

Baseball Club Selects 'Gems'

Building Plans Ready To Go

The name "Gems" has been selected for the Klamath Falls professional baseball club. Choice was made this week by the board of directors of Klamath Baseball, Inc.

A play on words is stressed in the sobriquet since one of the top products of the Klamath country is Netted Gem potatoes. Also, the fans hope, the team will be a jewel of the Far West class D league.

Previously a public "name" contest was conducted to determine a monicker for the club and the selection was "Pioneers." However, a prior claim had already been staked to "Pioneers" so the professional club had to abandon the choice.

Paul Farrens, attorney and secretary of Klamath Baseball Inc., has been to Salem and been assured by the corporation commissioner that sufficient funds for immediate expenses—construction, lights, uniforms, equipment and spring training—would be released from the incorporation's bank account, so work on the park should start very shortly.

SKETCH COMPLETED
Architect Sheldon Brumbaugh has completed plans for a grandstand and the drawings are now being submitted to a contractor. A tentative arrangement for floodlights has also been made.

Farrens said he believes the financial outlook of the club will work out satisfactorily and that there will be no major hitch develop to getting the team on the field next May.

Meanwhile, Klamath Falls Pioneers Inc., the organization which is planning to field a once-a-week ball club in the Northern California league and another in the Southern Oregon circuit, is going ahead with plans to provide itself a separate place to play, a park located at S. 6th and Shasta way, inside the city limits.

SCHEDULE DRAWN
The Northern California league's schedule has been drawn up for eight teams, 14 games plus a four-team playoff. May 2 is the opening date and all games will be played Sunday afternoon. The team will be known as "Pioneers."

Redding, which intends to have a Far West pro baseball team, has pulled out of the Northern California league and Project City—at Shasta dam—has taken that place.

Present NoCal franchises are owned in Klamath Falls, Weed, Yreka, Hill, Dunsmuir, McCloud, Mt. Shasta and Project City.

McIntyre Top Shot
NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—Jim McIntyre, of Michigan's Big Nine team, retained the No. 1 post among the nation's collegiate basketball scorers last week by the virtually invisible margin of .005.

The latest figure from the national collegiate athletic bureau released today for games through February 14, show McIntyre still on top with an average of 22.266. This compares with 22.261 for Norm Hankins of Lawrence (Mich.) Tech, whom McIntyre ousted from first place the previous week.

Hankins has tallied the most points, 512 to 334 for big Jim, but has played 23 games to 15 for McIntyre.

Tony Lavelli, of Yale, retained third place at 21.4. Murray Wier of Iowa, took over fourth at 20.6 as Frank Kudelka, of St. Mary's (Calif.) fell to fifth at 20.0. They are the only five players with an average of 20 points or better.

Ohio university's Wylie took over leadership in the foul shooting department. He rimmed 54 of 64 tries for a .844.

Al Peterson, of Oregon State, continued to top the field goal percentage leaders. He has dunked 89 of 127 shots for .693. Jack Coleman, of Louisville, is second with 84 of 186 at .555.

Late Cage Scores
Princeton 59, Columbia 54 (over-time)
Dartmouth 76, Yale 68
Georgia 65, Georgia Tech 58
North Carolina State 70, Duke 37
Olympic J. C. 78, Grays Harbor 64.

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Long View



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Gun Club Fires In Wire Set

Highest scores posted by members of the Klamath Gun club each Sunday are being telegraphed to the Oregon Journal in Portland for entry in the Journal's 12-week telegraphic shoot, and the local club hopes to get a five-man shotgun team in the tournament's playoff late in May.

Fifty-four gun clubs in the Northwest are taking part in the telegraphic shoot and the 15 clubs posting the best scores over the 12-week period each will select a five-man team for the shoot-off.

The three high scores on the first 25 targets of each regular shoot are wired to the Journal's sports department.

This week's shooting was bad, a crosswind cutting down the marks. Latest scores:

Name	16-yd. Hdcp.
F. Broyles	49
C. J. Martin	46
James Wisenback	43
Allen Mocabee	42
J. M. Adams	42
Bill Davis	42
Herb Hauger	42
G. M. Grant	42
Howard McGee	40
E. E. Driscoll	40
Nelson Reed	39
James Horn	39
Paul Dalton	38
C. A. Dunn	37
Robert Lapsley	34
Carl Olney	33
Prent Puckett	33
E. R. Long	32
John Quisley	32
Don McGee	31
F. W. McMillan	32
R. D. Brannaman	29
E. W. McIntosh	28
E. G. Geinger	26
Mrs. Carl Olney	25
Lee Eureka	22

*Shot 25 targets only.

