

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

The Northern California League baseball situation may be at an all time low now, with Klamath Falls a questionable member and several of the other entries wondering what can be done to boost the summer semi-pro circuit. And without the NCL, Northern California sports fans would be wanting for something to do with their summer Sunday afternoons.

Irv Whitt, manager of the Klamath Cubs, reports that there is some question as to whether or not the local semi-pro club will be in operation this summer. And for once, it is not a problem of finances. Seems the Cubs are above water as far as money is concerned, but what they need is some person, or organization to get behind the team to take care of the promotion and behind-the-scenes work.

Reports from other Northern California League cities indicate a move towards a later opening date and earlier closing date. Such a move would help the teams in obtaining top college ballplayers who get out of school late and must finish their summer ball season by the first of September.

The late-start and early-end plan that has been suggested seems to have some strong backing. McCleod, a longtime member of the league, had to withdraw last year because of lack of players. This problem would probably have been solved if the league play had not started until after the school year when college ballplayers were available.

Weed would probably favor such a proposition. The Sons played good ball during the regular season, after the addition of a few prime players from college, but in the playoffs, after losing these same prime additions, their play fell off sharply.

Klamath's case is just about the same. The Cubs depended upon several college athletes to fill out its club. But most of these were home grown and were able to make it home for the weekend games until school finally ended. A later opening would help the Cubs and save a few dollars traveling expenses on the part of the boys who motored home on the weekends for a game.

The big bug in the Cubs' case seems to be the lack of promotional leadership. Whitt has his hands full trying to run a club on the playing field. If such responsibilities as ticket selling, scheduling, promotion stunts and general managing duties were to be taken over by a local organization the Cubs would be sure to improve by the move.

Here is a chance for a local service organization interested in building up its youth program treasury to make a move. We have no idea what type of financial agreement can be made between the Cubs and a local group to handle such a job. But whatever it is means pure profit and a chance to help build our community.

Let's something to think over. It's the hope the Northern California League continues to operate. Without it, our summers would be baseball-less. There is a possibility that Medford might join the circuit this year which would help to build up a new and stronger rivalry within the league.

From other scribbles pens: Dick Strite, Eugene Register-Guard—"One news service writer suggested that Tippy Dye (Washington basketball coach) take so much in the words of Red Auerbach, coach of the Boston Celtics, on the subject of the coaching profession: "A few years ago he (Dye) was a hero. Now he's a dope because of a couple of freaks out there." If the Boston coach had ever seen Smart (Doug) and Boin (Ryno) in action he'd never think of those two Huskies in the term as freaks. They are solid college basketball stars."

Jack Richard, Corvallis Gazette-Times—"Comment heard in the press box at Los Angeles this past weekend after the announcement came over the PA system that Stanford had handed Washington its third conference defeat—"They laid Boin out last season... maybe they should lay Tippy Dye out this year."

Al Lightner, Salem Statesman—"Discussing the fact that ex-Oregon coach and now Pacific Coast Conference official Bill Borchert has just recently been married... "When the news that Borchert had taken his vows reached Corvallis, one was quickly quipped: 'Good! Now if she'll only keep him home nights.'"

It's interesting to hear the same quote come from two different coaches on two different nights after two different games. But try this one for size.

After last Friday night's OTI win over Eastern Oregon, Mountaineer coach Bob Quinn said, "I have never coached such a dead and flat team. It was the worst team I have had."

So after Saturday night's game when EOC bounced back and clubbed the Owls in the second game, Tech coach Wally Palmberg used the same words just as strange as they were first cast by Quinn.

Picking up the odds and ends: Our reports from Corvallis indicate Glenn Moore, the ex-Klamath Falls prep basketball sensation who is now playing for the Oregon Frosh, may be in for some bad times in that valley city... seems in last Saturday night's Rook-Frosh game at Corvallis,



IRV WHITT ... looking for some help

Moore was the target of some "grandstand bench jockeys" ... he'd better learn to accept such action because if he continues to keep his scholastic work above board, he'll be hearing lots more in the next four years ... but our reports also indicate that lots of the verbal tosses came in the tone of deep respect ... and who wouldn't respect a 21-point effort on the part of a 6-8 flash of basketball prowess?

On our trip to La Grande last weekend with the Owls, it was interesting to look over the new field house and athletic plant that has graced the Eastern Oregon College campus ... a figure in the neighborhood of \$65,000 is said to be the tab on the new EOC gym ... and the plant is not completed yet ... Eastern Oregon officials have plans to put in a girls PE department, an archery range and other athletic and PE developments including a swimming pool ... when this is finished the figure will jump to over the one million dollar mark ... as long as Oregon's higher education schools are being bolstered by such new buildings, it would be nice for one or two improvements to be made at Oregon Technical Institute ... say a new and larger bucket to place on the basketball floor to catch the drops of rain that stream through holes in the OTI gym roof ... or stripping around the big front doors and windows of the gym to keep the cold winds and drifting snow outside ...

