FANS PRAY FOR INITIAL VICTORY

Season of Coast League Opens Today With Portland at Los Angeles.

CATCHING STAFF STRONG

Comparison of Players on Two Teams Indicates Close and Exciting Struggle in First Series of Season's Pennant Fight.

The pitcher now begs to announce
He has a bran' new curve
On which no batter chap can pounce
And make it fenceward swerve.
It has a kind of corkscrew turn
That must preclude a swipe
For which announcement we may learn
The season's almost ripe.
—Sporting Life.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

It is true. The season is almost ripe, for today inaugurates the annual struggle in the Pacific Coast League, and within the next month practically all of the baseball leagues of the country will have got under way for the pennant races of 1909.

The thousands of loyal fans of Portland, who are eagerly awaiting the opening of the two baseball seasons, will be on the anxious seat all afternoon today, for they hope to learn that Portland has broken the hoodoo and won an opening game for the first time since 1906. Can McCredie's boys defeat the tried Los Angeles team? That is the question freely asked in fan headquarters. Many answer yes in a positive manner, while others, who remember the fate of the Portland team at the opening of the last season, are loath to make any prediction.

The dropping of seven successive games to San Francisco last year is not calculated to instil a great deal of confidence in the chances of the Portland team this year, yet, when the team is sized up carefully, it appears much more likely to get off on the right foot than was the team of 1908. This year McCredie is well fortified with catchers; a department that was hopelessly disorganized last season.

Armbruster Ranks High.

In Charles Armbruster, McCredie has a man who ranks high in the baseball profession. He is rated as one of the best minor league backstops of the country, and that he can deliver the goods was demonstrated against the speedy second team of the Chicago White Sox.

Second to Armbruster comes Tom Murray, who must be something of a backstop himself to have several Eastern clubs bidding for his services. Therefore McCredie is much better fortified than is Los Angeles with the ancient Orendorf and the erratic Ross. Orendorf is a player who once upon a time enjoyed a big league experience. How long he lasted is not mentioned, probably on account of a desire to spare his feelings. However, he has occupied a place in baseball leagues of Class C and D for a long time, and this does not place him with Armbruster and Murray by any means. In the modern game of baseball, the catcher is almost as much of a factor in the game as the entire team outside of the pitching department. If catching will win for us today, the game is ours.

The Portland pitchers compare favorably with the Angels. In fact, McCredie's staff does not have to bow to any of the other teams in the circuit. The advance of Harry Sutor to the major leagues leaves Jack Graney the premier southpaw of the league. This fact cannot be denied, for Graney was one of the stars of the league last year, and he says he is in better shape than ever. That he will pitch the opening game seems assured, for Los Angeles has always been a weak sister against left-handed twirlers. Graney had the goods on Dillon's crew last year, and there is no reason why he should not prove equally successful this season.

Angels Strong on Slab.

However, it is not safe to count the chickens before they are hatched, because Los Angeles has several high-class slab artists who have proven their worth before. Franz Kosp is a pitcher of more than passing mention, while Ralph Tozer has earned a reputation that is envied by many twirlers. For a third man, the Angels have "Kid" Briswalter, who is some pitcher himself, and who promises to make a new record this year.

At first base, in a comparison of the two teams, the palm must be given Los Angeles, for the veteran Frank Dillon acknowledges no superior in this section of the country. Compared with Ed Kennedy he shines like an arc light alongside a pocket lamp. Still Kennedy is a good ball player, and possesses enough aggressiveness to offset whatever deficiency he may have as a player.

The keystone station of both teams is being taken care of by players with whom the fans of Portland are little acquainted. Breen, McCredie's new player, made a splendid record last season, and unless he has an off year, he can be expected to make good. Howard, of Los Angeles, is also a young and ambitious player who possesses the earmarks of a first-class man.

At shortfield, Olson will not have to show a great amount of class to excel Delmas, of Los Angeles. The latter player looks and carries himself like a star, but is very erratic. Not that he makes many errors, but because he is an in and outer. One day he shines brilliantly, while the next he seems lashed to the mast.

Even Break at Third.

