

NWL Opens Its Ninth Season Tuesday Night

By PAUL HARVEY III
Of the Register-Guard

The Northwest League opens its ninth baseball season Tuesday night with the same line-up of cities, a new look and a big question. How fast will the NWL be under the new minor league set-up that took all B, C and D leagues and lumped them into Class A?

The Northwest League, Class B since its inception in 1955, is expected to be at the top of the Class A heap—or at least that's what the baseball brass promises.

While most Class A leagues this year will allow only two veterans, the Northwest League has upped its limit to eight who are in at least their fourth season of pro ball.

All six clubs, each a charter member when a seven-club league replaced the Western International League nine years ago, are back and all with full working agreements for the first time.

Four clubs — Wenatchee with the Chicago Cubs, Lewiston with Kansas City, Yakima with Milwaukee and Salem with the Los Angeles Dodgers — had the same arrangement in 1962.

But Eugene has switched from San Francisco to the Chicago White Sox and Tri-City, which got help from a group of major league clubs last season, now has a full pact with the Los Angeles Angels.

It marks the first time in the history of the NWL that all the clubs have had full agreements.

Tri-City, with experience and what some claim is the best hitting team in the league, may be the club to beat.

Tri-City, after it got the agreement with the Angels, announced it was changing its nickname — from the Braves to the Angels.

There is a 50 per cent turnover in managers, round Tommy Heath returning to Tri-City, Stan Wasiak for a

third straight year at Salem and Buddy Hicks to Yakima.

George Noga, 25-year-old veteran of seven seasons as a skipper in the White Sox organization, takes over at Eugene and George Freese, long-time Pacific Coast League mainstay, moves into Wenatchee.

Robbie Robertson, who probably will be an active player, steps in at Lewiston in place of popular manager-catcher John McNamara who was promoted to Binghampton, N.Y., of the Class AA Eastern League.

Attendance has been falling off in recent years — to 279,124 last year, lowest in the circuit's history.

But all six clubs are reported sound financially and NWL President Jim Fleishman said there's new interest that, he said, should send attendance rocketing upward, with a break from the weather.

Eugene, traditionally the attendance leader, fell off to 46,067 last year, lowest since professional baseball returned to the city in 1955 and 37,000 less than 1958.

When the split-season campaign opens Tuesday night with Eugene at Salem, Lewiston at Wenatchee and Tri-City at Yakima, the fans will see more than two dozen players back from preceding years:

- Tri-City pitcher John Dewald is back for his fourth season and the Angels also have another pitching returnee in lefthander Bill Harris.

- Outfielder Don Marrs, who led Lewiston in hitting last year with a .297 average, returns to the Broncos and so does pitcher Gary Sanosian, 7-13 in 1962.

- Seven are back at Salem including relief ace Kenny Page, who had an 8-5 record and catcher Bill Kelso, now a pitcher who has been impressive in spring training.

- Wenatchee has outfielder Phil Borders who hit .305 and had 12 homers last year and power-hitter Spencer Scott who hit .302 and slammed 15 homers with Tri-City and the Chiefs in 1962.

- Pitcher Ron Herr, 10-9 last year, infielder Rafael Gomez (.299) and pitcher Dick Lamery who played part of last year and also 1961 are back at Yakima. Third baseman Juan Guzman was with Tri-City last year.

Eugene, because of its new tie-up with the White Sox,

All-Time NWL Attendance

Year	Eugene	Salem	Tri-City	Yakima	Wenatchee	Lewiston	League
1955	76,823	66,441	49,296	36,214	79,421	43,278	395,563
1956	83,745	66,829	78,751	66,379	59,153	53,472	476,502
1957	78,839	63,929	84,761	56,718	59,773	47,102	369,022
1958	83,879	47,723	45,283	64,974	57,074	64,976	363,942
1959	67,388	68,697	46,731	43,895	43,978	53,996	324,613
1960	69,542	43,231	80,083	60,166	32,974	38,296	316,272
1961	33,946	72,762	37,817	42,806	31,333	49,602	287,212
1962	46,067	56,837	68,239	33,039	36,619	26,123	279,124
Total	550,127	463,203	461,131	406,201	499,332	389,943	2,803,476

brings 18 new faces into the league.

Salem and Tri-City will be looking for their first NWL championships, each having won half a season but never the full season crown.

