

Local Horsehide Parade ...

KU, OTI Baseball Underway

Baseball season is crowding its way into the local sports scene as the Oregon Technical Institute Owls and the Klamath Union High School Pelicans take their final week of king-X practice sessions and get set for the counting diamond schedule that lies ahead of them. Both teams open the regular season play Tuesday on foreign soil.

At the college up on the hill, Corky Van Loo is in his first year as head man of the Oregon Tech baseball program. The same can be said for Ray Coley at Klamath Union's horsehide turnout, but this is not only Coley's first season at the helm of the Pelican baseball crew, it will also be his last. The Pel's head man announced this week that he will be resigning his post at KUHS to accept a head baseball coaching assignment at a new high school in Phoenix, Arizona.

Coley is a former Boise Junior College basketball and baseball standout, and played two years of professional baseball in the now extinct Western International League. This is his second year in Klamath Falls. Van Loo is a former athletic star at Oregon College of Education, where he performed brilliantly on the football and baseball fields. This is Corky's first season at OTI, where he also assisted in football.

DOUBLE-HEADER
This coming Tuesday the Pelicans travel to Grants Pass for their seasonal opener against the Grants Pass Cavemen in a double-header, both games counting towards the district 6-A race. The Owls of OTI will journey into Ashland for a double-header against Southern Oregon College. For the Tech diamond nine this will be the first action of a 26-game schedule.

Pitching seems to be the big question at both schools, but that is the problem wherever base-



RAY COLEY
...at KU helm



CORKY VAN LOO
...Oregon Tech mentor

ball seems to be played these days. Van Loo indicated Wednesday that his pitching staff is a little weak at the present time, but the outlook for the later part of the season is better. For the Pel's, Coley has five moundmen, all of whom remain to be tested against tough competition.

One bright spot for the Owls is the return of southpaw Chuck

Tykesson from the service. Before he left OTI to enter the Army, Tykesson was the mainstay of the Owls' pitching staff. Besides "Tyke," Van Loo has letterman Chuck Verrell back from last year's club. Verrell is a right-hander.

Other returning lettermen include outfielders Gary Dorn and Charles Eccleston, infielders Cal-

vin "Sugar Jet" Smith, Walt Ponder and Lou Emerson. Emerson played in the Tech outfield year before last, and in the opening week of practice last season, he fell and broke his wrist, which sidelined the heavy-hitting veteran for the entire year.

LAST YEAR
Catcher Carl Ahre, product of Eugene High School teams, is the eighth letterman that greeted Van Loo this year. Ahre lettered last year for the Owls.

At Klamath Union, Coley has the same number of letter winners back this season. Experienced baseballers include Earle Tichenor, a senior pitcher; Bob Harbarger, senior first baseman; Bill Hamblin, senior first baseman shifted to shortstop; Butch Kimpson, junior second baseman-shortstop; Donn Taucher and Dave Leeling, a pair of senior lettermen outfielders; Jerry Burke, senior catcher-second baseman; and Modesto "Mighty Mo" Jimenez, a senior who can be counted upon for pitching, catching or outfield duties.

Other promising prospects include the Owls' Chuck Richardson, a hard-throwing reliever, and Wayne Reimke, a first base candidate. At KUHS, Coley is expecting catching help from Brent Caldwell and some infield support from Jerry Bramwell and Orin Perkins, who is doubling this season in both the outfield and infield. Coley has the two letterman, Joe Tawney and Lee McGill. The Pel's pitching is expected to be carried by Tichenor and non-lettermen Mike Runge, Mickey Carney, Darryl Rusth and Jimenez.

Both the Owls and Pelicans will play their home games at Gem Stadium this year. The Pel's first home encounter will be April 27 against Grants Pass, while Tech's initial home battle will be April 7 against Humboldt State.

Herald and News Sports

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Lopez Won't Concede AL Win To Yanks

TUCSON, Ariz. (UP)—Al Lopez, manager of the Cleveland Indians, is not conceding the American League pennant to the Yankees or anyone else.

He just happens to believe that the Cleveland baseball club is an improved one over the 1955 team that finished only three games behind New York.

Lopez was emphatic as he reviewed reports that almost everyone has already surrendered to the Yankees.

"I don't feel that way at all," he exclaimed. "I doubt whether Marty Marion or Higgins feel that way either."

He referred, of course, to the White Sox pilot and Pinky Higgins of the Boston Red Sox, who finished third and fourth behind him last year.

"And maybe the Yankees aren't so sure," he volunteered. "I read in the papers they are looking for a right-hand pitcher."

Lopez, it might be noted here, isn't just about to part with any of his right-handers, of which he happens to have three, if not five, of the best in the business.

