

Far West Loop Adopts Slate

Pittsburg, Calif., Eighth Club

REDDING, Calif., Feb. 10 (AP)—The Far West Baseball league adopted a 126-game schedule and accepted Pittsburg, Calif., as the eighth member at the annual meeting yesterday.

The class D league will start play April 30 and end on Labor Day, September 6. Schedules for the league will start September 8.

An all-star game was scheduled July 13. The game will pit the league leader, as of July 1, against an all-star group from the rest of the league and will be played on the leader's home grounds. Sports writers will choose the all-stars.

Directors voted that there would be no restrictions on salaries or option price of players to enable the team to get good players. Each team will be comprised of eight rookies, three players of limited experience and three veterans.

League directors (with the team they represent and their major league affiliations) are:

- M. G. Carpenter, Klamath Falls, Philadelphia Phillies; Kermit C. Hancock, Marysville, Boston Braves; Charles McGrew, Santa Rosa, Pittsburg Pirates; Harry Green, Willows, St. Louis Cards; Julian Wenz, Oroville, Boston Red Sox; Vincent J. (Bill) Swilch, Medford, Brooklyn Dodgers; Ray Perry, Redding, St. Louis Browns; Jack E. Welch, Pittsburg, New York Giants and San Francisco Seals.

Team managers are Gus Suhr, Pittsburg; James Tyack, Willows; Dan Reagan, Santa Rosa; Eddie Wheeler, Marysville; Joe Gantenbein, Klamath Falls; Larry Shepard, Medford; Ray Perry, Redding. Oroville has not named a manager.

Others attending included League President Jerry Donovan; Bill Schroeder, former president of the California State and Sunset leagues; Damon Miller, Roy Nicely and Neil Sheridan of the San Francisco Seals; Lloyd Merriman of Cincinnati and Bob Chesnes of the Pittsburg Pirates.

Hockey Loop Arranges Long Windup

SEATTLE, Feb. 10 (AP)—Directors of the Pacific Coast Hockey league's northern division set March 15 for the opening of the post-season playoffs.

President Al Leader announced the opening game between the first and fourth place teams, which currently are Seattle and New Westminster by wide margins, will be held in the latter team's rink March 15. The second game will be held March 17 with the first place team as host.

The playoff between the second and third place teams was set up on the contingency that either Tacoma or Vancouver may finish ahead.

If Tacoma finishes second and Vancouver third, their playoff schedule will be: March 16 at Tacoma; March 19 in Vancouver, and March 20 in Tacoma.

If Vancouver finishes second, it will be: March 18 and 19 in Vancouver and March 20 in Tacoma. The semi-final playoffs will be on a three out of five basis. The two finalists will play a four-out-of-seven series for the right to meet the southern division champion for the league title.

Ike Beckons To Robinson

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10 (AP)—The Williams today only had eyes for Ray (Sugar) Robinson, the welterweight champion.

Following his easy 10 round non-title decision over Livio Minelli before a standing room crowd of 6911 at the arena last night, the light weight king from Trenton, N. J., said he was tired of chasing backtracking lightweights and was ready for a "man"—like Robinson.

Williams experienced little difficulty in handling Minelli, the willie-batter from Milan, Italy, a solid whipping. After feeling out the 144-pound Italian for two rounds, the 137-pound champion began a machine like process of cutting him down to size.

Kahut Makes New Seattle Debut

SEATTLE, Feb. 10 (AP)—Joltin' Jpe Kahut of Portland, winner of more than half his 47 bouts by knockouts, makes his Seattle debut tonight in the role of favorite against George Kochan of New York.

Kahut, at 182, will be approximately two pounds heavier than his New York opponent. Kochan has battled Jake La Motta and other well-known scrappers in Madison Square Garden which Kahut hopes to make as his next stop.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

Philadelphia—Ike Williams, 137, Trenton, N. J., outpointed Livio Minelli, 144, Italy, 10 (non-title).
New York—Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 129, New York, outpointed Joey Angelo, 134, Providence, 10.

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Basin League Playoff Spots Up This Week

Tulelake Flyers Of County Loop Already Cinched

The games that will decide what four Klamath Basin Basketball league teams are matched in the league's championship playoff tournament come along in both city and county divisions this week.

The tourney is to be played here in town late this month or early in March. Among two teams from each division will try for the championship of the entire circuit.

