

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Don't let Spec Keene catch any of you, be you 6 or 15, tossing a baseball. . . Anyone who can so much as throw the double-stitched nuggit 60 feet, six inches is considered by Sir Spec as prime material for his Bearcat mound staff—If he had a mound staff . . . Currently Keene, who won't get into the complete swing of his baseball business until next week, has two whole hurlers. . . They are "Powder" Bob White, senior right-hander who can be a winning pitcher whenever he decides to get into shape, and Harold McAlbee, sophomore right-sider with the sweeping cast and enough eccentricity to have been a left-hander.

Keene sees pitchers in his dreams, in football regalia, in track toggers, in tennis nothings and hanging from the chandeliers in the gymnasium, for he can't see any to speak about on his ball club. . . Currently, he has in mind George "Glycerine" McGillin, the hipper-dipper halfback, and Ralph Farmer, the two-ton hooper and putter of the big pros of the state basketball business. "Jolting Johnny" is one of those athletes who is not particularly brilliant at any one sport but who is plenty good enough to take along in any. . . He plays football in the fall, basketball in the winter, both football and baseball in the spring, and the only thing that keeps him out of a few more sports is a lack of seasons. . . If there were six seasons in the school year instead of three, he'd be a six-sport man.

Yep, Medford Squawks.

Just knew good old Medford couldn't contain itself very long after Salem won another state hoop crown. . . Billy Hulen, who scowls a column of space for the Mail-Tribune, breaks out with the same old cry that is far from any surprise when Salem wins the championship. . . He says as automatic entrant has no pre-tournament worries, and, (2) Salem is spotted in the B bracket, where the competition isn't as tough.

There is no denying that Salem is a national entry, something not likely to happen again, but once more it becomes necessary to deny that the Vikings are "spotted" in the big meet. . . Salem, as the only team in district 10, draws for a position exactly the same as after district meet, in which is situated Medford. . . Frank Gianelli, who covers high school athletics for the Oregonian, did the drawing for this last tournament, and personally told your correspondent that no seeding of teams could have transpired. . . However, if the OSHSAA this year redistricts the state and inaugurates the eight-team, double elimination tournament it says it is going to Salem will have to earn a position into the tournament just the same as any other team. . . Furthermore, from the way everything stacks up now, Salem won't even be the host team any longer—despite the fact that the Salem University started the tournament despite the fact that WU has for 21 years been the traditional setting for it, and despite the fact Salem is about as centrally located for the meet as any place in the state.

One Bird for Two?

Do you know that during the state tournament, Bird went in for two Crows as a Chemawa substitution? . . . That if Chemawa would have been almost a unanimous choice for the outstanding sportsman award had it not been discontinued? . . . That if Chemawa had not lost Backbone, Jerry Gastineau's band would most certainly have finished higher than it did and most likely would have been playing Salem for the title?

Another answer to Hulen's allegation that Salem is "spotted" in the big meet: The Bees have been placed in one bracket for five years. In two of those years, 1936 and 1937, Salem drew in the tough row, the Bees bracket. . . Ooo, lala! Those g-o-orgeous unis the Senators will wear while at home! Whether or not there will be anything deluxe to go in them, those red, white and blue creations, now on display at Parker's sportery, will most certainly let everyone within seeing distance know there is such a club as the Senators.

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Connie Mack's Athletics Are Promising

By ROBERT MYERS
ANAHEIM, Calif., March 20.—(AP)—Professor C. McGillicuddy, better known as Connie Mack, is still carrying on extensive spring experiments with his Philadelphia baseball aggregation, but early returns indicate almost to a certainty that his Athletics will be a vastly improved club in 1940 over last year.

Professor Mack has a wealth of promising, and somewhat expensive, new material to work with, along with several fine specimens of proven dependable talent, and that is all this 77-year-old master of the national pastime needs. Meantime, let it be recorded that the Athletics' decision to train in California has been not only a success from more angles than one, but a heart warming personal triumph for Mr. Mack himself. From the acclaim—and the paid attendance at the A's ex-

hibition games, which is something to consider—a casual onlooker would get the idea that this outfit won the pennant last year instead of finishing seventh. Nor can you make anyone in this rousing town of Anaheim think that the A's will wind up that lowly spot again. No, sir, they're dead certain the Mackmen will be right up there whacking at, if not whacking over, the mighty Yankees.

