

SIX TOWNS WOULD BE BEAVERS' HOST

Manager McCredie Is Puzzled as to Which Place Would Be Best for Team.

COLTS PLAN ROAD TRIP

Williams May Start Training North of Sacramento and Practice in Each of Three Towns for Week, Is Announced.

BY JAMES H. CARSELL. If the Portland Beavers do not obtain the best and cheapest training quarters in the history of their annual Spring jaunts to California, it will not be because competition for the honor and advertising according to local visitation is lacking. No less than four San Joaquin Valley points—Fresno, Visalia, Coalinga, Porterville and Tulare—are among the "wait McCredie's hand, while one other town, Bakersfield, is in a receptive mood.

Ten days ago the Beaver manager looked with favor on Fresno, and issued an unofficial bulletin to the effect that the main center would greet the Beavers for a week or two, after which the squad of ball players would journey across the mountains to Howard Springs, near San Francisco. But with the mails, usually swamped with applications from "youngsters," now producing nothing but appeals to assist in placing this or that locality on the baseball map, "Mac" is up in the air.

"Looks to me like I'll have to take a trip down there to look over the situation," worried the Beaver boss yesterday afternoon upon receipt of the latest and most glowing recital of the climatic supremacy of the interior of California.

"I don't want to go down there until time for boys to start in their work, but with all of these towns presenting such splendid opportunities, it's up to me to discover which is really the best place."

The six clubs of the Northwestern League paid salaries to 209 ballplayers last season who figured in 1,000 games. Older men were under contract, but the Spring-training weeding-out process barred them from participation in the official averages of the "Little A" League.

Seattle, the pennant winner, was the freak of the circuit. Ordinarily a team which wins a pennant in the "A" league makes fewer changes than any of its brother clubs; the records of pennant struggles usually disclose this fact. But Seattle topped the list, the figures showing 27 players who were Bug toes during the 168-game season.

A tribute to managerial ability" commented Elmer Smith, president of the league, when a ferreting into his record books had revealed Seattle's standing. "A club which exhibits such changes and wins a pennant is to be complimented as well as congratulated."

Portland and Vancouver each used 36 men during the season, with Tacoma and Spokane at 32, Victoria at 28, Victoria, the luckiest of the sextet, went through half a season with remarkable few changes, but injuries and new men toward the fag end of the campaign.

This figure, 297 men, includes the players switched from one club to another. As the clubs indulged in a record-breaking number of transfers last season, several men figured in three leagues. The figure on the exact number of men in the league would fall below 296.

Nick Williams, the Colt leader, has practically decided upon a road training season, starting in at a point just north of Sacramento and spending a week in each of three towns with exhibition games sandwiched in.

"We should start in about the middle of March, giving the boys a month to prepare for the opening on April 15," says the Northwestern League manager. "Instead of staying practically all of the time at one place, and then leaving just before the opening of the season's opening, if we give the boys a week's work in three different towns, with plenty of exhibition games, and then play out the season at home, Portland, the team will be better prepared to start right at Spokane for the opening series."

The Colts will play an exhibition game in Portland on Sunday, April 13. "Red" Rupert's team being the prospective opponent.

With 23 players, exclusive of himself, under contract or reserve for 1913, the blonde manager of the Colts is paying scant attention to the applications from the numerous youngsters who want a chance to help Nick win the Fielder Jones bunting. Williams announced yesterday that Mahoney, one exception he would sign no more players.

"In addition to the 23 men I have now, McCredie is sure to give me three or four good left-handers, and a few of trying to work every 'busher' in the world into a job," comments Nick. The following is the list of men, including 12 pitchers, under contract or reserve to the Colts: Catchers, Burch, Harris, Murray (Hawarth may be added to these soon); right-handed pitchers, Cooney, Elyne, Eastley, Doty, Agnew, Bloomfield, May, Willis; left-handed pitchers, Callahan, Suter, Gilot; infielders, Williams, Gulnet, Coltrin, Barker; outfielders, Mahoney, Crikshank, Fries, Dougherty, Varian.

