

GREGG AND ALEXANDER ARE STARS IN GALAXY OF BIG LEAGUE PITCHERS

Ex-Beaver Twirler Now With Cleveland Wins 19 of 24 Games, While Philadelphia Wonder in National Club Captures 20 Games—Marquard Surprises New York Fans by His Work.



Despite his handicap of a lame hand which bothered him in gripping his trusty bat, Buddy Ryan, Portland's great outfielder, continues to lead the Pacific Coast League in batting by a wide margin. While Buddy was slumping slightly, due to his injured hand, his nearest rivals for the batting honors also fell down before the opposing twirlers.

EVERY year the big league clubs introduce new twirling talent, and in the past some of the debutants have made great records in their first year, but none of them have approached the marks set by Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Philadelphia National League team and Vean Gregg, of the Cleveland American League aggregation.

These two phenoms have caused the fans to overlook the achievements of men like Christy Mathewson, Mordecai Brown, Jack Coombs and Bill Doherty, for the veterans have been dumped often of late, which naturally detracts attention from them and makes the work of the beginners shine with much more lustre.

Surprises Are Many. For real surprises the current season is entitled to the top of the first division as the most remarkable on record both for the sensations it has produced and the closeness of the race for the flag in both big leagues.

Of the crop of twirlers who have entered the big show, two men stand out as leaders above the others in their organizations. Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Philadelphia Nationals, known far and wide as "Alexander the Great," who has outshone every other pitcher in the older organization to date, and the younger star, Vean Gregg, of the Cleveland Americans, who has a reputation when he went East, has proved invincible, and has the remarkable record of 14 victories out of the first 24 games in which he worked this season.

Unlikely to ever face a pitcher again in a league game. Disgusted because of a bad play he made in the outfield, the former Oriole has quit the Toronto club, declaring that he is through with the National game for good and all and intends to devote all his time to his Brooklyn real estate and other interests.

The former Oriole has been one of the greatest players in the business, and if the reports about him are true, baseball will lose one of its most valuable men. In the last two seasons Keeler has not shown his old great form at the bat, but there was a time whenever the champion welterweight batter of the world, as he was fondly dubbed, walked to the plate, a buzz of expectancy came from the onlookers.

They felt confident that something would happen to change the complexion of the game. If the score was close he was apt to tie it, or else send in the run that would tip the team in the lead.

Keeler had the honor of leading the National League in batting in 1907 and 1908. His major league record with the stick up to 1905 is remarkable.

HATS OFF TO HOGAN

Happy Has Certainly Built Up Great Organization.

"CASTOFFS" MAKE GOOD

"Roger Bresnahan, of Untamed West," Is Not Likely to Capture Pacific Coast League Bunting, Says Sporting Writer.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. The trail of the old dope across the Pacific Coast campaign this season has been a badly twisted one, and it is a puzzle. With the caravan now at the point on the pennant highway where the trail divides, a glance over the shoulders of the two leaders gives rise to the somewhat remarkable statement that Los Angeles and San Francisco have made Hogan's team what it is today.

Going deeper into details we find that Shortstop Hoop and Pitcher Castleton, two men released by Dillon, have been purchased and sold this season to the somewhat remarkable statement that Los Angeles and San Francisco have made Hogan's team what it is today.

Hogan has built up his team in a peculiar manner. He has a manager can pick up four castoffs, join them with four players secured by barter, throw in a "busher," mix well with nine purchases and mold this concoction into a pennant contender in three short seasons he must necessarily be accorded a few "sticks" of perfumed publicity.

This does not mean that we expect to see Hogan hold his men at the top-most position. Not at all. Portland would have reverted to the first place by victory over the Angels yesterday, so McCredie's men are well placed for that last gray streak of a dash which closes up the gap and then whirles on beyond the rest of the field.

But, when everything else has been said and done, we must all doff sonnet and marmar: "Here's to Roger Bresnahan of the Untamed West."

Concerning Victoria outfielder, the Naps have bought a fielder. Of the so-called name Tom Million; Norman Dreyfus; To underneath some name Billon; They perhaps our Mister Murphy; And undoubtedly Clark Griffith.

Can't you see more than get our Billon; He's new press agent stories; Let us smoke another pillon.

A Los Angeles writer has brought to light a subterranean rumor that Empire Finney will not "be with us" in the Coast League next year. Finney has been in the minor leagues and several other higher-ups in the circuit, which lends color to the story. Finney was a catcher in the days of his playing career.

Gotch leads by odds of five to four over Hackenschmidt in the latest effusions from the rival wrestling carnal back East. My, but what sport those press agents will have from now till Labor day fixing the odds!

