

IN THE REALM OF SPORT

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE HEADS HOLD MEETING

Adoption Of Complete Playing Schedule Expected.

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OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 21. (AP)—Approval of a complete playing schedule for this season and adoption of an "official" baseball were the chief items of business to be taken up by directors of the Pacific Coast league in today's concluding sessions of their two-day program here.

The schedule, presented yesterday, was held over for a slight rearrangement of dates at the request of Lew Mooring, owner of the Sacramento club.

Discussion of an official ball also was carried over a day, due to a misunderstanding in cost prices for the article.

Pitchers Want In
Considerable interest was shown in the efforts of two outstanding pitchers to sell themselves to the various clubs. Carl Mays, veteran "submarine" twirler, formerly with the New York Giants, was seeking to sign.

While most of the club owners were anxious to take on the big right hander, it was reported his salary terms had brought on a reaction somewhat similar to that from walking out of Goetz on a winter's night without an overcoat on. "Dutch" Reuther, left-hander now with the San Francisco Missions, was the other star artist looking for a new home.

He has been given permission by his club to make a deal for himself. It was understood that Reuther's terms, too, were a bit up in the air.

Next Meet in Seattle
Out of yesterday's short morning and long afternoon sessions the directors emerged with the information that the next meeting would be held in Seattle, some Monday next November.

New League Wants Backing
Some of the directors had before them today invitations to back a four-team, Utah-Idaho league. John Derks, Salt Lake City newspaper man and vice-president of the Utah-Idaho league that functioned in 1928, was the leading spirit behind the movement to revive the Class D circuit.

Derks plans call for teams in Salt Lake, Ogden, Pocatello and Twin Falls, with San Francisco, Oakland, Hollywood and the Missions as the backing clubs.

Get New Umpires
Signing of two new umpires was announced by Harry Williams, league president. Ed McLaughlin, former National league arbiter, will be on the job this season, as will E. J. Burke of Portland, Ore. Williams said that Ed Kells, who called balls and strikes last season had been released, while Chet Chadbourne and Powell had been granted permission to make deals for themselves elsewhere.

LAGRANDE, Jan. 21, (AP)—Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball team, coached by Bob Quinn, leaves here tonight for Western Oregon to play Albany college Wednesday, Monmouth Thursday and Friday.

FIGHTS OF LAST NIGHT

By Associated Press
New York: Tommy Grogan of Omaha, Neb., outpointed Billy McMahon of New York in ten rounds. Joey Harrison of Garfield, N. J., stopped Billy Drano of Germany in the third round.

Philadelphia: Lew Massey of Philadelphia outpointed Battling Battalino in ten rounds. Young Terry of Trenton, N. J., stopped Stuffy McLines of Scotland in the fifth round.

Cleveland: Johnny Risko of Cleveland outpointed Ricardo Brattazzo of Italy in ten rounds. Paul Pirrone of Cleveland and Tom Freeman of Erie, Pa., drew in ten rounds.

Rochester, N. Y.: Tommy Paul of Buffalo knocked out Eddie O'Dowd of Columbus, Ohio, in the first round.

New Orleans: Ray Kiser of Tulsa, Okla., outpointed Eddie Wolfe of Memphis in ten rounds. Sioux City, Iowa: Jack McCann of Minneapolis, outpointed Louis Zack of Sioux City in ten rounds.

Philadelphia, N. J.: Jimmie Britt of Philadelphia knocked out Tex Hamer in the fourth round.

Miami, Fla.: Harry Forbes of Chicago, outpointed Jimmy Watts of Atlanta in ten rounds. Young Montreal of Providence, R. I., refused to fight Watts.

HOWARD LEADS BILLIARDISTS

Takes Lead Over Norin, Scoring 30 Points in 55 Innings. Norin Has Run of Bad Luck.

The three-cushion billiard tournament at the Klamath Recreation opened last evening and R. E. Howard a 30 point man won over S. E. Norin, 28.

Mr. Howard scored his 30 points in 55 innings. Mr. Norin seemed to be out of stroke and with it luck appeared to have given him the go-by. Time after time he missed by the narrowest of margins or ran into kisses and the best he could score in the match was 13. The high run for both were Norin's in the second and Howard in the 13th inning.

T. A. Brandon, 28, won from A. E. Adams, 25, by the score of 28 to 14 in 68 innings.

Adams after missing in the first and second, scored one in the third and four in the fourth inning and it looked like a runaway for him but Brandon settled down and played steady billiards and though he scored no high runs he made two in seven of the 68 frames and three in his 55th.

A large gathering of spectators witnessed both matches. Tonight J. A. Perry will cross cues with C. R. Smith and as both these players are rated at 30 a close contest is looked for.

D. W. Bayless meets Wm. Douglas this evening also, and the whole of the local police force is pulling for the traffic officer to score his 24 before Bayless gets his 30.

