

33 Aspirants Pitch Camp as Vikings Open Baseball Drills

A small break in the weather finally theirs, 33 of the 55 aspirants who signed up for the first Salem high baseball team in three years yesterday went through first-day diamond drills around Olinger field. The hour-long workout was in charge of a substitute in the absence of Coach Gurnee Fleisher, who is ill.

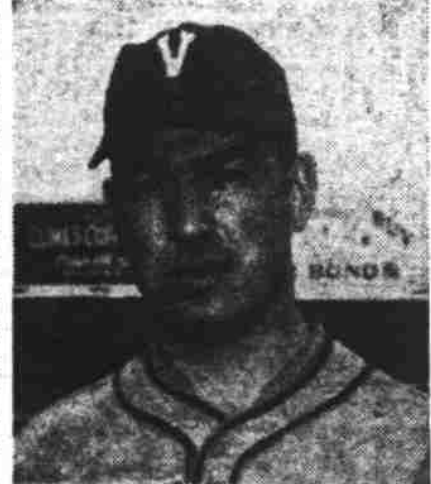
Although yesterday's opener was but a preview appearance as far as workouts go, the drills are expected to become longer and tougher just as soon as Mentor Fleisher appears. Yesterday's crop was made up mostly of Junior leaguers who participated in the city-wide program last summer. More aspirants are expected today.

Those turning out yesterday were Bud Craig, John Daik, Rod Province, Jack Malmin, Ray Carrow, Dick Bain, Doug Berwick, Dick Fleming, Pete Hoar, Don Farnum, Jack Fitzmaurice, Kober Dash, Earl Phipps, Tom Bartlett, Bob Charlton, John Collins, Dick Hoppes, Tom Fought, Blair McCabe, Dick Hendrick, Dick Allison, Dan Headrick, Bob Tanner, Gray Robinson, Tom Wriston, Ted Howe, Bud McKinney, Lloyd Cooley, Al Russell, Dan McCall, Don Johnson, Harry Wiedmaier and Bob Pierce. Warren Bacon has been appointed team manager.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Woe to Beavers dept: "The Portland Beavers and the Oakland A's open the baseball season March 31 at Oakland," writes Harry B. Smith in his San Francisco Chronicle Sports Mirror column, "and the General Brewing company has arranged an informal dinner for the Beavers at the brewery on Friday evening, March 30. It should be quite a party." . . . You said it, Mr. Smith, and the Bevs should be well oiled up for their PCL debut because of it, wot? . . . Eric Kay, major domo of the South River road par paladium tells of seeing some of the top billiard playing in the world during his recent visit to New York City. He watched Willie Hoppe and Welker Cochran play two installments of their cross-country tour for the world title— but was equally impressed by the number of cue fans who didn't sit in on the matches. The gallery looked about 500-capacity to me, relates Eric, but it wasn't half full either time I went. The former putt-full pro has tidings for the gents who find cigarettes tough to find these days, too. Back east, he says, there just isn't any, period. . . . It's only rumor around the Vik Villa, but the reason why Athletic Director Gurnee Fleisher's illness, quip the kids, is because of the showing made by his SHS grapplers in last week's "state" wrestling tournament at Canby. The unseasoned and shapeless Vik musclemen won two matches in the tourney. Despite their shortcomings, Gurnee pegged 'em to do better than that. . . . Anyway, the Vik baseballers are waiting his return to school so that diamond practice can open both barrels. . . . Speaking of baseballers, did you notice where ex-Western International leaguers "Pizn Pete" Jonas and Clint Cameron formed most of the winning battery as the San Diego Naval Training Station nine thumped Los Angeles Coast leaguers Monday? Former Willamettee Cameron caught the entire game and pizn-sized Jonas hurled shutout ball for four frames after "Cotton" Pippin, another ex-Coaster, left with a 2-run lead. . . .



