

FISHER SIGNS PITCHING MARVEL

Dick Mitchell, Pasadena Phenom, to Be Given Chance on Portland Line-Up.

STRIKE-OUT RECORD GOOD

19-Year-Old Wonder Credited With Fanning 36 Batters in Two Games—Beavers Slip One Over on Seattle in Deal.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON. Judge McCredie had slipped one yesterday when he arrived at baseball headquarters and found a letter from Manager Hill Fisher which contained the signing contract for Dick Mitchell, right-hand pitcher of the Pasadena team.

Mitchell is 19 years old, stands 6 feet 2 inches tall and is said to weigh about 187 pounds. Pitching for the Pasadena club, of which Hill Fisher was manager, Mitchell won 10 straight games. He struck out 36 batters in the last two games he worked, which is an average of two strikeouts an inning.

Mitchell's pitching was mainly responsible for Pasadena winning the pennant in the Los Angeles Winter League. According to Fisher, the youngster has shown a "big" start in all his games and slazes them past the batters in cannon-like fashion.

Seattle After Player.

Judge McCredie said yesterday that he thought Portland had slipped one over on the other clubs in the Pacific Coast International League. Manager Hill Fisher, of the Seattle club, recently wrote McCredie that he was after a giant twirler who would prove a sensation in the P. C. I. L., but could give nothing definite on when the youngster would sign a Seattle contract. McCredie is of the opinion that Mitchell is the pitcher Leard was trying to hook for the Seattle club.

Leard's description of the pitcher he expected to land for Duqudale tallies with Mitchell's description and record, and there is no doubt in the Portland manager's mind but what he has landed a very promising hurler in the Pasadena youth.

Leard's description of the phenom in that he stands six feet two inches tall, weighs about 187 pounds, and weighs about 184 pounds. This phenom, according to Leard, has struck out something like 300 batters in 15 games.

All of which description and record coincides with the statements of Manager Hill Fisher regarding young Mitchell.

Fisher advised Judge McCredie that he would leave Pasadena for Portland about the 20th and would look over whatever talent Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland team, wants to give him for the Portland team.

Fisher says he thinks Portland has enough inexperienced players signed and from now on would prefer the ladies with minor-league experience. According to Fisher's letter, the Portland pilot has his team about figured out and says if he had a catcher, a baseman, pitcher and an outfielder, he will be all set for the P. C. I. L. race.

Bill Rodgers is trying to pull one from the clouds. The Sacramento manager wants to trade Babe Horton for a pitcher, and is not having any luck. According to word from the south Rodgers is leaving his troubles trying to dispose of Horton. The Sacramento pilot can neither sell nor trade the big first baseman. He offered Horton to Walter McCredie for \$500, so Mack could use him in a trade for a catcher, but there was nothing doing.

The Pacific Coast League club's training camps are working full blast. The bushest and busiest training camp this week. As soon as the managers get their pruning shears out and start trimming the squad down you'll read the usual number which "bushers" will have to offer.

DEMPESEY OUTLINES CAMPAIGN

Contender for Heavyweight Title to Take on String of Opponents.

CHICAGO, March 6.—(Special.)—Jack Dempsey has announced an aggressive plan which he thinks will demonstrate his ability as a prizefighter. He has set out to make pugilistic history while making for the materialization of plans for the Fulton-Bessemer which Willard has demanded take place before May 2.

Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, has signed Dempsey to fight Jack Dillon in Memphis March 8, two days later Marshall Claybourne at Hot Springs; March 14, Battling Levinsky in Milwaukee; Al Norton, at Denver, March 18; on March 22, Bob McClure at Jacksonville, Fla.; next comes a return match with Carl Morris at Joplin, Mo.; and on April 6 a match with Billy Miske is lined up for either Memphis or Paul.

If Dempsey can eliminate this crew he certainly will have a good claim with Fulton, despite Willard's statement that Fred must fight Dempsey.

HOCKEY TEAMS TO PLAY AGAIN

Interscholastic Title to Be Fought for Saturday Night.

The Lincoln-Columbia High School ice hockey team will play the 2-2 tie game with the Washington Jefferson septet at the Portland Ice Palace on Saturday night, or rather they will play another game to decide which is the best outfit of puck chasers in interscholastic circles.

