

Baseball, Inc. Shares Put On Market Today

Oregon Law Okays Sale Of \$60,000 Stock In Venture

Some \$60,000 worth of stock in Klamath Baseball, Inc., at a nominal value of \$25 a share, was put on sale today by the temporary officers of the baseball venture, the money derived to be used in bringing a class D professional team into Klamath Falls for next season.

The baseball group is incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon for \$100,000, with the permission of the corporation commission to sell \$60,000 worth of stock. Every shareholder will become an integral part of the organization and be entitled to one vote in the first annual election of officers coming up the second Tuesday in January.

TERMS OF SALE
A committee of volunteer workers met last night to outline the dispersal of stock, which may be bought on cash payment, demand contract or on short-term contract.

Dexter Elliott, acting treasurer of the group, will collect the funds raised by the stock sale and okay release of stock certificates which each purchaser will get.

All money taken in will be deposited in a local bank and none spent until enough is on hand to go ahead with the baseball project, which includes the erection of a lighted baseball field and acquisition of equipment and talent.

No money can be spent before the corporation commission determines that there is enough money on hand to handle the project, thereby guaranteeing investors against having their funds dribble away.

The stock sale can be closed at any time there is sufficient money on hand to go ahead with the work of getting a park and team ready. Then any future sale may be at a higher price.

OWN REAL ESTATE
Klamath Baseball, Inc., intends to field a team next season in the recently-formed Far West Professional league, and to work with a team up with the Philadelphia Phillies. But the club itself and the real estate involved will be owned by the stockholders.

The organization has commanded the backing of many reputable businessmen in town and included among the persons handling stock sales will be Frank Lowell, Bill Bratton, George Bratton, Brady Narey, Bill Spangler, Tim Sullivan, Harry Molator, Hal Shidler, Tim Breen, Wayne Brown, Charlie Schuss, Lynn Roycroft, Carl Steinseifer, Jimmie Cavanaugh, Paul Farrens, Russ Marshall, Nap David, Sam Neelin, Larry Goerges, Floyd Shotwell, Kenneth Estes and others.

Kovacs Winner On Clay Court
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23 (AP)—Frank Kovacs, of Oakland, Calif., is the national professional clay courts tennis champion.

Kovacs won the title last night on the Henderson park courts here by turning back Welby Van Horn of Knoxville, Tenn., 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Strikes 'n Spares

The seventh annual state kegling tournament opens January 8 at the Capitol alleys in Salem and will run through January 25 with a record number of teams and individual trundlers lining up for competition. Starting a day later in Corvallis will be the women's tourney and the largest field ever is expected out of that.

Several teams and probably up to a hundred individual keglers from the local leagues will roll for the prizes in the two meets. Secretaries of the various circuits are handling the entries and checking averages.

Altogether the men's field for the Salem rolling includes 857 singles entrants, 189 five-man teams, 435 doubles and 551 all-events competitors.

The official schedule of events and prize lists will be put out the first week in January, according to Vernon C. Turner, secretary of the state association.

As last year, the men's bowling events will be segregated into class A, B and C, according to averages built up in league play this season.

Among the entrants who have 1947 crowns to defend at Salem will be Earl Moore of Portland, class A singles; Hoffman Radio of Portland, class A team; William McCulloch, Portland, class C all-events, and Ed Leaming of Medford, class C singles.

Most of the other winners of last time will be on hand for the rolling, but have improved with time and stepped up the ladder.

Dobson Agrees To 1948 Terms
BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Curly-haired Joe Dobson, leading Red Sox pitcher last season with an 18-8 record, has agreed to terms for 1948 after a telephone conversation with Red Sox General Manager Joe Cronin.

Cronin said today that Dobson reported he was "feeling fine" after an appendectomy and added "the Doc said I could start working now."

Raider Flash Hired By '49ers
ASHLAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—Chuck de Autremont, Southern Oregon College of Education's star senior athlete, reported today he has been offered a contract by the San Francisco Forty-Niners in the All-West Professional Football conference.

The triple threat backfield ace said he expected to join the Forty-Niners at summer training camp July 15.

De Autremont has been the spark plug of the SOCE football squad that in the past two regular seasons dropped only one game.

