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LIVE SPORTING NEWS

COAST BALL TEAMS EXPECT STRONG CLUBS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—(U. P.)—A tougher race for all teams in the Pacific Coast League is expected this season. Fans believe that practically all of the teams that will be within striking distance of the pennant most of the season, and that there will be no outstanding cellar-hunters, as last year.

Sacramento is believed by many to furnish the best cause for trouble for other teams aspiring to the pennant. Sacramento will have a fighting, well balanced machine.

Great improvement is expected at Salt Lake and Portland, as a result of changes. Vernon is also greatly strengthened.

Whether the San Francisco Seals will stack up with last year's team remains to be seen. The team may show up slightly stronger, or it may be a little weaker. Loss of Caveney will be felt, and the pitching staff will have to prove that it had the 1921

class.

Whether Oakland can make up for the loss of Hack Miller and Linn also remains to be seen. Oakland is still hopeful of getting Louie Gusto back, but eastern dopsters declare that there is but little chance of this. However the Oaks are planning to make a strong bid with their pitching staff, which was the weak spot in 1921.

Seattle is still a formidable team, although it appears to be not very well balanced.

Los Angeles is expected to prove an extremely strong machine, perhaps with much improvement over last year. There are weak spots that need the addition of highly skilled performers, but nevertheless the Angels, with the Seals, look like the strongest contenders against Sacramento.

Vernon is making strong efforts toward improvement, but there are still some gaps in the line which can stand bolstering up. Some of the material is too unknown to be able to give the team a proper once-over. However, there will be much improvement over last year's performance at Vernon, and when the Tigers get on the field, they may prove more formidable than they look at present.

RUTH OUT TO BEAT HIS 1921 HOME RUN RECORD

BY HENRY L. FARRELL.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
NEW YORK, March 24.—At \$500 a smack, there is no doubt that Babe Ruth will try for a new home run record this coming season.

The doubt comes with the question—will he do it?

Everything is against him, except that sort of do-anything spirit that has characterized his baseball career. It is that spirit of nothing-too-hard-for-me that makes Col. Jake Ruppert, president of the Yankees, believe that the Bam will go higher than the 59 he hung up last season as the high mark.

"Missing play for five weeks when the pitchers ought to be easy for him will be a big handicap to Ruth, but he always has done his best work under pressure. When the going has been hardest he has always delivered and I'm sure he will this year," Ruppert said today.

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Tilden Says U. S. Has Host Of Young Stars

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PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—"It seems to me that J. B. Hawks of Australia has, in the exuberance of youth, made a rather rash statement on conditions about which he appears to know little," William Tilden, American tennis champion, declared in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

Tilden's statement was in reply to one by the Australian that after Tilden and Johnston were through, America would have to give up the Davis cup, there being no good young tennis players in America.

"Hawk's statement hardly warrants a refutation, but I will be glad to give you a few facts in regard to future American tennis," "Big Bill" continued.

"Possibly the crushing defeat administered to Hawkes by Vincent Richards, the eighteen year old junior tennis champion of America, in the East vs. West matches at Chicago last fall slipped Mr. Hawkes' mind when reviewing our young players."

"While it is my opinion that nothing but America's best can cope successfully with the magnificent team which Australia is sending to challenge for the Davis Cup this season, it is the craft and strategy of that magnificent player, Mr. Norman Brookes, as captain, rather than the youth of the team that we must fear."

"During by Davis Cup trip to Australia I carefully studied the quantity and quality of the junior players; there the ration in quantity is about ten to one in favor of America, while the standard of play impressed me as a full class higher here than there."

"The tendency of the Australian boys is to develop a one or two shot game as compared with the all-court game of the American junior."

"I saw no boys comparable with Vincent Richards, Frank T. Anderson and Charles Wood, Jr. New York; Arnold W. Jones and W. W. Ingraham, Providence; Harold Godshall and Philip Betters, California; Charles Watson Jr., Carl Fisher and Andrew Morgan, Philadelphia; John Hennessey and Fritz Bastian, Indianapolis; Marshall Allen, Seattle; Philip Sear, Portland, Ore.; and James M. Davis, University of California."

