

Landry Outfit Posts Class 'A' Alley High Division Winds Up Team Play Tonight

The Landry Insurance team, rolling in class A five-man competition, last night set a mark of 2853 pins for half a dozen other class A squads to aim for tonight in the wind-up of the Men's City Bowling association (tourney team events at Recreation alleys. Most of the higher bracket squads rolled last night but a few more still have their innings ahead of them.

Moore today's team is in second place right now with 2834 pins, followed by Southwell's Accountants at 2788; Sealer Bros., 2702, and Goodyear Rubber, 2660.

If the 2853 stands through lines of tonight, the Landry quintet will drag off top honors for class A team rolling, a cash prize plus individual trophies for each man of the combination.

Landry players include Ernest MacBeth, Al Hackenworth, Buck Ferguson, Don Ferguson and Bill Owens. The three-game total included team lines, gross, of 987-919-947.

Mort Friedman of the Walt's Tasty Foods five started something good when he blasted the pins for a 233 first game—then dropped off to a plebian 140 in the second.

Class B team honors went to the Superior Troy Laundry squad, headed by Estlin Kiger. The gross score was 2611, far ahead of the second place 2671 of Klamath Basin Pine Mills and the third-place 2659 of Palmerton Lumber company.

DIVISION FINISHED
The class B team event was completed last night, with all teams having their turn at the hard-wood.

Superior Troy's winning combination was composed of Kiger, Jay Evans, Lane Warren, Marion Grant and Warren Scott.

High game in the lower bracket was rolled by Wilbur Telford, a 221, and a 618 series, but Telford is entered only in team play and doubles and is not eligible for the class B all-events prize, top individual honor.

Mode Smith's 587 series therefore was the best effort toward the division's all-events trophy. If Telford had entered the singles he would have a 31-pin bulge on Smith a third of the way through the rolling.

Tonight's trundling will clean up the team events. Monday and Tuesday nights will be devoted to doubles and singles.

Training Camp Briefs

BRADENTON, Fla., March 27 (AP)—Eddie Stanky will make his first competitive appearance in a Boston Braves uniform today.

The second sacker, late of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will start for the Braves' B team against the Kansas City Blues at Lake Wales.

Stanley was stricken with pneumonia the same day he was traded to Boston. He has been working out slowly the past week and has declared himself ready for action.

TAMPA, Fla., March 27 (AP)—The Boston Red Sox, treated roughly by the New York Yankees yesterday, meet the Cincinnati Reds here today. Manager Joe McCarthy nominated Southpaw Earl Johnson and Mickey Harris for mound duty against Johnny Vander Meer and Harry Gumbert.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27 (AP)—Bob Cheneas, the Pittsburgh Pirates' \$115,000 pitcher, is staying home here 10 days for treatment on his right arm.

Cheneas, sold to the Pirates for the fancy price last year by the San Francisco Seals, underwent removal of bone chips and gristle from his elbow last winter.

His doctor predicted the salary arm would be as good as new after the treatment for inflammation of the front bicep tendon.

LAKELAND, Fla., March 27 (AP)—Rufe Gentry of the Detroit Tigers is one of the losingest pitchers of the spring training circuit. He lost his fourth straight game yesterday and, like all the others, it was by a one-run margin. Hal Newhouse or Art Houtteman are due today against the Washington Senators.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 27 (AP)—Young Charles Comiskey, who one day will head the Chicago White Sox, says "some changes are going to be made. If we can't do business with some of the other major league clubs, maybe we can find some Triple A players who are better than we have. We'll make some changes, and some of them may surprise you."

SAN BERNARDINO, March 27 (AP)—The St. Louis Browns broke camp here today and prepared for the long trek to Sportsmans

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By Hale Scarbrough
Awarding Concessions At Ballyard Was Done On Basis Of Best Offer



I have here at my desk a rather bitter letter from Eddie Bickford, who for part of last baseball season operated the concessions at Recreation field during ball games. He looses a chilly blast at Klamath Baseball, Inc.

The gist is that he was not allowed to bid on the concessions—right to sell beer, soft drinks, candy, coffee, hot dogs, peanuts and the like—at the new baseball park this summer after having previously informed Gens' business manager, Mel Carpenter, that he was interested.

It happens that the directors of Klamath Baseball, Inc., awarded the concessions to a local trio formed by Ken Lowell, Bob Poter and Charlie Poter last Tuesday night. The contract was for one year, with 25 per cent of the gross going to the ball club. The bidders were required to post a \$3000 performance bond.

