

From MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Whether or not Klamath Falls is going to be on the baseball map this summer is entirely beside the point of this discussion.

Sooner or later, within the next three years would be a good guess, Klamath is going to have a chance to field a professional baseball team in a recognized professional loop, the town is going to have a chance for dog racing, more football, perhaps some outdoor fights in the summer.

Where, if these things come to pass is a stadium and playing field going to be found?

A look around our very crowded town will assure you of one thing. That Mills area, out where Recreation field is now, is virtually the only centrally-located, level, accessible and available spot for a sports garden.

The city needs only to acquire one lot out there—and hang on to the ground already city-owned—to have a field of more than eight acres for a future sports use which is going to get more and more pressing month after month and year after year.

The only section of that ground not now owned by the city is owned by Mr. Hector DeBaets and that gentleman has already expressed willingness to swap his lot for a city-owned lot on Vine, just half a block away, if the city will just move his house to the new location.

You'll never get any more cooperation than that. Even if the ground isn't used this summer, even if it's not used next fall or next winter, this corner firmly believes that acquiring the space and holding it, removing the lots from the market, would be a move the city need never be dissatisfied for having taken.

Some day either private capital or public is going to fulfill Klamath's crying need for a sports field and a great portion of the fight will be won by having the spot picked out and set aside beforehand.

Now we understand Mr. DeBaets wants to make some improvements on his house whenever materials are available and he can get started. If the city passes up the opportunity to a sports field and a great portion of the fight will be won by having the spot picked out and set aside beforehand.

You ex-servicemen, remember the not-so-doggone-funny overseas jokes about missing boats? Well, here's one Klamath Falls would do well not to miss.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA—Perk Danfels, 204, New York, outpointed Willie Thomas, 218, Philadelphia, 8, Al Johnson, 164, Philadelphia, outpointed Maxie Spoon, 156, Montreal, 6.

PORTLAND, Me.—Eddie LeTourneau, 147½, Sanford, knocked out Eddie Bangs, 148, Cambridge, Mass., 1. Lloyd "Scotty" Hudson, 133, Bath, outpointed Paul Bangs, 136, Sanford, 8.

BAYONNE, N. J.—Lou Prince, 132, Princeton, outpointed Pete Mirabella, 132½, Brooklyn, 8. Tony Moreno, 127½, Brooklyn, outpointed Joe Tambe, 125, Buffalo, 6.

The rods and cones in the retina of the human eye form a mosaic with striking regularity in pattern.

Man O' War Passes 29 Year Mark

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 29 (AP)—Through the mythical hour glass of time, the sands of another year began flowing today for Man o' War, aged equine nobleman and pride of the blue grass country.

But as "Big Red" became 29 years old—the equivalent of almost a century in the life span of a human being—things just weren't the same for the great thoroughbred.

Even as he was being displayed at Samuel D. Riddle's Faraway farm near here, "The Man" seemed to sense there was something missing. And there was.

Will Harbut, "Red's" Negro groom for 16 years, whose line of chatter about the horse had been heard by thousands of fans, was bedridden at his home "down the road a piece."

Will, who isn't young in years any more either, suffered a stroke about ten days ago. "Law'se Ah miss that hoss," said Harbut from his bed, near which hang several pictures of him with "Big Red," his favorite subject at any time.

Kahut Meets LA Battler At Portland

PORTLAND, March 29 (AP)—Joe Kahut, Woodburn's heavyweight pride, will battle Buddy Millard, Los Angeles, over the 10-round route tonight with a date with Fitz Fitzpatrick at stake.

Even a draw will keep the ticket at Los Angeles and the Fitzpatrick bout in Kahut's hands. But a decisive win by Millard will break up the Kahut-Fitzpatrick affair.

Millard, ranked as third-best California heavyweight the first of the year, flashed a powerful left and neat boxing skill in workouts this week.

A 10-round semi-final will send Duane Hoag, Portland, against Bert White, Los Angeles. Both are featherweights.

Roy Hawkins, Portland heavyweight, goes for six rounds or less with Jim Dixon, Tulsa, Okla., in the special event. The opening six-rounder on tonight's card will pit Lightweight Leroy Durst, Longview, and Don Kenny, Portland.

