

Location For Baseball Park Virtually Set

Architect Given Signal To Start Drawing Up Plans

With the locale of Klamath Baseball Inc.'s proposed baseball park a virtual certainty now, Architect Sheldon Brumbaugh last night was given the go-ahead sign by directors of the corporation to start drawing up plans for a grandstand.

The park will be located on a piece of flat ground between S. 6th and Shasta way near the fairgrounds. The corporation is dickering to purchase six or seven acres.

Tentative plans call for a grandstand measuring 240 feet in a semi-circle, curving around what will be the third base and first base lines of the diamond. Showers, dressing rooms, concessions, ticket windows and the like will be included, and the stands constructed in such a way that more can be added on easily if conditions warrant.

TWO THOUSAND

A grandstand 240 feet long and 40 feet wide should seat some 2000 spectators in a measure of comfort, and at least a good part if not all the stand will be covered.

Klamath Baseball Inc.'s determination to go ahead and build a park for this coming season, is based on sale of stock in the company. The sale has been going pretty well and is expected to do better when the corporation has something concrete to show potential share-holders.

At a director's meeting last night Bill Spangler, president of the corporation, made a measure of peace with the Sons of Italy lodge, which holds the Klamath Falls franchise in the Sunday amateur Northern California league, by offering to allow the Sons to use the professional team's park for approximate cost of operation each day.

Johnny Pastega, representing the Sons, said he would take the offer to his organization.

NO ANTIMOSITY

Klamath Baseball Inc., with a team in the Far West class D pro league, does not want to put the Northern California circuit out of business in Klamath Falls, and probably the latter group could use the park on Sundays when the pro team was on the road.

Paul Farnsworth, attorney for Klamath Baseball Inc., announced last night that the working agreement with the Philadelphia Phillies and their Terre Haute club had been signed and he said that it was as good an agreement as a club like the local one could get.

Two Spreads Battle For Casaba Lead

By The Associated Press

Bellingham and Seattle continued to run neck and neck today in a two-team race for the Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league's first half title.

The pace-setting Fircrest walked over Vancouver 66-45 last night while Seattle squeezed out a hard-fought 69-65 win over the fifth place Astoria quintet.

Now a half game behind the leaders, Seattle can move into a virtual deadlock tonight repeating over the Astorians. It is the night's only scheduled encounter.

Gale Bishop, Bellingham forward, and Norm Baker of Vancouver, the circuit's top scorers, were ousted from their game midway in the third quarter after fighting. Bishop had encountered 24 points while checking Baker to two field goals and three free shots.

The Seattle-Astoria clash was as tight as the other was one-sided. Tied 17-17 at the quarter, 30-30 at the half, Seattle moved into a seven-point margin at the three-quarter mark and had to fight off a desperate Astoria bid to win. Al Brightman, Seattle's player-coach, took scoring laurels with 25.

Browns, Cubs Will Compete In West

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21 (AP)—The St. Louis Browns will meet the Chicago Cubs 15 times out of 37 exhibition games during 1948 spring training on the West Coast under a schedule announced by the American League club today.

Training will begin March 1 at San Bernardino, Calif., with the first game March 7 against Pittsburgh Pirates.

The schedule includes: March 15 vs. Portland, Ore., at Riverside, Calif.

Frosh Now Rodeo Loops Split Wider Than Before

Two Outfits Will Work At Odds In Naming Champions

DENVER, Jan. 21 (AP)—The rodeo are about to produce two "national champions."

The Rodeo Cowboys association announced plans today to name a national champion cowboy. It's virtually certain that its top hand won't be the same one as that of the International Rodeo association which has had the field to itself until now.

The men who run the rodeos make up the IRA. At each rodeo sponsored by it, the association gives cowboys one point for each dollar of prize money they win. The points are totaled at the end of the year, and the one with the most points reigns as the rodeo circuit's top hand for a year.

NO CREDIT SHOWS

About 1800 cowboys who ride and rope for money make up the RCA. The president, Toots Manstfield of Big Springs, Tex., explained that many of them appear in shows not affiliated with the IRA, and don't like the idea of getting no credit in the national standings for many performances.

The cowboys, who already name their champs for various events, will give their members one point for each dollar of prize and entry money won, and all shows approved by the RCA will be counted.

Entry fees make up a big part of the rodeo hands' winnings. At the national western rodeo where 300 are competing this year, the calf roping prize money is \$3600, but entry fees boost that to nearly \$11,000.

Bud Linderman of Red Lodge, Mont., was the IRA's 1947 champion, but presumably, Todd Whitley of Bethel, Okla., would have been the RCA's champion last year as he won the most money—about \$25,000.

DUAL CHAMPIONS

Whitley won both Brahma bull riding and steer wrestling last year, according to the RCA's figures, while the IRA's top Brahma rider was Wag Blessing of Glendale, Calif., and its best bulldogger was Homer Pettigrew of Chandler, Ariz.

Linderman was the RCA's top saddle bronc rider last year, while Jerry Ambler led the IRA ratings. Larry Finley of Phoenix, Ariz., topped the RCA's saddle bronc standings; Carl Mendes won the IRA competition.

Troy Fort of Lovington, N. M., led the RCA's calf ropers, and Buckshot Sorrells of Tucson, Ariz., topped those rated by the IRA.

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Yankee Sideline Of Selling Young Talent Is Very Profitable Venture

For years the Cardinals were kept solvent by their sales, supplying the entire National League and occasionally turning a profitable piece of business with an American League outfit.