Cummings In Second Bout

Frankie Hart, the Canadian flash who does his wrestling strictly on the up-and-up, will appear in tomorrow night's armory card semi-windup, matching his skill with the ruthless ability of Bob Cummings.

The latter, an Arkansan, has been getting progressively tougher to handle with each bout. Their match is slated for four rounds.

The other preliminary match on the card will also be of four rounds, between Joe Dorsetti of New York and Busk Weaver of Indianapolis, another clean vs. mean wrestling arrangement.

Main eventing will be Joe Lyman and Sailor Al Williams, who have a five-round date that probably will follow the pattern set by the other two fights.

Lewis Lays Down Law To Walcott

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—Joe Louis, his patience wearing thin, says he'll give Jersey Joe Walcott just two weeks to sign up a return shot at the heavyweight boxing crown.

If the Camden, N. J., veteran doesn't come to terms by then, the champion adds, then he'll make his last fight against somebody else—"probably Gus Lesnevich."

"You'd think Walcott was the champion the way he wants to call the shots," the Brown Bomber declared last night on the eve of his departure for a series of exhibitions in England.

Louis said he thought Lesnevich, the lightweight champion, would prove a better drawing card than Walcott, anyhow.

"I think we'd draw a million dollar gate if Gus can knock out Billy Fox again March 5," he added.

"I also think he'd put up a better fight. He's a hard puncher."

Princeton Tops Columbia Five
PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 19 (AP)—Princeton took its place today in the ranks of college basketball's giant killers—its badge a surprise 59-54 victory over unbeaten Columbia.

In upsetting the Lions here last night in a spectacular overtime game, the Tigers cut the list of unblemished teams in the country to one, New York university stands alone with 17 straight.

Columbia had rung up 14 in a row this season before encountering its Ivy league nemesis.

Cardinals Can't Be Counted Out Of National League Pennant Chase

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (NEA)—All you hear on the National League side is an upcoming race between the Dodgers and the Braves. There are a few scattering votes for the Giants.

"But why throw the Cardinals out?" shouts personable Eddie Dyer, 51, the way from Houston, and not without reason.

"Weren't we entitled to one bad year?"

Offhand you would have to say the Birds had every right to lose one poor season, after winning four pennants and three world series in six campaigns.

Getting all of that wobbly baseball out of their systems in 1947, the blokes in the red blazers were beaten by the Dodgers by no more than five games.

This after an almost unbelievable slow start, and with the great Stanley Musial practically a hospital patient all the way along the route.

The plucky Musial playing in 149 games, despite an appendix that was kicking up and sore tonsils, and finishing with a batting average of .312, was one of the more remarkable stories of the year. The Donora Dandy did not crack 200 until June 1.

Most of the baseball writers have written off the St. Louis Nationals with Sam Breadon. The end of an era, etc.

But how are you going to count out an outfit with pitchers like Munger, Pollet, Brecheen, Dickson, Hearn and some good ones coming up, infielders of the caliber of Musial, Schoendienst, Marion and Kurovski, and outfielders like Slaughter and Moore?

Terry Moore is the Cards' old man at 35, but he can still get up and go when his legs are in good shape. Slaughter is the next oldest Red Bird at 32. Marion and Kurovski are 30, Northey 28, Musial

27, Schoendienst and Rice 25, Garagiola only 22.

There is plenty of baseball left in the old machine, and there will be the usual replacements this spring.

While the Cardinals were suckers for left-hand pitching for a spell, the big difference between the clubs of 1946 and '47 was Howie Pollet. The left-handed Beau Brummell of the Bayous copped 21 before something snapped in his back in '46. He accounted for no more than nine last trip.

Had Pollet picked up the other 12, the Cardinals would have walked in.

A new front office deal may help the Cardinals, and their stars have not spent the winter on the rubber chicken circuit.

It was to be chasing around the country and taking bows for friends that Musial traced his illness and relatively poor season.

Rickey Address On Racial Issues Muddles Owners

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—Branch Rickey's "clarification" conference of his Wilberforce address in which he accused club owners of opposing Jackie Robinson's rise to the majors, not only left the issue as muddled as ever, but brought up another important question.

