

The Sporting Page

ANOTHER ROOKIE FORGES AHEAD IN SEATTLE LINEUP

Joe Vanni Recovering From Leg Injuries Maintains Heavy Hitting Pace — Seattle High School Star

(By the Associated Press.) Most of the baseball stories out of Seattle these days have been about the Seattle club's juvenile pitching wonder, Freddie Hutchinson, pitching his first year as a professional. Now Seattle has another rookie getting justly earned recognition.

He's Joe (Punch) Vanni, young outfielder, who plays professional football in the winter. Twenty Years Old.

Vanni was 20 last April. Dogged by leg injuries, he spent most of the early part of the season on the Seattle bench. When he finally did get into action he got six hits in his first two games.

Since then his hitting has been consistent and over the 300 mark. He's a graduate of Queen Anne high school in Seattle and attended the University of Washington. Next to baseball, his next love is football. The name Punch was given him for his line punching ability and is equally applicable to his punching ability with a baseball bat.

In his high school days he was an all-star baseball player for four years and football three years.

An All student. Vanni still has lots to learn about defensive play and base running before he can be considered a major league prospect—but he is an apt student. Manager Jack Livelt of the Seattle Coast league team, says one thing that can't be ignored. Livelt points out, is Vanni's consistent work at the plate.

Tonight Vanni will see action in San Francisco against the Seals, just a half game behind the third place Seattle team. The league-leading Los Angeles Angels will be entertained by seventh place Hollywood while last place Oakland goes to Sacramento for a series with the runner-up Senators. San Diego entertains the Portland Beavers.

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulien says: Legion Junior Plan Contributes To Baseball

It may be pretty late in the season to start talking about American Legion Junior baseball, what with Medford's juniors all finished until next year, but we would like to say a few words on one of the great national programs and trust that the local Legion post will continue with its plans to sponsor a team next season in the same excellent manner in which it placed a club in the field this summer.

Although the Medford boys failed to win the district championship, losing to Eugene in a three-game series, every member of the team did his best and received valuable playing experience which will be evidenced next season, either with the junior team or with the junior Craters, if he has passed the Legion age limit.

Junior baseball is one of the American Legion's greatest contributions toward building good citizenship for the future. In fact, it is one of the finest programs for the benefit of youth being carried out in the nation. It develops sturdy bodies and sound characters for the boys who participate, and at the same time it provides a stepping stone to fame and fortune in organized baseball for those talented youngsters who desire to make the game their life's work.

Royal Sextet For Regatta



Queen Jane Lagassee and the five fair princesses who will rule at Astoria's annual regatta, August 31 to September 3, inclusive. They are, left to right, Princesses Winifred Lovelace, Mildred Wallin, Pauline Johnson, Rose Kampp, Barbara Cook and Queen Jane Lagassee.

ond basemen in the history of the game. In addition to Gordon, many others from Oregon are enjoying the pleasant occupation of professional baseball. A partial list includes the following in the Western International League, a class B circuit: Gene Spiker, Bob Garretson, Dick LaSalle, Oscar "Red" Miller, all of Portland; Bob Ball, Al Llew, Floyd Bevans and Harvey Storey from other Oregon cities. Bob Price of Portland is with Tucson, Ariz., in the Arizona-Texas League. Bill Schubei is with El Paso, Texas. In the same circuit and Verne Miller is a member of the Tulsa, Okla., Oilers. There are probably many others.

The western sectional tournament, with Portland's Postoffice Pharmacy entered, was played at Grand Forks, N. D., over the week-end, and eventually the two finalist teams, survivors of a starting field of 30,000 clubs, will fight it out in the 1938 Junior World's Series. The vast scope of the program is clearly revealed in the figures of the number of boys under 17 years of age who enrolled this year in the nation-wide elimination series. A conservative estimate places the number at 500,000.

From that army of a half million young baseballers will come many future major league stars. In years to come, there will be Oregon boys gracing the rosters of the Yankees, Cubs, Pirates, Tigers, Dodgers, Athletics or other big league teams. Perhaps some Medford youngster will learn his baseball on a Legion junior team here and end in the major loops. It is far from impossible, because they are doing it every year from cities and hamlets the country over.

So, let's see that Medford's American Legion post has all the help and cooperation it needs next year when it starts showing the junior baseball program forward. Assistance this season was excellent, and may it be the same in 1939.

FURGOL AND DOLL STEAL LINKS SHOW

CLEVELAND, Aug. 23.—(P)—Golf may be just a game to most players—but it is far more than that to Eddie Furgol and Pete Doll.

As the 17th national public links championship swung into its second day at Highland park municipal course, Furgol and Doll were riding along on pace setting 68's and high hopes of some day making the sport their life's work.

