

Makin' Hay While the Sun Shines

'Cats in 1:30 Double Bill Against Portland U Today

Believing in making hay while the sun shines, Willamette's baseballing Bearcats take on Portland's Pilots in a 1:30 double-header at Geo. E. Waters park this afternoon and make up the rained out test against Oregon's Webfooters Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the same ball yard.

Not too much is known of the Pilot potency, although the Portland hilltoppers have one thing in common with the Keene clan—both outfits were tripped up last week by Oregon, the 'Cats once and the Pilots twice.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

First Lieutenant Henry Singer, USA Signal Corps, probably much better known hereabouts as Softball Slingin' Singer of the local loops of yesteryear, V-Mails tidings of what's doing on the African sports front. Mailed to Cliff Parker, State street's sporting goods Goliath, and borrowed by us, we copy:



HAL SUEME

"Man, what a business you could do in this part of Africa! The native Arab is an imitating fool. Already he can say "get the hell out of here" (he hears it enough times a day from the boys) like a Brooklynite. They watch the fellows play catch with the most mystifying looks on their faces, and almost any time of day you find a bunch trying to play English football (rugby or soccer) barefooted in the streets using a tennis ball!

The French also seem interested—they are always talking about "La Boxe" (boxing) and Les Sports. They have an African welterweight over here they swear by.

"The sunshine here seems to be taken for granted and you can see what an advantage it would be to the sporting goods business—no postponements on account of rain, etc.

Learn New Game 'Jokari'

"I got out this week on the local beach for a couple of hours, but it was practically deserted except for a couple of Frenchmen. One of them turned out to be an instructor of what he calls 'culture physique,' and what a workout he gave me with just an ordinary medicine ball! He and his friend had a game that was really intriguing, though. It's called 'Jokari.' Consists of an ordinary sponge rubber ball fastened to a block of wood for a base by a very strong and very elastic rubber. There are two players, each armed with a wooden racket very much like those used in squash. The wooden base is placed on a line and the players take up positions on each side of the base. They then proceed to swat the ball as though playing squash and the elastic brings it back every time (except when the damned thing breaks). The ball must come back over the baseline on the first bounce. Of course one player is backhanding the ball all the time, unless he is left handed, but it's really lots of fun.

"I probably won't be in shape for anything more strenuous than croquet by the time this is all over, still it seems to me I remember an 'Old Man's league' back there. So save me a spot in that league and if I decide to stay over here, maybe we can open up an African branch of 'Parker's.'"

Hopping Here and There:

One of those "he said that he said that he said" has Babe Holmgren coaching the Second Air Force Bombers Sun Bowl champs next fall since Capt. Red Reese, headman last fall, has been made athletic boss of the entire Second Air Force. Should such be so, Holmgren shouldn't feel too far from home as such WSC former as Bob Kennedy, Nick Soutgeff, Bill Remington and Babe's son, Buster, are now stationed at Fort George Wright, the home of the Bombers.

Johnny Stammer, Spokane second-baser reported to have been offered \$485 per month to keystone for Oakland this summer, has quit the Acorn camp in favor of managing the Everett club of the Puget Sound Shipyards league. Ye Gods, what could the boys be getting in that loop? Recent in-again-out-againers: Ensign Bruce Williams, who flew his navy plane up from San Francisco, visited here for a spell and flew 'er back and Warrant Officer Fritz Lindsey, Wik pliskin pivot of '35-6-7, up from the army's air base at Tucson, Ariz. Lindsey still wears the wrist watch and "outstanding player" medal he earned while centering for the Moffitt Field Flyers two seasons ago.

Fine break for ex-Capitano Catcher Hal Sueme results in his being sold to Seattle by Los Angeles. Trying to bust into that Angel lineup even this year is a task for a tried and true two-story man, and the Rainiers were faced with opening up next week with just an umpire behind the dish. Sueme may not hit much in the PCL, but he takes out of this league the reputation as being one of the best catchers ever to play in it.

