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"Uncle Must Decide on Portland Deal," Declares Walter McCredie.

EWING BEHIND SCHEME?

Pacific Coast League's Action in Reconsidering Northwestern Team Question Believed to Be Plan to Get Back at Dugdale.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. It is up to my uncle, Representative McCredie, and Dugdale whether Portland has a Northwestern League team this season," said Walter McCredie on his return yesterday from California after attending the special meeting of the Pacific Coast League, held at San Francisco last Monday.

The press dispatches telling of the action of the Pacific Coast League in reconsidering its former action in admitting a second club in Portland stated that Walter McCredie was nominated a committee of one to act in the matter, and the Pacific Coast League would back up any recommendation he made. Now Walter refuses to act and leaves matters in the hands of his uncle, the Representative, and McCredie emphatically says he doesn't want anything to do with a second club, and that he has troubles enough looking after the Pacific Coast League club.

Ewing Behind Scheme.

The full manager says the resolution to allow Portland to be represented once more in the Northwestern League was introduced at the meeting by J. Cal Ewing, himself, and in McCredie's opinion, it is a "framed up deal" by Ewing to get back at Dugdale. When Walter attended the meeting he had no idea the matter would be brought up and his first thinking of it came when he saw Rowland in conversation with Ewing and President Graham, and at the same time, the Pacific Coast League, the former introduced the resolution.

I have no more idea of what is in the mind of Ewing, and what is more, I don't care," said Walter in explaining his stand in the matter. "As long as the meeting will write out the minutes of the proceedings and mail them to my uncle and put the whole thing up to him. If he wants the Northwestern club here and can get a record of the Northwestern League whereby Portland and Aberdeen will be admitted once more, and if somebody else in charge of the Portland Club, for I don't want the job, and have requested him to free me from the worry of such a club will cause me any trouble after, and I for one, am through with handling two clubs.

"Rowland came to San Francisco for the purpose of enlisting the aid of the Pacific Coast League, and how he accomplished it, I don't know. I was told by J. Cal Ewing all right, for Cal took up Rowland's cause, and it seemed to me that he was a great deal more interested in the welfare of Aberdeen than he ever was with anything concerning Portland. In my opinion, it is a 'framed-up' to get back at Dugdale in some manner, probably by putting the uncertain Northwestern League situation up to him entirely and 'make him the goat'.

"Dug ought to stand it at that, for he is the only one of the bunch of them who can point to a fat bank-roll and give the rest of us a merry ha-ha, therefore, my hands are in connection with the controversy. Much as I would like to cut loose from the California club, I don't want to get back at Portland and as long as we cannot join the Northwestern League independently of the Coast League, why I should like to see the try to give the fans here the ball they like.

Training Camp Not Chosen.

The games scheduled with the White Sox are to be played in four different towns, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Salinas and Ventura, and the other games to be played at Santa Maria. McCredie has not definitely selected a training camp, but he says the Portland players will be ordered to report at the training camp at Santa Maria, both of which towns are located within a few miles of San Luis Obispo, where the team trained last year.

Manager McCredie also announced that he would insist on every member of his squad signing a contract before he reports, and no player whose signature is not in the possession of the full manager will be welcomed in the training camp, nor will transportation be sent any of the holdouts until their contract is returned signed.

According to the Portland manager all of his players, with the exception of the squad wintering in Portland, Ivan Olson, who is at his home in Kansas, and Phil Leslie, have signed up. McCredie received a letter from Leslie yesterday, containing the player's address, and a contract was immediately forwarded. Leslie, James Garrett, Howard Gynn, Charles Armstrong, Ivan Olson, Phil Leslie, Jimmy Shin, and Tommy Murray are the Portlanders who have not yet signed, but in the case of the first three named, their contracts have not been submitted to them, and McCredie does not anticipate any difficulty in coming to terms with these players, for all are conscientious, gentlemanly fellows who like Portland so well that they have remained here during the off season.