At third base the comparison is the hardest. Jud Smith, the veteran of the Los Angeles team, is always a steady, though not brilliant performer. Compared with Ote Johnson, Smith has an even break on fielding, but at bat the Portlander is ahead. Smith offsets this advantage of Johnson's by being the better man on the paths. Taking everything into consideration, the teams are well matched at third, though Johnson has something of an advantage in the respective ages.

In the outfield, Portland has one new man, Ort, and when Cal Ewing comes to a realization of his position, Shinn will also be stationed there, while Ryan and McCredie are already known to the fans. When Shinn reports, Manager McCredie will likely play the bench. In the patch for Los Angeles, Dillon has acquired new talent. Pete Daley and Young Godwin will cavort in left and center, while Artie Ross will play right garden occasionally, with the California busher, Thompson, to help out.

A conservative comparison of the two teams indicates a close and exciting struggle during the first week's series. Anyway, we hope that Portland gets away first and captures a majority of the games.

Gans Faces White Death.

DENVER, March 29.—The Post today asserts that Joe Gans, former world's lightweight champion pugilist, has developed tuberculosis of the lungs, and may never again be seen in the ring. Referee Charley White is quoted as being responsible for the statement that 15 minutes before Gans went into the ring for his recent battle with Jabez White, the English pugilist, he had such a severe coughing spell that for a time it was feared he would not be able to enter the ring at all.

GOOD PLAY AT BILLIARDS

Cutler Defeats Cure, Sutton Beats Demarest in Tournament.

NEW YORK, March 29.—In the continuation today and tonight of the international championship 18.2 balkline billiard match held at Madison Square Garden good playing occurred. In the afternoon Cutler easily defeated the Frenchman, Cure, while at night Sutton outclassed Demarest and won, 500 to 424.

Tomorrow afternoon Cure and Cline will meet and in the evening Morningstar and Cutler will contest.

The afternoon score:

Cutler—1, 7, 38, 95, 12, 5, 5, 20, 0, 9, 8, 45, 40, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 51, 17, 0, 18, 12, 2, 40, 13, 0, 38—500; average 17 24-28; high runs, 95, 58, 51.

Cure—9, 28, 2, 4, 5, 60, 2, 5, 6, 5, 1, 14, 0, 4, 1, 10, 36, 28, 0, 1, 26, 2, 10, 1, 1, 5—259; average, 9 16-27; high runs, 60, 36, 28.

The evening score:

Sutton—0, 16, 10, 2, 101, 26, 2, 1, 77, 2, 30, 60, 61, 26, 0, 10, 22, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 2, 39—500; average, 20 20-24; high runs, 101, 77, 61.

Demarest—3, 35, 2, 1, 19, 5, 29, 50, 30, 38, 5, 27, 64, 0, 0, 0, 0, 43, 0, 9, 2, 83—424; average, 19 11-23; high runs, 64, 63, 50.

BIG CROWD EXPECTED

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR ROLLER-BERG MATCH.

Advance Seat Sale Large and Capacity of Rink Expected to Be Taxed Friday Night.

Only a few minor details remain for the Dr. Roller-Young Hackenschmidt wrestling match at the Exposition Rink Friday night, and indications point to a record-breaking crowd when the grapplers face each other on the mat. The reserved seats and boxes were placed on sale yesterday, and most of the boxes were spoken for and a large number of the seats sold within an hour.

E. J. Davey, manager of the bout, believes the seating capacity of the rink is likely to be sold out, although he and his partner, Art Harbaugh, have provided for many more seats downstairs than at previous matches, in order that all would receive accommodations who purchase reserved-seat checks.

"I believe we will have one of the largest crowds of the season," said Mr. Davey last night. "A great deal of interest is being manifested in this match because of the popularity of John Berg, and the increased desire of the fans to see Dr. Roller in action. Roller is unquestionably one of the greatest athletes of America, and his previous appearance here was so unsatisfactory, because of the inability of his opponent to give him a match, that he is anxious to show the fans of Portland just what he can do. In Berg I believe he has an opponent who will give him all he can do. On this account it looks to me as though this match will prove the hummer of the season."

Dr. Roller meets Hjalmar Lundin at Seattle tonight, and Thursday morning he is expected to arrive in Portland. Lundin is rated as one of the top-notch grapplers of Europe, and Roller will not have an easy task in taking his measure, although it is generally conceded the Seattle man is the better grappler of the two.

