

Braucher's Sport Gossip



Sporting News



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Revival of the annual Poughkeepsie intercollegiate regatta brings to light some information that is mighty interesting—on the trail shells that those husky 180-pounders pull through the water at such a clip.

At first glance, one wonders what there is to one of those shells that calls for a layout of from \$1500 to \$2000. But, on investigation, the curious find there's plenty.

In the first place, every good shell is hand-made, of red cedar, the same wood that was used by the Indians in their war canoes. The cut lumber is kept in kilns with the air circulating through it for more than a year, until it becomes thoroughly seasoned. This lumber has native oils in it to prevent water decay, and is said to swell or shrink less than any other wood.

The shell builders, all artists of a long line, build the boats upside down. Its framework is of stick spruce, the strongest wood for its weight in the world.

The "skin" of red cedar is put in place over the frame, and it is here where patience and handcraft come in. The weather must be just right before this operation is started. Little pegs of wood are kept under the gunwales to gauge the action of the weather on the frame. A covering of Japanese silk is placed over the decks, and this operation, too, is all by hand.

When the craftsmen are finished, they have a shell weighing in the neighborhood of 275 pounds, which is about 60 feet long and having a beam not more than two feet wide. Only one-eighth inch thickness separates the oarsmen from the water.

Between the tracks of his oars, each man has a tiny platform, set on transverse braces of the shell, on which he gingerly steps with one foot when taking his place in the boat. If he should miss this platform and touch the bottom of the boat, he'd go right on through. To move this frail craft, each of the eight men, weighing from 165 to 180 pounds, pull an oar 12 feet long, and moves back and forth on a sliding seat, a distance of about 20 inches.

With such activity of eight husky sweepers and a slaving coxswain at the rear taking place, the frail shell takes a terrific pounding over a course of four miles.

In covering the distance in 20 minutes, the average stroke is 30 a minute, which would call for 600 strokes by each man, or 4800 by all eight oars, to cover the distance.

Each stroke generally is good for 35 feet, and you can see from this distance covered that there is plenty of power behind a sweep of the oars.

One wonders how such a tiny craft can withstand such strains. But it does—and perhaps the answer is the time, care, and handwork put in by the old line of craftsmen.

Sporting Briefs

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 20. (UP)—Football candidates for the 1934 Stanford team, 85 strong, will report here April 4 for two months of spring practice. Head coach "Tad" Thornhill will drill the men three times each week. Some men won't join the practice until May 1.

STOCKTON, Calif., March 20. (UP)—As the second week of spring football practices opened for the College of Pacific, Coach Alonzo Stagg searched today for corners by graduation. His understudy, Les Russell, has been ill and did not show up for practice.

EUGENE, March 20. (UP)—Successfully negotiating three 10-foot drifts and detouring around another, five CCC youths riding and frequently pushing a 1923 touring car, Monday shared the honor of being the first persons to cross McKenzie pass in an automobile this year.

The crossing was accomplished Saturday night. The youths, returning from Grand Coulee where they had sought employment, were erroneously informed at Bend that the pass was open. They left Sisters at noon, reaching Pole Bridge cabin 10 hours later.

The group included Sam Wigham, driver, Orlaf Alford, Pierce Johnson, Elmer McMaster and Don Burch, all from the Skinner Butte camp.

Work of opening the pass by the state highway commission will start on April 1.

Lemon Grown Inside Weighs Two Pounds

SPOKANE, Wash., March 20. (UP)—A giant lemon weighing two pounds was on display here tonight by Emil Christensen and his daughter, who grew the fruit on a three-foot tree in the living room of their Tyler, Wash. home. The lemon measures 15 1/2 inches around the center, and 8 1/2 inches from end to end.

SIXTEEN TEAMS ENTER TOURNEY

Klamath Pelicans Off for Opening Game With Silverton.

Selection of the two Portland representatives Monday night completed the list of 16 high school basketball combinations entered in the 15th annual state tournament opening at Willamette university in Salem Wednesday afternoon.

