# BEAVERS FACTOR IN PENNANT RACE

Team is Bound to Be Heard From, Says San Francisco Sporting Writer.

#### LOSSES DUE TO HARD LUCK

Pitchers of Opposing Teams Fear Portland Batters-Will Win Big String of Games, Once They Get Stride, Says Mr. Smith.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 - (Special Correspondence.)—If ballplayers' opinions count for anything, and some of the fellows you meet in these parts are a wise bunch of coots, Portland has a ball team that will be a factor in the Pacific Coast League pennant race this year, in spite of the fact that the team has been dragof the fact that the team has seen drag-ging along in its accustomed position at the bottom of the ladder. And if the views of the fans, I mean those who watch baseball closely, who know what inside baseball means, are to figure, that same Portland team will be up among them long before the finish comes.

Doubtless Portland fans, who are a long suffering public, will take this with a grain of sait. They will say that talk is cheap and point to the percentage column. But figures sometimes lie, you know, and it is the honest opinion of the writer that the Reavers are for helder than they look the Beavers are far better than they look to those of you who have been obliged to follow the league race so far entirely through the columns of the newspaper. There are some good reasons that can be submitted as to why Portland has not been more successful. First of all, and more important than the other reasons, undoubtedly, comes the fact that when the sesson opened, there was no team so the Sanka Mark tout that team is the season opened, there was no team so fit as the Seals. Mark you, that team is still to be reckoned with, but it was further advanced on April 4 than the other three squads. Nor is the cause far to seek. The Seals had played for two weeks against the White Sox, of Chicago, with the finest kind of weather. Then they went into training camp at Bakersfield and enjoyed two weeks of the the same sunshine. Their pitchers were the same sunshine. Their pitchers were on their tiptoes and their regular men all ready for the harness, with nobody

#### Seals Were Farther Advanced.

Naturally enough, they started with a rush, that would not only have overwhelm ed Portland, but any other team against which they might have been pitted. Their playing for that first series of 10 games was marvelously good. That string of defeats was what hurt the Beaver per-centage column more than anything else. McCredie's men, some of them were slow to report, and others had to be taught many things before they could be considered in the proper shape for this kind of professional ball. Especially were the Judge's pitchers in none too good form, something that would count.

And all this militated against Portland. When the Beavers went to Los Angeles, they showed to far better advantage, and, although they lost the series with Oak-land last week, there were some tight squeezes. It is to be admitted that the Beavers made some bonehead plays, but so did Oakland, and having gotten that sort of stuff out of their systems, they should perform much better.

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On the return of the San Francisco club from Los Angeles after the rather sorry showing of the Seals, I asked Oscar Jones what he thought of the Southern

I would much rather play Los Angeeat us in Los Angeles, but they will not do it very often, and you always have to be afraid of those stickers on the Port-

"Those Beavers will win some games when they get started," added Harry Sutor, the southpaw pitcher from Texas, who is one of the stars on Danny Long's aggregation.

And so you see what the other players think of the Portland club. As a team, the Beavers are much better stickers than fielders, but that is a fault that will be remedied as the season grows older. Now for the men individually

### The Beaver Outfield.

You Portland enthusiasts know that outfield trio—Bassey. Raftery and Wai-ter McCredle, as well as the writer. They were all on the team last year, and the fans of Oregon have had a good chance to size them up. Bu should be remarked that Bassey But it improved wonderfully as a sticker. This must have been evidenced by the fact that he has been moved up from well down the list to the second man well down the list to the second man and to follow Casey is to have the position of honor. Casey is reputed a man who gets more free walks than any player in the league, and McCredie is vise enough to want a timely hitter immediately after him

Raftery and McCredie are probably about the same as last year. Raftery Is just as fast as he was, but doesn't seem to be hitting the ball any bet-ter. At that, he is a valuable man in center, one who is able to cover a world of ground. The burden of man aging a team rests as heavily on the shoulders of Walter McCredie as in the past. It is certainly nothing new of McCredie to write that he would be a much stronger baseball player if some one else had the reins of govern-

There are several new faces this year on the infield. Babe Danzig at first and Cooney at shortstop are the new men, while Casey is a familiar face at second and Johnson, not a new man but a third baseman, fills the other corner.

