

Craters to Open Baseball Season Sunday in Clash With Bellingham

EXHIBITION GAME WILL BE STAGED AT HIGH SCHOOL

Erickson to Start On Mound for Locals; Visiting Team Enroute Home From California Training Camp

Baseball makes its official 1938 bow to Jackson county fans Sunday afternoon at the turf high school ball park when the Bellingham Chinooks of the Western International league clash with Medford's Craters. Opening pitch of the exhibition encounter will be at 2:30 sharp.

Manager Wally Rickert of the Southern Oregon league Craters said today that Ray Erickson, husky right-hander, would start on the firing line against the professional club. Following Erickson to the mound will be Ray Turgate of Butte Falls, and Bill Rathke, also right-hander, and possibly Lowell Brown, southpaw first baseman. All three starboard hurlers will definitely do some flinging, the manager said.

Bellingham is slated to arrive in Medford this evening or tomorrow morning, from Fresno, Calif., where the class B outfit has been in spring training for the past two weeks, following a month of the same in San Monica. Although Bellingham's roster has been received here, it will not be definitely known who will start on the mound until Manager Ken Penner and his team arrive.

Four New Faces

Four new faces will greet local John Q. Phans Sunday afternoon as Manager Rickert unveils the current Crater creation which will start shooting for the Southern Oregon league pennant in three weeks. Lowell Brown on first base and Aris Ager at the hot corner will be wearing Medford uniforms for the first time. Both played with Ashland last season, and are well known to valley enthusiasts. George Harrington, catcher, junior high school athletic coach and former semi-pro ball player hereabouts, will be performing before a home town gathering for the first time in five years, and Bill Rathke, pitcher, will be entirely new.

Remnants of the Crater lineup, as announced by the skipper, will be familiar from their action last season. Rickert will be at second, Dick Lewis, fresh from a spring training tryout at Yakima, will be in left field, Dick Sakrada in center, and Paul "Hooster" Hoffer in right. Other members of the Medford roster are Tommy White, first base or outfield; Elrod, catcher; George Otzen, catcher or outfield; Wayne Curry, young high school athlete, infielder; Bill Piche, another prep baseballer, outfielder; and Bud Betking, infielder. Otzen was a utility man last season; all the others are newcomers.

Batting Order Given

The Craters will bat like this: Sakrada, Rickert, Lewis, Hoffer, Ager, Brown, Acheson, Harrington and Otzen. Those first four hitters are in their last year's spots. Hoffer has been hitting the apple as a terrific clip in practice, and appears as good as ever. Ager and Brown, both consistent hitters with the Lithians, and Acheson, a power hitter, are expected to drive in plenty of runs. Sakrada, not a strong batter, is nevertheless fast as a flash, and Lewis and Rickert are probably the most certain base-knockers on the club.

Craters will appear in their new uniforms for the first time. The suits are gray trimmed in navy blue, with navy blue socks and caps and Medford emblazoned across the front of the shirts, and numerals on the back.

The Bellingham club, farm team of the Hollywood Pacific Coast league team and boasting flaming rookies almost entirely, will arrive in Medford with 20 players, not including manager Ken Penner, former major league. Center of interest will be Wes Schumacher, former Oregon State college football fullback and Boston National and Pacific Coast league outfielder. Old "Iron Horse" will hold down left field for the Chinooks. He led the Western International league in hitting and home runs last year while with Lewiston, and is a dangerous right-handed slugger.

Pitchers on the Bellingham roster will be Rainoldt, Philp, Dave Odum, Ned Rogers, Elmer McShaban, James Farmer and John Stefan. The club carries two catchers—Annunzio and Howard. Outfielders are Schumacher, Dwight Aden, ex-Williamette university star; Bill Harris, Al Pearson, and Al Lightner. The infield will be Verb Hayes at first, Ernie Bishop at second, Tim Marble at short and Vernon Mudan at third. Utility infielders are Alex McDonald and Bob Guy.

California Crew Prepares for Race



Coach Ky Ebricht of the University of California's crew spoke a few words of instruction to Stroke Bill Neal just before the Bears took to the water at Seattle to prepare for their big race with the University of Washington eight.

BEARS AND HUSKIES RENEW ROWING FEUD SATURDAY AFTERNOON

By FRANK GORRIE

SEATTLE, Wash., April 15.—(AP)—On the foetid waters of Lake Washington tomorrow the University of Washington will risk its world rowing supremacy against its oldest rivals, the California Bears, in the 35th renewal of the Pacific coast crew regatta.

And out of the classic event, one of the most colorful spectacles of the west, will surely come a national championship contender, for between the two navies they have won the last five Boughkegate varsity titles. California captured three in a row in 1932, 1934 and 1935, and Washington scored grand slams in varsity, junior-varsity and freshman races the last two years. No race was held on the Hudson river in 1933.

Washington was the favorite among the local clan at least, largely because of three successful clean sweeps over California the last three years and a record of 16 consecutive victories in two years.

A huge crowd, variously estimated at between 50,000 and 75,000, was expected to take in the big water show.

The freshman race has been set for 3 p. m. (P. S. T.), the junior-varsity for 3:45, and the varsity for 4:30.

