

Portland Beavers May Surprise Coast League, Manager Predicts

Riverside, Cal., Mar. 22.—(U.P.) The Portland Beavers may be the surprise of the year in the Pacific Coast league pennant race.

That's the conservative opinion of the Beavers' general manager, Bill Sweeney, as he looks over the crop of hopefuls that will try to lift the Rose City out of the PCL second division.

"If our players come through as we believe they will—look out," warns Sweeney. "We will be the surprise team of the pennant race."

Yanks Help Seen
Sweeney still is counting on getting considerable help from the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees. However, the club looks fairly solid as it now stands.

In return for Pitcher Hal Saltzman, a 23-game winner last year, the Bevos got outfielder Luis Marquez, infielder Steve Mesner and Pitchers Red Adams and Lyman Linde. They also got a bundle of cash—and another outfielder, Hal Peck, who refuses to report—so the club still has another player coming.

Sweeney has quantity if not quality for each of the infield posts. Long-ball hitting Mickey Rocco, obtained from San Francisco, and Vince Shupe, a fancy fielder, are fighting for the first base job.

Other Infielders Cited
Second Baseman Eddie Basinski is being pressed by Rookie Bud Peterson, and Shortstop Frankie Austin has competition in the form of Joe Polich, a Yankee farmhand. Mesner has the third base post all but clinched.

Jimmy Gladd is back as the chief backstop; and the outfield candidates include slugger Joe Brovia, Marquez and Johnny Rucker. If Peck, who hit .310 for Cleveland last year in 33 games, signs up, the Beavers will have a strong outfield.

Like many other clubs, however, the Portland team is short on pitchers. There are Adams (.87) and Linde (.4-15). Adams probably will pitch the opener.

Also present are Jack Creel, who was drafted from Houston of the Texas league after winning eight and losing 11; Roy Helsler (.16-10), Vince Dibiasi (.9-16), Red Lynn (.10-18) and Cal McIvry (.3-3), to mention a few.

Rookie From Salem
However, none of these appears destined for stardom. Among the better rookies in camp is Bob Drilling, up with a 16-10 record from Salem of the class B Western International league last season.

As Sweeney points out, a first line infielder and a starting pitcher would do wonders for this club.

Robinson Vs. Costner Bout

Philadelphia, March 22.—(U.P.) Bustling George Costner, a power hitter with either fist, meets Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson in a non-title bout tonight to see if he's worthy of a title shot next June.

A good showing by Costner in the 16-round Convention hall bout would put him in line for a crack at Sugar Ray's crown in New York.

The 25-year-old Costner will have another incentive when he trades punches with Robinson in a bout that might attract a \$70,000 gate.

He will be out to avenge a knockout dealt him by Robinson five years ago in Chicago when Costner was budding into prominence with a streak of kayos.

Robinson, the superb fighting machine from Harlem, will enter the ring the favorite, as usual.

MEDFORD, OREGON TRIBUNE SPORTS

School Track, Baseball Slowed by Weatherman

Rain and cool weather has been slowing down but not entirely stopping the high school sports program as the track team prepares for its "short distance" meet with Grants Pass here Saturday afternoon and the baseball squad prepares for its conference opener March 31.

Last week Friday the diamond squad had a scheduled doubleheader with Yreka, Cal., called off because of wet grounds and threatening weather. This was to have been a non-conference game. Coach Alex McDonald said another practice game may be scheduled with Talent high.

Drizzled Yesterday
Yesterday the trackmen worked out in a drizzle that harmed their efforts less than it did the baseball squad. While such weather is tough on youths wanting to loosen up their muscles running and jumping, it is even worse for others wanting to handle a baseball correctly.

Coach Bob Newland of the Tornado squad is still looking for boys capable of replacing the three stalwarts lost from last year when Loren Carter, Jerry McGrew and Rich Riggs graduated.

Saturday's dual meet with Grants Pass will not count much in state competition but it is expected to give the coaches of the two schools a fair idea of how their prospects stack up.

Quantity Large
Newland finds a large number of youths out for each event and if quantity counts for anything the Tornado could be a tough nut to crack this season. Several of the boys have shown up well when one considers how early in the season it is and the poor weather.

Klamath Falls will provide the first Southern Oregon conference competition for the Tornado when the two schools have a dual meet on the local field.

Louis Seeks Charles Bout
El Paso, Tex., March 22.—(U.P.) Brown Bomber Joe Louis said today he wanted to meet Ezzard Charles in a championship fight and become the "only retired heavy champion to return and recapture the title."

Louis, who retired March 1, 1949 as undefeated heavyweight champion after holding the title 11 years, said last night that Jimmy Norris, a partner now managing his exhibition tour, was negotiating with Charles, his successor, about a possible match.

"The whole thing hinges on the financial arrangements," Louis added. "Norris now is in Miami handling the negotiations."

