

Star Twirler for A's Signs Contract for 1945

Major League Clubs Hold Practice Drills in Preparation For Season

By TED MEIER
NEW YORK, March 14 (AP)—Christopher, the Richmond, tall right-hander who is expected to be one of the best pitchers in the American Baseball League for the Philadelphia Phillies this season, has ended his contract with the Philadelphia Phillies for the second year. He is expected to play for the Phillies in 1945.

Charley Mead were holdouts. The Giants held a 24-hour drill at their Lakewood, N. J., camp in which their latest arrival, First Baseman Phil Weintraub, participated.

Other training camp items: New York Yankees—Players at Atlantic City camp jumped to 15 with arrival of Third Sacker Don Savage and Pitcher Jim Turner.

Boston Red Sox—Team starts training at Pleasantville, N. J., today. After checking in last night, Manager Joe Cronin learned that First Baseman George Metkovich had agreed to terms.

Cleveland Indians—Pitchers Al Smith and Paul Calvert and Third Baseman Ken Keltner arrived at Lafayette, Ind., camp. Pitcher Steve Gromek only one wearing rubber shift to reduce weight.

Chicago White Sox—First hitting practice carded today at Terre Haute. Tony Cuccinello arrived, boosting squad to 17.

Philadelphia Phillies—With General Manager Herb Pennock declaring "we'll have a better club than we had last year." The Phils departed to open camp at Wilmington, Del.

Chicago Cubs—Manager Charley Grimm planned first intra-camp game today at French Lick with himself at first and Coaches Roy Johnson, Red Smith and Milt Stock in the lineup.

Cincinnati Reds—For the second straight day Reds announced signing of a 42-year-old pitcher. Yesterday it was Horace "Hod" Lisenbee who played with Syracuse last year.

St. Louis Browns—Charley DeWitt, club secretary, said Pitcher Jack Kramer had discussed terms and probably would report at Cape Girardeau camp by end of week.

Washington Senators—First Baseman Joe Kuhel and rookie Pitcher Al Ross reported.

St. Louis Cardinals—First Baseman Ray Sanders, who batted in more than 100 runs last year, signed contract.

Detroit Tigers—Manager Steve O'Neill led advance group to Evansville, Ind., camp where training opens tomorrow.

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Horton, Jr.

HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
NEW YORK, March 14 (AP)—Pacific northwest looks like new Gold Coast for the golf Six tournaments are scheduled out there for the coming summer—each for a \$10,000 prize—and on the first day of four-ball matches at Miami many customers turned out to send to town for the left-hand glove from last year's Miami tour, by limiting invitations to sports in nearby territory, the committee reduced travel costs than 50 per cent of what was required last year.

A feature of the Giants' camp, N. J., training camp to be John D. Rockefeller's room.

SPORTS BEFORE YOUR EYES
The Detroit Red Sox has set himself up in ends in Kalamazoo, Mich., in a new recipe for the national diet—ham-burger.

McKray, Boston Garden baseball maestro, checks in the news that Dale White, Ill., high school scored points in 41 cage games. The raises at 8:30 a. m., milks cows and feeds 30 pigs before heading to school. Does he like books? Under objections to running the boards apparently doesn't seem to mind on them. And ought to be pretty fair on baseball, too.

Bill Mosby, winner of hockey's Lady trophy, heart to heart, in two seasons. The Black Sox supply em when their pull the three-goal "hat" . . . Look for announcement that Clem Crowe will play football at Iowa . . . and Dame will need a new baseball tutor.

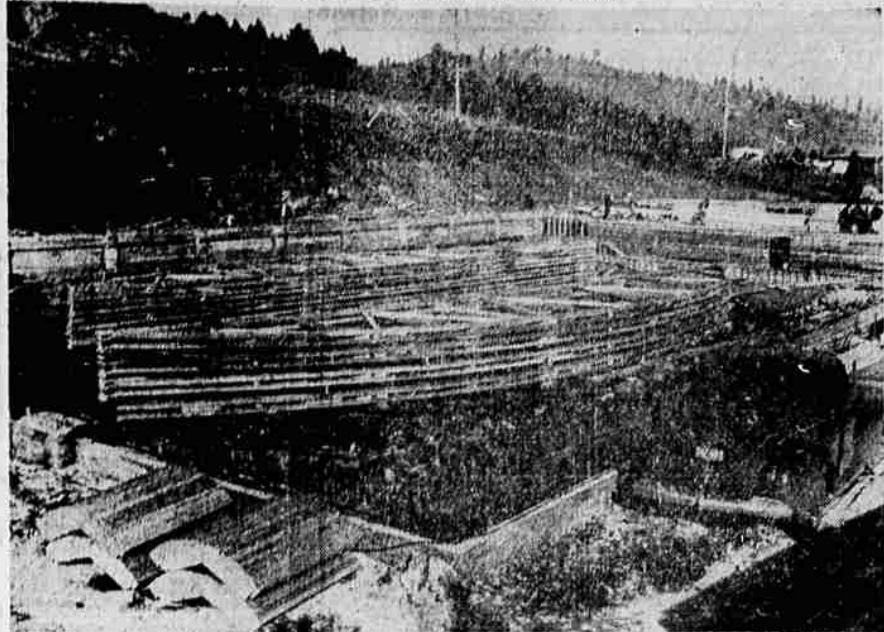
CONTRADICTION IN TERMS
Arch Gunnison, the master-war correspondent back from the Philippines, about the American troops into Grace park in Manila. "A Nip was standing between second and third base baseball diamond. . . . Suddenly he started to run toward me. Before he reached the base he was shot; he continued to stumble then fell sliding head first into third. . . . of the Yanks yelled: 'Safe—but out.'"

