

Oakland Pleased By Go Ahead Sign For Ball Players

By Hal Wood
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Boyes Springs, Cal., March 23 (AP)—The best news the Oakland Oak training camp has received in a long time was the announcement from Washington that professional baseball players could return to their "business."

That announcement meant that, in all probability, deals with the Philadelphia Phils and Pittsburgh Pirates would go through—and as a result, the Oaks expect to get added pitching strength. That was their one source of worry.

Says General Manager Vic Vecenzi:

Manager Satisfied

"I'm quite well satisfied with our club. We are going to be tougher than last year. We have one pitcher coming from Philadelphia in the Les Scarsella deal, and another from the Pirates. Then we will be all set."

Field Boss Dolph Camilli, who won his spurs as a manager last year by bringing the Oaks home in a tie with San Francisco for third, also is optimistic:

"I think we have a well-balanced club—especially when we get those extra hurlers," Dolph sums up the situation.

The club is going to miss Scarsella, who led the league in hitting; it is going to miss Manuel Salvo, who was tops in pitching. But Camilli hopes to overcome these losses by balance, and depth in positions.

To Hold Down First

Camilli, still a great first baseman, has announced his intention of letting Vic Peedti, school boy sensation, hold down first sack. But if the youngster fails to make the grade, Dolph will be available.

At second, veteran Jimmy Herara probably will get the call, with Jake Caulfield at short and Chet Rosenlund at third. For infield insurance there is Ed Kirby, purchased from Atlanta; Glen Stewart, obtained from the Phils, and Lynn Storti, the veteran former major leaguer.

The catching situation is well in hand with Bill Raimondi, Gilly Campbell and Sam Fenech on deck.

For the outfield there is a regular gang-fight under way for first string positions. Tom Hafey, Norman Dewese, Frank Hawkins, Hal Patchett, Frank Silvanic and Rookie George Effisimo are the leading candidates.

Wins 18 Games

Jack Lotz, who won 18 games last year, heads the pitchers in camp. Floyd Stromme, who was next to Salvo in the earned-run column, is back; and Italo Cellini, a great hurler in 1943 before breaking a wrist, is attempting a comeback—and looks great.

Ohio State, NYU Hoop Finalists

New York, March 23 (AP)—Ohio State and New York university were the finalists today in the eastern N.C.A.A. basketball tournament, literally loafing in to provide a leisurely change of pace from the current speed mania among big time college teams.

Ohio State defeated Kentucky, 45 to 37 last night in a deliberate defensive game which was retarded even more because of excessive fouling by both teams. New York university topped Tutts, 59 to 44. The Violets were rated 30 point favorites. They were hard pressed to win by 15.

A. L. WILLIAMS WOUNDED

Prineville, March 23.—Pvt. Aarol L. Williams, son of Mrs. Bessie P. Reece, 709 East Sixth street, Prineville, has been wounded while fighting in the European regions, according to an announcement today by the office of war information.

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Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, March 23 (AP)—A few weeks ago we typed a piece kidding some of the writing fellers about their learned remarks on what a changed man was Col. Larry MacPhail since his return to baseball. His hitch in the army had made him a quiet, restrained chap, they said.

In our piece we emphasized that red-headed Larry was too old a leopard to change his liver spots—if he had any. And that he soon would be throwing his weight around, like a beserk heifer in a brica-brac shop.

Imagine our gleeful satisfaction, then, when dynamic Larry broke loose this week. No, no—folks: we take no credit for having inspired President MacPhail of the Yankees to cut loose. Nature merely took its course. And two months before even Larry expected it.

We were reminded of this last night when we heard the "changed" MacPhail—the quiet restrained Larry—going to town over the air waves. He was a forceful and persuasive speaker in a Blue network forum which was considering the question: "Should the duration?" Your first guess is correct. Larry was in there punching for the continuation of sports. He had a lot of good arguments too, and he wound up in true MacPhailian style:

"Just one thing more. Anyone who knows anything about it will tell you that the overwhelming majority of the men who are fighting this war for us want professional sports continued. Anyone who tells you anything else simply doesn't know what he is talking about."

These remarks climaxed a week of MacPhailian reserve—restraint; a week that opened with

last Sunday's hullabaloo over Larry's "kidnaping" of Lt. Bert Shepard in Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson's private airplane. Shepard, an army flier who had lost a leg in action, was supposed to have worked out with the Washington Senators at College Park, Md. But MacPhail spirited him away to the Yanks' camp at Atlantic City, N. J., for the day. Prexy Clark Griffith of the Senators exploded and hit MacPhail with a flock of word-fragments. The war department finally straightened out the ruckus.

This "kidnaping" was not a mere stunt on MacPhail's part. It was his official notification to the baseball world that he had become active head of the Yankees—60 days ahead of schedule. That he—and not ancient Ed Barrow—was running things on the ball club which Capt. Dan Topping, Del Webb, and he recently bought for \$2,800,000.

Echoes of the "kidnaping" had scarcely faded when the "changed" MacPhail startled reporters by disclosing that he now favors Sen. Albert P. (Happy) Chandler of Kentucky for the job of baseball commissioner. This disclosure indirectly informed everyone concerned that it would be MacPhail—and not Barrow—who will cast the Yankee vote for commissioner. Barrow had favored Ford Frick or Jim Farley.