Wenatchee, which won the first half, beat second-half winner Tri-City for the 1962 title.

Eugene will be looking for its first title since the 1955 inaugural season while perennial contender Yakima will be trying for its fifth.

Eugene

Noga will be bringing eight players who played under him at Saratoga of the then Class D Florida State League last year.

The pitching looks sound but the hitting has not been too impressive in spring camp at Saratoga, Fla.

Noga doesn't seem too concerned about the hitting.

"I'm not worried," he said,

Wenatchee

Just as in the past, Wenatchee comes in with a young club that includes a pair of 25-year-olds—infielder returnee Frank DeMoss and pitching returnee Joe Zahn — as the oldest.

The Chiefs, who sent such stars as Ken Hubbs and Nelson Mathews to the Cubs, may have an infield defense that rivals 1962.

Freese predicts first baseman Mack Kuykendall will be the next first baseman with the Cubs.

Except for Zahn, the pitching staff age ranges between 18 and 21. One of the top prospects is 18-year-old Harold Haydel, who came to the Cubs in the recent deal that sent Murphy to Houston.

Haydel is expected to team with lefthander George Lamec, winner of 13 at St. Cloud of the Northern League, and righthander Bob Flynn to form the "Big Three."

Salem

The Dodgers have been impressive this spring, more than holding their own against such higher minor league clubs as Spokane and Albuquerque.

Kelso seems to have made the conversion from catcher to pitcher well. Myrtle Calmus had a 15-2 record in the Midwest League and Terry Bar-

ber won five straight at Reno of the California League last year.

Infielders Lou Ertle, Jim Shinn and Dick McLaughlin, the latter also an outfielder, are back.

Newcomers include Cleo James who hit .280 and 25 homers with Great Falls of the Pioneer League last year and Tom McGarrey who hit .308 at Boise in the same circuit.

Lewiston

The Broncos are rated superior to the 1962 club with three veteran minor league players.

First baseman Chico Valentin, 31, hit .313 with Albuquerque of the Class AA Texas League, relief pitcher Ted

Emeralds Arrive

The Eugene Emeralds arrive in town Sunday from their Sarasota, Fla., spring training base and plan an afternoon workout at Bethel Park.

That is, weather permitting. The club hopes to have another workout Monday afternoon and then will meet the fans in a 6:30 p.m. affair at Bethel Park—rain or shine.

Yakima

Yakima has good hitting, some claim second only to Tri-City, and the pitching is reported as improved over last year.

Dan Kern, who slammed 26 homers and had 105 RBIs in the Northern League and Georgia-Florida circuit, could be a prize. Gomez, a second baseman last year, is being shifted to third.

The Bears have a promising righthander in Fred Alworth who compiled a 12-6 record with Boise last year in his rookie season.

There is only one lefthander, Alexander Pietrewicz, who had a 13-14 record in the Georgia-Florida League. Lamery had a 14-11 record with Yakima in 1961.

One of the Yakima catchers is Ray Haroldson, former University of Oregon athlete. Marcel Allen, with Yakima in 1961 when he hit .307 and a .325 hitter last year at Boise provides speed in the outfield.

5-YEAR OR... 50,000-MILE
GUARANTEE ON...
Imperial Chrysler Plymouth
Valiant
BARKER MOTORS INC.
1636 Olive • Eugene Ore.

JOHNS-MANVILLE ALUMINUM SIDING
Builders Insulating & Roofing Co.
6th & Charnelton DI 3-2543

POHLLS MARKET
FAST, EFFICIENT, NO WAITING IN LINE
18th and Chambers

CALL COLLECT
WH 2-3359
Dependable Dodge
111 PACIFIC HWY. SOUTH
COTTAGE GROVE

IF YOU VALUE YOUR PICTURES INSIST ON

OUR **QUALITY** PHOTOFINISHING
HENRY LOWRY
fine color
Broadway and Oak. DI 3-2823

Register-Guard Want Ads Bring Quick Results

Sports Slate

MONDAY
Prep Baseball
North Eugene at Willamette, 4
Springfield at Thurston, 4
Drain at McKenzie, 4
Central Inn. at Oakridge, 4
Eimira at Junction City, 4
Creswell at Pleasant Hill, 4
Myrtle Creek at Douglas, 4
Crow at Molokai, 3:30