The additions from the Beavers are expected to be infielders, with one or two outfielders.

Bill Bloomfield, the "parson" of the Colts, is expected to be one of the first to report to training quarters, despite the declaration of the sandy slabster that he would play no more ball, but devote his attention to business at Antioch, Cal. "Mac" McCredie received a letter from Bloomfield the other day conveying the information that Bloomfield is loosening up his arm on ever sunny day, preparing for the next campaign.

HOLDER OF COAST MOTOR BOAT SPEED RECORD AND CRAFT WHICH MAY BEAR TITLE.



TOP, OREGON WOLF, RECORD HOLDER—BOTTOM, VAMOOSE, SENSATION IN TRYOUTS.

this sum the National leaguers get \$707,500, or an average of \$2600 a man, a like amount for the American League, and \$257,000 for the minor league players.

McDowell and Kibbie, Portland infielders who belong to the Naps, have invaded Portland with Christmas cards to their friends.

This from a San Francisco paper named Nick Williams: "Loafing is no business. Nick Williams, who has been managing the Portland club of the Northwest League, is now a detective in the Northwest. Nick is sleuthing for ball players, but otherwise is engaged as paymaster at the Welder dock."

FARRELL MAY VISIT CHANCE

Highlander President Hopes to Get Californian to Act.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Unless in the meantime he should hear from Frank L. Chance, Frank Farrell, president of the New York Americans, probably will leave next week for California to consult with the former manager of the Chicago Nationals on the subject of Chance coming here to take charge of the Highlanders.

Mr. Farrell said today he was greatly interested in Chance's letter of last week to Charles Williams, treasurer of the Chicago Nationals, in which he said he wanted "enough money to make it worth while," to manage the local Americans.

Mr. Farrell added that he knew the New York public would be greatly disappointed if he failed to get Chance to take charge of the team. "I am sure that the Californian in line for the managerial berth here.

BASKETBALL TAKES RING

INDOOR SPORTS BEGIN IN EARLIEST AT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Interscholastic Schedule Starts in Two Weeks and Teams Will Be Whipped Into Shape at Once.

Now that the last big football game is out of the way, the Washington High School will go in for basketball and make up for lost time. Coach Fenstermacher has been tied down to the financial end of the game with the Washington team, and was able to get out for only two practices a week. Several of the basketball stars were also members of the football squad, so they found enough to do in just the one sport.

Knoff and Foster, both members of the last year basketball team of the East Side High School, were necessary members of the football team, but now, with that sport on the shelf, they, too, will attend the daily rehearsals of the Winter indoor game.

None of the schools have as yet taken on any outside teams for trips, although several games may be played before the interscholastic League schedule starts on the Notre Dame University has a game with the Clatskanie High School quint, but the date is uncertain. It was originally slated for tonight, but the Jefferson players wanted to stay in Portland and help rout 1912.

Washington may again play the University of Oregon, freshmen, but the date of that game is another uncertainty. It will be after the interscholastic season, however. Portland Academy and Columbia University are both doubtful questions and the fans are wondering what they will bring out. Portland Academy has one of the best coaches in the game to be found in the city. P. W. Lee is handling the men. He has been building championship teams in the Y. M. C. A. for years.

Columbia University lost Fitzgerald, one of the most wonderful basketball players the interscholastics have ever produced. He is being mentioned as a probable center on the Notre Dame University five. His loss is one to be felt, but the second team men of last year are a better lot than the average. From these Coach Callier expects to build a team as strong as any which the school has had.

Jeannette to Meet Clark.

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 30.—Joe Jeannette, negro heavyweight pugilist and Jeff Clark, of this city, were matched today to box ten rounds here on January 11.

FOOTBALL

New Year's afternoon 2 o'clock, Multnomah Field. Seattle All Stars vs. Multnomah A. A. Club. The last big game of the season. Tickets on sale at Rowe & Martin's drug store. Make your reservation at once.