PETE JONAS

Clatskanie Coach Sindberg on Proel Too

Add coaches-on-the-prowl dept: "I have been offered my position back here at Clatskanie at \$2800 a year," writes Coach George "Sindy" Sindberg, the gent who skipped the Tigers to the state "B" hoop crown here recently, "which is as high as I can expect here, or for that matter, almost anywhere in the state. But I am casting around for a better setup where I won't have to teach three or four subjects besides coaching. My college major at Wisconsin was Physical Education and I was good enough as an athlete to make letters in track and wrestling and to play some football. I intend moving here only if I can line up something with a good sized school equipped with facilities and material for fielding good teams right along. Anything you can do will be appreciated very much."

We don't know how much any of 'em pay, but the field of schools now in the need for coaches is a big one. Klamath Falls since Marble Cook's resignation, for instance; LaGrand since Cece Sherwood went Washington for another; Astoria now that Bill Bowers is out and pressurists are on the prod for a winner—just to name three. And Bossman Leonard B. Mayfield of Coos Bay dropped in long enough the other day to tell that he was looking for a football coach. So if Mr. Sindberg can sell himself, and not for too much mazzama, he should have too much trouble making a shift.

Incidentally, Sindberg adds that "Slat's Gill will be pleased to hear that my all-state 'B' center Allen Van intends to go to OSC. He has been rejected by both marine and navy recruiters for three or four reasons. He is a triple-threat in football, also, and I understand he is quite a track man." Listening, Slat?

PCC Grid Move May Be McCoy This Time

Propaganda dept: 'Tis strictly on the "What, again?" side—so much so, in fact, that northwest newspapers gave it not over two inches under a single column headline instead of a galley under a double-decked banner—but the news from Washington State's Grad Manager Earl Foster that revival of Coast conference footballing in 1945 will be a major topic during the PCC pow-wow in Spokane June 11-12 this time might well be the McCoy. We talked at length on the subject recently with Oregon State's Lon Stiner. Briefly, Stiner is of the same opinion he had when the blackout came—the PCC boys could go again just as soon as the green light is flipped on by the member school athletic bosses. And we don't think Stiner would be so totally sold on the revival if he didn't believe it would be successful in all departments. No top-rate coach is anxious to place his prestige on the block—not even in wartime.

According to reports, sufficient manpower seems to be available in all member schools. The Northern division worry of being warped by naval trainee-stocked Washington isn't such a worry any more since Washington has lost nearly all her hot-shot footballers. Same can be expected of Southern Cal, UCLA and California down south. And we never did believe much water was carried by the thought held by some grad managers that public opinion was anti-collegiate football in wartime. You have only to look-see how college basketball packed 'em in on the Coast this winter to disprove that theory. How the sports followers flocked into the Coast league baseball parks at a record clip last summer is another indication.

All 10 member schools will be represented in the Spokane convave, and with added impetus provided by the fact that the war in Europe may be over long before June 11, football revival, Coast conference style next fall might easily be a certainty.

Wedding Bells, but Not Yet



Pretty Dorothy Norther sits at the piano at her home in Oakland, Calif., with Gunder Haeger, Swedish runner whom she said, she would not marry until after the war because she cannot obtain a passport now to return to Sweden with him as his wife. (AP Wirephoto).

Ross Flattens Wagner, Earns Shot at Mask

Tony Evens Count With Rassic Enemy

'Twas a bad night for Pleasant Hill's turkey-raising Georgie Wagner at the armory last night, and 1142 paid admissions went home in disappointment that it couldn't have been even worse for the self-styled glamour boy of the bicepers.

Taking it by steps, (1) Georgie was greeted with a balcony "coke" barrage as he entered the punch pavilion, the gooey liquid appointing nicely one of his better kimona creations, a black velvet job bespangled in gold and lined in yellow satin. It made Georgie quite peeved and might have been one of the reasons why (2) he got himself punched in the snoot a few times by North Capitol street's Tough Tony Ross, losing the bicep brawl to Anthony, (3) he lost his entire share of the main event purse because of that licking in the winner-take-all squabble, (3) he lost his promised shot at the "Grey Mask" next week, and (4) he was finally ushered from the battle pit by a city gendarme, final reward for his deflated outing.

