

# OREGON WOLF VINS MOTORBOAT GLASH

## Swastika Two Miles Behind and Vamoose Is Forced to Quit Half Way.

### 42.5-MILE SPEED IS HELD

#### Rainier Craft Hits Log When Half Mile Behind and Goes to Shore — Ten Thousand Persons See Contests.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

In the annual midwinter regatta of the Portland Motorboat Club, yesterday on the Willamette River, the Oregon Wolf, driven by Johnny E. Wolff, hero of scores of thrilling aquatic encounters, successfully defended his title against the challengers, the 26-foot Vamoose, of Rainier, and the Coast champion 20-footer, the Swastika, of Portland. In the second race, limited to hydroplanes in its own class, the Swastika romped in an easy victor.

The Oregon Wolf's time for the 20 miles, seven turns, was 28 minutes and 14 1/2 seconds, or almost identically the same average speed, 42.5 miles an hour, maintained by the Wolf when it broke the world's record for 20 miles last February 22. Designer Wolff declared, however, that he could have pushed his boat close to 45 or 46 miles an hour, had he been hard-pressed. The record for a 20-mile course in the neighborhood of an average of 46 miles, held in the East.

**Swastika Two Miles Back.**

The Swastika, which finished second to the Wolf, trailed along fully two miles in the rear when the Wolf crossed the line while the 39-foot champion had at least a half mile margin on the Vamoose when Captain Milton Smith was forced to quit the race as a result of collision with a log under the Hawthorne-street bridge at the 15-mile turn.

Fully 10,000 enthusiasts braved the drizzly, chilly afternoon to get a peek at the great buzzing trio of space destroyers. Every bridge was packed with its load of umbrella-topped humanity; every dock and steamer along the course boasted its special contingent of rain-soaked spectators, while dozens of smaller craft darted hither and thither over the river surface, whenever the patrol relaxed their vigilance even for a minute.

Sharp at 2:50 o'clock Starter L. M. Meyers sent the three great hydroplanes off on their death-defying career, the officials' boats, the Artisan, being anchored in midstream between the Hawthorne and Morrison bridges.

**Swastika Takes Pole.**

With a roar and bang like the Treadwell stamp mill in operation, the hydroplane tore downstream, the boxlike Swastika on the pole, the long, lean Wolf second, and the greyhound Vamoose on the outer edge. Whistles roared, thousands of lungs heaved to the din and confusion, and a brass band brought from Rainier by the Vamoose delegation aboard the Iralda, shrieked forth its music as a final message of good cheer to the Vamoose.

Before the racers had passed the Morrison bridge it was evident that, barring accidents, the Wolf would win. Navigator Wolff, with his trusty pilot, Orth Mathoit, at the wheel, pulled steadily away, all nine cylinders of his 250-horsepower engine chugging in a rhythmic tattoo.

On the first five-and-one-quarter-mile lap the Wolf led the Vamoose by 200 yards, while the Swastika, owned by Bob Cox, homed away fully 600 yards to the rear.

**Vamoose Forced to Quit.**

From that on the procession maintained the above order up to the 15-mile point, when the Vamoose suddenly veered from the course and sped hurriedly for the shore with flames belching from exhaust pipes.

The several thousand spectators on the Hawthorne bridge directed by over Captain Smith's varnished 26-footer, immediately set up a call of fire but the Rainier navigator said afterwards that he had started a piece of machinery, capturing the steering-gear out of good working order.

The Wolf circled the first lap of five and one-quarter miles in 7:14 minutes, the second lap in 14:31 minutes, the third in 22:09 minutes and drew up at the finish tape, minus the eighth turn, in 28:14 1/2 minutes. Game to the core, the Rainier crew celebrated the victor at the finish. Johnny Wolff declares he did not push his battle-scarred hydroplane because of the \$250 side bet which he had made with the company that wagers with the owners of the Swastika. "I could have crowded the Wolf three or four miles faster with ease," said Wolff, "but what's the use? We won, and there was no use in risking the \$250 side bet."

"It must have been terribly cold driving that boat without gloves on your hands," was Mayor Bushlight's greeting to the winner as Wolff clambered aboard the judges' boat after the race.