There seems to be grounds for this confidence, too. The Athletics' pitching staff may be a whiz if some of the newcomers come through; the infield should be much improved over last year; the outfield with more reserve power, better, and there was nothing wrong with the catching department last year. That was why Frank Hayes, the No. 1 backstop, held out for more money.

Reliable Dick Seibert will be back at first; Benny (445,000) McCoy, who is doing a great job of brushing off all the flattering attentions paid him, will be at second; Bill Lillard, another bes-ty-money purchase, from Baltimore, will be at short, and Mr. Mack likes Al Rubelling's work at third. There are other candidates, including Dario Lodigiani, Fred Chapman, Joe Gantenbein and Al Brancato, yet to be considered for the infield, however, although Gantenbein may go into the outfield if Sam Chapman fails to pick up this year.

Hard-hitting Bob Johnson, who shared the runs—batted in honors of the American league last year and Ted Williams and Joe Dimaggio; Wally Moses, another 300 hitter, Chapman, Wilson Miles and Utility Man Al Simmons, the old come-back kid himself, make up the outfield.

George Caster, Nelson Potter, Chubby Dean and William Beckman, are regulars back for hurling duty, but new acquisitions, such as Johnny Babich, drafted from Kansas City, and two purchases from Memphis, Herman Bease and Ed Heusser, as well as Chet Fuldexter from Atlanta and Elton Hogeit, from Minneapolis, may give the last year staff something to think about.

Frank Hayes, who reported late after a holdout siege, probably will resign where he left off last year, with Charlie Brucker the No. 2 catcher, and Bud Hancken and Hal Wagner hustling for a third place on the receiving corps. The A's may not find the exact combination this year, but they are bound to make it tough for some of their opponents, and tougher than ever in 1941.

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Hogan Breaks US 36-Hole Mark

Interclass Meet Is Won by Sophs

Larkins Paces With Three First Places; Sweep Both Dash Events

Chiefly on the strength of Howard Larkins' three first places, in the 100, 200 and broad jump, Salem high's sophomores captured the 10th annual interclass track meet on Ollinger oval yesterday.

The sophs scored 56 points, to 54 for the seniors and 35 for the juniors. Larkins, who totaled 16 1/2 points, also ran the anchor lap on the sophomore relay team.

Bill Butte, senior, hove the discus 110-feet-5, considered an excellent mark inasmuch as it was the first time he had ever thrown the platter.

Results: 120-yard high hurdles—Won by Bibby, soph, in :18.8; Nelson, junior, second; Miles, junior, third.

180-yard dash—Won by Larkins, soph, in :11.2; Bibby, soph, second; Hardy, soph, third.

1/4-mile—Won by Flake, senior, in 5:13.9; Thornton, senior, second; Wagner, senior, third.

440-yard dash—Won by Riley, junior, in :62.7; Barick, senior, second; Ross, junior, third.

200-yard low hurdles—Won by Nelson, junior, in 2:52; Miles, junior, second; Mull, junior, third.

220-yard dash—Won by Larkins, sophomore, in :25.4; Hardy, soph, second; Lewis, soph, third.

880-yard run—Won by Flake, senior, in 2:25.5; Lang, soph, second.

Pole vault—Won by Kilgore, senior, with 9 feet; Barber, soph, second; Preim, junior, third.

High jump—Won by Barber, soph, with 5-feet-2; Hardy, soph, second; Kernes, senior, third.

Broad jump—Won by Larkins, soph, with 18-feet-3; Preim, junior, second; Wilson, junior, third.

Shotput—Won by Tucker, senior, with 40-feet-2; Butte, senior, second; Williams, senior, third.