They would be Bob Lemon, Mike Garcia and Early Wynn, plus a fellow named Bob Feller, who should not be counted out, and still another, Sal (The Barber) Maglie, one of the craftiest, smartest in the game. To these, naturally, add lefty Herb Score.

Switching from the pitching prospects, Lopez said:

"Look at it this way. Bob Avila isn't going to drop 70 points in his batting average. Al Rosen isn't going to drop 60."

Most experts with the club agree the deals with the Chicago White Sox, which brought Cleveland outfielder Jim Busby and shortstop Chico Carrasquel, will be of benefit, despite the loss in the negotiations of their best long ball hitter, Larry Doby.

This remains to be proved.

Phil Woolpert Blasts New Basketball Rules

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The best defensive coach in college basketball took an oral swipe Thursday at the rules changes ordered for next season.

"They've been making the same mistake for the last three or four years," snorted Phil Woolpert, whose University of San Francisco Dons won their second straight NCAA cage title last week on their 55th consecutive victory.

"They're trying to legislate defense instead of coaching it."

Woolpert's Dons topped the nation's collegiate category two successive years in defensive play while rolling up the longest winning streak on record against major foes.

Suit Filed In Football Injury

DUNSMUIR—A \$672,000 suit in the name of Anthony L. Welch, Dunsmuir high school senior, has been filed by his mother, Gladys A. Welch, in Shasta County Superior Court. Dunsmuir Joint Union High School is named defendant in the action.

Mrs. Welch claims her son suffered a lesion of the spinal column in a football scrimmage game last fall against Enterprise High School and will be paralyzed from the shoulders down for the rest of his life. Mrs. Welch charges that the agents of the district "negligently and carelessly supervised and safeguarded the said plaintiff" during the scrimmage on September 10 at Tiger Field in Redding.

In a second cause of action, the complaint charges that the "defendant caused a dangerous and defective condition to exist" and that "said conditions were known or reasonably should have been known to the governing body of district and to the employees of district whose duties it was to correct the same."

Attorneys for the plaintiff are J. Everett Barr and Harry A. Hammond of Yreka.

Backbone of the defense was All-American center Bill Russell, a 6-10 windmill who specialized in batting down opponents' shots before they even reached the backboard.

The rules change to which Woolpert objects most strongly is the one aimed at the big man who is agile enough—and has the height—to guide teammates' errant shots into the basket, a maneuver at which Russell excelled.

Next year officials will be forced to decide on the spot whether tip-in baskets originated as a pass or a wild shot.

"It's a very, very infantile way of trying to destroy or neutralize a physical advantage without chopping off a tall man's legs," said Woolpert. "I wasn't at the rules' committee meeting, but if I had been I'd have said the same thing."

"Russell is the only man I ever saw who did those guide-in shots effectively, and how often does a guy like Bill come along? I think it's absurd and I have no axe to grind, with Russell all finished with college ball."

"As far as I'm concerned it's imposing another burden on already overworked officials who'll have to determine what constitutes a pass or a missed shot. Maybe it'll be crystal clear, but I'm a little dubious."

Woolpert said he had two solutions to the problem of handling a big man capable of guiding in shots.

"The first one is, don't schedule his team," Woolpert said, grinning. "The second is, if you want to schedule them, work up a defense aimed at cutting down his effectiveness."

"Of course, if it doesn't work, you're going to be beaten, but like I said a guy like Bill doesn't come along very often so you've got a chance."

Mack Lillard Signs Grow For KF Battle

Klamath Falls boxing promoter Mack Lillard announced today that he has signed Jimmy Grow to headline the new armory ring card Friday, April 6. Grow's foe has yet to be named, but the local promoter said he has received an unofficial "yes" from a strong Bay Area lightweight.

Lillard's announcement that Grow will again headline a local boxing card brought a shout of approval from boxing fans, most of whom have grown strong supporters of the Lewiston, Idaho battler. In Saturday night, Grow stopped Ronnie Sanchez in the second round of a scheduled 10-round main event.

Besides the announcement that Grow had been obtained as one-half of the main attraction, Lillard also said he had signed Jimmy "Bang Bang" Jackson of San Francisco to meet Boise's Eddie Schnoor in a rematch of last Saturday night's semi-main event, which was well accepted by ringside patrons. The Jackson-Schnoor fight will be extended to an eight round affair this time, instead of the regular six-round semi-windup attraction.

Another rematch may be in the offing as Ed's Billy Plummer is seeking a chance to avenge his split decision loss to Dick Jones of Klamath Falls on the last card held at the armory. Although Lillard had been unable to contact the two fighters at press time today, both are expected to answer the rematch call, if possible.