Norris, reached at Coral Gables Fla., last night, remarked that Louis had not asked him to arrange a fight with Charles.

Clinton Charley High Scorer, Pistol Shoot
Clinton Charley was high scorer with a 273 last night when the pistol division of the Medford Rifle club held its weekly shoot at Merrick's indoor range. Next high were Frank Rush with 260, Roy Hewitt 251, Loren Croucher 243 and Bill Bray 243.

Cliff Friend won his second leg on the pistol handicap trophy last night also.

Halsey Gets Edge Over Don Harper

One of Portland's top ranking middleweight amateur boxers will be seen in action for the Southern Oregon Boxing club at the army tonight. He is Bull Halsey, runner-up in a recent Oregon AAU tournament in Portland and comes to Medford with a stand-out reputation as a solid puncher. His foe will be the Gold Hill kayo artist, Punchin' Don Harper.

Halsey will be a slight favorite to take the honors when they climb into the ring but if Harper can land a square punch, fans are certain the upstart will head for the land of nod.

The Donovan Wolfe-Les Offard bout, carded for the lower half of the double main event, finds odds fairly even and will probably remain that way unless some strong Reading backing arrives in town tonight for the Offard boy. Offard hasn't been fighting too much lately while Wolfe has chalked up five consecutive wins in three months.

Unstoppable Dick Adkins was figured to have little trouble in whipping Barney Harrie of Yreka when they square off in the semi-windup.

Other matches follow: Eddie Conrad vs. C. W. Lacy, Corky King vs. Johnny Hamilton, Chief Super vs. Franklin Haynes and Bogey (Circus) Bogart vs. One Round Hogan.

The Bogard-Hogan match lifts the curtain at 8:30 p.m.

Volleyball On Thursday

Finals in the local YMCA-sponsored volleyball league season will be held Thursday at the Y in the form of a playoff between three of the top four teams at the end of the regular season. First game will be at 6 p.m. and the second at 8 p.m.

Starting at 9 p.m. members of the eight teams taking part in the league season with their girlfriends and wives will attend a social affair.

First game tomorrow will send the Lambers against the Teachers at 6 p.m. and at 8 p.m. it will be the winner of this game against the Businessmen team. Last week the Businessmen defeated the Bankers in the first game of the playoffs.

Teachers finished the regular season undefeated and leading the local league.

Sacs, Bevus Clash Dated

Riverside, Cal., Mar. 22.—(U.P.) The Sacramento Solons make their final southern California appearance of the training season here today when they train their guns on luckless Portland.

The Beavers, cellar team in the exhibition circuit, took a 6 to 2 hammering from Seattle yesterday as the Suds shelled Pitcher Bill Fleming with three runs in the opening frame. Right-fielder Joe Brovia salvaged a measure of the Beavers' honor with a homer in the sixth.

Sacramento upset the defending PCL champion Hollywood Stars 5 to 4 yesterday to halt the Stars' winning spree at six games. The SACS connected for 14 blows, including three singles and a double by first baseman Steve Souchock.

N. Y. Rangers Lose Key Man For 'Cup' Tourney
New York, Mar. 22.—(U.P.)—The New York Rangers will have to play the National Hockey league's Stanley cup playoffs without the services of Edgar Laprade, the team's leading scorer and clutch player.

Laprade suffered torn ligaments behind the left knee last night while the last-place Chicago Black Hawks were handing the Bluebirds their sixth straight loss—a 6 to 3 lacing before a slim turnout of 6,640 fans.

Women's Golf Section Qualifying Round Set
Portland, Ore., Mar. 22.—(U.P.) Mrs. Joseph Herron, district representative of the USGA women's committee, said here today the Portland Golf club would be the site August 24 to 25 of the Northwest sectional qualifying round of the women's national amateur golf championship.

There was no sectional qualifying round here last year because no entries were received from this sector.

Nifty Card In Store For Grapple Fans

A nifty mat card is in store for grappling fans who trek to the army tomorrow night to view Mack Lillard's triple main event offering. The three matches are for 45 minutes each with two out of three falls to decide the issue in each case.

Heading the list will be Georges Dusette, possessor of a powerful full Nelson, doing battle with Frank Stojack, the Tacoma airplane spinning artist. What will Dusette's ability to shake the stuffing out of his foes and Stojack's ability to wind opponents up like an eight day clock, it ought to be quite a slindrig.

Tough Tony Carded
Those who like their mat performances rougher than a cob should get their money's worth in the center engagement. It pits Tough Tony Ross against Charley Carr. Ross resorts to the line of least resistance to pin a foe, usually a fist smacked into some vital spot amended by some hair snatching, and nose tweeking and eye gouging, while Carr follows the straight and narrow but is fully capable to follow the Ross habit. Carr, who should be remembered by Medford's older mat followers, is the Hawaiian island champion.