Suds Set for Southern Jant With Has-Beens May-Becomes

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 12-(P)—Might as well come right out in the open with the question Manager Bill Skiff of the Seattle Rainiers has been asking himself all through spring training as he cast a critical eye over a flock of has-beens and may-becomes:

In all that collection of creaky knees and piping larynxes are there any right nowers?

By this time Boss Bill is getting used to holding infield practice without infielders and pitching drill without pitchers—or catchers—but he's willing to look on the bright side and anticipate that if he goes into the baseball season without a baseball team he will have company in his managerial sorrow.

Bill will bundle his charges out of Lewiston Tuesday night, San Diego bound for Sunday's opening bill. In their preparations for this encounter the Rainiers have dealt roughly with the Geiger field army air force bombers, but have taken a 3-1 trimming from Washington State college.

Around Hal Turpin, who has won more games for Seattle than some of the rookies have ever seen, and the veteran Sylvester Johnson Mr. Skiff has been building his mound staff. These are abetted by Glenn Elliott, a southpaw, and right

hander Joe Demoran, plus Lefty Ed Garnett and right hander Pete Jonas. Good hitters, Garnett and Jonas can double in the outfield.

Skiff picked up a veteran center-fielder here in the person of Bill Katzilometes, who shortened his name to Katz for convenience while nudging .300 in the Piedmont and Southern leagues several seasons back.

Skiff has been using Bill Lawrence also in center and Lynn King, leadoff man currently at third base, may be switched to the outfield when Dick Gyselman, who has been working in Seattle, returns to the fold as the team heads south.

Jimmy Jewell, a husky boy and good hitter up from the Western International league, has been holding down second and the veteran Len Gabrielson has been working the first sack. Gabrielson's brother-in-law, Bill Matheson, has been at short, but that job may go to Joe Carcarant, former Portlander returning to Coast league ball after a year's layoff.

Hal Sueme, a veteran of many minor league years but still young, has plugged a big gap behind the plate, but relief catchers have Skiff worried. Currently on tap are Don Snyder, who is I-A on the government's list, and Emmett Watson, who needs seasoning.

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It's Back to High School for Yanks' Willie and All the Rest of 'Em

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., April 12-(P)—It's back to high school for Bill Essick, the man who signed Joe DiMaggio, Joe Gordon, Lefty Gomez and a score of other stars for the New York Yankees.

The dean of Yankee scouts isn't seeking more book learning. He's on the prowl for embryonic diamond stars.

The war has virtually closed the happy hunting grounds of baseball's scouts, the minor leagues, but Essick and his Yankee colleagues aren't going in to hibernation for the duration.

Essick, here to watch the Kansas City Blues, a Yank farm, in spring training, plans to concentrate on high schools, American Legion leagues and military camps. The other scouts in the organization will do the same in their respective territories.

Major and minor league players dominate service teams, but somewhere in khaki or blue there may be an unsigned prospect. That's why service camps are on Essick's itinerary. He never turns down a lead without first investigating the rookie.

The high school trend is evident in the Blues camp. There are three school kids performing under the skilled eyes of Essick and Manager Johnny Nease here. All are certain to be drafted, but they'll probably report with Yankee contracts in their pockets. When the war is over they'll return to the Yankee organization.

If this double-header with Germany and Japan goes extra innings, say two years or more, it'll mean the end of the baseball careers of some of the stars now in the service, Essick believes.

"Take Red Kuffing for instance," he pointed out. "Red is 28; if he's out for two years he'll be 40. His arm won't be the same. On the other hand, Joe DiMaggio should be able to step right back into action. He's only 25."

One of Essick's "finds" who failed to make the grade with the Yanks was Gerald Friddy, infielder, now with Washington.

"He's a good ball player and the shift to Washington may prove his big opportunity," the veteran scout said. "He'll get to play regularly. Don't forget he had a lead on his shoulders when he was moved into Gordon's second base position."