Klamath Baseball, Inc. did not advertise for bids, as a government agency would, but did ask for bids and accepted the highest offer presented. Since mid-January, when the matter of concessions first came up, the corporation had about a dozen nibbles, inquiries about the set-up, from local people and from national concession concerns. The nibbles resulted in three local bids and a couple of national ones.

No one was barred from bidding or from submitting a verbal or written offer. The most favorable one was submitted by the trio mentioned above and it was accepted. It was purely a business proposition and that's why the high bidder was required to post a performance bond.

Probably Didn't Know When, Where
I do not believe Bickford was prevented from entering a bid for the concessions, although no one went around and tapped him on the shoulder to remind him to get his offer in. There was a period of two months when bids were accepted.

Knowing of his work at Recreation field last year, I believe Bickford and his helpers could have handled the job if he had put in an acceptable bid. He ran a comparably clean concession booth and worked to keep the ball park clean and in running order. He also pitched in to help some youngsters organize a baseball club, and that is good.

Hard Work, Cleanliness Necessary
As far as running concessions in a baseball park, the principal ingredients needed are a moral responsibility for cleanliness and a lot of work. I believe any of the persons who were interested in the job have both ingredients. Jack Weber, one of the bidders, could have done the job. So could Jack Evans, another bidder.

Their bids were not as high as the one accepted and necessarily Klamath Baseball, Inc. is in the baseball business to try to break even at worst, show its stockholders a little return on their money at best.

This Part Looks Like A Curveball
One portion of Mr. Bickford's letter stumps me a little, but maybe I've missed something:

"I also took it upon myself to try to start a ball club for boys from 11 to 15, in order to keep boys of this age off the streets. I was planning on continuing this year, but no, I can't even get a chance to bid on the concession. Everyone hollers about juvenile delinquents, but when someone wants to do something to help the kids, what happens? He doesn't stand a chance because he hasn't money enough to put in some higher-up's hand. I hope that is plain enough for smart people to understand."

Dusette Shows Frank Several More Tricks
Fight fans got their fill of action during last night's three-card show at the armory, and the grunt-and-groan artists got an assortment of sprains, bruises, cuts and abrasions as a memento of the evening.

Pacific Coast Champ Frankie Stojack proved to both the spectators and himself that he needed a five-acre field to stay away from strongman Georges Dusette, and he went down for the count twice in the grip of the Canuck's strangling.

Ottele Missing
SEATTLE, March 27 (AP)—Dick Ottele, Washington's varsity quarterback, will be missing from the squad when spring football practice opens next Monday.

Ottele suffered a minor leg fracture and torn muscles and ligaments in a fall Tuesday from the tail gate of a truck. School physicians said he probably will be sidelined until the fall turnout.

park. They play the Chicago White Sox two games this weekend in Hollywood, then move to Tucson, Ariz., for a three-game set with the Cleveland Indians.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27 (AP)—Manager Mel Ott of the New York Yankees says he has failed in an effort to buy Will Hafee, young pitching star of the Oakland Pacific Coast league team. Hafee has beaten the Giants twice in exhibitions. Ott said he was told the youngster is committed to another unnamed major league club.

Dorsett drew first blood with a handman in the first round, but Hart came back to win the match by taking the second fall in the third paragraph with a rolling leg lock and the third fall in the fourth stanza with a slamming arm scissors.

There are 22 new names on the roster. Only nine players remain from the team McKinney bought from the Dreyfus interests two years ago.

One of the new names is Bill Meyer, whom they call the greatest manager who never led a big league club.

It wasn't without some difficulty that Pittsburgh lifted the Yankee Tennessee out of the Yankee chain.

Meyer, as manager of the world champions' fair clubs in Newark and Kansas City, was the Yanks' feeder and trouble-shooter. When they had a problem club on the parent team they'd send him down to Ol' Bill, and nearly always he came back in good repair.

Managing an outfit that has to be put together piece by piece is nothing new to Meyer.

"I've spent most of my life start-

ing at the bottom in the spring. When fall came I'd lose all my good men and we'd begin all over again," he says.

Typical of the new pure is the infield. Only Frankie Gustine, at third, is a reminder of the past, and the lamented one-year reign of Billy Herman.

Ed Stevens at first, Rommy Basgall at second and Stan Rojek at short were taken on during the winter. Stevens and Rojek are from the Dodgers. Basgall was with Fort Worth in '47. Meyer thinks Rojek and Basgall, both hounds on a ground ball, will give the Corsairs one of the best double play combines in the league.

