

Legion Launches Program to Land Lane County Junior Baseball Nine in National Competition

Future Bobby Fellers, Joe Gordon, Joe DiMaggio and Bill Dickey will go on the block at \$50 a throw! The sale of these teen-aged baseballers will be handled by the Eugene American Legion which is seeking a fund of \$1000 to finance a baseball program that is expected to send one of the strongest local aggregations in several years into National championship competition.

back of the shirt. The first 18 persons or businesses that apply for "membership" with Skeet Manerud at Manerud-Huntington Fuel Co., will be given their choice of players. The remainder of the fee will be used to purchase much-needed equipment and establish a travel fund. Gate receipts for local games have been insufficient to carry the expense of conducting the program.

as Fletcher Jim Ekstrom, infielder Keith Welch, outfielder Don Miniz, and catcher Dick Strite. There are at least a dozen other members of the 1945 squad who are still eligible for Legion competition. Koch has arranged an impressive schedule of games in Portland, Salem, Albany, Corvallis and Roseburg, besides a series of contests at Civic Stadium. The Koch believes he has the makings of a potential state championship team and has instigated the financing program in hopes of giving the kids every chance—in appearance, equipment, and competition.

HIGH CLIMBER

What a break! This is virtually a comeback year for Joe Gordon, and what happens but up jumps a rookie Cardinal and breaks the great New York second-baseman's catching hand and severs the tendon on the middle finger of the same hand. Joe will be on the bench for weeks, and will probably be out of the lineup when the season opens.

His great playing to date virtually clinched his old job for him, but now Snuffy Stirrweiss will probably move back from third base to his regular second-base position and Joe might find it difficult to regain the berth, especially if a good third-baseman shows up at the Yankees' Florida camp very soon.

There is only one bright side to Joe's misfortune. He will probably fly home some time during his layoff to look over his local business venture. When he left Florida and Panama, Joe told us the deal for the purchase of the Babb Hardware household and sporting goods departments would be completed by March first. But there is still nothing certain—and everything is very indefinite. So, don't be surprised to see Joe popping into town one of these days—he might even time it with the opening of trout season, something he has missed since he left the University of Oregon campus.

Joe has been going very well, and according to the latest Sporting News, his aggregate box-score mark to date, including only two grapefruit league contests, is: AB R H Pct. PO A E Pct. 47 9 15 319 29 35 3.955

But in the same edition, a story from Florida credits Joe with a .333 batting averaged for the 11-game Panama series. We assume that past Sporting News failed to carry all of the box scores. Against the Cardinals in the first two grapefruit league tilts, Joe collected a homer and double and batted in three runs for seven trips to the plate. He handled 12 fielding chances with one error, but was credited with four double plays. Our records show him with two homers, three doubles and eight RBI's to date, along with ten double plays—one unassisted.

The Lane County kids in the Goldenball basketball tournament this week at McArthur Court are getting more thrills than they did when Santa Claus filled their stockings the year they were five.

The program is terrific and promises to stimulate interest in basketball—and is certain to produce better players and better teams in both high school and college in the near future.

Only the other night Hank Kuchera, coach of Eugene High's state champions, inquired about one of the players who poured 21 points through the hoop—and was amazed to discover that he was a sophomore at the westside school. The program needs the support of local fans. Even if you have seen your fill of the hoop sport for the season, it would be well worth an evening to go out to the games and watch a couple of the games—and the Active Club sponsors could probably use the four-bits admission. They have taken a big gamble in sponsoring the event, but all money collected will be used to promote other athletic events for kids in this community.

Field Cut in Both Divisions As Goldenball Teams Advance

of play in the Active Club's all-county hoop playoff. The closest saw the Billy Goats from Pleasant Hill nose out the Wilson Junior High quintet 25-23 for their second straight triumph. The Cottage Grove Lions posted their second straight victory, defeating the Giant Killers 30-25. The Rockets, in posting their second straight win, had a tougher test than the 40-28 score indicates against the Tornados from Roosevelt Junior High. Ed Ziniker and Clyde Ellison paced the scoring with 10 points each.