This year's crop has no Friddy, Gordon or DiMaggio. But somewhere, on the sandlots or in high school, there may be a fuzzy-faced lad who has the qualifications.

Bill Essick expects to find him.

FILLS THE BILL - - - By Jack Sords

RAY MULLER WHOM BILL MCKECHNIE BELIEVES WILL EASE HIS CATCHING DEPARTMENT HEADACHE THIS COMING SEASON. RAY WAS A WORKHORSE FOR THE SACRAMENTO COAST LEAGUE CLUB LAST YEAR, CATCHING IN 106 GAMES. DOUBLE HEADER TODAY!

Oaks Find One Way to Solve Problem—Get 'Em on Day Off

OAKLAND, Calif., April 12-(P)—Acting on the principle that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, the Oakland baseball club Monday signed up a Sunday only pitcher in the person of Ralph Buxton, veteran right hander.

Buxton, with the Oaks four years, declined to quit his shipyard job but agreed to pitch on his off day each week-end when the club was playing at home, in San Francisco or at Sacramento. Buxton is a screwball specialist.

The Oaks, who have appeared shaky in exhibition games during spring training, (they lost to the University of California 9-0), will meet the US coast guard Surf Riders here Wednesday. Manager John Vergez will lead the squad to Los Angeles this weekend for a 9-game series, starting with Sunday's double header.

Lost—Three Lucky Beavers

PORTLAND, April 12-(P) Business Manager Bill Klepper of the Portland Beavers wondered Monday what became of Pitchers Davis and Cook and Shortstop Floyd who are long overdue at the San Jose, Calif., training camp.

North-South Golf Go Starts Today

PINEHURST, NC, April 12-(P)—Start of the 43rd annual north and south amateur golf tournament Monday was postponed until Tuesday on account of weather conditions.

Cody Kids Cop National Title

CHICAGO, April 12-(P)—The Multnomah Athletic club team of Portland, Ore., won the national AAU women's swimming championship here Sunday for the first time in the club's history. The MAC mermaids paddled to 43 points in a ten, even dozen over the Riviera club of Indianapolis.

In all the MAC girls annexed five events. They were: 100-yard freestyle—Suzanne Zimmerman, Time—1:02.2. 400-yard freestyle relay—Multnomah AC. (Mary Ann Hansen, Suzanne Zimmerman, Nancy Merki and Brenda Helsler.) Time—4:15.5.

100-yard backstroke—Suzanne Zimmerman, Time—1:10.2. 220-yard freestyle—Brenda Helsler, Time—2:36.9.

300-yard medley relay—Multnomah AC. (Suzanne Zimmerman, Nancy Merki and Brenda Helsler.) Time—3:34.9.

Rainiers Even With Cougars

LEWISTON, Ida., April 12-(P) The Seattle Rainiers gained revenge for their earlier defeat at the hands of Washington State college Monday night as the Pacific Coast league club trimmed the Cougars, 8-4. Wally Kramer, WSC pitcher, who won his game from Seattle here last week, found the going rougher Monday night.

The Cougars found Ed Garnett for nine hits and collected four off Glenn Elliott who relieved him in the seventh, but couldn't bunch them effectively for runs. WSC000 111 001—4 13 4 Seattle223 010 00—3 10 0 Kramer, Scalzo (6) and Cranston; Garnett, Elliott (7) and Snyder.

NOTES FROM THE Spring Ball Camps

SAN DIEGO, April 12-(P)—San Diego's Padres will face four service teams this week in final warm-ups for Sunday's Coast league season opener with Seattle.

The Marine Base meets the Padres Tuesday. The Marine ABG-2 North Island unit invades the Padres' park Wednesday. The championship Ft. Rosecrans army nine meets them Thursday, and Camp Callan will provide the Friday opposition.

