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Billings, Mont., Fans Ringing In Celebrities For Diamond Stock Sale

Billings, Mont., new addition to the expanding Pioneer Baseball league, is attempting to field a community baseball team and finance a building project much the same as Klamath Baseball, Inc., is doing here, but the Billings people are putting in flourishes the local organization didn't think of.

They're selling stock to baseball fans, too, and the list of shareholders in the Billings club now includes Bing Crosby, Mickey Cochrane and Bob (Brown Derby) Cobb. The Groaner is honorary chairman of the board of directors. Mickey Cochrane has a brother in Billings and Cobb worked in Billings before he established his famous restaurant in Hollywood and became an owner of the Hollywood Stars baseball team.

The Billings club is incorporated for one hundred grand, same as here, but their stock sells for \$100 a share, while stock in Klamath Baseball, Inc., is going at \$25 a share. No celebrities are in on the local deal. The stock is being bought by Joe and Tom and Guzy Fan.



Ruth Drew Down 100-Cent Dollars

Speaking of baseball, the salary situation in the majors is getting astronomical. Joe DiMaggio reportedly will get \$60,000 from the Yankees; Ted Williams got \$75,000 last season from Boston; Hank Greenberg was something of a flop at Pittsburgh but his contract called for a bonus system which brought Greenberg an estimated \$85,000. Bob Feller had a turnstile-click clause in his paper which probably put him in the comfortable \$85,000 bracket.

But they're all peons compared to Babe Ruth. In 1930 the Babe got a cool 80 grand, and in them there days income taxes were something that the owners and not the players worried about. Ruth took his pay home in bucketsful. He probably netted twice as much in the long run as the highest paid star of today gets to keep after Uncle Sam finishes picking his pocket.

Raider Star Is Unanimous Choice

Chuck DeAutremont, the Red Raider football flash who will be with the San Francisco 49ers of the All-American pro conference next season, was a unanimous choice for all-Far Western conference for 1947. The only unanimous choice, by the way.

Coaches of the Far Western circuit voted on the following first team:

Position	Player	School
Right End	Thaine Gatlin	Southern Oregon
Right Tackle	LeRoy Clark	Chico
Right Guard	Don Martin	Chico
Center	Tom Varicola	Humboldt State
Left Guard	Jim Christensen	Cal Aggies
Left Tackle	Bob Hunt	Cal Aggies
Left End	Evert Schlinger	Cal Aggies
Back	Jim Thompson	Humboldt State
Back	John Nedderman	Cal Aggies
Back	Jack McBee	San Francisco State
Back	Chuck DeAutremont	Southern Oregon

Ikes Sponsor Wildlife Essayists

The state division of the Isaac Walton league is taking the question of whether knowledge of wildlife and its protection shall be added to the list of studies of Oregon public schools to the jury—the school youngsters themselves.

The league is offering \$100 in prizes for the best essays written by eighth grade pupils on the subject: "Why Conservation of Wildlife Resources Should Be Taught in the Public Schools."

Essays must be between 300-500 words and in the hands of Paul M. Dunn, forestry school dean at Oregon State, on or before March 1.

PEACE OVERTURE MADE TO MEX BALL CIRCUIT

CINCINNATI, Jan. 22 (AP)—Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler and organized baseball are ready to make peace with the Mexican league and welcome back the many stars who jumped their teams for higher pay across the border in 1946, it was learned Wednesday.

The commissioner himself would make no statement, but from a source close to him it was said the purpose of a scheduled conference between Walter Mulbry, secretary of baseball, and Alejandro Aguilar Reyes, Mex league commissioner, "is obvious."

Lure Dealers Vote Against Spinner Ban

PORTLAND, Jan. 22—The state game commission will be asked, probably in strong terms, to junk one of its proposed rules—that banning multiple blade spinners—from its 1948 fishing regulations when the commission meets here Friday.

John Arff, sports fishing lure jobber, said petitions protesting the proposed rule have been signed by hundreds of fishermen at sports shops throughout the state. The petitions will be filed with the game commission prior to the adoption of the 1948 rules.

Arff said that the fishermen cannot see the need or feasibility of a rule banning certain gear so long as the state sets a limit on the catch of sports fishermen anyway.

The multiple blade spinner ban would make trash of much gear which fishermen habitually have in their tackle boxes and sporting goods store owners from all over Oregon, meeting in Portland yesterday, reported they had about \$80,000 worth of multiple spinner lures on hand which would be put off the market by the game commission's proposed rule.

Adler Chosen Sports Prexy

Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner and ardent sportsman, was elected 1948 president of the Klamath Sportmen's association during a meeting at the Willard last night.

L. H. Smith of Keno was chosen vice president; Tom O'Dwyer, secretary, and W. J. Kessler, treasurer.

Directors will be John Raffetto, Ray Sherer, Hal Shidler, Dr. G. L. Wright, Paul Winters and Rex Hiatt.

