

Stan's Stand From the Stands . . .

By STAN THOMPSON

The scarred old baseball field has rested long enough. The time has come to wake it from hibernation, spruce it up and make it earn its keep.

This won't be an easy job. An army of weeds has infiltrated the area. Scouts were sent far into the interior to test growing conditions and returned with favorable reports. Having a summer and two winters to launch their attack, the weeds have done well and are now established. Once the minority in a land of sweet grass, they now rule as King, crowding out any natives or newcomers.

Even the bare vastness of the outfield, heretofore too rough a "go" for sweet grass, has been conquered by communities of salt grass. These little communities excel in twisting baseball players' ankles or directing a ground ball into a baseball player's teeth.

The tired old pitching mound looks like someone has beaten it with a sledge hammer. The victim of wind and inattention, the mound of dirt stands proudly no more but serves only as a lookout point for the weeds seeking overlooked places to grow.

The basepaths have succumbed to the marching army of weeds. Once the pathways of heavy traffic, they now lay hidden and forgotten.

Home plate is gone . . . probably left for a new home and fresh start where it could once again be the center of attraction.

The ragged old backstop is tattered and useless. Serving now as a tumbleweed catcher, it once stood tall and shiny, daring a baseball to try and get by. The sickly chicken wire, plagued with gaping holes and loosened patchwork, hangs precariously from rusted supports. Even the local birds have condemned it for perching purposes.

High overhead are the night lights, sitting atop tall poles, pointing every-which-way, hoping it's the right way. Thus far these lights are the only part of the ballfield the weeds have been unable to work into, excepting the ones who make it to the top via bird nests.

The sagging bleachers sit shivering in mud. Huddled together, fighting the winter cold and the summer heat, they are sore and in need of liniment.

But the season is here and plans are being made for counterattack. The field has been promised to be in good shape come April.

Pitchers and catchers begin workout indoors March 6, with infielders and outfielders following when weather permits. The first game is slated for the first part of April, making early practice a must. Coach Bob Morford cited several good prospects and plans on a good season.

"Pitching will be the big factor," he said. "Our main headache last year was our bats. Someone sneaked into the supply room and drilled them full of holes, making it almost impossible to hit the ball. Plugging those holes will be a fulltime job."

WRESTLERS WIN THIRD

Coach Mel Calhoun and his wrestlers traveled to Burns Saturday and captured third place in a district meet.

Wrestling in the 98-pound division were Clayton Hiatt and Mark Poulson; 106 division, Jessie Pierce and Bill Young; 115-pound class, Gene Jones and Manual Loera; 123-pound division, Dick Settles and Dick McPartland; 130-pound section, Galen Hiatt and Gene Horn; 136-pound division, Dub Jones and John Swager.

Representing Nyssa in the 141-pound category were Bill Wahlert and Preston King; 148-pound division, Chuck Corak; 165-pounder, Bob Bowers.

Royce Roberts was sidelined with injured ligaments in his knee.

Gene Jones and Dick Settles earned the chance of participating in the state meet at Corvallis. Tony Martinez of Adrian won first place in his weight division during the district meet at Burns.

Kinsey Keveren, the legendary champion builder, is busy sorting out javelins from the hurdles with track season almost here. New track uniforms will decorate the cinder circle under the watchful eye of the old master.

Summer baseball for kids is now organized and will be put into operation when school it out.

Wish Bones Remain In Top Bowling Spot; Ross Has High Score

Eagles Wish Bones could not be pulled apart last Thursday evening as they remained in top spot among Eagles bowling teams. They have a record of 18 wins and six losses in second half of league play.

Tail Feathers are still close behind with 17 wins and seven losses. Other team standings are Beaks, 14-10; Near Misses, 13-11; Renegades, 11-13; Bald Eagles, 12-12; Wings, 8-16; and Claws, 3-21.

The five Tail Feathers were high scratch game winners with 857 points and also took high team scratch series with 2405 pins.

Bert Ross was high man for the evening with 593 pins for scratch series winner and also with 701 pins for high handicap series. Tom Eldredge was high scratch game winner with 243 pins.

