

Klamath Boy Still With Missions

Young Pitcher Making Progress With Gabby Street's Coast League Club. Football Interest Continues. Dissatisfaction Noted at Seattle.

An appreciative young man from Klamath Falls, Johnnie Rohr, has forwarded enthusiastic information to E. R. "Red" Sanders relating his progress as a rookie with Gabby Street's Mission Reds of the Pacific Coast League.

Rohr, a husky right hander discovered by Sanders last season, still is on the club roster after surviving the rigid eliminations of the training camp season. He still has his first game to work, but Sanders, manager of the Pelican baseball team, is confident this is because Street is reluctant to rush him unseasoned into fast competition.

Rohr is Red's protege and it is to this Klamath Falls baseball lover he owes his opportunity for a trial with the Missions.

Here is a bit of his recent letter to Sanders:

"It looks like I'm going to stay with the club if I don't get farmed out."

"The team left last night for Portland but I stay here (San Francisco) until Gabby calls for me or finds a place to send me."

"Last Wednesday night Mitchell, a spit ball pitcher, asked me how I would like to pitch the last inning. I told him yes, so he went to Gabby."

"It's too late now. He hasn't time to warm up and I don't want him to get a sore arm," Gabby said. "He has plenty of time to get in there and show the boys something."

"I wish he would let me go in for an inning so I could show them some speed. I have to keep on working out every day so I will be ready when he calls me."

Leslie Avrit, Klamath high school football coach, says the interest in spring training continues with almost unprecedented enthusiasm. More than 40 boys have reported for practice despite the attractiveness of entering the regular spring sports.

The incident speaks well for next year's team. Avrit will have a difficult task in the fall rebuilding after so many losses from the 1933 eleven. This enthusiasm and the advantages of spring training probably will eliminate a few of the many hand-pickers.

Two former major league baseball stars figured in a managerial exchange when George Burns, former Cleveland and Philadelphia American league first sacker, was removed as Seattle's manager in favor of "Dutch" Reuther, one-time Cincinnati hurler.

The change came unexpectedly, with William H. Klepper, business manager of the Indians, declaring it was for the "best interests of all concerned."

The trouble was thought to have dated back to last season, although criticism was expressed in Burns' choice of strategy in the opening game against Hollywood.

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AVRIT NAMES KLAMATH TEAM

Track Athletes Ready for Opening Meet at Alturas.

Leslie Avrit, coach of the Pelican track team, mustered his squad this week in preparation for the Saturday invasion of Alturas. The northern California track and field event will be the first of the season for Klamath Falls.

Warm weather and an improved practice field have given the Pelicans greater opportunity for training. In physical condition, at least, the team should be far ahead of its condition this time last season.

Leave on Saturday. Greater strength exists in the track events than in the field. The young athletes entered in the weights and jumps, however, were showing steady improvement.

A squad will head south early Saturday morning and arrive in Alturas just in time to get to the field at 1:00 o'clock. The recently formed Businessmen's Athletic committee will assist the school in arranging for the trip.

Avrit has announced his tentative roster as follows:

100-yard dash—Bob Leslie, Fred Smith and Kenneth Bramwell.

200-yard dash—Bob Leslie, Roy Bramwell and George Stephenson.

440-yard dash—George Stephenson, Earl Atkins and Stewart Groesbeck.

880-yard dash—Homer Maxwell, Sam Blahos and Bob Ellingson.

1 mile run—Lane Warren and Charles Outhbertson.

440-yard relay—Bob Leslie, Fred Smith, Roy Bramwell and Kenneth Bramwell.

880-yard relay—Homer Maxwell, George Stephenson, Earl Atkins and Ronald Thompson.

Shot put—Bob Napier.

Football throw—Bob Napier.

High jump—Jim Barnes and Ronald Thompson.

Broad jump—Jim Barnes, Ronald Thompson and Earl Atkins.

Pole vault—Floyd Larson.

Discus—Uncertain.

High hurdles—Uncertain.

Low hurdles—Uncertain.

Reuther Takes Post.

Bill Klepper, business manager of the Seattle club, said he let Burns go because in Tuesday's game he allowed Bill Radonits to pitch to dangerous Smead Jolley, hard-hitting Hollywood outfielder, with the bases full, three balls and no strikes. Jolley singled through the infield, scoring two runs.

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Mat Star



Paul Murdock, Oklahoma, will make his first Klamath Falls debut Friday night against Walter Birols, wrestler from France.

Archery Club Meets Friday

A meeting of the Klamath Archery club has been called by Innis Roberts, president, for Friday evening, April 20, at 7:30 o'clock at the club rooms at the corner of Main street and Congress avenue.

Plans will be made at this meeting for moving to an outside range and for a spring tournament.

Details of the state tournament, which will be held in Roseburg on July 2, 3 and 4, will also be given.

Non-members who may be interested in archery are cordially invited to attend.

COUGARS WIN ONE.

