

Baseball Field Being Groomed For Summer

Klamath Sons To Install Light System, Extend Covered Stands; Three-Games-A-Week Slate Planned For Recreation Diamond

By HALE SCARBROUGH

The green light has apparently been given, or is just about to be given, to an expansive baseball program for Klamath Falls this summer. Work has already started on a re-planting of Recreation field and Johnny Pastega, representing the Sons of Italy lodge and Klamath Sons baseball team, is flying to Portland this week-end to close a deal for flood-lights.

Plans for the work at the field, being done by the Sons, call for extension of the covered grandstand down first and third base lines to probably more than double the present shielded seating capacity, bringing centerfield fence in flush with the big new scoreboard and seeding of the entire playing field.

Up in Portland the Beavers are installing an all-new lighting system to Vaughn street

Strikes 'n Spares

A 500-dollar-plus melon will be split for prizes at the conclusion of the City Bowling association's men's kegling tourney which starts Monday, March 10, but the money isn't all the men will have to fire at during the four-day rolling on Recreation alleys.

There will be about 50 merchandise prizes in addition, and trophies for individual stars. The window of Matt Finnigan's sporting goods store on the ground floor below the bowling alley.

There's an award for A and B class all-events winners, another to each man of the champion A and B doubles teams, others for singles winners in each class and miniature golf bowling pins to go to the individual members of winning five-man teams.

The committee in charge of the tourney will decide how the \$500 prize pot is to be divided.

Altogether there are 14 five-man squads entered in class A and four in class B; 17 two-man teams in class A, 20 in class B; 38 contestants in class A singles and 28 in class B.

Starting with the team event, all eight lanes will be busy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights, starting at 7 p. m. Monday night is for team rolling, Tuesday and Wednesday doubles and singles, and Friday night to finish off anything that's left.

The tourney will take a breather Thursday, the night reserved for regular league bowling of the two ladies' circuits. The ladies have a tournament coming up not long after the men finish, and last night was the deadline for entries in that set.

Erle Hamilton has promised that his alleys will be plenty fast for the big rolling.

Valley Quint AAU Winner

PORTLAND, March 7 (AP)—Salem and Eugene entries met tonight for the Oregon AAU basketball championship.

Both advanced over Portland opponents last night, the Page Wooleens team of Salem defeating Semler's Yanks, 59-50, and Lumber Sales of Eugene trimming Club Mecca, 57-48.

Neither team had much trouble, although Salem was forced to come from behind a 17-11 margin in the first quarter. Frank Page led the rally and by halftime the victors were safely out in front, 34-25. Page scored 16 points, followed by Al McRae with 14.

The Eugene team, led by Bob Anet of Oregon's 1939 collegiate champions, led throughout in defeating Club Mecca. Chuck Taylor scored 16 points for the winners, Anet 12.

The two Portland teams will vie tonight for third place. The tournament champion will qualify for the AAU meet in Denver.

Riverside Goes Into Final Tilt

Riverside grade school last night won the right to play Fairview in the grade school B basketball tourney by defeating Fremont in a 11-10 close-checking struggle.

Halfway point in that game saw Riverside ahead 6-5, but Fremont took a one-point margin late in the fourth period. Perry Johnson then hit two free throws to give Riverside the victory. He had six points for the game.

Riverside, once beaten, plays undefeated Fairview at Fairview gym this afternoon. If Fairview wins, it's all over, but if Riverside wins another game will be played Monday.

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Best Short Controversy Not Settled

By The Associated Press

Any controversy as to the best fielding shortstop in the National league probably will revolve around Marty Marion of St. Louis and Pee Wee Reese of Brooklyn this season now that Eddie Miller has been eliminated from the plans of the Cincinnati Reds.

President Warren Giles of the Reds removed Miller from the controversy at the Reds' Tampa base yesterday following a conference with the slick infielder. Miller, who has been bothered with various ailments the past two seasons, has for several weeks been undecided on whether to retire from baseball.

Giles said, "because of his indecision at this late date, we are definitely eliminating him from our plans for 1947. Each of us understands the other's problem. He has his own personal problem to consider. We have our team and morale to consider. We think it is better for all concerned if our young infield prospects know definitely at this date that Miller is out of our plans."

Olympic Ski Trials Set

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, March 7 (AP)—American skiers will have only their next big assignment—the Olympic ski trials here tomorrow and Sunday.

Downhill and slalom races will be staged during the two days to select this nation's teams for the winter Olympics at St. Moritz, Switzerland, next February. About 12 men and eight girls will be chosen to wear the stars and stripes.