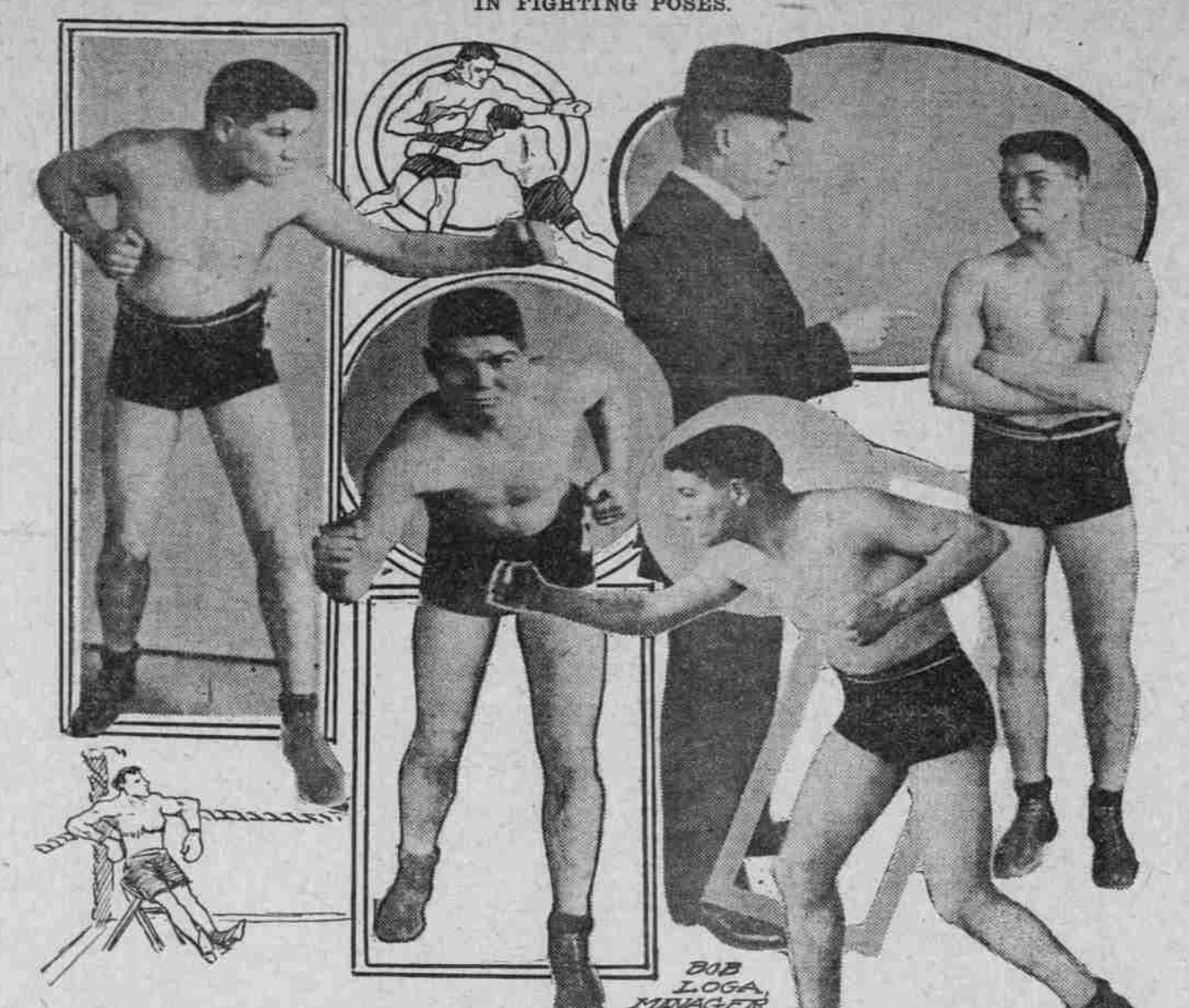
List of Players Who Have Signed.

The following is a list of the players who have signed for the season: Steen, Stern, Hartman, Garber, Krapp, Pyke, Kratzberg, Hall and Wright (accepted terms), pitchers; Gus Fischer, catcher; Perry Casey, William Rapps, George Ott, Miles Nestel, "Slim" Smith, Turk, Lohr, and Phil Kelley, infielders; and Billy Spear and Buddy Ryan, outfielders. Manager McCredie will name a date between February 20 and 25 as reporting time, and all of the players are warned to be on hand on the appointed date.