Little, Ferrier Lead At Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 29 (AP)—Laws Little and Jim Ferrier were the men to catch as the Charlotte Open golf tournament swung into its second round today.

They cracked par by six strokes with opening round 66's yesterday to take a two-stroke edge over their nearest rivals as the \$7500, four-day tourney got under way over the rain drenched 6410-yard Myers park club course.

World's Largest (?) Trout Checks Out

BELLEFONTE, Pa., March 29 (AP)—Old Brown Beauty is dead. He's a 27-pound, 35-inch trout which State Fish Commissioner Charles A. French believes was the world's largest.

"I doubt the existence of a brown trout anywhere to equal that size," said French. The fish lived at least 15 years at the Pleasant Gap fish farm.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

"Play Ball" Rings Over PCL



This afternoon and tonight the Pacific Coast league begins the baseball season which loop backers hope will prove to the world in general and the east in particular that the PCL is ready to be called a major league. Today's schedule: Seattle at San Francisco, Oakland at San Diego, Los Angeles at Sacramento and Portland at Hollywood.

Keneston Gains Default Over Angelo In Slugfest

If Bob Keneston is up on his ancient history he should know that from as far back as the time when Rome and Carthage were betting it out a victory like the one he scored at the armory last night has been generally considered not worth the trouble.

Keneston's paw was raised in victory over Martino Angelo after a short and furious main go, but Keneston still had to be lugged to the dressing room.

From the opening gong the two huskies stood toe-to-toe and slugged away. About three minutes of this and Angelo got a fall by way of a Boston crab. The second canto contained only a minute or so of knuckle-dust-bing before Keneston took a tumble with his Gold Hill specialty.

Bob took the offensive in the third frame, clouting the Italian through the ropes once and then again. The second time Keneston also went out to continue the battle in the aisle. Angelo clambered back between the

hemp and when Keneston started back in Martino gave him a shove headfirst into the corner post and back into the aisle. Bob was out flat and Referee Wally Moss completed his count of 20 with the gladiator prone on the floor. Then Keneston's second picked him up and started to drag him away. Angelo, not through yet, stuck a leg through the ropes and delivered Bob an additional kick in the teeth.

That did it. Wally stepped out and awarded the decision to Keneston, to the delight of the crowd and the anguish of Angelo.

The semi between Gust Johnson and Tony Ross teetered between a headlock for Gust and a hammerlock for Tony until Ross got a fall with a grapevine and another with a slam and press while Johnson managed one with a leg strap.

Frankie Clemons emulated an octopus to defeat Billy Rayburn, the only fall of the opener.

Graziano Favored At Garden

NEW YORK, March 29 (AP)—Rocky Graziano, the ring's newest "killer" who just loves to knockout welterweight champions, gets his chance at Marty Servo, the new 147-pound boss in a 10-round non-title affair at Madison Square Garden tonight.

A sellout crowd of close to 19,000 persons who already have paid around \$170,000 at \$20 tops will sit in on this expected-to-be terrific affair between the Brooklyn cloutier and the baby-faced lad from Schenectady.

The gross is a record for other than heavyweight scraps at the Garden and boosts Promoter Mike Jacobs' take for 13 shows this year to over \$1,000,000.

Rocky, a middleweight who jumped into the fistful limelight last year with a sensational stretchings of Billy Arnold, Harold Green, Bummy Davis and the then Welterweight Champion Freddie "Red" Cochrane, is a 5 to 6 choice to add Servo to his string.

Rocky, with his striking black hair and roughhouse tactics in the ring, has become a gallery idol, but canny Al Weil, manager of Servo, has studied Rocky's style and may spring a surprise.

He has not overlooked the fact that it twice took Rocky ten rounds to flatten Cochrane while Marty stiffened the Elizabeth, N. J. redhead in four rounds in their title bout on February 1.

Kegling Records Might Tumble

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 29 (AP)—Two crack Chicago teams were scheduled to take the alleys tonight at the American Bowling Congress tournament, with fans declaring that the first 3000 score in the five-man event was due to go up on the boards.