Before their brilliant two-under-par performances yesterday in the first round of qualifying play in the working man's annual classic, Furgol and Doll were just two more "unknowns" in a star-studded field. Both had the shots under pressure, however, and stole the show by virtually clinch two of the 64 qualifying berths which will be determined by night-fall.

Match play will begin tomorrow and continue through Saturday's 36 hole final.

HOW THEY STAND

League	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	75	34	.688
Cleveland	63	45	.583
Boston	61	45	.575
Washington	57	57	.500
Detroit	55	56	.493
Chicago	46	58	.422
St. Louis	39	69	.361
Philadelphia	38	70	.352

League	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	67	42	.615
New York	63	49	.563
Cincinnati	62	51	.549
Chicago	61	52	.540
Boston	53	58	.478
Brooklyn	53	58	.477
St. Louis	50	62	.446
Philadelphia	34	73	.318

No change in Coast league standings.

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

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TOUGH FLAG RACE REACHES CLIMAX IN SUNDAY GAMES

Medford Will Entertain Crescent City—Grants Pass to Glendale—Three Outfits Tied for Pinnacle

Southern Oregon League	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Medford	6	1	.857	---
Crescent City	6	1	.857	---
Grants Pass	6	1	.857	---
Yreka	2	5	.286	4
Glendale	1	6	.143	5
Ashland	0	7	.000	6

*Games behind leaders.

The long, grueling 16-game Southern Oregon league pennant race reaches its climax next Sunday afternoon when Medford and Crescent City, two of the three clubs entangled in a triple tie for the second half leadership, resume their bitter rivalry at Medford, and Grants Pass, third team, roosting on the peak, travels to Glendale.

Next Sunday's games will complete the regular schedule, but it appears almost certain a playoff for the second-half championship will be necessary. Grants Pass is expected to encounter little difficulty with Glendale, thereby throwing the Merchants into a playoff game with the winner of the Medford-Crescent City game here. However, if Glendale should pull an upset win over Grants Pass, the victor of the gigantic struggle in Medford would automatically become second-half champions. Crescent City, last year's title-holder and winners of the first-half pennant this season, will meet the second-half champs for the league bunting, provided, of course, that they, themselves, don't annex the second half flag.

Craters Look Good

Last Sunday's games saw Medford crash out a 14 to 6 win over Glendale, Crescent City beat Yreka, 2 to 1, and Grants Pass wallop Ashland, 11 to 1.

Local fans were highly impressed with the Craters, seeing their first action under the management of Paul "Hooster" Hoffard. Orval Hampel did a nice job on first base, his first try at the post this season, and Riney Cook, new third-sacker, made his debut in good fashion. Most important, however, was the fire, spirit and dash displayed by the locals. Many dyed-in-the-wool remarked after the battle that the present lineup was the best of the season.

Facing Crescent City's Lefty Mike Koll next Sunday in the big game of the year will be Lyle Turpin, young right-hander obtained from the Klamath Falls Red Sox of the Northern California league. Turpin, who has been with the Sox for the past three seasons, is a big fellow with a booming fast ball. He beat Crescent City the Fourth of July in an exhibition game, allowing only four hits, and Manager "Hooster" Hoffard is confident he can repeat the feat next Sunday. Young Turpin is a nephew of Hal Turpin, Seattle Rainier pitcher.

Weather

Northern California: Fair tonight and Wednesday, but overcast on coast night and morning, warmer in interior Wednesday; light to moderate northwest wind off the coast.

Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, but considerable cloudiness on the coast, little change in temperature; gentle to moderate northwest wind off the coast.

the score a short time before the sixth and final round ended by hammering Bobby to the floor and pinning him with a body press.

Mike Strelch, hulking young brother of Steve, grabbed two straight tumbles from Polish Palooka Joe Smolinski in the opener, winning the first in the first round on a four-point margin. Joe insisted on gouging eyes and pulling hair, and taking the next fall in the second round with a body press after firing a dropkick to Joe's soft-looking mid-section. Mike wanted to wrestle clean, but of course that was impossible with a Palooka like Smolinski. So, Mike cut loose several times with a barrage of body and head blows that made Joe wail like a baby and scurry for the ropes.

Knife and Fork Will Lick Louis Is Tunney's Belief

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—(P)—Joe Louis will eat himself out of the world's championship, Gene Tunney, the ex-fighting marine who smeared Jack Dempsey, predicted yesterday.

"That boy loves to eat," Tunney said. "He doesn't drink, but he's a honey with the knife and fork. Just give him enough pie and fried chicken and watermelon and pretty soon he'll be a fat panther and fat panthers can't stay at the top of that game."

Tunney, who held the championship back in the days of two-million-dollar gates, opined Henry Armstrong wasn't as great a fighter as he appeared from a quick glance at his three titles.

