

COAST BASEBALL SEASON ON TODAY

Portland Players in San Francisco Awaiting Command to "Play Ball."

BEAVERS "DOPED" TO WIN

Mayor Rolph to Pitch First Ball and Higginbotham and Henley to Be Opposing Twirlers—Lineup Changed by McCrede.

BEAVER BATTERY AND SEAL GAME



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BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—(Special.)—Tomorrow is April Fool's day. It marks, also, the dissipation of countless Spring training illusions and the coming of stark facts. It is the fateful day when the first umpire of Spring stands proudly erect at the homeplate, adjusts his stomach pad with pardonable pride, and announces in a loud voice which nobody can understand, "Play ball."

In other words, the 11th season of Pacific Coast League baseball—first league in the country to open—begins tomorrow, April 1, and 40,000 demonstrative Pacific Coast fans will drink of that fabulous fountain which the Spanish adventurers failed to find in the Golden Gate of Florida.

SLABSTER FOR THE OPENING



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BEAVERS WILL EGRESS SAYS JUDGE

Owner of Portland Team Has "Hunch" of Capture of Opening Series.

PREDICTS FINISH NEAR TOP

Hopes Based on Increased Strength of Pitching Staff and Harder Hitting Infield—Supply of Catchers Praised Also.

Judge W. W. McCrede, president of Portland's two baseball teams, believes that the Beavers will win the opening game of the Pacific Coast League season against San Francisco today, take the series from Portland on Sunday, and figure in the first division from start to finish.

"I base my hopes of Beaver success upon the vastly increased strength of the pitching staff and a harder-hitting infield than the previous year. The best scores for Portland last year. These two items sum up the superiority of the 1913 Beavers over those of 1912. Walter McCrede has never had such a large and strong pitching staff. He had a wonderfully strong quartet of men in Greg, Krapp, Steen and Seaton. The Garretts are going fine, but this year he has at least seven men all of whom should figure as prominently in the percentage column as the corps of 1912. Higginbotham, Carson, Krause, Hagerman, James, West, Krapp, and perhaps Stanley, furnish a splendid pitching staff. It will not be necessary to depend on Greg or Seaton to carry the pitching burden this year.

The Portland team began the season with a proper step by making entry into San Francisco this morning from Stockton via steamboat down the San Joaquin River. Most of the boys are thoroughly gassed to the waterwagon. McCrede fired two bombs into the local ranks after breakfast by announcing a couple of important shifts in his opening-day lineup. Mike McCormick will play shortstop in place of Kores and Doane will be found in center field in Krueger's portfolio. Higginbotham will pitch. The opening-day lineup here, Portland vs. San Francisco, therefore will be as follows:
Portland, Chadbourne, left field; Fitzgerald, right field; Lindsay, third base; Rodgers, second base; Doane, center field; Derrick, catcher; McCormick, shortstop; Fisher, catcher; Higginbotham, pitcher.

TROUT SEASON OPEN

New Fish Laws Become Operative June 3.

WOMEN REQUIRE LICENSE
With 1,000,000 Fry Liberated in Vicinity of Portland Last Season Anglers Are Anticipating Excellent Sport.

The trout season of 1913 opens in Oregon today, but barring the anglers out after salmon trout, unprotected at all times under the old law, few are taking advantage of the letting of the ban.

Kores Has Bad Axle.
"I am inserting McCormick at short because Kores has a sprain on his ankle bone and also because McCormick is a more seasoned man to open the year with," Krapp likely will pitch, maintaining his shift. The fact that we open against a right-handed pitcher has influenced my choice of Doane in place of Krueger in center field.

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Ben Hunt, sold by Tacoma to St. Louis, has been pitching nice ball in practice games for the Cardinals.

Wrestling and Tennis May Be Affected by Amendments.
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, March 21.—(Special.)—An amendment to the constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Washington will be introduced at its next meeting by President Jerry Morrison in which he proposes to change the requirements for the winning of a letter in wrestling. The requisite as it now stands is that a man must win at least one match in the college conference. The amendment would provide that he meet at least one man in the conference, win or lose.

Women Must Pay Fee.
Under the old law, with the season from April 1 to November 1, residents of the city were required to pay \$5 for an Oregon license. Now they need only pay \$1, while women, formerly exempt, must carry a license or liable to arrest and fine.

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SEAS HAVE NEW MEN.
The Seals worked the stiffness out of their quadriceps in the morning. McCarl, Spencer and Cartwright are the new faces in the Seal camp. McCarl is a youngster who played in the bushers of California last year; Hogan is the old Oakland star bought by Cal Ewing from St. Louis; Cartwright is the former Spokane favorite; and Spencer kept the St. Paul highballers in business for several seasons.

Official Roster Dunne Preparing Something New in the Yell Line.
Easterner Will Assist.
"One feature alone made a Baseball Booster out of me," said a well-known contributor in the Mount Hood section, the headquarters of the Willamette and the Tillamook country will be infected by the anglers.

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FISHING LICENSES ISSUED.
See the big display of fishing tackle in our Oak-street window.

SPORTING SPARKS.
JOE GEDEON, the former San Francisco ballplayer, has clinched a job with the Washington team. He will be utility infielder, but is available for both infield and outfield duty.

CHINESE DEFEAT STANFORD.
Honolulu Team Wins From Varsity, 7 to 3, by Fast Playing.

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STEWART FOOTBALL COACH FOR AGGIES

Corvallis Director to Be General Manager of All College Athletics.

SAM DOLAN IS SUPPLANTED

Choice Comes as Distinct Surprise Experience as Gridiron Mentor and Player is Wide-Spring Practice Called.

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TRONTDALE TRAP SHOOT SCORE HIGH.
GRESHAM, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—The trap shoot at Troutdale Sunday resulted in the following scores: Henty, 23; Wilson, shot at 25, broke 25; Bert, Edmundson, shot at 25, broke 24; J. J. Halligan shot at 25, broke 24; Richard Knarr shot at 25, broke 20. This is the highest score for the interstate shoot.

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