

# PRECEDENT BUOYS HOPES OF BEAVERS

### Fans Expect History to Repeat in Opening Week Here With Senators.

### CHANCE SEEN FOR FIFTH

If Portland Takes Four of Six Contests From O'Rourke's Men It Will Give Percentage of .500, Sacramento .426.

Unless precedent receives a severe jolt at Vaughn street this week Portland fans are to witness the Beavers winning their first home series of the Pacific Coast League season. Sacramento appears against the tall-enders, and for several seasons the Senators have failed to win a series from Portland.

In addition to shattering the three-series losing streak of the initial home appearance, the ordinary break of luck against the Sacramentoans should place the Beavers within a fraction of a game of fifth place, with the news giving them a hold on that rung which needs only a little heroic treatment to be converted into the fourth place.

Should the Beavers take four of the six games from O'Rourke's men they will have a record of 21 victories and 23 defeats for a percentage of .476. On this basis the Senators will have 23 victories and 31 losses, percentage .426. The next two weeks of home runs, coupled with a rejuvenated twirling staff, should make the fifth station easily negotiable and fourth not an impossibility.

To date the Beavers have won three series and lost five. A victory this week will make the count four and five, with a return to true form giving the McCredie men the edge by a 6-to-5 score when it comes time to return again to California.

Higinbotham, McCredie's new twirling star, ex-American League swiftness, and Gus Fisher, well-known to Portland fans, will make their 1912 bow to a Vaughn-street park crowd this week. Higinbotham or Koestner probably will be nominated for county duty today, opposed by Fitzgerald, Arralanes or Baum. Baum was pounded from the box Sunday and may be sent back in to try to redeem himself.

McCredie is hopeful. McCredie is strong for his club as it stands now. He figures that Klawitt, Higinbotham and Koestner are good enough to keep any club up in the race. He touts Bancroft as the fastest infielder in the league; predicts that Harkness will soon be ready to take his regular turn in the box for effective work, and altogether is in a decidedly optimistic mood.

"There's a great deal of interest," said "Mac" to a San Francisco writer the other day. "He's this boy Giro, and I look to him to improve fast. By the end of this season I'll wager that he will be going like a house afire. He has that easy delivery, a free overhand ball, that indicates more than anything else that he'll be there. Today he has more on the ball than any other Beaver pitcher."

Gus Fisher says that he's glad to be back on the Coast. He doesn't mind a bit having been released by the New York Americans and told McCredie he welcomed the Beavers. He looks heavier than when he was out this way before. He ought to be of considerable assistance to the Portland club.

Fisher is strong for the chances of the Boston Red Sox to cop the American League pennant. He says that Callahan's team is not so good as Stahl's, and predicts that the White Sox will yield to the Red Sox in the percentage column ere many weeks are past.

## SACRAMENTO BASEBALL MEN WHO MAKE THEIR 1912 DEBUT IN PORTLAND TODAY.



Fatsy O'Rourke, Manager



R. Fitzgerald

made it four straight over Washington, Caldwell, who has lost six straight games, won his first game of the season. Score: R.H.E. R.H.E. Wash'ton... 5 5 0 New York... 10 11 0 Batteries—Hughes and Henry; Caldwell and Sweeney.

Philadelphia 12, Boston 9. BOSTON, May 27.—Philadelphia hit three Boston pitchers hard and aided by slow fielding by the locals won easily. Score: R.H.E. R.H.E. Boston... 8 8 0 Philadelphia... 12 11 1 Batteries—O'Brien, Collins, Bodent and Carrigan; Nunamaker, Plank, Brown, Bender and Thomas.

## BASEBALL STATISTICS

STANDING OF THE LEAGUES. Pacific Coast League. W. L. Pct. San Fran. 22 17 .562, Portland 21 21 .500, Sacramento 18 21 .461, Los Angeles 14 25 .354.

American League. W. L. Pct. Detroit 18 18 .500, Cleveland 14 18 .438, Philadelphia 14 17 .447, Chicago 12 17 .412.

National League. W. L. Pct. St. Louis 18 18 .500, Cincinnati 14 18 .438, Pittsburgh 14 17 .447, New York 12 17 .412.

Western League. W. L. Pct. St. Joseph 24 15 .613, Omaha 18 19 .481, Denver 13 18 .420, Des Moines 12 17 .412, Sioux City 12 17 .412.

Washington State. W. L. Pct. Aberdeen 9 7 .562, Centralia 7 5 .583.

Portland Batting Averages. Pacific Coast. W. L. Pct. Kroeber .345, Cook .320, Baker .300, Buller .280, Landry .270, Hays .260, McDowell .250, Chadler .240, Keesler .230, Newmyer .220.

American League. W. L. Pct. Detroit .345, Cleveland .320, Philadelphia .300, Chicago .280, St. Louis .270, Cincinnati .260, Pittsburgh .250, New York .240.

