

PLAYERS BELIEVE BEAVERS STRONG

Martino, Naughton, Murphy and Schmieder Declare Club Looks Good.

HITTING IS PICKING UP

Schmieder to Continue With Team in Capacity of Secretary—Salt Lake Pitchers Rated Weak—Venice Needs Some Reinforcement.

Pacific Coast League Standings.

At Salt Lake—Portland, 2; Seals, 1.
At Oakland—San Francisco, 3; Venice, 2.
At Los Angeles—Oakland, 3; Los Angeles, 2.

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Elmer Martino attributes the poor start of the Portland Coast champions to the rough and bumpy diamond on which the boys trained at Fresno. Marty and three other Porters, Naughton, Murphy and Schmieder, ambled into town yesterday from Los Angeles, five days ahead of the team, and enjoyed a workout at Recreation Park in the afternoon.

"We will be just as strong as ever," commented Marty. "Los Angeles had it on us a little, but that was to be expected, as the Angels were playing on home ground. We did not hit that week, either. Portland trailed last in the league for the last week, but we are expected to have a workout at Recreation Park in the afternoon."

"Our ball club looks good to me, however, and you can put me down as picking Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles for the strong clubs now," Marty said. "I believe in the capacity of the ball club, but I was unlucky in placing his drives. The side-tracking of Murphy and Naughton leaves the club without an extra infielder at Salt Lake. Kirchner and Stearns are available, however. Marty is suffering from a cold in his arm and that explains his absence from the club. He remained in Los Angeles and may report late next week."

Despite the league's new scheme of leaving trainers at home, Frank Schmieder will travel with the Beavers. W. W. McCredie said yesterday that Schmieder acted as a local capacity of trainer and club secretary, and it would be necessary to have him along, anyway, to count the kale and pay the team bills. Schmieder is a clever fellow and the local managers are fortunate to have a man around capable of handling both the secretaryship and the conditioning.

Just at present Salt Lake and Oakland are giving the fans a good run for their money. The Seals are a good assortment of hitters on his payroll, but it will give the dope a story scrambling if the Seals now constituted. Oakland has a much-improved club, with Jimmy Johnston, Howard Mundorf and Red Kuhn as reinforcements. The Oakland pitching staff is made up of Elliott and Kuhn ought to team up on a par with Fisher and Carlsch, everything considered.

Hap Hogan, who does not look any too good to those who have watched the Tigers perform, Martino saw the opening game between San Francisco and Venice last Tuesday and he was not visibly impressed by the Venice squad. Hogan is out after another pitcher or two, and he might give him the desired strengthening.

Here are the official attendance figures for the Pacific Coast League in Portland: 1911, 11,172; 1912, 12,241; 1913, 15,126; 1914, 10,263. The largest crowd ever entertained at the local park was the 16,125 of two years ago. It is estimated that fully 18,000 were in the park at that time, because the crowd swarmed in through the fence for the first time before the police could drive them back. Last year rain squelched the inaugural.

E. S. Higgins, president of the "Boosters' Club," visited the park yesterday with W. W. McCredie and they outlined plans for handling the jam. President Higgins says there will be fully 20,000 out if the day is nice.

"We have reserved the big grandstand from the first base end to beyond third base for Eugene, the booster buttons," explained President Higgins. "Police will be stationed at the foot of the entrance stairway and at the inside end of the inclined runway and only those with buttons and box seat checks will be admitted at these apertures."

Grandstands without buttons will be crowded down the exit stairs at the head of the incline and sent west under the grandstand to the aisle openings at the far western end of the stand. I wish to impress on all the necessity of securing the right change before approaching the turnstiles, as you enter stairs have been installed at the entrance and it will facilitate the handling of the crowd if everybody will have the correct change.

Mr. McCredie announced that no bleacher overflow would be permitted on the playing field. Circus seats, erected in front of the grandstand and the grandstand overflow will be permitted to hold these seats.

Charles O'Leary, field captain of the San Francisco Seals last year, has been signed by Jersey City, of the International League, managed by Honors White. O'Leary received an outright release from Harry Wolverton. Price, young backstop of the Oakland Athletics, is another Coast castoff who has landed a job. Price will catch for Des Moines, in the Western League.

LEARD STEALS HOME AND WINS

Seals Defeat Venice in 11 Innings of Exciting Baseball Game.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 8.—With the score tied in the last half of the 11th inning and with two men out, Leard ran across the home plate, and San Francisco won today's ball game from Venice, 3 to 2. The Seals scored their first run in the second and led the contest until the sixth, when Ping Bodie doubled and sent Schaller across with a run that tied the score, 2 to 2.

Venice made 16 hits off Baum and San Francisco secured eight off Mitchell. Score:

Venice: R H O A E. San Francisco: R H O A E.

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