

# 40,000 Expected to Attend to Coast League Openers in South

## Five of Teams Strengthened

Ducks Are at Oakland; Get Good News of Posedel's Imminent Return

By RUSS NEWLAND  
SACRAMENTO, April 2—(AP)—Baseball blows the top off the 1937 Pacific coast league season tomorrow in opening games of what is expected to develop into one of the liveliest pennant scrambles in the 84-year history of the circuit.

The song of the hickory bat crashing in to horsehide pellets will be heard by some 40,000 fans gathered in four California cities for the seasonal inaugural of the national pastime. The coast league is the first to open and last to close in the country.

Team and probable batteries as the 26-week drive gets under way: Seattle at Sacramento; Gregory and Basler; Fretas and Clark. Missions at San Francisco; Beck and Sprinz; Gibson and Woodall. Portland at Oakland; Lisks and Cronin; Douglas and Raimond. San Diego at Los Angeles; Herbert and Detore; Thomas and Boatman.

Weather Favorable  
Forecasts of favorable weather, promised to lure crowds of better than 15,000 fans at Los Angeles and San Francisco and turnouts of 7500 at Oakland and Sacramento.

Governor Frank Merriam was expected to shelve matters of state long enough to toss out the first ball at the game here. Gala ceremonies were scheduled in the other cities.

At least five of the eight clubs went to the post a considerably strengthened as the result of winter deals. They included the San Francisco Missions, well stocked with veterans; San Diego, third place finisher last year and headed by probably the most formidable pitching staff; Los Angeles, usually well up in the race; Sacramento, with a brand new outfit supplied by the parent St. Louis Cardinals club, and the San Francisco Seals.

Posedel Returning  
Cheerful news reached the 1936 championship Portland team at a time when prospects appeared somewhat dark. It was word from Cincinnati that the Reds were returning Bill Posedel, right-handed pitcher who won 26 games last season.

Two new managers will make their bows. They are Harry "Truck" Hannal, promoted to head Los Angeles after service as catcher and coach, and Spencer Abbott, old-time firebrand, at the helm of the Seattle club. Abbott led Portland to a pennant a few seasons back.

## Orangemen and Wolves Postpone Due to Rains

CORVALLIS, April 2—(AP)—With rain and cold weather forcing a college's scheduled baseball game postponement of Oregon State with Oregon Normal this afternoon, Coach Slats Gill announced a double-header will be played tomorrow.

## Ball Clubs Violate Anti-Trust Law Claims Ex-Player Congressman Who Asks G-Men to Investigate Status

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Representative Raymond J. Cannon of Wisconsin today asked the justice department to investigate an "absolute monopoly" enjoyed by baseball club owners.

Cannon, a former player who tried unsuccessfully 17 years ago to organize a player's union, wrote Attorney General Homer Cummings that owners are violating the Sherman anti-trust act.

"There exists in organized baseball," he said, "an agreement between club owners that none will hire a player unable to reach an agreement with the club with which he is or has been playing. This combination has made it possible for the magnates owning clubs to dictate terms as they desire. It seems to me there could be a clearer case of a complete and absolute monopoly in restraint of trade."

Cannon said players had been "coerced and intimidated" for years and that if they raised their voices in defense they were referred to by owners as "trouble makers" and were disciplined.

He said baseball's Black Sox scandal of 1919 "may be directly traced to this arbitrary and monopolistic power exercised by the magnates."

High jump—Arnoux, Chemawa; second, Anny, Woodburn; third, Amerla, Chemawa. 5 feet 3 inches. Mile—Arney, Woodburn; second, Cauffas, Woodburn; third, Shippenkover, Chemawa. Time 5 min. 13 sec.

High hurdles—Buschkowsky, Woodburn; second, Red Elk, Chemawa; third, Settler, Chemawa. Time 18 1-5 sec.

Shotput—E. Bighorn, Chemawa; second, Pazelik, Woodburn; third, Red Elk, Chemawa. 37 ft. 1 in.

Pole vault—Nelson, Woodburn; second, Arnoux, Chemawa; third, Anny, Woodburn. 9 1/2 ft. 850 yards—Halper, Woodburn; second, Bazil, Chemawa; third, Plenthyhools, Chemawa. Time 25.29 sec.

Discus—Selly, Woodburn; second, Adams, Chemawa; third, Christian, Chemawa. 98 ft. 1 in. 850 yards—Schultz, Woodburn; second, Plenthyhools, Chemawa; third, Douglas, Chemawa. Time 2 min. 39 sec.

220 low hurdles—Red Elk, Chemawa; Lincoln, Chemawa; Bighorn, Chemawa.

440 yard track, Chemawa; second, Buschkowsky, Woodburn; third, Nelson, Woodburn. Javelin—Settler, Chemawa; Wilder, Chemawa; Vories, Woodburn.

