

Portland Beavers Won't Concede a Thing in 1957 Coast Loop Pennant Chase

Second in the series of stories covering the Pacific Coast League spring training camps.

By ALEX KAHN
Glendale, Calif.—(U.P.)—As far as Bill Sweeney is concerned, any team that wins the Pacific Coast League championship in 1957 will have to beat his Portland Beavers.

"We're not conceding a thing to any other team," said Sweeney as he put his players through their paces at Casey Stengel field here. "It's always been my motto that I'm shooting for the top spot and this year is no different."

Sweeney took over Portland's management last July after Tommy Hoimes left and the Beavers closed with a rush to finish third, but Sweeney is not content to make that his mark this year.

It's still too early for the veteran manager, back at Portland for the third time in his 21 year career as skipper of Coast League teams, to assess the players he obtained from Los Angeles in the swap brought on by the sale of the Angels in Brooklyn.

"I'll know after we've played a few exhibition games if they have the stuff but now that we have a working agreement with the Cubs we'll get some help from them," he said.

But Sweeney is sure he will field a free hitting squad even on the basis of the players he now can count upon. These include such experienced hands in the outfield as Tommy Saffell and Louis Marquez with playing coach Frank Carswell available for relief duty in the pasture or to play a regular stint until the Cubs can send reinforcements. That is one place Portland needs more depth.

Still to be tested in the outfield are Gil Dickens, Frank Erna and Ernie Johnson, all obtained in the Angel swap.

On the mound the Ports were hurt most by the loss of 22 game winner Rene Valdes, who went to the Brooklyn organization. But dependable Bill Wreie, (16-15) is back. So are Bob Alexander, Darrell Martin and young Bill Griffin, who came up at the end of last season from Eugene of the Northwest league. But Sweeney would like a couple more proven hurlers on his staff.

Behind the plate he has Sam Calderone and Ron Bottler, backed up by Dan Baich, so that position is covered adequately. The infield is fairly well set, also, with Jack Littrell back at short; Ed Mickelson at first and the veteran Eddie Basinski at second. Bobby Adams, obtained in the Angel deal, may be able

to handle third, but Sweeney needs at least one more infielder and possibly two unless Bill Gabler, Don Lauters or Gary Sorenson from the trade measures up.

Sweeney is happy to be affiliated with the Cubs, pointing out that they have less top minor league clubs to supply with players than did Brooklyn.

"We have the nucleus of a good ball club and we'll be tough if we get Cub help, especially pitching," Sweeney said. "It could be a club with balance, in which there would be enough youngsters to make the veterans hustle and enough experienced hands to give the team poise."

Basketball Scores

TUESDAY COLLEGE GAMES
By United Press
NIT at New York
Quarter-Finals
Temple 77, Dayton 66
Bradley 116, Xavier (Ohio) 81

Boxing Results

By UNITED PRESS
Miami Beach, Fla.—Rory Calhoun, 161-lb., White Plains, N.Y., stopped James Bussey, 164-lb., Augusta, Ga. (6).

2 Beavers Agree To 1957 Terms

Glendale, Calif.—(U.P.)—First baseman Ed Mickelson and outfielder Tommy Saffell have come to terms with the Portland Beavers. Only remaining Beaver not on hand is outfielder Luis Marquez.

Dusenberry PAL Mix Foe Of Christean

Every weight division from heavyweight to 60 pounds will be represented Saturday night when the Medford Police Athletic league holds its benefit boxing card at Hedrick Junior High school.

That was the word today from PAL officials.

They reported also that Steve Dusenberry, Portland, will be foe for Medford's light heavyweight, Loren Christean, Denny Moyer, Portland, one of the top 150 pounders in the nation, will be on the card. His rival in the special event will be announced Thursday.

It was indicated today that as many as 18 bouts will be presented. Medford PAL coaches Jim Zack and Hugh Jennings declared their charges all in top shape for the tussles. They anticipate an action packed evening for fans.

Cain, Smith Refs

Don Cain, state policeman here, and Mike Smith, Portland, will alternate as referees. Both are highly experienced. Fred Spiegelberg, Medford high school coach, will be a judge. Other ring officials, from Medford, will include Bob Kyle Jr., timekeeper, Paul Haviland, announcer, and Ben Fagone, ringmaster.

The card will be PAL's main source of funds to keep the club in operation. All profits will go to the club, membership of which is free of charge to boys. The club's gym is above Acme Hardware store on Sixth street. Interested persons are invited to visit the gym on week day evenings.

Tickets are on sale at the Medford police station, Sam's and Lamporn's Sporting Goods stores, Brown's cafe and the Union club. Policemen and PAL officials also have tickets.