WASHINGTONGERS LEAVE UP

Multnomah Must Face Much Stronger Eleven Tomorrow Than Week Ago.

17 PLAYERS IN TRAINING

Tom Macdonald Adds Bibby, Reed and Ogilvie to Team That Plays Return Gridiron Engagement Against Winged "M" Men.

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—With reinforcements in Ernest Bibby, the former 185-pound South Dakota star who is now assistant coach at the University of Idaho; J. Reed, the Navy-Yard quarterback, and Ogilvie, the Washington Athletic Club football team will present a much stronger front than it meets Multnomah New Year's than it did in the game here a week ago.

The local team leaves here Tuesday at 10 o'clock, arriving in Portland in time to get a good night's rest before the game. Manager Tom Macdonald announces he will take 17 players on the trip, which gives him two men for all the important positions.

Ike Down, left end, who suffered a badly-fractured finger in the game here is still in the hospital. The break is an unusually bad one and slight blood-poisoning has confined him to his bed. Bibby will take his position at all the line backs, having fully recovered in for considerable criticism here after the last game because he did not run off as many plays as some of his teammates and fans thought he ought and because he resorted too much to punting, but Johnny will be at the pivot again New Year's and will only withdraw, but the Seattle men prefer not to have the game turned into a punting duel.

Emil Hauser, the stocky Indian whose bad ear slowed him up in the clash with the winged "M" players here, is in better shape now and he is expected to be up to his usual form. The Hauser of the Navy-Yard game and the Hauser of the Multnomah game were entirely different persons and if the Navy-Yard Hauser is let loose at Portland the Multnomah line and back field will have a harder time of it than they had in Seattle.

Macdonald's team laid off active work until after Christmas, but since then have practiced daily. The men are in fine shape, and are expected to win from what bruises they sustained. Except for Hauser's ear, which is still tender, all the men are fit.

Macdonald has taught his men several new plays and Bender has promised to mix the plays a little more and put Multnomah on the defense. Max Eakin will punt when it is really necessary, but the Seattle men prefer not to have the game turned into a punting duel.

CLUB TEAM IS WORKING HARD

Every Multnomah Player Goes Through Practice, Despite Rain.

Multnomah Club football athletes are not to be caught napping by Tom Macdonald's All-Stars when the rival gridiron warriors clash on Multnomah Field 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Confident by virtue of the 15-6 victory over the Seattleites on the enemy's field, and cocksure of adding another win to their record of three already chalked up against Macdonald's selections, yet the Multnomah boys are working as strenuously for the game as though all were certain to start in the face.

Last night Martin Pratt sent his charges out on the rain-soaked sawdust, while "eye manager" wrestled strenuously over the odds. Every member of the squad was on hand for the disagreeable duty. Tonight the same course will be pursued. Pratt, Walker, Hurst and the other "higher ups" are discarding the usual "rest before action" rule in favor of a final tussle with the signals and the juggling of the slippery oval.

Word came down from Seattle that the Washington Athletic Club—this is the name the All-Stars perform under—eleven, stung by the recollection of the gossipy damage done in their seasons, has decided that the cycle of disaster there is completed, and that tomorrow is the day upon which it is due to crush the youngsters. The utterance of off-repeated defeat has imbued the Seattleites with a spirit of do-or-die determination which bodes ill for the two or three-touchdown margin in their favor over-anthracite soot and white admirers are willing to wager their money on.

"A one-touchdown victory" is as far as Superintendent Walker, an old Multnomah Club football star, Manager Pratt and Captain Hurst are willing to commit themselves. If they have beliefs or "hunches" to the contrary, they are kept behind locked doors.