## COLTS GALLOP OFF BITTISE AT FINISH

### Bees Take Swatfest Replete With Home Runs and Two-Baggers, 11 to 8.

### "HITLESS WONDER" HITS 3

#### McCreey Finds Missile Thrive for Good Ones, and Meek Actually Bunts—Lamline Is Forced to Retire—Runs in Bunches.

#### Northwestern League Standings.

W. L. Pct. Portland 22 15 .594, Tacoma 20 15 .571, Vancouver 18 15 .545, Victoria 18 15 .545.

At Victoria—Victoria 11, Portland 8. At Seattle—Tacoma 5, Vancouver 6.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 27.—(Special.)—Two home runs, any number of two-baggers, and singles galore marked a swatfest between Victoria and Portland this afternoon, the former winning 11 to 8.

Threatening weather and the reckless way in which the Colts started slugging the ball in their half of the first combined to make fans feel mighty giddy at the beginning. But after the shouting had ceased on the completion of the third inning with the Bees two to the good, it was Nick Williams' turn to feel sad. At that, the home lads have no occasion to feel particularly proud. They were out-hit, and the visitors put up a splendid fielding game to end after the third stanza.

Things Start Early. When Speas and Cruikshank stepped to the plate and picked out a couple of Bitcher McCreey's choicest offerings, and placed them out neatly for two bags apiece, the Portland squad smiled happily, and Meek and his following looked worried. First came right along with a single, and Williams' nice hit counted for a lead of three that looked good enough to put the game away.

Lamline Batted Out of Box. In the following stanza occurred Kennedy's disastrous overthrow after Kennedy and Weed had pooled for an aggregate of three bags. With six to their credit and two in the lead the Bees were out to make it safe, and in the fourth and fifth they did another four, the features of which were the home runs of Brennan and Merritt. This was the finish of Pitcher Lamline who was relieved by Doty in the sixth.

Through Pitcher McCreey looked shaky. He kept the thrills going through the remainder of the game, during which the Colts added six runs, and on several other occasions enough men died on the bags to have brought the score even again.

Two worthy incidents were McCreey's three hits, as he has a reputation as a hitless wonder, and Meek's beating out of a bunt performance that drew the fans as comically incongruous. The score: Portland... 11, Tacoma... 8.

BUGS LAND ON RED PITCHERS. Seattle Takes Opening Game From Spokane, 7 to 2. SPOKANE, Wash., May 27.—Bunched hits on the Spokane pitchers gave Seattle the first game of the series.

Amateur Athletics. The Lincoln High school team goes to the Dalles Thursday, Decoration day, to meet The Dalles High School team at Stockholm. They are headed by the sprinters Rau and Hermann and the middle-distance runner Braun, who are regarded here as prominent candidates for first places in Sweden.

VANCOUVER CAN'T HIT CRIGER. Tacoma Twirler Allows Four Feeble Singles, Winning 9 to 0. SEATTLE, Wash., May 27.—Tacoma hit Belford hard in three innings, while Criger held Vancouver to four hits in the first two.

SENECA II WINNER AT ALAN. Horse Makes Race as He Pleases. Kootenay Runs to Show. ALAN, Idaho, May 27.—H. G. Bedwell's Seneca II won the feature race at Alan course today. The horse made all the pace and won as he pleased.

## MULTNOMAH ANGLERS' CLUB TO PLANT 700,000 TROUT SOON.

### The Multnomah Anglers' Club is aiding actively in the work of the State Game and Fish Commission.

### WILBUR GIVES TROPHY

#### IRVINGTON CLUBMAN OFFERS CUP FOR TOURNEY PLAY.

Entry List for Spring Handicap Closes at 6 o'clock Tonight. Opening is Thursday.

Ralph W. Wilbur, one of the most prominent members of the Irvington Club and an enthusiastic tennis player himself, yesterday announced that he would offer a trophy for the men's handicap singles in the tournament which opens on the club courts Thursday morning.

The former Wilbur cup, play for which was enjoyed the past three years, is now the permanent possession of Brandt Wickersham, who won it three times in succession, thus making necessary the putting up of a new cup. The Wilbur trophy will be one of beautiful design of sterling silver.

The entry list for the Irvington tennis tournament closed tonight at 6 o'clock sharp, and the handicapping committee will meet on Wednesday, and play, weather permitting, will start at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

GERMAN TEAM IS CHOSEN. Twenty-Five Athletes Will Compete at Stockholm. LEIPZIG, Germany, May 27.—As a result of the two days' tryouts for the Olympic games, a team of 25 track and field athletes has been selected to compete at Stockholm.

LANGFORD DEFEATS PORKY FLYNN. MELBOURNE, Aus., May 27.—Sam Langford, the heavyweight negro boxer, of Boston, defeated Porky Flynn, also of Boston, here today. Flynn was being so badly hammered that the referee stopped the fight in the 14th round.

COLUMBUS GRAY 10, HILLSBORO 9. The Columbus Club Grays defeated Hillsboro Sunday at Hillsboro, 10 to 9. Van Humason pitched a fine game for the winners, while Gleason and Campbell starred behind the bat and in the field, respectively.

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