosmik got five hits out of five times at bat, one three bagger, three doubles, and a single.

He then faced one of the best pitchers in the league, Earl Whitehill, of Detroit, and got a homer and a single. Waite Hoyt, another veteran right hander, was Joe's next victim.

The first time Vosmik came to bat Hoyt tried to scare him by pitching one at his head. On the next pitch, Vosmik tripped to the scoreboard. He went on the next trip to the plate he blew himself to a clean lead.

He went five days before he was stopped by Vic Sorrell and Art Herring, of Detroit. Sorrell, Joe says, has been the toughest pitcher he has faced so far. The following day, however, he got three hits out of four times up.

Most of this season Vosmik has been leading the league's batters. In nine games he struck out five times. Vosmik says he has found the curve ball his easiest prey, but it really makes no great difference. The ball may be either slow or fast.

He waits with the bat resting easily on his right shoulder until the ball is halfway between the plate and the pitcher's box. Then he prepares for it and gives the bat a three-quarter swing.

Most of his hits travel to right center, and on a line without much curvature upward. He is one of the few right handers to hit a ball over the right field wall in League Park here.

President Alva Bradley and General Manager Billy Evans, of the Indians, picked Joe from an all-star Cleveland sandlot team in 1928 and assigned him to Frederick, Md., in the Blue Ridge league for more experience.

He finished the 1929 season there and batted .301. He followed with a .300 average with Terre Haute in the Three I league where he led the league with a .397 batting average.

Evans thereupon decided to give Vosmik a trial in fast company, and took him along for training this spring. Vosmik bombarded the offerings of pitchers during the training season, and when the test of the regular season was administered he passed with flying colors.

DIXON, FIRPO GO TO DEADLOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., May 13 (AP)—George Dixon, Portland negro, and Young Firpo, former Burke, Ida, miner, fought ten slashing and high-interesting rounds to a draw here last night before a large crowd at the municipal auditorium. It was a give and take affair with both men putting everything they had behind their blows, each striving desperately for a knockout. Dixon floored Firpo for a count of two in the fourth round, the only knockdown of the contest, but Firpo had piled up sufficient points with a tattoo from his left to Dixon's chin throughout the contest to offset the advantage. Dixon seemed a distress for a moment in the ninth from a barrage of punishing rights to his jaw, but rallied and was right back at his opponent. Dixon, in an superb condition and fought one of the best fights of his career. The fight was a classic for hard punching and action.

SPORT SLANTS

By Alan J. Gould A year ago when Robert L. (Dink) Templeton was leaving the cloistered confines of Cambridge, he remarked that a lad named Eastman, Ben Eastman to be exact, probably would be heard from before long. Templeton rolled around in track and field competition.

The Stanford coach knew what he was talking about. Ben Eastman has been running wild on the Pacific coast and will come east for the Intercollegiate at Franklin field here, heralded as one of the best young middle distance runners to appear in years.

Eastman, in his sophomore year, has been clocked in competition in 48 flat for the quarter and 1:33 for the half.

He has just about cleaned up on the coast but cleaning up in the east is something else, good as this young, unquestionably is.

Templeton probably will confine Eastman to one event but he will find plenty of opposition in either the 440 or 880.

to discover that Letzelter indeed had entered West Point over the age limit of 22 and could not, as a result, engage in further ball-totting for the soldiers.

Letzelter's ineptitude was discovered in the midst of the 1930 football season in time to bar him from Navy academy. He had come to West Point after starting for Carnegie.

By will continue to perform his military chores, since it was found he was not guilty himself of any misrepresentation, but the closest he will get to the gridiron next fall will be the cheering section.

COMPETITION

Pennsylvania and Cornell, who used to fight it out for the I. C. A. A. A. track and field honors, figure to help make it entertaining for Southern California and Stanford this May at Franklin field, even though there is little or no prospect of stopping the parade of the Far West runners to another team title.

Lawson Robertson was the flashiest of runners at Penn since the palmy days of Ted Meredith, Don Lippincott, Patterson and McCurdy, Carr and Healey, quarter-milers; Kerr, half-miler; McKniff and Coan, miler, all figure to contribute points to Penn's total. Meanwhile the veteran Jack Moakley has turned up a quartet of new Cornell distance stars who came close to upsetting Penn in the four-mile relay, besides some good-looking talent in the hurdles and field events.