Discus—Won by Butte, senior, with 110-feet-5; Williams, senior, second; Tucker, senior, third.

Javelin—Won by Wilson, junior, with 133-feet-10; Tucker, senior, second; Williams, senior, third.

Relay—Won by sophomore team of Williams, Hardy, Dietrick and Larkins in 1:49.5; seniors second; juniors third.

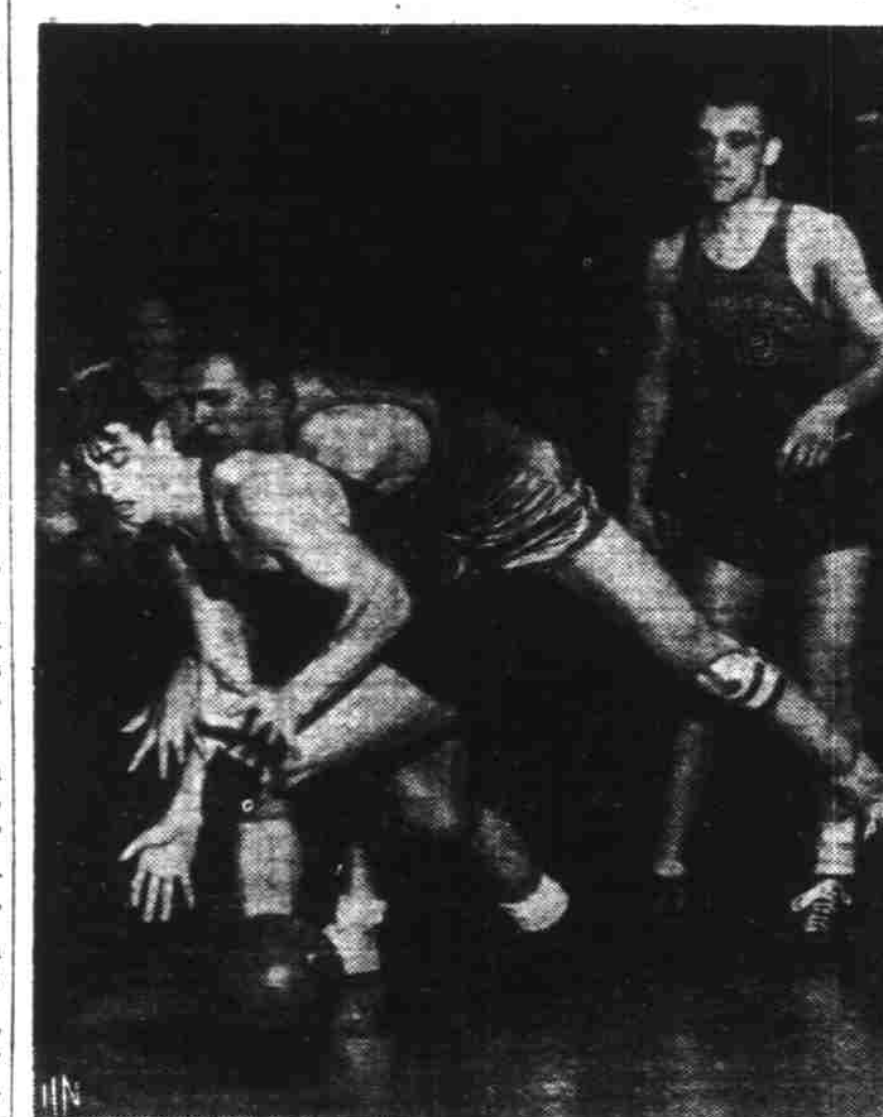
Failed the next. The great Duffey, in 1926 made the second team. He made the first team in 1927, and slipped back to the second team in 1928. . . But, it can well be wondered, where would Salem have been without little firebrand Scotie?

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As Colorado Won Championship Registers 133



Bob Doll (5) of Colorado University carries the ball as William Lacey (6) of Duquesne University of Pittsburgh, attempts to head him off in the final game of the national invitation college basketball tournament, in New York. Colorado won, 51-40, to become national champions.