Bill Vecek is battling hard in an effort to buy the Chicago White Sox ... and keeping his fingers crossed that the colorful Vecek is successful as general manager of the Cleveland Indians Frank Lane ... can you imagine what kind of promotional antics will be arranged between these two gents if Vecek is successful? Vecek, you will remember, brought several innovations to baseball in years past while with the St. Louis Browns ... such as the midget batter used to draw base on balls and lure fans into the ballpark ... with Vecek's trading and color background, the American League would be in for quite an improvement ...

Allen Jones, four-year Oregon Tech football letterman, found out that the game of basketball can be rough ... Seems Al was playing in a City League basketball game last week when he slipped and fell. The damage: a broken ankle. Jones is now on crutches saying, "football wasn't this hard on me."

George Katz, manager of welterweight Gil Turner, is a picture framemaker.

OTI, Southern Oregon Clash Here

Tech Hosts Raiders Tonight In OCC Play

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Tuesday Results
Portland State 65, Oregon College 44

Wednesday Game
Southern Oregon at Oregon Tech

Friday Games
Southern Oregon at Portland State

Saturday Games
Southern Oregon at Portland State

Eastern Oregon at Oregon College

Oregon Tech bye

Southern Oregon College's conference-leading Red Raiders come to town tonight for an Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball meeting with the Oregon Tech Owls from the Mile High Campus. Game time is 8 o'clock.

A preliminary game is scheduled for 6:15 pitting two of the top City League basketball teams, Oregon Food, comprised of KUHS coaches, and Fleet's, a group of OTI students, will tangle in the prelin contest which will count towards the City League standings. Coach Wally Palmberg's Owls and Ted Schopf's Raiders from Ashland will be out in force as the two clubs meet for the first time this season. There is never a dull moment in SO-OTI athletic meetings and tonight's class will be no different.

Running with D'Oliveo at forward for SOC will be Dick Smith. Punk Biddington, a regular starter and one of the Raiders' top scorers, will probably be on the sidelines with an injury. It is not known if Biddington will see any action at all this evening. Don Vannice is expected to open at center for the Raiders.

Other Southern Oregon starters will probably be Jim McAbee and Gordie Carrigan at the two guard spots. McAbee, a former Talent high athlete, is a returning starter from Southern Oregon's second place team last year and is the club's top playmaker. Carrigan, who gives McAbee a big assist in directing the SOC offense, is a good outside shooter and is capable of hitting in double figures any night.

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Dave D'Oliveo, a 6-4 product of Klamath Union High School, will be leading the Raiders into action against the Owls. The former KU prep star is a leading scorer and rebounder in the Southern Oregon basketball program. D'Oliveo is averaging about 20 points a game and will be a tough foe for the Owls to stop this evening.

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ANOTHER McCUTCHEON — Oregon Tech has another McCutcheon on its basketball club this year in the presence of Jess McCutcheon, a 6-4 freshman from Springfield, Jess' older brother John played four years of basketball for the Owls, including two as all-conference. Jess will probably see some action tonight when the Owls host Southern Oregon College on the OTI floor. Game time is 8 p.m.

Herald and News SPORTS

Mays Signs Contract For \$80,000 Season

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Star center fielder Willie Mays, who heard both cheers and boos in his first season in San Francisco with the Giants, draws an estimated \$80,000 as his 1959 salary.

President Horace Stoneham announced Tuesday night that the fleet player had agreed to terms. The amount wasn't announced but Willie was believed to have received a \$5,000 boost from his \$75,000 of last season when he was runner-up both for the National League batting championship and its Most Valuable Player award.

Despite a mid-season batting slump that started some of the fans booing, Mays hit .347 for the season, his highest in six with the Giants and second only to Philadelphia's Richie Ashburn with .350. In voting for the MVP award, Willie placed second to Chicago's Ernie Banks.

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Floyd, Swede Ready For Heavyweight Go

NEW YORK (AP) — The long and sometimes baffling list of likely candidates to meet Floyd Patterson in his next defense of the world heavyweight championship had narrowed down to one today — Ingemar Johansson, a Swede who was disqualified from the finals of the 1952 Olympics for "refusing to fight."

Patterson said he could not disclose the financial arrangements, but it was expected that Patterson would get a 40 per cent cut and Johansson 20 per cent. He said the television rights would go on the open market, but that he leaned toward home TV.

Johansson has won all 21 of his professional bouts. His biggest victory was over Machen, a highly regarded American heavyweight, whom he stashed last Sept. 14.

Patterson has defended his crown three times since he knocked out Archie Moore in the final of an elimination tournament to decide a successor to Rocky Marciano.

MONMOUTH (AP) — Every member of the Portland State basketball squad played Tuesday night as the team rolled to an easy 65-44 Oregon Collegiate Conference victory over Oregon College of Education.

Leading the Portland State scorers were John Fredrick, 16; Don Bridges, 14; and Stan Weber, 13.

Don Sherk led the losers with 9 points.

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