It wasn't that bad for Georgie all the way through his heated meeting with favorite enemy Ross, however, for Wagner won the first fall. After playing bass drum on Ross' back with his knees and feet, Georgie used a body press to cop it. He was having his usual good time in the second heat, too, but suddenly ran foul three consecutive elbow smashes to the snoot from Tony, same followed up by a pet Ross "back-breaker" body slam and an evening fall. The match actually hadn't warmed up as yet, but it did in the final frame.

Wagner loosed a barrage of barroom brawl tactics, included in which was a conk on the nose for Referee Ivan Jones, as the melee hit high gear. But it was a swift poke in the puss by Ross which again started Georgie on the way out. Tony followed up with three more then back-broke the bad boy again and that's about all there was to it. The customers came near shaking the brawl hall off its foundation with their approval. The mess could have gone right on were it not for the cop. Both Ross and Wagner exchanged further greetings after the finale, but just about time a few of the clients were set to hop aboard to help Anthony out, up popped the cop to clean house.

The victory, a sweet one for Ross, gave him next week's crack at Mr. Stoneface, somewhat of an honor amongst the bicepers. Don't ask us why.

Both prelims were on the okeh side last night, Georges Dusette, the new Coast Junior heavy king after defeating Gust Johnson in Portland Monday taking the only fall over Billy McEain in the opener. Dusette was pushed to using his full nelson to conquer the two-flated Texan, who managed to pause long enough during the sortie to swat an over-anxious galleryite on the chin. The galleryite attempted to help Dusette out. In the semi, Jack Kiser and a vastly improved Tex Hager went to a fall-appe draw in a swift and clean corker, Kiser's adieu appearance since he goes into the service Friday. The packed gallery gave him a fine sendoff.

National Hoop Committee Makes 7 Minor Changes in Rules

NEW YORK, March 27.—(AP)—The national basketball committee of the United States and Canada today made seven minor changes in the basketball playing code and referred several proposals to committees for experimentation. The committee, representing the national collegiate AA, the National High School Federation, the YMCA, and Canadian basketball governing bodies, failed, however, to find a definite solution to problems arising from abuses of the free substitution rule which it passed a year ago.

In an effort to limit delaying tactics the rule calling for the

cancelation of a time-out when the team that calls time sends a substitute into the game within 30 seconds was eliminated. Other changes included liberalizing the rule on touching the basket by the offensive team, revision of the section on delaying the game, making a definite rule on "screening" where various interpretations of existing rules had been followed, adoption of a definite set of signals for officials, a minor change in handling the ball after a goal is cancelled because of a violation and a modification of the rule on returning the ball to the back court.

The only major proposal definitely voted down was to permit coaches to give instructions during time outs. The proposal to widen the foul lane apparently was allied to die when it was referred to the research committee after receiving little support.

Although considerable discussion was held on the free substitution rule, the only result was to formulate three definite ideas which will be referred to various groups for experiments. These were (1) do not permit a player to return to the game after leaving in the last three minutes, (2) do not permit substitutions to be made during dead ball situations

in the last three minutes when the clock continues to run and (3) stop the clock on all dead balls in the last three or four minutes, making it unnecessary to send in a substitute for that purpose.

Other proposals referred to committees for research and experimentation were to have all jumps at the nearest circle and to delay blowing the whistle for a foul when a player is driving for the basket until the shot is made or missed. In this case if a goal was scored after the foul, the free throw would not be awarded.

Oklahoma A&M Tops NYU for National Title

7-Foot Bob Kurland Leads Way With 32

By Orlo Robertson
NEW YORK, March 27.—(AP)—The Oklahoma Aggies won their first national collegiate A. A. basketball championship tonight, defeating New York University 49 to 45, with seven-foot Bob Kurland racking up 22 points before 18,034 fans at Madison Square Garden.