Training Camps

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 20.—(AP)—Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, announced today he will fly to John Hopkins hospital in Baltimore for an examination of his lame throwing arm.

Durocher injured his arm three weeks ago and since has been unable to throw effectively. It is the first time the little manager ever had trouble with his arm. Coach Charlie Dressen will be in charge of the team during the managers absence.

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Widens His Lead in North and South Open; Almost Certain Meet Winner

By BILL BONI
PINEHURST, N. C., March 20.—(AP)—Running his sensational scoring into a new record for 36 holes of US championship golf, Ben Hogan today paced the 38th annual north and south open field to the halfway mark with an 11-under-par total of 133.

His opening effort, a 66 that tied the course record, had opened up a three-stroke gap between him and his nearest pursuer.

The second round 67 he shot today widened that margin to seven strokes. It left the Texas-born youngster, who plays out of White Plains, N.Y., an almost sure shot to come through to first money in tomorrow's final 36 holes.

The way Benny is going, it will be hard to stop him from taking down his big prize. The burden of pursuit will fall on Sam Snead and Johnny Revolta, who are bracketed together at 140, and Craig Wood, the come-backer, who is at 141 with amateur Bobby Dunkelberger, the Carolina champion, and Stan Horne of Montreal, Canadian PGA titleholder.

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AL WENT TO THE WHITE SOX WITH JIMMY DYNES AND MULE HAAS IN 1932. IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST DEALS IN BASEBALL HISTORY!

Here's 'Drink of Water' Who May Be Next World High Jump Champ; Leggy Leaper Has Done 6-Foot-8 1/2

By FELIX R. MCKNIGHT
DALLAS, Tex., March 20.—(AP)—Cat-like Don Boyston, an awfully skinny boy whose legs seem to run right into his shoulders, grins and says "I guess I'm the weakest man in the world."

One look at the thin man, described by one scribe as "the lad with legs like a shrimp-hunting crane," and there's little room for debate.

But the Oklahoma A and M sophomore is liable to be the next world's high jump champion. Over at Fort Worth last weekend, in his first meet of the season, Boyston crept up to the bar from a slight distance of about ten feet and suddenly unraveled that bony frame of his in a great leap of six feet, 8 1/2 inches.

Only the bend of his elbow kept him from clearing six feet, ten inches. It rattled the bar just enough to slide it off the standards as he went for a mark that would have shattered the American collegiate record of six feet, nine and three-fourths inches.

Don, who depends entirely upon spring, ignoring a run into the bar, says he will be at the record at the Texas relays at Austin April 6.

"The man with the legs explains the footwork is his secret. "Gosh, if I got out of step, I couldn't jump a fire plug."

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Peterson, Terry Sign for Battle

Indep Scrapper Okeh After Minor Foot Operation; Is 10-Round Mix

Buddy Peterson, the independence farmer boy, and Charles Kid Terry, the Irish gamster from Eugene will clash in one of the two 10-round main events slated for the VFW fight card at the armory arena next Thursday night, March 28.

The second 10-round attraction on the same card will be clinched within 24 hours, announces Stub Nelson, who is pinch-hitting in the absence of Tex Salkeld.

Peterson has been out of the ring for more than a month, due to a foot operation. He is back in training and going strong. A growth on his foot hampered his activities for several weeks prior to a minor operation, but the trouble has been completely removed.

Weight for the Terry-Peterson watch is 152 pounds. Peterson certainly draws no easy game in this chap Terry. The Irishman from Eugene fought Tony Kahut toe to toe for 10 rounds three weeks ago. Terry won the decision, but Terry left the ring with the greatest ovation that has been given a fighter here in many a day. He all but stopped Kahut in a wild seventh round and hurt Tony far more than Buddy did in his two fights with the Woodburn prize.

Terry will go into the Peterson match with an additional month's training and will be set for a torrid pace. It behooves Buddy to go his best. The Eugene ringman hopes to get over Peterson and then get a return bout with Kahut, as he is confident he can even the score with Tony in another meeting.

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