**New Plane Is Effective.**

"Cold, well I should say it was," replied the famous builder and designer, his teeth chattering as though with the ague. "My hands were so numb at the finish that I could hardly work my carburetors. I could have made 45 miles easily today. My boat was two miles faster than it would have been had the races been pulled off as originally scheduled on New Year's day. You see, I have substituted one big plane for the five which formerly adorned the Wolf's bottom, but this wing I found by experimenting to be too steeply for the greatest efficiency.

"I think the choppy water greatly affected the chances of the two shorter speedboats," he said. "Both the Vamoose and the 30-foot Swastika, particularly the latter, pounded heavily in the lower harbor."

Otto Ranft drove the Vamoose, while Captain Milton Smith held the tiller on his Rainier speeder. The Vamoose is equipped with 130-horsepower, six-cylinder engines borrowed from the Wigwam II, of Astoria, for this race. Henry Dickson and Allen White comprised the crew of the Swastika, whose engines are left-hand twins of the Vamoose's, both originally having been salvaged from the Chip II, of New York.

**Swastika Wins 20-Foot Event.**

The owners of the Swastika, while deeply chagrined at the failure of their chubby chugger to capture the free-for-all event, at least had the satisfaction of knowing that their 20-foot Coast champion has a big edge on all craft in its class.

In this 20-foot event Mr. Cox' boat finished first with ease, leading the Vogler Boy by four miles at the finish of the ten-mile race. The Spear II, owned by Ray Neuberger, had engine trouble before completing one turn and withdrew, but it was almost a mile behind the Swastika then.

The Swastika made the first lap in

# SCENES FROM ANNUAL MID-WINTER REGATTA OF PORTLAND MOTORBOAT CLUB ON WILLAMETTE RIVER, WHEN OREGON WOLF SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP.



1. Oregon Wolf crossing finish line in Twenty-Mile Race, After Maintaining Average Speed of 42.5 Miles an Hour. 2. Johnny E. Wolff, Famous Speedboat Designer and Driver—3. Start of Free-for-All Race; Boats (Left to Right), Vamoose, Oregon Wolf, Swastika—4. George Kinsman, Fleet Captain, Confering With Mayor Bushlight (Right), Who Was One of the Judges—5. Swastika, Winner in Twenty-Foot Hydroplane Class.

17:58, or better than its first in the free-for-all, and finished in 14:26 minutes. The Vogler Boy, owned by Frank and Fred Vogler, and driven by Orth Mathoit, made the first circuit in 11:27 and finished the ten miles in 22:11. The officials were as follows: Judges, Mayor Bushlight, J. H. Stevenson, C. W. Boost and Roscoe Fawcett; starter, L. M. Meyers; timers, C. E. Patterson, Albert Mollin, George Kinsman and J. C. Beck; clerk of course, J. L. Scarth. The harbor patrol and the H. W. Scott policed the course.

## WOLF'S WINNINGS ARE \$4400

**Record-Smasher Almost Pays for Self in Two Years' Racing.**

When Johnny E. Wolff brought his famous speedboat, the Oregon Wolf, home to victory in the annual regatta yesterday, on the Willamette, he brought the winnings of the coast champion hydroplane up to \$4400 for the past two seasons.

In 1911 the 39-foot record smasher captured \$2750 in cash prizes at the Astoria, Vancouver and other regattas, and since then has garnered in another \$1650, counting the \$250 side bet wagers by Robert Cox, owner of the Swastika, on yesterday's tri-cornered event.

The 1912 winnings are itemized as follows by George S. Shepherd, who is joint owner of the Wolf with Elwood Wiles, G. M. Keop, B. Gildner and Johnny Wolf: Astoria, \$750; St. John, \$400; Everett, \$250, and Portland, \$250.

The Wolf will be entered in all the races on the 1913 schedule, said Designer Wolff last night. The actual cost of the boat was \$5000, but the owners have spent large sums in trying out new hulls.

In the first lap of yesterday's race the Wolf, it has been figured out, skimmed along at close to a 42.5-mile clip. The laps were five and one-quarter miles in length and the Wolf's time was 7:14 minutes. The complete summary of the free-for-all race follows: First lap, five and one-quarter miles—Oregon Wolf, 7:14; Vamoose, 7:32; Swastika, 8:17.

Second lap, 10 1/4 miles—Oregon Wolf, 14:31; Vamoose, 15:42; Swastika, 16:50.

Third lap, 15 1/4 miles—Oregon Wolf, 22:09; Vamoose, 23:24; Swastika, 24:32.

