

BASEBALL DOGELS UNCOMMON SURPRISE

Changing Name of Blewett's Circuit Inspired by McCredie, Is Story.

GOOD BALL FANS' WANT

If Club Owners Try to Offer "Bush" Variety, Plan May Prove Costly. Bill Steen Signs With Sacramento, Is Report.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON. The old saying, "What's in a name?" must have occupied the attention of the assembled baseball magnates of the Northwest at Seattle Thursday, because the impresarios certainly gave the baseball fans of the country, and especially those who follow the pastime on the Pacific Coast, the one grand surprise of their lives when they announced that the Northwestern League had passed into oblivion and that the circuit henceforth would be known as the Pacific Coast International League.

McCredie's Part Is Seen. The brains of Judge McCredie can be seen sticking out all over the extraordinary announcement of change of title, and you can rest assured that the Portland magnate was instrumental largely in fathoming the scheme.

But whether or not the new moniker with which the Northwest league has been seen fit to decorate their circuit is proper is another question.

Fans Want Good Ball. Baseball magnates of the Northwest evidently base their arguments on the fact that if President Baum's circuit, which comprises five cities in California and the remaining city of the circuit in Utah—a state with no hundred miles from the coast—order, entitled to be called Pacific Coast League, then the circuit which invades the states of Oregon and Washington, and extends over into British Columbia has a legitimate right to be termed Pacific Coast International.

The men who are going to place their bankrolls behind the Pacific Coast International League will have to give the fans the best brand of baseball their bookshelves will stand for. With a big league "title" staring the fans in the face, it's a cinch they won't stand for anything less than the Portland fans always have demanded.

Statement Is Given Out. Portland fans realize that the club owners must retreat in a huff to get by and will give Judge McCredie the visiting clubs their unqualified support as long as the moguls make every effort to give the fans a fair article of baseball, but if the club owners refuse to get by with baseball of the "bush" variety they soon will find out to their sorrow that they have made a grave mistake.

Things will be different now, however, and my plans are to give Portland the best baseball that the fullest limit of the circuit will permit. If we do not start off with what Manager Wright terms a well-balanced organization, you can depend on my coming out after other players. The fans have stood by me in the past and I am going to give them the best means my affords.

The Portland club owner, who is one of the best-informed men in minor league baseball, has indicated to the extent the rocky road baseball will counter during the coming season, and the foregoing statement shows that he will do more than his share to give the fans a run for their money.

Bill Rodgers is breaking into print every few minutes at Sacramento, after having used up all available ink allotted to the sport pages in the Capital City. Rodgers has mapped out an automobile tour to San Francisco and Los Angeles, where he will look over the youngsters that have been recommended to him for tryouts.

Repeaters from the south have Bill Steen signing a Sacramento contract. If such is true, Rodgers will have an able addition to his twirling staff. Steen was a member of the great hurling staff of the Beavers in 1916. He has seen service with the Cleveland and Detroit Americans, and for the last two seasons has been with San Francisco. During the tail end of last season Steen was released by the Seals. When Bill "zipper" is in good form he is one of the hardest pitchers to connect with in the league, and ought to make Sacramento a winning twirler.

MURPHY SUES FOR \$20,768. Former Magnate Says Cubs Club Owes Him for Rent.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Charles W. Murphy filed suit against the Chicago National League baseball club today for \$20,768, which he charges is due him as rental on old National League grounds in Chicago. The action, which it is said involves a lease running for 30 years with a total rental of approximately \$1,500,000, names as co-defendants J. Ogden Armon, William Wrigley, Jr., A. B. Laaker and Charles H. Weagham. Murphy formerly was part owner and president of the Chicago Nationals. After he left the club it was moved from the historic West Side grounds to the former Federal League site on the North Side, under agreement with Murphy, who picked his interest in the former location.

FORMER BEAVER AND MAJOR LEAGUE TWIRLER WHO HAS SIGNED TO PITCH FOR SACRAMENTO.



BILL STEEN.

WATER POLO IS DUE

Contest for League Honors to Be Played Tonight.

TEAMS EVENLY MATCHED

Dreadnoughts and Destroyers Are in Trim for Game—Soldiers of Vancouver May Meet Multnomah Club Soon.

After several postponements the big championship water polo game will come off at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club tank tonight between the Dreadnoughts and Destroyers. Both teams are tied for first place in the water polo league, having won all of their games except the one that they lost to each other. The game was to have been settled for once and all last Saturday night, but on account of the tank being in use for the Oregon state swimming championships the contest had to be called off. The seven men on each team are in good condition and have been training hard all week getting in the best of shape for tonight's battle. In water polo endurance is one of the biggest factors, and the team that is in the best physical condition has the corner.

