

## BASEBALL SEASON LOOMS, BUT RAIN PREVENTS PRACTICE

### Legion National Junior Baseball Program to Aid Diamond Interest

#### EDWARDS TO HEAD LOCAL ORGANIZERS

Baseball in Salem is going to produce more activity this season than it has for many years past, according to the present outlook, and one of the principal factors in achieving this result is expected to be the American Legion National Junior Baseball program, which in Salem is under the direction of Leo Edwards.

Oregon, in order to participate in the national program must have 63 teams in the field by July 1, and for this reason Capital Post No. 9 wants as many teams as possible organized in Salem.

Teams are to be composed of boys who will not have reached the age of 17 before January 1, 1929. Boys interested, or organizers wishing to sponsor teams, are asked to get in touch with Mr. Edwards.

The legion wishes at the outset to emphasize that the junior baseball program was started to teach boys sportsmanship, clean living, honesty, responsibility and Americanism for the betterment of state and nation.

For the guidance of team organizers it has promulgated the following code of sportsmanship:

Keep the rules.  
Keep faith with your comrades.  
Keep your temper.  
Keep yourself fit.  
Keep a stout heart in defeat.  
Keep your pride under in victory.  
Keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body.

Sportsmanship Brotherhood

After the teams are organized and the national program is in effect, a series of departmental or in other words state championship tournaments will be played. This must be completed and the state champion team certified to the national headquarters of the legion by August 1.

The national organization commission of the legion will then assume jurisdiction over all departmental champion teams, and will provide transportation for 14 players and a manager to the regional tournament.

Regional champion teams will be furnished transportation to the sectional tournament, and sectional champions for the east and west will meet in the Junior World series.

Regional teams in Section No. 1, which also includes Washington, Montana and Idaho, its tournament is tentatively scheduled for August 16 to 18. The western division finals will probably be played August 28 to 31. Cities where these tournaments are to be played, have not yet been selected.

#### IRISH STRONG FOR SPRING FOOTBALL



Approximately 350 lads answered Coach Knute Rockne's spring call for football candidates at Notre Dame university, South Bend, Ind. Here is Rockne discussing the grid sport with Fred Miller, the Irish millionaire captain.

#### CLAY DUCKS TARGET FOR SHOTGUN STARS

From all indications, local gunners will have to shoot clay ducks instead of clay pigeons in today's shoot, as rain is slated for the Webfoot state today. In today's shoot the Salem gunners are scheduled to meet the strong Heppner bangers, who have not as yet met defeat and are heading the list of 28 clubs competing in the Oregonian telegraphic trapshoot with 14 wins. The Salemites will make a strong effort to lower the standings of the eastern Oregon club on a par with themselves.

In last Sunday's shoot the Cherry city trigger pullers didn't do so well, being defeated by two opponents and being the other lowering them from second to fourth place in the match standings, although fourth place standing is not to be sneered at as there are 28 clubs competing.

In the first and second rounds of today's shoot, the Capital city clay bird smashers will shoot against Siletz Bay and Needy clubs respectively.

Several ties in Sunday's shoot will be decided today when the gunners face the traps for the sixth consecutive shoot of the tourney. Those tied were Salem vs. Roseburg, Monitor vs. Roseburg, Heppner vs. Bandon, Roseburg vs. Bend, Klamath vs. Bend, Echo vs. Halsey, Yamhill vs. Bandon, La Grande vs. Halsey, Baker vs. Halsey, and La Grande vs. Arlington.

Following is the regular schedule:

First round—Arlington vs. Portland; La Grande vs. Lane county; The Dalles vs. Toledo; Klamath vs. Heppner; Salem vs. Siletz Bay; Monitor vs. Baker; Huntington vs. Needy; Halsey vs. Astoria; Echo vs. Pendleton; Bend vs. Bandon; Roseburg vs. Yamhill county; Coquille vs. Union; Prineville vs. Washington county; Medford vs. Enterprise.

