

# Beaver Baseball Hopes Low

Portland Writer Points Out Sudden Drop From Top Position to League Cellar. Ducks Retrench While Other Clubs on Coast Strengthen. Lillard Gets Appointment. Parks Completes Successful Season.

The Portland Beaver-Ducks, set down pretty roughly in the cellar after two weeks of early season struggling, appear as one of the major disasters of 1934 in the Pacific Coast league.

This at least is the story of Gall Fowler, United Press observer at Portland.

Portland, northwest baseball enthusiasts recall with considerable pride, won a title in 1933—the first one in almost two decades. In 1933, The Ducks, headed by Manager Spencer Abbott, were one of the major threats of the schedule and battled through a magnificent season to second place.

The picture today is completely reversed. It is one of baseball despair, for there seems so very little hope the Portland team will be sufficiently strengthened to pull itself out of the hole before the schedule moves into its most important stages.

Fowler points out accurately that of all the teams on the coast this season, the Beavers retrenched. The California franchise holders cut down drastically in 1934, 1933 and 1932, but this year, with the promise of a revived interest in the game—which means increased attendance—they went out confidently and developed more power.

But the Beavers, certainly not unaware of the optimistic tone for 1934, threw out Abbott and the outstanding player of 1933 and 1932.

The Beaver failure in three series has not been confined to any one department. The pitching has been weak, the batting futile and the fielding sloppy.

The strong mound staff of a year ago has been eliminated. Many of the major positions are held by inexperienced players who command no large salary.

Players to fill these positions will find it difficult to find at this time of the year. The Ducks need at least one more hard hitter in both the infield and outfield, a carload of pitchers and another catcher. President Turner and Manager McCredie will discover it an almost impossibility to purchase replacements.

Roland Parks, young athletic coach at Malin high school, has just brought his team through another successful season.

Here is the result of his first year at Malin. Football—County championship without the loss of a single game.

Basketball—Runner up position to Chiloquin at the county tournament after going undefeated through the regular schedule. Malin defeated Chiloquin before the tournament.

Baseball—Five victories in a six-game baseball schedule. The one defeat came against Klamath Falls high school.

The Malin track schedule has not yet been completed.

The school undoubtedly will make a fair showing, despite the small enrollment, at the Southern Oregon-Northern California meet.

Parks was not an exceptionally outstanding college athlete. He is, however, an excellent example of the thinking coach who succeeds through complete study of the science of the particular game he is coaching.

He has done distinctly well in his first coaching appointment.

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## KLAMATH MEETS BEND SATURDAY

Strong Track Teams to Clash in Central Oregon City.

The Klamath Falls Pelican track team, victorious in its first competition of the season at Alturas last Saturday, moves into action this coming week-end against the Bend Lava Bears.

This dual event will be held in the Central Oregon city.

Team Shows Talent Leslie Avrit, coach of the Pelicans, was considerably more optimistic following the northern California meet. His team placed out Susanville, second place winner, 43 to 44. Susanville was considered one of the strongest combinations in the California districts.

Bob Leslie in the 100-yard dash, George Stephenson in the 440 and Homer Maxwell in the half mile established new records.

The quarter-mile relay team also shattered the previous mark. Leslie, high point man, equaled the Alturas record in the 220-yard dash.

Rains early this week handicapped the Pelican practice to some extent, but it was thought the athletes were sufficiently far along in their training to overcome a brief idleness.

Bend, despite the loss of Haines, still is one of the most formidable track teams in the state. The Bears smothered Redmond last Friday in a dual meet, 73½ to 43½.

Clifford Strom in the field events, Baker in the dashes, Maraden in the hurdles and Cornett in the pole vault were expected to pile up considerable points against the invading Pelicans.

The Alturas clash brought the Pelicans to the start of a busy schedule. The Saturday following the Bend meet, Klamath will enter the district finals at Grants Pass. One week later they defend their twice won title in the Southern Oregon-Northern California meet and the following Saturday send their outstanding performers to the state championships at Oregon State college.

