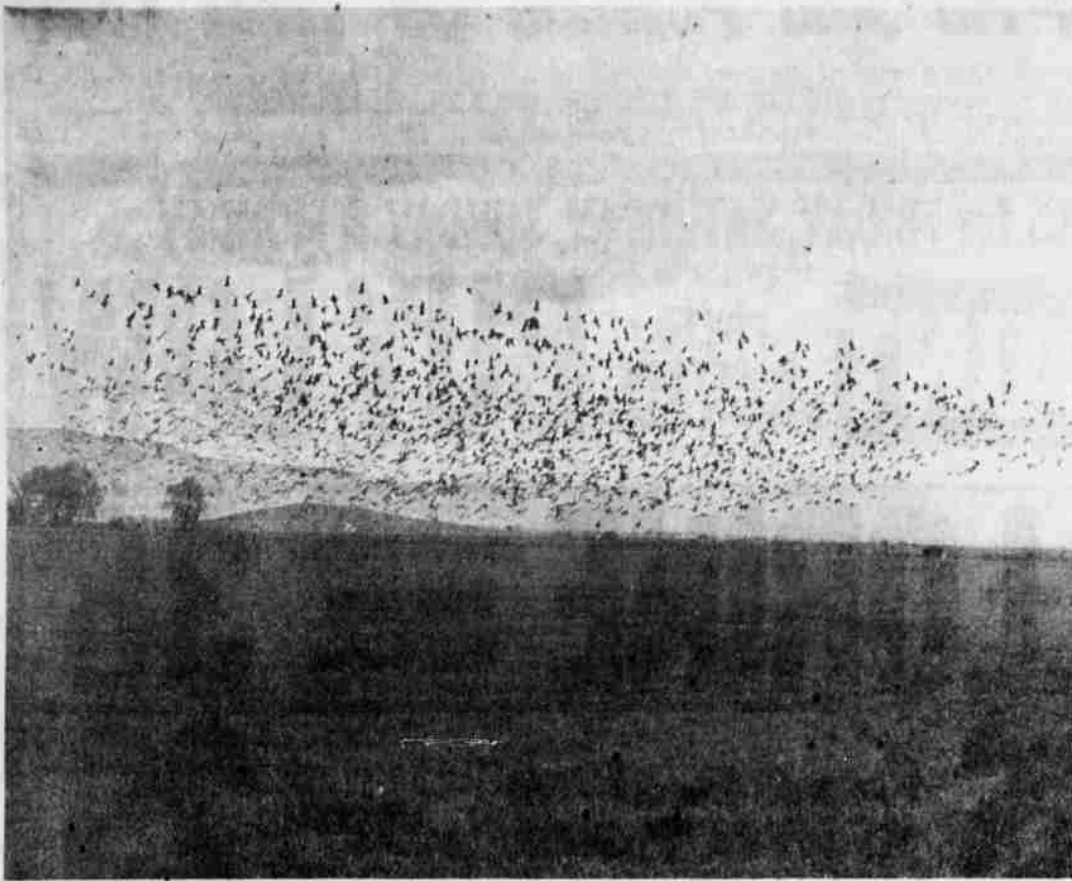




THE DUCKS ARE COMING HOME — This photo, taken by staff photographer Don Kettler near Miller Island on the west side of the city, shows that the ducks are coming back from their winter vacation down South. There

were thousands of birds in the vicinity of Miller Island and were there for over a day, apparently waiting for the storm to blow over. The birds stopped to rest on that long trip back North.

Pelicans Open SOC League Play Here Saturday Against Ashland

The Klamath Union Pelican baseball team travels to Yreka for a single game today and returns home Saturday to open the Southern Oregon Conference action with a doubleheader beginning at 1:30 against Ashland, weather permitting, at Gem Stadium.

Coach Bill Mansfield's Pelicans have a 1-1 record thus far and had two other games rained out last week at Redding, one in which they were leading in the second frame by 3-0. They split their first two games with Weed, losing 5-2 and winning 4-1.

Mansfield hasn't named a starting pitcher for the game at Yreka today. His starting hurlers for the Saturday contests against Ashland are to be Gary Benson and Rich Jackson.