Manager McCredie speaks in the highest terms of President Graham, whom he believes will be one of the fairest and most impartial presiding officers any league ever had. He also says he does not believe that Judge Graham can be influenced by any of the California club owners, and that Portland has a better chance than it ever has had of getting a square deal in the league.

When asked about his claim to Jimmy Shin, McCredie said it was just as good as it ever was.

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KENDALL IS HERO

Cricketers Win Soccer Game by Three Goals.

In spite of the fact that the ground around the south goal was a miniature lake, two soccer football teams, the Cricketers and the Nationals, played on the baseball grounds yesterday afternoon, the Cricketers winning by the score of 6 to 3.

NATIONALS GO DOWN TO DEFEAT BEFORE OPPONENTS ON BASEBALL GROUNDS.

Miniature Lake Spills Sensationalism.

The members of the Pacific Coast League, recently said that McCredie had scored a ten strike when he drafted the big fellow.

BOXERS SEEK TITLE

Danny Webster and Frankie Conley Out for Honors.

Both boys are so well accustomed to the ten-round limit, that there is no probability that either will be placed here to combat. Their science and ability preclude that, as a probability, but the unexpected is always to be reckoned with and it, by chance, Conley were to put Webster down for the count, the first would place a new champion in the field.

LADS ARE WELL MATCHED

GRANTHAM SPENDS DAY HERE

Completed on Reaching Salem.

DORANDO BEATS HAYES

IRISH-AMERICAN GOES DOWN BEFORE ITALIAN RUNNER.

FIGHTERS' RECORDS COMPARED.

DANNY WEBSTER—Born Dec. 31, 1885, Canterbury, England; weight, 116-122 lbs.

APPOINTMENT DECISION. Scene Rounds Billy Hagen, W. San Bernardino, 10

THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF THE season will be played tomorrow night between the Dilworth Derbies and the Gold Seals in the Multnomah Club gymnasium.

BILKIN'S WRESTLING MATCH. The Mirphan Presbyterian Church basketball team was defeated by the Bilkins in a fast game Saturday night in Bilkins' gymnasium. The score was 22 to 22 and the game was unplayable from start to finish. Teams averaging 35 pounds may arrange games with the Bilkins by calling W. Vandergrift, room 233 Y. M. C. A.

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Advertisement for Gleason "UP TREE". FIGHT PROMOTER DOESN'T KNOW RICKARD'S INTENTIONS. HE WILL SEE JEFF NORTH. "TEX" MAY BE ASKED TO DROP OUT, FORFEIT MONEY READY TO PAY HIM.

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Advertisement for Coos Bay Line. COOS BAY LINE. The steamer BREAKWATER leaves Portland every Wednesday, 8 P. M., from Astoria dock for North Bend, Marshfield and Coos Bay points. Freight received until 4 P. M. From Pier 40, San Francisco, Feb. 20. Class \$10; second-class \$7, including berth and meals. Inquiries call office, Third and Washington street, or Alansworth dock, Phone Main 288.

Advertisement for North Pacific Steamship Company. NORTH PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY. THROUGH LINE LOS ANGELES PORTLAND SAN FRANCISCO. For Burekas and San Francisco, Jan. 11, 25, etc. For Los Angeles, Feb. 1, 15, 29. For Burekas, San Francisco and Los Angeles, Jan. 11, 25, etc. For San Francisco, Feb. 1, 15, 29. For Burekas, San Francisco and Los Angeles, Jan. 11, 25, etc. For San Francisco, Feb. 1, 15, 29.

Advertisement for Ketchel to Bide His Time. KETCHEL TO BIDE HIS TIME. Will Fight Ten Rounds With Klaus Before Touring World. DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Stanley Ketchel is going to bide his time before hopping aboard a steamer bound for the other side, and before any of the places mentioned as probable touring points for the middle-weight champion.

Advertisement for Pool Champion Huston Matched. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Thomas Huston will defend his title of pool champion before Jerome Keogh, of Rochester, tomorrow night in the first block of 200 points of their 600-point match for the world's championship, a purse of \$1000 and a side bet of \$250. Play will continue three nights.