The New Yorkers had no answer to Kurland's height as the red-head from the Sooner state led the Aggies' offensive, fed his mates out of the pivot and controlled just about every rebound on both boards. He dropped in 15 points in the first half and added the others in the final period as the New Yorkers made a desperate effort to pull the game out by stopping the clock with substitutions in the last four minutes.

Cecil Hankins sent the Aggies into the lead one minute after the start of the game, and from there to the final whistle it was a battle royal with Kurland the difference in the two fives. The triumph was the Aggies' second of the year over the Violets since they whipped the New Yorkers by three points on the Garden floor in December.

The lead changed hands six times in the first half and was tied at 19-19 before Kurland and Hankins led the Aggies into a 26-21 lead at the intermission. The big boy continued his scoring pace at the start of the final half but when the Violets started guarding him with two men, Hankins took up the slack to rack up 15 points.

For his great performance Kurland was voted the outstanding player of the game.

6-Run Binge Beats Solons

COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 27.—(AP)—A six-run rally in the eighth inning gave the Boston Braves an 8 to 3 victory over the Washington Senators here today and sent the National Leaguers one game ahead in the inter-league series.

Boston's big inning was featured by a towering triple to deep center field by Charlie Cozart, rookie pitcher from Atlanta with the bases loaded.

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Braves . . . 000 000—8 12 3
Andrews, Javery, Cozart and Klutts; Ulrich, Aloma, Rossi and Evans.

Freak Goal Enables Wings to Even Series

BOSTON, March 27.—(AP)—The Detroit Red Wings, thanks to a weird goal scored with less than three minutes to play, squared their national hockey league playoffs series, 3-2, tonight before a sell-out crowd at the Boston Garden. Tied at two games all, they resume their best-of-seven play in Detroit Thursday night.

Pitcher Provides Punch for Yankees

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., March 27.—(AP)—In the Yankees' first intrastate game, the first stringers beat the junior varsity, 8 to 6, in six innings today. Outfielder But Metheny, who played first base in the absence of Oscar Grimes, hit a homer and two singles. Pitcher Jim Turner, playing right field for the regulars, drove in the decisive two runs with a triple.

Leafs Grab 3-1 Edge

TORONTO, March 27.—(AP)—The Toronto Maple Leafs took a 3-1 edge in games in their semi-final Stanley cup hockey series with Montreal by defeating the Canadians 4-3 in an overtime tilt tonight.

Mill City Firemen Elect New Officers

MILL CITY—Clyde Golden was elected fire chief of the Mill City Firemen. First assistant elected is "Sparky" Ditter, and second assistant, Art Kerr.

Arey Podrapsky was chosen secretary-treasurer and also dance manager.

Clifford Swift and Frank Caraway are new members. Bill Mills is the retiring fire chief.

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor



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AP Newsfeatures

Rainiers Drub Mariners, 21-2

SAN FERNANDO, Calif., March 27.—(AP)—The Seattle Rainiers closed their pre-season exhibition schedule with a smashing 21-2 victory today over the El Toro marine nine. Ted Norbert and Chuck Aleno led the 17-hit assault with homers over the center-field wall. Manager Bill Skiff nominated Carl Fischer to start the opening game at San Diego Saturday.

Husky Baseballers Set

SEATTLE, March 27.—(AP)—Believing the sun in his own eyes today rather than the weatherman's promise of rain tomorrow, Coach D. V. (Tubby) Graves called up all University of Washington baseball candidates to report for outdoor training. Players, nearly all of them newcomers to the squad, have been working indoors—the batterymen for two weeks.

Twinks Suspend Hurler Blanton

HOLLYWOOD, March 27.—(AP)—Darrel (Cy) Blanton, veteran Hollywood pitcher, today was suspended for breaking training rules and failure to get into condition, Victor Ford Collins, club president, announced. "The suspension stands," said Collins, "until Blanton shows Manager Buck Fawcett that he is ready to pitch."

Blanton, 36, will not accompany the Stars to Sacramento, where they open the season Saturday.