Broad jump—Lodge, Chemawa; Arnoux, Chemawa; with a tie for third, 18 ft. 7 in.

850 relay—Woodburn in 2 min. 2 sec.

## Detton Will Sue Over Belt Issue

PORTLAND, April 2—(AP)—Jack Washburn, Dean Detton's manager, said he will start legal proceedings against Promoter Steve McPherson and Al Helwig, western representative of the American Wrestling association, for the return of the world championship wrestling belt and the full amount of Detton's purse in his bout with Szabo last week.

Detton's belt was held last week after an attempt to force Detton to return to the ring and wrestle his third fall with Szabo.

## Bearcats Open Season Today

Frisco Edwards in Charge of Team Since Keene Has Other Tasks

Willamette university's strength of its baseball team still makes of conjecture—will open its baseball season today at Eugene in a double-header engagement with the University of Oregon Webfoots.

For the first time in many seasons the Bearcats will open without a "Spec" Keene on the bench. Keene will be at the Columbia Gorge hotel near Hood River serving as chairman of the Northwest H-Y conference. Leo "Frisco" Edwards will direct the activities of the Bearcats.

Since poor practice weather has handicapped the early workouts of both teams today's games will be more practice than anything else. The Bearcat lineup will probably be shifted many times during the game.

Many to See Service  
Keene's intention has been that the entire squad see action in today's series. Due for most service on the mound are Walt Wead and Jerry Gastineau, regulars last year, although Keene indicated that Jack Criswell, freshman southpaw, would probably start one game. Criswell, who would rather play first base, is the only left-hander on Keene's pitching staff and he is anxious to learn what he can do.

Rep Pierce, infield utility man last year, will probably get the first-sack position today while Billy Suter will play his old position at second. Bill Beard will start at either shortstop or third base with Roy Orren or Gordon Williamson taking the other infield position.

Dwight Aden and Verdell Ragsdale, both veterans, will probably start with "Buzz" Hagedorn and Lynn Southard trying for the third post.

Dick Welserger will work behind the bat.

## College Cagemen Handed Sweaters

CORVALLIS, April 2—(AP)—The Oregon State college athletic board of control awarded sweaters and numerals to 10 varsity and 10 freshman basketball men.

Varsity awards went to Earl Conkling, Hub Tuttle, Art Merz, Howard Lyman, Col Keble, Ed Harris, Elmer Koberger, Rissman, Neil Brown, Frank Mandic, Tommy Hansen, Bill Baumman, Ray Schwab, Frank Fitzgerald, Jake Hergert and Alex Hunter.

Freshman numerals were awarded to Merle Krueger, Roy Sabin of Hollywood, Calif., ranking No. 17, eliminated Bobby Riggs of Los Angeles, national clay courts champion and ranking No. 4, in a semi-finals upset in the Atlanta invitation tennis tournament today.

Sabin easily downed Riggs, a tournament favorite, in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2.

He will play in the finals Sunday against the winner of the match slated for tomorrow between Grant, the nation's No. 3 star, and Joel Hunt of Los Angeles, who ranks No. 9. Hunt advanced today by beating Russell Bobbitt of Atlanta, 6-4, 6-3.

## Softball Meeting Set Next Tuesday

First steps in the Salem Softball association for 1937 will be taken at a meeting Monday, April 6, at the Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock. At that time, contracts will be made, and no entries will be accepted after that date.

The following business houses and plants are pledged intention to enter: Major League Eagles Lodge, Hogg Brothers, Pades, Watts, Oregon Pulp and Paper, Man's Shop, Quelle Restaurant, Square Deal Radio, Golden Pleasant, Y. M. C. A. and St. Vincents.

In the junior league, the Y. M. C. A., Valley Motors, St. Vincents, Parkers, and Brooks Clothiers will probably enter.

## Cards and Sport Writers in Clash

TAMPA, Fla., April 2—(AP)—Eighteen members of the St. Louis Cardinals and two sports writers mixed it up in a clash in the lobby of the Tampa Terrace hotel here tonight. After it was over, Jack Miley, columnist of the New York News, had a minor scalp wound and Irving Kappeler of the Chicago Daily Times nursed a black eye.

Patrons of the hotel, including the Cincinnati baseball team which makes headquarters there, who saw the melee, said the Cardinal party was led by Jerome Herman "Diszy" Dean, Mike Gonzales, veteran coach of the St. Louis team, got the credit for stopping the row.

## Spring Football Game Set Today

CORVALLIS, April 2—(AP)—Captain Johnny Alexander's White Shirts and Frank Nihil's Red Shirts will start in a 60-minute fracas tomorrow afternoon in the first of a series of intersquad football practice games.

The chief objective will be to give last year's reserves and the newcomers a chance to test their ability, Coach Lon Stiner said.

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