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FOR some odd reason, proving they are new members of the magnate tribe, neither Bing Crosby nor Bob Hope has claimed any pennant for the Pirates or the Indians. As you may know both are now closely involved in the standings of these two clubs and both will need some slight improvement before they reach the gonfalon heights.

At the moment, magnate Hope already has waged a golf ball with magnate Crosby that the Indians finish higher up in the American league race than the Pirates finish in the National. Hope wanted to make this a box of golf balls, but Crosby demurred, recalling the spots both occupied last fall.

No one can blame Crosby for this careful attitude although he already has strengthened the Pitt roster with a player by the name of Greenberg.

But after all, the Indians have Bob Feller. They also have a shortstop-second base combination in Lou Roudreau and Joe Gordon that will be worth watching.

"Joe Gordon is too fine a ball player, too strong a competitor to have another off year," Hope tells you.

"Joe was just another war-athlete victim. Before that he was one of the greatest defensive second basemen in baseball history and a dangerous hitter. Like many other baseball and football players he had something of a slumping spell after leaving the army, but it will be a different story this next season. Joe is still young and in good physical shape. Roudreau is also young. He is one of the star shortstops of baseball. This pair will put on plenty of fireworks together."

Gordon's Future

We look for the same result. Gordon has been too fine a ball player and too much of an athlete to be placed on the waning list. There is a good chance that he will have one of his best seasons. Strength through the shortstop-second base position can make a big difference to any club and this Cleveland combination may easily match the Red Sox pair or the Cardinal-Dodgers outfits.

Anyway, "Hope still springs eternal in the baseball breast," where Hope is still hopeful of big days ahead.

Apparently Crosby and Hope had to find some way to keep busy and kill time.

All Bing does is to handle a big radio job, make motion pictures, do a world of recording and put on golf tournaments. All Bob Hope does is work on radio, make pictures and appear at practically every luncheon and banquet function along the west coast. Now they are in baseball. It might be remembered that only recently in tournament play, Bing shot a 75 at golf while Bob is around 78 or 80. If word gets out they are likely to spend most of their rounds signing autographs.

Both are red hot baseball fans and both hope to drop in on their respective teams when spring training starts. Bing's Pirates have a long way to move before crashing the first division. The Cardinals and Dodgers are the first two road blocks. The Cubs will be better, and probably luckier than they were last season. The Braves and Phillies will be stronger teams. So will the Giants. If Bing had a pitching arm, the Pirates could use that better than his golf swing.

Eagle vs. Lion

No matter how you may figure it all out, the two top international rivals in sport are the United States and Great Britain. They remain the two great sporting nations of what we call the world today.

In all fairness it must be admitted that England and Scotland are outnumbered by United States about 3 to 1, so the odds should belong our way. But without England and Scotland there would be no international competition. Not with Russia, not with France, Italy, China, Japan, Germany or Britain. It could be different with Sweden and Finland in distance races.

The point is that the British Isles provide the U. S. their only competition at this date. By that I mean that England and Scotland can supply their share of trouble in golf—including the Walker cup matches next May. They may even win this test if the winds come up and the rains arrive.

British Golfers

In Dai Rees they have one of the best golf professionals I have seen. Rees would be an even bet against Hogan or Nelson on any British course. If the Ryder cup matches were played over a seaside British links, the odds would be even. That's how good he is. It is certainly no part of a push-over that the U. S., with the strong team now picked, can get by with the next Walker cup matches. The British have an even chance over their own terrain.

Hits Striped Bass School Sunday

Soren Buss, Southwestern Motors shop foreman, who likes to wet a line as well as the next piscatorial fan, really ran into striped bass Sunday, and he came home with the proof.

Fishing on Isthmus Slough from his boat, Soren and his fishing companion, Jack Carlson hooked and landed 10 strippers with a total boated weight of over 200 pounds. The largest fish caught weighed 34 pounds, and Soren says there were plenty more in the school.

They fished only from 1:30 to 4:00 o'clock and used a feathered jig.

Visiting Quintel Defeated Sunday

It was a field day Sunday for the Coquille Indians when they met and defeated the Harlem Legionnaires, an all-star aggregation of negro ball players from the big city of New York.

Exhibiting some of the smoothest ball seen in many a year on the Community building court, the Legionnaires and Indians played a nip-and-tuck game throughout with the Indians being hot all the time and making every fast break count as they approach the pay dirt zone.

Trendell was high point man with 14 points for the Indians, and Roberts of the Harlem boys topped his team with 18 points. Final score was 57-53.

Myrtle Point's Independents were defeated Sunday evening there by the Harlem team.

Lineups were:

Coquille

McIntee, F. 2 0 1 4

Trendell, F. 7 0 1 14

Assen, C. 0 0 2 0

Crouch, G. 5 0 1 10

Meek, G. 5 2 0 12

Gray, F. 0 0 0 0

Allard, C. 1 0 0 2

Porter, G. 6 3 1 15

Kaufman, G. 0 0 2 0

Total 28 5 8 57

Harlem Legionnaires

Stinson, F. 2 0 1 4

Yauncy, F. 4 2 0 10

Roberts, C. 8 2 1 18

Coleman, G. 5 0 2 10

Cheatham, G. 2 1 0 5

Means, G. 3 0 0 6

Total 24 5 4 53

Coquille Takes 50-23 Shellacking

The Bobcats of Myrtle Point took revenge on Coquille Red Devils Friday night in the Coquille gymnasium for a slump they had reportedly been undergoing, and trampled the Red Devils by a 50-23 score.

It was the first win in the last six games of the Bobcats.

The Coquille B's lost to Myrtle Point by a score of 31-25.

