

Bert's Berth

By BERT POWERS

(Editor's note: Due to the unavoidable absence of Sports Editor Bert Powers, regular conductor of this column, Jack Newman, former special writer for the Los Angeles Collegian, gives his expert opinions on sports at Santa Barbara State as he sees them.)

• Big "Satch" Dennis, tackle on Coach Harder's varsity pigskin aggregation, and incidentally, a shot-putter of some note, informs us that Balfour Gland, All-Southern California end for two years at Los Angeles City college is on his way to Gaucholand. This should please local fans no end as Gland has been recognized by numerous big-time coaches as one of the best wingmen to cavort in this section of the country, and predict a great future for him.

A classy passer and invincible on defense, "Bub" should be an asset to the Green machine next season. Teamed with Larry Pickens, who looked like a million bucks until an ankle injury put him out of the lineup last year, they should form a devastating duo, and make the Gauchos the team to beat.

Hate to boom the merits of the local ball club too much, but it looks as though the Gauchos hit the jackpot with baseball material and will come through with one of the hottest squads around these parts. With more good hurlers than you could throw rocks at, Eddie Markham looking like Rogers Hornsby in his prime at the keystone sack, Don Ripsch in the outfield, and Mickey Berman and Lynn Graham fighting for the initial bag, Massa Harder will apparently have very little to do in the way of worrying about his horsehide gang.

The first game, February 18, with the National School of Baseball, coached by Jess Orndoff, will be no cinch, and the result will serve as a good means of establishing a pretty accurate preseason prediction of the Gauchos chances for a peak year.

Nice gesture on the part of Coleman Stewart, prominent local attorney, who has taken over the reins of the frosh baseball team. Mr. Stewart replaces Jimmy Van Meter, who coached the peagreens last season and steered them in to a more than successful diamond campaign.

New Coach Stewart, former ball player himself, is anticipating a good year with the material that has shown so far, and as soon as the weather clears, will begin practice in Cabrillo park. A tough tentative schedule has been lined up and if the boys can handle it the varsity shouldn't have to worry about material for years to come.

Frosh Baseball Men to Report

• All Freshmen interested in reporting for the frosh baseball squad are requested to meet with Coleman Stewart, Monday, February 6, at 11:00 a.m. in Spud Harder's office.

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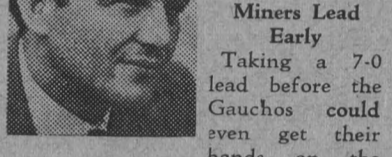
Varsity Casabamen Lose One, Win One During Past Week

Gauchos Show Up Well in Whipping New Mexico Mines, 47-32, but Exhibit Poor Form in Falling Before Chapman

• The Gauchos casaba squad came out of last week's basketball encounters with a 50 per cent average in the two games played during the period of finals.

Facing the New Mexico Mines on Tuesday night the local lads avenged last year's defeat by whipping the southerners 47-32. Last Friday they showed perhaps their worst form of the season in losing to Chapman college of Los Angeles 34-31.

Despite the large margin of victory against the Mines, the game was as exciting as any seen on the Santa Barbara Badminton court during the season.



Miners Lead Early Taking a 7-0 lead before the Gauchos could even get their hands on the ball, the Mines appeared to be headed for even more scores when the local men got on to the tricky block plays being used against them. From then on it was a neck-and-neck battle, the score at half time reading 18-16 in favor of the Hilltoppers.

Following half-time the two teams again proceeded at their neck-breaking pace. Then, slowly at first, the Gauchos started to pull away. The combined shots of Tommy Guerrero, Bill Sears, Paddy Caudillo and Lawrence Brewster began to find their way into the net more often, and as the game neared its conclusion, they were scoring almost at will. Guerrero and Sears scored 14 and 10 points respectively.

Clark Scores 10

Gene Clark, Miner center, led his squad in scoring, sending four field goals past the hoop and making two free throws. His teammate, Edgerton, was right behind him with eight points. Also playing an outstanding game for the visitors was little Killfohl, guard, who was a main cog in the Miner attack.

If the Green and White players appeared to be in mid-season form against the boys from New Mexico, it looked as though they had had no more than a few days practice when they took the floor against Chapman college three days later on the badminton court.

Gauchos in Front Although losing by a margin of only three points, the game, at the start, looked as though the Gauchos might emerge victorious. At one

time they held a lead of 14-7. However, a spree by Chapman put the southern men ahead 17-16 at half time.

