

PERLE CASEY IS POSSIBLE CAPTAIN

McCredie Writes Strong Indorsement to President of Coast League.

PLAYER HAS EXPERIENCE

Tacoma Club Claims Him but Old Portland Infielder Declares He Is a Free Agent—Wrestling Game Full of "Champions."

BY HOSCOB FAWCETT. Pacific Coast League fans may again have the opportunity to heap praise and favors (or perhaps it will be brickbats) upon the head of one Perle Casey, veteran infielder of the Portland Coast and Northwestern League clubs.

Perle isn't saying much of his 1912 plans, but President McCredie, of the Portland association, has written Baum a most hearty indorsement, and there is every reason to believe that Casey will be found behind the bat behind the scenes of an arbiter's mask when play begins next Spring.

As an umpire Casey has had a long experience. Starting out with the Sacramento club back in 1892, Perle has been all through the ups and downs of Pacific Coast baseball. He is well liked, possesses tact combined with forcefulness, and is looked up to by the players and writers alike.

Since 1902 Casey has worn livery with Tacoma in 1902 and 1903, from 1906 Portland Coast and Northwest 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910 and Portland and Tacoma 1911. In 1909 he managed the Portland Northwester.

President Baum has mailed contracts to his three old arbiters—Hildebrand, Finney and McCredie—and is said to have nearly a score of applications for the three new-boys. Van Halton will probably land one of the trio as a reward for services during the fall of 1911.

The ways of the transgressor are hard. Writing under the title of "A Haymond Requiem," Grandford Rice, of the New York Mail, pens the following verses relative to Bug:

wonder who's treating him now? wonder who's saying "Here's how" wonder who's standing against the rail—slowing the ball—reeling the pair? wonder who's waving his hand up to bottles and legs? wonder if he swears off a spree, wonder who's saying with him now?

The writer is in receipt of some interesting wrestling gossip direct from the present hotbed of locks, bars and doublecrosses, that may give local fans an idea of the present state of the sport. Pederson, Coordell, the Turk, Huszars, Ralevich, Romanoff and other importations of unpronounceable lineage.

"Pederson is a heady champion, a catch-as-catch-can," writes Lloyd K. Jones, mat expert on the Chicago Inter Ocean. He has been offered a match with Mahmut, who lost to Gotch in 1910, but has refused. Indeed our old friend, Bill Demstra, offered to wager \$1000 as a side bet with the Scandiavian, but his manager, who goes by the name of Manager Major, whose gate receipts in Chicago have never been that much gross since the Dan's appearance here.

ST. LOUIS ROASTS OF FIRST WOMAN TO TAKE PART IN BIG-LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS.



MRS. HELEN HATHAWAY BRITTON. Mrs. Helen Hathaway Britton, the owner of the St. Louis National League baseball club, who has been in attendance at the meeting of the baseball directors in New York, is the first woman baseball magnate to take part in major league meetings.

Mrs. Britton is an enthusiastic baseball fan and says she has known the game since she was a little girl in Cleveland.

NATIONALS STAY UP

Cricketers Lose Soccer Contest by 9 to 0.

LOSERS' DEFENSE IS GAME

Winners' Powerful Play Cannot Be Checked Despite Sturdy Effort of Opponents—Independents Trim Mount Scott.

The Nationals beat the Cricketers yesterday, nine goals to nothing, there by strengthening their position at the head of the Portland soccer league.

There was a fair crowd present on the Columbia field when Ingles set the ball rolling for the Nationals, who pressed from the kick-off, only to meet a solid defense for the first ten minutes of the game, Naylor being responsible for a couple of good saves.

The Nationals, however, were not to be denied, for they scored three goals in rapid succession through Pawrie (3) and Hightett. The two wing men were always dangerous, while Graham worked hard, with Graham as the star in the halfback line, but the forwards were too weak in combination over to become really dangerous. The lineup:

Table with columns: Nationals, Position, Cricketers. Lists players like Pawrie, Hightett, Graham, Naylor, etc.

After change of ends the Cricketers even with an adverse score of five goals, stuck to their work well and for a time, especially towards the end of the game, had a greater share of the play, though unable to prevent the addition of another four goals.

Naylor, who took the place in goal, came out of the game with credit for he saved some hot shots, having little chance with the majority of the forwards.

Lincoln High School lost about \$75 in the state championship game with The Dalles on Saturday. The rain kept hundreds away and the total receipts were hardly in excess of \$200.

