

50-Day Season Demanded; Writers Talk Score System

U. S. Service Asked To Open Wildfowl Law

SEATTLE, April 14 (AP)—A four-state demand for a 50-day duck hunting season and increased bag limits was before the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service today.

Sports groups, leaders and game commissions of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana joined in the concerted action yesterday. The joint demands were presented to Albert M. Day, director of the service.

In 1947 duck hunting was limited to 20 15-day seasons with a daily bag limit of four birds.

The new requests call for a continuous 50-day season, or two 25-day periods, with an increase in bag limits to six a day.

Dates of the season would be set by the individual states.

PAIR OF HONKERS

Also requested are a two-day possession limit, an open season on facksnipe, and a four-a-day bag limit on geese with eight in possession permitted. No more than two of the daily bag could be Canadian honkers.

The sportsmen said they would seek the cooperation of California and Nevada in their joint program to make possible Pacific coast management of migratory waterfowl on a flyway basis rather than by zones.

Such a proposal now is being considered by a senate subcommittee. Lloyd McCaslin of Washington, Duck Hunters' Inc., and State Game Director Don Clarke said they will fly East tomorrow to appear before the senate group.

FLYWAY BACKED

The Oregon state game commission has backed the proposal to regulate migratory waterfowl by flyways rather than zones.

The commission reported today that it has asked Oregon's congressional delegation to support the bill before congress which would set up an advisory board to consult with the fish and wildlife service on seasons and bag limits and establish regulations for flyways instead of zones.

53 TRACK OUTFITS ENTERED

Fifty-three Oregon high school relay teams, largest entry in the history of the event, will compete in the annual Hayward relays this week-end at the University of Oregon track.

The "A" division, which included Klamath Falls Pelicans and the Medford team from Southern Oregon, runs Friday. There are 22 entries in the class.

Divisions "B" and "C"—18 of the first and 13 of the latter—have their innings on Saturday. Henley high school, coached by Max Marvin, is defending the title gained last year in class "C."

Marvin is still holding trout at Henley for his track squad and probably will field a very green outfit at Eugene. The weather has hampered any outdoor work for the Hornets.

Medford's Black Tornado will be defending in class "A" and by virtue of early and decisive triumphs over all Southern Oregon opponents, will be a favorite to come out ahead in the Hayward.

Approximately 700 athletes will compete during the two-day meet. The Hayward relays were founded in 1937, with six teams entered, by the late Colonel Bill Hayward, veteran track coach, who died last winter.

Vandals List Bruin Game

MOSCOW, Ida., April 14 (AP)—The University of Idaho's 1948 football schedule listed six Pacific Coast conference opponents today with the addition of the University of California at Los Angeles.

The Vandal-Bruin clash, announced last night, will be played in the Los Angeles coliseum, October 2.

A previously scheduled game with Willamette university was dropped to make way for the California jaunt. Athletic officials said they would negotiate for a Willamette game in 1949 or 1950.

Other Coast conference opponents on the Vandal schedule include the four Oregon and Washington schools and the University of Montana.

Eugene Keglers Test Local Wood

Seven Moose bowling teams from Eugene will be here this week-end for an inter-city tournament with teams representing the Klamath Falls Moose lodge.

The Eugene delegation will include four men's and three women's teams. Play Saturday night and Sunday will include team events, doubles and singles.

This is the first inter-city Moose tournament to be held in Klamath Falls this season.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Training Camp Briefs

Lou Brissie Shines As Athletics Count

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 14 (AP)—The Washington Senators moved into the home of their Tri-State league farm club today for another exhibition with the Philadelphia Phils. The Senators won their first game in four starts against the Phils yesterday in Anderson, S. C., 7 to 4.

NEWARK, N. J., April 14 (AP)—Red Barrett, who must have a good season if the Boston Braves hope to win the pennant, was named to start today against the Newark Bears. The contest is the Tribe's last road exhibition of the spring. Bob Elliott, most valuable National leaguer in 1947, is in a batting slump and probably won't play.

