



SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING SLATED TOMORROW NIGHT

An initial meeting of all managers of soft ball teams intending to enter the city league, which is expected to get under way early in April, will meet at the Office Stationery and Supply company store across the street from the Rialto theater Thursday night at 7:30.

The meeting has been called by Sam Colton, head of the league. Colton said yesterday that those intending entering must absolutely be at the meeting and that applications will not be accepted after Thursday's confab.

The plan this year is to play a split season as was done last year, but to establish a 50 entrance fee from each team, the money to be split 50-50 between the two top teams at the end of the season. The idea, Colton said, has met with remarkable acclaim.

On the opening night, instead of starting on a prearranged schedule, all teams will assemble at the playing field and numbers will be drawn to determine which four teams will vie that evening, with the schedule to proceed from that point.

It looks like the best season we've ever had," Colton enthusiastically said in recounting the probable setup of teams intending to enter. All of the prospects this year appear stronger than last, with a few weaker squads dropped from last year's loop and several powerful new ones having declared their intention of registering.

At the present time it looks as though there are eight teams which will sign, with a possibility that several more will be in the mood for softball before Thursday evening. It has been decided that no effort will be made to arrange a "dog watch" or staggered brackets, but the teams will be paired, making it imperative that there be an even number of outfits, either 8, 8, 10 or 12.

The eight teams which will probably be on hand are the Office Boys, Western States Grocery, Lampert's, Jennings Tire, 20-30 club, Christian Church, General Petroleum and The Toggery.

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Collegiate Quints To Clash Tonight

SEATTLE, March 25.—(P)—Washington versus Southern California, Stanford versus Oregon State, that's the program that will bring together the four best Pacific coast collegiate quintets in the coast Olympic basketball tryouts tonight in the University of Washington pavilion.

The two winners will clash tomorrow night for the right to enter the United States finals in New York City early next month.

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O'Mahoney Meets Szabo Tonight

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(P)—Danno O'Mahoney, the Irish soldier who outspitted wrestling fame, meets smashing Sandor Szabo here tonight in a heavyweight bout.

In 215 mat encounters O'Mahoney has lost a single fall, but that was a costly one. It cost him his world's heavyweight wrestling title.

Szabo defeated Stranger Ed Lewis last week to win the right to meet Mahoney.

BASKETBALL COSTUMES 'SHRINK'



Gone are the days of bloomers and middles at the national A. A. U. women's basketball tournament, held this year at Wichita, Kas. Elite Henrie shows how much "shrinking" has taken place in the past few years. At the left, the old-time uniform and at the right, the scanty edition of 1936. (Associated Press Photos)

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RED BRUCE KO'S FIRPO IN SECOND

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(P)—"Red" Bruce tossed out a hard right in perfect timing last night to score a quick knockout over young Firpo of Burke, Idaho, in the second round of a scheduled 10-round main event.

Firpo, 175, had the edge in the initial frame, rocking Bruce twice. The k. o. came after 32 seconds of the next round.

Frank Gallucci, 122, Portland, swung a hard left to knock out Frankie Villa, 128, Seattle, in the first round of the semi-windup.

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STEELE DECISIONS RISKO IN BREEZE

SEATTLE, March 25.—(P)—Freddie Steele of Tacoma is the "uncrowned ruler" of the middleweight boxing division today.

His proof is the smashing triumph over champion Eddie (Babe) Risko, of Syracuse, N. Y., scored in a 10-round, non-title slug-fest here last night.

The only reason Risko is still champion of the world is because he left his title safely locked up 3,000 miles away.

More than 9,000 whooping fans witnessed Risko take a beating, and the title-holder was willing to admit it but he blamed a right poke to the left eye in the first 30 seconds as the cause.

Steele, an unknown northwesterner until he broke the jaw of Vinoo Dundee, former champion, last summer, failed to land his celebrated "Sunday punch" but he won in a breeze after the first three rounds.

Gabe Genovece, Risko's manager, said after the fight he wouldn't consider a title bout with Steele for at least five months.

Promoter Nate Druzman announced the battle drew a gate of \$22,081.

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FANDOM —AT— RANDOM

By DICK APPLAGATE

The new track at the Senior high school is a peculiar looking thing. The matter of what to surface the track with caused considerable worry during the past few months, with rotten granite, clay, and cinders being considered. Cinders are the best material for a track, but in this wood-burning country were exceedingly hard to find. At one time it was almost decided to haul cinders from the lava cinder cone near the base of Mt. Shasta, known as Black Butte.

