

McCREE PLOGS UP HOLE IN INFIELD

Butler, Shortstop, Coming From Cleveland for Start of Oakland Series.

BAN ON GILLIGAN LIFTED

Long Shifts Batting Order and Buys Pitcher McCarray From Detroit. Mohler Thinks Oaks Will Now Stop Winning.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Oakland	13	7	769
San Francisco	11	9	762
Portland	10	10	758
Sacramento	9	11	754

Yesterday's Results.

At Oakland—Los Angeles, 4, Oakland 2.
At Los Angeles—Vernon 14, Sacramento 8.
At Portland—San Francisco-Portland game postponed, wet grounds.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Pluvius put a damper on "agonized" baseball at the local orchard yesterday, but—the most beneficial word in vocabulary today—the rain did not prevent Manager McCree from working the wires overtime in an effort to bolster up his fast-acting athletes and Mac joyfully announced late in the evening that he had purchased Shortstop Butler from Cleveland and that the classy infielder, who has been the opening of the Oakland series next Tuesday.

Butler is a right handed batter built something on the lines of Oscar Vitell and has held down the shortstop job for Toledo in the American Association for the past two seasons. Cleveland owns the Toledo franchise, hence McCree's ability to hook him at this time. Butler will be used either at short or third base, but McCree has not decided. He needs an additional infielder and both Bancroft and Lindsay will be retained.

Last year the new stepper batted .24 and finished third in the American Association in fielding with .925. His batting record follows:

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
St. Louis	17	31	28
Chicago	11	26	26
St. Louis	11	26	26

In 116 games at short, Butler had 354 putouts and 582 assists and 34 errors.

"I was also supposed to get out-felder Burns from Toledo, but an injury checked the sale of this make for McCree discussing his prospective new timber. Cleveland offered me \$10,000 for Burns, but I never looked good to me when I had him several years back.

"When Wolverton, of New York, refused to sell me, I turned to Fisher. I think Harry still ranks as one of the best beaters we handed out to him—I telegraphed for Jack Adams, but under the stand that owner Hedges, of the St. Louis Browns, made a special trip over to Cleveland to secure Adams so unless he can be acquired by me, I will not be in the show of getting Adams by battements of that Major Waiver red-tape.

"I expected to have pitcher Klawitter, of New Orleans, here this week, but haven't heard a word concerning his case, continued the harassed Portland manager. "Klawitter tells me he is a corking pitcher so I'll keep after him."

When the Seals and Beavers resume hostilities today in their sensational skirmish for the honor of sitting on the points of the visitors and Gilligan for Portland, another right-hander, Gilligan was suspended five playing days for fracturing his right arm by a ball from San Francisco last week, but Baum was prevailed upon to lift the ban because of the shattered condition of the local hurling staff.

Gilligan is the former Vancouver, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis flinger, who so greatly resembles manager McCree.

Lindsay will likely be back at third. Bill has been troubled recently with an injured ligament and thinks the "two days" layoff will fix him out.

Manager Danny Long, of the Seals, has decided upon a switch in his lineup and the fans this afternoon will see West Ford in right field and McIver's niche. McIver is number one on the batting order and hasn't been getting on the bags with sufficient regularity to please the fans. Powell was regular last season.

Manager Long also announces the purchase of a new pitcher, McCarray, from the Detroit Americans. McCarray won 43 per cent of his games last year for Albany in the New York State League and is highly recommended by Tom Rafferty, who was with Wilkes-barre, and by Hartley, a member of the Albany Club in 1911.

"McCarray looks awfully good, Grab him."

Oscar Vitell, ex-lead, now with Detroit, telegraphed this encouragement to Long, so the Seal magnate believes he has a find.

"What do I intend doing with Mundorf?"

"Well, I expect to sell him," said Manager Long, in answer to an inquiry concerning the star swabman of the 1911 Portland Class B team.