The Americans came here somewhat chastened from the linkings they took from Swiss and Canadian skiers at the U. S. down-mountain and slalom races in Utah several days ago.

Among those eligible for the American Olympic teams to be announced probably Sunday night are Gretchen Fraser Vancouver, Wash.

Shidler Named Retriever Chief

Hal Shidler, operator of Hal's Sports store, has been installed as president of the Shasta Cascade Retriever club, and Larry Watkins has taken over the duties of secretary-treasurer.

An informal sketch of the Chesapeake retriever dog was given at the club's Monday night meeting by Dick Morgan and Pat Montgomery, and movies of the Portland retriever trials and other dog films were shown by Bert Rohu.

Plans are being made for a retriever show and trial to be held in this area April 13, and persons interested in entering dogs may contact Dick Morgan at Kenb. Several Shasta-Cascade members are forming a car pool to attend the next Portland trial March 23, and Hal's Sport store will act as a clearing house for transportation.

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Right On The Button



At close range, this is how one boxer looks when another boxer lands one right on his chin. Jerome Richardson, New York Golden Gloves 160-pounder, is the lad getting slugged, but he decided Johnny Izo of Newark in this bout and went on to win the eastern Golden Gloves title. —AP wirephoto.

DUSETTE OVERPOWERS PETE FOR ROWDY WIN

Pete Belcastro took one fall in near-record time of one minute flat in last night's armory main event wrestling match, but Georges Dusette took the winning tumble in even shorter time. There was one other fall and a brief spell of roughhouse action in between.

The fight, a feud of long standing, had barely gotten under way when Pete negotiated his fall. Before the gong sounded to open the fight he roared into Dusette's corner and clubbed the muscular French Canadian.

A moment later he booted Dusette out of the ring, right into the KFJ radio section, and when Georges got back in Pete hung a couple of uppercuts on his whiskers and pressed him for the count.

Belcastro made the same pre-gong rush to open the second canto, but Dusette had his eyes open this time. They went the entire distance of the round and the fans were going wild for the popular Dusette to take the Weed Assassin.

In the third round, after Dusette had been knocked out of the ring once, into the press section this time, he got back in and took the fight away from Pete. Dusette's finishing clutch was a powerful, shaking full nelson that had to be broken by force.

Georges was given that fall and as soon as the fourth bell started he rushed across to grab the nelson again and the fight was over.

Belcastro wasn't the only person to fall victim to a crick in the neck last night. Frankie Hart went the same way in the semi-final.

After two rounds of clever battling, Billy Weidner spun Hart for a while, then set him down and applied a full nelson. The hold threw Hart's neck out of joint and ended the bout. The sportsman Weidner carried the groaning Hart back to the dressing room.

Herbie Parks took a one-fall decision from Reuben Gracia in the opener, dropping kicking the Mex in the third round and taking the fall with a stamping leg lock.

Cruz-Casino

PORTLAND, March 7 (AP)—Two Californians head the bill in the Portland boxing card tonight—Costello Cruz, Los Angeles light heavyweight, against Jimmy Casino in a 10-round bout.

Dick Wagner, Oregon City middleweight, will meet Steve Moran, Seattle, in a six-round semi-final.

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Lanky Lads For UCLA, OSC May Settle Issue

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 7 (AP)—The Pacific coast title will be at stake as UCLA and Oregon State open their basketball series tonight, and the outcome may well depend on an awaited duel between the far west's two top point-makers—Centers Don Barksdale of UCLA and Ephraim "Red" Rocha of Oregon State.

The teams are matched so evenly in statistics that many believe the issue can be settled only through a tremendous performance by one of the giant centers. Either is capable of it.

Barksdale, 6 feet 6 inches and 220 pounds, is classed by his coach, Wilbur Jones, as the best in the nation. His 16.5 points a game for a total of 198 is second in conference southern division history only to the 232 total of Stanford's great Hank Luisetti in 1938.

Rocha, 6 feet 8 inches but slender at 175 pounds, has been the top scorer in the northern division the last two years. He totaled 217 this season for an average of 13.5. Coach Amory T. "Blais" Gill, who has produced five northern division championships teams, rates him one of the best turned out here.

The big question is whether Rocha's two extra inches in height can overcome Barksdale's 45-pound weight advantage—or vice versa.

If the big boys neutralize each other, then comparative midgets—at 5 feet 10—may decide the issue. They are Guard Lew Beck (11.6 points a game), for Oregon State, and Forward John Stanich (11.3 points a game) of UCLA.

There also are 6 foot 4 Davage Minor of UCLA (9.5 a game), and 6 foot 2 Cliff Crandall of OSC (9.8 a game).