Berg continues to work out at Eugene, and by the time he reports in Portland for his match with Roller he expects to be in splendid shape for the hardest battle of his career. Berg is confident of his ability, and thinks himself faster than the Seattle man, and hopes to beat him on this advantage.

HARRIS NEARLY KNOCKED OUT

Referee Saves Him From Langford's Vicious Punch.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Sam Langford, the Boston negro, easily defeated Morris Harris, another negro, tonight. Harris was on the floor in the seventh round from a left to the jaw, and the referee humanely stopped the bout and forestalled what otherwise would have been a knockout.

Six-Day Cycle Race On.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 29.—Seven two-men bicycle teams, composed of some of the best riders in the world, started tonight at the Velodrome track on a six-day race, eight hours each evening. At the close of the racing today the standing of the teams was: Fogler-Root, Walthour-Collins, Mitten-Cameron, Mackay-Williams, 157 miles, 9 laps; Bardgett-Wylie, 157 miles, 8 laps.

Tennis Club Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Irvington Tennis Club reorganization committee, which was called for tomorrow night, has been postponed owing to the lecture to be delivered by Admiral Evans. The committee has been at work for several weeks and has nearly completed its labors.

RUSH OF ENTRIES FOR INDOOR MEET

Most of Athletes Who Will Compete Saturday Night Have Registered.

GOOD TEAM FROM SEATTLE

Sound City Will Send Strong Men, and Cream of Clubs and Schools in Oregon Will Take Part.

The entries for the big indoor track and field meet, to be held at the Armory under the auspices of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club Saturday night, are nearly all registered with the committee. The Oregon Agricultural College and one or two other organizations are yet to be heard from as far as the names of their respective representatives are concerned. The Aggies have promised to have their entries on hand today or tomorrow, and these will be received gladly by the committee, for the work of getting out the programme is one of the hardest tasks connected with the meet.

The organizations now entered have designated their best athletes to compete, and the most welcome part of the lists now at hand is the large number of athletes coming from the Seattle Athletic Club. The bringing of a team by Seattle means that the Sound City has awakened to the track and field game in splendid fashion, which also forecasts a strenuous season in the Pacific Northwest. This is so because Seattle can boast of some high-class athletic material, but in the past the Seattle Athletic Club has not been overly zealous in this field, having left track events practically entirely in teh hands of the University of Washington.

This year, however, Seattle intends to make a bid for the honors at the A. A. U. games to be held at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and with athletes of the merit of Malcolmson, Barney Gish and others, the Elliott Bay burg will be found among the contenders at all times.

Portland and Oregon, now recognized all over the world in athletics by reason of the meritorious services of the famous trio in the Olympic games in London, will be in this meet with the cream of the athletes of several institutions recognized for their athletic prowess. The feats of Forrest Smithson, Dan Kelly and Alfred Gilbert will linger long in the memory of the Oregon boys and it will be their object to emulate the example of the famous trio.

Smithson Will Compete.

Forrest Smithson will be one of the contestants at Saturday's meet. That he will win the events in which he has entered seems assured, although there are several coming field and track stars who are going to do their best to beat the Olympic champion and world's record holder. The fact that "Smithy" will have strong opposition only adds to his efforts, and this fact may lead to his breaking a record or two Saturday night. At any rate Smithson will be the card that will attract hundreds of people who have never seen him in action.

The Grammar School Athletic League will also be represented on the programme, and to watch the "kiddies" strive in athletic sports is a source of delight to the public, and almost as much interest will be centered in the work of the youngsters as in the performances of the older athletes.

In addition to the athletic feats, Professor Robert Krohn will present the famous drill of the Boys and Girls Junior Leaders' class of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. This drill is well worth the time and trouble required to visit the Armory, and many persons will attend the games simply to see this remarkable assembly and the evolutions of Professor Krohn's splendidly-drilled youngsters.

Army games have also been provided for the members of the Third Regiment, O. N. G., and other military organizations. In other words, the programme Saturday night will form the most complete set of games that could be produced indoors.

The list of entries so far received is as follows:

Academic Events.