## F. R. to Pitch First Ball Today

WASHINGTON, April 24. (AP)—President Roosevelt was given another turn as a big league pitcher today.

Rained out as first-ball hurler at the scheduled Senator-Red Sox season opener last week, Mr. Roosevelt and the two teams arranged to stage the belated act this afternoon.

The chief executive let it be known that his arm was still limber despite more than a week's lay-off since battling with the big game fish on his southern cruise.

The weatherman, accused by some Washington fans of having little sympathy with the sport, spoke of "showers and cooler" for today. About 20,000 ticket holders gambled he was wrong.

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If there was such a thing as a refrigerator in which ice did not melt at all, it would be absolutely useless for keeping food cool.

## Island Ruler



Fairest in all the Hawaiian Islands is Miss Lynette Amoy, above, chosen as Honolulu lei queen for 1934 by a vote of University of Hawaii students.

## American Team to Use Larger British Ball

NEW YORK, April 24. (UP)—What promised to become a much-discussed international sports controversy passed into oblivion today when the United States Golf association gave the Walker Cup team permission to use the British ball in the trophy matches at St. Andrews.

When the team sailed Saturday it was under instructions to use the American ball which is of the same weight as the British model, but appreciably larger. The players objected to the order and golf writers were quick to point out that the team was being handicapped needlessly, the latter because the American ball is rated as at least two strokes more difficult per pound on a windy day.

Objection also was raised on the grounds that a player supposedly plays the ball prescribed by the country in which he is competing. When the British came here two years ago they used the larger American ball although this was a severe handicap.

## Daviscourt Wins From Texas Star

PASADENA, Calif., April 24. (UP)—Dick Daviscourt, 225, Glendale, Calif., defeated Jack Ray, 215, Texas, in a main event wrestling bout here when Ray was unable to continue after being injured by his opponent with a back body drop.

In the semifinal Leo Numa, 205, Seattle, threw Myron Cox, 210, San Pedro; Vic Christy, Long Beach, threw Jack Manuel, Los Angeles.

## MAJOR LEAGUES CLOUT HOMERS

Both Circuits Show Increased Hitting Strength.

By HERBERT W. BAKER Associated Press Writer

If home run figures for the first seven days of the major league season furnish a true barometer, then injections of a little more "rabbit" have been made not only in the National league but the American as well.

Although National league batsmen have shown the greatest percentage of slugging improvement—more than 200 per cent—swat-smiths of the American loop, supposedly hitting at the same sphere they did a year ago, already have clouted nearly 60 per cent more homers than they did in the same period in 1933.

Increase Is Enormous.

John Hyndler's bombardiers, who could hit only nine homers in their first 21 games last season, have banged out 28 in the same number of contests this year, an increase of 211 per cent. In the American League, the figures for the first 21 games showed 17 home runs in 1933 and 37 this year an increase of 59 per cent. The general major league increase was 112 per cent.

These figures serve to confirm, partly at least, the claims of several American League batting stars, notably Babe Ruth, that the 1934 ball is much livelier, statements of the manufacturers to the contrary notwithstanding.

Many Clubs Get Hits. With three exceptions, every one of the 16 major league clubs has shared in the heavier home run production and those three at least have held their own in comparison with a year ago.

The figures by clubs, giving the 1934 home run total first and that for the corresponding period a year ago second follow:

National League: Chicago, 6 and 0; New York, 6 and 3; Brooklyn, 5 and 1; Boston, 2 and 0; Philadelphia, 2 and 0; St. Louis, 2 and 1; Pittsburgh, 3 and 2; Cincinnati, 2 and 2.

American League: Philadelphia, 7 and 3; St. Louis, 2 and 0; Cleveland, 2 and 1; Detroit, 3 and 2; Chicago, 3 and 2; New York, 6 and 5; Washington, 2 and 2; Boston, 2 and 2.