Vamoose forced to retire by accident.

Finish, 20 miles—Oregon Wolf, 28:14 1/2; Swastika, 29:22 1/2.

The Portland Motorboat Club will hold its annual election tonight at the clubhouse, George W. Kendall will likely be elected commodore, vice C. W. Boat, who has served most satisfactorily and efficiently during the past year.

The Wolf has met Captain Smith's Vamoose in eight heats to date and has won six of them. The Vamoose defeated the Wolf in two heats in three at the Everett regatta last fall, but Johnny Wolff attributes both defeats to engine trouble and accidents.

The law and ordinance bureau of the Automobile Club of Philadelphia warns motorists that speed and horn traps are increasing on all roads around Philadelphia.

## RANGERS ON STRIKE

### Nine Members Refuse to See on All-Star Soccer Team.

#### League Committee Will Not Put More Than Two Cricketers on Representative Eleven and Favored Men Withdraw.

## GAME WITH NATIONALS OFF

Nobody showed up for the annual championship vs. all-star soccer game of the Portland Soccer League, originally scheduled for Sunday, and the refusal of the nine Rangers to play on the so-called all-stars will be the chief subject for discussion at a special meeting of the board of directors tonight in the Mohawk building.

The game was called off in midweek. When the committee met last Monday, it picked, as usual, a team from the other eleven to play the champions of the league. It has always been known as an all-star team, and on this occasion the Rangers were represented by nine players, while the Cricketers had but two.

That had nothing to do with their refusal to play, the Rangers assert, as

## BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS.

K. K. McArthur, the world's champion Marathon runner, was born in Deroock, County Antrim, Ireland, January 13, 1883. In the opinion of many experts McArthur is the greatest of all long-distance runners. Measuring six feet in height and tipping the beam at 174 pounds, he is anything but the Hayes-Dorando type of runner. McArthur has never lost a race, but his career has been marred by the death of King Edward. McArthur's fame rests almost wholly on his victory in the Marathon race at the Olympic games in Stockholm last year, in which he set up a new Olympic record by covering the distance in two hours, 38 minutes and 34.5 seconds. When not devoting his time to athletics McArthur is a policeman in the Transvaal.

## AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

Members of the Portland Soccer League, composed of the Nations, Rangers and Cricketers, will meet tonight at the offices of P. Chappell Brown, in the Mohawk building. The coming of the Seattle championship soccer team to Portland, due here in February, and the picking of an all-star team will be discussed.

A number of basketball managers of outside teams have been trying to arrange games with the Washington High School basketball team. As the outside teams refuse to play here, Dr. Fenstermacher, coach of the Washington team, has declined to make trips. A practice game with the Oregon City High School may be played on the Washington gymnasium next Friday afternoon.

Seniors and Juniors of this year's classes at the Y. M. C. A. have formed more than a score of basketball teams. The Spartans and Brownies are considered to be two of the fastest teams.

The Columbus Club bowlers will form a league in which club members will take part early next week, and will compete for prizes given by the club. There will be about five teams in the league, five men on each team. A schedule which is being worked upon now will call for two months' play.

## DILLON WILL PLAY NO MORE

### "Pop" Says He Will Manage From Bench, but May Pinch-Hit.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Frank Dillon is the Gal and baseball as a player. The veteran leader of the Angels made this definite announcement today. He declares he will hereafter manage the club from the bench, and that he will never take part in the game except as a pinch hitter. "And even those occasions will be few," he added.

During the 1912 season Dillon showed that he was anxious to take a rest. When Charlie Moore came to the bench, Dillon took to the bench, giving Moore first call at the initial station. Now Moore has been displaced by Dr. Warren Gill, one of the greatest first-basemen in minor league baseball. "I have often said that when I found a better first-baseman than I am, I would retire in his favor," says Dillon. "But now I find Warren Moore and Warren Gill. There is no longer any excuse for my playing, so I shall warm the bench."

## SPORTING SPARKS

CARL WOLFF, newly elected captain of the Multnomah Athletic Club (football squad, has a record of 44 feet, 1 inch, for the 16-pound shot. The former Oregon Aggie star tossed the globe that distance at Seattle during the Alaska-Yukon Exposition. He holds the Pacific Northwest amateur record of 43 feet, 6 1/2 inches, made in 1911.