50-yard dash—Columbia University, M. G. Ennis, V. Perkins, J. Brost, J. Kehoe, T. Seufert, U. Stott. Mount Angel College, J. Corgiat, H. Harbaugh, S. Corgiat, W. Hibben, J. Melshior, J. Malone. Eugene High School, P. Jenkins, A. Krueger. Lincoln High School, Hilton, S. Holden, J. O. Baker, C. Crisknore, T. M. Stiles. Hill Military Academy, C. Prehn, A. Meier, M. H. Roberts.

220-yard dash—Columbia University, M. G. Ennis, V. Perkins, J. Brost, J. Kehoe, T. Seufert, W. Stott. Mount Angel College, J. Corgiat, P. Harbaugh, S. Corgiat, W. Hibber, J. Melsholr, J. Malone. Eugene High School, P. Jenkins, A. Krueger. Lincoln High School, S. Holden, J. O. Baker, T. Brace, C. Crisknore, F. M. Stiles. Hill Military Academy, C. Prehn, A. Meier, W. E. Graham, M. H. Roberts. Allen Preparatory School, R. Gearheart, B. M. Hill.

880-yard relay—Columbia University, M. G. Ennis, V. Perkins, J. Brost, J. Kehoe, T. Seufert, U. Stott. Mount Angel College, P. Harbaugh, S. Corgiat, W. Hibber, J. Melsholr, J. Malone. Lincoln High School, S. Holden, J. O. Baker, T. Brace, C. Crisknore. Hill Military Academy, C. Prehn, A. Meier, H. B. McGuire, W. E. Graham, M. H. Roberts.

50-yard high hurdle—B. Kuykendall, Eugene High School; E. M. Runyan, Lincoln High School; H. B. McGuire, Hill Military Academy; R. Gearhart, W. Gilbert, Allen Preparatory School.

Grammar School Events.

50-yard dash—D. Woodworth, Ladd School; S. Lasswell, Ainsworth; George Teed, Montavilla; F. Gross and F. Hinshaw, Kern; George Crump, Vernon; Roy Hall, P. Brown, M. A. Reynolds, W. Langworth, M. Truce, L. Cregg and Ned Hifon, Holladay; P. S. H. Elliott, Stephens; W. Hummel, Shattuck; E. Crow, Couch; L. C. Earey, Mount Tabor; R. Krohn, H. Hilton, C. C. Gillespie, J. O. Baker, D. O. Hanlon, L. G. Duff, R. Weaver, M. A. A. C.; J. R. T Blecher, Ockley Green; C Bateman, Highland.

Grammar school relay—A. Krause, E. G. Cash, R. W. Clark, D. Woolworth, Ladd School; D. Jewell, F. Gross, F. Hinshaw, A. A. Tuscher, L. H. Linville, Kern School; G. Crump, L. Ennis, M. D. Kilgore, E. Perrill, Vernon; Roy Hall, P. Brown, M. A. Reynolds, W. Langguth, M. Treece, L. Craig, N. Hixon, Holladay School; A. Hianco, C. Hianco, F. Livingstone, H. Elliott, B. Lancaster, Stephens School; J. Celestine, B. Boscer, W. Hummel, C. E. Wilson, Shattuck; W. Smythe, C. Evans, M. Harris, H. W. Salstrom, Couch School; L. C. Earey, E. Rathburn, L. Schneider, W. R. Muir, Mount Tabor; E. Maguire, H. H. Smith, R. Weaver, W. Muirhead, Irvington School; C. Liebermann, M. Moore, F. Reichen, E. Shipley, Ockley Green; C. Bateman, E. Roming, L. Balsgen, R. L. Johnson and L. Baty, Highland.

Marathon and Open Events.

10-mile Marathon—E. P. Crable, Allen Preparatory; H. Johnson and T. Plunkett, Fort Stevens; N. Nash, Lincoln High; Steve Corgiat, Mount Angel; George P. Knudsen, unattached; A. R. Dorris, M. A. A. C.; C. Jackson, S. A. C.

Half-mile relay, open—W. Cross, P. Ackerman, H. W. Basman, H. F. Quade, Fort Stevens; J. G. Schroeder, W. T. Smith, George Gammie, F. Smithson, H. Livingston, B. Greenhaw, J. McKenzie, M. A. A. C.; B. Gish, G. Brackett, J. Courtney, S. Anderson, H. Risdon, L. Wilson, J. Malcomson, K. Carr, S. A. C.