The Prima Beer five which boasts a 995 average in the hard-bitten Chicago Classic league, is currently the hottest squad in that city.

Wolves In Front Of Rink Playoff

HOLLYWOOD, March 29 (AP)—A 9 to 7 victory over Vancouver put the Hollywood Wolves out in front today in the best-of-four-out-of-seven game series with the Canucks from the Pacific Coast league ice hockey championship.

Much of the credit for the Wolves' success in the initial engagement, watched by 3000 fans, went to Wingman Joe Peterson. He scored four goals, three of them unaided, and added an assist for high scoring honors.

Burlesque Queen True To Tradition

LOS ANGELES, March 29 (AP)—But the show must go on. Babette Hayes, Main street burlesque queen, reported the theft last night of \$1000 worth of costumes—en route to the theatre.

Miss Hayes appeared as billed.

Coast Loop Opens 44th Year Today

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29 (AP)—The social-climbing Pacific Coast league, with California weather threatening to dampen the boast which turns out the circuit's eight teams early, sounds off the first "play ball" today.

The size of the circuit right now is triple A, but this is the season backers of the ambitious baseball clubs of the west coast have picked to make a showing they count on for major league recognition.

For the start of the loop's 44th season, with Seattle at San Francisco, Los Angeles at Sacramento, Oakland at San Diego and Portland at Hollywood, the forecast was cloudy with probable rain in both the northern and southern California sectors.

League President Clarence Rowland, who predicts a wide-open race and attendance to beat the other two AAA leagues combined—The American Association and the International—is in for a busy day with plans to attend the Sacramento game and then drive to San Francisco for the Seals' night opener with the Seattle Rainiers.

Returnees from military service and a batch of players down from the majors strengthen the clubs and help to muddle the guesswork for the 183-game pennant chase. The 1945 winners, the Portland Beavers, look to superior mound strength to repeat, with Los Angeles as the toughest opposition. Pepper Martin's San Diego Padres are out to prove predictions of cellar-dwelling are cockeyed.

The Building Service Employees' union (AFL), announced it would picket the park at Sacramento and follow the Sacramento club to any park until the management signs a contract with the union.

Beavers Expect Liska To Join

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29 (AP)—The Portland Beavers Baseball club is all set with Ad Liska, and after a month's bickering between the veteran hurler and Club Manager Bill Klepper, the submarine ace is expected to join the team in time for the series opener at Oakland Tuesday.

Klepper did not disclose terms of the new contract except to say it is for one year. It is understood to carry a pay increase. Liska will probably leave Portland Saturday night. He said yesterday he felt in tip-top shape after regular daily workouts here.

Small Crowd Sees Oilers Beat Yanks

NEW YORK, March 29 (AP)—The smallest basketball crowd of the season at Madison Square Garden—6734—saw the Phillips 66 Oilers, national AAU champions, beat the New York Athletic club, 69 to 64 in overtime, in the feature of a benefit Red Cross doubleheader last night.

Ed Beisser saved the Oilers from defeat in the regulation time by tapping in a rebound with 10 seconds left to tie the score at 63-all.

In a preliminary game, the U. S. navy armed guard of Brooklyn beat Tilton General hospital of Fort Dix, N. J., 67-55. The twin bill netted the Red Cross about \$12,000.

Fox Adds Spark To Track Trials

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 29 (AP)—There was an added starter in the morning workouts at Churchill Downs race track today—a little red fox.

The fox seemed very much at home scampering around the oval as thoroughbreds prepped for the Downs meeting opening Saturday, April 27.

Among horses working out were Spy Song, Porterfield and With Pleasure. It was With Pleasure's first workout since arriving from California.

Bombers Picked For First Spot

TAMPA, Fla., March 29 (AP)—If ever a ball club looked ready to run away with a pennant, it is the New York Yankees. They break camp at St. Petersburg today and strike out on the exhibition tour that will take them through seven states including Texas, on their way north.

Once again Joe McCarthy, perhaps the most skilled of all managers, has a great club at his command, strong from stern stern, and once again the American league is due to find its combination unbeatable. The observer's best guess is that the Boston Red Sox will finish second, the Detroit Tigers third, Washington fourth, ahead of Cleveland.

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