"Mysterious Billy Smith could have killed him; Benny Leonard would have sliced him to pieces," Tunney said.

MRS. MOODY DECIDES TO FOREGO NATIONAL BECAUSE OF NEURITIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—(P)—Because of the effects of a severe attack of neuritis, which has kept her out of competition since returning from her Wimbledon triumph, Helen Williams Moody today notified the U. S. Lawn Tennis association she would not play in the forthcoming national women's singles championships at Forest Hills.

BUDGE AND MAKO FACE TOUGH PAIR

BROOKLINE, Mass., Aug. 23.—(P) If there are tennis advantages derived from stiff competition, they probably will be gained by Don Budge and Gene Mako, rather than Australia's Adrian Quist and Jack Bromwich, during the current national doubles play at Longwood.

KELLY IS SUCCEEDED BY PAUL V. WALLACE

SALEM, Aug. 23.—(P)—Governor Charles H. Martin named Paul B. Wallace, Salem business and civic leader, a member of the World War veterans state aid commission yesterday.

French Airman Drown

CHEERBOURG, France, Aug. 23.—(AP)—A French navy seaplane, the Loire-Olivier, sank suddenly today after alighting in Cherbourg harbor. Three crew members were drowned. Three others were saved.

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OREGON GRIDMEN HAVE SCANT TIME FOR REHEARSALS

Oliver and Stiner Broadcast Word for Aspirants to Be in Shape for Scrimmage Come September 8th

(Associated Press Staff Writer.) Saturday's millions, reacting to the first faint tang of fall, have begun scouring the spot pages for the early words on their favorite eleven.

Oregon's two coast conference coaches have broadcast admonition to their men to be in shape for scrimmages when rehearsals open September 8. There is little time for conditioning after that, for the schedules crowd the start of practice. Two Weeks Leeway.

Oregon, whose new coach, Tex Oliver, returned to Eugene over the week-end to make ready for a busy fall, will have two weeks to prepare for a tough take-off against Washington State at Pullman, September 24. Six other conference and two non-league games follow fast and close. The slow start against pushovers is just a memory in western football.

Oregon State has a slightly lighter assignment. The Beavers start against Idaho two weeks after the beginning of drill.

Washington, reckoned by a few of the prophets as the strongest team on the coast this year, is even less fortunate. The Huskies must waste part of their two-week warm-up on the train. They migrate to Minnesota to play Bernie Bierman's team September 24. The only bright side of that picture is that the game won't count in the standings.

Expect 50 Aspirants.

Tex Oliver expects a crowd of 50 to answer roll-call September 8, of which 21 will be gentle with letters. He is expected to line up an early varsity composed of Lance and Reginaldo, ends; Peters and Jensen, tackles; Giovanni and Walden, guard; Cadenasio, center; Nilson, Nicholson, Gebhardt and Rowe, backs.

The only member of that troupe that needs introduction is Cadenasio. The probable center starter is a 1937 St. Mary's frosh who transferred.

Lon Stiner sings a blue refrain as summer fades, for six reasons. In the approximate order of importance they are Joe Gray, Kolberg, Duncan, Watts, Nihil and Ramsey—six stout lads of 1937 who got caught by graduation.

Alonzo thinks he can repair commencement's ravages to the line and bring out a new collection of forwards that can stand the wear and tear of the P.O.C.—although replacements will be scanty. But he is really in a juicy stew about the backfield. And so would you be if you had the vacant shoes of such as Gray and Kolberg to fill.

SCHISLER FORMING PRO FOOTBALL LOOP

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 23.—(P)—A California professional football league was in the making today.

Paul J. Schissler, former Oregon State football coach, said teams representing Hollywood, Salinas, Fresno and San Diego would form the nucleus of the league.

"Organization is to be completed at a meeting of interested parties here in the near future," said Schissler.

He named as his associates in the project Ed Storm of the Salinas Packers, Don Price of the Fresno Winecrushers and Lin Plantner, San Diego promoter who has been using the San Diego ball park for boxing and wrestling.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press.) CHICAGO — Billy Celebron, 158, Rockford, Ill., outpointed Tony Zale, 158, Gary, Ind. (10).

WASHINGTON — Bill Boyd, 169, New York, knocked out Billy Niehy, 176, Pittsburgh (2).

SAN FRANCISCO — Tiger Wade, 149, Vallejo, Ill., stopped Frankie Santos, 143, Salinas, Cal. (4).

BANGOR, Me. — Al McCoy, 182, Boston, knocked out Gene Bonin, 190, Wilkes-Barre, Conn. (4).

STOCKTON, Cal.—Tommy Romero, 130, Sacramento, Cal., outpointed Umto Gen, 131, Hollywood, Cal. (10).

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