Second round—Arlington vs. Lane county; La Grande vs. Portland; The Dalles vs. Heppner; Klamath vs. Toledo; Salem vs. Needy; Monitor vs. Siletz Bay; Huntington vs. Baker; Halsey vs. Pendleton; Echo vs. Astoria; Bend vs. Yamhill county; Roseburg vs. Coquille vs. Enterprise; Prineville vs. Union; Medford vs. Hillsboro.

Third round—Arlington vs. The Dalles; La Grande vs. Siletz Bay; Portland vs. Baker; Lane county vs. Monitor; Klamath vs. Huntington vs. Toledo vs. Needy; Heppner vs. Salem; Halsey vs. Bend; Echo vs. Union; Astoria vs. Washington county; Pendleton vs. Prineville; Roseburg vs. Medford; Bandon vs. Enterprise; Yamhill county vs. Coquille.

#### OUR UNCLE WILBERT'S ON THE JOB, YOU BETCHA!



His Rotund Majesty, our own Uncle Wilbert Robinson, is as busy as can be raising his fledgling Brooklyn Robins into boisterous and belligerent birds of prey. Robbie is shown in the plus fours back of the batting cage watching Hugh Wise, rookie catcher, and Howard Freigau, infielder, do their stuff in camp in Clearwater, Fla.

### RYDERWOOD LIKELY TO PLAY SENATOR

"Play ball" will sound in Willamette Valley league in three weeks from today, and indications last night were that Salem Senators would play five weeks from today, a game with Ryderwood being in prospect. The Senators, like most of the other clubs in the league, are almost totally unprepared to start on account of the weather man's obstinacy. No practice will be held today, for the Oxford Park diamond would be wet even though the sun made its untidy appearance.

Manager Leo "Frisco" Edwards has only one thing to be thankful for; the rest of the clubs, with one exception, are similarly unprepared. That one exception, Bend, where the Eagles have been working out daily for a week under the guidance of their new manager, J. R. Eubanks; so the Bend team may make it even tougher for Albany than we know of. In the opening league game April 15, Bend is said to be negotiating for Carl Pritchard, former Kelson pitcher in the Tibbetts league.

If this were organized ball, it might be said that the Senators is worried by eleven "hot bats" for only one player he signed a contract to date and to practice, or a catcher. Since contract blanks were not available until yesterday, this is not a matter for any great apprehension.

Speaking again of the game which may be lined up with Ryderwood for April 8, this ought to be an attraction from two angles. Ryderwood won the championship last year among the towns that used to be in the Timber league. It has as chief mound arm Art Blumberg, once pride of Salem high school's ball team. Blumberg was in town yesterday reports that Ryderwood will have a cracking good outfit this year.

Another visitor in Salem yesterday was A. E. Amburn, manager of the Wendling team in the Willamette Valley league. He was mourning loudly at the inability to practice, the weather in the Cascade foothills being just what he is here, or a little worse. Amburn signed up Carl King, too, infielder who played with Wendling last year, while he was in town.

The season tickets which will be the Senators' principal means of raising advance revenue this year, will be on sale early this week, it was announced last night by Dr. E. J. Hobson, president of the club. The board is expected to meet with enthusiastic approval as it does away with the price of securing donations from business men without giving anything in return.

If the weather takes a turn for the better, some midweek practice sessions will be in order for the Senators this week. Several of the boys get other opportunities to practice, so the situation is not so bad as it might seem.

Last Sunday's workout showed that Edwards will have plenty of speedy material. One of the new finds is Keber, an infielder from Mt. Angel, who showed unmistakable ability both at bat and in the field.

#### COLONIALS ENTER NATIONAL TOURNEY

Washington high school basketball team of Portland, which won the Oregon state championship here at the basketball tournament a week ago, will leave for Chicago next Wednesday night where they will compete in the national basketball tournament. This was decided at a meeting of the board of directors of the school last week. The trip will be financed by donations of business houses and civic organizations of Portland. Seven players and the coach will make the trip, arriving in Chicago two days before the opening day of the tourney, April 4.

