

Portland Plays at Sacramento As Coast League Starts Play

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Play ball! Approximately 41,000 fans are expected to head for the ballparks today as the Pacific Coast League opens its 54th season sporting many new faces and new ideas.

Two split double headers are on the schedule. Defending champion Seattle meets Hollywood in a day-night affair at

PROBABLE PCL PITCHERS
(Last year's records shown)
Seattle (Elmer Singleton 19-12 and Don Franchia 14-12) at Hollywood (Ben Wade 7-9 and Don Daniels 12-5).
Los Angeles (Harry Perkowsky 3-1 and unannounced) at San Diego (Eddie Fraut 18-19 and unannounced).
Vancouver (George Bamberger 12-14) at San Francisco (Jerry Casale 17-11).
Portland (Bill Werle 17-8) at Sacramento (Earl Harrist 5-7).

The Stars' park while Los Angeles and San Diego play a similar twin bill at Lane Field.

Vancouver and San Francisco, the teams who figured in the PCL's most revolutionary change of the off-season, meet in a single game at Seals Stadium while Sacramento hosts Portland in another at the capital.

The Old Oaks
A look at the lineup shows that Vancouver is pretty much the Oakland Oaks of last year who were transferred to the Dominion after 53 seasons in the East Bay. Lefty O'Doul remains manager of the newly-named "Mounties" which are a mixture of callow youth and old age.

San Francisco now is the property of the Boston Red Sox and only three old faces are on the Seal roster. The rest of the club consists of young kids being groomed for Boston fandom. Fair weather generally is predicted around the circuit. The Seals, claiming that they have had the biggest advance sale since 1946, may lure 16,000 fans to see what the Red Sox have to offer. A total of 10,000 are expected for Hollywood's split bill and the same amount at San Diego and Sacramento.

Two Kinds of Curves
Civic officials will throw out the first ball everywhere except at Hollywood where movie starlet Kathy Marlowe will display two varieties of curves.

The PCL heads into this season with closer major league ties than it has had in years although it still is rated an "open" league rather than Triple A. Every club has working agreements except Sacramento and there will be plenty of new faces in the lineups.

Yet such veteran Coast League hurlers as Elmer Singleton of Seattle, George Bamberger of Vancouver and Bill Werle of Portland have been selected to go to the mound in opening games.

Casale for Seals
The spotlight also will be on Jerry Casale of San Francisco. The husky righthander struck out 186 batters in the American Association last year with a blazing fast ball that gave him the honors in that division.

Three new managers are in the league—Luke Sewell at Seattle, Tommy Holmes at Portland and Eddie Joost at San Francisco. Clay Hopper moved from Portland to Hollywood and Tommy Heath from San Fran-

cisco to Sacramento. The holdovers are O'Doul at Vancouver, Bob Scheffing at Los Angeles and Bob Elliott at San Diego. The clubs change towns on

Friday under the new split-week arrangement with Hollywood at San Diego, Vancouver at Los Angeles, Seattle at Sacramento and Portland at San Francisco.

Hal Wood Picks Seattle to Win PCL Title This Year

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer
San Francisco — (U.P.) — The San Francisco Seals won the Grapefruit Exhibition League competition, but we'll pick the Seattle Rainiers to successfully defend their Pacific Coast league baseball title this year.

On account of we did such a grand job of picking football winners during the past season, we have received "numerous" (2) requests to name the order of finish of the 1956 PCL season.

So here goes (1955 finish place listed in parenthesis):
1—Seattle (1).
2—Portland (5).
3—Hollywood (4-tie).
4—Los Angeles (4-tie).
5—San Francisco (6).
6—San Diego (2).
7—Sacramento (8).
8—Vancouver (7).

Big-Time Tie-Ins
Admittedly, picking a winner in the PCL before the majors cut down is going to be harder than ever now that most of the clubs have big-time connections. But there are some other factors involved.

The Rainiers have the nucleus of last year's good team returning. They have some good baseball brains running the team in the person of Luke Sewell, A-N-D, they have the big bankroll of Mr. Emil Sick, the brewery magnate and club president. The Portland Beavers finished

in the second division last year, but in Tommy Holmes they have one of the most energetic managers to come along in years. And the added boost that may be the biggest item is the fact that for the first time, the Beavers will be playing in an up-to-date park. This is expected to result in bigger crowds to cheer on the home club.

Off their exhibition record, San Diego isn't going to have a top challenger this year—unless the Cleveland Indians come through with a lot more help. San Francisco is expecting a lot of help from the Boston Red Sox, but unless some additional hitting strength comes along, new manager Eddie Joost may have a rugged year. The Los Angeles Angels look to have about the same strength as last year.