The schools from the metropolitan district—Franklin and Jefferson—immediately took a favorite place along with Klamath Falls, Silverton, Coquille, Astoria and Pendleton. These teams, however, are but a handful of the numerous dark horses preparing to rush through the early rounds toward a state championship.

Pelicans Head North
The Klamath Pelicans, headed by Dwight French, coach, moved out of Klamath Falls Tuesday morning. The early start will give the young athletes opportunity for rest before the first game at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

The Pelicans, tested in difficult competition all season, were in excellent condition to start the tournament. None of the eight players making the trip was in any way handicapped by injury. The tournament experience of several of the regulars was expected to boost the team's chances for a title.

First Game Difficult
Klamath drew one of the most difficult assignments for the opening day when Silverton was named as Wednesday's opponent. Silverton, undefeated this season, has been judged one of the outstanding contenders. If Klamath can win its opening contest, the chances of championship will be greatly increased.

Klamath's two previous experiences in championship play—1932 and 1933—were not successful. The Pelicans dropped their opening games in the title round to Hood River and The Dalles. The following days at each tournament, the team was beaten in the consolation.

Officials Selected
Thus, the Pelicans have their first tournament game to win. Roy "Spec" Keene, director of athletics at Willamette university, announced Tuesday that all details were complete for the tournament. He expected record-breaking crowds to see the eight evenly matched teams in action.

Tournament officials were announced Monday. Ralph Coleman of Oregon State college will handle the list of referees, assisted by Emil Piluso and Harry Leeding, both of Portland. Piluso and Coleman are coast conference officials.

Max Allen and Percy Sweet will be score-keepers, and Marshall Hartley will serve as time-keeper.

The tourney will open Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock when Mitchell and Coquille take the floor. Other afternoon games will follow each hour in this order:

Ashland vs. Columbia Prep of Portland; The Dalles vs. Jefferson of Portland; Astoria vs. Dalles; Eugene vs. LaGrande.

The Klamath-Silverton game will start off the evening schedule. Other night contests include Pendleton vs. Salem and McMinnville vs. Franklin of Portland.

Browning Retains Wrestling Title

NEW YORK, March 20. (UP)—Jim Browning of Missouri retained his claims to the world heavyweight wrestling championship by throwing Hans Kampfer of Germany before 8000 fans at Madison Square Garden after one hour, one minute, 57 seconds of their scheduled finished match. Browning weighed 230 pounds, Kampfer 218.

Indian Prince May Wed U. S. Dancer

PARIS, March 20. (UP)—Prince Dushnu of Nepal, an Indian princely, departed Monday to meet his wife at Genoa, without saying whether he would return to Paris or sojourn in Italy.

Meanwhile Sandra Rambo, Hollywood dancer, was reported waiting here for his return to marry the prince once he is free to wed. She was present at the finals in a current six-day bicycle race, prominently donating 10,000 francs (about \$650) purses for aprils.

Oregon Publisher Dies on Monday

PORTLAND, March 20. (UP)—Col. E. Hofer, former publisher of the Salem Capital Journal and prominently identified with journalism in this state for nearly half a century, was dead here Monday. Hofer published the newspaper prior to 1913. In recent years he had published several magazines and served two terms as president of the Oregon state humane society. He is survived by the widow, two sons and a daughter.

Raise? Cubs Take Reduction



This isn't a picture of an entry in this year's Poughkeepsie regatta getting a workout on the oars. My, no! It shows the Chicago Cubs, under the whip of Manager Charley Grimm, setting all set for a big reduction—in weight—at their Catalina Island training camp.

Once Exiled Earnshaw Bids for Comeback With Chicago

PASADENA, Calif., March 20. (UP)—After a disappointing year, in which he fell from stardom to inglorious exile, George Livingstone Earnshaw, big right-handed pitcher who lost caste with the Philadelphia Athletics, is attempting to regain the pitching heights this season with the Chicago White Sox.