Ross Koller, captain of the Destroyers, says the team will win tonight's struggle and the championship. The lineup for the game: Dreadnoughts: Ross Koller (Cap.) B. E. Frank Melrose Lock Webster "Sherry" Oliver William Blake "O. Cap." O. J. Hestford Simpson "Gee" George P. Smith George Gould "Gee" G. W. Smith

Champion Norman Ross, the embryo birdman now undergoing a course of training at the University of California ground school, and his team will compete against the Olympic Club mermen in a dual swimming meet a week from tomorrow night in the Olympic Club tank. Ross, who is responsible for arrangements, announces that he himself is a "stiff" and "bound up" after a couple of months of soldiering, and that none of the young aviators has much time for swimming these days. He thinks, however, that the birdman will be able to make things interesting for the Olympians.

Some of the men who are expected to figure for the University of California are J. M. Sanderson, a former member of one of the Seattle Athletic Club and the University of Washington; J. H. Scott, a Los Angeles middle distance swimmer; P. W. Wiley, a former member of one of the Seattle Athletic Club and the University of Washington; M. C. Cary and P. R. Francis, plungers; F. M. Hanks, a former New York Athletic Club man, a diver of experience; McWilliams, an Olympic Club junior swimmer, and Paugh, of San Diego, a sprinter and diver.

The Olympic Club's latest aquatic recruit, Carbis A. Walker, is one of the mainstays of the club team. Walker is a middle-distance and distance swimmer, of no little reputation in Honolulu, and is counted on to make a lot of points for the Winged "O".

The Portland swimming fans may get a chance to see a crack team of swimmers from the Vancouver Barracks compete against the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club in the near future. Jack Cody is working on a meet between the soldiers and the M. A. C. swimmers. At present there are two of the best swimmers on the Coast stationed at the barracks—Walter Grace, of the Piedmont Club of San Francisco, and A. J. Hart, of the Olympic Club of the same city. Both of them are well known in Pacific Coast swimming circles and are fast men in the water. Bob Curran, the famous Honolulu swimmer who gave Norman Ross some stiff competition last year, is expected to be stationed at the Vancouver Barracks soon and will be a strong addition to the soldiers' team.

Jack Cody, swimming instructor of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, has received a letter from William Umack, the San Francisco sporting dilettante, regarding the appearance of Fanny Durack, of Australia, holder of all women's swimming records from 88 to 350 yards at Multnomah Club this year. Umack is bringing the champion to the United States to compete here and while here she will tour the Coast. Umack already has signed Miss Durack to swim at the A. U. championships at Victoria, B. C., in August, and would

6 CLUBS COMPRISE THE P. C. I. CIRCUIT

Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, Spokane and Butte to Have Teams.

CLASS A RATING SOUGHT

Magnates Settle Down to Business After Two-Day Session—Great Falls Franchise Is Forfeited to League.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The Pacific Coast International Baseball League will open its first championship race this Spring with six clubs toeing the mark, the organization will demand a class A rating from the National Commission and the National board of arbitration, and the Great Falls franchise has been forfeited to the league. After a two-day session, directors of the league, in annual session here, knuckled down to business this afternoon and unloaded a lot of worries off their chests by settling the problems which have been keeping the magnates awake nights for the past couple of months. Most important was the action of the board in naming the clubs which open the 1918 season. They are: Vancouver, with Bob Brown, owner. Portland, headed by Judge W. W. McCredie. Seattle, with D. E. Dugdale as the helm. Tacoma, with H. W. Day as president. Spokane, with F. C. Farr.

Great Falls Let Out. The action of the league in leaving Great Falls out in the cold, but retaining Butte, was a bit of a surprise. It was thought that the two cities would be acted upon together. It was hinted that if the present holders of the Butte franchise did not care to put a club in the Montana city, the league would do so.

In dropping Great Falls, every club in the league benefited materially. The players of the Great Falls club were divided among the other teams, being drawn and appointed to the different clubs by lot. Following is the result of the lottery: Seattle gets Kelly, considered one of the best outfielders in the league. Tacoma gets Byler, the crack Great Falls catcher. Vancouver picked Pitchers Peterson and Jimmy Clark.

Tacoma will obtain Bert Hall, Harry Cheek and Herb Hester. Bob Brown Optimistic. President Blewett announced that Vancouver would retain its franchise in the league because of the assurances by Bob Brown that the club would have a good season in the Canadian city. It was hinted that in case Camp Lewis would favor the plan to stage games at American Lake, Bob Brown's men would be switched to the camp as much as possible. The Canadian city will have a short schedule, but will be a regular member of the organization.