Weekday Games Off

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 19 (AP)—Beset with financial difficulties, the Tacoma Mountaineers of the Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league will forego all weekday home games for the remainder of the season, league officials said today.

The decision was reached yesterday in separate meetings at Tacoma and Bellingham when team members decided to "angle" their own club with the cooperation of the league.

The Mountaineers will continue, however, to play in Tacoma Sundays.

Illness of Ed Mays, one of the franchise holders, prevented his continuing as team operator.

League officials said several Tacoma business men have indicated interest in the franchise but do not want to take over until next season.

In addition to the Tacoma huddle, league directors also discussed schedules for the remainder of the season. Although no decision was announced it was reported that discussions favored a championship playoff last week in March.

Schedules will be completed at a meeting in Seattle Monday.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press
OAKLAND, Calif. — Rudy Cruz, 138½, Los Angeles, outpointed John L. Davis, 134½, Richmond, Calif., 10.
PHOENIX, Ariz.—Freddie "Babe" Herman, 136, Los Angeles, outpointed Jesse Jackson, 137, Phoenix, 10.
FRESNO, Calif. — Jess Flores, 142, Stockton, outpointed Charley Salas, 143½, Phoenix, 10.

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Davis Texas Hope

BRYAN, Tex., Feb. 19 (AP)—Ask Erich Pohl, head man of AAU track and field in Texas, his best prospect for the Olympics.

No, it won't be Charley Parker, Perry Samuels or Jerry Thompson of the University of Texas; it won't be Bill Martinson, who flashed for Baylor last year.

He just says, "Wendell Davis is the boy."

Wendell Davis? The name isn't familiar to most track fans in Texas but in negro athletic circles he has won fame as a sprinter. He's a national champion in two events and state champion in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and in the javelin throw.

The 17-year-old, 170-pound Davis is at Kemp high school for negroes here. He plays football and basketball while not blazing down the cinder path.

Davis broke both the 100 and 220-yard dash records in the 1947 National negro high school meet in St. Louis, doing the century in 9.5 seconds and the furlong in 21.7. In the 1946 state meet he ran 220 yards in 21.1.

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Take It Or Not Contract Eyed
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies have told Harry (The Hat) Walker that he can take or leave his 1948 contract.

"We are pretty far apart, but I have sent him our last contract," President Bob Carpenter said yesterday. "If he doesn't take it he is very foolish. I would."

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Buddy Kerr of the Giants and others suspected that the switch from the outfield affected Musial's hitting, but that was not the case when he took over at first base in 1946. All he did in the strange surroundings then was hit .365. And in picking up lost ground last season he batted better than .400 for a spell.

Those who would play Musial in the outfield reason that there is would have time to relax and further study hitting. Their contention is that an infielder is occupied in the field of all times, can concentrate on his hitting only when his side is at bat.

But outstanding hitters have played the infield since the first diamond was laid out, and all matchless Stanley Musial needs to swat the ball often and for sufficient distances in his field.

With Musial, Marion, Slaughter, Kurovski and some more, don't let anyone kid you about the Cardinals.

They are not going to lie down and play dead.

PELS FAVORED TO COP OPENER FROM TORNADO

Another one of those "crucial" games comes up tonight for the Klamath Falls Pelicans, but one not so crucial that the outcome is very much in doubt.

The Pels need one more victory to cop the Southern Oregon basketball hunting for the second straight year and the right to represent district 4 in the MacArthur court playoffs for the state prep school hoop crown.

They should get it tonight—at the expense of the Medford Black Tornado. The game will be played at Medford, starting at 8 p. m. The reason why Klamath is such an odds-on favorite to win is that the Tornado has blown very softly this

semester, winning only one game in the conference.

In two previous tilts with Medford, the Pelicans have demonstrated a 19-20 point majority. The scores were 45-25 and 47 to 28.

A win tonight would put the Pels on velvet and the three remaining dates on the calendar would simply be fill-in activity while waiting for the state tournament.

Coach Wayne Scott is expected to throw his five aces into tonight's game at the start—Job Barnes and Gary Dawes, forwards; Jack Lust, center; Don Zarosinski and Jack Kennett, guards.

The game will be broadcast over KPLW by Sportscenter Don Neal at 8:30.

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