LEXINGTON, N. C., April 14 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics continued their journey northward today, stopping off here for a night game with their Lexington farm of the class D North Carolina State League. Lou Brissie was the whole show yesterday as the A's stopped Atlanta, 6-0. Brissie gave up four hits, made two himself, struck out five and walked one. The rookie is up from Savannah of the South Atlantic circuit.

HOUSTON, Tex., April 14 (AP)—Pitcher Hank Wyse and Catcher

Clyde McCullough of the Chicago Cubs were on the injured list today. Wyse has an aching shoulder and McCullough has rib pains. The Cubs tangled with the St. Louis Cardinals again with Harry Breechen due for the Red Birds. Stan Musial notified Cardinal Manager Eddie Dyer that he will rejoin the club in Little Rock Thursday. He has been visiting his sick father in Donora, Pa.

BROOKLYN, April 14 (AP)—Leo Durocher made his first official appearance in a Brooklyn uniform at Ebbets field today since the 1946 season as his Dodgers met the Montreal Royals. The Dodgers have a two-game set with the Royals and then meet their first major league opposition of the spring when the New York Yankees visit Friday and Saturday.

KANSAS CITY, April 14 (AP)—Manager Ted Lyons surveyed his Chicago White Sox today and observed that "the boys are in pretty good shape for the opener with the Tigers." Joe Haynes will probably be the opening pitcher. He won none and lost two against Detroit in 1947 and has a lifetime record of 6-8 against the club.

Bat Averages Fail To Show Proper Value

By JOE REICHLER

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP)—Is the present system for rating batters in baseball fair?

From time to time various statisticians have made efforts to change the current method of evaluating players. They prefer a system giving the credit to players who score and drive in runs rather than to those who have succeeded in hitting safely.

The present system is arrived at by dividing the player's hits by official times at bat. This arrangement enabled Harry Walker of Philadelphia to become the No. 1 man in the National league and Ted Williams of Boston the top man in the American league last season.

Scoffers of this system argue that the batting average does not dictate the true worth of the player. It does not tell the entire story. While Walker's .363 led all National league batters, the Phils' outfielder ranked 53rd in runs batted in and 19th in runs scored. Williams, on the other hand, was out front in both those departments.

LATEST PROPOSAL

Dan Dillon of the Associated Press is the latest to come up with what he claims is a sound system which would give appropriate credit.

He would total the player's runs scored and runs batted in, then divide the sum by his total games played. The writer has another system. He believes that the Dillon method does not give enough credit to leadoff and second place batters as well as to batsmen who move runners along with base hits. Therefore he has added total bases to runs and runs batted in.

Thus the modified arrangement would work something like this: John Doe has scored 100 runs and drove in a like number. He has collected 300 total bases during the season. Together the total is raised to 500. Divided into his number of games—let us say 150—and John Doe emerges with an overall average of 3.33.

WOULD RATE MIZE

Such a theory would make Johnny Mize of New York the No. 1 man in the National league with an average of 4.12. Ralph Kiner of Pittsburgh would be close behind with 3.99.

Mize was 16th in the regular standings last year with a .302 average and Kiner 7th with .313.

Williams still would head the American league with 4.32. Joe Di-

Still Some Big Ones Out



There are still some big rainbow in Upper Klamath lake, as Bill Kuhlwein, 2130 1/2 Herbert, can testify. This trout was caught off Algoma. Bill was using live minnows and struggled 20 minutes before landing the 14-pounder. And the eating wasn't bad at all.

San Diego Moves Up On Seals' PCL Lead

By The Associated Press

The San Francisco Seals looked very much like major leaguers for two weeks away from home, but they fell before some fancy pitching as they opened their season before 10,000 home folks last night.

Lefly Al Olsen of San Diego held the Pacific Coast league leaders to six hits as the Padres copped a 3 to 2 decision. San Diego went into a virtual tie for first place. It was Olsen's third straight victory.

Johnny Barrett's single, Pete Coscarat's double and a clout to right by Lenny Rice in the fourth accounted for two runs and the winning margin. Hollywood and Portland, idle yesterday, open their seven-game series today in the north.