Jack King, local conditioner, who has guided Bud Anderson through his preliminary training, says he fears Sammy Trott far more than Tommy Murphy, an opponent of the Vancouver lightweight. "Ask Wolgast, Nelson or any of them and they'll tell you the strong, rugged corner is a tougher customer than the veteran who is not as tough," says King. "I think Bud will beat Trott at Los Angeles, but it's a cinch he could win either from Murphy or Frankie Burns."

Bud Sharpe, former manager of the Oaks, writes from Macon, Ga., that his health has shown wonderful improvement since he took charge of George Stallings' cotton plantation last fall. Bud will not break back into baseball, however, in 1913, but will scout for the Boston Nationals, who are still the property of the Oakland club.

The San Francisco Seals have been ordered to report at the Veterans on March 1, which means that a day later will find most of the men quartered at Boyes Springs, the training resort near San Francisco chosen by Cal Ewing, Manager Reidy, will report February 15.

Sulphuric acid, and not disease, has

# THE COASTERS TO THE WITH MAJORS

## Klawitter, Portland's Offering, Likely to Remain With Detroit.

### BERGER IS LIKED BY FANS

#### Pete Daily Regarded as Best Out- fielder Sent From Class AA Cir- cuit—Patterson's Weakness at Plate May Hurt Him.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Ten Pacific Coast League players will try to make good in the major leagues in 1913, this number having graduated by draft, by sale and by the exercising of options held by American and National League magnates.

The list includes:

Portland—Pitcher, Klawitter, drafted by Detroit Americans; Hatcher Miller, drafted by Chicago White Sox; Vernon—Catcher Agnew, drafted by St. Louis Americans; Catcher Brown, bought by Boston Nationals.

Los Angeles—Shortstop Berger, option, Chicago Americans; Outfielder Daley, traded to Philadelphia Americans; Pitcher Levern, drafted by St. Louis Americans.

Sacramento—Shortstop Orr, drafted by Philadelphia Athletics.

**Klawitter Is Promising.**

Among the pitchers, Klawitter, of Portland, looks by far the best bet if he has recovered from the illness which overtook him on the last three weeks' jaunt last fall. Klawitter is a big German, with a swell right arm and, while he is personally one of the most unpolished players that ever wore a Portland uniform, he is expected to make a strong bid at Detroit, where Jennings can use a crack bowler to advantage.

Portland got him from New Orleans in mid-season, the Pelicans being willing to let him come because of his surly disposition.

Leverenz and Miller are both high-class flingers, the chief fault to be found with them being their "in-and-out" qualities. Miller has "speed" of arm and, when right, is very, very right. Both he and Klawitter have tried out before in the big show.

Of the infielders, Orr and Berger, and the latter should make a strenuous attempt to supplant Weaver at Chicago. Weaver held down the second sack and short patch for San Francisco in 1911, and Portland fans will agree that Berger looked far better last season than Weaver. He is more awkward, but a sensational fielder and a better batter.

## DALEY ALL-AROUND PLAYER.

Daley, Patterson and Gedeon comprise the outfield graduating contingent. Barring Justin Fitzgerald, the Portland kid, Daley had no equal in the league and, as an all-around man, Pete likely had Fitzgerald backed off the boards.

The chief fault which has been found with Daley in the past has been that he sulks when things go wrong. The Angels were in the fight from the start, however, last year, and the red-head had no chance to sulk. He batted .322 and swiped 44 bases. Connie Mack traded Earl Margrett to the Angels for Pete, giving two players in addition. Pete is expected to make good.

Patterson doesn't impress some Coast players as a probable major leaguer. Irvie Higginbotham, of the Portland pitching staff, says Patterson will never stick, as he has glaring weaknesses at the plate. But he looked much better to Portland fans than young Gedeon, the Gal and who broke in with the Seals last year, and the players are united in saying that he will remain "up above."

Agnew and Miller are both first class receivers and, if there is anything to all this talk of a shortage of backstops in the big brush, there seems no reason why they shouldn't make good.

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## MANAGER BISHOP, OF THE LENTS, HAS HAD THE CLUB ELECTION.

Next Tuesday the Weonas and the All-Stars play a scheduled game, and as neither club has a gymnasium, the game will likely be played on the Christian Brothers' Business College floor. The Christian Brothers' team was to have met the Lents team and the floor will be left on that night unless the league director substitutes a team to take the place of Lents.