Rose Bowl Drills In High Gear

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 23 (AP)—With typical Mid-western thoroughness, Michigan's Wolverines are going full steam ahead for their New Year's Day Rose Bowl fracas with Southern California.

And somebody—besides the Trojans—is bound to get hurt.

Yesterday's tough afternoon scrimmage brought a twisted ankle to regular offensive end Dick Rifenberg and a cut lip to defensive guard Joe Soboleski. Both, however, are not expected to be incapacitated on January 1.

The scrimmage, featured by Bib Chappuis' passing and sharp running by Bump Elliott and Jack Weisenburger, followed a morning tune-up at Brookside park.

The two-a-days will be standard procedure for the Wolverines, as Coach Fritz Crisler has expressed concern about his squad's "softening up in this balmy climate."

Inside observers, however, could see little softness about the Big Nine's champions.

At Santa Barbara, 100 miles northwest, Coach Jeff Cravath of the Trojans planned another double drill also, with hard scrimmage in the afternoon. He indicated it will be mostly against Michigan plays.

Cravath declared that he isn't planning many new offensive tricks and the Trojans' main hope lies in a stout, steadily-rushing defense. He admitted it was a big order—the Wolverines led the nation in total offense.

Pro Tennis League Folds
NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—The world's professional tennis league was just a memory today after less than a year of life.

Vincent Richards, commissioner of the circuit formed last March, announced it had disbanded because not enough topnotch pros are available "to give the public the brand of competition it deserves."

Former Pel Cagers Will Show Tonight
A hurriedly-arranged triple-header basketball rally in on the schedule for tonight at Pelican Pavilion, topped off by the meeting of a team composed of 1943 and 1946 players bumping heads with the 1947 Pelican edition.

Two games with the Lakeview Honkers are also included in the evening's action.

At 7 p. m. the Lakeview "B" string is thrown in with the Klamath Union high junior varsity, and about 8 o'clock the Pelicans will run against the Lakeview varsity. If he is able—and the score warrants—Coach Wayne Scott said he will use his second varsity string against the Honkers for most of that contest.

FINAL NORTHWEST CAGE TEAM FALLS TO DEFEAT

It was a bad night for Pacific Northwest basketball artistry last night, with three Northern division, Coast conference, quintets and Willamette, pride of the Northwest conference, going down to defeat.

Washington State's Cougars were spanked, but hard, by Illinois 71-35, to end the Northwest's last remaining all-win record. Oregon dropped a spine-tingler to Long Island university 49-47 in Madison Square Garden, and Oregon State played the unwilling host to Sacramento's AAU Senators, losing 77-66. Willamette dropped a one-sided verdict to San Jose State 67-49.

Among the intercollegiate contests only Southern Oregon College of Education, winners over Ecuador, 55-41, could mark the night up to anything but experience.

Gonzaga dumped Whitworth 51-45 and Eastern Washington fell victim 70-58 before Montana.

For a while it looked like the Ducks would get over. Oregon got off to a 5-0 lead, fell behind to a halftime deficit of 23-17 and then overcame a 10-point disadvantage to draw ahead 47-46 with less than a minute remaining. Then Long Island's Sig Banks stole the ball from Stan Williamson and raced the length of the floor only to miss an easy layup. But Nat Miller wrestled the rebound from a flock of Ducks and bucketed the needed two points. Banks' free throw after the buzzer wasn't necessary.

Late Cage Scores
HIGH SCHOOL
Marshfield 35, Medford 29.
Milwaukie 53, La Grande 32.
COLLEGIATE
Long Island 49, Oregon 47.
Illinois 71, Washington State 35.
Sacramento Senators 77, Oregon State 60.
San Jose State 67, Willamette 49.
Southern Oregon College 55, Ecuador 41.
California 68, Baylor 57.
Gonzaga 51, Whitworth 45.
Montana 70, Eastern Washington 58.
Oklahoma 75, Wisconsin 49.
Michigan 51, Southern California 38.
New York City College 82, Utah State 46.
BOSTON — Joey Angelo, 138, Providence, outpointed Bob Montgomery, 136, Philadelphia (10).

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