

Mike Balkovick Arrives to Take Charge of Medford Baseball Outfits

PLAYERS CALLED FOR FIVE O'CLOCK AT FAIRGROUNDS

Assistant Grid Coach at Willamette University Plans Frequent Workouts—First Game Is May 2

Mike Balkovick, assistant football coach at Willamette university and newly appointed manager of Medford's Southern Oregon league baseball entry and coach of the baseball school, arrived here this morning and will take charge immediately. A call was issued to all players to report at five o'clock this afternoon at the fairgrounds. Workouts will be held Friday and Saturday at the same location and same time, the scene being shifted from the high school field to enable the team to have infield practice. The high school football turf was judged too wet to withstand spiked shoes and arrangements were made for use of the fairgrounds diamond when it was discovered there was no other field available in Medford.

Will Be Receiving. Balkovick will act as playing manager of the league entry, doing the catching, and will coach the annual summer baseball school sponsored by the Medford Athletic association. In Salem last year he had charge of the American Legion junior team, and assisted Howard Maple and Prisco Edwards in operating a school similar to the one sponsored here. Less than two weeks remain before the Southern Oregon league opener at Grants Pass May 2, and the locals will undergo strenuous practice sessions daily in preparation for the inaugural. Next Sunday the club will travel to Weed, Calif., to tangle with the Sons of Italy team in that city, members of the northern California circuit. A roster of probably 12 players will be taken. Austin Frazier, secretary of the association, announced.

With the arrival of Balkovick, the catching department seems to be well taken care of. George Gitzen, St. Mary's high receiver, may be shifted to the outfield where his hitting power can be used to good advantage. The remainder of the club, to date, shapes up as fairly strong in every respect. Erickson is Regular. Ray Erickson, young righthander with the high hard one, is the lone hurler to turn out regularly although Alvin Merritt, former junior Legion pitcher, is expected to strengthen the staff. Ray Tunstie, member of last year's club has not reported for practice yet, but will probably start limbering up shortly. Another member of last year's hurling corps was signed yesterday when Larry Pepper of Talent cast his lot with the locals.

Infield and outfield posts are still wide open with several members of last year's club making bids, augmented by a flock of newcomers, Dick Lewis, Wally Rickert, Donovan, Sam Van Dyke, Hoffman and others are infielders who have been reporting. In the outer garden, Ray Lewis, Paul and Dick Sakrada, Bingham and many others are making strong bids for positions.

Manila, P. I., April 22.—(AP)—Two fishermen have died recently in odd accidents in the Philippines, strangling on live fish they swallowed after putting them in their mouths while rebaiting hooks.

INDESTRUCTIBLE HORNSBY STEALS SHOW IN OPENER

By Sid Feder (Associated Press Sports Writer)

Old Pop Time is scared silly. Rogers Hornsby has the old fellow ready to wrap up his whiskers, toss away his scythe and give up. The Sage of St. Louis stayed on the bench for all but two games last year and Pop figured the rish, at 40 and with 22 years in the big-time back of him, was all washed up. So Hornsby stepped up to the plate yesterday, banded out a homer and two singles as his Brownies opened their 1937 baseball wars with a 15-10 clouting conquest of the highly regarded Chicago White Sox.

The one victory didn't change the status of the Brownies in this year's American league race. They held the day's spotlight, largely because all the other clubs in both leagues were rained out but they remain 100 to 1 shots in any book, strictly because the Browns' pitching staff is anything but that.

But Hornsby is still there when the chips are down. Maybe it was because he's getting ready to celebrate his 41st birthday next Tuesday. In addition to his batwork he played an errorless nine innings at second base, but it was the big stick he wielded, and the definite evidence that he's still the shrewdest trader in the business that stole the show.

ANCIENT GREENLEAF IS CHAMPION AGAIN

NEW YORK, April 22.—(AP)—Ralph Greenleaf of New York, a champion in 1919 when Babe Ruth was starting to hit home-runs for the Boston Red Sox and Jack Dempsey was the new heavyweight titleholder, is champion again.

Greenleaf stalked out of the past to whip Andrew Pond, another New Yorker, in the finals of the world's pocket billiard championship last night, 125 to 107, in 12 innings, for his 14th championship.

Titlist Favored In Women's Golf Test

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—(AP)—The California state women's golf championship went into the quarter-final round today with young Peggy Graham of Los Angeles, 125, pacemaker from the start, still favored to retain her title.

