

Knothole Gang OK Given By Ball Club

Local Men Awarded Field Concessions

A "Knothole Gang" arrangement to allow youngsters to witness baseball games free or for a minor charge will definitely go along with the Klamath Falls professional schedule this summer, directors of the baseball club have decided. Probably all other clubs in the Far West circuit will have a similar program for young people.

The "Knothole Gang" here, to start with, will be limited to boys and girls 12 years old or under, as a sort of test to see how popular it will be. Later the age limit may be raised.

Next Saturday at Klamath Baseball, Inc.'s office in The Gun Store on Main street, applications may be made for membership in the "gang" and each Saturday thereafter until the season opens youngsters qualifying may get their cards at the office. These memberships are not restricted to young fans in the city, but those living in the rural areas, suburbs and nearby towns—such as Dorris, Macdoel, Tulelake, Merrill, Malin, Chiloquin, Bonanza and the others in this county—can also hold cards.

Membership cards will cost 10 cents, and will entitle the holders to see home games played on three nights of the week—probably Monday, Wednesday and Friday—for nine cents. The baseball club plans to designate other games as the season goes along as free for the "gang" and membership cards will be the sole admission to them.

SPECIAL BLEACHERS
A special bleacher section will be constructed at the baseball park, probably down third base line, to accommodate the "knothole" gang. When this professional baseball idea began to germinate several months ago and an organization was formed to promote a team in the Far West league, it was agreed all around that some arrangement would have to be made for sports-minded youngsters and that if enough of the younger generation became interested in baseball the venture could not help but be a moral success.

Mel Carpenter, business manager of the club, was left to work out the details and this is the plan he intends to start.

The "knothole gang" idea was started a number of years ago by the St. Louis Cardinals and has been picked up by practically every professional baseball league and team in the country in one form or another. It is baseball's contribution to the problem of "giving the kids something to do" and also is healthful to the sport because it develops fans who will later become paying customers.

WILL BE FINISHED
The present snows have halted work on the Gerns' ball field, but Vern Schorgren, contractor, says the stands and field will be ready for opening game of the season, May 6.

Directors of Klamath Baseball, Inc., last night awarded a contract for concessions at the park to Ken Lowell, Bob Potet and Charlie Potet, all local men and made arrangements with George Conner for a public address system.

The company's office has been set up at the Gun Store and will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
Honolulu—Frankie Fernandez, 143, Honolulu, knocked out Frankie Moore, 138, Oakland, Calif., 3.

Seattle—Joe Velez, 128, outpointed Bobby Richards, 127, Portland, Ore., 5.

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WASHINGTON Makes Grid Rule Shifts

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 24 (AP)—Changes in policies governing high school football games in Washington were adopted by the State High School Athletic association at its meeting in Seattle last week, the secretary of the board of control revealed today.

Henry De Young said resolutions adopted provided that:

The Seattle-state all-star football game be controlled wholly by the Washington State Coaches association;

Use of lime in any form be banned as a line marker for football fields;

All football and basketball games sponsored by agencies other than the schools must be approved by the association board of control;

Advisability of limiting the number of games a team can play will be studied by a committee which will report at the association's September meeting.

BELFAST—Rinty Monaghan, 110½, Belfast, knocked out Jackie Paterson, 111½, Glasgow, 7. (Title).

BEAVERS Win On Three-Run Foray

WHITTIER, Calif., March 24 (AP)—A three-run foray in the second inning paved the way for Portland to pick up an 8-6 exhibition baseball win yesterday from the Hollywood Stars.

Shortstop Tod Davis collected two homers for Hollywood but the blasts were offset by Portland's nine base blows, including a double and triple by outfielder Johnny Rucker.

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Training Camp Briefs

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 24 (AP)—Newcomers are injecting new life in the Philadelphia Phillies.

Three of them came through with performances yesterday that brought a beam to Manager Ben Chapman's face and put another black mark on the New York Yankees' splendid spring record.

Rookie southpaw Curt Simmons pitched three-hit ball for four innings as the Phils downed the Yankees, 6-5. Ritchie Ashburn, rookie centerfielder, smashed out three hits, scored three runs and turned in a couple of fine catches.

The veteran Bert Haas, obtained in a trade with Cincinnati, batted in three runs with a single and two doubles.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 24 (AP)—Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics is getting his boys ready for the stage of night games. The A's are playing their exhibitions under the lamps.

The A's have some men who like night play—Elmer Vale, who batted .398 under the lights in 1947; Barney McCosky, whose night average was .325, and Alvin Majeski, who had a respectable .319 compared to a season's average of .280.

LOS ANGELES, March 24 (AP)—The Chicago Cubs' hospital list is gradually getting smaller, but still it's quite imposing.

Phil Cavaretta, Bob Sheffing and Lloyd Lowe now have their arms working well after treatment at Boyes Springs. But Bill Nicholson still has shoulder miseries and Len Merullo is troubled both with a lame arm and bad back.

SARASOTA, Fla., March 24 (AP)—Jack Kramer, a refugee from the Browns, and lefty Earl Johnson are scheduled to pitch for the Boston Red Sox today in a game with the Detroit Tigers at Lakeland.

The Red Sox will be without the services of veteran outfielder Wally Moses, who was struck by one of Harry Breechen's pitches in yesterday's exhibition game with the St. Louis Cardinals. The Sox won 3-2.

Wally was struck over the right eye on the third pitch on the game. He fell but managed to walk to the dressing room. He is expected to be out for a few days.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 24 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals try to get back into the winning habit today against the New York Yankees.