The directors authorized and directed Prexy Blewett to apply for a Class A franchise at American Lake. Bob Brown's men would be switched to the camp as much as possible. The Canadian city will have a short schedule, but will be a regular member of the organization.

Fans to Pay War Tax. The question of admission to the games was acted upon, and it was decided that the fans would follow the example of the moving picture theaters, the railroads, etc., and charge the war tax to each purchaser of the ticket. The tax will be 10 cents, but it was pointed out that it would be impossible for the organization to operate under such conditions.

In telling of the Great Falls forfeiture, President Blewett explained that the Montana city had failed to have a representative at the meeting or get in touch with the directors. Also the club was in debt to the league to the extent of \$147.62, so it was voted that the franchise be forfeited to the league. There is said possibility that the organization will consider putting a club in Great Falls later. However, if the club is not put in, the league and is without a franchise.

Schedules to Be Fixed Later. The questions of salary and player limits were not taken up. As it will first be necessary to obtain the ruling of the local men, usually stopped when the season is over, the meeting will be held some time in February.

The main business of the meeting has been transacted, but the session will continue until the meeting adjourns. The meeting will be held some time in February.

"HOLLY" MAY LEAD OFF

FAST EX-BEAVER TO HAVE COMPETITION IN CUBS' LINEUP.

Paskert and Wheat Also Candidates for First Place in Battering Order.

Both Seasoned Players. Charlie Holloch, the sensational little Portland shortstop who was purchased by the Chicago Cubs last year, is being talked of in the Windy City as a probable lead-off man for the Cubs in next season's batting order. The Cubs have looked a good lead-off man for several seasons and now they have three in line for the position. Dode Paskert and Zach Wheat are the two who will have the most to contend for. Holloch led off for Portland most of the time last season until Manager McCredie jumbled the batting order as a means of changing the team's luck. Holloch was in the same class as Justin Fitzgerald when it came to toping the batting list and Fitz is carded for the same position with the Phillies. Fitz can get by, Holloch ought not to experience any trouble in landing. When Mike Mitchell looks the youngster over tonight, he will be expecting to see a wonderful piece of baseball machinery galloping around Tour-nament Park. Holloch is a chap of few words, but makes up for his quietness by his ability on the diamond.



Locke Webster, Winged M Swimmer, Who Will Play With the Destroyers Water Polo Team Tonight at Multnomah Club.

Begins Today



The World-famous MARY GARDEN as the Beautiful, sensuous Priestess of Passion, in THAIS a Photoplay Spectacle Magnificent Beyond the Fondest Dreams!

MAJESTIC

ROSEBUDS WIN, 5-2

Portland Septet Outplays Patrick's Metropolitans.

MURRAY'S WORK FEATURE

Fowler, Seattle's Prize Goalie, Is Outclassed—Muldoon's Men Show Big Improvement and Play Consistent Game.

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FANS WATCH ORTEGA

In Second Workout Battler Displays Boxing Prowess.

FIGHTER STEADY PLUGGER

Californian to Clash With Sommers Wednesday Night—Portland Ringster Is Training Hard for Coming Battle.

ROSEBUDS WIN, 5-2

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The Portland skaters were too many for the world's champions tonight. Muldoon's Rosebuds beat the locals at nearly every stage of the game, registering five tallies while Seattle was getting two.

With the breaks favoring the invaders, Seattle looked anything but good in the early periods. Superior combination play of Portland kept the home club on the offensive nearly all the way. The visitors looked like a better club than they were, but the arena a couple of weeks ago. They stuck-handled like demons, and every time a green-sweatered skater passed the rubber it went straight to its mark, and there was a waiting Portlander ready to grab it.

Murray Is Star. For the first time this season Fowler, the prize goalie of the home crew, was outplayed by the rival tender. Muldoon was altogether dependable, and the Seattle shots glanced off his stick and skates like rain off a slate roof. Wilson banged the puck toward the visiting nets, and there when once it looked like a sure goal, but Murray turned them aside regularly.

At times the Mets showed their old-time class in the passing game, but they had an off night, as far as consistent combination play was concerned. The Portland skaters backed checked hard and often, and the rushes were usually stopped when some visitor broke up the play.

Oatman and Harris Show Speed. Captain Oatman, of the Portland club, together with Harris and Tobin, were at top speed. Harris snagged two goals and a pair of assists, and all three were in the mixing from the start. Tommy Dundersdale went around picking a scrap with everybody. Tommy took on Riley for a little tilt and chose Roy Riskey, who was chased a couple of times, but he played bang-up hockey all through.

"Holly" Wilson had a good night as well, while Patrick and Rowe were in good form. The victory for Portland puts the southerners in second place in the local men's usually stopped when the season is over, the meeting will be held some time in February.