The Sportsmen's association probably will not be formally represented at Eugene this week-end when the state game commission holds its hearings on the proposed 1948 angling regulations.



Joe Lynam, who wrestles Al Williams here tomorrow night, is a good-looking young fellow in the squared circle, and a good looker outside the ring. This is one of his infrequent pictures in "civies."

Rickey Sees 1948 Dodgers As Tough One

Assertive Brooks May Pattern Play After '34 Redbirds

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (NEA)—Branch Rickey sees the 1948 Dodgers as a new Gas-House Gang.

"This club," said the Deacon, "has the makings of the most interesting, rugged and best one in my Brooklyn tenure."

Asked if he believed the return of Leo Durocher would have something to do with the case, the Deacon replied: "No, it isn't that, though Leo might be said to be mixed up in the situation somewhat."

"Eddie Stanky typifies the assertive player type we have, as do Jackie Robinson and Ralph Branca. I have an idea Dick Whitman will be one of our new Gas-Housers."

This is the same Stanky who is concerned about his job at second base, where Mahatma Rickey has made it quite clear he would like to employ Robinson, who doesn't smack the long ball often enough to be used at first base, where he still was anything but a polished hand at the wind-up last fall.

SERIES FAILURE

Branca came close to being unseatable when right during the season, but the only time the young and large New York university alumnus asserted himself in the world series was when he was taking a shower. Branca is playing professional basketball this winter against the advice of all baseball men. Outfielder Whitman was recalled from the minors.

Although fabled in song and story, the Cardinal Gas-House Gang was greatly over-rated.

With the Deans, ill-fated Bill DeLancey, Ripper Collins, Frisch, Durocher, Martin, Medwick, Orsatti, Terry Moore, Jack Rothrock and some more, the so-called Gas-House Gang accounted for only one of the numerous pennants won by the St. Louis Nationals. That was in 1934.

No one thought of calling the Red Birds the Gas-House Gang when they roared down in front in 1930-31, and, following the conquest of '34, when the great Dixie Dean clinched it on the final day, the Cards did not prevail again until '42. And that one and subsequent winners certainly were no part of Gas-House Gangs under the quietly efficient, yet thoroughly aggressive Billy Southworth and Eddie Dyer.

MARTIN TERRIFIC

Pepper Martin was terrific with his natural color, but when he organized the Mudcat band the Gas-House Gang became more of an act than a baseball club.

Things got so far out of hand at one time that the irrepressible Martin actually asked Sam Breadon to change the name of the club from the Cardinals to the Mudcats.

Burt Shotton, a fine old gentleman, last year straightened out the Brooklyn pitching, gave the club balance and poise it lacked under Lippy Leo Durocher.

Handled by a man under whom they didn't have to be useful, the Bums were able to concentrate on the job at hand, went on to the pennant and a few think they should have capped the previous season, when The Lip was having such a high, old time for himself.

The Cardinal Gas-House Gang and the Brooklyn clubs of the past two campaigns are something in the way of evidence that it doesn't pay a baseball club to be too rambunctious.

Auburn Hires Earl Brown As Grid Boss

AUBURN, Ala., Jan. 22 (AP)—Auburn's weeks-long search for a head football coach ended today with the naming of Earl M. Brown, Canisius college mentor and former Notre Dame star, to the post.

Appointment of the 32-year-old coach was announced last night by Acting President Ralph Draughon of Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn). Salary terms were not disclosed.

Brown is scheduled to start spring football practice here February 2. An Auburn spokesman indicated an announcement would be made shortly on appointment of his assistants.

Brown succeeds Carl M. Voyles, whose contract was bought up by the school after the 1947 season, when the Auburn football team won two games and lost seven. Voyles was named head coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-American pro football conference by Branch Rickey yesterday.

Nip Olympics

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (AP)—Japan, barred from the international Olympiad next summer, plans to hold its own "Olympic games" at the same time. This was announced today by the Japan Olympic society as a gesture "to express respect and felicitation to the international Olympics, and also to demonstrate the healthy existence of Japanese athletics."