In the city division, the titans are Rickys Jewelers, champs last season, and Oregon Woolen. Neither have been beaten in conference play although both have stumbled against the Gienger's Store quintet of Chiloquin in non-league games.

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In the county circuit three teams are setting the pace with the undefeated Tulelake Associated Flyers virtually a cinch to win a playoff bid.

The other place will be under dispute Wednesday night at Keno gym when the Dorris team has a rendezvous with Gienger's Store. Each has lost two contests this season—Dorris to Keno and the Flyers, Gienger's to Merrill VFW and the Flyers—so the winner of tomorrow's tilt should walk into the playoff.

GREATLY IMPROVED Dorris fans are pointing to the fact that the Townies have vastly improved since the season began to indicate that Dorris should take the Chiloquin outfit, but Chiloquin railbirds are equally as insistent that Gienger's five is the choice because of wins over the top teams in the city division.

Dorris virtually eliminated Merrill VFW and Bonanza from the running last week with 51-46 and 42-32 victories. The Townies have scheduled an exhibition with the Harlem Tots, traveling negro team, for next Friday.

WIL Revives Playoff Set SEATTLE, Feb. 10 (AP)—The four-team Shastah league playoff, abandoned by the Western International league after the 1940 season, will be revived by the eight-team circuit this summer, it was learned today.

Directors of the WIL circuit approved the 1948 playing dates yesterday during their annual winter meeting. President Robert Abel of Tacoma said the dates would be announced officially Saturday.

Unofficially, however, it was learned that the directors had given final approval to the four-team playoff after the close of play Labor Day. The season will open April 16. Each team will play 154 games.

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Woolens Avenge Previous Loss CHILOQUIN, Feb. 10 (AP)—The Oregon Woolen basketball team avenged its only defeat of the season, that to Gienger's store of Chiloquin, here last night by edging the Gienger's quintet 48 to 45.

Marion Reginato was the outstanding player of the game for the Woolens. Wayne Hatcher for Chiloquin. The game was an exhibition not counting in Basin league play.

Mat Tournament Limit Is Pair CORVALLIS, Feb. 10 (AP)—High school wrestlers will compete in the state title tournament March 5-6 at the Oregon State college men's gym.

Jim Dixon, tournament director, said schools will be limited to two entries. Preliminaries will be Friday, March 5, and the semi-finals and finals the following night.

E. A. Carleton, Salem, is chairman of the state high school wrestling committee.

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Skipper



Joe Gantenbein, skipper of the Klamath Falls professional baseball team in the Far West league, officially became the club's manager yesterday at a league meeting in Redding. Joe was introduced to Klamath fans several weeks ago.

Hank Might Get Slice Of Indians

CLEVELAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—Hank Greenberg probably will sign a player-coach contract with the Cleveland Indians if the agreement includes a share in operation of the club.

The former American league home run king indicated as much last night, when he came here as Tribe President Bill Vevek's guest at a baseball writers' dinner honoring Manager Lou Boudreau.

"I haven't signed yet," Hank told an interviewer. "and before I take such a step I want to make sure that my association won't be just a one-year proposition as player-coach. I'm looking for something more permanent. I'd like to be associated in the operation of a major league club."

Salary apparently hasn't been a factor in the Vevek-Greenberg talks because Hank said "the matter of money hasn't even been mentioned."

Another conference is scheduled today before Greenberg returns to New York.

Tornado Takes One MEDFORD, Feb. 10 (AP)—Medford high school defeated Central Point, 49 to 34, on the basketball court here last night.

Wolverines often weigh from 20 to 35 pounds.—Sports Afield.

Oregon Man Pilots Lions Of Columbia

Ex-Webfoot Makes Hoop-Mad Gotham Sing His Praises

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (AP)—A quiet, earnest young coach from Marquam, Ore. (Pop. 200) is making this basketball-conscious city of 7,000,000 or so sit up and take notice.

The mild mentor is Gordon Ridings who left Clackamas county to become a star cager at the University of Oregon and who now worries about the basketball fortunes of Columbia university, one of the largest educational institutions in the world.

Since Columbia is one of the two major college fives still unbeaten this season—New York U. is the other—one wouldn't think Ridings would have much to worry about.