The only player ailing on either squad is UCLA Captain Dick Perry, a guard recovering from an abscessed hip. Expected to see action later, he will be replaced in the starting lineup by six-foot Doug Sale.

A second game will be played tomorrow night and a third, if necessary, Monday night.

Jackson Gets Another Bout

Sonny Kelly Jackson, the flashy Portland colored boy, has been signed for a return bout with Ural Snapp of Merrill, according to Promoter Mack Lillard. The bout will be a 10-round affair at the head of next Tuesday night's card in the armory.

Snapp took a split decision from Jackson here several weeks ago in the first fight Ural has ever had to go 10 rounds. In the past he has finished off much sooner, and it was a matter of much speculation as to whether he could go the distance.

Jackson, who finished the fight in much better shape than did Snapp, made him work every minute to get the decision and Ural proved that he could last out 10 three-minute heats if necessary.

Tickets for the Tuesday card have been put on sale at Matt Finnigan's sporting goods store.

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'B' Tournament... Panthers Lose First Round At Arlington

ARLINGTON, March 7 (AP)—A high-scoring Pleasant Hill quintet became even more the favorite in the state class B high school basketball tournament today as four teams reached the semi-finals.

Pleasant Hill, 51-40 winner over the previously unbeaten Chiloquin team which had captured 24 straight games, will play Parkdale in a 7:30 p. m. contest today. Pleasant Hill will be seeking its 19th consecutive win.

The other semi-final game will send a tall, smooth-working Star of the Sea (Astoria) team against Union at 8:45 p. m.

In games yesterday Parkdale nosed out Myrtle Creek in the final 29 seconds with Bill Andrews sinking the winning field goal. Star of the Sea drubbed John Day, 36-16, holding the eastern Oregon team to five points in the second and third quarters. Union overcame an early deficit to defeat Dayton, 37-33.

In the consolation round today Chiloquin will meet Myrtle Creek at 2:30 p. m., and Dayton will play John Day at 3:45 p. m.

The lineups: P. Hill (51) Pos. (40) Chiloquin Lindley 12 F 15 G Hatcher Dowdy 21 F A. Hatcher Lantz 6 C 6 Severson Casey 3 G Jones Graham 6 G 8 Barker Reserves: Pleasant Hill—Nichols 2, Cole 1; Chiloquin—Hannigan 11.

Howell To Hire Own Assistants

SPOKANE, March 7 (AP)—Dicke Howell, newly appointed head football coach at the University of Idaho, will announce the names of his two assistant coaches when he arrives in Moscow this Sunday. Athletic Director George Greene said today. The former University of Alabama passing ace was given a free hand in selecting his aides.

Howell is believed to have secured the services of Perron (Tex) Shoemaker as end coach. Shoemaker was a member of the 1938 Alabama Rose Bowl team as an end, and has been assistant coach at the University of Chattanooga.

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Herbie Kronowitz, promising young middleweight, makes his most important start when he tangles with Artie Levine (above) in the ten-round centerpiece at New York's Madison Square Garden tonight.

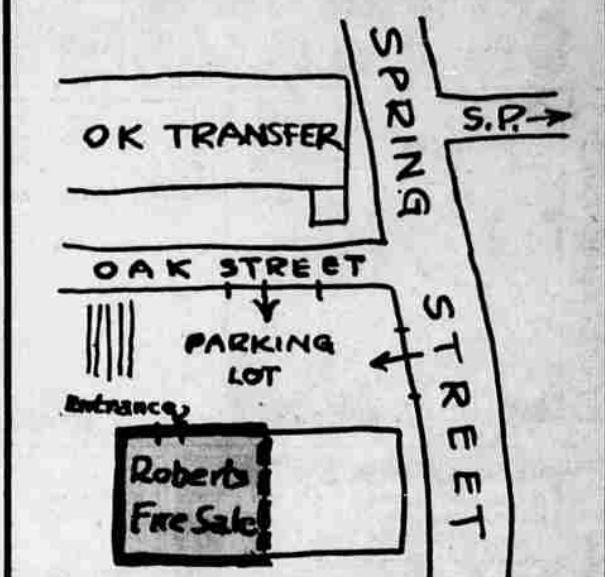
Boxing men think Herbie is a coming title contender. A victory over Levine would go far toward proving they're right. Kronowitz is a good boxer with real punching power. He's strong, never lets down and rallies quickly when hurt.

In Artie Levine, however, he meets a stand-up boxer who can hold his own with the best. Artie has a powerful left hook and a short, straight right hand that is mighty effective. Also he has a way of rendering foes groggy with a rapid series of short, twisting head punches! Then—wham!

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