

SPRING ENTRAINING FOR BEAVERS IS ON

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BY ROSCOE FARWELL. Spring training has begun, or perhaps entraining would be better. Five healthy-looking athletes, who expect to eat, sleep and ride in parlor cars at the expense of the Portland ball magnates, boarded a Southern Pacific train at the Union depot at 8:15 o'clock last night bound for Fresno, the hottest town in California outside the Imperial Valley.

The boys will do a lot of eating and sleeping at the expense of Judge and Nephew McCredie because they'll be marooned in Fresno until March 30 when the Coast League season opens with the Beavers at Los Angeles. Each one in the party said he expects to have a good year.

Gus Fisher was in charge of the caravan. The boys demonstrated the Pullman berths and among those present, besides the usual allotment of war correspondents, were Evans, Evans, Tyrus Lober, Walter Doane, George Naughton and Gus Fisher. Pat Callahan, of Chehalis, did not show up.

Each Expects Great Season. Every member of the delegation expected a great season for himself.

Big Southpaw Evans said he weighed 192 pounds, although the heaviest he had ever been before was 174. Rubie looks as big as a 16-inch gun and expects to throw a projectile that will suit even Secretary Garrison. Ty Lober likewise has taken on beef. Ty has been wintering with Evans since last November in a little hunting lodge on the Upper Columbia near Cech, Or. "I used to weigh 112 pounds but have picked up to 152," said the demon little left hander. "Rubie and I have been setting up at 4 o'clock hungry enough to eat 10-penny snails and that's the life for me hereafter. No more lobster palacing around at night. I intend to be good and expect to have a good year."

Naughton Not Stumped. Naughton didn't appear to be a bit stumped by the news that George Stump had been signed to play second base regularly.

"I expect to have a good year," said he. "I'm the young infielder, who hit about .310 for Pendleton last year and who tried out for a fortnight with the Beavers last fall. Naughton attended high school with Dave Bancroft back in Sioux City, Ia., several years ago and he is a regular. I was on second then, so it is unusual to note that the two have switched positions since algebra days."

"I have wood out a little already," added Naughton. "The State College of Idaho is located at Caldwell and as we had some nice weather there last week, I went to the Exposition and took some of the kinks out of my anatomy."

Mrs. Fisher Is Alone. Gus Fisher was the only one of the three married athletes to take his wife along. Mrs. Fisher has always been in camp with Gustavus. She said she expected "hubby" to have a good year.

Fisher, Doane and Naughton were looking forward eagerly to March 3 when they would have somebody around besides southpaws. The party will stop off at the Exposition in San Francisco, but is due at Fresno on the date just mentioned.

Walter McCredie will be there as well as a score of tossers from all sections of the country. "So from all surface indications it's 'rah' for the days of the hit-and-run."

Coast Baseball Sparkles. Los Angeles has secured a shortstop to succeed Ernie Johnson. His name is Buemiller and he hit .238 for Louisville in the American Association last season.

"Skeeter" Fanning, Seal pitcher, says there wouldn't be two .300 hitters in the league. He is a right-hander and a very ball was allowed by President Baum. "Skeeter" tried it out for a gallery of newspapermen at Boyes Springs last week.

The mystery surrounding the spelling of Stump's name has been solved. It is not Stumpf, but Stump, abbreviated tree. W. W. McCredie had a letter from Stump yesterday enclosing a contract, and it was signed "Stump."

Three Indians are trying out for Coast League berths—Laroy, of Salt Lake; Sampson, of Oakland, and a big fellow named Galt, of Los Angeles.

Pitcher Inman traveled all the way from Honolulu to try out with the Beavers and Harry Wertz thought he had released him weeks ago.

Harry Meek will not leave Portland to join the Los Angeles team Thursday night, but Harry is great fettle as a result of his winter's furlough.

WASHINGTON CADET HONORED. Louis Hibbs Elected Captain of West Point Basketball Team.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Cadet Louis Hibbs, of the class of 1916, appointed to the Military Academy in 1912 from the State of Washington, was elected today captain of the Army basketball team for next year. Cadet Hibbs has played guard on the team of the Army for two seasons.

The Army wound up a successful season yesterday by defeating Washington and Lee University 12 to 11 in a fast game. Eleven victories out of 13 games played is the record for the Cadets during the season.

MINORS TRAIN IN CALIFORNIA. Indianapolis Club Makes Preparations Trip for Minor Leaguers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 28.—Manager Hendricks, 12 players and the trainer of the Indianapolis American Association team departed late tonight for San Diego, Cal., for their spring training. The trip is said to be the most pretentious ever taken by a minor league organization.

The players also will visit Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco, and will play a number of games on their way home. Other members of the club will join Manager Hendricks, en route.

NORTHWESTERN SQUAD OF PORTLAND COAST BALL TOSSERS DEPART FOR SPRING TRAINING CAMP AT FRESNO.



TRAP SCORES IMPROVE

SHOOT BY GUN CLUB AT JENNE STATION ATTRACTS MANY.

Joseph A. Addleman Makes Record Run of 50 Clay Birds—Blair Is High Amateur.