PULLMAN, Wash., April 19. (UP)—Washington State college and Whitman split a two-game baseball series, Whitman winning the first, 3 to 0, and the Cougars grabbing the nightcap by a 4-3 score.

In 16 starts. He allowed the Oaks only five hits. Outfielder Marvin Gudat rapped out a home run with one on.

Beavers Blasted.

Herrmann also chalked up his fourth victory this season for the Seals with the score knotted 2 to 2 in the ninth inning. Catcher Larry Woodall hit a single with the bases loaded to bring in the winning run. The Senators got eight hits to six for the Seals.

Paul Gregory was forced from the Sacramento mound in the fifth inning when he hurt his foot, while running to third.

The Missions piled up their total of 26 runs at the expense of four Portland pitchers. They made one more tally than they did hits, but the Beavers contributed six errors, four of which were made by Third Baseman Steve Coscarart. The San Francisco scored in every inning but two, reaching the climax in the fifth inning with 7 runs on 6 hits. Outfielder Oscar Eckhardt hit a homer.

Under Reuther's direction for the first time, the Seattle Indians failed for the second day to turn in a victory on their home grounds. The Stars raced away in the second inning to what proved a winning lead of five runs. They reached three Indian pitchers for 16 runs. Seattle committed six errors.

plants numbered over 200, who paraded before the plants as police officers stood guard.

Matthew E. Smith, MESA general secretary said that no action on a general strike would be taken until present negotiations with jobbers are completed.

Pacific Defeats Albany College

ALBANY, Ore., April 19. (AP)—Pacific university stepped out in front by defeating Albany college 5 to 5 in the opening northwest conference baseball game here today.

Corrigan's double in the 11th inning provided the winning punch. Albany had knotted the count at 5 to 5 in the ninth inning.

Tule Fire Rages Near Lake Ewauna

A tule fire was reported to be raging early Wednesday afternoon between the Great Northern bridge and the Shaw-Bertram lumber company's plant on Lake Ewauna.

Nothing of value was threatened at last report. The fire department made an effort to reach the scene of the blaze, but was unable to do so because of the swamp.

NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE FORMS

Klamath Falls May Place Two Teams in Interstate Loop.

Out of the wreck of the Southern Oregon Baseball league—a bush league circuit abandoned before its scheduled start under way—a new and more attractive organization will spring up in southern Oregon and northern California.

E. R. Sanders, manager of the Klamath Pelican independent team, returned to Klamath Falls Wednesday from a baseball meeting at Wood, Calif., where the foundations of a new league were formed.

Many Seek Places.

This league will be supported by a number of cities in the two states and will either include six or eight teams. Klamath Falls is expected to place two contenders in the field—the Pelicans and Shaw-Bertram.

Medford and Grants Pass undoubtedly will be the other two Oregon entrants.

A number of teams from northern California seek franchises. Weed may find backing enough for two clubs and Yreka, Hill, McCloud and others may enter.

Sanders said the meeting at Weed was one of the most enthusiastic baseball gatherings he had ever attended.

A second session will be held at Ashland next Wednesday night. There final organization plans will be drawn and a schedule completed.

The new league expects to open the season about May 7.

Kings of Swat Start Race for Major Home Run Honors

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr. (A. P. Sports Writer)

With the major league baseball season only two days old, the home run marathon between Babe Ruth, the old clouting king, and the young pretender to the throne of swat, Jimmie Fox, already is well under way.

The first wallop by this pair of rivals as they met at Philadelphia Wednesday, provided the high spots of the second day of the campaign, but there were plenty of other good jobs done on the ball field, including a total of 16 homers for the day and four more five-hit pitching performances.

Goose Goslin and Gerry Walker brought home five tallies by the same method and the Tigers won 6 to 5.

Tigers Win Again.

Medwick also came out on the losing side when Pittsburgh's Pirates found young Paul Dean easier than brother Jerome Herman had been the day before and belted out a 7 to 6 victory.

Gus Suhr, Pie Traynor and Rookie Harry Lavagetto hit a homer apiece, the trio accounting for all but one Pirate run.

Along with the Tigers and the Cubs, the New York Giants and Washington Senators, last year's world series rivals, cropped up as two-time winners. The world champion Giants downed the Phillies for the second time, 6-2, on the strength of Fred Fitzsimmons' five-hit hurling and Blondy Ryan's four-for-four hitting. Fitz had a close duel with Austin (Cy) Moore until the eighth, when the Giants put over four tallies.

First Shutout.

The Senators gained their second triumph over the Red Sox by a 5-4 count when three hurlers, Monte Weaver, Al Thomas and Jack Russell combined to limit Boston to five hits and two pinch batsmen came through.

Irwin (Bump) Hadley of the St. Louis Browns and Fred Frankhouse and Huck Betts of the Boston Braves combination were the other five-hit flingers.