Earnshaw had his worst season in baseball last season after four years of stalwart pitching with the Athletics, during which he won 85 games and lost 43 from 1929 through 1932. He won five games and lost five last season, and was one of the year's biggest baseball failures. Connie Mack charged Earnshaw with flagrant violations of the training rules last season and fined and suspended him. During the winter sold him to the White Sox, along with Catcher John Pasek, for a reported sum of \$15,000 and Catcher Charlie Berry.

Manager Lew Fonseca now regards Earnshaw as the ace of the White Sox staff, and believes the 34-year-old pitcher will prove one of the most consistent winners in the league this season.

"Earnshaw reported in good condition, and has worked as hard as any man on the team," commented Fonseca. "He's 15 pounds lighter than at any time last year, and is in a great frame of mind. I don't hesitate to say that I'm depending on him to be the best pitcher on our staff."

The Cubs who faced him for three innings Sunday say that he has as much stuff as the Earnshaw they faced in the 1929 world series.

Earnshaw is bent on proving that Connie Mack and other members of the Athletics contributed to his miserable showing last year.

"I hold no grudge against Connie Mack, but I am certainly going to get even with some of my former team mates for their actions toward me last season," said Earnshaw. "One of these men is Mickey Cochrane, and I am going to dust him off the first time I pitch against him."

Earnshaw will probably get a chance to pitch against Cochrane, now Detroit manager, in the opening game of the season between the White Sox and Tigers at Comiskey Park, April 17.

Earnshaw's contract has a bonus clause which provides for an increase in salary for each game he wins after 10 victories. The big right-hander is making no secret of the fact that he is shooting for 20 victories. He won 24 games in 1922, 22 in 1930, 21 in 1931 and 19 in 1932, and in training certainly resembles the great Earnshaw of a few years ago.

Giants Defeat Dodger Rivals at Exhibition

MIAMI BEACH, March 20. (UP)—The New York Giants beat their metropolitan rivals, the Brooklyn Dodgers, 7 to 4, in their first exhibition encounter of the season.

New York's big inning was the fifth when the champions combined five hits and a walk for four runs. Van Mungo, ace of the Dodgers' mound staff and the man whom Casey Stengel hoped to show the Giants that the Dodgers are still in the league, was the victim.

Young Joe Bowman from the Portland club not only pitched well for Bill Terry's outfit, but his triple and double contributed much to the Giants' victory. The Giants hammered Mungo, Page and Leonard for 11 hits, while Schumacher, Bowman and Castelman limited the Dodgers to seven.

Bruin Track Team Smothers Loyola

LOS ANGELES, March 20. (UP)—University of California at Los Angeles' track team scored a one-sided victory over Loyola, 107-2-3 to 9-1-3, in a dual meet. The score was run up without the aid of Jimmy Lu Wailo, quarter miler, and several other Bruin stars.

Beverly Keim set a new Bruin record of 1:59.4 in winning the half mile.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 20. (UP)—The Sacramento Solons today went through a long workout which included an intra-club game won by the regulars after Manager McNeely used a parade of pitchers for both teams. McNeely announced that Ulex Kamouris, second baseman, and Lou Keupal, pitcher, left the holdout camp by signing their contracts today.

GOLFERS FLOCK INTO AUGUSTA

Big Stars of Sport to Take Up Bobby Jones' Challenge.

EN ROUTE TO AUGUSTA, Ga., March 20. (UP)—A modern army will march through Georgia this week, down to the Bobby Jones National golf course at Augusta. This army is recruited from the nation's professionals and amateur golfers, newspaper men, photographers and fans who have cars.

Jones Plans Comeback
The big objective is the first annual masters open invitation golf championship to be played over the Jones course this week end, one of the most fascinating golf shows in years.

In this tourney Robert Tyre Jones, greatest of all golf champions, and one of the most heroic figures in sports history, will attempt a point-blank comeback against almost unsurmountable odds.

The quiet, unassuming young Atlantan, who retired from active golf in 1930 to become a non-competing professional, will attempt to jump back to the peak of golfdom in his first competition.

Three Years Pass
In attempting this come-back Bobby put himself on the spot, if ever a golfer did. He invited more than 70 of the country's crack golfers to meet him in combat, so that there could be no question about his come-back—in case he wins out.

