

WAGNER WORRIED ABOUT HIS PITCHERS

Houck, Sothoron, Clark and Bigbee Not Likely to Be Fit for Two Weeks.

THREE NURSING SORE ARMS

New St. Louis Righthander Arrives at Camp Without Practice. Manager Doesn't Want to Send for Aid Just Yet.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

PORTLAND TRAINING CAMP, Sacramento, Cal., March 21.—(Special.)—With the opening of the Pacific Coast League less than two weeks off, there is a growing apprehension in the Portland camp that Walt McCredie's twirlers will not be primed for heavy going.

Clark Has Sore Wing. To add to the corrugations on Manager McCredie's highly bronzed brow, James "Judge" Clark, the Northwest League phenom, began to feel shooting pains in his right shoulder today.

Sothoron is nursing a rather lame wing and is unable to catch the right for another three weeks at the minimum. The same is true of Allen Sothoron, the new right-hander who came from this season's club yet yesterday night.

Houck is another of the slugging crew with a crick in his salary flipper. Of course, if Irvie Higginbotham, Johnny Lush and Wynn Noyes remain their present sang froid, a 4 if big Oscar Harstad rounds into shape with some "stuff" on the ball, McCredie might be able to wriggle through a couple of weeks of twirling minus some of his pitching corps.

But, should the Beavers be so unfortunate as to run into cold and weepy weather during the first two weeks at San Francisco, the consequences might be disastrous.

Young Pitchers Deserve Trial. Analyzing the situation, Manager Mack finds himself in somewhat of a quandary. He does not want to bring on more pitchers from the East until he has given some of the youngsters Sothoron and Clark ample opportunity to make good.

He has given some of the youngsters what would you do under these circumstances? Houck, for example, Connie Mack kept Houck on his world's championship team for the greater part of three seasons, nursing him along while he was acquiring control.

Houck has now pitched two years since he jumped Mack to go to the Federal League, and his record last season in the Colonial circuit—minors, though not—leaves no doubt in the manager's mind that Houck can win in the Coast League.

Houck Only Wants Chance. "Give me a chance until April 20 and I will show the Portland management that I am worth the money," said Houck today. "It would be better to have an attempt to hurry my conditioning. If the training season had been four weeks longer, I think three it would have helped my cause."

Houck realizes that his weakness and follies of the past are known to his employers and that whose future depends in great measure upon what he shows the first few weeks of the year.

Sothoron, the new twirler, is a chunky young fellow of 23 years, weighing 176 pounds, and with a pair of legs under him that remind of Johnny Lush's. He is being trained at Patterson's club, at Wichita, in the Western League, last season. Sothoron he could have landed at the Vernon team. Fielder Jones, who does not permit the deal to be made until Portland had been given first chance.

Southworth and Bigbee IH Hurd. This forenoon the Portland athletes toiled through their usual training paces. There was some hitting and bunting practice and a lively fielding drill. The sun emerged again and the fielders were sent against the youngsters in an abbreviated game.

A triple by Southworth and Lyle Bigbee's home run drive to deep center field, after lunch, the game was won by the professionals.

Vaughn due in Portland tomorrow. The roster will be complete and training will settle down to its final stages. While the team is in camp, a college team at Waco, Texas, which is also said to be in fair condition.

On Saturday and Sunday the Portland club will stick to the usual training paces. The game against the Cascades Cack Henley will twist one game against the Mackmen and Mickey La Lenge will do the receiving.

FRANK CHANCE DONS UNIFORM

Angel Manager Thinks Zabel Will Be One of Team's Mainstays.

ANGELS' TRAINING CAMP, Lake Elstow, Cal., March 21.—(Special.)—Manager Frank Chance was in a uniform today and directed his troupe of diamond performers through a snappy workout, the first since Sunday's game. The infield was saturated and the rest of the team was in excellent condition.

President Johnny Powers appeared in a Seraph uniform today. Powers tossed the horseshoe sphere around and hit a few bats in the outfield. With a little practice the Angel prey will be able to play with the best of 'em.

YOUNG SEALS ARE SHUT OUT

Insane Asylum Attendants Defeat Yannigans, 4 to 0.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 21.—(Special.)—The White Sox squad at the Seals was going through a rattling fast practice this afternoon at Luna Park, the yannigans were distracting the outfit at Agnew's State Hospital for

the insane, where they were defeated by the attendants' team by a score of 4 to 0. Wolverton looked on from a big machine.