Other battles who are expected to be contested for spots on the April 6 card include "Battling" Hicks of San Francisco, a stablemate of Walker, Bonanza's George Bray, Ken Duca, and several other local pugilists.

Lillard said tickets for the card will go on sale at Dick Reeder's Store for Men Saturday.

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RADIO STATION KFJL's most valuable basketball awards for the recent basketball season were presented to Oregon Tech's Johnny Foster and Klamath Union's Glenn Moore this past week. Shown above in the trophy presentation are, right to left, Alan Abner, station manager, Warren Bunyan, sports director at KFJL, Foster and Moore. This is the second such award made by the station, earlier in the year, the outstanding football players were honored.

Hal Wood's Mid-Week Short Shots

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Short

Phil Sarboe, head coach at Humboldt State College, is campaigning to get unlimited substitution revived for small college football teams. He thinks the same rule should apply to high school clubs. He claims it would give all the boys a chance to play and has no fear that the game would be over-emphasized.

The San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League, a box office flop in recent years, report a complete sell-out of their 3,100 boxes for the opening game against the Vancouver Mounties on April 10th. President Jerry Donovan expects a crowd of around 17,000 "if the weather is right."

SELECTIONS

The publisher of Golfing Magazine, Herb Graffis, asks for a ballot predilection who will win the major golf tournaments in this country in 1956. So here 'tis: National Open—Dr. Cary Middlecoff, PGA—Jackie Burke, George S. May's World Championship—Mike Souchak, National Invitational—Ken Venturi. The line for arguing against these selections will now form at the right.

If the California Athletic Commission wants something to do, it might take a closer look at the records of some of the fighters in this area. A fellow named Bill Mathis from Eureka had 10 fights in 13 months—and was knocked out nine times! In one stretch he was knocked three times in three weeks; and another time he took the count three times in four weeks. In many states a fighter receives an automatic six weeks suspension after suffering a knock-out, to make sure he is completely recovered.

NEW STAR

Don Bowden, young California distance star, will take the second official try of his short career at the mile on Saturday against San Jose State. In his first attempt last year as a freshman, he was clocked in 4:11. Last week he took a test spin and turned up with a 4:08.2. He's definitely pointing for the Olympics now.

Short memory department: Only 20 years ago San Francisco basketball writers were terming Hank Luisetti of Stanford University the "greatest basketball player of all-time," pointing out "there will never be another like him." Today they are using the same adjectives to describe Big Bill Russell, the USP All-American.

Stengel Sees Flag For Yanks

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UP)—

The New York Yankees are going into the 1956 American League pennant race as the favorites, and Manager Casey Stengel agrees they deserve that rating.

"Everyone tells me I have the best talent in the league, and I agree," Stengel winked. "But I ain't selling those Red Sox, Indians, White Sox and Tigers short. Those Red Sox especially could hurt us real bad."

Casey may "platoon 'em to death this year."

"I've got enough guys who are major league players, but I'll have to find spots for them—especially when I have nine shortstops going for me," he explained.

POSES PROBLEM

His biggest problem is his outfield of Hank Bauer, Mickey Vernon and Irv Noren. All three were below par when the Yankees lost the World Series to the Brooklyn Dodgers last October, because of various injuries.

Casey isn't too worried about Mantle and Bauer, but he is so worried about Noren that he has been playing first baseman Joe Collins, in right field.

Stengel, a master at juggling talent, said any manager in the league would like to have such outfield candidates as Bob Cerv, Elston Howard, and a rookie by the name of Norm Siebern.

For the infield there are Collins, if not needed in the outfield; Bill Skowron and Eddie Robinson battling for the first base job; Billy Martin probably will be at second with Phil Rizzuto starting the season at short and Gil McDougald at third base.

YOGI SET

Also in the infield picture are Jerry Coleman, Andy Carey, Bobby Richardson and a rookie, Tony Kubek, who hit .334 at Quincy last year.

For right-handers, there are Bullet Bob Turley, an impressive Don Larsen, Bob Grim, a 20-game winner as a rookie in 1954, and Johnny Kucks. Stengel believes Mickey McDermott, the left-hander acquired from the Washington Senators "can win for us" and has a chance to get in the starting rotation.