Looking very shaky afield, the Cards lost their third in a row yesterday bowing to the Boston Red Sox, 3 to 2. Errors by Del Rice, Tommy Glaviano and Jeffere Cross hurt the St. Louis efforts.

Shortstop Marty Marion is still out with a bruised knee.

ORLANDO, Fla., March 24 (AP)—Pitchers Early Wynn and Kay Scarborough will face the Boston Braves today as the Washington Senators try for their third straight game. The Senators beat Cincinnati yesterday, 9-5, with Outfielders Gil Coan and Tom McBride collecting three hits apiece for Washington.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 24 (AP)—Catcher Joe Tipton appeared today to be a rookie certain to stick with the Cleveland Indians because of his stock work. Joe rapped timely singles to score the Tribe's tying and winning runs yesterday as Cleveland beat the St. Louis Browns, 6-5.

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KUHS Athletic Picture Still Cloudy; Perhaps Emphasis Is Too High

The apparent shake-up at Klamath Union high still leaves a cloud on the Pelican athletic department picture and at this point of time no one can say with any assurance who is going to be coaching what sport come next school year.

Wayne Scott, the basketball maestro, has announced he intends to resign and either go back to college or locate somewhere else as a coach. Ed Ryan, football mentor for the past couple of years, is in a shaky spot although he bettered his position Monday night by telling the school board he wanted to stay on at KUHS, and why.

Another session of the school board has been called for March 31—that's a week from tonight—to take up the matter of coaching assignments. Probably nothing definite will happen either in football or basketball until that date.

Scott's projected leaving seems to be of his own choice, but it's no secret around town that some parties are dissatisfied with Ryan's work as football coach. And football, in this town, is rapidly becoming a civic affair rather than a high school sport. That much emphasis is put on it. Consequently, the strain on Ryan must have been great.

However, Ed is an extremely likeable guy and his shortcomings may be marked off to inexperience. The fact that he was chosen by the Shriners to head an upstate all-star football team for a proposed charity game next August is an indication that he is highly regarded over the state. On this football coach matter, we might be so deep in the woods we can't see the trees.

Supposedly It Was A Big Secret

Incidentally, that all-star game might have supposed to be hush-hush, but it isn't any more. Shrine headquarters in Portland say that arrangements are still very much in the planning stage and will not be completed until Friday.

The Oregon High School Activities association has turned thumbs down on every all-star suggestion that has come along, and Tom Piggott, OHSAA secretary, declared the position is unchanged. OHSAA will not interfere but will not cooperate. However, the proposed game would mean players who have graduated from high school and therefore OHSAA wouldn't have any jurisdiction whatsoever.

Several Already Given Mentions

If an opening for football coach develops here—and the chances are still 50-50—three men are getting prominent mention around town to fill the bill. The three are Al Simpson, Southern Oregon Red Raider coach; Dick Sutherland, mentor of The Dalles Indians, and Paul McCall, who coached the Wildcats last fall and turned out a fine team.

Simpson was mentioned two years ago, when he left Medford, but couldn't see the salary offered then. Sutherland apparently is well set at The Dalles, having just brought the Indians a state championship, but he has inquired about the job. McCall is on the ground and is considered a diamond in the rough. His prime fame is as a basketball player, but he can handle football as well.

Of Course They'll Be Interested

Of course, the mentions don't stop with those three. Any number of state football coaches looked interested when the subject was brought up in conversation last week at Eugene during the basketball tournament. And right they should be interested, because Klamath Union high is one of the largest schools in Oregon and is better fixed for football talent and accommodations than most.

However, all this is premature. Ed Ryan is still football coach at KUHS and it is doing him a disservice to talk otherwise right now. Too much mixing in school affairs is not good for anyone. If Ed and the school can work out things to their own satisfaction, let them do it.

Waterfowl Talk At Frisco Slated

A public waterfowl hearing will be conducted in San Francisco April 6 by Al Day, U. S. Fish and Wildlife service director, and sportsmen from this flyway are invited to attend and voice opinions regarding next season's hunting regulations.

The San Francisco conference will be held in the Comstock room of the Palace hotel, starting at 10 a. m.

Last year several such meetings preceded announcement of waterfowl regulations, which included a split season and only 30 days of hunting.

Bowling in the U. S. employs an estimated 156,800 persons.

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Wildcats Snare NCAA Cage Flag

Kentucky Quintet, Bartlesville Oilers Expected To Reach Olympic Try Finals

NEW YORK, March 24 (AP)—Can Kentucky beat Bartlesville's famed Oilers in the Olympic basketball trials?

The question may be a bit premature but cage customers who saw the wonderful Wildcats from Kentucky rout Baylor, 58-42, for the NCAA championship last night already were discussing the possible duel of these two mighty quintets. And the fans were anticipating an individual clash between two great centers, Alex Groza, 6-7 Kentuckian, and the Oilers' seven-foot Bob Kurland.

Before the twain can meet, Kentucky must win two games in its bracket of the trials while the Oilers have to do the same in the independent part of the journey. Both are heavily favored to come through for the final in Madison Square Garden, Wednesday, March 31.

As a result of Kentucky's one-sided triumph, here's the way the pairings shape up for the Saturday openers:

2 p. m.—Oakland Bitterns vs. Denver Nuggets.
3:45 p. m.—New York U. vs. Baylor.

8 p. m.—Oilers vs. the Prospect Park (Brooklyn) YMCA, national "Y" champions.

9:45 p. m.—Kentucky vs. Louisville, NAIA champions.

On Monday, the semi-finals will be held with the two college victors opposing each other. The two surviving independents also will clash.

With Groza leading the way, Kentucky ran up a big early edge on Baylor and won handily. Husky Alex paced the Wildcats with 14 points.

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