Koehn, a left-hander, afflicted against the Seals on the mound and had the Coast League recruits baffled at every stage of the game. Only once did young Seals manage to have a chance to score, and then a fast double by the Agnew's players cut them off the bases.

All the regulars went through a snappy practice at Luna Park. The weather cleared last night and the day was bright, but there was considerable twang in the air and the men had to keep going to keep warm. They hustled into a sweat and were through their practice early. Workers threatened yesterday to tie the hardware to some of the bushers today, but was not ready with any announcement tonight.

KENWORTHY FORCED TO REST

Oakland Star Sprains Shoulder and Is Ordered to Bench.

BOYER SPRINGS, Cal., March 21.—(Special.)—There was some bad news for the Oaks when Captain Bill Kenworthy returned to camp from his trip to Oakland with the news that he will not be allowed to touch a ball for a week. His shoulder has been pinning him ever since he landed in camp, and an Oakland physician said he is suffering from a strain in one of the shoulder ligaments.

Boss Harold put his boys through a stiff workout in the morning and then fed them up on a game of baseball in the afternoon. This morning's practice had their revenge, for they trounced the regulars 5 to 3 in a seven-inning ragged session.

Regulars—Frough, Kallio and Griffith; Boyd and Kuhn, Drolette.

TIGER PITCHERS IN FINE SHAPE

Patterson Pleased With Condition of Men Who Are Rid of Soreness.

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—(Special.)—Manager Patterson called together his Vernon baseballers at Washington Park early today for practice. Although the field is reported to be in the rain of the last two days, Patterson decided that practice must be held.

The park attaches sprinkled gasoline on the running paths, with the result that the field was in fair shape. All of the men are in good condition. Few sore arms are reported. Patterson is well pleased with his pitchers, and all of them are in great condition.

The Bengal team may meet the University of Southern California Law School nine tomorrow afternoon.

BLANKENSHIP LAIDS MURPHY

Salt Lake Skipper Says Recruit Will Fill Gedeon's Shoes.

MODESTO, Cal., March 21.—(Special.)—There was a spirited practice game today at the University of California, Modesto, managed by Mrs. Jimmy Shinn and Mrs. Bunny Brief. At the finish the outcome of the game was not in doubt. Patterson is well pleased with his pitchers, and all of them are in great condition.

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HOOD RIVER, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—The Hood River Game Protective Association plays no favorites and yesterday, when some of the younger members of the organization—deputy game warden—investigated the fish creel of C. K. Marshall, director of the Commercial Club and prominent in the city of the game club, and discovered that he had several trout smaller than the legal length, ten inches, a complaint was duly sworn out, charging Mr. Marshall with violation of the game laws.

Mr. Marshall submitted to the penalty of his carelessness gracefully. He was obliged to leave the city today on business. However, he instructed D. McDonald, president of the game association, to appear before Justice of the Peace Buck and plead guilty for him. The court advised that Mr. Marshall must make the plea in person, and on his return here a fine will be assessed for the violation of the law.

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The company will conduct the affairs of the Toledo American Association club.

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Charles Wells, the eccentric yell leader at Washington High, will go before the student body of the East Side institution this morning in behalf of the tennis players, relative to the awarding of an official "W."

BEAVER LINEUP FOR STARTS DROPPED OUT

Sothoron May Land Utility Job Because of Weakness of Guisto Off First.

3 TWIRLERS HOLDOVERS

Higginbotham, Lush, Noyes, Harstad and Clark Will Compete for Place on Mound—Only Two Catchers Are to Be Carried.

PORTLAND TRAINING CAMP, Sacramento, Cal., March 21.—(Special.)—Although the official opening of the Pacific Coast League is two weeks away, and two weeks sometimes works tragedies in the dope centers, a Spring camp ballplayer, it is fairly certain that the following athletes will start the year as regulars on the Portland club.

Catchers—Fisher and Haworth. Pitchers—Higginbotham, Lush, Noyes, Harstad, Clark. Infielders—Quinn, Vaughn, Ward, Stumpf, Hollacher, Guisto. Outfielders—Spears, Nixon, Southworth, Willie.

Manager McCredie likely will carry two more pitchers for the first month and the fight for these positions will lie between Houck and Sothoron, two experienced twirlers, and a new recruit, Lyle Bigbee, Indian Smith and Penn.