Branch Rickey quickly transferred the balance of NL power to Brooklyn, now the fountain head of most player transactions in the elder wheel.

George M. Weiss, new general manager of the Yankees, has made the development of talent his main objective since he joined the organization in 1932.

No other major league club was more representative of the farm system than the winning Bombers of 1947.

No other parent club brought up so many first-year men to stay.

But George Weiss has also done very well in what he calls his sideline, the disposal of surplus talent.

Weiss has sold 100 or more members of the chain for something like \$1,250,000.

Minor transactions have mushroomed into \$100,000 deals.

Players like Buddy Hassett, Johnny McCarthy, Bob Seeds, Eddie Miller and Vince DiMaggio, for examples, came to the store system in part payment for others, and were peddled at fancy figures.

First baseman Hassett was sold to the Dodgers for \$50,000, and eventually wound up back with the Yankees in a World Series. First baseman McCarthy, outfielder Seeds, Second Baseman Mickey Witke and some more went to the Giants with sizeable price tags attached. Tommy Holmes was sold to the Braves.

It was the possession of replacements required by the San Francisco club that enabled the Yankees to land the matchless Joe DiMaggio.

That and Ed Barrow's willingness to gamble on the great DiMag's injured knee.

The deal bringing DiMaggio to Yankee stadium was made between the Newark and San Francisco clubs, with the man destined to put the Yanks back on the winning track remaining on the Pacific coast for another year.

Weiss gave the Seals the veteran shortstop, Dr. Eddie Farrell, Les Powers, Ted Norbert, Floyd Newkirk and Jim Denmore and \$25,000 for DiMaggio.

When Farrell refused to report he had to dig up another piece of ivory, but the Yankees didn't have to pay the \$25,000 until they knew DiMaggio's knee was all right.

With that established, Joe DiMaggio was worth \$250,000, or as much as any major league club could afford to pay.

From the Yankees' viewpoint this was one of the best deals in the history of the game.

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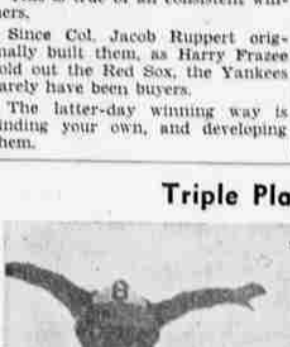
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Triple Play On Skis

Kenneth Suhl, Mrs. Dorothy Graves Mucha and Hans Strand, left to right, give the fans something to look at in the way of a ski-jumping rarity with a triple jump on Bear Mountain, N. Y. Hill, Rushing down the incline with hands locked, they hit on the natural slope in a line.



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Pacific Lutheran 58, College Puget Sound 43, Gonzaga 44, Farragut 41, Pacific Univ. 54, Lewis & Clark 52, Vanport Center 67, Linfield 42, Southern Oregon 49, California Aggies 33, Kentucky 88, Georgia 51, Yale 57, Connecticut 50, Western Kentucky 62, Long Island 47, Holy Cross 76, Rhode Island State 49, New York Univ. 64, Colgate 59.

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Scatter Shot Fans Again Toeing Mark

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Clyde Fox and Nelson Reed, two of the most capable shotgun enthusiasts locally, led the scoring in the most recent shoot at 47 targets each out of 50 from the 16-yard line.

James Wosenback's 43 hits led the handicap.

Scores:

Name	16-yd	40-yd	Total
Clyde Fox	47	38	85
Nelson Reed	47	37	84
G. M. Grant	47	36	83
Bill Davis	45	—	45
James Wosenback	45	43	88
C. J. Martin	45	—	45
R. D. Brannaman	45	38	83
J. M. Adams	45	31	76
Harry Baum	44	—	44
William Cooley	44	42	86
E. R. Long	44	—	44
E. E. Driscoll	43	39	82
Prent Puckett	43	32	75
G. W. Damon	43	38	81
Vern Moore	42	40	82
L. W. Penhall	42	34	76
John Coulson	42	36	78
T. B. Watters	42	38	80
R. M. Smith	42	19	61
William Tripp	42	19	61
F. Broyles	40	—	40
Sally Damon	40	17	57
Lloyd Day	39	—	39
H. Kenaga	37	—	37
E. M. Bubb	35	—	35
Carl Olney	35	17	52
Mrs. Carl Olney	34	10	44
Don Ratliff	33	17	50
J. F. Adams	32	19	51
Murel Long	31	—	31

—Shot 25 targets only.

Cross Swamps Rhode Island

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—The nation's list of major undefeated basketball teams was cut to five today as Holy Cross, NCAA champion, smothered Rhode Island State 76-49 before a 13,900 turnout at the Boston Garden last night.

Still undefeated are New York University, Duquesne, Columbia, La Salle and Fordham.

New York was threatened last night when Colgate led 59-58 with but 58 seconds to play. The Violets rallied to push through six points in the remaining seconds to win, 64-59.

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Malin Townies Get First Win

MALIN, Jan. 21—The Malin town team of the Basin basketball league garnered its first conference victory Monday night by edging Klamath Agency 48 to 46.

Halftime score was 28-18 in favor of the Agency five. C. Jack of the Agency team was high pointer at 15, while C. Duncan scored nine points for Malin.

SEATTLE — Terry Gibson, Los Angeles, and Billy Tierney, Cleveland, drew 12.

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