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CHUCK DAVEY SCORED A DECISION OVER CHINO VELAZ. IN ONE OF THE GREATEST FIGHTS OF THE CENTURY IN CHICAGO ON MAY 7, 1952.

Oakland Acorns Probably Will Be in Pennant Fight

By HAL WOOD
(United Press Sports Writer)
If old father time doesn't catch up with them, the Oakland Acorns probably will be in the thick of the Pacific Coast League pennant race again. President C. L. (Brick) Laws has again lined up a lot of good talent for his new manager, Augie Galan. At least it looks good this spring. How it will be after five months of daily play remains to be seen.

The average age of the outfield is about 33 years including veteran Sam Chapman, 37; Bill Howard, 32; and Pete Milne, 38. The infield average, exclusive of first base, is just about the same; Eddie Lake, 36, at shortstop; Spider Jorgensen, 33, at third; and Hank Schenz, 32, at second. The first baseman probably will be rookie Jim Marshall, 21, considered one of the bright young prospects in the PCL this season.

Fish Saved by Screen at Dam On Sandy River

Initial tests to determine the efficiency of mechanical fish screens installed at Portland General Electric company's Marmot dam on the Sandy river have already demonstrated a large saving of steelhead cutthroat trout, silver salmon, and Chinook salmon.

Game commission Fishery Agent Ralph Pirtle reports the young fish migrating downstream are being by-passed safely into the Sandy river at the rate of several hundred a week. The fish screens set in a power diversion canal leading to Roslyn lake. Formerly escape from the artificial lake for fish was through the hydroelectric turbines of the Bull Run power plant.

The Marmot dam fish screen installed by Portland General Electric company is the first of its kind employed in fish protection. It is a self-cleaning screen and consists of an endless link belt with attached screen panels which are easily replaced. Port holes at the sides of the screen lead fish back to the river.

This type screen is being considered for installation on the Clackamas and Rogue river dams to protect fish life.

Perplexed anglers who last year reported to the game commission that their steelhead fishing in Roslyn lake had vanished provided the first inkling of the Marmot dam screen's value. Before installation of the screen in 1951 many adult steelhead were diverted into the lake. Peak numbers of young salmon and steelhead are expected to end May.

Fishery Agent Pirtle who lives at Marmot dam installed a trap this month to measure the steelhead run passing upstream. In the first three days of operation 231 adult steelhead were freed from the trap.

No Swiping of Athletes in SW Conference

Dallas, Tex. (AP)—There'll be the usual big rush for the high school football stars. The college scouts will do the family churning, help the lady of the house with the washing and tell the old man what a great fellow he is to send his boy to Baylor, Texas or whatever the school may be.

But there'll be no "swiping" of the athletes. A boy won't agree to do to a certain school then wind up at another come fall.

The "contract" plan will be inaugurated April 15 in the Southwest Conference. When a high school graduate signs a "letter of intent" joined by his parents he will have to go to that college and no other in the conference if he expect to get an athletic scholarship.

It's limited, too. The period for signing up the boys will be from April 15 until college opens in the fall.

Only 22 freshmen, three junior college graduates who are immediately eligible for the varsity and three transfers from junior or senior colleges who must wait a year before becoming eligible for the varsity may be signed by any conference member.

The letter of intent will be filed with the conference. Then it will be hands-off of this boy for the other members of the league.

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