Portland fans, the same fellows who made Seattle a favorite for the December 21 tussle, are betting on Multnomah for the coming fray. Odds on the game are at 10-7 and 10-8, with the prospects for a tumble a notch lower as the teams line up for the referee's whistle. The two already mentioned odds, together with the advantage which the home field is expected to give the clubmen, is responsible for the narrow margin success on Multnomah Field last season, 2-0, after a 3-0 conquest at Seattle, and they cannot figure the Portland team as many notches above an even-money bet.

As in the Seattle game, the visitors will be marshaled along the line, with the backfield inferior in weight to that of the three-victors. Tom Macdonald, manager of the All-Stars, together with his squad, are due in Portland this morning.

WEAVER ALTERS HIS BATTING

Buck Now Says He Can Hit With Either Hand.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Buck Weaver, the Chicago American shortstop, while playing in the Pacific Coast Winter League, has changed himself from a right to a left-hand batter.

Weaver left Manager Callahan know today that he had accomplished the change, and figured that it increased his hitting value by at least 25 per cent. He will join the team at Paso Robles and demonstrate his ambidexterity. Buck has told Callahan that when strategy demands he can bat either right or left-handed, changing between bases if necessary.

Weaver says it took him two months, giving all his morning practice time to it, to overcome the awkwardness of looking at the pitcher over his right shoulder. Bush of Detroit, Besch of Cincinnati, and Germany Schaefer of Washington have accomplished the same change as Weaver in past years, and each has become a stronger batter as a left-hander.

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BETTING ODDS EVEN

Palzer and McCarty Are Said to Be Physically Fit.

IOWAN "PEOPLE'S" CHOICE

When Fans Stop and Think It Over They Pick Nebraskan to Win in Clash, but When They See Other They're for Him.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Luther McCarty has been pronounced fit by his manager, Billy McCarty, and tomorrow will take it to the ring, although it is on schedule for him to box three rounds to keep his footwork limbered up. Because of this particular attention to his feet the fans have at doped out that Luther will not stand in the middle of the ring and slug with his bull-like tenacity, but will keep moving to avoid the rushes and then step in and slam the big fellow.

Although it is usual to take a complete rest the last day before a fight, both managers believe it folly to let their charges get "cold," figuring that the big muscles of the men might become sluggish by a day of inactivity. In fact, Palzer is going to do one of his hardest days' work tomorrow, as O'Rourke wants to keep the big German keyed up to the highest pitch—mentally and physically.

The betting is still even, as McCarty money from the "wise" ones is offsetting Palzer's popularity with the masses.

When men go away to think it over, they pick McCarty, but when they look at Palzer they "fall" for the big fellow and say he's unbeatable.

McCarty's hand was put under an X-ray today and the photograph shows not the least sign of injury. Dr. Richardson worked out the soreness by an hour's treatment Sunday and yesterday said the hand was in excellent condition and should not bother McCarty in the slightest.

Mr. Murphy said the Chicagoans would open the 1913 season at home with the St. Louis team, April 9.

LOCKE TO BUY QUAKER CLUB

Pittsburg Secretary Takes Option on Philadelphia Nationals.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—Following a conference with Charles F. Taft here today, William Locke, secretary of the Pittsburg baseball club, announced that he had paid a substantial amount of money for an option on the Philadelphia National League club as it stands today. The option expires January 15.

Mr. Taft, who has held an interest in the Philadelphia club, announced himself as pleased with the deal entered into by Mr. Locke.

Football Player Marries

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Walter Moriarty, manager of the St. James football team, married Miss Josephine Moriarty today at 1 o'clock this morning. Father Felix Verweigen officiating. Miss Bertha Kolser was bridesmaid and Peter J. Flynn best man. The young couple left for the Puget Sound country on their honeymoon trip.

Rules May Be Standardized

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The committee on track and field rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, at a conference today with Gus T. Kirby, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, reached an understanding which is expected to result in the standardization of the rules.

Democrats Plan Organization

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Democratic leaders are busily figuring on the organization of the House in the coming Congress, but the only change in the House officers expected is that of sergeant-at-arms. It is expected that Charles F. Riddell, incumbent, will retire.

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