

# Local Baseball Group Formed

## Emerald Empire Association To Seek Club

Formation of a skeleton organization known as the Emerald Empire Baseball Assn., meeting Wednesday night, took a bold step forward in re-establishing organized baseball for the Emerald Empire and Eugene.

The home-owned community enterprise will have four representatives at a meeting at the Commercial Hotel in Yakima, Wash., Saturday—a meeting called by Babe Hollingbery of Yakima to study the possibility of organizing a new northwest baseball league among the clubs that remained in the disbanded Western International League at the close of the past season.

Representing Eugene will be Donald Husband, Jim Huser, Dick Richards, former business manager and part-owner of the Tri-City club, and George Clark, former general manager of the Wenatchee club, both of the WIL. All four are presently solid business and professional men in the Emerald Empire area.

Clubs remaining in the WIL are Tri-City, Yakima, Lewiston, Wenatchee, Salem and Vancouver, B. C., the latter, however, is believed angling for a Pacific Coast franchise. Most likely communities to seek franchises are Spokane, Tacoma and Eugene. Also expected to be represented are Pendleton, Coos Bay and Longview, Wash.

Eugene's representatives will study the league structure carefully and the present organization will make two recommendations that may decide the issue as far as Eugene is concerned—a B classification instead of the class A under which the WIL operated; the home club to take all home gate receipts while paying its own expenses on the road without a guarantee.

The Emerald Empire Assn., would be organized on a partnership basis, with the members assuming all bills and commitments. There would be no sale of stock, but the entire Emerald Empire would be asked to assist in making the venture a community enterprise, including considerable volunteer work and sale of season tickets—which the organization feels would be the difference between success and failure of the operation.

The group of local business men who acquired the Bethel Park from a sheriff's sale and have about \$50,000 invested in the venture to "assure Eugene of baseball facilities," appears to be willing to make the park available to the new organization and

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## HIGHCLIMBER

By Dick Strite

★ Vern Sterling, Oregon's line coach, is the champion prognosticator for the 1954 football season, unless someone tops his mark during the next five weeks—like Bill Hammer will attempt to do this weekend of the nation's gridirons. . . . Sterling picked 24 out of 27 winners for an amazing .889 percentage, but Johnny McKay claims blocking honors for the victory. . . . Major Amos Hoople, who had an unusual record (for him), collected 15 out of 25 and still trails our guest pickers by a considerable margin. . . . The record to date: Guests: 79-38 .675; Hoople: 51-50 .505. . . .

For some strange reason, the NEA News Service which provides the Hoople feature, has not come through with predictions from the old Yale All-American, so we have asked Hammer to do the entire job of picking the winners because of his knowledge of coast-to-coast football, having been at WSC and Tulsa as a player and at Springfield (Mass.) College and the United States Coast Guard Academy as a coach. Here are Bill's picks for the coming weekend:

**PACIFIC COAST**—USC over Cal, UCLA over OSC, WSC over Idaho, Oregon over San Jose, Washington over Stanford, Fresno State over Santa Barbara, Texas Tech over COP.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**—Montana over BYU, Utah State over Colorado A & M, Wichita over Denver, Wyoming over Utah.

**MID WEST**—Illinois over Syracuse, Iowa over Indiana, Minnesota over Michigan, Michigan State over Purdue, Wisconsin over Ohio State, Marquette over Fordham, Cincinnati over Xavier, Colorado over Nebraska, Missouri over Iowa State, Detroit over Tulsa.

**EAST**—Northwestern over Pitt, Army over Columbia, Boston College over Springfield, Boston U over Holy Cross, Lafayette over Bucknell, Carnegie Tech over Edinboro, Yale over Colgate, Rutgers over Lehigh, Navy over Penn, Brown over Temple, Houston over Villanova, Princeton over Cornell, Dartmouth over Harvard.

**SOUTH**—Mississippi over Arkansas, Georgia Tech over Kentucky, Tennessee over Dayton, South Carolina over Clemson, Duke over North Carolina State, Maryland over Miami, Wake Forest over North Carolina, Virginia over VPI, Presbyterian over Citadel, Davidson over Furman, William & Mary over George Washington, Richmond over Washington & Lee, West Virginia over VMI, Auburn over Florida State, Alabama over Mississippi State, Florida over LSU, Georgia over Tulane.

**SOUTHWEST**—Oklahoma over Kansas State, Arizona over New Mexico, Penn State over TCU, Baylor over Texas A & M, Texas over Rice, SMU over Kansas, Oklahoma A & M over Hardin-Simmons.

Word has just been received from New Haven that Hoople has passed this week because of last weekend's reunion of the class of 1889—and the report is that the Major was not the full-back who gave Yale a 6-0 victory over Harvard in that year and that the Old Boy was third assistant manager-glorified waterboy.

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## Battle Royal Booked At Armory Thursday

A six-man Battle Royal and a special bout will feature the weekly wrestling show at the Armory arena Thursday, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Principals in the free-for-all will be Boris and Ivan Kameroff against the field—Luigi Macera, Henry Lenz, Luis Martinez and Dick Torio. The six matmen enter the ring simultaneously and battle until only two remain. The finalists clash for a \$200 purse. The special match books Angelo Poffo against Steve Gob.



LAN SCORES WITH A RIGHT—Kid Gavilan lands a right to the face of Johnny Saxton in the fourteenth round of their welterweight title fight in Convention Hall Wednesday night. Saxton took the title from Gavilan by a unanimous decision in a dull, uninteresting encounter. However, virtually all boxing writers at ringside named Gavilan the winner.

## Saxton Wrests Welter Crown from Kid Gavilan

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I no want to fight no more. I give my left hand—I give my right hand to the Pennsylvania commission. Everything steenk. "The Keed, he is robbed," screamed his manager, Angel Lopez. "The Keed, he is jobbed. I know he have to win big but after he take last three rounds I figure for sure they must give him the decision. I say to the Keed, 'They cannot take it away from you.' I am wrong. I give you the Pennsylvania commission. They can take the championship and keep it." "It was a lousy, stinking fight," said Chairman Frank Wiener of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission. "If Gavilan fought like I've seen him in the past, Saxton wouldn't have won."

contracts and there was none recorded with the commission. However, Lopez, in between saying the Keed was through fighting and then maybe not, insisted he had an ironclad contract for a return bout in New York City within 90 days. Palermo, who had told reporters that Lopez was correct, reversed his field. He said Saxton might face Basilio, the No. 1 contender, first, with the winner to meet Gavilan. Then he said it's up to Norris.

## Referee Pleased

Cal's Showing KEELY, Calif. (AP)—A optimistic Coach Lynn Waldorf says his University of California Bears will be ready for their tussle with the Trojans in Los Angeles.

## Lineup Changes

WALLIS, Ore. (AP)—Coach Waldorf says he will probably change his lineup changes on his State squad to help stop the aerial ground game of the Bruins Saturday.

## ADD PLAYER

WOOD, Calif. (AP)—Loren Warner third baseman of the New York Yankees, will play in the Hollywood Stars next season. Stars picked him up from the International League.

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