The players and experts who are swarming down to Georgia by train, automobile and airplane, admit that the Jones of 1930, the Jones who spearheaded the amateur and professional fields and who grand-slammed the open titles of the United States and Great Britain, might have been able to challenge this brigade of sharp shooting linksmen and get away with it.

But the big question is this: Can Bobby do it after three years of retirement? If he does, it will be quite a story. That's why so many sports writers are migrating.

Big Stars Ready
Virtually every big-time golfer in the country, with the exception of Gene Sarazen and Joe Kirkwood, will be matching strokes with Mr. Jones. Sarazen and Kirkwood couldn't make the tourney because they're leaving tomorrow on the South American leg of a world-wide tour.

All the others will be on hand. Young Paul Runyan of White Plains, N. Y., sensation of the winter golden trail; Denny Shute, British open champion; Craig Wood, Horton Smith, Ed Dudley, Joe Turnesa, Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour, Bobby Cruikshank, Johnny Golden, Johnny Farrell, Bill Melhorn, etc.

Wrestler Has Little to Pay Off Creditors

ST. LOUIS, March 20. (UP)—The asset schedule of Pat O'Shocker, veteran of the wrestling wars, on file in bankruptcy court here today, shows the following: Gold watch worth \$25; clothing worth \$50; joint account with his wife in a closed bank, \$95.

The liability schedule totals \$13,105.10.

O'Shocker claims exemptions on all the assets.

Deer Likes Flowers; Rifle Halts Feast

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., March 20. (UP)—Just because a deer liked hyacinths and tulips for dinner is no reason for shooting it out of season, Justice of the Peace D. N. Johnston ruled.

He fined Mrs. Lena Prevost \$25, even though she explained she was only trying to frighten the deer away from her flower garden and hadn't intended to hit it.

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League Phenom



Gabby Street, new Mission ball club member, who caught the great Walter Johnson in his prime, right now is raving about Johnny Rohr, husky right-hander, whose speed dazzles batters at training camp. Rohr, 21, weighs 210 pounds, hails from Butte Falls, Ore., and came to the Missions from a CCC camp.

Many Americans Holding Tickets In Irish Event

DUBLIN, March 20. (UP)—Many Americans were among the ticket holders today as drawings began in the Irish grand national sweepstakes.

A "final analysis" of counter-folios dumped into the huge "mixing drum" preparatory to the beginning today of the three-day draw showed 87 per cent of the tickets were held by residents of the British Isles, 16 per cent by Americans and 4 per cent by Canadians.

The first horse drawn by pretty Irish colleen nurses under the direction of the police commissioner was Richborough and the first ticket belonged to Mrs. John Collins, of Ashland, Mass.

Total receipts for the grand national sweepstakes were \$2,000,104 (approximately \$15,000,000) and the prize fund was \$1,870,128 (approximately \$9,350,690).

There were 18 first prizes of \$20,000 (approximately \$150,000) each.

A like number of second prizes of \$15,000 (approximately \$75,000) were offered and also 18 third prizes of \$10,000 (approximately \$50,000) each.

Prizes also were listed for the holders of tickets drawing a horse which did not place but yet was not scratched, in addition, there were 10 residual prizes.

Robin Reed Wins From Art Perkins

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20. (UP)—An airplane spin brought the deciding fall to Robin Reed, 155, Reedport, in his best two out of three falls match here last night with Art Perkins, 155, Detroit.

Buildup Jackson, 160, Portland, was final survivor in a five-man "battle royal." His final opponent was Logger Holbert, 158, St. Helena, who he subdued by diving over the ropes to the floor of the building.

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RED SOX BUILD ANEW FOR 1934

Costly Purchases Made to Give Boston Pennant Contender.

SARASOTA, Fla., March 20. (UP)—If there's any special reward in this year of going democratic (with a lower-case "d") up their own "farm" system at one and the same time, the Boston Red Sox should walk off with the American league pennant and complete the construction they have already caused in baseball after a lapse of 18 years.