The all-star teams, picked from Lincoln and Columbia and Washington and Jefferson, battled to a 2-to-2 score in the ice rink several weeks ago before one of the largest crowds of the season. As at the last game, there will be several races between periods and public skating after the game from 9 until 11 o'clock.

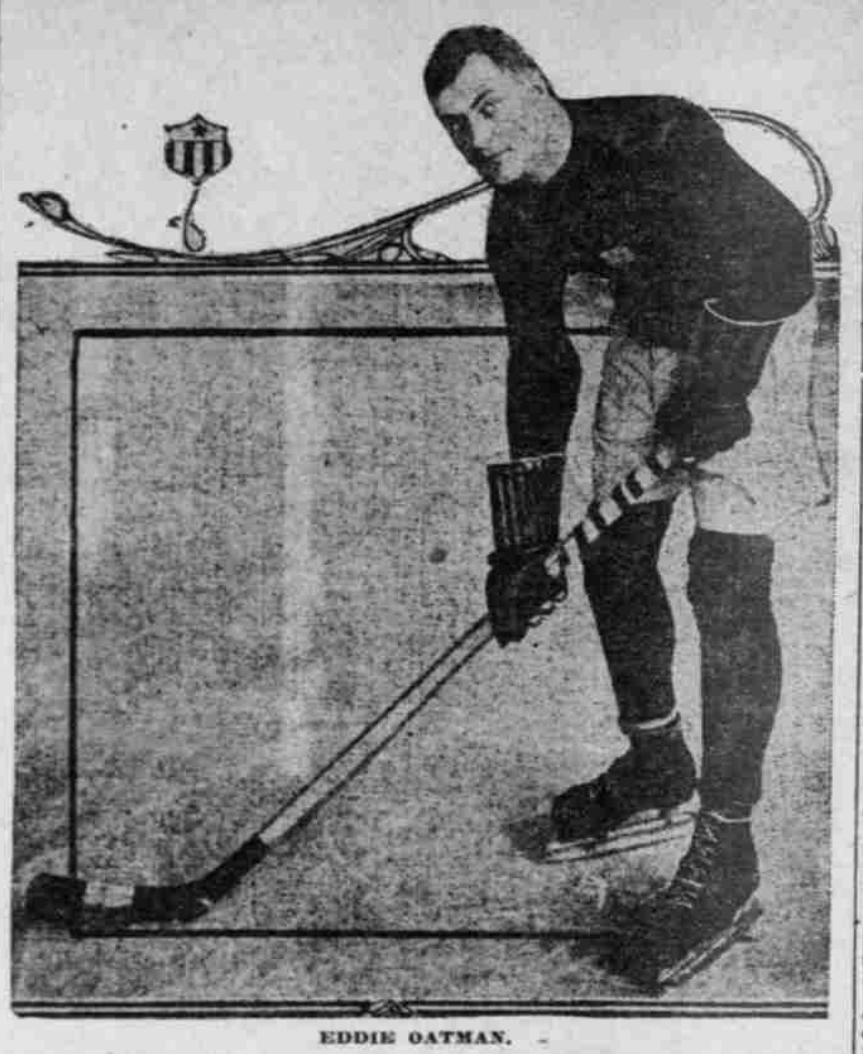
IDAHO TEAM ELECTS CAPTAIN

Eugene Hyde Chosen to Lead Basket-Shooters Next Season.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, March 6.—(Special.)—Eugene Hyde, of Boise, running guard on the University of Idaho's 1918 basketball team, last night was elected to lead Coach "Doc" Edmundson's charges in the coming season.

Hyde, who was named on the all-star team by E. A. Hinderman, of Spokane, and other critics, is a brother of Aden Hyde, who captained the Idaho quintet in 1916.

ROSEBUD'S PEPPERY CAPTAIN, WHO WILL LEAD HIS WARRIORS AGAINST SEATTLE TOMORROW NIGHT.



EDDIE OATMAN.

WINDNAGLE IS FLYER

Oregon Athlete Finds Most Glory on Italy's Field.

HOCKEY STAR IS WITH HIM

Steve Hopkins in Same Aviation Section With Noted Oregonian and Is Worthy Successor to John Paul Jones at Cornell.