Keespie Barrett pitched his 201st PCL victory as Seattle whipped Oakland, 5 to 3, before a crowd of 9,267. Barrett wasn't on hand at the finish, being removed with two on and one away in the ninth. His hitting helped the Seattle cause but Johnny O'Neil was the real star with three singles and a double.

Maggio of New York would be second with 3.35.

Williams' average last year was .343 and DiMaggio was seventh with .315.

Los Angeles opened its home season before 7746 fans with an 8 to 4 win over Sacramento. The Sacs had just won six in a row but Eddie Sauer's big bat was too much for them. Sauer bashed in five runs, three with a first-inning home run. Lou Toot, who started for Sacramento, failed to last out the fourth inning.

The Angels announced they had purchased First Baseman Jack Sanford from Jersey City. With Chattanooga last year, Sanford batted .326 and accounted for 86 runs.

Portland's lightning double-play combination of last season is intact again. Second Baseman Eddie Basinski was purchased from Kansas City and last week the Beavers got Len Ratto back from Cleveland.

Lillard Sees SRO Reason

Promoter Mack Lillard said today that he was looking forward to hanging out the "standing room only" sign at the armory Friday night.

Advance ticket sales for the championship wrestling match between Frankie Stojack and Georges Dusette are going that fast.

Stojack asked for and received a \$500 guarantee to stake his crown against the muscular French Canadian, therefore the latter may be fighting for peanuts. But if Dusette wins the junior heavyweight belt, he can turn around and grab off some healthy guarantees for himself.

The match is scheduled for six 10-minute rounds or two falls out of three.

British Boxer Dead From Blow

WOLVERHAMPTON, England, April 14 (AP)—Mickey Markey, 17, knocked out in a boxing match last night, died today without regaining consciousness.

He was floored in the sixth round of a professional featherweight bout with Jim Stimson. It was Markey's second pro fight. In the first one, March 10, he was knocked out in the first round.

SACRAMENTO — Dado Marino, 115, Honolulu, outpointed Sonny Gomez, 120, Juarez, Mex., 10.

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New Trout Planting Method Being Tried

PORTLAND, April 14 (AP)—Extensive planting of rainbow trout in the McKenzie river—using a new method—is under way in an effort to improve fishing in that famed stream.

C. A. Lockwood, state game supervisor, said a planting boat—virtually a floating livebox—was roped to a McKenzie river boat. A man in the stern of the river boat dipped fish out of the planting boat as they moved down stream.

He said the method was designed to reach areas inaccessible to tank trucks and to give an even distribution of big trout throughout the heaviest fished parts of the stream.

Approximately 50,000 marked native spring rainbows—ranging from six to over 20 inches—will be planted in the river this season. About 24,400 from 6 to 8 inches, with the left ventral fin clipped off, will be placed between Leaburg dam and the Paradise recreation area; another lot of 6700, which has been at the hatchery for two years, will be liberated from the town of Blue River to 12 miles upstream.

Both their ventral belly fins and the small fin immediately in front of the tail have been clipped. The largest trout—about 1000 of them—will be marked with a small metal tag clamped to the left side of the lower jaw. They are 5 years old and are 15 to 23 inches long.

In an effort to remedy the July and August fishing slump, 27,000 legal-sized trout will be released in those months. Their right ventral belly fins will be clipped off.

Later in the season 100,000 marked fingerlings will be liberated.

Lockwood said from the program it was hoped to learn where best to plant fingerlings, what return fishermen get from plants of legal-sized fish, and something of trout migrations.

Fishermen will be asked to report their catches of marked trout, using cards available at Eugene, Springfield and river sporting goods stores and resorts.

Women Slate Monkey Golf

A "monkey" golf tournament is on the schedule of the women of Reames for Friday—a nine-hole affair starting at 10 a. m. Pairings will be made at number one tee.

This tourney will be played in foursomes, with each member of the foursome selecting her favorite club and using it throughout, taking shots in rotation. Each foursome will play one ball.