### Danzig a Promising Player.

Of the new men on the infield, Dan zig looks the most promising and the best advantage when the season is at a close. Danzig is still something of a diamond in the rough, but he can hit the ball and is willing to be taught something about the fielding game. Casey is an invaluable helpmate to the six-footer and more. Already I is remarked that Danzig knows mor out first base than he did when the season opened. The inside of base ball was more or less of a puzzle to Harold, but he has been carefully coached. His reach is something of an advantage to him in covering first. He especially strong, however, at the t. When he lands on the ball, it goes hard, and once he learns the knack of putting it on the ground, in-stead of knocking flies, he will have the fielders of the league buffaloed. When the ball does go through the in-field with lightning rapidity, there are few who care to go after the leather.

Cooney, the shortstop, is one of the sensational fielders of the league. He is shy on stickwork, however, a fact that might hold him back from faster npany. Some of the brilliant plays the season have been made by this me Cooney. He has that rare ability necessary to an infielder, of never stop

## PORTLAND ANNUAL BENCH SHOW CLOSES SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION



ping to straighten up when he picks up a ball. He just scoops it over to first or second, as the case may be, the field-ing of the ball and the throwing being welded into one motion. Quite fre-quently he has electrified the fans at Recreation Park by his work in that regard

regard.

McCredie said the other day that he was thinking seriously of putting Buddy Ryan at third base and using Ote Johnson as a pitcher. Buddy Ryan, you know, is the infielder who halls from Pueblo, in the Western League. My advice to McCredie would be to let Johnson stay where he is. The fans are sweet on Ryan, but if McCredie can get anybody who will handle that difficult third sack better than Johnson does at the present time, he will be going some. It can't be said of Johnson that he is among the "higherups," when it comes to batting averages, but he has got the right kind of a wing to send the ball across the diamond to first, and he is not lazy diamond to first, and he is not lazy when it comes to covering his territory.

Ryan Good in Any Position, At that, Ryan shouldn't be over-

looked. He has not played in many games, but he handles himself well, is a good base runner and evidently an exgood base runner and evidently an experienced fielder. Probably the Portland people, or some of them, understand just how close the right field fence is at Recreation Park. Frequently the ball hits the fence, and only a fielder who understands the lay of the land can judge how that ball is going to bound off the fence. The first day that Ryan filled McCredie's shoes in right field, he was noticeably a stranger on the job, but he soon had the balls gauged properly and after that made some catches that were

that made some catches that were worth while. Versatility in a ball player is a trait worth while, and Mc-Credie can afford to keep Ryan as an

Casey, of course, is playing his usually consistent game at second base. He does more than field his position, for he keeps the team together and up to the top notch that is required to win games this year.

### Fans Like Indian Twirler.

Of the new pitchers, Pinnance, the Indian, has won public favor. He is a quiet, unassuming man and while he apparently hasn't got much on the ball. depending largely on his speed, he has gotten away with it so far. One thing about Pinnance, he is perfectly cool. The Oakland crowd tried to rattle him a couple of times, but they found they couldn't do it and then they stopped.

Bloomfield, the boy McCredie picked up from the State League, has had hard nick, as the opposing batters have been ocating his delivery. Pernoll won a couple of games, chiefly because the Beavers were hitting like fiends behind him and Harmon hasn't worked enough to give much of a line on his ability. Garrett, the Texas twirler, broke the hoodoo that has been following him, when he won from Oakland last Sun-

day morning. All the way through Garrett has been pitching steady ball, but he lost five before a victory was finally credited to him. His work last Sunday morning was good. He has a curve that kept the Commuters guessing and they were shut out. Eagan, the old reliable sticker, was twice fanned and when Garrett beat little Johnny Hopkins, he did something that was worth while.

Groom and Kinsella, of the last year's squad, are rounding into shape. Kinsella pitched good ball last Tuesday and gives indication of being fit. If he is, he will give the balance of the teams something to think about. Groon is not carrying as much weight as he ought to pack and doesn't appear to be in the best of health. Of the twirl-ing staff he seems the one who will round into form the most slowly

All in all, it is hard to see just where Judge McCredie could make any im-provements at the present time by changes. Once his team gets to working nicely together, and there ought to be long stretches of games won.