Emblem Team Rolls High Bowling Score In Wednesday Play

Emblem club rolled into top spot in Wednesday league bowling last week in the regular session of play at Bye Lanes in Ontario. The team now has 17 wins and 7 losses in second half of league play followed by Leuck's Signs with 15-9; Palomino cafe, 12-12; Malheur Memorial hospital, 11 1/2 - 12 1/2; First National Bank of Ontario, 11-13; Courtesy Corner, 5 1/2 - 18 1/2.

Emblem team was single game high score winner with 783 pins and high for three game series with 2245 points.

Marie Moggridge rolled a 215 score for high individual game and 573 for high score in three game series.

Hospital Personnel Presented Awards At Annual Banquet

Approximately 67 guests, including medical staff and board members, attended Malheur Memorial hospital annual banquet held Feb. 21 at East Side cafe in Ontario. Dr. Dorin Daniels of Vale served as master of ceremonies.

Charles J. Smith, administrator of the local hospital, presented service awards to employees. Mrs. Esther Leuck, registered nurse, was recipient of a 10-year pin. She has been director of nurses at the hospital for several years.

Members receiving five-year certificates were Eva Brawner, Beth Ellis and June Patterson, registered nurses; Ewen Chard, maintenance; Emma Merrick, Elsie Price and Mary Williams, dietary; Helen Peterson, medical librarian; Lillian Wagner, Donna Peterson and Margaret Wood, aides.

Margaretha van Twisk, dietary; Lillian Baker, aide, and Ruth Briehl, laboratory, were members receiving honorable mention. Program consisted of musical numbers by Carol Haney and Glenda Hoffman of Nyssa high school and community singing led by Phyllis Talbot, accompanied by Lois Luther at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Bear spent Sunday with Mrs. Holly Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stewart at Weiser.

Journal Classifieds Get Results

Four Mrs. Are High In Ladies League; D. Kohl Wins Trophy

Deane Kohl bowled a 200 scratch game and received a trophy Thursday evening at the regular Lady Eagles bowling meet at Bye Lanes in Ontario. High single game scores plus handicap were won by Deane Kohl with 234 points, Dorothy Parker with 216 and Vera Wright with 211 pins. High series plus handicap went to Deane Kohl with a score of 569, Mary Lou Winchester 564 and Vera Wright 562.

The Four Mrs. are in top place with a record of 15 wins and 5 losses in the second half of league play. Next in line are Happy Handicappers with 12-8; Odd

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Harriet Pennie returned home Sunday from Malheur Memorial hospital following an appendectomy. Her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holman of Baker, visited her during her hospital stay.

ARRIVE FOR VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. O'Dell and Ronnie of Paul, Idaho, arrived Wednesday to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reece, other relatives and friends. They returned Sunday to their home.

Balls, 10-10; High Lows, 10-10; Flying Eagles, 8-12; Gutter Gussies, 8-12; and Eight Balls, 4-16.

Local Team Wins Aerie-Sponsored Bowling Tourney

Nyssa Fraternal Order of Eagles lodge 2134 sponsored its first annual invitational bowling tournament, ending Sunday, at Bye Lanes in Ontario with teams from Nyssa, Ontario, Boise and La Grande competing. Total prizes amounted to \$400, including trophies and merchandise donated by Nyssa merchants.

A local team, Wish Bones, comprising Robert Allen, Asa Winchester, Harold Brendle, Dale Garrison and Lloyd Mackrill, copied first place with 3142 total pins.

Doubles found Brendle and

Mr. and Mrs. Aden Wilson recently spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stockham at Cascade, Idaho.

Mackrill in top spot with 1285; Don Bullard and Don Hatch in second place with 1258.

Singles first place was won by Charles Daudt with 717; second place, Dale Bingman, 696; third place, Brendle, 656; and fourth spot, Bob Wilson, 653.

The all events, scratch, left Bullard in fourth place with 1663.

Trophy winner in all events, handicap, was Brendle. Other trophy winners were Bullard, high scratch game and high handicap game; Omar Owsley, high scratch series; and Daudt, high handicap series.



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