Rex Dilbeck, big southpaw, makes his first start of spring training in Tuesday's tilt. Manager Cedric Durst will select his opening day pitcher off the performance of the men in these games.

FORT DIX, N.J., April 12-(P) The New York Giants jumped on Bob Chipman for four runs in the first inning to take a 4-0 lead over the Brooklyn Dodgers before the weather forced abandonment of the play at the start of the second half of the second inning in their exhibition baseball game Monday.

Bill Jurges drove in the last of the quartet of runs with a double but made the third out when he tried to stretch the hit into a triple.

their exhibition baseball game to the Athletics, 5 to 2.

FRENCH LICK, Ind., April 12-(P)—The White Sox will begin breaking camp Tuesday to leave for Chicago, where they have their annual city series with the Cubs starting Friday.

The Sox have beaten the Cubs twice in three just-in-fun matches this spring.

HOLLYWOOD, April 12-(P) Three Hollywood Pacific Coast league hurlers gave up six hits to University of Southern California batsmen Monday and the Trojans won, 5 to 1.

The Stars' lone tally came in the sixth, when Marv Gudat doubled, advanced to third on Jimmy Adair's fly and scored on ex-Trojan Bud Dawson's single.

Derby Favorite Count Fleet Debuts Today

NEW YORK, April 12-(P) Unless his handlers change their minds at the last minute, Count Fleet will make his first start of the year Tuesday at Jamaica, against some of the horses he may have to take on in the Kentucky derby.

Hocket Takes Weekend Off

FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, Ind., April 12-(P)—The Cleveland Indians' payroll was caught off base by the spring training season's neatest squeeze play because a flip of a coin sent Outfielder Oris Hockett heading for home.

The stocky gardener disclosed Monday this part of the story of his weekend absence which left the Indians only two fly chasers, forcing them to meet at least part of Holdout Jeff Heath's terms to avoid starting the regular campaign with a pitcher patrolling left field.

Then Hockett, who stirred up the hectic weekend by deciding to quit baseball, changed his mind after thinking things over at his Dayton, O., home and returned to the club Sunday night.

Save Oregon Soil, Conservator Says

Oregon must protect the "bankroll" that it has in its soil at the same time that it meets wartime demands for increased agricultural production, J. H. Christ, regional conservator in charge of the federal soil conservation program, told a Salem chamber of commerce audience Monday.

"We must live on the soil without destroying it," said Christ. "We must have a selective service of land."

Ford Flips 7-3 Husky Victory

SEATTLE, April 12-(P)—The University of Washington baseball nine showed its best form of the season in defeating the Seattle Bolleermakers 7 to 3 here Monday for its third straight victory.

Doug Ford, ace of the Husky mound staff, yielded a three-run homer to Charlie Mitchell, a for-

Get Ready, Boys 'n Girls It's Official--Fishin' Season Opens Saturday

PORTLAND, April 12-(P)—Trout fishing will open Saturday in 26 Oregon counties, the state game commission announced Monday.

Baker, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Umatilla, Union, Willows, Wheeler and Malheur counties in eastern Oregon will not open until May 1. The season in Lake county will begin May 15.

With a few exceptions the bag limit for trout is 15 fish or 15 pounds and one fish in any one day. Possession at any one time and catch for any seven consecutive days is limited to 30 fish or 30 pounds and two fish.

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'Frisco Seals Nine Sized Up As One of Best in Coast Loop

Charlie Petersen Slated for Center Pasture Along With Frenchie Uhalt; Hurlers Potent

By RUSS NEWLAND San Francisco, April 12-(P)—The San Francisco Seals appear to have salvaged a pretty fair looking baseball club out of war time wreckage.

It may not win the Coast league pennant but the pre-season size-up indicates a solid contender's role. Manager Frank "Lefty" O'Doul thinks he has a first division club on hand and Charles Graham, president, says with the exception of Los Angeles no other team in the circuit has better physical equipment at this time.

