

BETTER THAN .300

Northwestern League Averages Show Few Heavy Stickers in Crews.

LUCAS GIVES OUT FIGURES

Pitcher Gough Portland's Best Slugger, With Percentage of .266. Kinsella Most Effective Twirler Among the Colts.

Before departing to Memphis, Tenn., to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, William H. Lucas, president of the Northwestern League, completed compiling the averages of that organization for the season just ended.

Only three players in the league batted better than .300, and these were Bennett and Frisk, of Seattle, and Buck Connors of Spokane and Vancouver. Bennett set the highest mark among the players by totaling an average of .314 for the season. Frisk batted .297 and Connors .293.

Portland's leading batsman is Irving Gough with an average of .266 in 29 games. Cooney in 13 games has an average of .265 which is the best mark of any of Casey's regular players.

President Lucas has compiled a most comprehensive table of pitchers' averages, which enables the reader to figure at a glance the work of the different twirlers. According to the number of games won and lost, "Little Rock" Allen, of Seattle, is the leading pitcher of the Northwestern League.

the Northwestern League. However from a point of effectiveness based on the number of base hits allowed an opponent, Gilligan, of Vancouver, and Kinsella, of Portland, carry the honors. In 27 games Allen was found by the opposing teams for a batting average of .213. Gilligan pitched 28 games and allowed his opponents an average of .174, while Eddie Kinsella, the big Portlander, pitched 25 games and held the opposing teams to an average of .187. Big Bill Chenault, of Portland, was the only other twirler to hold his opponents below the .200 mark. yet he won only 7 out of 27 games.

Baker Leads in Strike-outs. Baker, the Tacoma and Spokane pitcher, led the pitchers in the number of strikeouts scored, for he whiffed a total of 269 batsmen in 41 games. Gus Thompson, of Seattle, is second with 211 whiffs in 35 games. Kinsella, of Portland, fanned 195 in 23 games. Wright and Green, of Spokane, Ike Butler, of Tacoma, and Ed Flanagan, of Vancouver, were the only Northwestern pitchers who did not allow a home run hit during the season. The Miller, of Seattle, was found for his delivery during the season. Hickey, of Vancouver, allowed 11 circuit swats. Tom Seaton, of Portland, leads all the pitchers in the number of ground balls contributed during the season, for Tom heaved wildy 13 times, and his nearest competitor is Jesse Baker with 11.

NEW YORK SHOW BIG EVENT

Many New Ideas in Autos Will Be Displayed.

Although several manufacturers have made announcements of their 1910 models as early as last Spring, the 1910 models are known as a number of them they are "coming up their sleeves" that they are deliberately holding back until show time. When these announcements were made, the impression gained considerable headway that few changes could be found in the majority of the cars, but a careful examination reveals a score of changes of one nature or another in nearly all of them.

The Tenth National Automobile Show will be held at Madison Square Garden, January 8-15, the public will be given the best opportunity of seeing the new models of the old and standard makes of cars of the members of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, under whose auspices the automobile show in the Garden is held annually. The latest models will be displayed side by side and the public can compare their various points.

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BY HARRY E. SMITH

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 25.—(Special)—For the time being, at least, the center of the fight game has moved back to New York, where the powers that be in pugilism are industriously endeavoring to bring about the signing of an article between James J. Jeffries and Alvin Ketchel, who have agreed to meet in a fight for the world's championship of the world. Just now the fighters are going through the preliminary stages, but that they will eventually agree on terms seems to be no question.

Just now the main issue seems to be where the fight will go and what promoter will be given the honor of handling the match. Although there are countless offers from all over the United States and also from other parts of the world, California seems to be the favorite.

There are three bona fide bidders in San Francisco, and Tom McCarry in Los Angeles has announced his desire to be a factor. The San Franciscans who are ready to bid when the proper moment comes are James W. Coffroth, who is already in New York; Sid Hestor, matchmaker of the Mission Athletic Club, who says he is willing to give \$75,000 and 50 percent of the moving pictures; and Jack Gleason, who only this week secured a permit to conduct fights in Alameda County.

COFFROTH HAS BEST CHANCE

Gleason, who appreciates as much as anyone else the importance of being in New York in person to present his bid and make his arguments, left Thursday of this week, having wired Coffroth to see Mr. Berger when he would arrive.

Neither Gleason nor Coffroth has as yet announced what he is prepared to offer. They are far too astute to be whipped around by the telegraph wires with offers at a time when the fighters are not as yet in a position to receive bids and consider them.

Frankly, it looks as if Coffroth stands the best chance of landing the match, although Berger, being friendly with Gleason, might swing his influence in that direction. Coffroth has the biggest fight promoter in the country and one who is uniformly successful. Both Jeffries and Johnson have considerable faith in the ability of Coffroth, and they might prefer to tie up to him on a smaller proposition than with the other promoters. If it is a case of a hard and fast purse offer, however, with an entire guarantee deposited by the promoter, the confidence in the one promoter as against another may not cut much ice.

However, California seems to stand the best chance of a state because the boxing laws will permit of unlimited contracts and there is no probability of the bill being stopped.

COALINGA COULD PUT UP

Coalinga, Cal., has made an offer of \$100,000 for the fight, but whether this is on the square remains to be seen. Coalinga is one of the richest communities in the state and can well afford to donate a purse of that description. It is hard to see how that section of the state would be benefited if the matchroom offers as good as a section, who started the country the first of the week by offering a purse of \$75,000 with 50 per cent of the moving pictures, or the privilege of 75 per cent of the gross, asserts that he means business and that he has plenty of backing. He says this money is awarded the fight he stands ready to deposit \$50,000 with any reputable stakeholder, and for figures on pulling off the fight in San Mateo County, where long-distance matches are all the rage, and thinks he would break even on the moving pictures.

OFFICIAL NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE PITCHERS' RECORDS AND PITCHING ANALYSIS FOR 1909.

Table with columns for Name, Games, Pitches, Wins, Losses, etc. Includes sections for Individual Fielding, Shortstops, Outfielders, Pitchers, and Catchers.

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