Sacramento, the only club without a tie-up, may get off to a fast start while the other teams are awaiting help. But in the past, they have folded on the home stretch, due to lack of assistance.

And, as Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Cleveland Indians says:

"How are the Baltimore Orioles going to help Vancouver, when they can't even help themselves?"

So it looks like a tough year ahead for the brand-new Mounties.

Cinder Schedule Told for Graders

Complete schedule for Medford elementary track and field aggregations has been announced by Leo V. Ragsdale, supervisor of physical education in city schools.

The season opened today with a dual meet between Jackson and Washington schools. It will conclude on Thursday, April 26, with the all city meet.

Jackson will take on Roosevelt on Tuesday, April 17, and Lincoln will tackle Jefferson on Thursday, April 19. Washington and Roosevelt will meet on Tuesday, April 24.

The dual meets will start at 4:30 p.m. at the senior high stadium and the all city affair is set for 2:30 p.m.

Trackmen will compete in Classes A, B and C with height, weight and age points determining a participant's class.

SOC Faculty Member ... To Attend Conference ...

Asland — Miss Merion Ady, chairman of the Southern Oregon college art department, will attend the 37th biennial conference of the National Art Education association in Portland, April 11-13 where she will serve as chairman of the newly-organized College Art Education association.

"United for Art Action in Education" is the topic for the study group which, according to Miss Ady, who is also a member of the Pacific Art Executive committee, is designed to stimulate greater cooperation between administrators, the state department of education, and are educators for a more adequate art program in schools.

All-America Schoolboy Squad Named

New York — (U.P.) — A 30-man All-America high school basketball team, including three players from New York and two each from Missouri, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and California, was selected today by Scholastic magazines.

In selecting the team, the nation was divided into nine regions and a 15-man squad was selected from each sector. The best 30 of these 135 regional choices were named to the All-America schoolboy group.

Tallest player on the squad is six-foot-eight Bjarne Jensen, a junior at Franklin High school in Portland, who led his team to the state championship.

Others on the 30-player squad are: Earl Irvine, Seattle; Fred Lacont, San Francisco; Jerry Pimm, Montebello, Calif., and Rollie Williams, Kellogg, Ida.

Oregon State Beats Lewis and Clark, 6-1

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon State pounded out eight hits off a trio of Lewis and Clark hurlers here yesterday to roll to a 6-1 win in a non-counting baseball game.

The win was the Beavers' seventh in eight starts for the year. Exhibition Games: Philadelphia (N) 2, Boston (A) 1; Cincinnati (N) 7, Washington (A) 1; Detroit (A) 10, New Orleans (SA) 0; Milwaukee (N) 8, Brooklyn (N) 4; Cleveland (A) 6, New York (N) 4.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday: 10 am Monday for

Globetrotters Use Semi-Stall to Win

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — The Harlem Globetrotters employed a semi-stall in the closing minutes last night to defeat the College All-Stars, 74-71, despite a 28-point effort by Darrell Floyd of Furman.

The victory was the seventh for the Trotters in 10 games against the All-Stars. The two clubs will meet 11 more times in their cross-country tour.

Rory Calhoun Blasts Labua In 10 Rounds

New York — (U.P.) — Undefeated middleweight Rory Calhoun is improving so fast that even his victims are singing his praise.

After blasting his way to a unanimous 10-round decision over Jackie Labua of East Meadow, N. Y., Monday night in a widely-televised fight at St. Nicholas arena, the hard-punching but soft-spoken kid from Atlanta, Ga., conceded only that "It was a tough fight."

Calhoun, who weighed 161 pounds to Labua's 158½, won his 20th straight fight with sheer punching power. He looked awkward at times and still is a little "right-hand crazy," but he never was in trouble against the more experienced Labua.

In the fourth round, Calhoun scored the only knockdown of the fight when he caught Labua with a crunching right to the head. Labua's gloves barely touched the canvas and he jumped quickly to his feet, but Referee Mark Conn forced him to take the mandatory eight count.

Southern Oregon Sweeps Twinbill With Humboldt

Asland — Southern Oregon college won a pitchers' battle and then a batters' ruckus to sweep a baseball doubleheader here yesterday from Humboldt State college.

The Red Raiders took the first game 4 to 0 on a big third inning and two-hit pitching by Ray Theiss. In the second fracas they took advantage of 10 hits and 14 walks to win 19 to 12.