The starting unit in the weekend games will include John Gray at first, Lanny Guyer at second, Mike Kitching at short, John Parisotto at third, Tom Osa in left, Larry Smith in center and

Rick Horn in right against a right-handed pitcher. Dave Johnson will be behind the plate.

Larry Binney, a southpaw left-hander first baseman, has been played by a case of strep throat and will miss this week's action. He alternates at first with Gray, depending on the pitcher being thrown against the Pels.

Benson, Jackson, Binney, Guyer, Kitching, Parisotto and Smith are all left-handers. Mansfield also has two other catchers who could see action. They are Jay Paxton and Vern Petrick.

The baseball league is expected to be about as tight as the basketball race turned out to be. Mansfield expects four teams to fight for the title and to get trouble from the fifth team, Ashland.

The league schedule has changed somewhat this season in that the teams will play 16 games rather than eight of last year. Last season the teams played one seven-inning game which counted toward league standings and a five frame game which didn't count. This season both games will be seven stanzas and both will count. Superior pitching depth could tell the story of the league winner.

Klamath finished second in the league last season to Medford with a 6-2 mark. Medford was 7-1 and suffered its only loss to the Whitebirds. The Black Tornado is loaded again this season.

Gray is the leading hitter through the first two games with five safeties in seven at bats for a lofty .714 average. Marvin Yuneck is the utility infielder with Rich Bath and Alan Kenyon being the front line outfield reserves.

"We seem pretty strong in the hurdles in the first spots with English and Graham. After that there are a lot of young kids who are working hard. I expect them to come on late in the year. They won't be much help at the first of the season but experience should bring them around. English and Graham are doing good jobs on the hurdles now," he said.

"There will be quite a few schools in the meet Saturday. There are four classifications, A, B, C, and D. We will be in Class A with Medford and Grants Pass. Those are the only three big schools that I know of, unless they have added some more recently," Peterson explained.

He said that he would be able to tell more about the fortunes of the Pelican track team after this meet.

South Suburban Little League will hold registrations Saturday and Sunday at the county fairgrounds pavilion from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Dallas Fanning, president of the league, said that the boys who played in the major leagues last season do not have to register. All boys in the South Suburban area from 9-12 may register to play. They are asked to bring a birth certificate or proof of age.

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"We have all young boys in the sprints with the exception of Dahn. But the sophomores are

good sophomores—Arie DeGroot, Randy Howard and Eccles," Peterson said.

"We've looked pretty good in practice, but it's hard to tell what they will do in a meet. And we haven't had the best weather conditions to practice under, either," Peterson stated.

Peterson will be taking about 40 athletes to the meet which is to be held at Southern Oregon College. He has lettersmen back with which to build the team around. He has Bill Mills in the shot put and discus, Walt Smith in the javelin, Ron Hillecock in the pole vault, Grover Dahn in the sprints and broad jump, Terry Eccles in the high jump and broad jump, Dick Scott in the high jump, Ray Thorne in the pole vault, Don Graham and John English in the hurdles, Don Piper in the 800 and 440 and Steve Lawrence in the mile.

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Defending Champion SF Giants In Cellar

By United Press International

They say spring exhibition games don't mean a thing but manager Alvin Dark of the San Francisco Giants is beginning to wonder.

The Giants are the defending National League champions but they've looked the part of stumbling, bumbling eighth-placers. They've lost three games in a row, 10 of their last 11, 12 of their last 14, and Thursday dropped a 4-1 decision to the Chicago Cubs at Phoenix, Ariz.

With the opening of the National League pennant race only 19 days away, Dark is beginning to become impatient.

Lou Brock hit a key double and triple to pace the Cubs' 10-hit attack Thursday. Ernie Bowman had two singles and a double for the Giants and Tom Haller hit a homer.

If the Giants are looking for company during their spring frustration, they can easily find it in the persons of the New York Yankees.

Reds Edge Yanks

The world champs had to remain on the field—away from their Madison Avenue activities—for a full 11 innings Thursday before dropping a 3-2 decision to the Cincinnati Reds. Ken Walters doubled home Tommy Harper in the 11th to give the Reds their margin of victory.

Carroll Hardy had a triple and two singles to lead a 19-hit attack that brought the Houston Colts a 12-4 decision over the Boston Red Sox. Bonus baby Rusty Staub hit a three-run homer and Ellis Burton also homered for the Colts.

