

MAY QUIT LEAGUE

Portland and Seattle Likely to Go In With California.

ANXIOUS TO ENTER AT ONCE

Financial Prospects and Troubles With President Lucas Cause the Move—California is Willing to Allow Change Next Season.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—If the California League directors would permit a change of circuit in the middle of the playing season, owners of the Portland and Seattle ball teams would secede from the Pacific Northwest League and join the California League.

Portland and Seattle bear the same relation to the Pacific Northwest League as do San Francisco and Los Angeles to the local organization. Without them the league could not exist, as the attendance at these places offsets the poorer drawing powers of the other towns in the league.

Even though the clubs are able to weather the financial storm, it is said that internal dissensions are liable to rend the league at any moment. President Lucas has made many arbitrary rulings, and the disquiet of the owners is increasing.

After first consulting with railroad people and arranging rates that will permit a long jump without financial loss, the California League was asked for admission, and it was finally decided to be a bad move in the middle of the playing season here. It was definitely determined, however, to make the consolidation during the coming winter.

(While the report that the Portland team thought of joining the California League has been common street talk for several weeks past, nothing definite was known concerning the matter. When approached on the subject, the club directors professed to know nothing about it, but at the same time no direct denial was made.)

Portland and Seattle are the mainstays of the league, and without those two teams there is no telling where things would land. One thing is certain, that the change is contemplated, and it is in the presidency, but this latest move sends the report in the air.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Yesterday's Games, Tacoma, 7; Portland, 2; Seattle, 7; Butte, 4; Helena, 8; Spokane, 0. Standing of the Clubs.

PORTLAND TEAM LOSES.

Tacoma Tigers Smash Victory From the Websters. TACOMA, July 10.—The Tigers won a pretty game today in the sixth inning, when Murdock walked, was sacrificed to second by Hutchinson and trotted home on Andrews' sacrifice.

Ward started what fireworks Portland had by drawing the first of a bunch of hits in the second inning, in the shape of a low, smart fly against the left field fence. After Vignux struck out, Ziegler lined one over the same fence for two bases, and Harris followed with a fly to right center, out of reach, scoring Weed.

The visitors had frequent chances to score thereafter, notably in the fifth. Witbeck started this inning with a single back of third base. Muller struck out, and then Van Buren put one in the same spot as Witbeck. Anderson's rap to Fisher undid everything, retiring himself, Van Buren and the side.

The Tigers scored first in the third inning, when Murdock dumped one between deep right and center for two sacks, took third on the play which retired Nagle and scored when Hutchinson stole second and Anderson returned the ball to Vignux two feet too high. Tacoma got no more men to first until the sixth, when a pair of runs were scored as indicated.

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Earned runs—Portland, 5; Tacoma, 1.

Two-base hits—Murdock, Andrews, Ziegler. Sacrifice hits—Nagle, Hutchinson. Stolen bases—Hutchinson. Double plays—Drinkwater to Hutchinson on Andrews; McCarthy to Fisher to Hutchinson.

Left fielders—Portland, 1; Tacoma, 2. Bases on balls—By Drinkwater, 3; by Witbeck, 1. Hit by pitcher—By Witbeck, 1. Struck out—By Drinkwater, 4; by Witbeck, 1.

Time of game—1 hour and 35 minutes. Umpire—Horgan. Attendance—2000.

SPOKANE GETS SHUT OUT. Pitcher Wiggs Does Great Work for Helena.

SPOKANE, July 10.—Wiggs was invincible today and shut out the locals by a score of 5 to 0. Pfeister had a finger hurt in the fifth and retired in favor of Gatch who was hit at will by the Senators.

Two-base hits—McLaughlin, Mullane. Sacrifice hits—McKevitt to Mullane; McKevitt to Elsey; Peoples to Shaffer. Bases on balls—Off Pfeister, 2; Gatch, 1. Hit by pitcher—By Gatch, 1. Struck out—By Wiggs, 5; by Pfeister, 3; by Gatch, 1.

PETE DOWLING IS WHILD. Seattle Has No Trouble With Butte's National League Pitcher.

SEATTLE, July 10.—Pete Dowling, the National League cast-off, was as wild as a hawk today, and the locals did not have to hit the ball to win. He forced in a run by giving a pass with the bases full, and made two wild pitches, allowing men to score.

Two-base hits—Schwartz, Kane. Stolen bases—Babbitt, Dalrymple. Sacrifice hits—Babbitt, Babbitt, Schwartz. Bases on balls—Off Dowling, 11. Hit by pitcher—Schwartz, 3; by Dowling, 1. Left on base—Seattle, 3; Butte, 1. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes. Umpire—McCarthy. Attendance—550.

CLEVELAND'S PITCHER WAS TOO MUCH FOR DETROIT. CLEVELAND, O., July 10.—Joss out-pitched Yeager today and Detroit was shut out. Cleveland secured its only runs on hits by Lajoie, Hickman and McCarthy.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Washington hit Howell hard in the early stages of today's game and gained a lead Baltimore could not overcome. Shields, who relieved Howell, pitched good ball. Attendance, 358.

BOSTON BEATS PHILADELPHIA. BOSTON, July 10.—Boston won today by clean hitting in the seventh and eighth innings. An error by Ferris was responsible for the visitors' only run. Attendance, 3700.

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LAST DAY AT HENLEY

Third Trinity, Cambridge, Wins Grand Challenge Cup. Kelley Defeats Etherington-Smith in the Final Heat for the Diamond Sculls.

HENLEY, July 10.—The treacherous English Summer turned the latter part of the concluding day of the royal Henley regatta into a dripping water carnival, leaving at times small choice between a seat in the river or on the banks. Driving rain and hot sun alternated. The successive downpours sent trainloads of people scurrying toward London early in the day.

Those who have been advocating Hawthorne's side for the 1905 fair have not given up the fight. They will present the advantages of that tract to the directors at the meeting today. A member of the committee of the East Side Improvement Association will be spokesman.

Final heat for diamond sculls—F. S. Kelley, Balliol College, Oxford, beat R. B. Etherington-Smith, of Leander Rowing Club by two and a half lengths; time, 8:29.

Final heat for the Wiford challenge cup—Burton Rowing Club beat Kingston Rowing Club by two and a half lengths; time, 8:43.

Final for ladies' challenge plate—University College, Oxford, beat Eton by half a length; time, 7:25.

Final heat for silver goblets—W. Dudley Ward and C. W. H. Taylor, Third Trinity, Cambridge, beat London Rowing Club easily; time, 8:38.

NEW YORK, July 10.—Brighton Beach regatta. One mile and one furlong—Duffy down Dilly won, Bar Leduc second, Lady Iona third; time, 1:53 4-5. Courtney finished second, but was disqualified for fouling.

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