Bad Years Many
In the process of complete reorganization under a new ownership headed by Tom Yawkey, youthful New York millionaire, directed by the resourceful Eddie Collins and with the energetic Stanley (Bucky) Harris newly installed as manager, the Red Sox have drawn upon the resources of all seven American league rivals. They have also combed the minor leagues, built up their own "farm" system and entirely remodelled their home grounds, Fenway Park, in preparation for a gala return to the status of a championship contender.

The Red Sox have not been out of the second division since the breakup of their last pennant winner in 1918. They finished seventh in 1933, the first year under the Yawkey-Collins regime, but a sensational series of winter deals has put an entirely new complexion upon the situation.

First Division Looms
There is room for speculation as to just how productive some of these deals will be, but the rebuilt Red Sox already shape up as a first division outfit.

If there is such a thing as southpawing the opposition to death, the Red Sox have enough portside poison to do it. No club in major league history has approached the barrier with such southpaw resources. Topping the list is the great Robert Moses Grove, fireball terror of the last 10 years, who cost Boston around \$125,000 and is expected to pace the pitching staff with at least 20 victories. Big Moose came up with the first sore arm of his career this spring but he blows cigar smoke at any suggestion this development is either serious or an indication that he is slipping.

Walberg in Lineup
The left handed majority otherwise consists of George (Rube) Walberg, Grove's associate of championship days with the Athletics; Big Bob Welland, holdover upon whom Harris relies heavily; Herb Pennock, the gifted former Yankee who can still do a neat turn of relief pitching, and Fred Ostermuller, recruit sensation who won 16 games for the Rochester Internationals last year.

For right handed folds, Harris has three former Yankees in George Pipgras, Henry Johnson and Gordon (Dusty) Rhodes, besides John Welch, one of the few holdovers on the roster. Rhodes so far has shown enough stuff to be designated as the number two starting pitcher. Pipgras and Johnson each have had arm operations since last year.

With the kind of pitching I am confident we will get from the start," says Harris, "I do not see how we can miss being in the pennant scrap."

The News-Herald directory is an index of Klamath Falls' most reliable business men and women.

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Six Matches Scheduled for Reames Players

Six inter-city golf matches extending through the summer have been announced by William Hackney, professional at Reames Golf and Country club. While these events will be but a portion of the season's play, they lay the foundations for a busy schedule for Klamath golfers:

The present schedule includes: April 29—McCloud at Klamath Falls.

May 15—Klamath Falls at Grants Pass.

May 20—Bend at Klamath Falls.

May 27—Open.

June 3—Grants Pass at Klamath Falls.

June 24—Klamath Falls at Bend.

July 1—Klamath Falls at McCloud.

John Beal, Dr. C. A. Miller, Irvin Joseph and B. M. Hayden tied for first place in the bogie tournament last Sunday. Each player shot a 77.

The qualifying rounds for the club championships will continue the remainder of the week. All players have been requested to turn in their scores by Sunday.

Karasick Seeks Comeback Friday Against Hansen

The once-defeated Al Karasick, Russian Lion from Portland, will seek to regain vanished honors at his second meeting with Charley Hansen of Seattle at the Legion hall, Friday night.

Hansen, ruler of the Klamath arena by virtue of a one-fall victory over Karasick nearly two weeks ago, continued undefeated here last week when he won from Ted Cox of Portland. Hansen was awarded the match on a foul.

The closeness of Karasick's first meeting with Hansen indicates a lively match this week. Until the Seattle Dane came along, the Russian Lion was unbeaten here. Louie Follen, the Russian's Klamath Falls handler, already has sent out predictions of a successful comeback for his man.

Two new but not unknown heavyweights meet in the 45-minute windup. This match will bring Jack Foregren, noted British Columbia wrestler, against Jack Donoran of New York. Foregren will weigh 220 and Donoran just over 200.

Bob Stone, young Chicagoan, meets a third newcomer to the Klamath ring. Stone's opponent will be Walter Strole, a countryman of Dr. Nap DeVora.

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