The answer seems to be an Andy-esque "Yes and No," so far as the effectiveness and effect of the new major league baseball is concerned. It's a great help to the pitcher when Wes Ferrell twirls a no-hit game or Freddy Fitzsimmons holds the hard-hitting Braves to a brace of bingles.

It's just as lively as the old sphere on the day that the Browns scored eight runs in the ninth, only to have them wasted by a Cleveland rally, or on the afternoon that Rogers Hornsby smacks off three straight homers.

In short, the good pitchers are still good and the heavy hitters are doing their customary damage, with a few conspicuous exceptions.

INSIDE DOPE

The search for further data from the "lead-booker" is rewarded by notations on the visit of Charley Root to the town of Donora, Pa. The famous Chicago Cub right-hander told Edwin McKay of the Donora Herald-American that the new ball, while just as lively as the old, nevertheless "is a help to the pitcher, because the raised seams make it easier to control."

Continuing, Root explained: "Pitching a curve this year is easier than it was last year. But when they do hit it, it will travel just as far as the old ball."

Being in the neighborhood, Brother Root voiced a few words of commendation for Jewel Ems and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"If Pittsburgh only had a couple of good pitchers to add to the staff of the club would be the most dangerous in the league," said the Cub star to his interviewer. Ems picked up a good man in Osborn, who was with us."

Root doesn't think the St. Louis Cardinals will repeat their pennant victory, because "it isn't the year" and as far as the Boston Braves are concerned, "they always look good in the early season."

MORE OPINIONS The new ball was a big help to Rube Walberg of the Athletics until he blew up one recent afternoon against the crippled Yankees.

At Simmons didn't blame the ball for his early batting slump and promptly snapped out of it with a characteristic blast of long range firing against the Washington Senators.

John Arnold Heydler, the National league's chief executive, thinks the raised stitches have been a boon to the twirlers, but that doesn't explain why Dazzy Vance, George Earnshaw and a number of other aces have been bumped around.

Lefty Grove doesn't notice any difference in his stuff, which he says is good or bad, according to what kind of a day he is having on the mound.

From a divan Babe Ruth sees no effect of the new ball on his own hitting, but roars defiance at the raised stitches when he is sacrificed fly and thereby, in the Bambino's opinion, sliced a big chunk from his batting average.

Advertisement for Buckeye Malt Syrup. Features a large image of a bottle of Buckeye Malt Syrup and the text: "Here's my Brand", "Buckeye Malt Syrup", "Malted in Vacuum...then Vacuum Packed...Flavor Like Malt Never Knew Before".

Advertisement for The Hotel Congress, Portland, Oregon. Text: "We Welcome You to Portland, 200 comfortable rooms, each with bath. Reasonable rates. Convenient downtown location. The HOTEL CONGRESS PORTLAND, OREGON. Lorne E. Hoel, Resident Manager."

Advertisement for United States Investment Co. Text: "United States INVESTMENT CO. O. W. WARNOCK MGR. Drive Down to our yard. Just across the tracks on Greenwood. We have a modern up-to-date paint and builders' hardware department."

Advertisement for Van Petten Lumber Company. Text: "Van Petten Lumber Company. Phone Main 732 'Good Service Quick'."

Advertisement for Stages Leave. Text: "STAGES LEAVE From Corner of Elm and Jefferson WALLAWA VALLEY COACHES NEW SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 Leave — La Grande for Joseph and Way Points 9:45 A. M. 4:00 P. M. 9:45 A. M. Makes Direct Connection at Enterprise for Lewiston and Spokane. FOR INFORMATION CALL MAIN 799"

Advertisement for Alan Howard. Text: "ALAN HOWARD, another Notre Dame product, has been added to the coaching staff of the University of North Carolina."

Advertisement for RARE BUTTERFLIES. Text: "PIATRA NEAMTZ, Rumania (AP)—After 40 years' labor the well-known Rumanian lepidopterist, Garadasha, has presented to the museum of Grunmaced the valuable collection of butterflies, including 8000 of recent microlepidoptera, many very rare."

Advertisement for RAIL HEAD ALWAYS WALKS MILE TO ANNUAL MEETING. Text: "TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—When W. B. Storey, president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, attended their annual stockholders' meeting here he invariably walks from his private car to the Santa Fe building, a distance of nearly a mile. At the recent meeting most of his fellow officials chose to ride, but Mr. Storey braved the chill, drizzling rain at a brisk clip. Oklahoma City, in organized baseball for 25 years, has won but two pennants."