But the boys will be at home next
Tuesday, and then you will be able to judge for yourselves.

### STILL HAS TWO MILLIONS

Morse Planning to Pay Every Dollar He Owes.

NEW YORK, May 2-That Charles W. Morse, the former banker and steamship promoter, was about to pay every dollar of his indebtedness resulting from the collapse of his business, was a statement made today by his counsel. Counsel said Mr. Morse's settlement of the claims of the National Bank of North America yesterday was only a beginning and that he planned to settle all claims as rapidly as possible. He declared that Mr. Morse's friends have loyally stood by him and that when all indebtedness is settled Mr. a substantial fortune of at least \$2,000,000 left.

### Six Nutmeggers for Bryan.

HARTFORD CONN., May 2.—At a meeting of the Connecticut delegation to the Denver convention this afternoon Alexander Troup secured a poll as to the personal preference of the delegation. The result showed six were for Bryan two for Johnson and six non-c The delegation is uninstructed

### Ringler's Swimming Plunge.

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MRS. W.E. PRUDHOMMES BLACK COCKER SPANIEL, CAPTAIN

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praise for their efforts in this instance. favor

T IS back to the backyards and kennels with the dogs and puppies for another with the dogs and puppies for another year, for the Portland Kennel Club's ninth annual bench show wound up in a blaze of glory last night and the fortunate owners of prize winning canines are rejoicing today in their several homes while alternately caressing the homes with a liternately caressing the portland dog fanciers in no measured terms. Mr. Bradshaw was an exhibitor and succeeded in capturing sevintations and interest and somewhere hearts were light. But the greatest ball game, greatest because it meant much to a thousand little hearts, was played to a th

victorious animal or the beautiful cup accompanying the decision of Judge George S. Thomas, who passed so ably upon the galaxy of dog talent present for his judgment.

The show which closed last night was the biggest and best exposition of the kind held since the organization of the club nine years ago, and the Portland Kennel Club and its indefatigable members who labored so faithfully for its success are deserving of considerable praise for their efforts in this instance.

## WHY BENCH SHOWS DRAW

DOG "DOPESTERS" DIFFER AS TO REASONS.

Some Say "Faking" Pays-Others Hold That Show Canines Are Displayed "to Be in Style."

What is the chief attraction of the dog show? Is it as owners, potential owners, sellers, buyers, students of breeds or mere onlookers that the crowds come? Or do the greater number attend merely to be in fashion?

There was a group about a table talking this over on Friday night at the Garden, says the New York Sun. Declared the Westminster committeeman who had the call: "What's the use of such an analysis of motives or impulses? The dog's the thing, and the chief charm of a bench show lies in the beholder's

"Guv'ner, th' fakin' is wot catches 'em," broke in a roughly clad handler over the heads of the circle. "Say, it's all a bloke kin do to make a livin' wot with th' way they keep a-lookin' out for dyed spots, clips on ears or talls that fix th' shape right, or if a patch of red blood shows under th' coat th' callin' down a respectable man gets for being cruel with th' rasp is a caution. More'n half th' show visitors are cappers fur "And a very good thing, too," declared

the committeeman. "There was never a time when there was so little overtrimming or pernicious pointing up of dogs. Owners, judges and officials are united in stamping out the practices, and they now only exist among unscrupulous

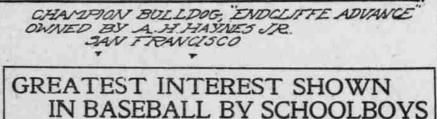
shows and forms one of their attrac-All Like the Show Dogs.

