

MEDFORD ROGUES FORESEE BIG YEAR

Working Agreements Cited As Plans For Stock Sale Revealed

News of the major league teams and the Pacific Coast loop squads in spring training brings to mind once again that Medford has pro baseball in the offing with the Medford Rogues (Nuggets) due to start their spring maneuvers along about April 9 or 10.

Officers of Rogue Valley Baseball, Inc., sponsors of the local team in the Far West league, are predicting the best season yet for local fans.

Working Agreement Cited By Club

They point to the fact that unlike last season the local pro club has a real working agreement with a major league club—the New York Giants—and that Seattle of the Coast league again will furnish help.

Already the Giants have signed and sent to the Rogues several promising youths and added help will be coming during the spring training period, Business Manager Mel Carpenter said. These boys with boys signed by the local club might produce a champion.

Seattle helped quite a bit last season and will continue to do so as probably will Salem, Ore., of the class B Western International league.

Jones, Thrower And Lohbeck To Return

Lloyd Jones, Fred Thrower and Mike Lohbeck are among those assigned here by Seattle who were here in 1949. "Pop" Reed, a baseball scout of some distinction, is looking for young players in the Los Angeles area.

Local club officials predicted that this year will be a banner one for the entire Far West league with the addition of teams in Eugene, Ore., and Reno, Nev. The league should be on a much more sound footing in 1950 than in the previous two seasons.

Carpenter said that last year Medford often paid out more to visiting teams here than the local club received when playing in those towns.

Grass In Infield

During the past winter the local ball club has planted grass in the fairgrounds ball yard infield and additional improvements have been made for the convenience of fans. Up to this season Medford had the only park in the league without a grass infield.

Carpenter said that the local ball club operated at a small loss in 1949 with much of this due to the large investment needed to get started and the improvement made in the park. He said the corporation directors are pleased with the first year's results.

Rogue Valley Baseball, Inc., will open a campaign soon to sell the remainder of stock left unsold from last year. Carpenter said sale of all such stock would place the club on a sound financial position and pay the expenses of improvements made last winter.

Officers cited further how professional baseball here has brought Medford publicity throughout the country through newspapers, radio stations and such publications as "The Sporting News," often called the baseball "bible."

Carpenter said a yearly attendance of 50,000 to 60,000 here would make pro baseball a sure thing annually.

Protect Boxers Plan Approved

Portland, Ore., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—A program to protect fighters in the Oregon ring has been adopted by the Portland Boxing commission.

Dr. Clinton McGill, commission medic, submitted the program to the commission and called for an earnest attempt to do everything humanly and scientifically possible to prevent ring deaths such as that of Laverne Roach in New York this year.

Chief point in Dr. McGill's plan involves use of an electroencephalograph, a brain wave machine which has been proposed for the detection of brain injuries, most common cause of ring tragedies.

Other points include inclusion in contracts of a clause whereby the fighter and manager certify the fighter is in A-1 condition and is not concealing previous injuries; permission for the referee or doctor to examine a boxer in difficulty in the ring; banning of iron derivatives to stop the flow of blood from cuts and gashes and a rule that fighters knocked out in the ring will not be touched by handlers until examined by the doctor.

Dick Bartle Going Salem

Riverside, Cal., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—The Portland Beavers are preparing to wind up their training camp season here Sunday.

As a preliminary, Manager Bill Sweeney announced today he is dropping nine pitchers and Art Pennington, colored outfielder, outright and turning over to the Salem club of the Western International league, a Beaver farm club, eight other players.

Players to report to Manager Ad Liska of Salem next Thursday are Pitchers John Burak, Dick Waibel, Gene Valentine and Bob Stevenson; Catcher Marvin Diercks and Bob Snyder. Sweeney indicated also that Dick Bartle, first baseman; Bob Cherry, outfielder; Carl Peterson, infielder; and Pitchers Raymond McNulty and Orin Snyder would be released to Salem.

PHILLIES HOPES SOAR

Bradenton, Fla., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Pitcher Russ Meyer's sudden recovery and Dick Sisler's slugging sent the Philadelphia Phillies' pennant stock soaring again today.

Hoover (Boulder) dam on the Colorado river rises 726 feet from bedrock and is the highest in the world.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Coast League Season To Open Tuesday With Eight Claiming Flag

San Francisco, Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Eight Pacific Coast league baseball teams, all packing pennant gleams in their eyes, take the field on Tuesday night in four California cities as they launch the official 1950 baseball campaign of the nation.

The openers send Los Angeles to Sacramento, Seattle to Oakland, Portland to Hollywood and San Francisco to San Diego.

40,000 Fans Expected

Basing predictions on big crowd turnouts for exhibition games, owners expect about 40,000 to witness the four games. The two largest parks in the league, San Francisco Seals and Los Angeles Angels, will be idle, thus cutting into the attendance.

While the weather has been rainy and cold, during the weekend, it is predicted that improved weather conditions will prevail for the openers, all of which will be played at night.

Favored clubs in this year's pennant race probably will be the Padres of San Diego, the A's of Oakland and the defending champion Hollywood.