The first requisite of a winning club is an experienced pitching and catching staff. The Seals have the twirling in Sam Gibson, Al Epperly, Bob Joyce, Ray Harrell, Tom Seats and Al Len, the latter two southpaws.

Larry Jansen, good young right hander, now engaged in farming may yet join the team.

Three new chuckers, Rudy Parsons, Francis Malseed and Tony Buzolich, all right handers from the eastern league, are on hand. If even one of them holds up, Manager O'Doul will have a formidable mound corps, times and conditions being taken into consideration.

Veterans Bruce Ogorodowski and Joe Sprinz make up a substantial catching department, as reliable as any in the loop.

Shortstop Don Trower is the only infield holdover but the replacements make up a highly satisfactory unit. Gussie Suhr is back at first base after nearly a ten year stretch in the majors, mostly with Pittsburgh.

Del Young, veteran second sacker acquired along with Outfielder Frenchie Uhalt in a trade with Hollywood, teams up with Trower as a fast double play combination, better than last year's. Willie Enos, purchased from Salt Lake and Chet Rosenlund, formerly with Spokane, are after the third base job. Enos is the better hitter and Rosenlund the better fielder.

Ray Olsen, second baseman, and Irwin Paul, shortstop, both on trial from Muskogee, may fit into the picture if the present infield is disturbed.

The fly chasing positions will be filled by Henry Steinbacher in left; Frenchie Uhalt and Charles Peterson, alternating in center, and George Metkovich in right. Steinbacher, who broke in with Sacramento years ago, comes from Buffalo in a trade for Second Baseman Ollie Bejman and Metkovich, a sharp hitter, is on option from the Boston Braves. Petersen was bought from Salem of the Western International where he served in such versatile fashion as manager and either outfielder, first baseman or catcher. He's the only right handed batter among the outfielders.

mer Husky player, but otherwise kept the Bolleermakers under control for his six innings on the mound. He also got two hits in two times up.

quile a piece to speak when the big money is down. He ran a swift-closing second to Slide Rule in the experimental handicap last Thursday.

Dayton Trips Amity

DAYTON—Dayton high's Pirates nosed out Amity Friday, 7-6, at Amity. It was Dayton's first baseball game of the season. The league game slated for April 2 here will be played on May 11 it has been said.

Swim Star Serves



Helene Rains, 21-year-old swimming star who holds three national AAU titles, is now a member of the WAACs, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Helene is a guidon bearer.

Amber Light 'Cap Winner

Louisville, Ky., April 12-(P) Dixiana stable's Amber Light put in another qualifying lick for the Kentucky derby at Churchill Downs Monday when he scored an impressive victory over Milky Way stable's No Wrinkles in the Matt Winn handicap, a Keeneland feature carrying a purse of \$1,500.

The son of Pilate made the muddy Churchill downs track look fast as he ran six furlongs in 1:12 4/5. Valdivina Way was third.

Yankees, Braves Meet Only Once

NEW YORK, April 12-(P)—The New York Yankee-Boston Braves spring series has been cut to a single game, scheduled for Tuesday. Monday's contest was cancelled.

Tuesday's visit will be the Braves' first to the huge concrete saucer since it was built in 1923 and Manager Casey Stengel of the Bostonians was busy Monday night getting placards showing the way to his club's dressing rooms.

Sideshow

Odd Angles On Day's News

LOS ANGELES-(P)—The Japs will get the point of this story. The Los Angeles chamber of commerce has announced the formation of a committee to raise \$22,500 for the manufacture of 4,500 bolo knives, which will be placed in the hands of thousands of revenge-seeking Filipino soldiers as a gift from the people of Los Angeles.

The weapons are for the Second Filipino regiment now training at Camp Cooke.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.-(P)—Staff Sergeant Carroll Hunter lost his balance while lecturing a class of trainees, fell from a platform, broke his arm.

Subject of his lecture: "What to do in case of fractured arm or leg."

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