When Bill Rapps rapped out a single, scoring Lindsay from second in Thursday's game, a gambler in the stand tossed him a 50-cent piece. "In hand" with McCredie and several other higher-ups in the circuit, which lends color to the story. Finney was a catcher in the days of his playing career.

Arthur Bues, Seattle third baseman, purchased by the New York Giants, was recommended to Cincinnati last Fall but turned down, says a Redville.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

THE Oaks came from behind nicely yesterday and trimmed Happpicus Hogan's league leaders in handy fashion. What would become of two games today and Vernon lose twice to the Oaks? Steal cables wouldn't hold him, so he charitable let us hope he gets one game to save a pinch storm.

Benny Henderson may pitch both games of this afternoon's double header for the big twirler is a horse for work when he gets on the hill. If he is right he says he can pitch two games just as easy as one, for the twirler is in any harder in two full games in an afternoon when a pitcher is right, than it is in one where a pitcher is hit hard and often.

Young Metzger, the Angel third sacker, was injured in practice yesterday, and Roy Akln broke into the lineup for the first time this week. Akln made the only hits registered by the Angels, but furnished considerable amusement for the fans by falling down twice when he went after bunt. He fell down on Seaton's perfect bunt, as well as on Chadbourne's, but the latter rolled foul.

Buddy Ryan is hitting the ball on the nose again, which indicates that the dark-batch slugger is not a horse for running. Yesterday Bert Delmas robbed Buddy of a nice single in the second, for "Del" made a grandstand stop of the ball and the slippery going prevented Bud from getting down to first as fast as he might have done on a dry day. Buddy at his hitting stride means rapid advancement for those Beavers of ours once more.

Walter McCredie said yesterday that he did not think it was necessary to bring Fred Lamline to the Beavers before September 1, but that he would look it up tonight. If the player must be brought to the team, he will wire Williams to send Lamline to Portland immediately. McCredie wants to give Williams the use of this twirler as long as possible, but Walter is also determined to have him registered as a Pacific Coast League player before the drafting season opens.

Yesterday was the first time in three years that a game has been interrupted in Portland in less than five innings. Because of this long lapse, many of the fans forgot about the numbers of innings to be played after which rain checks shall not be issued. In the Pacific Coast League no checks are issued after the third inning.

North Bank Train Hits Handcar. ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special).—The special North Bank train leaving Portland at 2:30 P. M. for Gearhart, struck a handcar at 2 o'clock, and four men on the handcar jumped in time to save their lives, but the vehicle was wrecked and knocked 50 feet.

Babe Danzig, of Sacramento, is working out a scheme to take a team of Coast stars to Honolulu this winter. A fan who has his ear to the ground four-thirds of the time watching the race in the major league comes through with the following: On a Cole Black Knight a Tony Young Baker who works on Fifeth

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BUES BEST HITTED

New York Giant Recruit Bats Hardest in Northwest.

KIPPERT COMING UP FAST

Vancouver First in Fielding and Spokane Is Leader in Team Slugging and Baserunning. Cooney Makes Most Runs.

MACK TAGS YOUNGSTERS

ATHLETIC'S MANAGER LOOKING FAR AHEAD. Manager of World's Champions Has Strings Even on 16-Year-Old Ball Players.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—Though he is piloting the present world's champions and expects to be in another series next Fall, Connie Mack already is planning his recalls and purchases for the Fall.

Mack doesn't know of any spots that need strengthening, though his pitching staff doesn't entirely suit him. But he is going to look over some youngsters and will decide soon just which of the players he will want to add to his team.

Mack has a line on more youngsters than any other manager in the country, and also has them planted in more leagues developing for him and still his property, though he may not have seen them in a year or two, through other employer in major league ball.

He prefers the little red schoolhouse to the bush league, yet he is not insensible to the future stars to be found on the crossroads and minor league teams.

It is a fact that Connie Mack has seen many of the youngsters who are to be in the major leagues in the future. Two years ago, at the age of 16, a Philadelphia schoolboy signed a contract to play with Mack, this country, and also has them planted in more leagues developing for him and still his property, though he may not have seen them in a year or two, through other employer in major league ball.

WEST VIRGINIANS ARE IN LEAD. Regimental Championship Shooting Is on at Camp Perry.

CAMP PERRY, O., Aug. 19.—Good weather prevailed for today's National Rifle Association's tournament programme. The regimental championship and the Calrow cup matches were on the program.

At the conclusion of the 200-yard stage of the championship match, the First West Virginia Infantry led with a score of 1212, 1214 and 1215, and 900 yards stages of the Calrow cup match, Ensign James, of the Navy, led.

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