The Washington hoop team has had a week's rest since the state tournament, and will resume strenuous practice this week before leaving for Chicago.

The state champs have had a very successful season, having not as yet met defeat this year. In their contest with the Medford high hoopers for the title, they demonstrated some clever basketball, and acted as real sportsmen at all times. Two overtime periods were necessary to settle the game, Washington winning 27 to 23.

It is believed by many sports fans that the Oregon team will be one of the strongest competitors for the national title, represented by the smoothest working combination of players ever turned out in the Portland league. The last team to go east from that city to enter national high school competition was Franklin high one of this team, "Red" Scallan, receiving honorable mention on the national all star team.

#### RACE THRILLS FEW SHEPPARD MOURNS

NEW YORK (AP)—The ancient art of foot-racing has undergone some sweeping changes since the Olympic games of 1908 and 1912 when Mel Sheppard was winning first places for the United States.

"They've taken some of the thrill out of the game with their wristwatches and whatnot," said the former middle distance star who directs the athletic program of the Millrose A. A. and is mentioned prominently for an Olympic coaching job.

"In the old days when I was running, if a man got out ahead of you, you took after him with all you had and passed him if you could."

"And if you were the man in front and you heard some feet pounding down on you from behind, you picked it up and stayed in front—or killed yourself trying."

"Now days the runners maybe know more. They know they aren't going to be winning a race if they've killed themselves on their feet. So they run their race and let the other fellow run his."

"Nurmi usually is supposed to have started it, wearing his wrist-watch and tugging his laps, but there's a good many runners use the same system without needing a watch. Any good runner knows to a second how fast a quarter or half he's turning in—and he runs the whole race on schedule. That's the science."

"It's a lot like fighting. Throw on technique and let your fighters do nothing but slug, and maybe there's more thrills. But the man who can box—who uses his head—gets hit a whole lot less."

"That's Nurmi's system in the running game—and he won four races in the last Olympics."

#### U. S. TENNIS TEAM PICKED BY TILDEN

AUGUSTA, Ga., Mar. 24. (AP)—William Tilden II, captain of the United States Davis cup team tonight announced that John Hennessey, Indianapolis; Arnold Jones, Providence, R. I., and Wilmer A. Mason, Fort Worth, Texas, in addition to himself would compose the squad that will meet the Mexican team at Mexico City next month in the first round of American zone play.

W. F. Coen Jr., Kansas City high school boy, Tilden said would be taken along with the team for the experience because of his excellent showing in the try outs here this week.

#### Alliance Formed Against Tex Rickard as Promoter

CHICAGO, Mar. 24.—(AP)—A promotional alliance to break into what they termed "the monopoly in the heavyweight boxing division" was formed here today by Humbert J. Fugazy, New York promoter, and James C. Mullen of Chicago.

The two promoters, whose statement said, joined forces to develop a logical contender to challenge for the heavyweight title and also contenders in other boxing divisions.

Fugazy, who plans building the metropolitan coliseum in New York, a sports arena seating 32,000, said he would cooperate with Mullen in building a similar arena in Chicago. They announced their intention of holding elimination bouts, not only in the heavyweight division but in all other divisions.

Fugazy and Mullen propose to sign all logical contenders, all divisions assuring them matches in New York as well as in Chicago.

While the promoters did not mention Tex Rickard's name in their statement, it is generally accepted in boxing circles they were K. O. Christner of Ohio.

#### CARDINALS BEATEN BY OWN MISTAKES

AVON PARK, Fla., Mar. 24. (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals outthrew the Phillies today but two cardinal errors enabled the Phillies to win 4 to 3. With the score tied at three all in the fifth, Sand hit a grounder to Frisch who booted it. Kelley grounded to Maranville who threw wild, allowing Sand to reach third. Whitney's sacrifice then enabled Sand to cross the plate with what proved to be the winning run.