"Nick Williams is sweet on Mundorf and he may return to Portland. I put in drafts for both Hartley and McCarray, expecting only one so that when both were allowed I had an extra man."

Captain "Kid" Mohler, the veteran second sacker of the San Francisco Club, coincides with Manager Long in the view that Portland, Vernon and San Francisco are the best division clubs within another six weeks.

"Oakland beat us six in seven down there the opening week but the Commuters had all the breaks in luck," said the southern wisard. "Really I don't think Sharpe's team is as strong as the one Wolverton had last year. His infield is not up to Wolverton's standard and when the race settles down I'm afraid the Oaks will miss Harry's trusty biadgon more than most fans imagine."

"That hoodoo '11" evidently proved too big an obstacle for the Oaks to flip aside for they succumbed to Los Angeles yesterday, after winning a baker's dozen without the first A good many critics around the circuit are of the opinion that Sharpe is using Southpaw Ables too often. Harry has pitched two games a week since April 2, whereas Wolverton never used him oftener than three times a fortnight.

"When I went to work at longshore men at the docks in Portland last Fall they fired 14 other hands," jokingly remarked the Texas giant to McCree in the recent Oakland-Portland series.

COLTS HAMMER 3 GIANT SUGGERS

VERNON WINS THIRD STRAIGHT

Sacramento Fields in Ragged Fashion and Loses, 14 to 8.

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—Fitzgerald's lack of control and ragged fielding by the visitors today gave Vernon the third straight game of the series. Gray was being found freshly in the fifth when Hogan sent Castleton in. The score:

R. H. E. R. H. E.
Vernon... 14 11 2 Sacramento... 8 12 7
Batteries—Gray, Castleton and Brown; Fitzgerald and Cheek, Hart.

OAKS WINNING DEAL BROKEN

Angels Fall on Parkin in Fifth and Score Enough to Win.

OAKLAND, April 18.—Los Angeles broke Oakland's winning streak today, wrestling from the locals by a 4 to 2, the second game the latter have lost this season. The visitors fell on Pitcher Parkin in the fifth inning for four smashing hits, which, with two passes, netted three runs.

Butler made his first appearance here and pitched a steady game for Los Angeles. Oakland's record is 13 games won out of 15 played. The score:

R. H. E. R. H. E.
Los Angeles... 4 6 2 Oakland... 2 4 4
Batteries—Torner and Smith; Parkin, Martindale and Milne.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Cincinnati	11	7	607
St. Louis	10	8	599
Philadelphia	9	9	590
New York	8	10	581
Boston	7	11	572
Chicago	6	12	563
Brooklyn	5	13	554
Pittsburgh	4	14	545
Chicago	3	15	536

Yesterday's Results.

At Cincinnati—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.
At St. Louis—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.
At Philadelphia—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.
At New York—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.
At Boston—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.
At Chicago—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.
At Brooklyn—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.
At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Boston	11	7	607
Philadelphia	10	8	599
Chicago	9	9	590
Detroit	8	10	581
Washington	7	11	572
St. Louis	6	12	563
New York	5	13	554

Yesterday's Results.

At St. Louis—Chicago 2, St. Louis 1.
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MAJOR LEAGUE STARS ARE ILL

Doolin, of Phillies, and Cree, of Yanks, Both in Serious Condition.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Two big league baseball stars, Manager Charlie Doolin of the Philadelphia Nationals and "Birdie" Cree of the New York Americans, are seriously ill here.

Doolin is the victim of an attack of appendicitis. His team mates returned to their home city yesterday without him. When Doolin was stricken his ailment was diagnosed as acute indigestion. Last night his condition became so much worse that President Fagle made arrangements to take him to a hospital unless improvement was shown within a few hours. Cree is in the hospital with a fever which the physicians say is likely to keep him out of the game for a fortnight.

PORTLAND DOGS EXHIBITED

Ten Canines at Everett Show This Week.