A major upset was registered when the Eugene High Falcons dropped the Uni High Blues from the running, 33-26, as Don Coakes tallied 15 points for the winners. The Uni High Whites also fell by the wayside, losing 41-17 to the Wilson Fireballs who were led by Nick Boyberich's 17-point performance. The Big Guns from Eugene High, one of the leading contenders for the senior crown, disposed of the Creswell Pups with ease, winning 64-28 as Keith Welch scored 18 and Mert Loucks 16 for the winners.

In the only junior division game played, the Comets defeated the Flyers 21-16. Summaries: (16) FLYERS: Carlson 21, Overstreet 4, Rexius 4, Ensey 3, Laubham 2, Stockton 2, G. 4, Hebert 2. Sub: Comets—Climmer, Nicklin 2, Jackson 2, Flyers—Brown 2, Hammerquist 2. Referee: Lyle Small.

(25) GIANT KILLERS: (25) G. G. LIONS: F. Gent 2, Mickey 3, M. Chanman 3, Farrer 2, G. 2, Githens 3, Koenig 11, G. 2, Kelly 2, Dendau 2, G. 11, Kanel 2. Sub: Giant Killers—Shaw, Adair 3, Kandel 1, Smith, Lyons—Porter, R. Chapman, Hulst 2, Leonard. Referee: Doc Taylor.

(28) CRESWELL PUPS: (64) BIG GUNS: St. Clair 3, F. 2, Proton 3, Kirkstrick 13, P. 2, Laussen 3, Rogers 4, G. 4, Campbell 3, Brown 6, G. 18, Welch 10. Sub: Pups—Shoob, Oibekson, Powers 1, McCuskey, Big Guns—Crakes 7, Loucks 16. Referee: Wendell Kaufman.

(33) FALCONS: (26) URS BLUES: Townsend 4, P. 2, Wherry 2, Sargent 4, King 2, Wilcox 2, Coakes 13, G. 2, Dwyer 2, R. Coakes 7, G. 2, DeLeon 2. Sub: Falcons—Johnson 1, Malpas, Schmieding, Haight 2, Blues—Hefer 2, McDowell, Mizbach 4, Chapman 2, Major. Referee: Lyle Small.

(15) URS WHITES: (11) FIREBALLS: Holgren 4, F. 17, Borberich 4, Brown 1, C. 12, Ankerberg 2, Reese 1, G. 5, Willoughby 3, Courson 2. Sub: Whites—Downe, Holson 7, Bayly, Ruth 2, Powell 2, Fireballs—Seaberg 4. Referee: Pete Taylor.

(23) WILSON: (25) BILLY GOATS: Hayes 2, P. 1, Butler 7, Schaefer 2, P. 2, Wheeler 3, Daily 2, G. 10, Par 2, Carlson 4, J. G. 3, Mathews 4. Sub: Wilson—Ponka 4, Hall, Jefferson 4, Coak 2, Billy Goats—Wetzel 3, Cole, Kowalski, Hollis, Kloster. Referee: Pete Taylor.

(28) TORNADOS: (46) ROCKETS: Lamb 3, F. 10, Fisher 8, Chase 2, P. 2, Reese 8, Baker 2, G. 2, 10, Ellison 2, Warren 2, G. 2, Peterson 2. Sub: Tornados—Pletcher 8, Eickson, D. Baker 2, Johnson 3, Lewis 6, Rockets—Haynes, Cartwright 3, Deeman 5, Gilmore 4. Referee: Wendell Kaufman.

City, State Softball Plans Get Under Way

Managers and sponsors of 1945 Eugene City League softball teams and those interested in fielding clubs this season are urged to attend a meeting of the local league at the recreation offices in the City Hall Thursday at 8 p. m., according to Tommy Hodges. Representatives will be selected to attend the first meeting of the State Softball Association since before the war. Dwight Adams, director of the state group, has called the association meeting at the Salem YMCA Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Eugene Recreation

Johnson of the Jim the Shoe Doctor team turned in the best individual performance Wednesday night in Major Bowling League action at the Eugene Recreation alleys. He scored a high single game of 232 and a high series of 612 to pace his team to a 2-1 victory over Richfield Oil.

In other action, Jones Super Service dropped a 3-0 decision to Goodyear Tires, Coast Cable defeated Johnson Furniture 2-1, and Deluxe Taxi defeated Chittock Refrigeration 3-0.