After a one-day vacation granted by the schedule-makers, the athletes will resume firing in a new set of openings in both the National and American leagues Tuesday.

In the National loop, the pace-setting Chicago Cubs found the Cincinnati Reds as their opponents at Chicago, while the St. Louis Cardinals invaded Pittsburgh, the New York Giants played at Philadelphia, and Brooklyn at Boston.

In the American League, President Roosevelt was to toss out the first ball for Washington's home opener against Boston, while Philadelphia played at New York, Chicago at Detroit and Cleveland at St. Louis.

## Sunspot Causes Bad Weather On Pacific Coast

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 24. (UP)—A sunspot 16,000 miles in diameter is the cause of present rainy and unsettled weather on the Pacific coast, it was said today by Dr. Albert J. Newlin, director of Richard Memorial observatory at Santa Clara university.

The sunspot probably will have crossed the sun by Thursday, after which better weather may be expected, said Dr. Newlin.

The scientist said that the present sunspot is the first in a series which will occur in increasing frequency until 1939 or 1940, after which they will decrease in frequency.

Sunspots will cause colder winters and warmer summers, Dr. Newlin said. He was a student and associate of the late Father Jerome Board, noted scientist who developed the sunspot theory of weather forecasts.

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## Colorful Navaio Wrestler Invades Klamath on Friday

Chief Little Wolfe, the only outstanding Navaio Indian in the wrestling game, invades Klamath Falls Friday night to match holds against the veteran from the middle west, Billy Edwards.

Mack Lillard, Klamath Falls promoter, describes the Indian as a more able performer than Yaqui Joe, the last redman to appear in the Legion hall arena. Yaqui Joe wrestled over a season ago.

Little Wolfe is considered a powerful opponent for Edwards, the new mat king of Klamath Falls. The big butcherboy from Kansas City has won two matches here in as many weeks.

The sudden popularity of Paul Murdock and Walter Sirols has been sufficient to persuade Lillard to bring these athletes together in a semi-windup. They wrestled last Friday in a half-hour bout filled with as much excitement as the time would permit. Murdock, barefooted Oklahoman, won from the Frenchman by one fall.

Ray Friable, popular and able referee, will forsake his duck trousers to don tight in the curtain raiser. The Medford fireman has been matched against Joe Shaw of Montana. This is Shaw's first time in Klamath Falls.

With Friable back in competition, Lillard has not yet announced his successor as referee.

## AMUSEMENTS

### AT THE PELICAN



The doors will open for the Pelican theatre's Midnight Show and Spook Party at 11:15 this evening. On the screen the blood-curdling mystery drama, "The Night of the Living Dead," starring Ginger Rogers, will be shown prior to Elwyn's stage show, Wynn Rogers, known as the "Ghost Man" and there will be mystery, laughs, thrills and fun for everyone except those with jittery nerves, the management announces.

Pelican—Now playing, "David Harum," starring Will Rogers, with Will Rogers, and midnight "Spook Party."

Pine Tree—Now playing, "Let's Fall in Love," with Edmund Lowe and Ann Sothern.

Rainbow—Now playing, "The Morning After," with Ben Lyon and Sally Eilers.

Vox—Now playing, for one week, "Queen Christina," with Greta Garbo and John Gilbert.

### AT THE PELICAN.

"David Harum," starring Will Rogers, will make its appearance on the screen of the Pelican theatre today. Because of the nation's friendly interest in the humorist-philosopher-star, letters pour into his home regularly, suggesting a particular story or theme or character for his next picture. More suggestions urging him to play "David Harum" were received than all others combined.

The large cast in support of Will Rogers displays an array of impressive names that include Louise Dresser, Evelyn Venable, Kent Taylor, Stepin Fetchit, Noah Berry, Roger Imhof, Frank Melton, Charles Middleton, Sarah Padden and Lillian Stuart.