"Yet the show dog is the attraction brings the visitors, besides it would sell for far more money than any working dog of the same broke in a ring judge. "The drafts of foxhounds and beagles in the pack classes are always the real thing, however, but the hunt uniforms and liverles give distinction to these classes, not the accident that they are working dogs. The show beagles, bred to the bench show purple, are as popu-lar; field spaniels are better loved as parlor pets than rough-coated workers, while with pointers and setters the picture sort attract more visitors

than the field trial winners."
"That is true, and I can prove it." a Westminster governor added. shows ago we went to much expense to gather in a special class the winners at the year's field trials, from Missouri to Manitoba, and we gave cups to the professional breakers who brought them on. It was the best collection of bird dogs ever brought to New York. Yet the crowd passed by to enthuse over the sieek and shiny setters and pointers that would be gun shy and bird fazed if brought to a shooting preserve."

### Americans Spend the Money.

"May not the chief attraction be that Americans pay more money for dogs than other people?" inquired the ama-teur fancier. "In New York alone has \$10,000 been paid for St. Bernards, col-lies and buildogs; half that much for Airedale terriers, while the record figures for fox terriers and Irish ter-riers is also held in New York. The public knows that all the highest. priced dogs are benched at the Westminster show, and they crowd in to see a four-footed curlosity no better to look at than Old Dog Tray that has



Game Played on Back Lot Between Grammar League Teams Means Much to Players and Host of Admirers.

S HATTUCK SCHOOL, II.

Atkinson School

Throughout the length and breadth of this happy land many ball games were played Friday, and like the lines in "Casey at the Bat," somewhere of heart interest and enthusiasm nothing that I have seen since my sandio days compared with the game I saw Friday afternoon. Fancy runs riot as I try to tell of that I saw, for there on that uneven ground—just a semblance of a player that ever wore a uniform ever

Of course Shattuck School won. was the day of the week, the time of the month and it was written in the book, for didn't little L. Schill, 7 years Shattucks even if dey tried. Say," he broke in after imparting this bit of information, "Fellow, what school dees you go ter?" Then before answer could be made, he asked, "Which side is youse goin' ter stick wid?"

When assured that I thought pretty

When assured that I thought pretty well of the Shattucks, he launched into discussion of the weaknesses of the Atkinson "fellers," as he called the opposing team, and of the heroes who wore the red uniforms and carried the hopes of the Shattuck rooters. My pal told me of the prowess of Hum-

mel as a batter before the game started and when that hero made two home runs, he looked at me through eyes that spoke volumes and around the corners of his childish mouth there twitched a smile that said very clearly, "Just what I told you." Then when Prideaux tore the cover off the ball for another homer, my guide could not restrain himself longer. He grabbed his little cap and for the third base waited with flew for the third base, waited with prancing and eager steps for the onward rushing player and, as he rounded the base for the home plate, my pal joined him in his mad race to the plate. his short legs making a heroic effort to keep stride with the lucky batsman. Perched high on the embankment were the lassles of the Shattuck School. They screamed when Shattuck made four runs in the opening inning, shouted taunts and shrill cries of disdain at the demoralized lads from Atkinson School and waved the Shattuck pennants of brown and yellow. It seemed as if each lassie had a sweetheart on the diamond below. One did, I know, for after he had made a circle of the bases and had scored the first run. one little miss, with cheeks the hue of a beautiful Oregon rose, signaled him as he crossed the plate. The sly ras-cal must have had his eyes on the spot where she sat, for he scampered up the steep embankment with

he agility of a mountain goat and took from her trembling hand a luscious bon-bon. Nor did he blush or care when the rest of the chatterboxes jibed and laughed at him. And when they called him "deary, darling" and a host of pet names, he only smiled as "Mighty Casey" did and hurried back into the game While this game was being fought out, across the field and on the same plot of ground, the Ainsworth School and the Sellwood School were in deadly combat. Strung along the base lines and high up on the embankments was the same

of eager youngsters, both lads and las-sies. By the time I had wandered over to watch this great game, a gentle rain was falling. On the Ainsworth School team were two youngsters that attracted my attention. One was the pitcher, Deggio. He wore a uniform of screaming blue, and never was there a National Leaguer with such confidence and self-poise. He diamond-I saw a mixture of the real wound up and delivered the ball like Bobby Groom, wore his cap jauntily on the side of his head and fielded his posidreamed of executing. And if there is any old dyed-in-the-wool fan in the City of Portland, maybe a crank on the game fully stuck it on the button on the top of or just a true lover of the sport for the sport's sake, let him climb the long hill after he alights from a Jefferson-street forth, just as you have seen McCredie do. car and spend an afternoon with the Both games were called in the seventh in-kiddles who play ball. There is a seat on the golden throne for

the man who planned the ball grounds back of the park and to the man or men who organized and perfected the Gramold, tell me that "Dey can't beat de mar School League, every mother and father in the city will forever be under obligation.