Danny Murtaugh, an arrival from the Braves, and Joe Bockman, who was with the Indians, are fillers. Another infielder is needed, and feelers are out.

The Pirates bought two of the most sought-after rookies in the

country—Pitcher Bob Cheneas of San Francisco and Catcher Eddie Fitzgerald of Sacramento. The club has 30 days after the season opens to accept Cheneas, who underwent an elbow operation early in the winter, but off his early showing Robert the Magnificent is up to stay.

He won 22 games for the Seals and was a brilliant hitter, fielder and runner.

Fitzgerald, at 24, batted .363 in the Coast league and stole 25 bases. Meyer is sold on him, declares he needs only experience.

Cal McLish, Stan Ferek and Forrest Main are young pitchers with promise. Of the returnees, ancient Fritz Ostermuller, Nick Strincevich, Kirby Higbe, Ernie Bonham and Mel Queen probably will carry their share of the load.

Tack on two fugitives from Brooklyn, Hal Grege and Vic Lombardi, and the Pirates' mound weakness, that were glaring last season seem

in a fair way to be on the mend. Clyde Kluts is to be the number one catcher. He carries over a .303 average at the plate.

The Bucs' power, of course, is centered in Ralph Kiner, who tied with Johnny Mize of the Giants for the home run championship in '47 with 51.

Wally Westlake, another distance hitter starting his second campaign, should help Kiner, and Johnny Hopp and Dixie Walker, who checked in from the Braves and Dodgers, respectively, help balance the attack, give it more strength from the left side.

The team was almost exclusively a right-hand batting outfit last year.

Max West, who hit .301 in San Diego, and is trying to re-establish himself on big time, is also expected to lend his punch to the cause. Joe Grace was obtained from Washington for outfield utility purposes.

You'll Never Be Able To Tell The Pirates Without A Scoreboard

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 27 (NEA)—The 1948 Pirates are the answer to a ball park vendor's dream.

When the Bucs make their first turn around the National league, and the boys yell, "Can't tell the players without a scoreboard," they'll mean it. Even the home fans t

Looking at a team of strangers on opening day.

It's all because of the ambitious rebuilding program promised by the sophomore owners Frank E. McKinney and his associates, John W. Galbreath, Bing Crosby and Tom Johnson. Their orders to General Manager Roy Hamey were to clean house and start from scratch.

The renovating job Hamey did on the club that finished in a tie for last place last season was the most complete in the history of the majors.

Garden Sees Hasty Kayo
NEW YORK, March 27 (AP)—It's getting to be a habit, these sudden kayos in main events at Madison Square Garden boxing shows.

The last four Friday night main attractions have ended in knock-outs, three of them short and sweet—in the first round.

Rocco Rossano, 144, Brooklyn, went out last night and ended things quickly, putting away Eddie Glosa, 138, Philadelphia, in 1:33 of the first stanza.

Kentucky Favorite In Trials
NEW YORK, March 27 (AP)—Eight teams open the second American Olympic basketball trials today in Madison Square Garden. A trip to London is the prize for the 14 best players.

Representing the best in their classes, the entries include four college quintets, headed by powerful Kentucky, and four independent clubs, topped by the AAU champion Bartlesville, Okla., Oilers.

The Denver Nuggets, national AAU runners-up, meet the Oakland, Calif., Bitters, the nation's No. 3 AAU club in the first game of the afternoon doubleheader.

On the second half of the afternoon card, Baylor university, NCAA runner-up, takes on New York university.

Tonight's program matches the Phillips Oilers against Brooklyn's national YMCA champions, and Kentucky against Louisville, NAIB titlist, in the nightcap.

The college teams are in one bracket, the independent clubs in the other. Semi-final playoffs will be Monday with the winning college club meeting the independent winner Wednesday night.

The two finalists will supply 10 of the 14 Olympic squad members—five from each team. Two players will be chosen from the remaining three college teams and two players from the other three independent clubs. The winning coach Wednesday night will be the Olympic coach.

Marin Moves Into Finals
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 27 (AP)—Compton, Calif., and Marin college of Kentfield, Calif., will be shooting to take two of the first three places in the national junior college basketball tournament about to the Pacific Coast tonight.

Marin meets the Murray Aggies of Tishomingo, Okla., at 9 p.m. for the title held last year by Compton, and the 1947 champions clash with Tyler, Tex., at 7:30 p.m. for third place.