50-yard dash, open—H. P. Quade, Fort Stevens; George Gammie, F. Smithson, H. Livingston, J. McKenzie, M. A. A. C.; B. Gish, G. Brackett, L. Courtney, L. Wilson, J. Malcomson, K. Carr, S. A. C.; M. Hawkins, U. of O.

440-yard dash, open—W. E. Graham, A. Meier, G. D. Burns, Hill M. A.; J. Malone, Mount Angel; W. T. Smith, B. Greenhaw, L. R. Ralston, J. McKenzie, M. A. A. C.; B. Gish, G. Brackett, L. Wilson, S. A. C.; J. Hixon, U. of O.

880-yard dash—W. E. Graham, George W Hutton, G. D. Burns, Hill M. A.; W. D. Chandler, Hood River; H. E. Johnston, H. L. Stott, G. M. Schafer, J. M. Lupton, F. McCabe, Lincoln High; W. T. Smith, B. Greenhaw, H. W. Gammie, M. A. A. C.; H. Risdon, S. A. C.; A. Garransat, Riddell, Reynolds, E. Davis, U. Bristol, Johnson, U. of O.

16-lb. shot-put—George E. Hutton, Hill M. A.; N. C. Smith, Lincoln High; J. O. Knudson, M. A. A. C.; B. Gish, G. Brackett, C Anderson, S. A. C.; E. McIntire, U. of O.; B. W. Hill, Hill M. A.

50-yard high hurdle, open—E. M. Runyan, Lincoln High; F. Smithson, M. A. A. C.; J. Courtney, C. Anderson, L. Wilson and J. Malcolmson, S. A. C.; M. Hawkins, O. Huston, McDonet, Johns and Bristo, U. of O.

220-yard dash, open—J. G. Schroeder, George W. Gammie, Forrest Smithson, M. A. A. C.; B. Gish, G. Brackett, I. Courtney, C. Anderson, L. Wilson, K. Carr and J. Malcolmson, S. A. C.; J. Hixon, M. Hawkins, P. Reid, H. Lowell and McDonet, U. of O.

COLTS TAKE LONG HIKE

TOO MUCH RAIN TO PLAY BALL AT MEDFORD.

Phil Cooney Reports and Is in Good Condition, Much Better Than Last Season.

MEDFORD, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—This was a day of forced rest with Manager Casey and his band of balltossers. The rain, which tried its best to put a crimp in the ball game, took possession of things last night and this morning the ball park was a duck pond. When he found it would be impossible to have a workout, Casey sent his men on a five-mile hike. The same dose was repeated during the afternoon.

Phil Cooney reported this morning. He has been working out for the past couple of months and is in good condition. He looks lots better than when he reported last season.

Money Behind Utah Track.

SALT LAKE, March 29.—The Utah Jockey Club definitely completed arrangements for its projected Spring and Autumn meetings. The club secured a lease on the course and plant of the Utah Fair Association for 60 days of racing. A Spring meeting of 40 days will be inaugurated on May 22, while the Autumn term will run for 20 days from some time in September.

"Bat" Nelson Plans Fight.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 29.—Battling Nelson announced yesterday that a match had been arranged for him on April 23 in New York. His opponent will be picked from Packey McFarland, Freddie Welsh or Owen Moran.

Junction City, 9; Brownsville, 7.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Junction City Blues defeated the Brownsville team yesterday by a score of 9 to 7.

German Society to Build.

SALEM, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—The German Society of Salem has appointed a committee to select a site and make arrangements for the erection of a building. The Germans plan to have a fine clubhouse, including gymnasium, theater and other features.

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$40.00 Go-Cart, upholstered in tan leather cloth; special.....$13.50
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Jack Johnson to Stand Trial on Case Two Years Old.

FIGHTER REACHES GOTHAM

Holds Reception at Depot, Goes to Hotel in Parade and in Speech Says He Is Ready to Fight Anybody.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Jack Johnson is expected to appear in the Court of Special Sessions here on Thursday of this week to answer to charges preferred against him two years ago by two negresses whom he accused at the time of having robbed him of some jewelry. As soon as the black had the women brought into court, when the case was first called, the women made charges against him, and the court held him for trial. Johnson left the city before the matter was disposed of; and today an attorney representing the fighter announced that his client was ready to face the charges. The hearing was set for Thursday.

