A NEW BALLGAME

Baseball and the Camps

The first baseball field, built in the early 1900s, was located near the camp entrance. In the late 1900s, when more community-based teams may be formed, local teams began forming in the heart of many Nisei. In the 1970s, Japanese baseball teams such as Higashi, Pico, and many other community-sponsored baseball teams that played games almost every weekend during the season. Over the years, the Golden Gate Field, now known as the Yakyu Kyo, became a gathering place for Japanese families and friends to come together and enjoy their love for the great American pastime.

Yakyu to Baseball: A Japanese & American Story

In 1953, an American-Japanese baseball team was formed in San Francisco. The team, called the “Yakyu Kyo,” included members from the Japanese community in the area. The team played against other teams in the region and eventually became a popular attraction for Japanese baseball fans.

Yorii Wada

Yorii Wada was a prominent figure in the Japanese American community in San Francisco. He was a key figure in promoting Japanese baseball in the area and played a significant role in the development of the Yakyu Kyo team.

The San Francisco Connection: Lefty O’Doul and Japanese Baseball

Lefty O’Doul was a prominent figure in Japanese American baseball and was a key figure in the development of Japanese American baseball in the United States. He was a central figure in bringing Japanese American baseball to the forefront of the sport.

Basketball

In the early 1940s, Japanese American basketball teams emerged in the area, and the Golden Gate Field became a popular venue for these teams. The field hosted many games and became a focal point for the Japanese American community.

Scouting and Youth Activities

The National Basketball Association (NBA) was formed in the United States in 1946, and the Golden Gate Field became a popular venue for basketball games. The field hosted many games and became a focal point for the Japanese American community.

Room to Spare: Bowling

In the 1940s, bowling became a popular sport in the area. The Golden Gate Field hosted many bowling tournaments and became a central hub for the sport.

Shinzen

Shinzen was a prominent figure in the Japanese American community in San Francisco. He was a key figure in promoting Japanese baseball in the area and played a significant role in the development of the Yakyu Kyo team.

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