The Los Angeles Angels raised their spring record to 14-5 with a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians—their third straight ninth-inning triumph. Rookie Charlie Dees' pinch-hit single with the bases filled in the ninth drove in the decisive run.

Harvey Haddix allowed only one hit for six innings—a double by rookie Bob Saverine—as the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Baltimore Orioles, 6-0. The Pirates got eight hits and four walks good for five runs in the first five innings against Chuck Estrada.

Camilli Breaks Tie

The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Mets, 4-2, in 14 innings, with Doug Camilli's solo homer breaking the 2-2 tie in the top of the final frame. Larry Sherry, making his best showing of the spring, pitched six shutout innings for the Dodgers.

Paul Ratliff, 19-year-old rookie bonus catcher, hit a homer and two singles to lead the Minnesota Twins to a 3-2 win over the Kansas City Athletics as Lee Stange and Gerry Arrigo held the A's to four hits.

The Washington Senators beat the Detroit Tigers, 3-4, on the wings of eighth-inning homers by Tom Brown and Jim King. Brown also had a single and a double and drove in three runs to lead Washington's attack.

Ernie Broglio and Diomedes Olivo teamed in a two-hitter as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Braves, 3-0. Eddie Mathews erased nine Milwaukee hits and was erased in a double play each time.

No other Brave reached base as the two St. Louis pitchers faced the minimum of 27 batters. It was the fourth shutout suffered by the Braves this spring.

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At Palm Springs, Calif.:

Cincinnati's impertinent Royals fired the first shot in the newest revolt Thursday night when they licked the four-time champions on Boston's home court.

The Eastern Division best-of-seven final series continues at Cincinnati tonight while the St. Louis Hawks rest for the start of their Western showdown with the Lakers which starts in Los Angeles Sunday.

Coach Charley Wolf's Royals even had the nerve to borrow Boston's prize strategy in scoring a 135-132 upset victory Thursday night.

The Celtics, while winning seven straight Eastern titles and five of the last six playoff crowns, have been famed for their powerful "bench," their reserves who leap in to pound already reeling opponents.

But Cincinnati got a surprise one-game jump in the series opener by using its own three-man bench force. The reserve trio, Tom Hawkins, Adrian Smith and Hub Reed, netted a total of 22 points, gave regulars needed rest, and managed to keep starters out of serious foul trouble.

Wolf could rave about his bench all he wanted, but 13,798 Boston Garden customers went away talking about the "Big O," Oscar Robertson.

Playing his best game in Boston, Robertson netted 43 points, nine of them in the waning moments, grabbing 14 rebounds, and had ten assists. His 17 baskets came on only 25 floor shots.

San Francisco tried to return to the win trail when they met the Boston Red Sox here today.

The Giants also announced that eight players were being sent to Casa Grande, Ariz., for reassignment.

They included bonus baby Bob Garibaldi and five other pitchers—Jerry Thomas, Ron Herbel, Bob Gayeski, Bob Bishop and Danny Rivas. Also sent down were infielder Charley Peterson and outfielder Carl Boles.

Garibaldi and Boles, who has been injured all spring, performed for last year's squad.

Although exhibition games don't mean much, it is still a fact that the Giants have won only one of their last dozen Cactus League battles.

They collected nine hits off a quartet of Cub hurlers, but the San Francisco offense was really confined to two men.

Little Ernie Bowman whacked out three hits in as many tries and is now sticking an incredible 8-for-9 or .889 this spring.

San Francisco's tally came when Tom Haller whacked a bases-empty homer in the ninth.

The Cubs meanwhile hit Billy O'Dell pretty steadily, picking up 10 safeties in eight innings. John Pregenzer, the big right handed fireman, hurled another flawless relief frame.

FILIPINOS SEE ACTION

MANILA (UPI)—Two top Filipino tennis players will see action Friday in the opening singles matches of the Philippine-New Zealand interzone Davis Cup series.

Asian Games champion Johnny Jose will meet New Zealand's Lew Gerard in the first match and 43-year-old national open champ Felicissimo Ampon will be pitted against Ian Crookenden in the other singles match.

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