### AT THE PINE TREE.

Litling tunes, songs you'll remember—and girls you'll never forget! That's the formula for "Let's Fall in Love," at the Pine Tree theatre today.

Laid against a background of Hollywood, the offering is best described as a romantic musical comedy entirely different from the run of musicals that have degenerated the screen.

There aren't any chorines nor

### AT THE VOX.

"Queen Christina," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's much-discussed historical epic that serves as the reunion of Greta Garbo and John Gilbert after a screen separation of five years, received an ovation befitting the queen that Garbo portrays when it opened Sunday at the Vox theatre for all week.

It presents a Garbo more beautiful and more alluring than ever seen in her previous pictures, possibly because the making of this picture has been Garbo's dream for many years.

Directed by Rouben Mamoulian, the picture heralds the return of John Gilbert to the screen and has a cast that includes Ian Keith, Lewis Stone, Elizabeth Young, C. Aubrey Smith, Reginald Owen, Georges Renavent, David Torrence, Gustav Von Seyffertitz and Ferdinand Munier.

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## SACS INVADE LOS ANGELES

Angels Stand Out As Team to Defeat in Coast League.

By The Associated Press

It's Sacramento's turn this week to visit the Wrigley park home of the Angels and learn first hand why Manager Jack Lelivelt is so certain Los Angeles can't fall to win a second straight Coast League pennant.

### Angels Show Power

Evidence to date is all in favor of Lelivelt. Los Angeles took five out of seven games from Portland, six out of seven from Hollywood and six out of seven from Oakland to draw three full games ahead of the Missions and five and one-half games ahead of the third-place San Francisco Seals.

Owner-Manager-Player Earl McNeely of Sacramento isn't as much afraid of the champions as the records suggest he should be. He figures the Senators, mainly because of the strength of their pitching corps and especially the effectiveness of Southpaw Tom Flynn and Lauri Vinel, are due to snap the Los Angeles winning streak this week.

Meanwhile the Missions expect an easy time at Seattle. The Reds have proven apt pupils to the teaching of Sargeant Gabby Street that the way to win ball games is to score a lot of runs and then to make some more for safety's sake. His San Franciscans crossed the home plate 30 times in seven games at Portland last week. Their series total of 109 hits lifted their team batting average to .325, 10 points above that of the Angels.

Completing this week's schedule, San Francisco entertains Oakland, and Portland makes a bid to climb out of the cellar at the expense of the well-battered Hollywood Stars at Portland.

## Wrestling Results

SPT—WRESTLING RESULTS

By United Press  
At Kansas City, Mo.—Sol Stigel: Topeka, Kan., threw Nan-joo Singh, Mysore, India; Pete Mehninger, Kansas university, threw Shlek Boyd, Hollywood, Calif.

At New York—Broadway arena—Herman Hickman, Tennessee, drew with Tony Morelli, Italy; Maurice Lachapelle, France, drew with Charley Johnstone, Cuba; Vanka Zelenjak, Russia, drew with Max Martin, Ohio.

At New York—71st Army—Ray Steele, California, threw Hans Kamper, Germany; Abie Coleman, New York, threw Marshall Blackstock, Oklahoma; Sandor Szabo, Hungary, decisioned George Zaharias, Colorado; Ed "Stranger" Lewis, Los Angeles, threw Rudy Dusek, Omaha.

## Reames to Play McCloud Sunday

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## Senate Silver Bloc Pledges Campaign

WASHINGTON, April 24. (UP)—A senate bloc pledged itself today to a campaign for nationalization of silver despite President Roosevelt's refusal to accept such legislation.

In the house the administration won a temporary victory in its battle against inflationists when the McCloud bill, calling for the government to pay \$3,000,000,000 to depositors of closed banks, was sidetracked. The vote came on a resolution to bring up the McCloud bill for immediate vote. It was tabled, to 122.

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