TUESDAY
NWL Baseball
Eugene at Salem, 7:30
Tri-City at Yakima, 7:30
Lewiston at Wenatchee, 8
Prep Baseball
Willamette at Thurston, 4
South Eugene at North Eugene, 4
Marshfield at North Bend, 7
Reedsport at Siuslaw, 4
Yoncalla at Elkton, 3:30
Camas Valley at Canyonville, 3:30
Coburg at McKenzie, 7
Taft at Waldport, 4
Riddle at Sutherlin, 7
Eimira at Crow, 4

WEDNESDAY
NWL Baseball
Eugene at Salem, 7:30
Tri-City at Yakima, 7:30
Lewiston at Wenatchee, 8
College Baseball
Washington State at Oregon, 3
Oregon Frosh at Clark College (2), 1:30
Prep Baseball
Thurston at North Eugene, 4
South Eugene at Springfield, 4
Lewell at Oakridge, 3:30
Junction City at Coburg, 4

THURSDAY
NWL Baseball
Eugene at Salem, 7:30
Tri-City at Yakima, 7:30
Lewiston at Wenatchee, 8
College Baseball
Washington State at Oregon, 3
Prep Baseball
Willamette at South Eugene, 4
North Eugene at Springfield, 4
Riddle at Douglas, 4
Marshfield at Bendon, 7:30
Monroe at Crow, 3:30
Prep Track
Waldport at Siuslaw, 4
College Tennis
Springfield at Oregon Frosh, 3:30

FRIDAY
NWL Baseball
Eugene at Salem, 7:30
Tri-City at Yakima, 7:30
Lewiston at Wenatchee, 8
College Baseball
Washington State at Oregon, 3
Prep Baseball
Willamette at South Eugene, 4
North Eugene at Springfield, 4
Riddle at Douglas, 4
Marshfield at Bendon, 7:30
Monroe at Crow, 3:30
Prep Track
Waldport at Siuslaw, 4
College Tennis
Springfield at Oregon Frosh, 3:30

SATURDAY
NWL Baseball
Eugene at Salem, 7:30
Tri-City at Yakima, 7:30
Lewiston at Wenatchee, 8
College Baseball
Washington State at Oregon, 3
Prep Baseball
Willamette at South Eugene, 4
North Eugene at Springfield, 4
Riddle at Douglas, 4
Marshfield at Bendon, 7:30
Monroe at Crow, 3:30
Prep Track
Waldport at Siuslaw, 4
College Tennis
Springfield at Oregon Frosh, 3:30

SUNDAY
NWL Baseball
Eugene at Salem, 7:30
Tri-City at Yakima, 7:30
Lewiston at Wenatchee, 8
College Baseball
Washington State at Oregon, 3
Prep Baseball
Willamette at South Eugene, 4
North Eugene at Springfield, 4
Riddle at Douglas, 4
Marshfield at Bendon, 7:30
Monroe at Crow, 3:30
Prep Track
Waldport at Siuslaw, 4
College Tennis
Springfield at Oregon Frosh, 3:30

Meetings Scheduled

The Eugene Men's Softball League will hold a meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Eugene City Hall.

An Oregon State Softball Assn. meeting is scheduled for Corvallis April 28.

Now... Blessed Relief From ARTHRITIS

Without Drugs or Surgery

If you act promptly, an amazing illustrated new FREE book that may change your whole life will be rushed to you by return mail. Send for it today—and discover why drugs give you only temporary relief. How to eliminate the cause of your aches and pains, without drugs and without surgery, a proven non-medical way. How to avoid years of needless agony and deformities that may cripple you for the rest of your life.

You owe it to yourself to send for this valuable FREE book without delay. No obligation. No agent will call. Write: The Ball Clinic, Dept. 3-265-A, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. A postcard will do.