Marin came from behind in the second half last night to win from Tyler 62-53, and the Oklahoma team eliminated the defending champions 56 to 49.

Suds Look For First Baseman
BAKERSFIELD, Calif., March 27 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers sent out an SOS today for a first baseman to replace Bob Meyer, on trial during spring training from the Texas league.

Meyer, whose slowness at foot has been his great drawback, was shifted to the second team yesterday in an intra-camp game won by the Yarnigans, 4-3. Veteran Bob Johnson held down the initial sack for the regulars.

The Rainiers will play their final exhibition baseball game today, meeting the Sacramento Solons.

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Primo Wants To Stay Here
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 27 (AP)—Primo Carnera says he will file a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States in New York City on March 31.

The former world's heavyweight champion, here to appear in a wrestling match, showed reporters an order from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U. S. Department of Justice directing him to appear.

Carnera said he had applied for naturalization papers in El Paso, Texas, last December 4.

Weather Prevents Practice
About 30 boys are out for varsity baseball at Klamath Union high school but the weather so far has prevented them from showing their stuff. Drills and warmups have been handled in the gym, but the lads haven't had much time to take any cuts at the ball.

However, if another storm doesn't come, Coach Tom Brannigan expects to open outside practice on the KU field early next week. First game is scheduled for April 9.

Brannigan hasn't seen any of his aspirants in action, but from last year's Southern Oregon championship team the turnout includes such starters as Tom Edwards, catcher; Pat Williams, right-handed pitcher; Ed Whitney, first base; George Jones, second base; and Wilbur Elliott, short.

Elliott and Whitney probably are fixed in the infield, but the other positions are still open for the taking, Brannigan says. Third base and the outfield posts are wide open, and a couple more pitchers will be sorely needed.

Brannigan is something of a baseball player himself, having played the collegiate game at Washington State and some semi-pro ball around Seattle. He's in his first year as coach at Klamath Union.

In addition to the varsity team, which will be composed of primarily juniors and seniors, Brannigan will handle a junior varsity squad made up of freshmen and sophomores. Games for the Jayvees are being sought among county high schools.

Frisko Goalie Given Trophy
SAN FRANCISCO, March 27 (AP)—Young Ray (Duff) McDermid will have something to show the home folks when he gets back to Winnipeg, Canada.

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2. A foul committed on a throw-in from out of bounds on a dead ball will be charged as a personal instead of a technical foul.

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Cardinal Ace May Not Play

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 27 (AP)—Marty (Mr. Shortstop) Marion fears an injury jinx that helped prevent the St. Louis Cardinals from repeating as National league champions last year, may end his baseball career.

Marion's left knee, which he hurt in a slide last year, is acting up again, and caused him to leave the training field yesterday with the remark that he didn't expect to play ball again unless the trouble is corrected.

"I'm really worried," the 30-year-old veteran of eight seasons with the Cardinals declared. "I tried to lean forward for a ground ball and felt right on my face. I can't imagine what it is."

Recent X-ray photographs showed no bone injury. Marion thought the trouble might be a bad cartilage, but Doc Weaver, club trainer, told him he could find no sign of such a thing.

"In ordinary walking it does not bother me," Marion said, "but when I try to walk up steps or to put pressure on my knee to one side or the other, or try to bend down on it, I know there's something wrong. As long as it's in that condition I can't play baseball."

Manager Eddie Dyer was a little more optimistic. He said Dr. Robert F. Hyland, club surgeon, had expressed belief there was nothing seriously wrong, and had advised further heat treatment.

Hyland is due here Monday and is expected to give the shortstop another examination.

GOLF BOYS ALL SLIDE UNDER PAR
CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 27 (AP)—Golf's "good little boys" competing in the \$10,000 Charlotte open tournament have been visited by an adverse agent of the Easter bunny.

Although Mr. Long Ears isn't due until tomorrow, his right-hand man has moved in and distributed a basketful of sub-par scores.

Chick Harbert, the Detroit wire who's one of the longest drives in the game, was on the top perch with his second 66 for 132 a dozen strokes under par, starting today's third round.

Despite that impressive performance Harbert held only a one stroke lead over Lawson Little of Cleveland, and 11 other challengers were within six strokes of him.

The \$416-vard Myers Park Country club has been thoroughly subdued during two days of par-busting.

Thirty-five players in all were under par for 76 holes and 10 others were even with regulation figures.

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