

Sons To Keep Franchise In NoCal League

Work Will Go On For Baseball Park Near Rollerdrome

The Sons of Italy lodge will keep its Northern California league independent baseball franchise for play next summer and backers will go ahead with plans to construct a baseball park at South Sixth and Shasta way, Johnny Pastega, representative of the lodge, said today.

The fraternal order backed the Klamath Sons in the Northern California league, playing Sunday ball, the past two years with a measure of success both on the field and at the box office. The Klamath team was the best draw in the circuit.

Pastega said the lodge had decided there was plenty of room in Klamath Falls for its recreational baseball program and Klamath Baseball Inc.'s professional (Far West league) endeavor and that the two would not necessarily be competing.

STRONGER LOOP

Keeping a Klamath team in the NoCal circuit definitely strengthens that league, which also includes Yreka, Weed, Dunsmuir, Hill, Mt. Shasta, McCloud and Redding. The latter town, Redding, is also in the Far West pro baseball circuit and may be forced to drop out of the Northern California set-up. If so, Ashland has first call of Redding's franchise.

Pastega said that Miles Richmond, league proxy, had been notified that Klamath would stay in.

There is another extenuating circumstance to the lodge's decision, Pastega said, that being that the Sons also have a franchise in the Southern Oregon loop—along with Central Point, Medford, etc.—and may pick up that option to put a second Sunday ball team in the field.

Last year the Southern Oregon league franchise was farmed out to Roseburg.

PRIVATE FINANCE

Pastega said the field at South Sixth and Shasta way, near the Rollerdrome, was being privately financed, in contrast to the public financing of the Klamath Baseball Inc. layout which is also to be located between S. 6th and Shasta way but a couple of miles out near the fairgrounds.

He said the second field would have to be built on some ground which has already been done because the diamond was not enough for play and practice for two or three teams. Probably schedules could be worked out if necessary to use one field for games without conflict, but there would not be enough room for practice sessions.

Klamath Baseball Inc. had offered to let the Sons use its field for a rental when the use did not conflict with the pro team's schedule.

Bill Mulligan Carried Plan Nixing Draft

PORTLAND, Jan. 24 (AP)—William Mulligan, general manager of the Portland Beavers, was en route today to a Pacific Coast league baseball meeting in Los Angeles with a resolution which the Portland Oregonian has said, if adopted, might cause the circuit to be "outlawed" from organized ball.

The resolution proposes to exempt Coast league players from a major league draft for six years instead of four and then only at an "arbitrated price"—and if this plan is rejected by the majors the Coast loop would declare ineligible any player who thereafter accepts a major league draft notice.

Mulligan said before his departure last night he would present the resolution at the Los Angeles meeting, which begins Sunday, but did not necessarily expect the league to adopt it. The coast clubs have been fighting major league draft provisions for some time.

SF Mentor Will Know Next Week

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (AP)—Ed McKeever says he will know "early next week" whether he will return as head football coach at the University of San Francisco.

He was emphatic in stating on his arrival home from Chicago yesterday that he had not signed to coach the Chicago Rockets of the All-America professional football conference.

McKeever, who has compiled the best record of any USF football coach, said he would talk with the Rev. William J. Dunne, the university president, "and get some things straightened out." He did not elaborate.

His USF contract has two years to run.

Cage Contests Will Swell March Of Dimes War Fund

war chest and at the same time supply entertainment for basketball fans, the "March of Dimes" committee is stimulating the sports angle of the drive by scheduling a number of benefit basketball games.

Coal Miner Baksi, Tweaked By Tandberg, Does Complete Fadeaway

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor
NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (NEA)—Whatever became of Joe Baksi?

That's an international conundrum, not one confined to this country. The British and the Swedes and a lot of other people on the other side, as well as fascist followers in the United States, cannot understand how a young heavyweight at the peak of his form could pass up a world heavyweight championship match, especially one with a titleholder as ripe for plucking as Joe Louis.