Don Hawley, Burns, and Dick Lopez, Medford PAL, are in the heavyweight semi-main. Larry Lewis, Medford PAL, and Willie Ira, Portland, are matched in the bantamweight semi-main. On the supporting card are:

Roy Marshall vs. George Lish, featherweights; Allen Richter vs. Orin Inlow, 135 pounds; Keith Capps vs. Clyde Williams, 115; Bob Capps vs. Mike Ames, 118; Larry Irvin vs. Matt Corey, 145; Don Eskew vs. Larry Hepola, 112; Leroy Umberger vs. Benny Kempe, 145; Doug Batten vs. Tom Brown, 90; Chuck Kinball vs. Virgil Miller, 100; Rusty Smith vs. Jim Southern, 80; Cecil Cardwell vs. Dale Hepola, 75; Rex Howe vs. Bob Daventport, 100; Keenan Smith vs. Skip Richter, 65.

CHAMP MOVES ALONG

St. Augustine, Fla.—(U.P.)—Defending champion Judd Brumley of Greenwood, Tenn., an easy winner in the opening round, meets John W. Roberts of Columbus, Ohio, today in the top match of the American Seniors Golf association championship.



RETRIEVER TRIAL SCENE—This scene is typical of what spectators will see Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the Rogue Valley Retriever club's sixth annual field trial in the Camp White area. Shown during a RVRC picnic trial held recently are Otto Lilya and Lady. The Black Labrador is marking the falls of shot pigeons in the final practice event for the big American Kennel club licensed competition here. Lilya and Lady currently are leading in points in the contention for the local club's derby trophy.

Large Entry In Retriever Club's Trial

Open all-age stake will have the biggest field this week end in the Rogue Valley Retriever club's sixth annual field trial.

Forty-seven entries have been listed by trial secretary Ken Denman for the open which will be the last of four stakes in the American Kennel club licensed event on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 22, 23, and 24.

Twenty-eight dogs are scheduled to run in the open all-age stake, first competition in the trial in the game commission management and Hoover lakes areas of the Camp White district north of Medford. The amateur will begin at 8 a.m. Friday.

The derby stake, which follows the amateur, will have 38 dogs entered and the qualifying stake will have 27.

Champ Not Defending

Last year's winner in the big even, the open, won't be defending this time since the owner, Roger Bacon Jr., Canby, Calif., will be one of the judges. The dog was a Labrador, Bakelid Donder. However, top-ranked entrant will be last year's runner-up here, a black Labrador male which went on to win the national crown, Massie's Sassy Boots, owned by William T.

First Appearance For Don Larsen

St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—Don Larsen was to make his first competitive appearance of the spring for the New York Yankees today—five months and 11 days after his World Series perfect game.

Larsen, the last Yankee to agree to terms this spring, hadn't thrown a ball in competition since his 87th and last pitch of the Oct. 9 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers struck out pinch-hitter Dale Mitchell.

He was slated to start against the hard-hitting Cincinnati Redlegs.

Cline, Chicago, Ill.

Only one of last year's winners competing will be Moccasin, owned and handled by Herbert Fleishacker Jr., San Francisco. It took the 1957 derby, Kingfish II, which was owned by E. L. Mimoggie, Beaverton and took the qualifying stake, is dead. Marion Timothy, which with owner and handler Mrs. Marion McPhail, took the amateur, is not registered.

Retrievers are being entered from communities up and down the Pacific coast and from as far away as Chicago. Dogs will be put through both land and water tests and ducks, pigeons and pheasants will be used in the various series.

Spectators will be welcomed. There will be no charge for admission to the grounds. Signs will mark the way from Crater Lake highway Four Corners.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



PERSONAL BATBOY—"Here Dad," says Frank Kellert Jr. as he performs the chore of batboy for his father, Frank Kellert Sr., San Francisco Seals first baseman, at the Pacific Coast League club's Fullerton, Calif., spring training camp.

Lakers Advance In Pro Playoffs

By UNITED PRESS
The final round division playoffs in the National Basketball association begin Thursday night with Syracuse at Boston and Minneapolis at St. Louis.

The Lakers earned the right to meet the Western division champion Hawks in the best-of-five final round by defeating the Fort Wayne Pistons, 110-108, Tuesday night for their second straight win over the Pistons in the opening round best-of-three series.

The Nationals defeated the Philadelphia Warriors two straight in their opening round Eastern division playoff for the right to play the division champion Celtics. St. Louis and Boston drew first round byes for finishing first in their respective divisions in regular-season play.

Few Hoop Rule Changes Seen

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—The chairman of the National Basketball Coaches association rules committee today predicted few rules changes would be recommended in a three-day meeting opening Thursday, although the cussed and discussed zone defense and the one-and-one foul shot were sure to come up.

The chairman, Alvin F. Doggy Julian of Dartmouth, said the two major rules proposals up for discussion by the coaches would be:

Giving the two defensive players next to the basket on free throws more room. Their designated space now is three feet.