They held the lead up until the final five minutes of the game when Bill Sears whipped a set shot through the hoop to tie the score at 30-30. A free throw and a field goal by Chapman, however, again put them out in front until the game ended.

Brewster Battles The 400 spectators who saw the game got a taste of another sport during the progress of the game. In the closing minutes of the final stanza, Guard Lawrence Brewster engaged in a little exhibition of fisticuffs with Joe Grendon, forward on the Chapman squad. Both were ejected.

Leading the scoring for both teams, Hank Hoffman, Panther forward, chalked up 13 points. Brewster and Sears followed him with 10 markers apiece. Little Tommy Guerrero had an off night, scoring only a few points and showing little of the spark that he has exhibited all season.

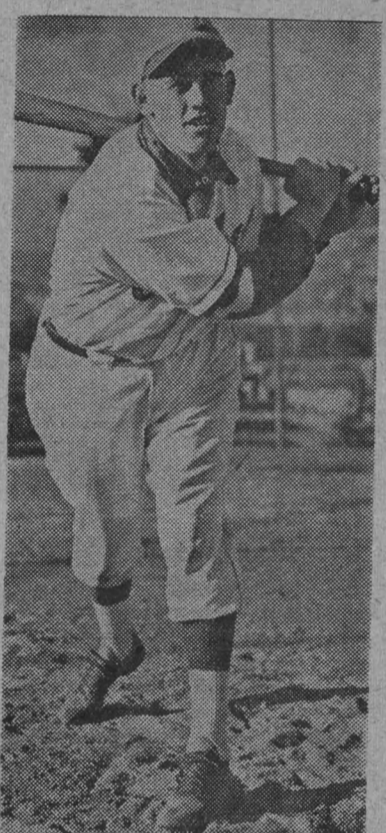
Southland School Preps For Meeting

• Their string of consecutive Southern California conference victories snapped at 16 straight, Whittier college's badly battered Poets will play host to the Caltech Engineers here Saturday in what should prove an exciting circuit basketball tilt.

"It can't happen here, but it did." The Poets were practically eliminated from all or any part of the cage championship which they captured last year with an undefeated record, when a fighting quintet from Occidental college tripped them in both games of an important series by scores of 32-20 and 35-54, last week-end.

Coach Aubrey Bonham, Whittier mentor, gave no alibi for the defeats other than he was fed up with losing games by one basket margins.

Promising



• Two men destined to positions on the Gauchos varsity nine are Don Ripsch, top first sacker of last year, and Doc Wilson, star catcher on the '38 Frosh squad.

Good Year In Sight for Baseballers

5 Veterans Plus Good Prospects To Greet Harder

• Hopes for a red hot baseball season loom encouragingly for Coach Spud Harder and his Gauchos horsehidiers as they swing into their first practice this week.

Bolstered by five returning lettermen and a crop of promising frosh, the Harder outfit will be in great shape for the first game of the season to be played with the National School of Baseball, February 18.

5 Veterans Return With no first string lineup selected as yet, Forrest Gardenhire, varsity thrower; Whitey Hallen, shortstop; Peirino Merlo and Yoshio Fujimoto, catchers; Don Ripsch, who will roam the pasture instead of first base; and Bill Russell, outfielder, seem to have the inside track on the starting jobs.

Men who may be in there are Jim Fitzgerald and Cliff Wrightson, star frosh hurlers of last year; Cliff John, transfer from San Mateo, who won 9 and lost 2 to make an all-conference berth last season; Gordon West and Dave Morgan, flyhawks; Doc Wilson, former frosh catcher; Eddie Markham, promising second baseman; and Jack Fitzgerald, shortstop.

First Base Battle With Ripsch in the outfield this season, a sweet battle will be waged for the first sack by Lynn Graham, transfer from Santa Rosa J.C., and Mickey Berman, flashy lad of San Francisco Junior college.

Practice for the frosh squad will start Wednesday afternoon, February 9, at Cabrillo park. Coleman Stewart, prominent Santa Barbara attorney, will be the new freshman coach.