## DOBIE'S CHARGES INVESTIGATED.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The football probe, in regard to the charges made by Coach Dobie that a crooked football election had been framed up, is now in progress and the greatest secrecy prevails as to the findings of the faculty committee. Dobie has had the faculty committee and Jack Patton and Tom Griffiths were next. The faculty promises to go to the bottom of the affair, but refuses to make any statement until the investigation is at an end.

## F. E. WATKINS TEAM FORFEITS GAME.

The F. E. Watkins football team in the Archer & Wiggins League, which was to have played the last scheduled game with the Albina eleven yesterday, failed to make an appearance on the South Portland field and forfeited the game.

## SOCCER CROWDS DISAPPOINTED.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The two deciding games in the Soccer League were to have been played here today. The referees did not show up. The games were postponed and 50 players and two big crowds were disappointed.

## WOODLAND BEATS CASTLE ROCK.

WOODLAND, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Spe-

caused the fearful mortality among ducks in the Salt Lake City neighborhood the past couple of years. The Biological Survey at Washington was called on to assist, and Dr. Buckley, of the Bureau of Animal Survey, was sent to the scene of the supposed epidemic. His conclusion is that sulphuric acid, discharged into the marshes by industrial plants, has destroyed the game birds.

A number of Portland horses have been shipped southward to be conditioned for the 1913 campaign. George Parker, well-known local sportsman, has sent Helen Mistletoe to Pleasanton and Dick Wilson will also condition Charles Lohmire's pacer, Ikey. Borena E. Mr. Lohmire's new stepper, purchased from Wilson for \$2500, has never started in the Pacific Northwest, but will be brought North by the Portland owner.

Jimmy Archer, the best National League pitcher, demands a contract for \$10,000 in 1913 from Owner Murphy, of the Chicago Cubs. Murphy jocularly announced that he would tender Archer a parchment for \$15,000, but it wouldn't be for one year. He talked long-distant, and it would be useless to do so is a secret.

George Hildrebrand is determined to make good on the American League umpire staff this year and already is in active training at Arroyo Grande, in San Luis Obispo County, California. Hildrebrand, who has been umpire of the Coast arbiters, Ed Finney is keeping in condition at Oxnard, where he umpires Sunday games and hunts and the latter should make a strenuous attempt to supplant Weaver at Chicago. Weaver held down the second sack and short patch for San Francisco in 1911, and Portland fans will agree that Berger looked far better last season than Weaver. He is more awkward, but a sensational fielder and a better batter.

## LENTS FIVE QUITS LEAGUE

### After Decisive Defeat Manager Says His Team Is Too Light.

After losing the first scheduled game with the Weonas Saturday evening, 93 to 9, Manager Bishop, of the Lents team, announced the withdrawal of his quintet from the City Basketball League, which opened last Tuesday.

A meeting of the league directors will be called within the next few days, in an effort to find a team to take the place of the Lents. The Lents team has taken average 150 pounds, while the McLoughlin, Christian Brothers, All-Stars and Weonas.

The fact that the Lents players were outweighed more than 15 pounds, is given as the reason for the withdrawal by Manager Bishop, of the Lents team.

"Our team is far too light to meet the others in the league," said Bishop. "We thought that the teams in the league would average about 140 pounds to a man, but they are much heavier than this, and it would be useless to send out light boys against them."

"I believe the Brooklyn Athletic Club basketball team could take up our schedule, for the Brooklyn have a five weighing a great deal more than the Lents quintet. Our men average 140 pounds, while the McLoughlin and Christian Brothers' College players make 150 pounds average."

## TETZLAFF DEFEATS OLDFIELD.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Although defeated in the first half in record time, Teddy Tetzlaff won the mile match race with Barney Oldfield on the Motordrome track today by taking two straight heats. The first heat was won in 0:38 2/5. In the deciding heat Oldfield had engine trouble and Tetzlaff won easily in 0:41.

## DANNY O'BRIEN WINS AT SEATTLE.

Danny O'Brien, the clever Portland lightweight, defeated Eddie Hubbard, a fast welterweight boxer, at Seattle last Friday night. O'Brien was fast and clever and had little trouble in using both hands to great advantage. The Portland boxer has already been matched to meet Lonnie Austin at Seattle, Friday. The bout will be staged in Dreamland hall.

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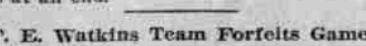
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