

BASEBALL BATTLE IS ON IN EARNEST

Week Will Give Fans Good Line on Pacific Coast League Teams.

PORTLAND NINE IS STRONG

On Paper, McCredie's Squad Appears Better Than Oakland or Los Angeles—Only San Francisco Is Feared.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE.
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Has Not Counted Cost.

When Manager McCredie started out to line his players for 1908, the question of money was forgotten. Before the training season opened Manager Mac had separated himself from something like \$100 for railroad transportation. This was the first cost, and added to these figures has been the broad and board for practically 20 players who have been in training for a month. It might also be mentioned in passing that he bought several players and had to pay the draft price for them.

Another thing for which the McCredie deserves credit is that for the first time in the history of baseball in Portland, the management has conducted the Spring training on the same large scale as do the moguls in the big leagues. The money that McCredie has spent in his efforts to give Portland a winning team would make a tidy bank account for a lot of us. Of course, McCredie has been able to play a few exhibition games, but in all of them he did not make enough money to pay the railroad transportation from Santa Barbara to San Francisco.

Only Two Teams Strengthened.

Judging from what the sporting writers said of Oakland, Los Angeles and San Francisco, it looks as if Portland and San Francisco have the only teams that have been greatly strengthened since last season. On paper Oakland is not to be feared; neither is Los Angeles. Captain Van Halteren has a star pitcher for the fans as he has had his crew in training at San Diego, and the line on Pop's team is vague. His line-up, however, is not one that should cause the local fans to worry.

Henry Berry, of course, thinks he has another pennant-grabbing crew, but critics who have looked them over can't see any reason to believe that they are any better than the team that was in the city last year. Jud Smith is a candidate for the sun and outs and I have been told by those who have seen him charging around third base that he is just about his former cleverness. On the other hand, the Angels are woefully weak in the infield and unless there should be a grand improvement in the pitching staff, they will not get the league on fire.

This Spring, as last, the Seals will send a good team into the battle. Last season, after getting off in front, the team fell down, but this year Danny Long and Captain Moller hope to escape the hoodoo. McCredie himself has a wholesome respect for the crew that the Seals have on the payroll and he has drilled it into his players that they must beat San Francisco if they hope to be factors in the pennant race.

A week will give the fans a line on all of the teams. Portland will play a week at San Francisco, go to Los Angeles for a week and then to two weeks in the Bay City and Oakland. The Seals, in meeting Oakland, will have the choice of the easy picking, while the series with the Seals will be a grueling contest from beginning to end.

SEVERAL GOOD SCHOOL NINES

Sharp Competition in "Prep" League Games.

The interscholastic baseball league season was inaugurated during the past week with games between the East and West Side High Schools, and the Portland Academy and Hill Military Academy. From now on there will be two games each week until June 1, when the season ends. The West Side High School and the Portland Academy teams started off on the right foot by winning their respective games, but as both were large score contests, it appears as though it were too early to pick superiority in any of the four clubs.

Next Wednesday the West Side High School will meet the track team from Columbia University. This game should prove a most interesting one, for the reason that the rivalry between the two institutions is most known. Columbia has the reputation of putting a first-class team in the field each year, and this season is said to be stronger than ever. The West Side team is composed of some high-class young players, and those who have witnessed both teams in action expect a closely contested game.

The withdrawal of the Allen Preparatory School from the league left but five clubs, and these will fight it out for the handsome banner that goes with the championship. Each club meets each other twice during the season, and the conclusion of the series the team having the highest percentage will be awarded the championship. The remaining games to be played are the Allen vs. the Hill, April 8—West Side High School and Columbia University.

April 11—East Side High School and Hill Military Academy.
April 15—Portland Academy and Columbia University.
April 18—West Side High and Hill.
April 22—East Side High and Columbia.
April 25—West Side High and Portland Academy.
April 28—Hill and Columbia.
May 2—East Side and Portland Academy.
May 5—East Side and West Side High Schools.

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May 15—West Side and Hill.
May 20—East Side and Columbia.
May 25—Portland Academy and Hill.
May 28—Field day.
May 30—West Side and Columbia.
June 3—East Side and Hill.
June 5—West Side and Portland Academy.
June 8—Hill and Columbia.
June 10—East Side and Portland Academy.

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Rube Waddell Gets Habit in Musical Restaurants.