Houck and Bigbee Are Sore. Byron Houck and Bigbee—both former University of Oregon athletes—have been nursing lame arms, so it is difficult to draw any lines on them. To Bigbee was advanced \$200 on his salary when he signed, so he sure to be on the payroll for one month anyway if he did not get some Northwest League club in the interim.

Sothoron is the right-hander obtained from Fielder Jones' St. Louis club. He toiled last season in the Western League.

Three of those named as regulars—Higginbotham, Lush and Noyes—are holdovers from last season's team. Harstad and Clark are newcomers, but with sufficient experience in the Northwest League at Vancouver to polish off the roughness. Harstad won 12 out of 15 games in 1914 and last year at Cleveland as a relief pitcher. Clark did not have a good season last summer in the Northwest circuit but Walter McCredie is extremely pleased with his showing in camp.

Clark is an intelligent, hard-working fellow, and if he pitches as he did in 1913, 1914 and 1914 at Vancouver he will fill the bill.

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VAUGHN GOES SOUTH

Infielder Due to Reach Camp at Same Time Willie Does.

NEW PLAYER IS SATISFIED

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"Tomorrow will be a happy day for Walter H. McCredie, manager of the Portland Beavers. Why? Because Jakey Thielman, once star with the Beavers, and for several years later Successful Major League Pitcher, is expected to reach Portland today.

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FAST TEAM LINED UP

Kirkpatrick Gets Stars From Sherwood Nine.

Inter-City League Clubs to Be Introduced to Cut Lists of Players to 12—Meeting Is Called.

Gresham Seeks Manager.

Earl Cooper Will Not Race Entry of Bob Burman in San Diego Event Accepted.

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Murray Dickering to Buy Auto. "Fighting Billy" Murray, the California middleweight is dickering with a Portland automobile concern for a roadster, and, if he closes the deal, may be seen running around the streets here. Billy's sister lives here, and he likes Portland and may eventually locate here.

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WOODLAND TO PLAY APRIL 2 First Game in Inter-City Series Will Be at St. Helens.

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Dele is manager and M. H. Howarth, secretary.

Municipal Golf Links BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. No. 14—Sacramento, Cal. For a small city of 60,000 souls, Sacramento is well supplied with golf links—or soon will be. The bug has so captivated the capital that a new 18-hole private course is being con-

struction and a municipal links is to be added to the list as soon as this private course is finished in August.

At present, the nine-hole course, which was established several years ago, is doing nicely, and Sacramento has several very excellent players.

"We began the agitation for a municipal links several months ago," remarked "Jed" McClatchy, business manager of the Sacramento Bee, today. "The city authorities thoroughly have investigated and have decided that, in order to keep up with progress, we must have such a course here. The tin foil, which folds back into its place.

The city already owns about 200 acres of land on the edge of the American River that is admirably suited for golfing purposes.

McClatchy, by the way, captured the championship of the second flight in the recent Del Monte tournament.

Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Spokane already possess up-to-date public golf courses.

EARL COOPER WILL NOT RACE Entry of Bob Burman in San Diego Event Accepted.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 21.—On account of undergoing an operation for appendicitis, Earl Cooper, automobile race driver, will not be among the starters in the Panama-California International Exposition race of 50 miles Saturday. He will withdraw his entry today.

With the withdrawal of Cooper came the nomination of "Wild Bob" Burman. His entry was accepted by the exposition.

Workmen today began the construction of barriers at the turns. On account of the dangerous character safety zones will be established for spectators.

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weight boxer, who collapsed in the third round of a bout with Michael Malone here last Friday night and died a few minutes later, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest, today Malone was exonerated and discharged.

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The local team signed a contract to play at Natatorium Park this year. A special car service with a 15-minute run from the center of the city to the ball grounds will be arranged.

Bronson Undergoes Operation. "Muff" Bronson, the clever Portland featherweight who beat Leo Houck, of Seattle, at the Rose City Athletic Club last Friday night, underwent an operation yesterday for the removal of his adenoids. The game little featherweight has been suffering with stomach trouble for the past few weeks, but after consulting a specialist he was soon "doctored up." He will be able to breathe better and his work should consequently improve after the operation.

Inter-City League clubs had better look out for the Kirkpatrick Stars this season. The Kirkpatrick, who took over the Sellwood franchise, consist of a formidable bunch of players.