But with each Lion victory—Columbia has 12 this season and four straight from the fall end of the last for a current streak of 16—a new plea appears in the ex-Oregonian's forehead. Yes, Ridings is true to the coaches' traditions and freis from buzzer to buzzer.

It's this worrying about detail which has helped boost the 39-year-old pilot to top rank among the nation's collegiate coaches in less than two seasons.

The tall tutor is a stickler for detail. He scouts every opponent personally if possible and if he can't make it he has an assistant look over the opposition. His players say the reports they receive have aided considerably in keeping them on the winning road.

Ridings took over the Columbia helm last season and with a big lift from hefty Walt Budko—the Lions' six-foot-five-inch center—brought the light blue its first Ivy title since 1936. The Lions captured the flag with an 11-1 record and wound up the campaign with an overall 15-5 slate.

The victory that shot Columbia among the first flight was the 60-53 triumph over Holy Cross' NCAA champions here last December. It not only snapped a 26-game victory run for Holy Cross but gave the players the feeling that they could go with the best of them.

TEN MORE LEFT Ten more contests are left on the Columbia schedule, five of them away from home. Nine of them are league tilts, the other being with improving Navy at Annapolis, February 28.

The Lions are leading the Ivy group with a 3-0 record. They meet Pennsylvania (2-3) here Thursday and then journey to Ithaca, N. Y., to face Cornell (3-1) for what looms as the toughest game left on their program.

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Retriever Trial Entrants Keep Pouring In

Entries for the Pacific Coast retriever trials coming up this Saturday and Sunday on the Klamath river three miles south of town continue to come into trial headquarters here and a record number of dogs is expected to participate in the locally sponsored meet.

There will be no admission charge for spectators. Put up at this trial will be several of the top trophies for which dogs of the Pacific coast are eligible, including the James McCool trophy for the outstanding Oregon retriever, the Alport trophy for the Pacific coast champion, and the Oak Creek coast derby championship award.

In addition to the outside dogs entering the trial, local animals which will compete include Duke, owned by Dr. Ray Englecke and handled by Pat Montgomery; Montgomery's Sal, owned by Mrs. Phelma Montgomery and handled by Pat Montgomery; Chesland Susie Q, owned and handled by Dick Morgan;

Lady of Reclamation, owned and handled by Hal Shidler; Kim of Klamath, owned and handled by Larry Watkins.

Some of these dogs are young and will be running for the first time in competition, while others have already been under trial fire.

The Shasta Cascade Retriever club is arranging and sponsoring this trial and the quality of dogs and handlers in this area is comparable to the best in the country even though the serious business of developing retrievers has been going on here only about two years.

The trials will start at 9 a.m. Sunday and run throughout the day, and go on regardless of the weather.

LOUIS SLOWER, BUT HE'S STILL POTENT

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10 (AP)—Leo Matricciotti—who should know—says Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis may be a little slower on his feet than a few years ago "but you can't say that of his body or his punches."

Leo, a Baltimore heavyweight, boxed four rounds with Louis in a no-decision four-round exhibition before 3029 fans here last night. He went the same distance under

the same conditions against the Brown Bomber in 1944, when they were both soldiers in England.

Leo said, "Joe hit me pretty hard" a few times and that he had been hurt by a punch in the abdomen in last night's bout.

Joe's weight was announced at 230. He had a roll of fat around his girth and ringsiders thought his poundage should have been announced at somewhere between 225 and 230.

It was Louis' last ring appearance in the United States before sailing for England on February 19, where he will engage in exhibitions preparatory to a title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott next summer.

Louis reiterated last night the Walcott fight will be his last—"win, lose or draw."

CHAMPS FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 9 (AP)—Champions of the rodeo at the 1948 South-Western exposition and fat stock show here include:

Barney Willis, White Salmon, Wash., steer wrestling; Johnny Hubbs, Sally, Wash., saddle bronc riding.

Spokane Links Enlists Gordon SEATTLE, Feb. 10 (AP)—Chester Gordon of Seattle, runnerup in last year's Pacific Northwest amateur golf championships, deserted the simon-pure ranks today to become assistant professional at the Indian Canyon Golf club in Spokane.

Gordon will take over his duties next month when the Indian Canyon course reopens for play.

In addition to his tutoring, Gordon will represent Indian Canyon in the sectional and state open tournaments and participate in the California and Arizona open events during the winter season.

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