

BEAVERS HIT BALL AT TERRIFIC RATE

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PITCHERS IN GOOD SHAPE

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SANTA MARIA, Cal., March 17.—(Special.)—McCredie's team of leaguers are gradually adjusting their batting lamps, for today Captain Rodgers, et al hopped onto Chief Romero for 12 hits, six of them for extra bases, and won from the Santa Maria club, 10 to 1. A week ago the Indian pitched and held them to four hits.

Rodgers and Doane wore the baton swingers of the afternoon. Rodgers slugging out a homer, a triple and a single. The scrappy second-bagger has been doing at a terrific pace in all the four practice games to date, having negotiated six hits in 11 trips. Doane, the new right fielder, demonstrated, is not far behind and leads the squad in stolen bases, six batting average is .500, six hits in 12 times up. Today he walked once, sacrificed Rodgers across and hit safely twice.

Krueger and Rapps close. Krueger batted in two doubles, making six hits in 14 times at bat in games while Bill Rapps came through with a home run over deep center, showing him to be fourth base in team batting, five hits in 14 times at bat. The game was featureless except for a large crowd and a customarily large attendance in the amateur error column. Coltrin brought the fans to their feet on one occasion by a typical Peckinpaugh stab of a liner. Bobby, however, failed to hit safely after 11 binges to look as though his opportunity to strike with the Coasters has not been grasped.

Henderson, Lamline and Koestner each pitched three innings. Henderson with his speed ball working finely, holding the youngsters, hitless. Lamline was touched but safely after all the runs filtered across Koestner, the first when Howley threw over Lindsay's rebellion, and the other three in the ninth on four hits and a Koestner. Lamline is taking his time in rounding into shape and apparently wasn't disposed to exert himself when his club was far in the lead. Howley, the veteran has it on the youngsters.

Yammigan Pitchers Fast. In the first game of the double-header the Yammigan bunch defeated the Final Oil aggregation 6 to 1, with Temple, Hirsch and Osborne up for three frames apiece. Temple pitched one run and two hits, Hirsch no hits and Osborne one hit. Hirsch was flamboyant with his benders, however, walking three men.

McCredie in right field for the Yams, was the star of the affair, bagging out two corking hits and dashing the hopes of the club for a Manager. He pitched with a swell catch in the eighth inning, McDowell came through with his usual two hits for an average of .546, while Strail, Steigler and Howley pitched two apiece in four trips. Steigler at first did brilliant work, as did outfielder Strail. Makes the Butte star, who has been in the Yammigan line, McCredie for the utility berth on the regulars, led down wearily with the willow, going two games now without the sight of a hit.

BEN HENDERSON, BEAVER TWIRLER, SNAPPED ON SANTA MARIA WATER WAGON.



The above series of photographs of Benny Henderson, popular Portland slabber, picturing his movements from the time he approached the "antiboon" cart until he was firmly perched on the driver's seat, is not an effort to picture the great Beaver hurler as a Bugs Raymond or a Kube Waddell, gladdening the hearts of the fans with a little pen work on a temperance pledge. Henderson has not yet signed a contract of the Waddell type, calling for \$10 per week allowance as long as he remains sober and balance of the salary in a lump sum at the close of the season. No, Benny's past reveals nothing to warrant such action, while the present holds forth glowing promises to the contrary for the future.

But Benny, smile and all, climbed upon the sprinkling cart at Santa Maria, and enjoyed every moment of the visit. He expects to carry a miniature of that Santa Maria wagon around with him all season.

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