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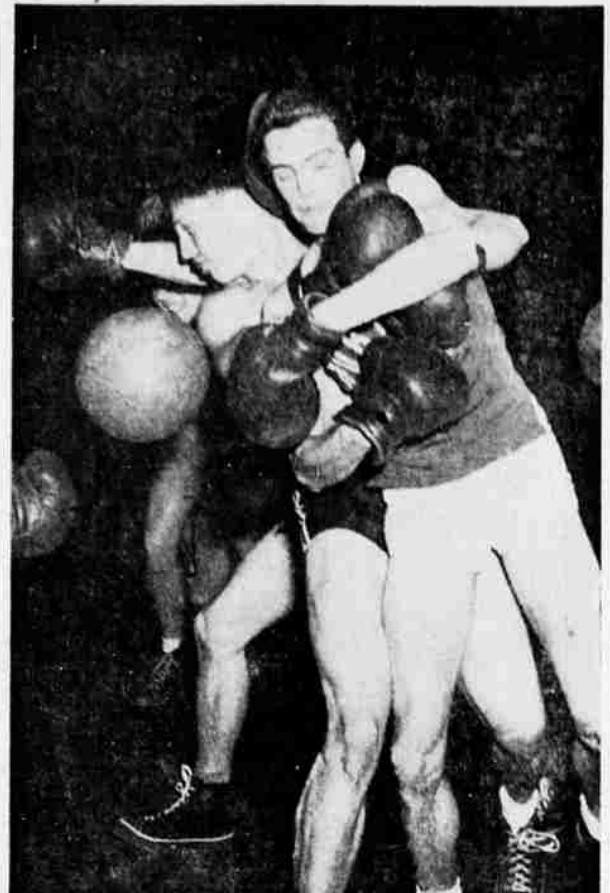
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With Gloves On, Yet



One of the silliest games imaginable is basketball with boxing gloves, particularly the way it is played by a gang of exuberant high school boys. Pelican athletes put on a riotous exhibition of the farce recently at KUGym, much to the delight of a big crowd of spectators. It is not a foul to punch an adversary in the nose.

Rest Of NoCal Loop Eyeing Klamath Falls

Klamath Falls probably will have a semi-pro baseball team in the Northern California league next season along with a professional club in the Far West circuit, but the other towns in the NoCal loop want to know definitely in a hurry.

Since Medford dropped out and Redding is on the verge of being kicked out of the league for continued poor showing, the Northern California circuit is having to be made over, and if Klamath Falls drops out the league will definitely be weakened.

Klamath last season was the No. 1 attendance location, with Weed following closely.

As it stands now, Weed, McCloud, Mt. Shasta, Yreka, Dunsmuir and Holt are in the NoCal for sure, with Klamath and Redding still on the fence and the time rapidly approaching when something definite has to be done in the league.

The Sons of Italy lodge, holders of the Northern California franchise here, have done some dickerin' with Klamath Baseball Inc., backers of the professional baseball club, for use of the park the latter intends to build and has been assured it can use the park for a nominal rental when the pro club is out of town.

The stipulation is that the professional club's schedule be drawn up first, and the Sunday club's schedule tailored accordingly.

Probably the Sons will keep the franchise itself or turn it back to the league to be picked up by another organization locally so that Klamath will be represented in the Northern California circuit. But the other points in the league are sitting on the anxious seat to know what is going to happen.

Redding in particular is waiting for some action from the Sons of Italy here because Redding also is in the Far West pro circuit and the Northern California league. If Klamath pulls out of the latter, so probably will Redding, leaving the NoCal circuit just six teams instead of eight.

Name Contest Comes To End Next Monday

The "name the baseball club" contest now being sponsored by The Herald and News and radio station KFLW for Klamath Baseball Inc. comes to an end Monday at 6 p. m.

All entries to be judged must be in by that time.

Judges J. A. Mahoney, Joe Peak and Clyde Carlstrom probably will pick the winning name "Tuesday and it will be announced Wednesday night during the scheduled baseball banquet at the Willard hotel.

Don Neal of KFLW is handling the entries and reports he has some fine ones, so the judges are going to be hard-pressed to select the one by which Klamath's entry in the Far West baseball circuit will be known.

To enter, write down the name you would like the baseball team to carry, plus a statement in 50 words or less giving your reasons for believing Klamath Falls is ready for professional ball, and mail to The Herald and News sports department or to Don Neal and KFLW, in time to be delivered before 6 p. m. Monday. No box tops are necessary.

In judging the entrants, the names submitted will be of primary concern, then in case of ties the statements will be taken into consideration.

Suitable and valuable prizes will be awarded the first, second and third place winners.

Huskies Clout Antlers, 36-16

BONANZA, Jan. 22—The Merrill Huskies clouted the Bonanza Antlers 36-16 in a county league practice game here Tuesday night. Lowell Snapp counted 12 points for Merrill, followed by George Price with seven.

For the Antlers the usually high-scoring Dennis Davis was held to six points, but still topped the Bonanza firing.

Bonanza won the class B game 30-11.

Trojans Win Pair

DORRIS, Jan. 22—The Butte Valley high Bulldogs lost two basketball games to visiting quintets from Sacred Heart academy of Klamath Falls Tuesday night. The class A game went to the Sacred Heart Trojans 47-27, and the Sacred Heart B team won the opener, 28 to 24.

Junior Hoopers Await Action

Fremont junior high hoopers will see action the coming week-end against Keno and Altamont.