Ruffing Is Willing Arbitrate Holdout

NEW YORK, April 22.—(AP)—Convinced that open warfare is not getting him anywhere, Charley (the Red) Ruffing is willing to arbitrate his baseball holdout dispute, but the New York Yankees apparently aren't having any of it.

Bank Clearings Dip

NEW YORK, April 22.—(AP)—Bank clearings in 22 leading cities in the week ended April 21, totaled 5,535,725,000, a decline of 3.7 percent from transactions aggregating \$6,207,962,000 in the same week last year, Dun & Bradstreet reported today.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS IN SPRING HANDICAP WILL OPEN SATURDAY

With an expected entry of 80 or more players, qualifying rounds of the annual Rogue Valley Golf club's spring handicap tournament will get under way Saturday and Sunday. The match play will be over 18 holes, with the finals to be staged May 30 after five weeks of elimination.

REDS SQUIRM OUT OF LEAGUE CELLAR

(By the Associated Press.) The Mission Reds were a step farther out of the cellar today at the expense of the Oakland A's. The Reds, who were comfortably located in last position before the present series with the Oaks, have been crowded out by Portland, last year's champions, and by a couple of Oakland wins over Oakland.

HALT PINBALL ARRESTS BY COURT INJUNCTION

PORTLAND, April 22.—(AP)—A temporary injunction issued by Circuit Judge John F. Winter restrained City Attorney Frank S. Grant and Chief of Police Harry A. Niles from arresting operators of pinball machines or seizing the devices.

Gossin Assailed For Dictator Role

PORTLAND, April 22.—(AP)—U. S. Burt of Corvallis, former president of the Oregon Young Democratic club, assailed the alleged tactics of W. L. Gossin, secretary to Governor Charles Martip, in the organization election at North Bend last week in a written statement.

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Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Crowd Turns Out To See Feller in Opening Contest

No player in the history of baseball has so suddenly captured the attention of the American public as has young Bob Feller, Cleveland's high school hurler. Feller's rise from the unheralded sand lots to the most talked-of and written-about ball player in the major leagues has been almost as fast as his high, hard one, considered by those who know just about the swiftest since Walter Johnson stood the American league on its collective head.

Only 18 years old, and still working for his high school diploma, Feller is being hailed as the greatest drawing card in baseball. Sunday in New York City, he performed before over 30,000 fans in the Cleveland-New York Giant game, an amazing turnout for a mere exhibition battle, and there is no doubt but that the majority of the huge throng were there for the express purpose of seeing the wonder boy in action.

TEAM IMPROVEMENT BUOYS OSC MENTOR

CORVALLIS, April 22.—(AP)—Noting improved hitting and fielding on the part of his charges, Stats Gill, Oregon State college baseball coach, looked forward to two games with the University of Oregon this week-end with a broad smile.

Weather

Northern California: Fair tonight and Friday, little change in temperature; fresh northwest wind off the coast.

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LETO FOULS OUT TO AUSTRALIAN PUNCHER

SYDNEY, Australia, April 22.—(AP)—Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn., welterweight, was disqualified on a foul in the fifth round of his 15 round match with Alf Blatch, Australian lightweight champion, tonight.

BELCASTRO AND BRITT MEET IN MAIN MATCH ON MONDAYS PROGRAM

It will be Pete Belcastro, the mad Italian, versus Alvin Britt, former junior heavyweight champion of the world, in the main event of Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly grappling card at the Medford armory next Monday night, it was announced today.

In the middle event, Toots Estes, victor over Danny Savich last Monday, will tangle with Duke Pettigrove, the New Orleans roughneck; and in the opener, Billy McEwen, the Texas cowboy, will attempt to take Pat ("Poppey") O'Brien.

Red Shadow Pinions Strongest Grappler

PORTLAND, April 22.—(AP)—Taking his first defeat on a local mat Milo Steinborn, 228 pound German who claims to be the strongest wrestler in the world, lost in straight falls to the Red Shadow, 230, in the main event of last night's wrestling card here.

Spec Keene Silent On Rumored Move to OSC

SALEM, April 22.—(AP)—"Spec" Keene, Willamette university athletic director, turned away inquiries and rumors of a possible transfer to Oregon State college with the comment: "All I know is what I read in the papers."

Closing Time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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