WANTED TO COMMITTEE
KANSAS CITY, March 14 (AP)—Brumblay, Eastern Washington College of Education basketball coach, was elected to executive committee of the National Intercollegiate Basketball Association yesterday.

FIGHTS
The Associated Press
BROOKLYN—Phil Palmer, Vinouaver, B. C., outpointed Jimmy Williams, 138, Montgomery, Ala.

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Wanta Go for a Swim?



Above is the newest recreational addition to the Marine Barracks—the swimming pool. It is 50 meters long and 25 yards wide, making it one of the largest pools of its kind in the United States. In addition to the recreational program it will be used for inter-company competitive sports. The pool is now under construction. (Official Marine Corps photo).

FDR Clouts Circuit Trip For Baseball

By BUS HAM
WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Baseball leaders today felt that President Roosevelt clouted a homer with the bases loaded to put their side well ahead in efforts to keep the sport alive this season.

But a dangerous hitter is coming up on the other side in the form of pending manpower legislation.

Mr. Roosevelt said at a news conference yesterday that he is all in favor of baseball carrying on.

His only qualification: As long as it does not require perfectly healthy people who could be doing more useful work.

Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, speaking for baseball, said: "We've always wanted our players to be examined and re-examined so there could be no doubt as to their right on the playing field."

A reporter asked the president if he thought it possible under the no-perfectly-healthy-people proviso for the leagues to operate this year. Why not? Mr. Roosevelt inquired.

The president said that he would go to see sandlot games himself and so would most people.

This was interpreted to mean that he "even" would attend sandlot games and that the war-imposed low caliber of organized baseball would not keep the fans away.

Belcastro To Grapple Jack Kiser
CHICAGO, March 14 (AP)—American leaguers blinked today and scanned their fourth wartime schedule—the customary 154 games, but with provisions which President Will Harridge hopes will result in a "considerable saving on man miles."

Among these provisions, Harridge reported, are three instead of four complete East-West circuits, skeletonizing of squads on out-of-town trips, and retention of umpires in each city longer than two series per appearance.

Harridge also expected a great travel saving would result from cancellation of the all-star game.

The season will open April 16, with New York and Washington battling in the capital in the traditional curtain raiser. It will close September 30, for a net of 77 road and 77 home games for each team.

The schedule includes 120 night tilts, compared with 133 in 1944. The champion St. Louis Browns are to play 43—the most—while the Senators will play only 35 compared to their last year's 43. Chicago, Cleveland and Philadelphia will play 14 each.

The only unsettled schedule business was the 94-game exhibition docket. Harridge and President Ford Frick of the National League, are to confer with ODT officials tomorrow to define a neutral field.

It was understood, when the two leagues pledged a 25 per cent travel reduction, that no games would be played on neutral fields. Whether ODT classifies training sites as neutral fields is what is to be determined tomorrow.

Victory League Championship Will Be Settled Tonight
The Victory league championship will be decided tonight on the KUHS hard-wood with two cage battles in the offing. DeMolay's will clash with Hardy's at 7 p. m. for the third place position and Army-Navy collides with Jerry's for the title, including both divisions, at 8 p. m.

P-T Formation to Be Seen In Southwest Next Season

AUSTIN, Tex., March 14 (AP)—The P-T formation—a combination of the punt and the T—will be seen in the Southwest conference next fall, the product of Dana X. Bible, who for more than 30 years has successfully followed one general offensive pattern.

The headman of University of Texas football doesn't expect it to revolutionize the game by any means.