In the opener Southern Oregon got all its runs in the third inning when Humboldt's pitcher weakened to permit three hits and walked three men. A fielder's option also figured. Hits were by LeRoy King, Morris Churchman and Ned Landers.

Theiss ran into trouble in the seventh inning, walking three to load the bases with two out. Ned Landers came to his relief and a flyout resulted in the final out.

Theiss struck out six batters and walked eight. Churchman and Ned Landers each hit two for three.

A big eight-run first inning helped make the difference for Southern Oregon in the second game. The Raiders used nine walks, a single by Bill Seymour, a sacrifice and an error. Humboldt's big effort was in the third frame with five runs. Al Deniz's triple, Rick Dudley's single, three errors and a walk were the factors.

Seymour's three-baser with bases loaded was the big blow in a four-run SOC fifth inning. He and Fred Luper each hit two for four and Luper also slugged a triple along with Vince Miller for SOC. For Humboldt Deniz and Ralph Mayo socked three for five, Dudley two for three and Jerry Garcea and Phil Huff two for four. Dudley scored four runs.

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Nashua May Not Run Again Until May 5

New York — (U.P.) — Nashua, the only active "millionaire" race horse, probably won't run again until the May 5 renewal of the Grey Lag Handicap at Jamaica.

And Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, the horse's 81-year-old trainer, says it's all the fault of the New York area's wintry "spring" weather.

Nashua, who has earned \$1,040,515, was given top weight of 128 pounds Monday for Saturday's Excelsior Handicap at Jamaica. Sunny Jim said today the big colt wouldn't be ready to run in that mile-and-a-sixteenth event.

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Richardson and Schrader, Theiss, N. Landers (7) and Seymour.
(Second Game)
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SOC 831 043 x-19 10 5
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Roberts Stops Red Sox In Best Performance So Far

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer
Robin Roberts is ready and rarin' to go for his seventh straight 20-game season.

The pale 29-year pride of the Phillies, who has been hammered like an ordinary humpty during past exhibition seasons but certainly not this one, turned in his best performance of the spring in stopping the hard-hitting Red Sox, 2-1, at Montgomery, Ala., Monday.

Roberts, who is aiming at "only" 20 victories this year but is quite likely to overshoot that mark, ticked off three noteworthy accomplishments in limiting Boston to six hits.

Holds Ted Hitless
First, he became the first Phillies pitcher to go nine innings this spring, which figured. Second, he didn't walk a single batter which is more or less par

for him. And third, he hung the "collar" on Ted Williams in four trips, which is something of a trick for any pitcher.

Rookie Pat Scantlebury, who may turn out to be Birdie Tebbets' fourth regular starting pitcher, and Joe Black limited Washington to four scattered hits in leading Cincinnati to a 7-1 triumph at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ned Garver, on and off the trading block all spring, yielded only one hit in the six innings he worked as Detroit defeated New Orleans of the Southern Assn. 10-0, at New Orleans.

Del Crandall Stars
Del Crandall lashed out four hits and Hank Aaron three in leading Milwaukee to an 8-4 triumph over the world champion Dodgers at Louisville.

Young Herb Score and veteran Bob Feller teamed up to pitch Cleveland to a 6-4 decision over the Giants at Shreveport, La. The victory gave the Indians a 10-7 edge in the spring series between the two teams with two more games to go.

Rain cut heavily into the rest of the exhibition schedule. The games it washed out were the Yankees vs. Houston at Houston, Tex.; the White Sox vs. the Cardinals at Oklahoma City, Okla.; Kansas City vs. Pittsburgh at Wichita, Kans.; and the Orioles vs. the Cubs at Beaumont, Tex.

Molodet Has Answer To Coach's Problem

Raleigh, N.C. — (U.P.) — North Carolina State guard Vic Molodet thinks he has the answer to a basketball coach's problem: How to build an outstanding team.

"Simple," say the flashy Wolf-pack speedster. "Just take Bill Russell (San Francisco's All-American) and four high school players and you'll have a great team."

But a number of coaches would like to know where to find more players like Russell. Molodet was high in his praise of the gigantic Russell against whom he played in the recent East-West game at Kansas City.

Patterson Nearing Heavyweight Class

Kansas City, Kan. — (U.P.) Floyd Patterson's "unrestricted diet" had just about removed him as a light heavyweight contender today as he awaited the bell for a 10-round bout with tough Alvin (Chief) Williams. Patterson expected to weigh in at 183 or 184 pounds, or some eight pounds heavier than his Caddo Indian rival. It figured to be Patterson's last bout with a light heavyweight.

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