Worse than that, they can't comprehend how Baksi, who will not be 26 until next month, gave another,

Jersey Joe Walcott, the grand opportunity to take the play away from him completely.

A third count against Baksi is his not being in condition for a soft rematch with Ole Tandberg, the body beautiful of choice, who so unexpectedly took a decision from him in Stockholm last July 6.

Walcott now has another match with Louis at Yankee Stadium, June 23, for the signing.

Tandberg has been slapped into the discard by Joey Maxim, a light-heavyweight.

Baksi was riding the crest of the wave after knocking out Freddie Mills and Bruce Woodcock in England last summer.

That made the Kulpmont, Pa.

coal-miner an international figure. He was Louis' choice as an opponent.

Sol Strauss, promoting for Mike Jacobs, practically got down on his hands and knees and begged him to accept the chance sought by every heavyweight worth subway carfare. Strauss even sent Lew Burston to England to sign Baksi.

But instead of returning to these shores, placing a headlock on the golden opportunity, and attempting to toss it for a fall, Baksi tied himself to Stockholm to be knocked off by the almost totally unknown Tandberg.

Even that surprising reverse did not knock him out of the Louis match, certainly not out of a fight

with Walcott, who was ready to answer the call.

Strauss was willing to throw that one out, as they say.

To the astonishment of everybody, however, Baksi did not want any part of Louis.

He let himself get so far out of condition that he couldn't be ready for Tandberg as late as January 30.

Now Baksi has started training in the ice and snow of Greenwood Lake, N. J., in hope of meeting the winner of a match between newcomers Jackie Cranford of Washington and the Italian, Gino Buonvino, scheduled for Madison Square Garden January 30.

But at 245 pounds, Baksi hasn't the slightest idea when he'll be fit.

He scaled 213 pounds for Woodcock. "Baksi was simply smashing against Woodcock," reports Isidore Green. "Anyone can have an off day or night, so Britons wrote off the loss to Tandberg and expected to hear of Baksi fighting somebody who wanted to fight Louis. Then it became Louis and Walcott, and Baksi didn't dispute it. The last straw came when Tandberg came over and fought Maxim, instead of Baksi."

No wonder Editor Green of London's Weekly Sporting Review brings word that the British feared Joe Baksi might have been kidnapped by some of those dreadful American gangsters they used to see in the cinema.

Strikes 'n Spares

Literally hundreds of keglers from all over the state have made the jaunt to Salem these past three weeks to vie for some handy prizes in the state bowling tournament, and with only one week of rolling left it looks certain that a few of the local boys will finish in the money.

The Klamath Falls Moose lodge #211 Ross, Ivan Bold and Shelley Kliger went up early and at last report was holding second place in its division with a gaudy 2731 total for three games.

Huskies Dismast Webfeet

SEATTLE, Jan. 24 (AP)—A four-point Washington victory over Oregon, 46-44, second win for the Huskies in three clashes with the Oregon five this season, sent Washington into a first place tie today with Oregon State in the northern division Pacific Coast conference race.

Washington State swamped Idaho 48 to 23 at Pullman in the other division game last night.

The speedy Oregon team, led by Stan Williamson, a guard, crept up from a 24-16 halftime deficit to within striking distance of Washington toward the second half's end. Williamson, who dropped in 16 points to lead both teams, scored four straight goals in his team's spurt.

Jack Nichols, Washington's center and division scoring leader, tallied 14 points and Roger Wiley and Dick Wilkins, Oregon aces, were held to seven apiece.

At Pullman, Idaho started fast and took a 6-3 lead in the first six minutes, but the Cougars settled down and ran the count to 31-12 at halftime. Vince Hanson, Washington State center, and Ed Gayda, each counted 12 points to lead the scoring efforts.

Washington and Oregon State have each won three of their five games. Washington and Oregon meet again tonight and Idaho entertains Washington state at Moscow.