With a 10-dog representation at the Everett show this week and from 20 dogs promised for the Tacoma exhibition next week, Portland canines promise to figure prominently in the coming shows of the Northwest.

Charles R. Campion, who had number one of Portland winners in the Seattle show last week, took the squad of prospective point winners to the open-air dog show at Everett yesterday.

Campion's string at Everett comprised the following dogs sent from Portland: Willamette Brilliant and Seattle Keen Kutter, both terriers owned by Frank E. Watkins; Sprague-Galatea, bulldog bitch, owned by the Sprague-Galatea Kennels of Piedmont, Cal., in charge of Frank E. Watkins in the Northwest; Portland Victor and Honey Boy, cocker spaniels; Leitrom Daah and Leitrom Blue Bell, English setters; Leitrom Ranger, pointer; Charles R. Campion.

BASEBALL NINES TO CLASH

Jefferson and Washington High Schools Meet Today.

One of the principal games of the Interscholastic Baseball League will be played at 3 o'clock this afternoon on the 18th street field by the Jefferson and Washington High School nines.

Washington High has had little practice, while Jefferson has played once and sometimes twice a week since the season started. However, Washington will have a large squad on the bench, and men that do not start right will be displaced.

The lineup—Washington, Wilson or Taves, catcher; Baker, Scott, Beckett or Powers, pitcher; Manary, first; Schell, second; Whitten, third; Grobe, third; Miller, Jewell, C. Miller and Thiffel in the field. Jefferson High—Colvin or Irvine, catcher; Anderson, pitcher; Campion, first; Brady, second; Walter, short; Irwin, third, and Lind, Williams and Robertson in the garden.

Grammar School Results.

Holman won the title of section six of the Grammar School Baseball League, defeating Chapman, 5 to 6. Holman made the first inning and the sixth inning. The batteries were: Warner and Ackers, for Holman; Noonan and Peterson, for the defeated.

The final game of section five of the Grammar School Baseball League was postponed because of the rain. It will be played this afternoon on the East Twelfth and Davis-street grounds by Holladay and Shattuck.

Despite the heavy rain which disturbed the baseball games of the city yesterday, the Portsmouth School defeated the Vernon team at the Portsmouth field, 10 to 7. The game was rather ragged, Portsmouth getting four runs in the first inning and four in the fifth. Vernon started just about as good, making seven complete circuits in the second round. This gives Portsmouth the championship of Section 5.

COLTS HAMMER 3 GIANT SUGGERS

Portland Team Holds Carnage With Seattle Squad. Score 12 to 6.

2 OUT, SLAUGHTER OPENS

Tonnerson Hit for 14 Bingles; Klein and Vance Lambasted Until Kibbler Stops Onslaught. Vance Is Released.

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Portland	12	4	667
Victoria	11	5	687
Spokane	10	6	667
Tacoma	9	7	658

Yesterday's Results.

At Seattle—Portland 12, Seattle 6.
At Spokane—Victoria 2, Spokane 1.
At Vancouver—Tacoma 4, Vancouver 2.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—Those Portland Colts are one of the most inconsiderate bunches roaming around the Northwest in quest of victims. Urged on by Nick Williams and a few royal rooters from the Rose City, they kicked, cuffed and rolled two of Seattle's ambitious pitchers in the mud. The third candidate to climb the mound stopped the carnage, but it was too late to divert disaster. Score, Portland 12, Seattle 6.

Seven runs and three hits were the result of the carnage. The Colts kept plugging along and, with a batting rally in the seventh, knocked a little gloss off the awful lead of the enemy. They hit Tonnerson hard, their total being 14 bingles, including three doubles and a homer, but on the other hand the Pippins lambasted Klein and Vance for 18 hits, including three doubles and a couple of homers. In the last two periods Schneider let the Colts down with no runs and one single.