The former had the honor of pitching the first American League shutout. The Browns also were blanked until the ninth when George Puccinelli, Bruce Campbell and Oscar Melillo solved Monte Pearson for the hits that brought a 2-0 victory over Cleveland. Frankhouse and Betts pitched the Braves to a 3 to 2 triumph over Brooklyn's Dodgers, who were in difficulty because three outfielders, Hack Wilson, Danny Taylor and Buzz Boyle were kept on the bench by minor injuries.

Pelican Defeats Fremont School

Pelican school defeated Fremont, 6 to 5, in the senior league baseball tournament of city grade schools at the Roosevelt playground Wednesday evening.

Glovanni, pitcher for Pelican, struck out ten batters and allowed three hits. Ward was catcher for the Pelican team.

Rogers, pitching for Fremont, struck out eight batters and allowed five hits. Watts was catcher.

The term of office of the president of France runs for seven years.

Baseball Fans Riot at Albany

ALBANY, N. Y., April 19. (UP)—A minor riot occurred at the Toronto-Albany international league baseball game at Hawkins stadium, but no one was injured.

Fans, apparently enraged at failure of umpires to call the game because of darkness, rushed on the field throwing pop bottles and cushions. In the 10th inning, when the visitors were leading 13 to 8, Albany was at bat and had two outs when the game was ended.

The Boston mountains are in Arkansas.

STANDINGS

COAST LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	13	4	.812
Sacramento	9	6	.600
Missions	9	7	.563
Oakland	8	8	.500
San Francisco	7	8	.467
Portland	6	10	.375
Hollywood	6	10	.375
Seattle	5	11	.312

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	2	0	1.000
Chicago	2	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Boston	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	0	2	.000
Cincinnati	0	2	.000

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	2	0	1.000
Chicago	2	0	1.000
New York	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
Cleveland	1	1	.500
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Boston	0	2	.000
Chicago	0	2	.000

Pitcher Missing at Philadelphia

NEW YORK, April 19. (UP)—Jimmy Wilson, manager of the Phillies, was still searching for his missing right-hand pitcher, Frank Pearce.

Pearce rose Tuesday in Philadelphia to take the 9 a. m. train for New York. That was the last seen of him. His grips arrived without their owner. Nothing has been heard from him since.

Pearce recently complained of feeling ill. Wilson figures he may have been stricken with loss of memory and taken to a hospital.

"He's a well behaved fellow," Wilson said. "I can think of no other reason for his strange disappearance."

FOOTBALL MAN WRESTLES HERE

Don Wagner to Appear At Legion Hall on Friday Night.

The attention of Klamath Falls wrestling followers today was turned upon Don Wagner, the Oregon State football player who will appear at the Legion hall, Friday night.

Wagner, star linesman on Lonnie Stiner's eleven last season, will be a strong competitor to the two main event athletes for popularity. He will meet John Freeberg in the semi-windup clash.

Billy Edwards of Kansas City and Bob Kruse of Portland, two husky heavyweights, will match holds with each other in the main event. The match will be for one hour or to the best two falls out of three.

Edwards returns to Klamath Falls after an absence of only one week. In his first appearance of the season last Friday, the midwesterner upset Marvin Wessenberg of Tacoma. Kruse has long been one of the outstanding ring performers here on Mack Lillard's cards.

The third bout, the curtain raiser, will bring together Walter Birols of France and Paul Murdock of Oklahoma. This encounter, like the semi-windup, will be for 30 minutes.

Jack Dempsey Ready to Train Challenger Max

ST. LOUIS, April 19. (UP)—Jack Dempsey said here that if Max Baer's manager, Anell Hoffman, wanted him to train Baer for his forthcoming fight with Champion Primo Carnera, "I'll have him winning from Primo."

"But it's going to cost Hoffman a pretty penny to take the job," he added. "Training that play boy is worth important money."

"If Mr. Hoffman thinks it's worth while to make me an offer to prepare his champion, why, I'll take hold of the big tap dancer."

Dempsey, en route from Dallas, Tex., to Detroit, Mich., to referee a wrestling card, said he believed Baer could whip the Mountain if he is in shape for the fight.

"If he is in shape—that's the answer."

TROY BEATS GAELS.

LOS ANGELES, April 19. (UP)—University of Southern California's baseball team wound up its conference season in second place by taking the third game of a series with St. Mary's of Moraga, 11 to 6.

Jim Browning Retains Claim to Mat Title

LOS ANGELES, April 19. (UP)—Jim Browning, 220, Verona, Mo., retained his claim on the world's wrestling championship when he tossed Dick Daviscourt, 225, Glendale, Calif., rough-house grappler, in two out of three falls.

Each had taken a fall when Daviscourt seemingly threw the champion. However, the referee called it no fall. As Daviscourt was arguing, Browning slipped up from behind and won the deciding fall in six minutes with an arm scissor.

Other results: Leo Numa, 215, Seattle, threw Jack Zarnas, 210, Greece; Ed (Strangler) Lewis, 245, Glendale, Calif., threw Jack Ray, 225, Los Angeles; George Zaryhoff, 205, New York, threw Mike Maxurki, 224, New York.

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