BOWLING SCORES

AUTOMOTIVE LEAGUE

	W	L
Basin Motors	70 1/2	25 1/2
Halverson's Union	60 1/2	31 1/2
Pacific Fruit	58 1/2	33 1/2
Commercial Shell	38	34
Specialized Service	57 1/2	34 1/2
Eastside Electric	35 1/2	36 1/2
Motor Investment	34	38
Halverson's Motors	32	39
Jim Wende Buick	32	40
Quaker State Oil	32	40
Lorenz Co.	31 1/2	40 1/2
Carlson Mattress	43	60

Last night's results:

Basin 3 Halverson 1	
Halverson's 4 Quaker State 0	
Commercial Shell 3 Eastside 0	
Pacific Fruit 3 Motor Investment 1	
Specialized 3 Lorenz 1	
Carlson 4 Jim Wende Buick 0	

High team game—Halverson Motors 956

High team series—Commercial Shell 244

High individual game—Don Thomas 225

High individual series—Don Thomas 553

MAJOR CLASSIC LEAGUE

	W	L
Halverson's Hereford	61 1/2	45 1/2
Davis Associated	61	48
Johnson Insurance	61 1/2	50 1/2
Pelican 3 Motors	57	51
Sixth Street Oxygen	44	60
Oregon Woolen	44	60

Last night's results:

Johnson 3 Sixth Street 3	
Pelican 3 Halverson's 1	
Davis 4 Oregon Woolen 0	

High team game—Davis Associated 845

High team series—Davis Associated 260

High individual game—Gino Rosterella 200

High individual series—Bob Victorine 627

MINOR CLASSIC LEAGUE

	W	L
Round-Up	60 1/2	46 1/2
Bob and Polly's	60	52
Landry Insurance	60	52
Bina's Cafe	53 1/2	50 1/2
Grena Mfg.	53	52
Al Longe Realtor	44	60

Last night's results:

Al Longe 0 Round-Up 4	
Landry 1 Bina's 2	
Grena 3 Bob and Polly's 1	

High team game—Round-Up 807

High team series—Round-Up 2002

High individual game—George Chin 211

High individual series—George Chin 561

NBA PLAYOFFS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday's Results

Syracuse 108, Philadelphia 104

(Best-of-5 semifinal series tied 2-2)

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS

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WESTERN LEAGUE

Vancouver 5, New Westminster 1

(Vancouver wins second playoff spot in best-of-7 finals with Victoria)

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Trading Pays Off For Hose

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unless he's hit by a line drive, a thrown ball or a slumping earned run average, Bob Porterfield looks ready to come up with a whale of a year and put the Boston Red Sox in the thick of the American League pennant race.

Porterfield, obtained from Washington last November, has looked great in the Sox exhibition games. He's won three, lost one and put together an awesome 1.50 ERA, giving up only two walks and three earned runs in 18 innings. With guys like Ted Williams, Jackie Jensen and Sammy White on his side, there's little reason to doubt that Bob will improve on his 10-17 pitching record of last season.

The rub, however, is that he will have to steer clear of injuries. For if anyone can qualify for the title of the "unluckiest player in the majors" it's the same Mr. Porterfield.

Bob, now 31, came up to the New York Yankees in 1948 with a fine reputation. The following year, Casey Stengel was ready to make him one of his front-line hurlers.

"But there was always something wrong," complained Casey. "Sore arms, sore legs, sore head, always something sore."

After that Porterfield came up with sundry other hurts, including a fractured jaw and a concussion. Yesterday, Porterfield gave up only three hits and one run in six innings as the Red Sox downed the Kansas City A's 7-2. Jackie Jensen slammed his first homer of the spring.

Injuries struck four players in the Yankee-Slack-Washington game, won by the Senators 6-4. After the victims were counted up the list looked this way: Yankees—Mickey Mantle, bruised leg muscle; Billy Martin, pulled knee; Senators—Pete Runnels, bruised hand; Hal Griggs, bruised ankle. Bob Turley took his fourth pounding of the Grapefruit League season. He gave up six runs in six innings.

The Detroit Tigers, with rookie infielder Buddy Hicks getting six hits in six at bats, came to life and defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 15-3.

Stan Musial got three hits as the St. Louis Cardinals shellacked the Cincinnati Redlegs 13-4.

In other games, the Pittsburgh Pirates pulled a triple play and got three runs batted in from Frank Thompson in beating the Brooklyn Dodgers 6-2. The Yankees' Braves pounded Billy Pierce for four runs in the first inning and coasted to a 7-4 decision over the Chicago White Sox.

A grand slam homer by Stu Locklin and a solo wallop by Al Rosen enabled the Cleveland Indians to nip the Chicago Cubs 8-7. And homers by Denny Rhodes and Willie Mays helped the New York Giants to a 6-5 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Sports in Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TENNIS

KINGSTON, Jamaica.—Sweden's Ulf Schmidt defeated Bob Howe, Australia, 6-2, 7-5 to become the only non-U.S. qualifier in the semi-finals of the Caribbean Lawn Championships.

RACING

MIAMI, Fla.—Gemerald (110-40) led all the way to capture the \$13,200 Singing Tower Stakes at Gulfstream.

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