#### SHS SWIMMERS STAGE TRYOUTS

Tryouts for a high school swimming team were held in the YMCA swimming tank yesterday afternoon, and prospects for a good team at the Salem high school look very favorable this season. Many aspirants turned out for the tryouts, and much good material for a real swimming team was found in the group.

Year after year the Salem high school has tried to organize a swimming team, but each time with little success. This year the local splashers will have a graceful diver and several speedy distance swimmers, who should capture some points in the meets this season.

It has been rumored that the red and black mermen will meet the University of Oregon Fresh football team some time this season. The Frosh have shown up remarkably well in their meets this season and are rated as a strong team.

Last year's defeat was kind of a wet blanket for future development, but notwithstanding past defeats, the high is coming forth with hopes of capturing some of the water glory.

#### THESE ATHLETICS HOPE TO OUTSLUG YANKEES



Connie Mack's hopes of an American league pennant for Philadelphia depends greatly on the clubs of this gang. The ambitious Athletics who believe they can outslug the Yanks include Ty Cobb, Al Simmons, Tris Speaker, Bing Miller, Ossie Orwoll and Joe Hauser.

#### CIUCI COPS OFF FLORIDA TITLE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Mar. 24. (AP)—Henry Ciuci, New York professional, won the Florida open golf championship here late today with a card of 285 for the 72 holes.

#### START THEM YOUNG SAYS FAMED COACH

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—Ernest A. Blood, "miracle man" coach of Passaic (N. J.) high school's basketball team which won 189 consecutive victories five years ago, has bobbed up again in spectacular fashion as coach of St. Benedict's prep school here which scored 136 points in one game the other night.

This knack of producing teams that can drop in points at the rate of four and a quarter a minute is a case of getting your players young and instilling the winning spirit, says the gray-haired tutor who has coached at West Point but had his greatest success as a prep school mentor.

"I make my players realize that the ability to get their hands on the ball by being able to jump faster and higher than the man they are playing against is the stuff that makes a basketball player."

"I have no disciplinary system. A man or boy who has to be disciplined I do not want on the team."

"You have to start when they are young. I coached a class of boys in Potsdam, N. Y., some time ago from the time they were eight years old until they were out of high school. Nine of those boys went to college and all made the varsity basketball team, seven of them being elected captains. They all went to war and became non-commissioned officers."

As Coach Blood supervises the entire school physical program as well as coaching basketball he is in constant close touch with his boys.

St. Benedict's Prep, which holds the state title and beat Newton academy of Connecticut by the phenomenal score of 136 to 9 recently, has lost two games in Blood's two seasons there.

"I didn't get them when they were young enough," he said in explanation of the two lone losses, "although that sounds like an alibi."

Blood, like Rockne of Notre Dame football, uses a great number of players. His teams are drilled in rapid fire attack on the sound theory that both teams can't be attacking at once and the one that doesn't can't score.

#### CHARLIE PADDOCK CUTS SPEED MARK

HOUSTON, Texas, Mar. 24. (AP)—Charles Paddock, Los Angeles A. C. sprint star, sheared three feet of seconds off his own world's record in the 140 yard dash here in the Rice relay this afternoon when he set up a dazzling new world's time of 13 1/2 seconds.

His old record of 13 4/5 seconds was set yesterday at the Texas relay meet at Austin.

Paddock breast the tape barely three feet ahead of Fred Aldermans national collegiate 100 and 220 yard champion, Alderman, running for the Illinois A. C. led the California flash for 75 yards but could not meet Paddock's brilliant burst of speed beyond the 100 yard mark.

Aubrey Cockrell, former Texas university sprint star, finished a scant yard behind Alderman.

Paddock broke his own world's record on successive days as he established the old record at Austin yesterday when he broke his former record of 14 seconds which was set in Finland in 1925.

The California flash, getting into shape for a berth on his third Olympic team, fought desperately to get out of last position for 75 yards and finally began to gain by inches near the 50 yard mark. At 100 yards he breasted Alderman and picked up a yard lead in the grueling flashy finish.