Johnson arrived in New York this morning, and nearly 1000 people gathered at the station to greet him. The crowd was made up for the most part of negroes, and they cheered with enthusiasm as they first got sight of the man of their race who won the world's championship of the prizering.

The reception to Johnson was arranged by Harron Wilkens and Edward Byron, proprietors of a hotel where Johnson planned to stop while in New York, and the programme included a parade to the hotel.

Several sightseeing automobiles, heavily loaded with admirers of the fighter, were waiting outside the station, and Johnson, with his immediate friends, occupied a machine at the head of the line. The procession passed through West Forty-second street and down Broadway. All along the route the sidewalks were lined by curious observers and sports, who cheered the champion as he passed. Several hundred persons gathered in front of the West Thirty-fifth-street hotel where Johnson went from the station. In response to repeated cheers, Johnson appeared on a second-floor balcony and made a little speech.

"I'm glad to get back home again," he said. "When I left here I did not wear the crown that I now wear, and while I wear this crown I'll do my best to defend it against all comers. I am willing to fight with anybody and won't ask the money in advance, as Burns did when he fought me. My sole purpose in coming to New York today was to force Jim Jeffries into a match. During the day I am going to post a forfeit of $5000 for a match for $10,000. I am willing to fight any man in the world."

Renewed cheering greeted the close of the champion's speech and continued after he had retired in the hotel.

Asked whether he would fight Stanley Ketchel, Johnson said:

"I'll fight the first man who covers the money if Jeffries refuses to fight. Ketchel is not too small and Corbett is not too old."

Tommy Burns Also Ready.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Tommy Burns has come to the front in a letter just received here from Australia, by L. B. Bailey, with an offer to box Jack Johnson once more. He expresses confidence that he can put up a winning fight.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

HAL DANZIG failed to beat Stahl out Boston's first-sack position, and he has been delegated to the Providence club.

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What do you know about that first game at Los Angeles this afternoon? Answer—Wait until 5 or 6 o'clock.

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The game to be played at Sacramento between Graham's Senators and Happicus Hogan's Vernon misfits seems harder to dope. Vernon has not shown any great amount of class, but wait until the series ends.

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Charley Armbruster says Portland is going to win the first game. We sincerely hope he is a good prophet. As he is to have something to say about the game, he may know whereof he speaks.

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Seattle has a catcher who is reported to be too big for his uniform. This man is Jerry Sheehan, the Notre Dame University catcher. His size ought to make a hit with his manager.

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Pearl Casey's bunch have been putting in some extra good licks at Medford, and their success in winning the opening games of the practice period should help boost confidence in their future.

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The closed season on winning pennants on paper is here. It's time now for the ambitious scribes and critics to deal with facts instead of possibilities.

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The period is also close at hand when .300 and .400 batting averages will dwindle down to .023. Incidentally, the possessors of these shrunken figures will be hunting new jobs. There will be many exploded phenoms shortly. Hope Portland does not have any.

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Mike Lynch, manager of the Seattle club, last week recommended Danny Shea, the Portland boy who was with Tacoma last season, to Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox. Commy said he would look into Shea's record, and if things warranted it he would sign him.

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Phil Dellar, the big blond who worked awhile for Oakland last season, has been corralled by Bob Brown for his Spokane club. Brown thinks Dellar has a couple of more good games up his sleeve, and as he wants all the pitchers he can get, he took Dellar off the disengaged list, as the maritime reporter would say.

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Tacoma seems to have picked up a live one in the big southpaw, Jess Baker, who was brought out last year. Baker is a big, strapping youngster who has shown signs of developing into a star slabster. He possesses excellent control for a southpaw.

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The California outlaws are making overtures to Pitchers Eastley and Browning, Catcher Nick Williams and Shortstop McArdle, of the San Francisco team, and Danny Long is much worried. Well, if the players do jump they cannot be blamed, for it is a thankless job to play on the San Francisco team with such crabby persons as Mohler and Long at the helm.

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Catcher Charles Armbruster.

Pitcher Jack Graney.