Sam Anderson, former middleweight wrestling king, has been procured to train the Harvard mat men.

"Who's kidding Walla Walla into Northwestern League hopes?" inquired a Spokane paper a few days ago, whereupon Ed Hughes, of Seattle, rose to remark: "Joseph P. Cohn, address, Spokane, Wash."

Derande Pietro, the Marathon expert, is writing a story of his life. It will probably be a running story.

Battling Nelson has brought suit against the Perry Athletic Club of Cleveland for \$100. The club called off a match in which the Battler was to have met Phil Brock. In the matter of postponed bouts Nelson had an experience in the Pacific Northwest last summer that will probably never be duplicated.

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Hereabouts by three goals to one, after the finest game seen so far in this league.

Three minutes after the kick-off, Wells and Woempner, between them, were responsible for putting the home side one up, but Mount Scott retaliated vigorously. Wallace F. Dryden and R. Robson, were all prominent for the visitors.

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HIGH WEIGHTS DIE TO MEET VOLGAST

Aspirants' Suggestion of Having Elimination Contest Is Disapproved.

M'FARLAND IS BEST MAN

Critics Assert Packey Is Only Logical Candidate to Fight Champion for Title—Good Matches Are in Store.

BY PAUL J. FEELY. Fight fans of Los Angeles endeavored to have "Uncle Tom" McCarley hold an elimination tournament to decide just who has the right to quarrel with Ad Wolgast for the lightweight title when the little Michigan demon recovers from the effects of his recent operation.

"Packey McFarland has the edge on the lightweights who are active at present, and he would have an equal chance with Wolgast," said J. J. Parker, an enthusiastic fight fan, while discussing the crop of lightweights yesterday.

"The talk of holding an elimination tournament is ridiculous," he continued. "In the first place, anyone who has seen the men in action knows that McFarland is a thoroughbred in a field of selling platers. The Chicago boy is the only logical opponent for Wolgast, providing the 'Wildcat' gets back in the game."

"When a fourth-rater like Willie Ritchie can break even with Freddy Welsh over a 20-round course, you have to figure the latter out of it, so far as championship possibilities are concerned. Any San Franciscan knows what Ritchie can do. He was not even considered a good second-rate fighter, and he had opportunities galore to show his caliber."

"Knockout Brown has shown himself as a fourth-rater. One of our own boys that lets him out, for Hogan ranks along with Frankie Burns, and the Oakland lad long since has been eliminated as a possibility for a championship. Owen Moran, formerly a leading light of the middles, apparently has traveled the oblivion route. Three or four years ago the Englishman was considered a contender, but the gay life did for him."

"While waiting for Wolgast to come back, if they must have an elimination tournament, let McFarland be the principal figure. They could arrange for him to take on a couple of those clamoring for recognition, and if he is a champion, Owen Moran, formerly a leading light of the middles, apparently has traveled the oblivion route. Three or four years ago the Englishman was considered a contender, but the gay life did for him."

Considerable speculation has been indulged in as to whether "Dode" Brinker will be the one to play with the Seattle Club football team which is a professional baseball player. However, an Amateur Athletic Union ruling permits the Portland men to play the Seattle club without jeopardizing their amateur standing.

San Francisco fight fans seem to be in line for a number of good matches during 1912. Jimmy Coffroth, Eddie Graney and Harry Foley are the men who will come to the Ringo bunch, Bay City next year. The trio is the most competent San Francisco has had in a number of years. Since 1906 it has been the rule to give the permits to fight to those who are ignorant of their knowledge of fistfights or their ability to handle matches.

Foley coached a number of men who gained prominence in the prize ring. In fact, he was responsible for the development of a great number of the "four-bay" fighters of the Ringo bunch. Mention of Foley brought the following story from Parker:

"Before the quake there was an interesting rivalry between the Reliance and Olympic Amateur Athletic Clubs. Both were producing a number of good boys. Foley was coaching the Reliance bunch, while the Olympic Club had a rattling good lightweight. He was kept under cover. When the interclub meet was held to settle the Reliance bunch, the Olympic Club had an optimistic and gave his friends the tip that his boy would walk away with the honors. When the man got into the ring Foley knew his boy would have three chances.

"The Reliance Club's representative was knocked down three times in the first round. He came back to his corner dazed. 'How am I making out?' he asked Foley.

"Nothing to it," replied Harry. 'You're winning a mile; you don't want to knock him out the first round, you know.'"