The first skirmish, starting at 8:30 p.m., should rival the main event for clean fireworks. It sends Danno McDonald, sensational Canadian bone bender against good looking Lee Grable, Los Angeles.

Lillard said some choice ring-side seats still remain to be sold and may be picked up when the boxoffice opens at 7:30 p.m.

Braves Pennant Chances Checked

Bradenton, Fla., March 22.—(U.P.)—Experts who rated the Boston Braves a strong challenger for the National league pennant were rechecking their reasons today.

The Braves have been the disappointments of the spring exhibition season with eight consecutive losses. Their pitching has failed to "mesh" with Star Southpaw Warren Spahn belted hard twice and Bonus Beauty Johnny Antonelli still failing to show much.

Manager Billy Southworth's lone reason for happiness about state of his pitching have been the consistently strong performances of Johnny Sain.

JOE PAGE SCHEDULED
Orlando, Fla., March 22.—(U.P.)—Joe Page, the New York Yankees' relief specialist, will pitch "only when he feels like it until opening day," Manager Casey Stengel announced today.

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BOWLING

LADIES' LEAGUE
Mrs. Rose Barr won high individual series and high individual game honors with 539 and 193 respectively when the Ladies' Bowling league held its weekly session at the Medford Bowling lanes alleys last evening.

High team series honors went to Western Thrift store with 2,255 and also its 7842 was good for high team game.

LADIES' LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Shaw's Apparel Shop	37	19
Hagen	350	239
Medford Feed, Seed	33	21
Roads	429	262
Western Thrift Store	33	23
Elk Lumber Company	30	26
Hubbard's	25	31
Oregon Finance	24	32
Western Decorating	24	32
Ellis Groc.	18	26

Western Dec. 4

Learning	435	Crawford	364
Hagen	350	Knoss	239
Roads	429	Conover	262
Virtue	333	Hill	351
Gardner	442	Weber	311
1949	1889		1887

West Thrift 4

McCall	395	Lowd	499
Ludwig	509	Corby	398
Summings	403	Johnson	392
Damon	438	Knips	372
McKown	414	Burroughs	455
2255			2116

Med. Feed 2

Tennant	501	Sacchi	308
Walton	318	Tanney	433
Mann	345	Barnwell	534
Curry	427	Kepley	418
Barr	359	Willett	440
2130			2074

Hubbard's 2

McGraw	441	Tollefson	341
E Beck	377	Littrell	485
S Beck	347	Shaw	333
Klatt	370	Carbier	379
1981			1969

CP Grade School Cage Banquet Dated Tonight

Central Point, Mar. 22.—Seventh and eighth grade basketball squad players of Central Point will be honored by Central Point businessmen at a dinner today in the school cafeteria. Al Simpson of the Southern Oregon college coaching staff will be the speaker.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with Central Point school board members, high school and grade school coaches and School Superintendents, H. P. Jewett among the guests.

New York Giants Stop Pirates With 17 Hits

San Bernardino, Cal., Mar. 22.—(U.P.)—The New York Giants, who lost plenty of games while hitting homers, started winning 'em today without homers.

The New Yorkers pounded out 17 hits as they beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9 to 8, yesterday but only one blow was a round-tripper—by First Baseman Jack Harshman. The Pirates, meanwhile hit four—two by Marv Rickard and one each by Ed Fitzgerald and Danny O'Connell.

Ex-Webfoot Due In Pro Football

Cleveland, O., March 22.—(U.P.) Former University of Oregon guard Ted Meland was signed by the Cleveland Browns of the National Professional Football league today.

The 25-year-old 225-pounder was offensively and has been described by his coach at Oregon, Jim Aiken, as "the finest lineman I have ever coached."

His last year of collegiate competition was in 1948, the year the Webfoots went to the Cotton bowl. In 1949 he was declared ineligible.

Basketball

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
AAU at Denver, Colo. (Men)
L. A. Police 66, Metz Service 58
Cliffons 83, Arkansas State 58
Alpine Dairy (Seattle) 52, Kuster Hotel 41
Murray Buick 92, St. Adelbert's Catholic Club 35
Oakland Blue and Gold 75, Aurora (Colo.) 48
Stewart Chevrolet 50, Gordon Stores 23
Allen-Bradley 62, Nebraska Wesleyan 25
Caterpillar diesels 68, Cliff Nelson Fuel 57

AAU at St. Joseph, Mo. (Women)
Nashville 35, Wayland College 31
Goldblumes 40, Gasoline Alley 19
Viner Chevrolet 27, Regal Beer 24
Geetz 49, YMCA Drugs 16
General Shoes 43, Hudsonettes 25
Steamtrites 35, St. James 19
Iowa Wesleyan 50, Green Waves 23
Macalester 48, Bucklin 3
Des Moines AIB 44, Okmulgee 24
Haines Hosiery 40, Martin Bomberettes 30

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