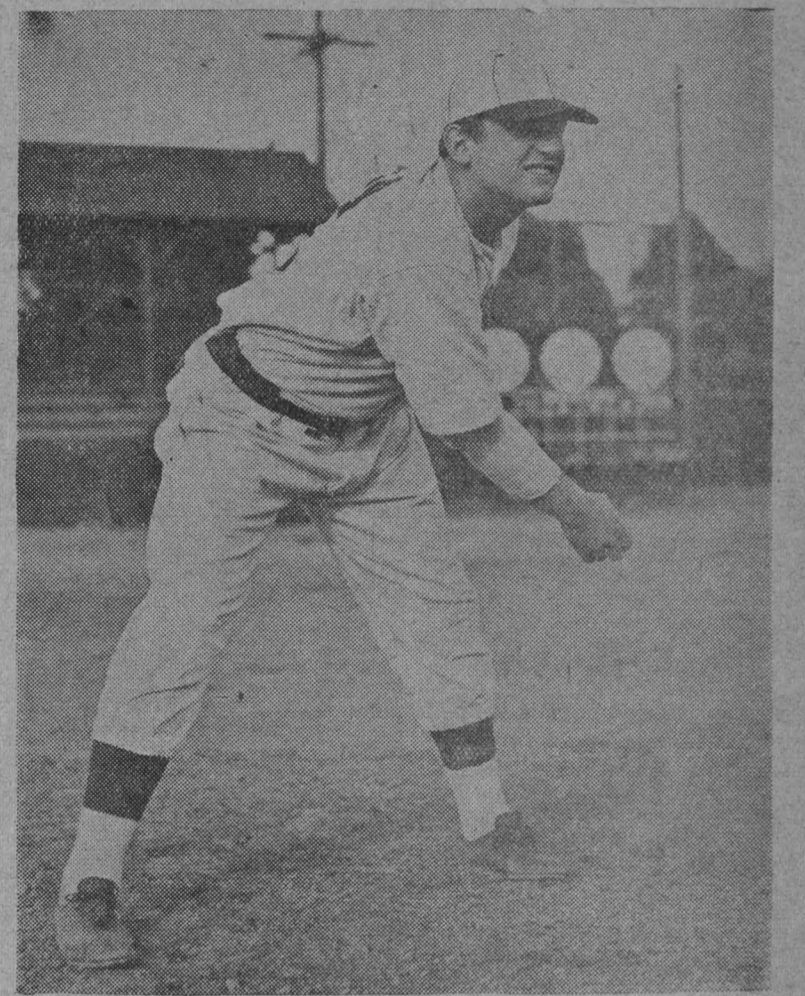
Those reporting for the initial frosh practice are: Cleo Goyette and Earl Clayton, infielders; Leroy Ashby, formerly of Compton; Bill Harrison, Manual Arts high; Jack Westfall, Santa Barbara, all outfielders; Bob Stansbury, Santa Monica J.C., catcher; and Roy Tillinghast, port side thrower from La Jolla.

Against a college team, another digit was added to the losing side of a record that had previously read eight games won and two lost.

The Gauchos went to a match for the driving, ball-hawking lads from the Valley. At no time were they in the lead, being out-manuevered time and again by the fancy footwork of the Bakersfield men.

In other encounters during the period of finals, however, the first year men showed up far better. In

Returning Hurler



• Gardy Gardenhire, who last year hurled the Gauchos horsehidiers to a number of victories, will be back this season to win again his old laurels. Gardenhire's fast ball was a demon to many opponents and Coach Harder is counting him to aid in carrying the Hilltoppers through a tough season.

Managers Draw Up 'Mural Basketball Schedules Monday

• Schedules for the intramural basketball tournament will be drawn up Monday afternoon, according to Willie Wilton, State college casaba coach. Managers of the teams entered will meet with Wilton at that time and formulate rules to be followed during the tournament.

By yesterday afternoon seven organizations had announced their intention to enter teams. Wilton has stated however, that it is his hope to secure a total of twelve teams to take part.

Present plans have it that games will be played twice a week, with two games a night. Scene of the

preliminaries to the two varsity games with New Mexico Mines and Chapman, they whipped both the Pismo beach merchants and Eisenberg quintets. The former fell before the onslaught of the locals, 64 to 24. The game was a rout throughout.

Against Eisenberg's, a much better exhibition of basketball was presented. A thriller from start to finish, the ball game ended 30 to 29 in the Peagrenners' favor.

encounters will be the campus gymnasium, although the championship battles will be run off on the larger court at the Santa Barbara Badminton club.

Much interest has been shown in the tournament by a number of campus organizations. DeWitt Trewitt, student manager, handling the games, believes that the entry of more teams will add more to assuring the successful conduct of the tournament.

It is especially important that all managers attend the Monday afternoon meeting, in order that each squad may have a say in the playing rules that are made necessary by the small gym to be used. Games will probably start later in the week.

Women's Volleyball Season Begins

• Volleyball season for women starts Monday, according to an announcement from the women's Physical Education department yesterday.

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