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Old-Timers Survive in AAU Tourney at Denver

Play Reaches Quarter-Finals

By BEN FUNK DENVER, March 21.—(P)—After four days of morning-to-midnight firing by teams from 26 states and Hawaii, the national AAU basketball tournament reached the quarterfinals today with the old favorites—the big names of amateur cagedom—still standing. Several young, unheralded teams, particularly those from the armed forces, made a strong challenge but the experience and tournament savvy of the men that have dominated AAU circles for a decade won out over youthful speed and enthusiasm.

The magnificent Phillips 86 Oilers of Bartlesville, Okla., national champs for three straight seasons, were in the quarter finals after a 75-42 rout of the Western Oil Tools of Casper, Wyo., tallest team in the tournament. League Teams In Still around, too, were the Denver Ambrose Jellymakers, the team that Phillips 86 had to beat in the finals each of those three years. The Jellymakers, who took a 68-44 decision over the Los Angeles Cliftons last night, haven't had a bad moment since the start of the 1946 meeting.

The American Basketball League, composed of the classiest amateur teams in the west, will occupy six of the eight quarterfinal positions. Besides Phillips and Ambrose, there will be Hollywood 20th Century-Fox, the Salt Lake City Simplot-Deserets, the San Diego Dons and the San Francisco Dardis.

In yesterday's third round, Salt Lake City looked powerful in swamping the highly-rated Borlo Athletic Club of San Francisco, 62-44; Hollywood swept past Milwaukee Allen-Bradley, 60-48; San Francisco ousted Fort Sheridan, Ill., 53-46, and San Diego defeated the Kansas City M. and O. Smokies, 41-37.

The two other quarterfinal spots will be filled by the Miramar Pendleton Marines of Ocean-side, Calif., only surviving service team, and the Phillips Lee Tires of Bartlesville. Basketball-loving Denver was a bit dribble-daffy but still coming back for more as the world series of the hardwoods entered the fifth day. The usual capacity crowd of 7000 was in the city auditorium last night and hundreds were turned away.

Tonight's quarterfinal schedule pits Phillips 86 against Miramar Pendleton, San Francisco opposite the San Diego Dons, Denver Ambrose against Lee Tires, and Hollywood against Salt Lake City. San Diego, strengthened before the tournament by the addition of Ken Sailors, the great little playmaker from the University of Wyoming, will have to play in the semifinals without him if the Dons get through tonight's round. Sailors is leaving Friday for the east to compete in a college all-star game.

Stien-Hirons Tandem Wins at Country Club

Mrs. A. W. Stien and Mrs. Ken Hirons combined to take top prize in the two-ball foursomes competition at the Eugene Country Club Wednesday afternoon with a score of 52, four strokes under two other tandems tied for second place—Mrs. L. B. Sigwart-Mrs. J. F. Jacobsen; Mrs. S. C. Endicott-Mrs. S. A. Peters. A consolation award went to Mrs David Evans and Mrs. C. Von Hickman. More than 30 golfers competed in the weekly "ladies" day" tournament. Next week will feature a nine-hole circle tourney.

U-Bowl

Irene Mattison scored a high single game of 206 and a high series of 539 Wednesday night at the U-Bowl Alley to lead her Auto Top Shop team to a 3-0 Women's Bowling League victory over the Del Rey Cafe. Annette Harvey turned in a single game of 187 and a series of 529 as her Tiny Tavern team defeated Clingman's 2-1.

BRAVES RELEASE JURGES

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., March 21.—(P)—Billy Jurgens, who became one of the game's great infielders during 15 years in the majors, today was handed his unconditional release as the Boston Braves cut players from their squad.

Gordon May Miss Opener

By GAYLE TALBOT ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 21.—(P)—The New York Yankees have made such an awesome impression on everyone who has seen them this spring that even the prospective absence of such a key player as Second-Baseman Joe Gordon from their line-up is not likely to affect their standing as favorites in the American League. Gordon, injured in Tuesday's game against the Cardinals here, might be ready to play on opening day, but it seems doubtful, considering the nature of the injury to the middle finger of his glove hand. The tendon was severed when Bob Rhawn of the Cards went kiting into second with his spikes flying, and, although X-rays have shown the bone was not fractured, the finger must remain in splints for an indefinite period.