The summary: Seattle 5 2-2-2 Portland 2 0-0-0 Penalties—Seattle, Riley (3). Portland, Dundersdale. The lineup: Seattle (5): Fowler (G), Oatman (C), Murray (F), Patrick (F), Harris (F), Dundersdale (D). Portland (5): Tobin (C), Harris (F), Riskey (F), Rowe (F), Morris (G). Assists—Seattle, Wilson, Patrick. Portland, Harris, Barbour.

S. F. BALL HEADS ASSOCIATION

Interscholastic Athletic Body Has New Officers for 1918.

The Interscholastic Athletic Association directors held a meeting at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club Wednesday night and elected new officers and appointed three official ref-

ees for the interscholastic basketball leagues.

S. F. Ball, principal of Franklin High School, was elected president for the year 1918, succeeding Hopkin Jenkins. William H. Fletcher, principal of James John High School, was elected secretary and treasurer. The referees chosen are: George Anderson, Homer Shaver and Herbert Goodie. The coaches on the various teams can select the referee for each game as it comes.

Pacific and Aggies to Meet.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The basketball team from Pacific College here will meet the team from O. A. C. on the local floor tomorrow night. This game will be of unusual interest because of the close score at Corvallis last week and because O. A. C. was defeated here recently. Matthews, of Willamette, will referee.

OREGON FIVE WORRIED

MULTNOMAH CLUBMEN BELIEVED LIKELY TO WIN GAME.

Hayward's Already Lean Band of Hopefuls Is Materially Weakened by Loss of Medley.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—That the tennish yellow basket shooters will have to be satisfied with what they get and that what they get, counted in tallies, will not amount to much when the line-up against the fast Multnomah Club quiet in the first game of the season, tomorrow evening, is the opinion of Coach Hayward. None of Oregon's followers can see where the local boys have a look-in against the experienced team that the clubmen will have on the floor.

Hayward's already lean bunch of hopefuls have been materially weakened by the loss of Medley, who turned his ankle in practice and will be out of the game. Add to this the fact that there is not one man on the squad who has ever played intercollegiate ball, and that the boys have had less than two weeks of practice, and you have the situation in black and white. A victory for Oregon's green aggregation against such stars as Sharp, Morrison, and Twoomey, who are slated to appear in the club lineup, would be a miracle comparable to those of the movie screen.

Coach Hayward has not selected definitely the five men who will start the game Saturday night, but he says that before the evening is over he probably will use all of the nine or 10 men now on the squad.

A student body dance at which the visiting team will be the guests of honor will follow the game, which is to be played in Hayward Hall.

The probable lineup of the teams will be: Multnomah: Position. Oregon: Sharp (C), Grebe, Walker, Morrison, Comfort, Riskey, Twoomey, G. Ricketts, Wilson.

TY COBB IS IN CLASS ONE

Famous Tiger Outfielder Is Ready to Serve Whenever Called.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 18.—Tyrus Raymond Cobb, star outfielder of the Detroit Americans, has been placed in class I by the exemption board here, where he is registered. It is understood he claimed deferred classification on the ground of dependents.

When informed of the action of the local board Cobb declared he is willing to serve whenever he is called. He became 31 years old December 13.

Low Gear Wins Derby

CALHOUN, Ala., Jan. 18.—Low Gear, owned by A. G. S. Sage, of New York, won the Derby at the National Field Trials Club preserves here today in the closing event of the programme. Unopposed, owned by F. M. Essig, of Atlanta, won second prize, and Conscript, owned by Bedford and Fleschman, of New York, third.

Peninsula Park Team Wins

Christian Brothers Midgets Lose in Basketball, 7 to 4.

The Peninsula Park Midgets defeated the Christian Brothers midgets 7 to 4, at the Peninsula Park gymnasium last night. As the score indicates, the game was a hard-fought one, both teams being on the defensive most of the time.

The lineup: Peninsula Park: Christian Bros. Westernman (G), Lavonch (F), Gibson (F), Manning (F), Husemith (G), Read (D), Jordan (D). Christian Brothers: Arleta All Stars on the Park floor tonight at 7:30, and the Peninsula Park Midgets will tangle with the Christian Brothers Juniors later in the evening.

Allen Enemies Lose Jobs. EUREKA, Jan. 18.—Hundreds of Austrians were barred from their waterfront boarding-house homes and denied the right to work in mills and other waterfront establishments today, when the enemy alien barred zone was established around the shores of Humboldt Bay by Deputy United States Marshal Otto John in a victory over the barred zone, which includes Front street in Eureka, also will close several places of business conducted by Austrians.