"The second stanza was a repetition of the first, with a few more knock-downs. 'Am I doing all right?' he chirped when he tottered to his corner. 'You can knock him out in the second round, but if you don't you got the decision clinched, anyway. You're winning easily; now go in and clean him up.'"

"'Twas I, Russ, I'll quit while I'm winning,' was the young lad's comeback."

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BIG SHOOT SECURED

Coast Handicap Meet Will Be Here Next July.

GUN EXPERTS TO COMPETE

Contest Will Be When Elks' National Convention Is In Progress—Deciding Tourny With Eugene Team Today.

The Pacific Coast Handicap the big event in shooting circles on the Coast, has been secured by the Portland Gun Club.

This will be the first time that this city has had the meet and the members will begin making preparations for the event now to insure success to their venture.

The last shoot with the Eugene Gun Club takes place today, beginning at 11 A. M. This will be the deciding contest of the series of three shoots, which are being held with the up-valley men.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—It has dawned on Chicago that the immense investment of the city in well-lighted, well-heated and well-ventilated school buildings may be utilized to a far greater extent for the public welfare.

Chicago has now taken the lead in carrying out the widespread movement to extend the social uses of the public schools. Nine of them will be opened at least two evenings a week as "social centers."

Games, dancing, dramatics, gymnastics and pictures will be arranged under the direction of the principal of the school and the representatives of the Juvenile Protective League.

Business Block Goes Up. WILLAMINA, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Willamina is soon to have a new business block. Ora Godsey is erecting the block, and all the store room has already been leased to persons who intend to engage in the retail business. It is the plan of the contractors to have the block ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

Star work on the part of Nasters, forward for the Multnomah Club, won the basketball game for the Portland team at Forest Grove Saturday. The Forest Grove Tigers lost by a score of 23 to 18. The game was played in the Pacific University gymnasium. Mercer, forward, and Richardson, guard, did stellar work for the Tigers.

Gotch Would Meet Winner. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Promoters of the Zhyzsko-Ralcevic wrestling match, which will be staged in Madison Square Garden Christmas night, announced today that they had received a telegram from Frank Gotch, the American champion of the world, saying he would be ready to meet the winner of the match by the latter part of January.

POULTRY OFFICERS CHOSEN Willamette Valley Fanciers to Have Show Next December. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Local poultrymen are enthusiastic over the successful organization of the Central Willamette Poultry Association in Albany, and the prospective revival of the custom of holding annual poultry shows here. In the part of the state of which Albany is the center there are probably more raisers of blooded poultry than in any other section of Oregon, and this city is ideally situated for successful poultry shows.

MORTON IS WIZARD

Honeyman Indoor Team Defeats Escheles, 8-3.

19 BATSMEN STRIKE OUT

Pitching of Victorious Mound-Master Is Invincible—League Tie Is Broken—Archer-Wiggins Team Beats Marshall-Wells.

Indoor Baseball League. Won. Lost. P. C. Batteries—Felkel and McConnell; Marshall-Wells 1 2 .333; Marshall-Wells 1 2 .333; Escheles 2 1 .667; Archer-Wiggins 4 2 .667; Archer-Wiggins 4 2 .667; Marshall-Wells 1 2 .333; Marshall-Wells 1 2 .333.

Fanning Escheles' players and allowing but eight scattered hits, Morton broke the tie in the Portland Indoor Baseball League yesterday at the Army and sent his teammates, the Honeyman boys, into the lead. The game's score was 8 to 3 for Honeyman.

Morton's twirling was the feature of the game. He was in rare form and his control was almost perfect. The only ones who succeeded in solving his mysteries to any extent were Turk, Laddell and Brown.

The league leaders fielded fine and their batting was consistent. Score: Honeyman 8 19 3; Escheles 3 3 3; Batteries—Felkel and McConnell; Morton and McHale.

The Marshall-Wells aggregation of indoor baseball stars shot a little further into the cellar yesterday, when the Archer-Wiggins team noosed them out in a 4-to-3 game. The losers tried hard to rally in the ninth after two men were down but did not succeed.

Both McKenzie and Dunlop twirled good ball, the latter fanning 14 men. He held his opponents to seven bingles, while the victors connected safely with McKenzie's offerings nine times. Nelson and Hedrick proved the stars at the bat. Their hitting was largely responsible for the Archer-Wiggins' victory. Williams did the heavy attack work for Marshall-Wells. Score: Archer-Wiggins 4 9 4; Marshall-Wells 3 7 5; Batteries—Dunlop and Hansen; McKenzie and Weisendanger.

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