Among the American athletes now flying in Italy with the American aviation section of the Signal Corps is Vere Windnagle, the Oregonian who is the one-mile interval champion and worthy successor to the great John Paul Jones at Cornell. Many experts are of the opinion that Windnagle had it in him to beat Norman Tabor's world's amateur mile record. The titan, however, deserted athletic fields for the fields of glory.

Another well-known athlete whose aeroplane can be seen dotting the blue Italian skies is Steven Hopkins, the former Harvard and Boston A. A. hockey star. He is in the same flying section as Windnagle. Ice sports, by the way, have furnished many celebrities, Hobey Baker, Willetta, Ellis and Hopkins among them, to the Aviation Corps.

Alma Richards, the Brigham Young University athlete who captured the Olympic high jump championship at Stockholm in 1912, and later entered Cornell and won I. C. A. A. titles for the Ithacaans, recently was commissioned a lieutenant and is assistant athletic officer to Captain G. H. Hicks, of the 13th Infantry, at Camp Fremont, Cal. Richards is not one of the civilian athletes in charge of athletics. He is real "color" and is thirsting for service "over there." The giant athlete from Utah has all the qualifications for an idea officer.

Following the announcement that Olympic champion of 1916, had been appointed as collector at Camp Merritt came the word that Fritz Pollard, the crack colored Brown University gridiron and track star, also has been appointed an Army athletic director. Pollard has been assigned to Camp Meade and will have charge of the athletic destinies of the various negro regiments stationed there.

All signs along the trail read that there will be a pronounced military flavor to the athletic events during the coming outdoor athletic season. The University of Pennsylvania has blazed the trail by including several military events open to soldiers and sailors at the United States in the programme for the annual Penn Relay Carnival, which will be staged on Franklin Field, Philadelphia, on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27.

The New York Athletic Club announces that it will have even more military events on the programme for its Spring games this year than it did last year.

Pennsylvania has set aside Friday, April 26, the first day of its relay carnival, as a military day, and has arranged several championship contests for the soldiers and sailors. On Saturday, the concluding day of the carnival, there will be a one-mile Army and Navy relay race, in which it is hoped to have representatives from almost every Army command and naval post in the East.

Included in the military events at the Penn Carnival will be wall-scaling, machine gun competition, hand grenade throwing, bugle competition, rescue race, light marching over half-mile relay race and a one-mile medley race for four-men teams, the first two men running 225 yards, the third 440 yards and the last 880 yards.

Right Off the Bat.

Os Gets should prove a valuable addition to the Cleveland club, now that Joe Evans is lost. Gets should be able to hit as hard as Evans did and is a high-class fielder.

Fohl is somewhat worried about one position on his infield, that being first base. Since the days of George Stovall this position has caused much worry. Earl Sheely, formerly of Salt Lake City, is now the leading candidate for the place.

Earl Smith, of the Cleveland Indians, the most persistent trouble maker Bob Shaver has found in the American League, is now at Camp Sherman. Smith made several home runs off Shaver and each came when needed badly.

Bill Brennan, former National and Federal League umpire, has been hired to call balls and strikes in the Southern League during the 1918 season.

Governor Signs Boxing Bill.

TRENTON, N. J., March 6.—The Federal boxing bill, which permits eight-round bouts in New Jersey with eight-ounce gloves, under the supervision of a commission, has been signed by Governor Edge.

SOMMERS-FARRELL BATTLE INTERESTS

Fans Watching Work of Middleweights Who Fight Here Wednesday Night.

BOTH BOXERS IN CONDITION

Workouts in Gymnasium Show Men to Be in Pink of Condition for Coming Fracas at Eleventh-Street Playhouse.

Al Sommers yesterday returned from Seattle apparently none the worse for wear after his four-round tussle with Mick King.

Several local fans who saw the scrap in a unit in declaring the Portland boy was handed a package by Referee Ad Schaet. The Portland fight enthusiasts who viewed the mixup say Sommers had the advantage and are now claiming he will beat Marty Farrell by reason of his sensational showing with King.

Sommers was matched to box Farrell in the main bout of the Hunter's Club smoker next Wednesday night at the Eleventh-street Playhouse.

Farrell has been working out every day at the Butler Athletic Club and is determined to dispose of Sommers via the knockout route and thereby establish himself as the clear favorite.

Marty has it all figured out how he will beat Sommers here and then go to Seattle and trounce Mick King.