Play in both matches starts at 8 o'clock.

OPERATE ON L. WANER
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21, (UP)—Lloyd Waner, star outfielder of the Pittsburgh Pirates, was operated on for appendicitis at the Presbyterian hospital today.

EXPECT DROP IN OUTPUT OF LUMBER

Both Pine and Fir Mills Overstocked; Expect Price Reaction

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(Reprinted from the Oregonian)
There have been but few times in the history of the Pacific northwest when winter weather has brought the lumber industry to so complete a standstill as has been experienced during the past week.

Mills in the Portland district that never close unless operating conditions become extremely bad have had to bow to the will of Boreas, and until such a time as the freezing temperatures pass, this situation can be expected to continue.

The sawmills have been inconvenienced more by frozen logs and ice than by snow, but with the additional snow which has piled up in the woods this week, even the most favorably situated logging camps are idle and it will require several days of comparatively warm weather to make it possible for a majority to get under way again.

While having no sufficient foundation as yet to justify construing as a permanent trend, prices on some special classes of business, particularly special cutting orders, have had a tendency to advance. This is not on account of any increase in the volume of new placements but it is the result of anxiety of buyers to get tardy orders on the books of some of the few concerns that are in a position to get them out.

The psychological effects of the tieup are very good on the consuming end of the business. Numerous western and Washington lumbermen recently to their customers, advising of the storm and their inability to book further business until they can have more of an idea as to what their future sawing program will be. Even though most of the domestic markets are experiencing weather which is holding back construction work, half of January is gone, and within another two weeks the retailers will begin to figure on making purchases for their early spring requirements and the prospects of a shrunken supply will very likely stimulate and speed up orders of that nature.

One of the outstanding results of the bad weather has been an increasing shortage of No. 1 firs on Puget sound and in the Columbia river. In spite of the unsatisfactory condition of the general lumber market since the middle of last year, there has continued to be a good demand for special cut fir clears for the export shipments, and this has resulted in a corresponding call for the better grade of fir logs.

The closing down of the logging camps, which took place much earlier than it did with the mills, made the manufacturers apprehensive about the supply and as a result the best rafts have for the most part been bought up. There is an ample supply of other grades of fir and also hemlock and red cedar, but there is plenty of reason to believe that logs will be scarce and higher

in the before the camps get under way again. Mill stocks of lumber are not excessive, with rare exceptions. Some items, seasoned dimension more than anything else, already are reduced down to the point where a few mills are having trouble making up hard assortments for mixed cars, and should production be held down until February 1, mill stocks will be badly broken.

Order files are a trifle heavier than they were 30 days ago, but by that it must not be taken that they are up to normal. Being sold on the idea that the slump has reached bottom and that future revisions of prices will be upward, the average manufacturer is not reaching out for business and the enforced curtailment of the last few days will fortify this attitude and make it increasingly difficult to slip an order onto a mill's books.

The stabilization of Atlantic coast freight rates is having an expression in restored confidence of the buyers in that important field. Feeling that it is now safe to anticipate their requirements, both wholesale and retail distributors have recently been making increased inquiry and bona fide placements in better volume than for some time. This is looked upon as an encouraging development because the Atlantic coast cargo market has been in a badly demoralized condition for months, with prices down to such an extremely low point that neither the lumber manufacturers nor the steamship companies could get by without suffering heavy losses.

While everyone in the lumber industry, from the logger up to sawmill shipping crews, chafe in their enforced idleness, a study of past history will make it clear to any thinking man that this is the best thing that could happen to the fir manufacturers, for it must be kept in mind that while we are frozen in, our customers are in the same predicament and they will continue to be intermittently for several weeks after conditions here have become propitious for a maximum output of lumber.

The pine mills east of the Cascades are finding their markets in fully as bad shape as those of the fir producers, but they have a different way of looking at winter lulls, and even though the conditions immediately confronting them are bad, they view the situation more complacently, especially so because they carry large stocks and do not depend upon selling tomorrow what they manufacture today.

Once King of Fighters Now Menial at Madison Square

By EDWARD J. NEIL
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NEW YORK, Jan. 21, (AP)—Madison Square Garden is a dim, cool place in the afternoon, full of shadows that blot the outlines of the battle ring and fuse the endless rows of empty seats into banks of dusk. Footsteps echo loudly, folks usually talk in whispers in the amphitheatre that by night blazes with light and rocks to the roars of fight-crazed multitudes.

Celebrities Adorn Walls
There are dim figures, too, in the corridors, mostly twisted old fellows with mops and pails of suds, washing floors for a meagre hourly wage. There are others dusting the walls, wiping the glasses in huge pictures that show the likenesses of the late Tex Rickard, John L. Sullivan, Dempsey, Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Jack Johnson, Joe Gans and hosts of almost forgotten warriors of the ring.

