

Bevens Leaves For Redlegs' Baseball Camp

By AL LIGHTNER
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Salem's Floy (Bill) Bevens Wednesday joined the exodus of major league baseball's batterymen to early spring training drills. The big pitcher who won 20 games for the town Senators last season and was drafted in December by the Cincinnati Reds, departed Wednesday morning by train for the Redleg training camp at Tampa, Fla.

Bevens has been employed during the winter months by the Pacific Coast Fast Freight organization, and has found the work exceedingly helpful to his ambition to report to the Cincy camp weighing no more than 220 pounds. He tipped the scales at 219 pounds Tuesday night and admitted it was his lowest weight "in the last five or six years."

As for the ailing arm that cut short his pitching effectiveness until last season with the Senators, Bevens revealed that it has given him no pain during the winter. Manager Luke Sewell of the Redlegs had indicated that he will count on Bevens to be the club's No. 1 reliever pitcher during the coming season. Not one who has taken to fireman assignments with any degree of success in the past, the former New York Yankee hopes to be able to win a starter's role during the tuneups in Florida.

Bevens' wife, Mildred, and their three sons, Larry, Danny and Bobby saw him off at the local railroad station Wednesday. Senators General Manager Hugh Luby, who predicts that Bevens will make good with Cincinnati, also was on hand to wish him good luck.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

The WIL has lost its top umpire. Coast League bulletin says Joe (Herman) Iacovetti is among three new arbiters for the PCL in '52, a reward for Iacovetti for his two seasons of fine work in the WIL. Not among those present for Coast labors this trip, however, is Johnny Nenezich who only last season made the grade following many years of service in the WIL. Domestic troubles at home (Seattle) forced Nenezich to quit. . . . Speaking of umpires, 'tis a good bet ol' Val Valencourt won't be around the local loop the coming campaign, even though his presence (particularly at Waters Field) would tend to liven things up considerably. The fresh vegetable business would boom were he to return for a "Valencourt Night" here. Come to think of it, we're right happy vegetable growers in the foyer of Gill Coliseum. . . . Any local organization care to show the films of last season's East-West Shrine football game? They're available, for free, through the Tidewater Association Oil Co. All you need do is write to the company and pay for proper arrangement. . . . Many ballgamers we know can be thankful they aren't to play under new SF Seals Mgr. Tommy Heath next season. He'll demand that coats and neckties be worn when at dinner, and that all players meet a 12-midnight curfew! Ouch! . . . Victoria wants Ted Norbert as '52 manager for the Vics, but right now Ted wants too big a chunk of what funds the Vics have to spend. Another gent linked with the Victoria job is Cece Garriott, former Los Angeles slugger. . . . He doesn't get to play too much any more, but Harry Wahlgren, one of the better par-busters in the area almost 10 years ago, is again a native. Wahlgren is now employed at the Capital City Bindery. Hasn't got much to show for his remembered links efforts, however, as the Vanport flood of a few years ago wiped out all his trophies and other mementos. . . .

Oklahoma City U Could Be Corvallis Entry

Good bet to be one of the four teams in the NCAA quarter-finals action at Corvallis March 21-22 is Oklahoma City University. The O-City quip, ranked weekly among the nation's top 20 teams, isn't a member of any conference and could easily be picked as one of the teams at large from the area west of the Mississippi. And since Seattle U also has been flirting with a steady berth in the nation's top 20, chances are better than even that the Indians and their illustrious "Johnny O" could be the other "at large" entry.

The other two teams will be Washington (if the Huskies can beat the Southern Division, Coast Conference champ in their upcoming playoff), and the champion of the Mountain States Conference. Should Wyoming win the latter title, and should Washington come through on the Coast, they'll be playing a sort of a preview series at Laramie this weekend. The Huskies go against Wyoming at Laramie Friday and Saturday nights. . . .

Local fans who have been wishing that Johnny Lewis' Bearcats could have another crack at the Portland U Pilots this season, as a measure of making amends for the setback WU suffered at the hands of Mush Torson's Portlanders early in the campaign, may get that wish. Portland and Willamette are virtual certainties as two entries in the NAIB (small college) tournament at Portland next month, winner of which represents the district in a Kansas City conclave.

The Willamettes came within a wilted whisper of knocking over the Pilots in the same tournament a year ago.

Myers Signed 'No Draft' Pact With Sacs

Another PCL'er who signed one of those new draft waiving contracts is Richie Myers, Hero No. 2 with the town Senators last season. And of Rifle-armed Richie, Sacramento co-owner Charles Graham has this to say:

"Myers was our problem child for four years. Last year at Salem, he grew up. He may be our shortstop after a battle with Len Ratio. After I talked with him, he said he'd waive his draft rights forever."

Senators Boss Luby feels that Richie will win the battle with Ratio. At any rate, Luby intends spending much time in the Sacramento camp at Modesto early in March, and you can bet he'll be lending the young shortstopping whiz a helping hand at all turns. . . . Should you be interested in poetry, how about this one, borrowed from Hal Wehmeier's column in the Corvallis Gazette-Times:

'REFREES'
I think that I shall never see
A satisfactory referee,
About whose head a halo shines
Whose merits rate reporter's lines.
One who calls them as they are
And not as I should wish, by far.
A gent who leans not either way
But lets the boys decide the play.
A guy who'll sting the coach who yaps
From Stwahs HI or old Milkaps.
Poems are made by fools like me,
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Basket Title To Billikens

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Crucial Series Beckons Bears

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Coach Nibs Price of the Southern Division leading California basketball team announced today a 14-man squad to fly to Los Angeles tomorrow for the important two-game series with the second place UCLA Bruins, with a 5-3 record, holds a one-game lead over the Bruins and Southern California, tied at 4-4, for second spot. The Bears defeated UCLA twice in earlier meetings at Berkeley. This week-end, however, they must play on the Bruins' court where they haven't won a game since 1946.

O'Brien Sets One New Mark, Eyes Another

TACOMA (AP)—Seattle University's Johnny O'Brien achieved one national collegiate record and moved substantially closer to another today night. He led the Chiefs to a 102-90 victory over the College of Puget Sound Loggers.

A crowd of 5,600 watched the diminutive O'Brien connect on 29 out of 29 free throw attempts for a season's total of 291 set in 1950 by Knute Oliver of Rio Grande State College.

In addition, he hit the hoop on 10 of 18 field goal attempts to emerge with a total of 40 points, giving him a season's aggregate of 899.

O'Brien has four games, all against Portland University, in which to collect the 68 points he needs to equal the existing national scoring record for a single season.

Saddler Passes Military Exams

NEW YORK (AP)—Featherweight Champion Sandy Saddler passed his pre-induction examinations Wednesday and will be subject to the call of his local draft board, the Army said.

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US Hockey Tactics Draw Blasts From Europeans

OSLO (AP) — The International Ice Hockey Federation directors decided Wednesday night to take no action against American ice hockey player Joe Czarnota, who was involved in fist fighting during the U.S.-Switzerland game.

Czarnota, a 26-year-old defense player from Wakefield, Mass., was charged with having attacked Gian Bazzi of the Swiss team during Tuesday's game. He was given a five-minute major and ten-minute misconduct penalties.

One nation, competing in the Olympic tournament, demanded heavier punishment for the American and suggested suspending him for next two or three games. Officials declined to identify the nation but it was generally believed to be Switzerland.

American style of play against Switzerland drew protests from the Norwegian crowd, which threw orange peels on the ice and yelled "Chicago gangsters." The game