"Tony" KALEZ KASH 'N KARRY
Building Materials At A Discount! 1768 W. 6th Ave. DI 2-3388
across from Shakey's

TRUCK & TRAILER LOAD!!
Interior Exterior Odd Size **PLYWOOD SALE**
Every Thickness, Every Size, All Fir
From \$1.39 to Ping Pong Size \$6.95
Open Monday thru Saturday 8 to 6 — Sunday 11-4

Lowell Chase
SMITH & CRAKES Insurance
58 WEST 11th AVE., EUGENE PHONE DI. 4-6227

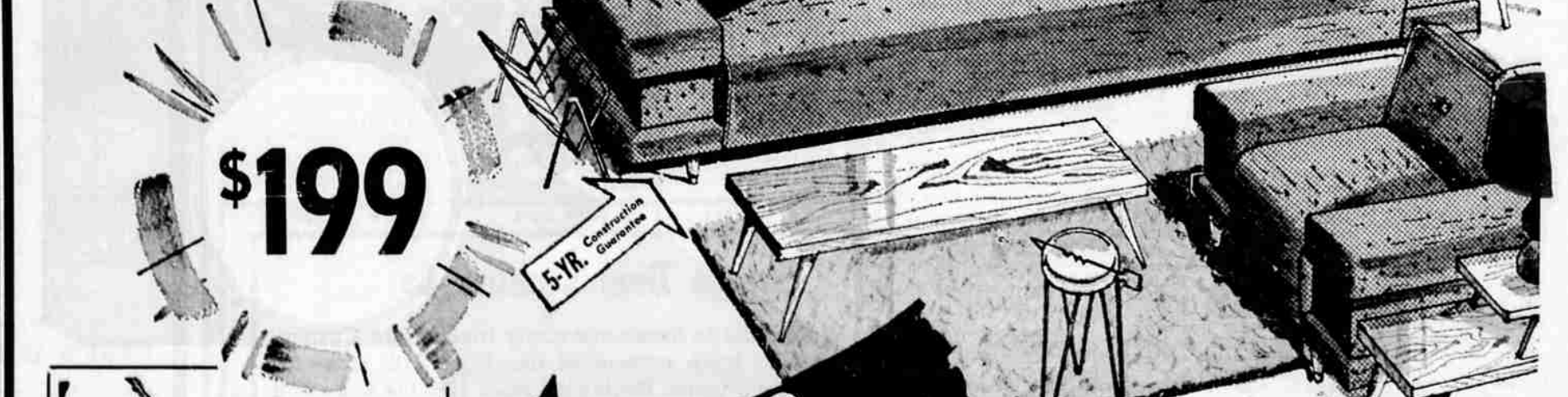
Trouble Strikes Without Warning...
Any hour of the day or night, fire, theft and auto accidents take place. That's when we are ready to lend a hand. Smith & Crakes Insurance is a local firm, and the insurance problems of our neighbors are our chief concern. We pride ourselves in choosing the right insurance for you, with no gaps in coverage... no costly duplications... let LOWELL CHASE at Smith & Crakes put the sure in your insurance plan.

OPEN TODAY (SUNDAY) NOON 'TILL 9 P. M.

SALE CONTINUES DAILY
9:30 a.m. 'til 9 p.m.

SPECTACULAR 14-PIECE HOMEMAKER'S MODERN LIVING ROOM GROUP

- HERE'S WHAT YOU GET:
- Full-sized sofa—sleeps two!
 - Matching club chair!
 - Cocktail table! (mahogany, walnut or blond)
 - Two matching step-end tables!
 - Two decorator table lamps!
 - Two davenport pillows!
 - Pair of pictures!
 - Smoking stand!
 - Magazine rack!
 - Throw rug!



\$199

Sunbeam
Free Wheeling GAS ROTARY MOWER
This mower is loaded with all the wanted features and it can be yours FREE with the purchase of the 14-piece furniture group shown here!

\$69.50
or \$69.50

IN OTHER MERCHANDISE OF YOUR CHOICE.

plus Free

JUNCTION CITY Furniture
910 Ivy St. Junction City Phone WY 8-8214

This is truly a "once-in-a-lifetime" offer. Imagine this glamorous living room suite in a wide choice of decorator fabrics plus 12 additional co-ordinated pieces all carefully selected from leading manufacturers especially for this event. PLUS a bonus offer of a 19" ROTARY POWER MOWER (as illustrated) with 2 1/2-h.p., 4-cycle SUNBEAM engine, semi-pneumatic tires. Adjust to 3 cutting heights. This mower ABSOLUTELY FREE when you purchase the 14-piece Homemaker's Modern Living Room Group!

Drive Over and Save - Lower Overhead Means Better Prices

- No Down Payment
- No Payment Till June
- FREE DELIVERY