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Gray's Twenty Chesterfield Clothes

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM NEW YORK MARKET, AND WHEN I SPEAK NOW I SPEAK WITH KNOWLEDGE. The cost of CLOTHES for next season will be 100 per cent more in the wholesale cost than last season. You know what that will mean to you when you buy clothes. Our profit-sharing policy will help you out a lot during these times of high prices. We will save you one-half the regular profit charged by other stores.

Compare Gray's \$20 Suits and Overcoats with those sold by other stores for \$25.00 and \$30.00. Compare Gray's \$30 Suits and Overcoats with those sold by other stores for \$35, \$40, \$45.00.

When you have made comparison, then you will buy here, because the values we give are irresistible.

GOOD RECORD MADE

Peninsula Park Gymnasium Teams Have Success.

PEOPLE SHOW INTEREST

Number of Championship Basketball Quintets Developed Under Direction of H. O. Pfander.

FOUR TEAMS REPRESENT CLUB

Interest in basketball has shown a steady growth in the Peninsula Park gymnasium since the club was reorganized in the Fall of 1914, and in the four seasons since that time several championship teams have been developed. Each season all the teams total about 65 or 70 match games. Within each class there is keen competition between teams, and the different teams representing the park have made good records.

The team which, until this season, was called the First Team was organized during the season of 1914-15. Each season they played about 30 games, making a mediocre record their first two seasons and playing to the state championship for 135-pound teams last year, 1916-17.

Players in Service. This year all 10 members of this team and their coach, Al Bartholomy, are in some branch of Army or Navy service. The team known as the Vikings was organized during 1915-16 as a 115-pound team. For three seasons these speedy little players have been state champions. They boast the remarkable record of 55 games played and 54 won.

The members of this team are: Al Ritter, Arthur Borgeson, John Palmer, Laurence Steuer, Jack Fugate, Norman Youmans, Everett Williams, Lewis Coulter.

Last year a new 105-pound team came into existence and called themselves the Cadets. This season's record for them shows 11 games won out of a total of 13 played.

March 4, at the Y. M. C. A., they play the Arleta Juniors for the city championship.

The players are the following: Myron Goodell, Bill Palmore, Earl Reitenen, Pete Williams, Alfred Stith, Ted Wynkoop, Harold Hutchinson, James Houck.

The newest team this season is the 125-pound team, playing teams very much outweighing them. They have 14 games won to one game lost, which establishes a city championship for them.

The players are the following: Mike Huffsmith, Jimmy Osborne, Ralph Doodridge, Bill Weeks, Kenneth McIntosh, Isadore Westernman, Kenneth Stull.

The people of the Peninsula Park community are intensely interested in the progress of all of these teams and are proud of the three championship teams which Mr. Pfander has brought out this year.

Lefts and Rights.

Young Brown won an unpopular decision over Jimmy Dundee in Los Angeles Tuesday night, after four rounds of fast milling. Retiree Mohan brought down a storm of protest upon his head when he raised Brown's hand in token of victory.

Valley Trambitas (Fighting Jimmy Darcy) pounded Cyclone Williams all over the ring for four rounds in San Diego the other night. Williams tried to hold the promoters up for a larger medal at the last minute and held up the show for nearly an hour. He got what he justly deserved when he stepped in the ring with Trambitas.

Fred Winsor, beside managing tight-rope, is doing a little refereeing on the side in Denver. He handled the preliminary in the recent Kid Williams-Leopard contest, and reports say that he did well. Winsor at one time had Jack Dempsey.

K. O. Kravosky, the latest San Francisco heavy-weight sensation, who won from Al McCoy in San Francisco last Friday night, will meet Willie Meacham.

SCHEDULE DATES FIXED

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OWNERS ARRANGE SERIES.

Holiday Dates Settled—Season to Open May 1 and Close September 22. Other Matters Discussed.

The moguls of the American Association did not experience much trouble getting together over dates at their recent schedule meeting. Minneapolis will open at Kansas City, St. Paul at Milwaukee, Indianapolis at Columbus and Louisville at Toledo.

Holiday dates will be as follows: Memorial day—Toledo at Columbus; Louisville at Indianapolis; Milwaukee at Kansas City, and Minneapolis and St. Paul at either city.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the guarantee would not follow when games are transferred from one city to another. The proposition of Joe Tinker, of Columbus, for a series of games to be played by the first and second finishers for a pot of \$100,000, was made up of \$500 contributions by each club, was not acted upon.