In fact, the veteran mentor isn't sure his new idea will work. He also wonders if it's a new formation. He just hasn't heard of anybody using it in his

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8th and Main

Harridge Reports Drastic Travel Cut

Supporting the headline clash between Georges Dusette and the "Grey Mask" Friday night at the armory, Promoter Mack Lillard announced today that he had signed Pete Belcastro, the Weed assassin, to tangle with Joltin' Jack Kiser in the semi-windup.

Lillard also stated that standing room only would be available at the Klamath arena Friday night. The top crowd of the season is expected to gather to see if the French-Cana n d i a n strongman can turn the trick and quizzle the hooded hoodlum where so many have failed.

Dusette is reported to be in excellent physical trim for the coming tussle and has fond hopes of tossing Mr. Stoneface in no uncertain terms when the two muscled collide.

In the curtain-raiser, Lillard is seeking the services of Tough Tony Ross, who has proved to be so popular with Klamath mat addicts recently. The two participants of the opening scuffle will be announced tomorrow.

Longview Operating Base In Cage Finals

PORTLAND, March 14 (AP)—Longview Operating base qualified last night to meet the winner of the Seattle Operating base-Aberdeen cage contest for the 13th naval district Coast Guard championship. The Longview squad defeated Coos Bay Life Saving station 38-28 to win the Portland area title.

New Tunney?

PHOTOGRAPH OF HIRAN D. OXLEY, JR., OF FLINT, MICH., HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE SECOND MARINE DIVISION. LEATHERNECK GENE TUNNEY, IT WILL BE RECALLED, WENT ON TO WORLD TITLE.

33 years of tutoring college teams and more than two decades of serving on the national rules committee.

"It is conceded that the T formation is not the best for passing," Bible explains. "However, the punt formation, which I have always used some, and the T call for same type lines—balanced with detached ends. I plan to use the T formation sparingly next season. Suppose the defense is loaded to stop the T and we shift the backfield into the punt formation. There we have a good passing formation and we also may be able to spread the defense—at least loosen it up."

Pepperdine Advances In Tourney

Buzolich Passes Up Chance To Set New Scoring Record

KANSAS CITY, March 14 (AP)—Because Pete Fogo, national intercollegiate basketball tournament individual scoring record holder, is "one of our fellows in the foxholes" Big Nick Buzolich, Pepperdine (Los Angeles) star, passed up a chance to set a new mark last night.

Buzolich racked up 20 points in the first half of Pepperdine's 77-42 victory over Peru (Neb.) Teachers and appeared well on the way to beating Fogo's mark of 38 set in the 1942 tourney.

But Buzolich sat out much of the second half and contented himself with passing to someone else when he was on the floor. He finished with 28 points.

He didn't go after the record?

"I don't know that I could have beaten Pete's mark," said the 6-foot, 7-inch Pepperdine center, who is too tall to get into the armed service. "But even if I could have done it, I didn't feel much like trying when we were so far ahead. Fogo was a Pepperdine man, too, you know. He's over in Europe in the army and he's won the Purple Heart. I didn't much care about breaking his record."

Coach Al Duer said he left it up to Buzolich.

"He said he wasn't interested so I let him take it easy," was Duer's comment after the game.

Pepperdine's triumph last night filled out the upper bracket quarterfinals.

In the opener of the second night's play West Texas State also won its way to the quarterfinals by beating Wichita 54-43. Central of Fayette, Mo., and Eastern Kentucky had won both in the same bracket in the first night's play Monday.

The Doane Tigers of Crete, Neb., furnished the big surprise last night by putting Eastern Washington out of the tourney. The Washington five, seeded in the lower bracket and boasting one of the nation's three high scorers in Jack Perrault, lost out in the final seconds. Bob Cox, Doane center, broke a 50-50 tie with a neat field goal and Gene Elise, Tiger forward, added a sneaker shot in the final five seconds after Eastern Washington had made a free throw.

Perrault paced the scoring with 15 points.

Riverside Noses Out Pelican Five, 18-14, In Overtime Tussle

In the third round of the grade school "B" basketball tourney played on the KUHS maple, Riverside dropped the Pelicans, 18 to 14, in an overtime yesterday.

Riverside led up until only five seconds remained in the game when it was behind two points. The Riverside cagers knotted the count, however, and went on to win. Holloway took high scoring honors with 11 points and Everett of Riverside potted seven.

Riverside will collide with Roosevelt Thursday at 4:30 p. m. and the winner of this tussle will meet Fairview for the championship Friday at 4:30 p. m.

Marines Take On Sailors In Final Series of Season

To wind up the basketball season, the Leathernecks from the Marine Barracks will take on the sailors from the naval air station Wednesday at the air station.