"Also such young stars as Julius Sagalowski, Indianapolis; Arthur Ingraham, Jr., Providence; Miles Valentine and Neal Sullivan, Philadelphia; Armand Marion, Seattle; and "Sandy" Wiener, Philadelphia, my doubles partner for the early season, all of whom are less than sixteen years of age, are unknown to Australian tennis."

"I believe that America faces a more serious crisis in defence of the Davis Cup this year than we will five or ten years from now should we hold the cup, as I believe the stars of the future will surpass even such players as Johnston and Williams."

When asked what effect he believed the seeded draw would have on commercializing the game, Tilden said: "I see no reason to believe the seeded draw will effect the question of commercialism in any way other than to increase attendance. It merely assures an even division of

No one blames Ruth for getting \$500 for every homer, but many smart base ball men accuse of the Yank club's owners of a lack of their usual business foresight in advertising the arrangement with the great king. Some skeptics, as was pointed out before, will curl their lip everytime Babe hits a grooved ball and insinuate that the pitcher did it intentionally for a cut of the prize money. However, others maintain that the pitchers will make added efforts to beat the slugger.

"The 'Big Bam' is going about his work with a burst of enthusiasm that indicates a sincere purpose to reach new heights this year. He has allowed a few close friends in on the secret that he has two ambitions in 1922—a new home run record and the batting championship of the major leagues.

Ruth had a vaudeville contract that was said to be paying him about \$4,000 a week and he could have kept on the boards until the first of May but he cancelled his bookings before the first of March and went south to train, although he cannot hope to play before May 20.

Last season he reported south weighing over 230 pounds, with his eyes as much out of conformation as his girth. He was out of shape most of the season and it was only that batting spirit that pulled him through. This year he reported for work weighing just a little over 200 pounds, he seemed to have his eye from the start and he worked harder than any rookie in the camp.

All hope of having a modification of his sentence from Commissioner Landis has been abandoned and he is going to travel with the team and work out every day until game time.

Some of the game's close followers look at the Babe's industry down South as an attempt to get himself in sprinting shape. To beat his record this season he will have to overcome a big handicap and many of his friends believe he is going to try to make his legs good for many full circuit circuits without being forced to drive them out of the park.

At least five of his drives far out to centerfield last year went only for doubles and triples when an ordinary runner from the other clubs could have made it all around standing up. If he can get some weight off and get some speed out of his legs he will not have to smash them over the fence.

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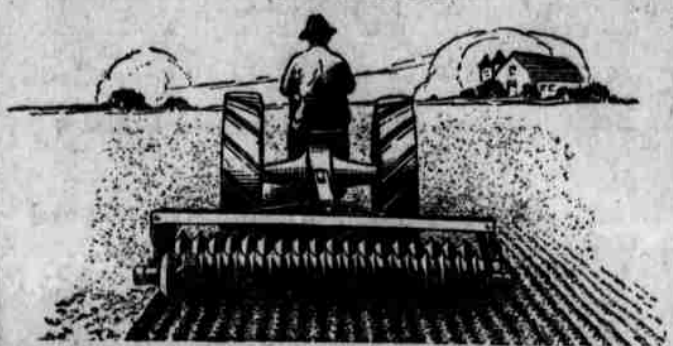
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strength which would provide an equally fair opportunity to all contestants, thus increasing and stimulating public interest in the game.

"The sole danger of creating professional tennis lies in attempts to restrict the personal liberties of the players by the too stringent enforcement of the amateur rule. I see no signs that point to organized professional tennis, unless it should come from the natural reaction of the players themselves against curtailing of their liberty in playing when and where they desire, provided, of course, they receive no financial return for so doing."

"The trend of the annual meeting showed that sentiment throughout the country was for a more liberal interpretation of the amateur rule and less in favor of the stringent regulations."

"I am in favor of as many exhibition matches in as different places as are possible throughout the season as the best method of popularizing the game. The splendid work of the National Association in staging the Davis Cup lies in widely separated cities is more than that must bring results. It is merely a question of bringing first class tennis to the public attention for the game to gain a solid foothold in a community."