The season will open May 1, 20 days later than last season, and close about September 22.

Squirrel Food.

Harry Grey says he could have an automobile if he didn't keep a horse for a stall.

Before we shoot any of our sentries for being "asleep on duty," why not get a little target practice on the spies who stay awake at home to talk treason?

A husband sent his wife a wedding gift, C. O. D. Zeide insisted his hubby was insane—but a lot of husbands will not vote with her.

Signs of Spring.

The boys are commencing to hold their noontime meetings at Broadway and Washington street.

George A. Anderson can officiate at a basketball game and get away with it without getting in a jam, but—no horse race out for an automobile racing driver.

The local billiard parlors will not declare dividends for the next six months. The local office of baseball players, who while away their spare moments clicking the ivories, have all departed for training camps.

Frank Calahan has been wearing a troubled look on his countenance the last couple of days. Some people say he is pulling a "stall," but the popular baseball and fight fan carries a very serious look on his map.

"Doc" Anderson has thrown away his cane. The oldest baseball fan in Portland is anxious to start yelling "Get another umpire." Won't be long, "Doc."

Jess Willard Buys Home.

LAWRENCE, Kan., March 6.—Jess Willard has a 55-acre farm yard today. The champion purchased a \$50,000 home, known as the Cummins place, near here, while visiting in Lawrence two weeks ago. It was learned today, he will make his home there.

RACE VICTIM DIES

STOCKTON, Cal., March 6.—Robert N. Currie, the mechanic who rode with Miss Nina Vitagliano in the automobile race Sunday in which Miss Vitagliano was killed, when he returned, died last night. He was 28 years old and well known in the racing world.

Faber Not to Be Drafted.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Urban "Red" Faber, star pitcher, who played an important part in bringing the world's championship to the Chicago Americans last year, is not to be drafted, according to information received by Manager Rowland. His home address is in Chicago, Ill., has sent enough volunteers to make the calling of conscripted men unnecessary at present.

HOOD RIVER GUNNERS OPEN SEASON.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—The Hood River Rifle Club, composed of a number of business and professional men of the city, opened the 1918 season Sunday on their outdoor range east of the city on the Button ranch. At this practice Alva L. Day, secretary of the Hood River County Game Protective Association, made a score of 23 out of a possible 25.

R. Cruikshank, deputy county engineer and executive officer of the club, is acting as instructor and coach.

A Ray of Hope for Those With Rheumatism

Here is a Message That May Mean an End to All of Your Suffering.

If you are just feeling the first little twinging pains of Rheumatism, we would warn you to take the right course at the outset and avoid permitting yourself to fall a helpless victim to one of the most disabling and painful diseases to which the human family is subject.

And if you have had Rheumatism for any length of time, the chances are that you have kept the ailment worse by now than when you first realized by now that gallons of liniments and other locally applied remedies will never rid you of this body-wrecking pain-racking disease. The best that you can expect from such treatment is some little temporary relief from the sharp, shooting pains.

But you want more than mere relief. You want to break the shackles of a disease that has you so firmly within its power. You want a treatment that not only relieves the pains, but that stops them forever, by reaching their source and removing their cause.

Experience has proven that a great majority of cases of Rheumatism are caused by a disordered condition of the blood. Millions upon millions of tiny little disease germs multiply rapidly and spread throughout the circulation, setting up their attacks of pain at some susceptible part of the body. Of course the blood cannot be reached by local applications, which explains why Rheumatism is never cured by liniments and lotions.

But those whose blood is infested with the germs of Rheumatism should be delighted to know that in the midst of all their suffering there is a bright ray of hope. S. S. S., the reliable purely vegetable blood purifier, promptly purifies the blood and cleanses it of all impurities and disease germs, and in this way makes it impossible for the germs of Rheumatism to remain. A full course of this remedy will prove to you its great efficacy, as it has in numerous cases which have been reported to us by grateful patients.

Do not continue to suffer because of wrong treatment, but go to your drug store and commence taking S. S. S. today. Also write fully to our head physician, who will give you full instructions about your own case. Address: Medical Director, Dr. Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.—Adv.