Possible changes in foul rules concerning the one-and-one and backcourt fouls. Julian said there has been some agitation on two shots for backcourt fouls, and the one-and-one for front court fouls. He said some coaches wanted the one-and-one eliminated on the first six fouls of each half.

Cincinnati Has Power to Win National League Flag

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series on the 1957 prospects of Major League clubs.

By LEO H. PETERSEN
United Press Sports Editor
Tampa, Fla.—(U.P.)—The Cincinnati Redlegs have the power to win the National League pennant. But most baseball followers don't think they have enough pitching.

However, Birdie Tebbetts, in his fourth season as manager of the Redlegs, doesn't agree with them. He insists he has "the best pitching depth in the league."

"We have seven or eight pitchers who can start and relieve," Tebbetts claims. "We may not have the standout starters some other teams have, but they can't come up to us in overall depth. And there isn't a better relief pitcher in the business than Hersh Freeman."

Wanted: Singles, Doubles
While Tebbetts is impressed with Cincinnati's power—the club tied the all-time major league club home run record last season when it clouted 221—he said he would be "satisfied with less homers and more singles and doubles."

He conceded that perhaps Brooks Lawrence, who won 19

games in 1956, "might not win that many again," but added that Joe Nuxhall, who won only 13 last year "should do much better."

Birdie expects help from Warren Hacker and Russ Meyer, both of whom were obtained from the Cubs, and contends that holdovers Art Fowler 11-11, Johnny Klippstein 12-11, Hal Jeffcoat 8-2 and Tom Acker 4-3 should improve their last year's records.

Outfield All Set
The outfield is all set with Frank Robinson, the National League rookie of the year in 1956, in left, Gus Bell in center and Wally Post in right.

The Redlegs have the best double play combination in the league in Roy McMillan at short and Johnny Temple at second. Big Ted Kluszewski is set at first base and under present plans, Tebbetts will platoon third base among Don Hoak, Alex Grammas and Rocky Bridges.

Ed Bailey, probably the most improved player in the league last year when he batted .300 and hit 28 homers, will be the No. 1 catcher with Smoky Burgess, also a long ball hitter, behind him.

Tebbetts calls it the best catching staff in the league.

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Ed Hogan Wraps Up Links Toga With 206

Eddie Hogan, professional at Portland's Riverside club, headed home with top honors in the tri-city progressive pro-amateur golf tournament with a one-under-par 71 card at Rogue Valley Country club Tuesday which brought his three-day tabulation to 206 gross.

The Portlander added his Tuesday total to a 65 Sunday at Laurelwood course in Eugene and a 70 Monday at Roseburg Country club. His cards were low both days on those links.

Coach Harp Says Kansas Will Be Ready for Dons

Lawrence, Kan.—(U.P.)—Coach Dick Harp said today his Kansas Jayhawks would be "ready and in the best possible shape" to meet San Francisco Friday "but if we can't set the tempo, then we'll get beat."

Harp, looking forward to meeting the defending national champions in an NCAA semi-final game in Kansas City Friday, said "San Francisco is the type of team that it takes to beat us—a ball control club with a good defense."

On top of that, Harp said "Phil Woolpert of San Francisco is one of the very finest coaches in basketball. If anyone knows how to control Wilt Chamberlain it should be Woolpert—he had Bill Russell for three years."

Eddie Oldfield, Roseburg pro, had a 70 here for low card yesterday while Hogan's 71 tied him with Dave Killen, Eastmoreland, Portland, for second for the final day.

Killen was second low pro in cumulative scoring with 71-72-71—214. Deadlocking for third among the pros were Oldfield with 74-75-70—219 and Harold West, Laurelwood 73-73—219.

Woody Ball, Laurelwood, had amateur low gross with 75-79-77—231 followed by Bob McKeown, Riverside, with 71-79-82—232. Walt Kline, Salem, carded 234 and Ed Hall, Medford, 236. Junior Langston, Cottage Grove, took amateur low net with 69-76-71—216.

Take Pro-Am

The combination of Oldfield and Marvin Clerk, Grants Pass, and Oldfield and Miles Doran, Medford, each recorded 66s for pro-amateur best ball awards. Jim Blakely, Santa Barbara, Cal., pro, and Dom Provost Jr., Ashland amateur, teamed for next low with a 67 best ball count. Hogan and Al Althens, Medford, paired for a 68 as did Oldfield and Bill Kalibak, Medford.

Amateur low gross was shared by Langston, George Harrington, Medford, and Ball. Each had a 77. Low nets were compiled by Langston, Sam Mock, Eugene, and George Schuler, Medford, each with 71.

There were 21 pros and 83 amateurs in yesterday's action at Rogue Valley for a total entry of 104.

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