By far the most enthusiastic crowd of the year to attend the Portland Gun Club traps at Jenne station, on the Estacada carline, held away all day yesterday and the scores registered by the nimrods were the best of the last two months. Joseph A. Addleman, secretary of the club, has been making wonderful improvement with the scoter gun and yesterday he had the high run of 50 clay birds to his credit.

High amateur for the day was A. Blair, with 24 per cent. P. J. Holohan was the best among the professionals, breaking 57 out of 100. Second high amateur was Dennis Holohan, but examinations caused its postponement.

No definite official has been selected for the coming battles. Each game will be held on the same field. Washington High lost its last game, 2 to 0, played against the Columbia University squad on Jefferson High field last week.

After this week's schedule only one more regularly slated match is down, that between Jefferson High and Lincoln High. Columbia University yet has to play "Scotty" Duncan's Portland Academy eleven, but it is a postponed affair. It was scheduled for February 3, but examinations caused its postponement.

Following are the scores yesterday: P. J. Holohan (professional), 87; A. Blair, 94; D. Holohan, 93; Joseph A. Addleman, 92, with high run of 50; McKean, 90; Jim Reid (professional), 89; Frank Templeton, 88; L. Rayburn, 87; Con Hilgers, 87; A. Segun, 85; Hubbard, 85; Broadway, 84; Van Arman (professional), 82; Young, 80; Mathes, 74; Kearns, 73; Pollock, 72; W. H. Hare, 70; E. Smith, 70; Kincaid, 63; F. O. Joy, 62; Mrs. Pete O'Brien, 60; Mrs. Dolph, 59; Mrs. Con Hilgers, 42. On Imperial Hotel diamond medal: A. Segun, 23; H. Mathes, 21; Hilgers, 25; Templeton, 25; D. Holohan, 24; L. Rayburn, 24; A. Blair, 25; and F. O. Joy, 25.

Tono to Play Tigers. CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—A practice game between the Tono ball team, which is being organized, and the Tacoma Tigers is being arranged for a Sunday late in March. Two twirlers of the 1914 Tono team, Temple, an ex-Centralia High School star, and Coleman, a Doty boy, are trying out with Tacoma. Tono will have one of the fastest teams this year in the history of the town. Tom Elliott, a Winlock boy who tried out with Tacoma last year, has been signed for catcher, and Bill Somerville, with the Centralia Moose last season, will play third base. A schedule is being arranged.

Wapato Defeats Mabton. WAPATO, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The basketball season ended here Friday night with a game between the Wapato High School and Mabton High School teams, in which the former won 34 to 30. The teams were evenly matched. Mellis, center, was the individual star for the locals, scoring seven field baskets and six free throws, while Herald and Scott did good work for the visitors. Practicing for baseball will begin here tomorrow.

LEADERS TO PLAY NEXT CHAMPIONSHIP AT STAKE IN SOCCER GAME WEDNESDAY.

Jefferson and Columbia, Both Unbeaten, to Meet on Multnomah Field, Washington to Play Lincoln.

Interscholastic Soccer Standings. W. L. Pct. Columbia, 2 0 1.000; Washington, 1 2 .333; Lincoln, 2 1 .500; Franklin, 0 5 .000.

Jefferson High School and Columbia University will furnish the next soccer game of the Portland Interscholastic League, and it will be of championship caliber. The two squads are tied for the leadership of the league, and the winner is the most likely candidate for the highest honors of the season.

The match is slated for Multnomah Field Wednesday afternoon, and two

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First Places Are Won by E. T. Saunders, G. W. Storey, Mary Morrison, John Bradley and Harriet Brayman.

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STORY BLAMED FOR CUBA'S DOWNFALL

"Sob Sister's" Tale of His 100 Suits Ruined Calvo With Angels, Avers Matty.

GRIFITH TAKES BOY BACK

Pitcher Again Criticizes Elmke for Jumping to Federals and Tells How Hoblitzel Was Pictured as a "Society Swell."

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON. Star Pitcher New York Giants. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Clark Griffith, of Washington, has just taken back on his team a little Cuban named Calvo, who, they say, is a great ball player, but who, I have heard, was ruined on the Pacific Coast by a story printed about him in some newspaper in one of the Coast League towns. I believe it was a Los Angeles paper, and since he was not raised in the city, such things will often ruin a boy's life for the club for seasons.

The little Cuban, as I get the story, could not speak much English and was quiet and minded his own business around the clubhouse. One day a young woman reporter, a "Sob Sister" on one of the Los Angeles papers, came out to interview him and was not able to get much satisfactory material for her story because of the paucity of conversation. She spoke only English, while the Cuban was confined to Spanish to express himself. She went back to her office and decided to make it a good story.

She told how this little Cuban was the son of a wealthy man and said that he played baseball merely for the sport and not for the money in it, that he had 100 suits of clothes, his own motor car, etc. The little player, Calvo, greatly needed the money he earned because he was in the "lap of luxury," as the young woman put it.

Fans and Players Hide Him. Of course, all the players on his team and the others in the league read the story, and probably the work in the clubhouse about his wealth and clothes and so on. They pestered Calvo until he worried himself away down in weight and lost his appetite. When he denied it all, they would not believe him. And he needed the job, always bear that in mind. The occupants of the bleachers found good meat to get into the story, and Calvo was greeted with such broadside as "Hello, pretty boy! How are your 100 suits of clothes?"

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