Aubrey Bracy, youthful Rice Institute sprinter, failed to equal his world record time made yesterday the 100 yard dash, at the Texas relay in Austin, although he won the event with ease. His time was 9 4/5 seconds. Bracy yesterday leaped into the limelight with victory in 9 5/10 seconds, tying the world's record held by Paddock and Roland Locke of Nebraska.

Oklahoma university gained the most team points, 22. Rice Institute was second with 20 points and Ohio State and Texas university tied for third with 18 1/2 points.

Texas Aggies finished fourth with 15 points and Drake university placed fifth with 10 points.

#### BAYES VS. GORDON REMATCH ASSURE

Prospects for another Bayes vs. Gordon fight in this city loom bright, as Matchmaker Plant has definitely announced the bout for April 4. For a time things looked as though it would be impossible for a rematch between the two battlers, but now Salem fight fans are assured of the bout.

Matchmaker Harry received a wire from Joe Waterman yesterday morning stating that he has accepted the guarantee offered and that the sailor's hand, while was injured in his last bout with Bayes is rapidly recovering.

A large crowd attended the fight here about a month ago between these two scrappers, which proved to be a thriller. Every one was pleased with the bout and declared it to be one of the best ever staged in this city. While Gordon won over the local purillist by a referee's decision, although many of the spectators thought that it should have been a draw, while others thought the Bayes was the superior boxer. Still others made the same decision as the referee.

Phil was to have journeyed to Grants Pass this week-end when he was scheduled to meet Joe Gorman in a 10 round main event but due to the fact that Gorman was called elsewhere at this time the fight had to be postponed. Between now and April 4, the Salem fighter will work out daily in the gym in preparation for the Gordon mix, in which he will enter the ring determined to defeat the Seattle gobb.

The last two fights in this city have been real crowd pleasers and Matchmaker Plant assures a real fight for April 4.

The most conservative of athletes is Mr. Gene Tunney. I hope to make the old crown for at least one more season.

#### GIANTS BEAT SENATORS

TAMPA, Fla., Mar. 24. (AP)—A seven run splurge in the sixth inning gave the New York Giants a 9 to 6 victory over the Washington Senators in a wild, free hitting exhibition game here today.

The Giants were leading 1 to 0 when they went to bat in the sixth, but six solid hits gave them an 8 to 0 advantage before the frame was over.

#### COUNTY SCHOOL LEAGUE POPULAR

William W. Fox, head of the Marion county grade school baseball league, has received applications of 19 schools in the county for membership in the league. The schedule for the games which will be played at the first of the season will be completed by Fox early next week.

Schools to compete in the county league are Middlegrove, Donlay, Beuna Crest, Mill City, Silard, Beuna Crest, Hubbard, Aurovert, Jefferson, Brooks, Woodburn, Mar, Marion, Keizer, North Howell, Hayesville, Central Howell, West Stayton, Central Howell, and Turner.

All schools wishing to enter the league must have their application filed at the office of Mr. Fox by today.

#### WHITE SOX WINNERS

DALLAS, Texas, Mar. 24. (AP)—A rookie outfielder's home run in the ninth inning with two men on base pulled the Chicago White Sox out of a hole this afternoon and won a 5 to 3 victory.

#### ONE FOR THE BOOK

One of the most strangely scored games occurred between Richmond and Norfolk of the Virginia league. The game was called at the end of the seventh, tied at 12 all. The clubs scored the same amount of runs in each inning. The score: Richmond...13 1 3 3 2 0—12 Norfolk...1 3 1 3 3 2 0—12

#### KING TUT WINS SLAM BANG BOUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 24. (AP)—King Tut, Minneapolis light weight won an eight round decision over Doc Snell of Tacoma in a slam bang battle in the top bout of the benefit boxing program at the state armory last night. It was a close contest, with both boys slugger toe to toe.