Because there is a strong probability that putting will be done with seven-irons, etc., the scores are not expected to be low.

All Reames women are invited to take part, as well as newcomers and golf beginners.

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Crowds Follow Masters Tourney



A large gallery of spectators gathered at the 18th green of the 6800-yard National Country club to watch the boys come in during the \$10,000 Augusta Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga. Claude Harmon won the tourney with a record-tying 279. (AP wirephoto).

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ATTENTION HORSE OWNERS

A number of horse owners are organizing an association for their benefit and pleasure. The association will concern itself with all types of horse competition such as amateur calf roping, bronc riding, quarter horse, stock horse and thoroughbred racing. Contests will be arranged for the best American Saddle Bred, Tennessee Walking, Palomino, three and five gaited horses.

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Don't fail to come to our first meeting to be held at Skateland Roller Rink, Martin and Shasta Way, Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 p. m. This organization can and will be a success if you get behind it. Don't fail to come to the first meeting, this is your organization and we need your help now!

Klamath County Horse Association

Western Mail Bag

Kovacs Says Kramer-Riggs Sets Mean Nothing

By RUSS NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO, April 14 (AP)—Tennis Pro Frank Kovacs, who has been idling his time around here, has steamed up suddenly and wants action.

The so-called "clown prince," whose antics as an amateur injected comedy relief into the sport, disputes any claims that Jack Kramer is currently the best player indoors.

Kovacs saw the latest box score of the indoor series between Kramer and Bobby Riggs, in which rangy Jack, lately turned professional, was leading Shorty Riggs by practically three to one.

"They can't bill this series for the indoor championship," said Kovacs forthrightly. "The reason is that I am the world's professional indoor champion. I won the title in 1945 from Welly Van Horn in San Francisco. It was a well represented field. I have not been challenged by any player since then. Until somebody beats me, I consider myself the champion."

Kovacs, now trained down to 180 pounds, plans to play a series of exhibitions in the East shortly.

Big Hank May Play

TOPEKA, Kas., April 14 (AP)—Hank Greenberg, the big stick and swivel chair man, may become the first "playing vice president" in baseball history at the Cleveland Indians' opener next Tuesday.

The veteran home run slugger, who has insisted he would play "only in an emergency," was faced with that emergency in the ranks of his club today as the injury plague hit the Tribe.

Eddie Robinson, a key man in the Tribe's 1948 pennant hopes, was lost from the Indians' first base roster last night when he took a plane to Cleveland for examination and treatment of an injured right foot. Robbie and sub first sacker, Ebbie Fletcher, have only two good feet among them at the moment, for Fletcher also is crippled with a bruised left foot.

Indians' Manager Lou Boudreau immediately put through an emergency call to Greenberg's "front office"—the Cleveland dugout. The versatile executive-player-coach, who wants to scrape his spikes on a mahogany desk instead of home plate, protected his stockholder's interest by starting two rallies in Cleveland's 7-2 win over the New York Giants yesterday.

OVS PICKS SKREET FOR HOOP BOSS

OVS, April 14—Forrest (Skreet) O'Connell, who has been working part time as athletic coach at Oregon Vocational school, has been named head basketball coach of the Ovs on a full-time basis.

O'Connell probably will also coach track when OVS swings into its full collegiate major sports program, and will handle school intramural athletics.

The Ovs entered a team in the Klamath Basin basketball conference last season, playing independent ball, but next fall will schedule college games with an eye to breaking into a collegiate conference. O'Connell led the Ovs cage team last winter.

The job of football coach at the hilltop school is still open and several applications are being considered. It is known that Al Simpson of Southern Oregon college evidenced some interest in the OVS post, but an announcement from the Ashland reveals that Simpson has decided to stay at Southern Oregon.

He had received offers from several other schools.

Simpson's football team was champion of the Far West conference two years in a row and ran up a string of 15 wins before being defeated. The Ashland announcement disclosed that the coach received an increase in salary, but did not reveal the terms.

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