Then it was discovered that an old dump pile from the coal mine on the side of Roxy Ann had been burning for the past 15 or 20 years, and the refuse or cinders were offered gratis.

The surface of the course has already been laid, and with rolling and finishing going on now will be completed in a short time. Many of those who have seen the stuff will swear that it is broken-up brick. It is a reddish color, with many of the pieces almost as big as bricks, but Coach Bill Bowerman believes that when the big chunks have been broken up or removed, will have a fast, clean track with the possibility of making record times.



Softball, or kitten ball, will be under way here by Monday, April 6, if all plans go well. Kitten ball has come forward rapidly in the past few years and now the twilight league has as many devotees as hard ball (probably more in this city) and plans are being made for a national tournament. A few years ago we were in Montreal, Canada, and every vacant lot in the city had either a softball, cricket or soccer game going, with softball predominating 10 to 1.

Particularly in the evenings. Thousands of men grabbed early dinners and were out on the fields by 6 o'clock, playing until dark. Early in the year that meant only five innings, but as the days grew longer they'd sometimes play eight or ten. The brand of softball they played there was as good as any we ever saw in this country. Not so their football.

They haven't been playing the American style football up there very long. Only the year before we were there had they started using the forward pass, and no blocking was allowed. One night while the others were playing kitten ball we found a kid with a football, and

started playing around with that. The other American with us, Don Statai, from Oakland, was a fine passer. He was tossing long passes to us and we were kicking them back, and one of the Montreal pro football coaches tried to sign us both up to play for them on the team they were planning on starting that year. We declined, of course, knowing more about how good we were at football than he did, but were tremendously flattered, none the less.

Next year the Green Bay Packers, from the American pro league, thumped the Montreal team, 102-0.

Some time ago we stated that getting a h. e. in one no longer created much of a furor outside the immediate vicinity of the course on which the ace was made. We eat our words now. The Associated Press has asked for a list of all those who have turned in dodos since the start of the year, with the object of making a big story out of the facts gleaned before the end of the year. Already several have been turned in on the Rogue Valley course, and MacPherson, pro at the club, believes that all records will be shattered before the end of the year. Ah, Banwell may not have heard about it yet, but it will undoubtedly be good publicity for the valley when the names are published over the entire country.

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Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press)
NEWARK, N. J.—Ernie Dusek, 223, Omaha, defeated Abe Coleman, 219, New York. Two falls out of three.
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Yvon Robert, 210, Montreal, defeated George Koverly, 220, California. Straight falls.
BRIDGEPORT, N. J.—Joe Manuel, 160, Spain, defeated Charley Peterson, 182, Ohio. Two falls out of three.
INDIANAPOLIS—Joe Savoldi, 208, Three Oaks, Mich., and Gus Sonnenberg, 212, Boston, drew.
LINCOLN, Neb.—Jim McMillen, 215, Antioch, Ill., defeated Bill Demetri, 208, Greece. Straight falls, 33 minutes and 7 seconds.
RICHMOND, Minn.—Abe Kashaey, 214, Paterson, N. J., threw Ivan Vaccuroff, 235, Riga, Russia.

Greenberg Ready To Make Terms

NEW YORK, March 25.—(P)—Hank Greenberg, the Detroit Tigers slugger (first baseman), will leave for Lakeland, Fla., this afternoon to settle his 1935 salary dispute with club officials there.

Greenberg said he received a telephone call at 10:30 a. m., today from young Charlie Marvin, secretary of the club, inviting him to Florida "to talk the thing over."

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New Track Find



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WRESTLING

(By the Associated Press)
JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Joe Farranto, 141, Ashtabula, Ohio, and Tony Falso, 141, Philadelphia, drew (10).
FARGO, N. D.—Angelo Puglisi, 158, Duluth, Minn., stopped George Seitz, 170, St. Paul (1).
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Jay McCaddon, 154, Orange, N. J., outpointed Larry Mariniucci, 153, New York (6).
ST. PETERSBURG—Chester Paulitis, 172, Scranton, Pa., awarded technical knockout over Tony Celli, 177½, Boston, in third round (10).

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Forum for Portland

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Snow Halts Logging

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—A foot of snow resulted in closing the logging camp of the Coos Bay Lumber company at Powers, officials of the firm announced. The snow extended to the foothills near Marshfield and flurries slowed drivers on the Roseburg-Coos Bay highway.

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Tap duet, Betty Green and Gretchen McAllister; "The Dying Swan," Jewel Deter; Hungarian, Inasurka, Marjorie McNeil; adagio, group.

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