WSC Baseball Schedule Set

PULLMAN, Wash., March 27.—(AP)—Graduate Manager Earl Foster today announced the Washington State college spring sports schedule. The baseball schedule calls for games with McCaw General hospital at Walla Walla April 19, Whitman college at Walla Walla, April 20 and 21, Fort George Wright at Spokane April 28, Whitman at Pullman May 4 and 5, the University of Idaho at Moscow, May 11, Idaho at Pullman, May 11, McCaw hospital at Pullman May 18 and 19, Idaho at Moscow May 25, and Idaho at Pullman May 27.

Browns Drop Mudhens, 6-5

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., March 27.—(AP)—Presenting what may be their opening day lineup, the St. Louis Browns defeated the Toledo Mudhens, 6 to 5, today in the first nine inning exhibition game between the two clubs.

Sig Jakucki and Earl Jones pitched for the Browns, Jakucki going five innings and getting credit for the victory. Pete Gray, Don Guttridge, Vernon Stephens, Boris Martin and Frank Mancuso all got two hits apiece for the winners.

The club lined up with George McQuinn at first, Guttridge at second, Stephens at short, Ellis Clary at third, Mike Kreevich in left, Gray in center, Martin in right, and Mancuso catching. The two teams will play again tomorrow.

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St. Louis (AL) . . . 211 002 000—6 12 0
Fanning, Goede (T), Garzer (9) and Conyn, Miesler; Jakucki, Jones (4) and Mancuso.

Cage Veterans Join Razor II

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., March 27.—(AP)—Four members of the University of Arkansas basketball team, which wound up its season last week, reported for spring football practice this week to add strength to coach Glen Rose's Razorback forces.

Co-captain and center Earl Wheeler, all-southwest conference end Mike Schumchyk and halfback Frank Schumchyk, all lettermen and Ken Kearns, a newcomer, donned grid logs in time for the second week of the off-season drills. Already in condition, they scrimmaged with the squad today.

Rookies Provide Giants With Win

BALTIMORE, March 27.—(AP)—The New York Giants continued to give rookies a workout in defeating the Curtis Bay Coast Guard Cutters 8-5 today. The only spark of an otherwise quiet game, which saw the Giants send in seven rookies after the sixth, was a home run by Ernie Lombardi over the left field fence in that inning. New York (NL) . . . 000 201 000—8 12 3
Curtis Bay . . . 200 000 000—5 7 2
Batherson, King (3), Heiman (4) and Lombard and DeKoning, Ronny and Peterson.

Padres Lose One But Hopes Soar

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 27.—(AP)—Although the San Diego Padres were saddled with a 4 to 0 shutout by the Camp Elliott Sailors in an exhibition baseball game today, the pre-season manpower worries of the Padres began to fade when Lou Vecchile, veteran outfielder, reported in playing trim and Bob McNamara, shortstop obtained from Memphis, announced he will report Friday.

Seals Sign Uhalt; Ripple Still Out

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—(AP)—Bernie (Frenchy) Uhalt, star centerfielder for the San Francisco Seals, has signed his new contract, President Charles Graham said today. The only unreporting player on the Seals' roster now is Jimmie Ripple, outfielder, from Export, Pa.

Nats Won't Finish on Bottom in Amerk, if --

FT. BELVOIR, Va., March 26.—(AP)—Washington's chances of escaping from the American league cellar hinged today on a series of "if" situations. Reading from right to left, Manager Ossie Bluege could see sunshine ahead only under the following conditions:

1. If Rookie George Binko, Walt Chipple and Fred Vaughn could hit big league pitching.
2. If George Case recovered completely from a shoulder operation.
3. If Harland Child showed he

Sox Regulars Win

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J., Mar. 27.—(AP)—Evan with George Metkovich and former catcher Hal Wagner, now enjoying an army furlough, in their lineup, Manager Joe Cronin and his Yanniagns took an 8-0 drubbing from the Boston Red Sox regulars in today's six-innings practice game.