Tonnerson led his team with three hits. Strait turned in his third homer in two games and Kibbler got his first. The slaughter commenced in the fourth after two outs. Klein walked one and was hit four consecutive times, the first two being singles and the last two doubles. The yield was four runs. Then Vance tried his luck. He walked the first man, then along came Strait with a homer, netting three more runs. The carnage next was a single and Harris doubled, but Kibbler finally ended the carnage with a pop to third.

Seven runs and seven hits after two were out is going some. Vance was released, but Klein will be given one more chance. The score: Seattle 6, Portland 12.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Inning	Port.	Seatt.
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	0	0
4	0	0
5	0	0
6	0	0
7	0	0
8	0	0
9	0	0
Total	12	6

INDIANS CAN'T HIT NARVERSON

Victoria Recruit Holds Spokane Helpless in Pinches.

SPOKANE, April 18.—Narverson, the young Victoria pitcher, not only pitched a brilliant game, but did mighty work at bat, driving in the runs and scoring one run himself. Victoria bunched hits throughout the game and ended with a rally, winning 5 to 1. Kraft pitched a good ball for Spokane in the early innings, but weakened at the end. Score: Victoria 5, Spokane 1.

Batteries: Kraft and Ryan; Narverson and Meek. Umpire, Toman.

TIGERS DEFEAT VANCOUVER

Blaine Gordon Pitches Tacoma to 4-to-2 Victory.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 18.—Gordon pitched an effective ball in the pinches today and Tacoma won. Stanfield was hit hard and in the sixth was replaced by Smith. Tacoma's hitting was timely. Score: Tacoma 4, Vancouver 2.

R. H. E. R. H. E.
Vancouver... 2 6 2 Tacoma... 4 3 1
Batteries: Stanfield, Smith and Lewis; Gordon and Crittenden, Ludwig.

Bas 21 Inches Long Caught.

ALBANY, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Dan Hurley, proprietor of the Russ House in this city and one of Albany's prominent sportsmen, while fishing at Round Lake, near the northwest corner of this city, yesterday, captured the largest black bass that has been seen in this city for many years; it being 21 inches long and weighing five and a half pounds.

Athlete Hurt Year Ago Dies.

EVERETT, Wash., April 18.—Raymond R. Elliott, whose chest was crushed in a football game more than a year ago, died last night from his injuries.

Pitcher Hirsch Released.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—Manager Nick Williams has released Pitcher Hirsch to Winnipeg, in the Northern League.

Minor Baseball.

The Oswego baseball team would like to have a game away from town April 21. For names, write Charles Gibson, Oswego, Or., or call Main 1224.

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WRESTLERS ALSO IN GAME

Interclub Smoker to Be Held at Multnomah Gym—Frank Unable to Make Weight for Cote Match.

The second interclub boxing and wrestling smoker of the Multnomah Club season will be staged tonight in the club gymnasium, Spokane appearing against the Portlanders in a seven-event programme, four of which will show the athletes of the rival clubs in action. The clubs split even when Multnomah invaded Spokane early in the season and success for the year depends upon tonight's showing.

Edgar Frank, ex-Coast champion wrestler at 135 pounds, tried to make weight for Cote, the ex-Olympic champion, who will represent Spokane, but could not get down to 124 pounds, so Saint has been substituted. Pearcey, who tackled Cote, sprained a hand yesterday.

That Spokane is determined to annex the honors of the last meet of the season between the two clubs is shown by the class of talent comprising the squad. Chris Gesek, who meets McCarthy, "Winged" "31" middleweight grappler, is the National champion, while "Knockout" Billy Spencer, who meets Roberts, 125-pound boxer, is the sensation of the Northwest amateur battle season. Reed, the lightweight scrapper who meets Billy Eymann, lost to Ernie Barrieau, of Vancouver, but otherwise has a clean record for this season. Cote, the National champion, will be the main attraction of the evening.

In addition to the four main events, two wrestling preliminaries between Opie Smith and Kirk Montague, welterweights, and two boxing preliminaries will be staged. The smoker is open to club members and their friends, starting promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

The officials—Boxing referee, Joe Smith; boxing judges, Hamilton Corbett, Frank Hartman; wrestling referee, Herbert Greenland; timer, George Parker; announcer, Bert Farrell.