BASEBALL EXHIBITION GAMES

New York (A) "A"	2	8	2
Brooklyn (N)	4	13	3
Sanford, Pa. (7)	1	6	1
Berra; Hatton, Podbielniak (6) and Edwards. Home run—Johnson.			
St. Louis (N)	5	11	3
Cincinnati (N)	4	13	3
McDermott, Masterson (5) and Gargolico, Rice (5); Wehmer, Peterson (7) and Cooper. Johnson (7). Home runs—Musial, Litwiler.			
Boston (A)	3	6	2
Washington (A)	10	13	1
McDermott, Masterson (5) and Batts. White (7); Haynes (6) and Grasso. Evans (6). Home runs—Combs, Robinson, Kozar.			
Philadelphia (N)	2	8	0
Boston (N)	6	12	1
Heintzelman, Donnelly (6) and Lopata; Spahn; Webb (5); Antonelli (6) and Linden.			
Detroit (A)	5	6	0
New York (A) "B"	7	6	0
Bojahn, White (6) and Ginsberg; Shea, Hood (6) and Berberet.			
Toronto (INT)	4	9	1
Philadelphia (N) "B"	5	8	2
Posehl, Brittin (7) and Plumbo; Cantini, Borowy (7) and Oswald. Home run—Young.			
Buffalo (INT)	3	9	2
Philadelphia (A)	9	12	1
Silverman, Swift (4) and Minor; Beasie, Marchiondo (6) and Astroth.			
Pittsburgh (N)	5	7	3
San Francisco (PCL)	9	9	5
Chesnes, Greig (3); Main (6); Chambers (6) and McCullough. Turner (7); Lien, Singleton (2) and Pardee. (6)			
New York (N)	6	9	1
Oakland (PCL)	4	6	2
Krauser, Bowman (6); Hansen (10) and Westrum; Nelson, Harter (4); Prebat (10) and Padgett. Home runs—Harsham, Galan.			
St. Louis (A) "B"	3	5	3
San Diego (PCL)	10	12	1
Lipchurk, Fasno (5) and Jackson; Zaverink, Kipp (6) and Treash. Home runs—West, Seltzer.			
Chicago (A)	1	9	1
Sacramento (PCL)	2	5	1
Wright, Gumpert (6); Pieretti (6) and Mast; Grove, Conner (4); Brewer (7); Dohernic (6) and Rainmond.			

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Three Hit Triples

Jim Whitty, Norm Loop and Connie Holzgang rapped out triples for three of the five local safeties.

Darrell Wooten and Lefty Turk shared local mound duties with Gary Boshears and Landers doing the catching. Greenmaer, D. Clay and Hardy pitched for the Redskins nine.

Jacksonville's lone run was scored in the seventh of the offerings of Turk who allowed two hits. Wooten gave up one hit.

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Riverside, Cal., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—The hard-luck Portland Beavers took their 12th practice season shellacking today as the Seattle Rainiers pounded them 10 to 6 in an exhibition game here.

The Beavers' Vince Dibiasi and John Tierney gave up 13 clouts, including a two-run homer by First Baseman Frank Coleman in the third frame that touched off the Rainier batting spree. Guy Fletcher and Hector (Skinny) Brown held Portland to seven hits.

Left Fielder Johnny Rucker got a three-run round tripper for the Beavers in the ninth.

Portland faces the Los Angeles Angels in its 18th practice season game here tomorrow with Southpaw Cal McIvlin on the mound.

New York Giants Cut Squad About April 1

Oakland, Cal., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Ford Smith, 28-year-old Negro rookie from Phoenix, Ariz., is almost certain to make the New York Giants' pitching staff, Manager Leo Durocher said today.

Durocher said he plans to cut his squad to 27 about April 1, but that if he has his way he will stay with the Giants for the coming season. Smith pitched and played outfield for Jersey City last year.

Basketball

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

NCAA Western Semi Finals
 Baylor 58, Brigham Young 55
 Bradley 73, U. C. L. A. 59

NAAU Men's Tourney (Denver)
 Phillips Oilers 65, Stewart Chevrolet 53

NAAU Women's Tourney
 Little Dixie Queens (MacAtester, Okla.) 25, Steamfitters 19
 Hanes Hostery 39, AIB Des Moines 37
 NDC Nashville 29, Goldblumes Nashville 28

'Freebooter' Wins Grand National

Aintree, Eng., March 25—(U.P.)—Freebooter won the 107th Grand National Steeplechase today.

What No Sun was second and Achtan Major third.

Freebooter was the favorite in the classic—an 8 to 1 bet in the "Overnight Line" made by British bookmakers. Freebooter thus became the first favorite to win the classic since Sprig came home first in 1907.

Rowland Roy finished fourth in the race and the royal entry, Monaveen, owned jointly by Princess Elizabeth and the queen, finished fifth. Monaveen was a sentimental favorite of the several hundred thousand spectators who crammed the historic course.

A total of 49 horses started the course but only 13 finished.

Garde Toi was sixth, then came Cromwell, Happy River, Brancy VI, Knockirr, Ship's Bell, Inchmore and Saintfield.

The only American jockey in the race, Danny Manzani of Schranton, Pa., rode Battling Pedulas and did not finish.

11 Pitchers For Red Sox

Sarasota, Fla., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Because pitching has been a headache ever since he took over the reins of the Boston Red Sox, Manager Joe McCarthy disclosed today that he will try to carry 11 hurlers from the very start this season.

"I know most clubs carry only 10," he said, "but my team is so well set in every position that I am going to carry 11. I only wish I could cut somewhere to make it 12. But I'm hoping 11 will do."

In both seasons he has led the Red Sox his faulty early season pitching has cost him the pennant—in a playoff game against Cleveland in 1948 and on the final day last year against the New York Yankees.

HARMONY FOR DEER

Harmony, Pa. — (U.P.)—Three deer entered this small community in one week for a taste of civilization but only one lived to profit by the experience. One was killed by a train, the second ran into a fence and broke his neck, and the third left town much wiser and satisfied with his woodland home.



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