"Notice the rapid manner in which Rube Waddell works his jaws when on the ball field," asked Al Orth one day last season as he sat on the players' bench at the Highlanders' Park. "Wait until he comes in," said Al, "and you'll ask him."
At the end of the inning in came the big Rube, still working his jaws in the same rapid manner.
"Say, Rube," cried Al, "how did you come to acquire that swift manipulation of your jaws?"
"O," grinned the Athletics' star slapper, "when I was living over in Camden I used to take my meals at a joint where they used to employ a bang-up

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a losing race, were much distressed at the finish.
Record Not Equalled.
The official time follows: At the mile post 4 minutes and 7 seconds; at Hammermill bridge, 15 minutes 22 seconds; at Barnes bridge, 35 minutes and 2 seconds; full course, 19 minutes and 49 seconds. The record is 18 minutes 47 seconds, established by Oxford in 1903 and equalled by Cambridge in 1906. The time last year was 20 minutes 28 seconds.

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Charlie Jones, the center fielder of the Washington team, has taken an oath that he will never again break any glasses during his baseball career. Charlie smashed one at St. Louis last summer and it cost him a cool \$25. The glass wouldn't have brought more than 10 cents at a charity auction.
It seems that Charlie failed to get a hit in a pinch that might have won the game, and after drinking a glass of water, in a moment of anger, he tossed the glass against the concrete store front of the St. Louis grandstand. The glass broke in a million pieces and came down in a shower in one of the boxes occupied by some wealthy St. Louis fans.

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string orchestra to play during meal time. This orchestra never played anything but the quick two-step kind of music, and the first thing I knew white team fell down, but this year Danny Long and Captain Moller hope to escape the hoodoo. McCredie himself has a wholesome respect for the crew that the Seals have on the payroll and he has drilled it into his players that they must beat San Francisco if they hope to be factors in the pennant race.

Chit-Chat of Sporting World

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BEFORE it is time to report for Spring training every young baseball sport is confident he will make the team. In action on the ball field he resembles a crawfish with the goat.

Patrick J. Maher received a copy of the Irish Weekly Independent, printed in Dublin, Ireland, containing a full account of the Burns-Roche battle. The account was a splendid account of the "one-punch battle."

Captain Charles Irwin, the ex-Seal, is rounding up a few California players for his Denver team. He has signed Waldron, who played center for the Seals.

Of course Brick Deveraux's hair is red. He jumped to manage the Santa Cruz team, and already the backers are crying out. By Paul Brick's hair will be streaked with the hoar frost of worry.

Since the Hunt Club gave its first horse show three handsome carriage teams have been sold in Portland. The progressive members of the Hunt Club are to be congratulated for paying the way towards making Portland a market for the best in horse flesh.

San Francisco fight fans paid \$3642 to see Abe Attell fight Nelson to a 15-round draw. Give any line of sports a good drawing card and they will come through with the money.

"Breathe there a man with soul so dead" who when he gazes at the score board falls to say: "I wish I could have seen that game!"

A man in New York has a bullet-proof head. It is a good thing for the newspaper who prints this startling information that the man behind the gun didn't use lots of ball players for his target. If he had there would have been no sensation in the discovery.

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HORSEMEN ADMIT DEFEAT

BUT WILL NOT ABANDON RACING IN NEW YORK.

Plan to Cut Stakes and Purses to Make Game Pay Without Betting Ring.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The Times this morning says the racing men of New York have admitted defeat in their fight to have the anti-betting bill in effect. The concern of men to whom racing is a matter of business is now directed to the possibilities of racing being continued in the face of the prohibition of betting, which all agree is the real factor of the popularity of racing has achieved under the Percy-Gray law.

The owners and managers of the racetracks, for all the great amounts they have invested in racetrack property, are not more keenly interested than the main body of the professional horsemen, who as owners and breeders look to the racetrack for their subsistence. The opening of the New York racing season under the old law will be on April 15, at the Aqueduct track, and it has been announced by the managers of the course that, regardless of what may be done in the way of legislation, the meeting will be opened and run off under the terms of the schedule. Purses will probably be dealt out.

The experiment in prospect at the opening of the Aqueduct track will be the same which failed when betting was suppressed on the Chicago racetracks at St. Louis and in New Jersey.

PAY TWICE IN ONE WEEK

Strange Incident Under English Inheritance Tax Law.

LONDON, April 4.—(Special.)—It appears from the will of George Dorsett of 28 Hyde Park gardens, just proved, that death duties have been paid twice within a week on an estate of over \$70,000.

George Dorsett died on February 10, leaving \$70,000 gross to his widow, Mrs. Dorsett died on February 16. The Rev. Canon William Barker of St. Paul's is the new legate.

The current financial year has been noteworthy in the number of large estates which have paid duty twice within a short period.

Sir Frederick Wigan, first Baronet, died in March last, leaving the bulk of \$1,000,000 to his son, Sir Frederick William Wigan, who died five weeks later, and the late Lord Brampton's property, \$500,000, all of which he left to his wife, by her death six weeks later again became liable for duty. Other transactions include the estate of Lord Alderham and William George Pearce.

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