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Sprinkler System

PORTLAND, Jan. 24 (AP)—Immediate installation of an automatic sprinkler system at the Portland Beavers' baseball park was promised today by General Manager William Mulligan if bids do not exceed \$12,000. Putting in the system would complete fire protection improvements demanded by the city council and assure the Beavers a home park for the coming Pacific Coast league season.



The New York A. C. Larry Ellis of New York U. Traver Perkins of the Illinois A. C. Browning Ross of Villanova, and Bill Mack of Michigan State.

Briefs

Beau Jack Lays Out Honeyboy

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (AP)—Johnny "Honeyboy" Bratton had his jaw taped up today with a possible fracture after losing on a technical knockout to Beau Jack, former world's lightweight champion, last night.

Beau Jack won on a TKO in the eighth round of a savagely fought battle in Chicago stadium after the 20-year-old Chicago boxer appealed to Referee Johnny Behr to stop the bout because of a terrific blow to his jaw.

Beau Jack registered his fifth straight triumph since returning to the ring after a fractured knee cap had shelved him. A crowd of 13,066 fans paid \$57,499 to watch the fight. The former Augusta, Ga., shoeshine boy weighed 139½ to Bratton's 139.

Kramer Leading

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24 (AP)—Jack Kramer and Bobby Riggs carried their professional tennis duel into Chicago today, with Kramer leading in the series, 10 matches to 9.

Kramer, former king of the amateurs, downed Riggs, 15-13, 2-6, 7-5 in their match last night at the arena before 6218 fans.

Dom Bspoken

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (AP)—Miss Emily Frederick of Boston has said "yes" to Dominic DiMaggio, Boston Red Sox centerfielder, but they haven't set the wedding date yet.

The engagement of the youngest of the baseball DiMaggios and the socialite daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frederick of Boston was disclosed here yesterday after Miss Frederick arrived to visit an aunt and meet Dom's family.

Miss Frederick's father is general manager of the Great Eastern Paper and Paper Stock company. She and Dom met in 1945 while he was in the navy.

New Gate Record

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (AP)—The West Coast has a new basketball attendance record to shoot at—12,136.

That many fans flocked to the spacious Cow Palace last night to see the University of California defeat Santa Clara 51-47 with a last-minute scoring spree, and Stanford edge St. Mary's 47-45.

The crowd surpassed the previous West Coast record of 11,915 at a Washington-Oregon State game in Seattle January 14, 1947. It also topped the California high of 9784 at the Cow Palace earlier this season.

Slalom Race On Mt. Baldy

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, Jan. 24 (AP)—The intricate slalom race down the steep slopes of Mount Baldy tested entries today in the western interstate ski meet, paced by Idaho and Colorado.

The home state team claimed honors in yesterday's men's downhill race and Colorado won top position in the women's downhill run.

In both instances, however, the winning team failed to claim the individual first place finisher.

Pat Kearnes of Utah flashed down Mount Baldy in 3 minutes 17.8 seconds to win the men's event, and Susan Harris of Idaho raced the shorter women's course in 2 minutes 9.8 seconds to win the women's race.

Team standings, behind the pace-setters: men, Utah, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Wyoming; women, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon.

The meet ends tomorrow with jumping contests on Mount Ruud.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Old Form



Cyril Walker demonstrates he still has the swing that beat Bobby Jones, Bobby Cruickshank, Walter Hagen and a crack field of the stars of the day to win the US Open golf title in 1924. Walker still follows golf—as a caddy at Miami, Fla.

Pelicans Edged By Duck Frosh, 47-44

A dogged Klamath Pelican hoop squad came within an ace of defeating the vaunted U. of O. Frosh last night on Pelican court, forging a strong second-half attack and taking a brief three-point margin in the final period, only to finish at the short end of a 47-44 final count.

The Pels trailed until late in the third quarter, when they came from behind a 26-23 halftime score to knot things up at 34-34. Their short-lived three-point lead was gained from there, when Jack Lust picked in a field goal from the key and Eddie Whitney dropped in a free throw, pushing the Pels in front, 37-34.