For the time being, at least, Manager Joe McCarthy plans to hold the second base job open for Gordon's return and to leave George Stirrweiss on third, meanwhile, using available substitutes at the keystone. Yesterday, for instance, the post was occupied by Tony Sabol, who played outfield for Kansas City last season. Coach John Schulte, who is in charge of the team while McCarthy looked over his "B" squad at Bradenton, pointed out that either Frankie Crosetti or Oscar Grimes probably could play second acceptably, though neither had any experience at the position.

Mexicans Jam Parks To See U. S. Stars

MEXICO CITY, March 21.—(P)—With President Manuel Avila Camacho scheduled to throw out the first ball at the Vera Cruz, Mexico City game here, the Mexican "major league" baseball season opens today with sellouts reported at all parks as fans flocked to see former United States stars. Among former big leaguers from the States, Alex Carrasquella, Chico Hernandez, Danny Gardella, Roberto Estalella, Chile Gomez, Luis Olmo and Roberto Ortiz are slated to appear in the game here before a sellout 23,000 crowd at 40 cents up from last year's scale of 40 cents to \$1 to 50 cents and \$1.20.

In games at Puebla, Torreon and Monterrey, other major leaguers scheduled to play include Adolfo Luque, Adrian Zabala, Nap Reyes and Rene Montegudo. George Pasquel, president of the league, declared "every club made money last year and now, with better players, we'll do better yet." Other clubs in the league are Nuevo Laredo, San Luis Potosi and Tampico.

WINNIE LIKES HIALEAH

MIAMI, Fla., (P)—Winston Churchill used the word "extraordinary" to describe Hialeah Park. Baron Robert de Rothschild of the French banking family said "magnificent" on his recent visit.

Ross, Lyman Sign for Five-Round Decision in Battle

ROSS ASSURED FAIR DECISION IN BATTLE Assured there would be a referee in the armory ring Saturday night who will give him a fair decision, Tony Ross, the "Toledo Terror," has signed with matchmaker Don Owen to fight Joe Lyman in a five-round boxing bout—headlining the weekly wrestling show. Lyman, who felled Ross five times and won the judges' decision in a previous meeting, agreed to all of the terms—set down by Ross. Confident of winning, Lyman agreed that the winner would take the entire purse, that he will defend his Pacific coast junior heavyweight championship against Ross if Tony should get the nod.

Ross claimed that the judges "robbed" him of the last match and petitioned Dick Strite, local sports writer, to act as referee. Strite had declined, but had assured the former welterweight mitt champion of the southeast that a third man would be in the ring to render a decision—unless one of the two win by a KO, which appears likely in view of the last slugging match in which Lyman also hit the canvas for two nine-counts.

Ross would not agree to any other referee, however, and Lyman didn't seem to care one way or the other. So, to make certain that fans would not be disappointed, Strite decided to officiate the fistie feature Saturday.

In the meantime Owen continued to book a brilliant supporting program of three mat features. Georges Duzette, extremely popular French-Canadian, will be making his first appearance in many months—in a three-fall battle against Al Szasz, the talented little Hungarian. The clash

Whitworth College Seeks Winco Berth

SPOKANE, Wash., March 21.—(P)—Coach Jerry Stannard said yesterday Whitworth College will seek admission to the Washington Intercollegiate Conference for the 1947 football season. For the present, he said, the school would prefer to remain in the Northwest Conference for basketball.

Baseball

Washington (A) 1, Brooklyn (N) 1. (12-inning tie.) Philadelphia (N) 5, Baltimore (I) 4. St. Louis (N) 9, Boston (A) 6. Detroit (A) 8, Buffalo (I) 5. Boston (N) 7, Philadelphia (A) 8. Cleveland (A) 16, New York (A) 8. New York (A)—Bradenton Squad—4, Cincinnati (N) 2.

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looms as one of the best scientific exhibitions of the season. Sgt. Bob Kenaston, the current scourge of the northwest mat circles who established himself as mat enemy No. 1 last week, has been booked against Paavo Katonen, the rugged Finnish veteran who holds the coast lightweight title. The championship will not be at stake, but there will be nothing lacking in the way of dynamic and rough-and-tumble grappling. Another 30-minute match will be signed by but the principals will be named until tomorrow. Advance sale of tickets for railroads that Ross and Lyman would tangle again. The attracted the largest crowd in two weeks ago. The cigar store agency reported ever, that a good supply of ringside seats are still available.



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