The public will not be admitted to this tilt, but may attend a return game Saturday night at the Barracks in the post gym. This series officially ends the hoop season for both military installations.

EAST LANSING, Mich.—Drake university won central collegiate conference indoor track title with 35 points. Iowa Preflight and Marquette tied for second with Notre Dame, defending champions, fourth.

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

Medford Favored to Cop State Title

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the top prep cage teams in the state of Oregon will battle it out for the highest goal of high school basketball—the state championship.

It looks to us that the main threats to cop the title are: (1) Washington Colonials, (2) Medford Black Tornado, or (3) Eugene Axemen. The rabid railbirds are picking Medford to collide with Washington in the finals and, barring an unforeseen upset, we think that will be the ticket. Eugene is slated to clash with the Colonials at 3 p. m. on Thursday to open the classic and the winner of this tussle should go on through to the finals without much trouble.

Medford is in the lower bracket and will meet Vernonia, champ of districts 13-14, in its first test Thursday night. The Tornado should whip straight through all opponents in its weaker bracket, but may run into a tartar in Oregon City if the Pioneers can get by Hillsboro, which they should do easily.

There is little doubt that the Portland league is faster than the others and by that token the Colonials will probably be slight favorites to capture the toga. We haven't seen the Washington club play, but we have seen Medford and the Tornado is a tough outfit to whip. It is now riding on the crest of a victory-wave of 26 straight while the Colonials boast 23 triumphs against two defeats. The Eugene Axemen check in with a magnificent record of 30 wins and one loss.

With these three fine teams all in there competing, picking a winner is a difficult chore. After attempting to weigh all available information on the tourney entrants, it appears to us that it is just about a toss-up between Washington and Medford, but we are going to lay it on the line and pick Medford to come out on top of the heap.

Our reasons for giving the Tornado the nod are threefold: (1) Medford is just about the roughest ball club we have ever seen in prep school competition and, although we do not approve of the slam-bang methods of the Tornado, there are few who will say that they are not effective. (2) After receiving the scare of their lives from the Klamath Pelicans in the district tournament at Ashland, Medford now appears to be waxing hot again as of last Friday night's terrific rubbing of Frineville, 53 to 26, to cinch a tourney berth. (3) The third reason is somewhat psychological. The Black Tornado, under Al Simpson, appears to have the Indian sign on other district teams. The mere fact that they are playing Medford has been enough to reduce other good ball teams to a third-rate club. Medford comes to Willamette gymnasium in Salem bearing a terrific record and some fines that tangle with the Tornado will be beaten before the opening whistle. Washington may be one of them.

Ouch, This One Hurt!

We were the recipients recently of a neat little epistle from four Klamath Falls girls, who are students at the University of Oregon.

It seems these lassies have taken violent exception to what they call our "anti-Oregon write-ups which have been appearing in ye-olde home town paper."

These thoughtful co-eds even sent us the score of the WSC-Oregon tussle at Pullman last Saturday along with an invitation to attend the forthcoming Webfoot-Cougar clash Friday night at Eugene. They feel it may help us to a better appreciation of the game.

We appreciate your solicitude, girls, but as much as we'd like to, we can't get away for the game Friday. We would like to take this means, though, to inform you that we are not against Oregon. In fact, we would like nothing better than to see the Ducks cop the championship.

We have never stated, at any time, that we viewed the Webfoots in an unfavorable light except to PICK the Cougars to win. It is quite possible, girls, to pick one team to win and still be for the other club. To put it in a nutshell, we WANT Oregon to take the title, but at the same time we think WSC has the superior team.

Our hats are off to the Webfoots for their great triumph on a rival court Saturday and we HOPE they repeat Friday, but our better judgment still says WSC.

"Buck" Hammer At Longview

Word has come to us from Carl L. George of Klamath Falls to the effect that "Buck" Hammer, former head coach at KUHS, is really rapping the ball at Longview, Wash., where he is head basketball mentor.

Our informant states that Longview has just won the southwest Washington prep championship with 12 wins against two defeats and that "Buck's" team will travel to Seattle this coming week to participate in the state high school tournament.

This is welcome news to many Klamath sport fans, we know, and we personally wish "Buck" and his team the best of luck in the tourney.

Ace Beaver Hurler Able to Pitch Only Home Games In '45

PORTLAND, March 14 (AP)—Roy Helsler, outstanding pitcher for the Portland Beavers last season, said today he would be able to take the mound only in home games this year.

The 4-F southpaw explained he had been notified to stick to his defense job here and therefore could not take the road with the Portland baseball club.

Bill Garbarino, Beavers' office manager, said the first game here would be played Wednesday, April 18.

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