A charity-toss upon which Oregon Center Bob Taggeshall capitalized, brought the Frosh back into the running and from there a flurry of alternate scoring ensued, ending in a 41-38 third quarter margin for the Ducklings.

The touch-and-go fourth period saw the Pels steam to within one point of matching the Oregon edge. Jack Lust's lay-in from the side boosted the Pelican total to 44 points, and marked the final Pel score of the game. With seconds to go, Brad Fullerton sank a free-throw, the final Oregon tally of the game, chalking up the 47-44 Frosh edge.

URBAN TOP SCORER

Oregon's Willis Urban topped game scoring with 15 points, while Lust of Klamath and Don Peterson of the Ducklings trailed with 10 apiece.

The Frosh managed to somewhat curb the locals' scoring enthusiasm during the first half, and especially the initial period, which ended with the Pelicans behind, 10-15. Willis Urban's eight tallies in the first period greatly abetted the Frosh cause in the opening minutes.

Preliminary action saw the Klamath Junior varsity beat the Hal's Sport Shop quintet, 37-34. In that game the Sports, of the Klamath Basin independent league, trailed badly at the half but threatened to snare the lead late in the second.

Tonight the Pelicans play the Southern Oregon college junior varsity at Ashland.

Lineups and scoring:
Klamath (44) Pos. Frosh (47)
Whitney (5) F (4) Wilde
Barnes (7) F (15) Urban
Lust (10) C (3) Taggeshall
Zarosinski (8) G (9) Coleman
Edwards (2) G (10) Peterson
Sols, Klamath—Dorman (2); Elliott (6); Brightman (4). Frosh—Bolen; Slade; Fullerton (1); Keller (5).

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Gilchrist Hangs On Top Rung

The four leaders of the county "B" school basketball league did all right for themselves in games of last night, so there is no change in the standings except that Merrill slipped a little.

The Gilchrist Grizzlies took an expected easy win over Bonanza 48-27 and stayed undefeated for the league season.

Jim Shelton poured in 15 points for the green-and-white, followed by John Toomey at 14. Dennie Davis counted 11 for Bonanza and Ted Peppie had six.

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Michigan Keg Stars In Lead

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (AP)—The \$64,000 Petersen individual bowling classic, richest tournament in history, enters 16 consecutive days of firing today with Michigan keggers in the limelight.

After two successive week-ends of pin toppling, seven of the leading ten scorers—chasing a \$5000 first prize—were from Michigan. Zig Starr, 29-year-old Detroit shipyard clerk, was on top with an eight-game score of 1594 bowled on January 10 when the marathon opened.

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Springfield 48, Junction City 37.
West Linn 48, Beaverton 32.
Forest Grove 37, Tillamook 31.
Lewis & Clark 36, Gresham 42.
Corvallis 56, Lebanon 24.
Salem 37, Eugene 30.
St. Mary's (Eugene) 63, Elmira 27.
Silverton 35, Sandy 33.
Parkrose 42, Vernonia 33.
Astacada 50, Mt. Angel 28.
Astor 48, The Dalles 36.
Hood River 39, Prineville 38.
Molalla 66, Woodburn 50.
St. Helens 43, Rainier 40.
Marshfield 62, Coquille 30.
Myrtle Point 30, North Bend 26.
La Grande 58, Nyssa 49.
Oregon Frosh 47, Klamath Falls 44.
Powder Valley 41, Union 40.
McMinnville 48, Tigard 47.
Columbia Prep 38, Milwaukie 36.
Monmouth 25, Stayton 14.
Central Catholic 32, Hill Military 23.
Jefferson 38, Commerce 33.
Washington 37, Benson 28.
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Dodds Might Crack Mark

BOSTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—The indoor track season has barely started and miler Gil Dodds has been in training only three weeks, but veteran Coach Jack Ryder predicts the Boston A. A.'s famed "Flying Parson" will erase his own indoor 4:06.4 record when he makes his first 1948 competitive start in the O'Reilly Memorial mile tonight at the Boston Garden.

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