The teams lined up as follows: Shattuck-Waiter Hummell, pitcher; Henry Pflester, catcher; Nicholas Ber-covitch, first base; Willie Baird, second base; Reginald Predeaux, shortstop; Alfred Schulz, third base; Elvin Condit, right field; Roland Jones, center field; Harry Christensen, left field. Atkinson-Milton Giddings,

Lloyd Hays, pitcher; George Penson, second base; Owen Carr, center field; Her-bert Drake, left field; Gay Fox, third base; Ralph Jacobs, first base; Frank Nugent, right field; Albert Wilson, short-

THE DAY'S HORSE RACES

At Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 2 .- Results of Six furlongs-Belmere won, Preen second, Ray Bennett third; time, 1:14 4-5.

Four furlongs-Tom Hayward won, Captain John second, New Jram third; time, 0:48 4-5. ime, 0:48 4-5.

Mile and half—Logistilla won; Nadza econd; Edwin T. Fryer third; time,

Mile and sixteenth, Claremont handicap-Frank Flittner won, J. C. Cle second, Marster third; time, 1:46 3-5. Mile and 70 yards—Tavora won; artinmas second, Montelair third; Martinmas Futurity course, "Linda Vista Handicap"-Center Shot won, Cloudlight sec-ond, The Mist third; time, 1:10 2-5.

At Jamaica.

JAMAICA, May 2.—Results of races; Four and a half furlongs—Ramble



won, Madrilene second, Arionette third; time, 0:54 3-5.

Six furiongs—Masquerade won, Ale-theuo second, Black Oak third; time, 1:13. Five furlongs — Fitzherbert won, Trance second, Erbert third; time, I minute. Dead heat between Fitzherbert and Trance.

Mile and a sixteenth—Old Honesty won, Rifleman second, Spooner third; time, 1:47.

Mile and a sixteenth—Saylor won,

At Lexington. LEXINGTON, Ky., May 2,-Results

of races: Five furlongs-Direct won, Tony W. second, Anderson third; time 1:07 1-5. Six furlongs—Terah won, Moquette second, Macias third; Time 1:19 1-5. Five furlongs-Lady Hawthorns Alice Baird second, Raba third; time

Seven furlongs-Lady Vie won, Lafayette second, Hazel Patch third; time

Fourth race, seven furlongs-Sam Clay Gibson second, Artist third; time Mile and eighth-Thomas Calhoun won,

Bucket Brigade second, Katle Powers third; time 2:02 4-5.

FINE BILLIARD PARLORS OPEN

Anderson & Powers' Resort Under the Perkins, Splendidly Equipped.

Andy Anderson, formerly second base-man for the Portland Club and with the Aberdeen champions of the Northwestern League last season, and Jerry Powers, the well-known smoke impressario for Ed Schiller, have opened up the handsomes pool and billiard pariors in Portland under the Hotel Perkins, at 2014 Washington The new resort is fitted up in the "Mis-

Balke-Collender Company expressly for Powers & Anderson, and are bound to make a hit with the disciples of Hoppe. Sutton, Schaefer and the other wiza The doors were formally thrown open to the public last night, but owing to the

sion" style, and the 12 large new tables

were built in the East by the Brunswick-

fact that the repairs to the hotel upstairs have not been finished, it will be a week or two before the second entrance will be from the hotel lobby, will be

ready.
All the lights and fixtures are of the latest improved pattern, and the cue racks contain an appliance fitted with lock and key whereby any player having a private cue can keep the same free from the use of the general run of patrons. When completly furnished and decorated the new parlors will have cost the owners something like \$35,000, and as they expect to cater only to the best element they hope to realize nicely on their investment.

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