The Pathfinders will tackle the Keno eighth graders at Fairview gym at 4 p. m. The Fremont midgets will meet the Keno second team in the preliminary.

First basketball game of the year between the Fremont gang and Altamont junior high will be played at Altamont Saturday night. This affair is set for 8 o'clock, with a 7 o'clock preliminary featuring the Fremont babes and the Altamont seconds.

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Jack Nichols Out To Grab Scoring Race

Husky Cager Runs Slightly Ahead Of Hanson's '45 Pace

SEATTLE, Jan. 22 (AP)—Jack Nichols, who racked up an all-time high for Washington last year with 294 points in northern division basketball play, apparently is out this year to grab off the division scoring crown and even take a whack at the all-time mark of 332.

Big Nick has rolled in 68 counters in four games and is 1.7 points per game ahead of the pace set by Washington State's Vince Hanson when he compiled the record in 1945.

For all games played so far this season Cliff Crandall of Oregon State held a comfortable lead, with Nichols slowly narrowing the margin. Crandall has poured in 269 points in 2 games and Nichols 218 in 16. The latter has picked up 28 counters on Crandall since the start of conference play.

All teams except Washington State have representatives among the scoring leaders. Forward Ed Gayda tops the Cougars with 106 points in 17 games. The pace setters:

ALL GAMES

	G	FG	FT	PT
Crandall, OSC	22	89	91	269
Nichols, Wash.	16	83	52	218
Wiley, Ore.	16	72	54	198
Phoenix, Idaho	16	78	37	193
Bartlett, Ore.	16	73	15	161
Carey, OSC	22	62	36	160

CONFERENCE

	G	FG	FT	PT
Nichols, Wash.	4	25	18	68
Carey, OSC	5	22	7	61
Crandall, OSC	5	10	20	40
Torrey, OSC	5	17	4	37
Wilkins, Ore.	3	16	5	37
Vandenburgh, Wash.	4	14	9	37

Baseball Vs Murphy

BOSTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—A long list of sports notables, headed by baseball's Dixie Walker and Johnny (Firebrand) Murphy will appear as objectors at the state house today during a legislative hearing on a bill that would outlaw the reserve clause in contracts of professional athletes employed by Massachusetts organizations.

The measure, filed at the request of Robert Murphy, Boston labor relations counsel, would "prohibit employment contracts in which the employers reserve the right to sell or exchange the personal service of an employe, or to renew contracts of employment without the employe's consent."

Passage of such legislation would make a professional athlete a free agent, in a position to sell his services to the highest bidder, on expiration of his contract.

"The reserve clause is the backbone of baseball," said Walker, the star outfielder recently traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates by the National league pennant-winning Brooklyn Dodgers. "Major league baseball players, a most satisfied group these days, are convinced they need that clause as much as the club owners do."

"It would ruin baseball," said Murphy, who has retired from the bullpen to be a Boston Red Sox scout. "Speaking as the representative of the American league's players, I must say that legislating the reserve contract out of baseball contracts would kill the sport. If all players were made free agents when their contracts expire, the richest ball clubs would be able to hire all of the stars. That would stifle competition and ruin the game."

Feller's Stipend Highest

CLEVELAND, Jan. 22 (AP)—Bob Feller started house-hunting today after signing a 1948 contract which Cleveland Indians President Bill Veeck maintained would continue him as baseball's highest paid performer.

As usual, terms of the agreement were not announced, but Veeck said the strikeout king could make as much as last year's \$97,000, and added that "with a phenomenal year he can make a couple of dollars more."

The Tribe president described a "phenomenal year" as a season that would draw about 1,750,000 cash customers.

BASE OF \$40,000

Feller's base pay is to remain "about the same," a figure estimated at \$40,000, but his bonuses are to begin at a higher attendance mark and cover a wider scale of total paid admissions.

Veeck stoutly maintained that Feller's total earnings would exceed that of Ted Williams, the Boston Red Sox slugger who was reported to have signed for \$80,000 recently. Joe DiMaggio inked a New York Yankee contract that was said to call for \$70,000.

Feller termed the contract "as good as any" he has signed in his 10 years with the Indians.

Nomad Hoopers Visit Merrill

MERRILL, Jan. 22—The Harlem Tots, a nomad basketball team from New York, will play an exhibition game with the Merrill Veterans of Foreign Wars here Saturday night in the Merrill high school gym.

The feature game starts at 8:30 p. m. A preliminary tilt will pit Merrill high against Bly in a county B school contest.

The Harlem Tots are currently playing nightly in the Sacramento valley, and the Merrill game will be their first Oregon appearance. The team does on comedy and trick basketball playing but when pressed can play a good straight game.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
OAKLAND—Bert Lyttel, 162, Oakland, outpointed Billy Smith, 174, Oakland, 10.

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