BIG SWIM IS POSTPONED

Northwest's Aquatic Event Will Be Held in the Fall.

The Pacific Northwest Association championship swimming meet, the big indoor competition awarded to Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland, will not be staged until next fall. Frank E. Watkins, chairman of the Multnomah Club swimming committee, has decided upon the postponement, owing to the large number of events scheduled by the club during the next few weeks. The move is endorsed by the board of directors and will be acted upon at the next meeting.

It was planned to hold the amateur title struggle the last of April or early in May, but the formal opening of the new building comes next Friday night, followed by the Olympic games benefit on May 2. Then, too, the outdoor swimming season opens with the Rose Festival feature early in June to further minimize the importance of an indoor Northwest affair.

"We want to make the swimming championships this year the biggest and best in history, and we certainly cannot do it by holding them in April, with interest centered in other events, and the Pacific Coast meet in the river overshadowing it," says Chairman Watkins. "We will draw a large list of entries, and will hold the undivided attention of the swimmers on this section."

The interscholastic tourney, the first in Portland's history, was scheduled for the night of the Northwest meet, but it will undoubtedly be held as originally planned, late in May. The athletic officials of the various schools will meet soon to decide the matter.

Multnomah Club track and field men will hold a workout-meet Sunday morning in preparation for the dual meet with Oregon University at Eugene on Saturday, April 27. The meet will consist of the regulation outdoor events.

The following 10 men will comprise the team: Captain Sam Bellah, pole vault, broad jump, javelin; Bruce, sprints, quarter mile, relay; Best, mile and half, mile, quarter; Hummel, sprints, relay; Dart, sprints, relay; Schmitt, quarter, relay; Wolf, shotput, hammer, discus, javelin; Holdman, pole vault, high jump, high hurdles; Booth, mile.

Chairman Dunne, of the Multnomah Club outdoor sports committee, has given up his having Dan Kelly, long-time sprint and broad-jumping crack, as a member of the Multnomah team at important meetings. Kelly,



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Easterners are naming Rose, Bellah, Spediger and Edmundson among the Pacific Coast men who are probable members of the United States team," says Frank, "while recent performance of Bellah in the high jump prospective wearers of the stars and stripes."

While in the East, Frank gave Cornell University grapplers a taste of Western network, defeating lightweights and welters. Frank is an ex-Coast champion at 125 pounds, and has been champion for several years. He planned to enter the National tourney at Newark, N. J., but could not remain for the wrestling contests.

SENATOR BUYS PAPER

BOISE, IDAHO, DEMOCRAT PURCHASES ALBANY DEMOCRAT.

Removal From State by W. H. Hornbrook Recognized as Hard Blow to Party; Illness of Wife Cause.

BOISE, Idaho, April 18.—With the prospect of becoming Democratic state chairman of the Democratic party for the southern part of the state for Congress, Senator William H. Hornbrook, one of the leaders of the minority party of the state, has decided to side-step all offers, and will go to Western Oregon and engage in the newspaper business.

Senator Hornbrook has closed a deal for the purchase of the Albany Daily Democrat, of Albany, Or., said to be the strongest Democratic paper in the state and will take active charge of its management May 1. This move on the part of Senator Hornbrook is due to the ill-health of Mrs. Hornbrook, one of the leaders of the minority party of the state, has decided to side-step all offers, and will go to Western Oregon and engage in the newspaper business.

Other party leaders urged him to make the race for Congress and had he decided to remain in Idaho, he would either have become chairman or made the Congressional race, for he announced several months ago he would not again be candidate for State Senator.

The deal for the purchase of the Albany Daily Democrat was closed several days ago and Senator Hornbrook has just returned to Twin Falls from Oregon. The announcement of his intention to leave Idaho was made in Democratic political circles here today.

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