MRS. WADDELL LEADS FINAL INDOOR SHOOT

In the final four-position gallery match of the indoor season, Mrs. Ivan Waddell led the Rifle club marksmen with a 384-400 last night on the 30-foot targets. For a few weeks the Thursday night record firing will consist of only prone shooting over a 40 shot course, and telescope sights will be penalized one point for every target.

Sunday morning will see firing on the outdoor smallbore range at Table Rock.

Scores last night were:

Mrs. Ivan Waddell	394
Shelby Tuttle	388
Ed Lull	382
Ivan Waddell	379
Low Conser	378
Mrs. S. M. Tuttle	372
C. R. Richmond	371
S. M. Tuttle	370
C. C. Gall	365
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Roosevelt to Toss Opening Baseball

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Griffith called at the White House to present a black leather billfold with "F. D. R." initialed in gold and containing a season league pass, to the president.

To Mrs. Roosevelt, Griffith gave a black handbag, also initialed, with a season pass tucked inside.

ANGLING BY BAIT IS SEEN AS BEST AS SEASON OPENS

The following recreational bulletin was issued today by Rogue River national forest headquarters:

"Elk creek is clear but high; bait fishing should be fair. Trail creek is somewhat rocky but should be fairly good for bait fishing. The Rogue river is clear from the bridge below Trail to Union Creek and moderately high. Copco dam, one mile west of Prospect, should afford excellent bait fishing. There is a good road to the dam which leaves the highway 400 feet south of Prospect. Ample parking space for cars is available.

"Fishing conditions on the Applegate will be found poor due to high water. Roads leading to the higher elevations are closed. The road to Squaw lake is passable to a point within 2 1/2 miles of the lake.

"The road to Four Bit creek in the Butte Falls area is open and the creek is clear. Big Butte creek is milky but should afford good bait fishing.

"Snow depth at Union Creek is approximately 38 inches. Snow melts rapidly in the afternoons. The Union Creek ski run is covered with about 24 inches of snow and is fairly smooth. Skiing should be fair over the week-end. All forest service roads leading off the highway above Prospect are closed. Elk Creek road is in good condition from the highway for a distance of 12 miles. Along the Elk and Trail creek roads many varieties of wild flowers are in blossom. Lamb's tongue predominates. The E. R. A. camp reported rain this morning at Union Creek.

"Skiing at Trail camp will be found good. Cars may be driven within 2 1/2 miles of the run. The Little Applegate road is open to Yale creek.

"The Fish lake road from Butte Falls is open to the Mosquito guard station, a point 19 miles from the head of Fish lake. Fish lake has from 13 to 23 inches of ice and is covered with snow. Snow depth at Fish lake is 38 inches."

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KENASTON WILL TRY RECENTLY KNIT LEG IN MONDAY GRAPPLE

For the first time in two months, Sgt. Bob Kenaston of Gold Hill, Jackson county's own top-notch grappler, will see action in the ring next Monday night when he faces Sockeye Jack McDonald in the main event of the weekly armory program.

Kenaston has been hobbling around his parents' farm during the long layoff, waiting for a broken ankle to mend. The leg was fractured in a Klamath Falls match, and since then Bob has been forced to take things easy. Now, however, he claims the ankle is as good as new, and fans and Promoter Mack Lillard figure it must be, or else the ex-Marine would not have challenged McDonald, his most bitter enemy.

In preliminary bouts to the top squabble, Lillard has lined up Wild Red Berry and Bulldog Ken Hollis for the middle engagement and Marshall Carter and Paul Murdoch for the opener. Berry and Hollis are expected to practically tear each other limb from limb.

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Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

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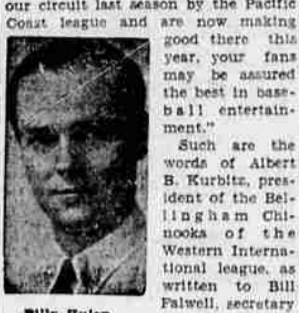
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Just a word about the Western International league. It was organized last season with Tacoma, Spokane, Lewiston, Wenatchee, Yakima and Vancouver, B. C., as members. The loop started out as a class D affair, which was the lowest classification given in organized baseball, but soon after the season started was changed to class B when northwest fans demanded a faster brand of baseball. So, the circuit was upped to class B, the salary limit was increased, all teams went out and signed better ball players and the fans roared their approval by making it the best-drawing class B league in America.



NEW WAGE-HOUR BILL STRIKES OPPOSITION FROM SOUTH SOLONS

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—Southern opposition developed in the house today against the new wage-hour bill, chiefly because of the elimination of all wage differentials.

Representative McReynolds (Dem., Tenn.), who led the southern opposition to the legislation rejected by the house last December, expressed a belief the new measure would never reach the house floor.

McReynolds said he was personally "very much opposed" to the new bill because he believed it would "work a great hardship on the south."

He said congress should adopt a resolution providing for a thorough investigation of the wage-hour problem "instead of guessing at the facts and trying to write a bill on the result."

The new bill would provide for a graduated minimum wage starting at 25 cents an hour and increasing to 40 cents at the end of three years. It also would provide for reduction of the work week from 44 hours to 40 hours in two years.

The labor committee approved the measure at an overtime session last night, and Chairman Norton (D., N. J.) said its chances for reaching the president's desk were "good."

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