Both games were slow and ragged with Myrtle Point having a slight edge all the way through. In the last canto Myrtle Point speeded up to walk away with its win.

Arago Team Takes Win Over Bandon

AT ARAGO (Special)—Arago's Independent basketball team defeated Bandon Monday night, by a score of 37 to 27.

Arago Independent team vs. Powers last Thursday night ended with a score of Powers 40, Arago 34.

The Arago grade school girls played a good game of volleyball, winning two games out of three from the young married women's team in this community.

Riverton Defeated

The Coquille Indians took the scalps from the Riverton quintet Monday night by a score of 48 to 24 on the local Community building floor.

Lineups were:

Coquille

McIntee, F. 1 0 0 2

Gray, F. 2 2 0 6

Trendell, F. 6 1 1 13

Assen, C. 0 0 5 0

Stelmets, C. 1 0 3 2

Mack, G. 4 2 2 10

Porter, G. 5 0 1 10

Crouch, G. 2 0 1 4

Kaufman, G. 0 1 2 1

Total 21 6 15 48

Riverton

G. Hartwell 0 3 1 3

Fetch 0 0 3 0

M. Hartwell 0 0 2 0

Bosco 4 1 3 9

Thompson 1 0 0 2

Pierce 3 3 0 9

Haga 0 1 1 1

Total 8 8 10 24

LIONS DANCE TO GIVE PROFITS

Net profits from the Lions club dance Thursday, Feb. 20th, in the Community Building featuring Pee-Wee Hunt and his Band direct from the Hollywood Palladium will go toward the lighting of the football turf field of the high school, President Stan Sherwood announced today.

Looking For Coach

The Coquille Independent Baseball team is still looking for a coach-manager for the coming season. Floyd Chase who did a fine organizational job last year and fired a local nine to a lot of wins on the diamond, will be busy at other occupations during the coming season.

Chess Club To Meet

Coquille Chess club will meet in the council chamber of the city hall on Friday night, Feb. 14, at 7:30, according to Dr. Frank Muller, organizer.

SPORTSCOPE

By JOE MAHONEY



Sportsmen Meeting Scheduled Tonight

First Coquille district meeting of the Southwestern Oregon Sportsmen's association will be held in the Junior Auditorium tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p. m., with Orville Wood, temporary director from this district, acting as chairman.

With the avowed purpose of organizing in order to present a united front throughout Southwestern Oregon in an attempt to bring wildlife back to Southwestern Oregon, the first meeting of the group was held at Coos Bay.

It is now planned to have district chapters at Reedsport, North Bend and Coos Bay, Myrtle Point, Powers, Bandon, Langlois, Port Orford and Gold Beach.

Several men from Coos Bay will be present to explain the workings of the group.

Memberships are available at \$2.00 per year. A large turnout is wanted, as a total Southwestern Oregon membership of around 20,000 members is envisaged to make the group a powerful lobby for better wildlife laws and the aid in the projecting of hatcheries and re-stocking of game fish in this area that is rapidly being depleted.

Named For 2nd Time As "Player of Week"

Keith Johnson, small and fast Coquille high basketball star, was named as the first "repeater" for "Player of the Week" award of the Coquille Quarterback club, it was announced today.

Johnson has been a sparkplug on the Coquille quintets this year, and can always be counted on to lead his team in a tight spot by connecting with the hoop for some counters.

Selection was based on sportsmanship, contributions to the team, and general all-around playing ability.

Sentinel Classified Ads. will sell it.

Red Devil Juniors Take Pirates

A sparkling junior varsity team of maple courtsters with plenty of fire in their pants romped through a fast and thrilling game with the Marshfield Pirate B's here Tuesday night and took another game for themselves by a score of 34 to 31 at the final gun.

Sparked by Johnson, Geaney, and a new lad from Riverton by the name of Cochran, the B's were filled with vim, vigor, and plenty of fast breaks.

Marshfield didn't slouch along the floor either, but the score at half was in favor of Coquille 16 to 11.

At the start of the second half a nip-and-tuck battle ensued in which Coquille kept playing basketball and making every break count.

Final score 34-31.

Sinking of foul shots by the Coquille B team was primarily responsible for their win as the three extra points were all earned by four tosses.

Anderson Leads Win Over Red Devils

It was a little sophomore by the name of Anderson on the Marshfield Pirates basketball quintet last Tuesday night who led the rout of the Coquille Red Devils by a final score of 64 to 27.

Anderson sparking a big lanky Pirate squad—with three regular varsity members being disciplined on the bench for missing practice Monday—put the jim into the team from the bay to hold Coquille to a 29-4 score at the first quarter.

Score at the half was 40 to 8 in favor of the Pirates.

In the last half Coach Enoch Jungling started substituting freely from his next year's players, and they earned 19 points.

Fouls were numerous on both teams with playing growing ragged in the last half as Marshfield substituted second string players.

Games Scheduled One Here; Two Away

Three games were on the agenda this week of the Coquille Red Devils, with Marshfield here again Tuesday, Feb. 11, and North Bend, Feb. 14, and Reedsport Braves Tuesday, Feb. 18th, both away from home.

Girls Work Out

For the first time in several years, the girls of the Coquille high school are getting a lot of physical education work in their gymnasium classes. Mrs. Emily Price is the instructor. She came here last fall from the east.

Indians' Last Game

The last game of the Indians under the tutelage of Floyd Chase promises a lot of real basketball thrills for local maple court fans when The Coquille Indians meet the strong little quintet from Arago tonight here.

Bowlers Feel Loss

Members of the Oerding Bowling team have felt the absence of Harry Oerding who plays on the George Oerding Insurance company team in Coos Bay competition. Oerding who is an ace bowler and a high point man has been quite ill the past month.

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