Chippie was drafted from Montreal

Chippie was drafted from Montreal where he hit .290 and showed promise in spring drills while Vaughn, troubled by a heel operation, has counted the regular season out on his 1944 showing at Minneapolis, from whom the Senators bought him for \$15,000.

Case's problem is one of the big ones as the fleet flycatcher who was dethroned as best stealing champ by George Stinnett after a five-year reign, still has not tested his right arm under pressure. Indications are that Case will be okay.

Bums-Giants Feud Fuelled

Both Ball Clubs Now Have Lombardis

BEARMOUNTAIN, N.Y., March 27.—(AP)—Baseball's feuding Hatfields and McCoy's, Brooklyn and New York Giants, will have one thing in common this season -- they'll both be rooting for a Lombardi.

Ernie, of the Giants, is starting his 15th year in the big show. Vic, of the Dodgers, will be making his big league bow. Appropriately enough, Brooklyn's Lombardi is the direct opposite of the Giants', with the single exception that they both hail from California -- Ernie from Oakland and Vic from Red-ley.

The 36-year-old, 225-pound righthanded Ernie is a six-foot two-inch catcher, noted for his astonishing lack of speed. The 22-year-old, 150-pound left-handed Vic is a five foot seven-inch pitcher, with a reputation for being amazingly swift -- on the mound. The latter was brought to camp for a tryout by Scout Tom Downey and impressed Boss Barnh Rickey so much that he was offered a Brooklyn contract.

"I watched him for 30 minutes," said Rickey. "The boy has the most perfect rhythmic pitching motion I ever saw. And he was pitching savvy. He has a let-up ball for his fast one and a slow change of pace for the Cardinals. If Lombardi doesn't make it, I'll be the most surprised man in baseball."

Duckpin Title Tourney Dated

The annual city duckpin bowling championship tournament has been set for the B&B bowling courts, announces Manager Tom Wood. First round matches must be played off either the Monday or Tuesday April 2-3. Subsequent matches will be played on consecutive days, following, allowing two days per each round. The final matches will be battled off Sunday, April 8, starting at 8 P. M.

All matches will be five lines with high total pins determining winners. The finals in both the championship and consolation flights will be 10-line affairs.

Drawings held for the first round find the following pairings: Leo Fenner vs. Paul Russell, Hank Williams vs. Tom Wood, Earl Just vs. Earl Schaefer and Emil Scholz vs. Loren Miller in the upper bracket and Robert Just vs. Arnold Meyer, Norman Potter vs. Jack Everson, Bill Gauthier vs. Leon Stull and Cliff Lane vs. Dewey Baumgart in the lower bracket.

Duckpin Scores

LADIES LEAGUE: UNITED GROWERS (3)			
Frye	104	124	102-400
Walling	107	99	178-374
E. Williams	133	125	118-360
KleinSmith	121	123	110-334
Lindsey	101	99	84-284
Totals			
848	724	800	2452
CAPITAL LUMBER & FUEL CO. (1)			
Barza	110	146	96-332
Weaver	121	127	118-360
Lemen	128	120	124-428
Dulaney	142	113	102-357
Totals			
842	803	709	2444
HIAIT & EVERSON (3)			
Chaffins	108	141	150-289
Everson	148	179	124-451
Scharr	128	120	124-428
Harms	98	105	116-319
Davenport	116	111	143-370
Totals			
700	882	856	2518
STEVENS JEWELERS (1)			
Spencer	82	93	122-300
Penny	102	103	133-302
Wood	131	177	114-422
Kuschnick	96	100	94-290
Jones	93	105	108-304
Totals			
700	828	799	2428

Champion Pressed

BROOKLYN, Mass., March 27.—(AP)—Defending Champion Katherine Winthrop of Hamilton, had to call upon all her experience to gain the semi-final round of the national women's indoor singles tennis tournament to come from behind today and defeat smooth playing Katherine Hubbell, 9-11, 6-3, 8-6.

Your Brakes

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