One Charman Happy
Only one of the charmen hams to himself, whistles occasionally, chuckles at his work. He's a short, chunky, happy negro with arms that stretch down to his knees. His shoes are almost without form, his trousers baggy, misshapen. A gray checkered coat sweater, fitting his arms all right, stretches down to his knees in incongruous fashion. Diligently he wipes pictures and woodwork with a dirty cloth, a shapeless cap on the back of his black hairless head, a grin on his wide, flat features.

The Barbadoes Demon
Yet this happy, harmless negro, 58 years old, and glad of the chance to work at menial tasks, is

Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes Demon, perhaps the greatest fighter that ever lived. He once weighed 129 pounds for an epoch battle with Kid Lavigne, and as the welterweight champion of 35 years ago he never scaled over 142 pounds. But he knocked out great fighters in five classes—lightweight, welterweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight. His most amazing victory was a seven-round knockout of Joe Choynski, a crack heavyweight, when Walcott weighed 140.

Polishes Pictures of Heroes
Today he polishes the pictures of men who quailed before him decades ago, ring heroes now dead, whose shades might tremble a bit even now at the touch of Walcott's hands, now harmless. He fought when a lifetime's earnings in the ring did not equal the purses paid ordinary fighters today for a single bout.

Furthermore, he doesn't think that the entire crop of fighters in the smaller classes today could have furnished George Lavigne, the Saginaw Kid, with an interesting night's work. Joe has a tremendous respect for Lavigne, as well as Tommy West, who had a disconcerting habit of biting chunks from his scalp in the bloody battles they fought decades ago.

Says Old-Timers Tougher
The old-timers, Joe says, were tougher, stronger, were just as good boxers, and took the game more seriously than do the gladiators of the present era. To his mind, the easiest men to bring down were the big fellows, despite his own scanty five height of height.

"Ah liked to play with them big boys," Joe grinned as he swabbed away at the woodwork. "Ah just punched away at their tummies 'till they begin to bend. Then just thing you know their jaw is down where they tummies was, and then 's easy."

Joe ambled off down a corridor, past a picture of Tex Rickard, past the likenesses of heroes of his time, and dabbed at a painting of Ruby Bob Fitzsimmons.

Got No Kick
"Ah ain't got no kick," he said. "Ah's alive and they's dead. Ah'm gettin' plenty good poke chops, too."

Chuckles rippled out behind him.

Mighty Lions Go Down Before Cuba

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 21. (AP)—The mighty Vancouver Lions had their pride subdued by the lowly Victoria Cubs for the first time this season, when the latter trimmed them in a Pacific Coast hockey league encounter here last night, 4-3.

The result was somewhat of an upset, as after the first period had gone scoreless the second period ended with the Lions having a lead of two goals, 2-0. In the final period the Cubs came right back to sag the local net for three more goals to take the laurels.

SIGNS FOR TWO YEARS
CHICAGO, Jan. 21, (AP)—Charlie Root, one of the National league champion Chicago Cubs star right-handed pitchers, has signed a two-year contract. Root signed the document yesterday, President William L. Veeck announced from Avalon, Catalina Island, where the Cubs, as usual, will train. Root's salary was not disclosed, but it was said he received a substantial boost.

Montana Wallops Fighting Cougars

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 21, (AP)—Montana's basketball quintet defeated Washington State college, leaders of the Northern division in the Pacific Coast conference race, 54 to 24, here last night. The Montanans shot brilliantly to lead the Cougars 30 to 13 at the half period.

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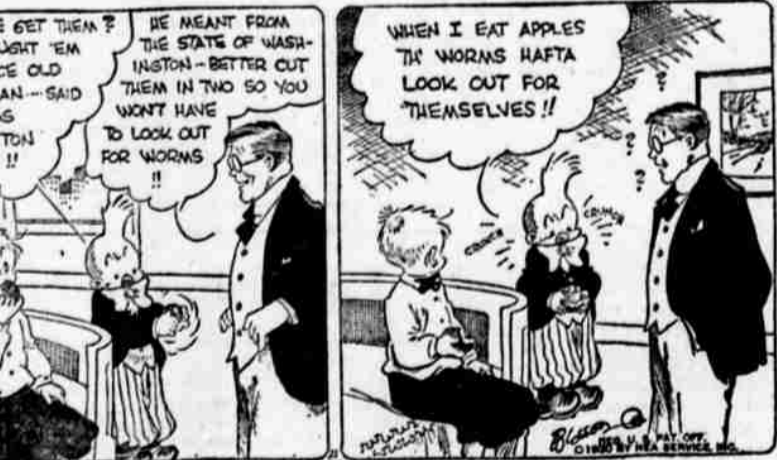
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