MacPhail is still the old dynamic, color guy. The only "change" was his shift from the Dodgers to the Yankees—from the National to the American league. It is our belief that the junior circuit never will be the same again.

A new type of rubber sponge, manufactured in England, is made from regenerated rubber and leather charcoal, obtained from vegetable-tanned leather scrap.

Gunder Is Sure Victory in Sight

Cleveland, March 23 (AP)—The skinny Swedish miler, mercury-footed Gunder Hagg, had no doubts about it—tonight he was going to win the Universe Bulletin mile, crack event at the fifth annual Knights of Columbus regatta here.

The time? Gunder would make no predictions, but track experts—noting that the 12-lap-to-a-mile oval here is one of the fastest in the nation—predicted Hagg would cut the tape under 4:12. That would be the fastest mile of the current season, since the best mark—a not so hot 3:13.1—was set by New York's Jimmy Rafferty in an earlier race.

Rafferty, incidentally, who tore across the finish line three straight times ahead of Hagg, won't be at the post tonight. He begged off because of "business matters" which "Gunder the Wonder" thought "mighty queer." In their meeting a week ago in Chicago Hagg missed victory by five yards.

Met Champions To Defend Titles

Dallas, Tex., March 23 (AP)—Three mat champions will defend their titles in the 1945 National AAU wrestling meet opening tonight.

Richard P. Vaughn, Lancaster, Pa., will defend his unlimited heavyweight title. Two other titlists, Dr. M. A. Northrup of the San Francisco Olympic club, in the heavyweight bracket, and Vernon Cronhardt of the Baltimore YMCA in the 145 pound class, will be competing, one weight group higher than a year ago.

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5:45—Night News Wire
6:00—Gabriel Heatter
6:15—Merle Pitt's Orchestra
6:30—Double or Nothing
7:00—Bob Strong's Orchestra
7:15—Lowell Thomas
7:30—Lone Ranger
8:00—Boxing Bouts
9:00—Glenn Hardy News
9:15—Cecil Brown
9:30—Freedom of Opportunity
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:15—News

10:15—Al Williams
10:30—Radio Pal Club
10:45—Redmond Victory March
11:40—News
11:45—Voice of the army
12:00—Henry King's orchestra
12:10—Sport Yarns
12:15—Grand Piano Twins
12:30—News
12:45—Farmer's Hour
1:00—Memo For Tomorrow
1:15—Art Mooney's orchestra
1:30—Music for Half an Hour
2:00—Sports Parade
2:30—Sonny Dunham's orchestra
2:45—Bernie Cummin's Orches.
3:00—Halls of Montezuma
3:30—Hawaii Calls
4:00—American Eagle in Britain
4:30—Ray Herbeck's orchestra
4:55—Central Oregon News
5:00—Word of Life
5:30—Detroit Symphony Orchestra
6:30—News
6:45—Mutual Musicale
7:00—Russ Morgan's orchestra
7:30—Red Ryder
8:00—Chicago Theatre of Air
9:00—Glenn Hardy News
9:15—Cote Glee Club
9:30—Tiny Hill's orchestra
9:55—News
10:00—Ted Straeter's Orchestra

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

7:00—News
7:15—Moonbeam Trio
7:30—American Folk Singers
7:45—Morning Melodies
7:55—News
8:00—Johnny Long's orchestra
8:15—News
8:30—Rainbow House
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
8:50—Oregon Treasures
8:55—Glenn Miller
9:00—Hello Mom.
9:30—Rationing News
9:35—Old Family Almanac
10:00—Glenn Hardy News

Eagles and Stars Billed for Title

Portland, Ore., March 23 (AP)—Either the Portland Eagles or the Seattle Stars will hang up their skates after tonight's playoff game of a torrid four out of seven series.

The winner will scrap it out in another playoff with the Seattle Ironmen for the Northern division Pacific coast league title.

Each team has won three victories and tonight's game is a standoff. The return of defense stars Aubrey Webster and Bill Erwin gives Portland a full-strength squad to throw at the Stars.

Portland's scoring threats will be Jimmy Planche, Bobby Morin and Red Carr in the front line, with Planche the top individual scorer of the series so far with 18 points, Morin second with 17 and Carr third with 15. Seattle is

Paulie Peters to Meet Leo Turner

Portland, Ore., March 23 (AP)—Leo (the Lion) Turner, the grinning colored boy with the flattened nose and trip-hammer fists, takes on Paulie Peters, the Norwegian brawler from San Francisco, in tonight's main event at the National boxing club in Portland.

Turner is counting on a win over Peters to give him some lucrative California bouts. The bout is for 10 rounds.

The eight-round semi-final matches Eddie Wharton, Portland negro welterweight, against Seattle's Jimmy Hogan. Two big boys will slug it out for six rounds, Dave Johnston and Moose Kennedy.

Folks:

I want to introduce a new man with us. He is Jess Thompson, originally from Pueblo, Colorado. He went into the Merchant Marine and the Navy, was discharged and came to the coast and tried logging. Got hurt there and is now figuring that Bend is the ideal spot to live.

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