

CELLAR DIVISION MAY TAKE BRACE THIS SEASON. WILL THEY? IS QUERY

Oakland and Vernon, Losers Last Year, to Be in Race, Say Their Boosters—White Sox Critics Like Work of Commuters and Hooligans, as Shown in Workout Games.



A new man, will have second, and Cutshaw, who was with the club last year, is regarded as a certainty for shortstop. Wolverton will play the third base and this will give him Happy Hogan, Carroll and Swander in the outfield. The Portland fans know how Hogan can hit the ball and Swander is not one whit behind him.

Tennison, Nelson and Christian, of the old pitching squad, are in good shape and should start the season with a rush. Carl Lewis is one of the old catchers, and Mitze, one of the new backstop men, looks good enough to attack. All in all, Ed Waiter, of the Commuters, is very proud of his aggregation. But the old-time fans say that Oakland always falls down when it comes to championship games and there the rub may come again.

Vernon Unknown Quantity.

Little is known of the Vernon club in San Francisco, as we have not had an opportunity to see it play. It is rated well, however, by the experts who have looked it over and it bids to make a tight race for the flag.

The Seals are certainly no better than they were last year, particularly toward the close of the season, but they look to be as good. Tommy Tennant is playing an improved first base. He is batting better and plays ground balls with more certainty. Kid Mohler and Harry McAville around second insure good team work in that department, and if Oscar Vitt continues to improve, there will be no chance to take him away from third.

Mundorf in Outfield.

As things look at the present writing, Howard Mundorf will be sent to the outfield. He has been playing left field in the last two weeks and he has been stinging the ball. Jimmy Lewis is being worked at center and Harry Melchior in right. Eddie will probably be retained, although he does not clash with the outfielders named.

Nick Williams and Claude Berry will do the big share of the catching. Berry is one of the headiest catchers in the league and Williams has ginged up a lot of the new pitchers. Miller is by far the best and promises to step into the shoes of Browning. Rex Ames, also, promises to be a valuable asset and will do the big share of the catching. Berry is worth the \$50 that must be paid for him. Williams, Henley, Griffin and Stewart are working fairly well, although Stewart, the Texan, has been bothered with a leg that has kept him out of the game, and Williams was under a physician's orders for a time.

White Sox Lose Money.

The visit of the White Sox on the Pacific Coast closed with the Sunday games. Comiskey's teams have had anything but a successful trip financially this year and, furthermore, that their practice has been marred by unusually rainy and cold weather. Even when the weather has

been nice, the fans of San Francisco have not warmed up to the exhibition games as they have done for the two previous years. Prices were dropped from 50 cents to a quarter for the bleachers, but even that failed to bring out the crowds. In the first place, there is too much baseball in California, and in the second, the fans have seen the Chicago Americans so much that they know about what they can do.

However, it is the last time the Sox will come to the Coast. Comiskey thinks the trip too long and not the proper kind of training. President Taylor, of the Boston Americans, has promised that his club will take the place of the Americans from the Windy City next year. And, incidentally, Comiskey must have dropped a good bunch of money.

Sheehan Is New Manager.

Tommy Sheehan, at one time with Pittsburgh, later with Brooklyn, and last year with Cy Morehead's Oakland State League team, is the manager of the San Francisco State League team. He was appointed this week by Cal Ewing. Sheehan had trouble during the winter over back salary with Morehead and brought suit in Stockton to recover the same. That caused trouble and Morehead was only too glad to release his rival to Cal. The San Francisco State League will be made up for the most part from the leftovers for the Seals.

President Herman, of the State League, has appointed Jimmy Toman and Charlie Irwin as umpires in his league. Both men were umpires in the Pacific Coast League last season.

It is reported that Henderson, Moskman and Hackett, of the Oakland Stars, will receive \$200 apiece a month this season. That must hurt them some and it is whispered about that they are decidedly sore. However, it is a case of taking what they are offered or nothing at all. Moreover, Morehead will get along with 19 men, which means that when one of the pitchers is hit in the box he will be holding down some other position. Truly, a State League job will not be all honey.

HILLSBORO SIGNS PLAYERS

Hinkle, Briggs, Houston and Brown Accept Club's Offer.

Ray Hinkle, Benny Briggs, Asher Houston and Gordon Brown, semi-professional baseball players who were sought assiduously by some of the tri-city teams, have signed contracts with the past few days to play with the Hillsboro independent team.

Early in the season, when there was some talk of admitting the Hillsboro club to the tri-city, these four men agreed to play with the team. Later, when Hillsboro withdrew from the league, the boys thought of changing to

COACHES SELECT BASEBALL MEN TO COMPOSE TEAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Interscholastic League Will Soon Be Ready for Opening of Spring Season—Race for Championship Promises to Be Close—Many Old Players Are Turning Out for Work.

CALIFORNIA TOUR IS ENDED

M. L. Holbrook Reports Southern Roads in Good Condition.

In a big Peerless touring car, owned by M. L. Holbrook, a merry party of Portlanders toured in California for six weeks, returning home early last week. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hart, who made tours from Sacramento and Monterey.

"We found the roads in fine condition," said Mr. Hart. "There has not been very much rain down there, though enough for the crops. What showers did fall came at night and the days were uniformly sunny and bright. In the large valleys east of the Coast Range rain would have been welcome."

At San Francisco the party was in a theater when the heaviest earthquake shock since April, 1906, was felt. The audience, said Mr. Hart, arose as one man and a panic was imminent. It required tact on the part of the performers to quiet the crowd.

Seven Nations in Marathon.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Seven nationalities will be represented in the Marathon derby, which is to be run at the polo grounds here a week from today. The entries include two Americans, Johnny Hayes and Hans Holmer; two Irishmen, Frank Clarke, winner of this year's Edinburgh classic, and Jim Crossley; one Englishman, Percy Selton; one Indian, Paul Acosee; the Swedes Thude Johansen and Gustav Ljungstrom; Canada's latest speed marvel, Fred Meadows, and the Italian Marathon champion, Umberto Biase, who is now on his way here.

The tri-color of the French nation may also be seen at the starting post as last year's winner of the derby, Henri Yves, is nibbling at the bait and may be here in time to compete.

LONDON HAS NEW CRAZE

ROLLER SKATING TAKES FIRM HOLD OF SOCIETY.

Upper Classes Take Winged Feet and Enjoy New Rinks as Much as Those of Ice.

LONDON, March 26.—(Special.)—London society this year has made a departure from the established custom of long standing which accords to the King or else some member of the royal family the privilege of starting a new fad. All by itself society has taken up the roller skating craze and is going in for it with much vim.

All classes, from Duchesses to shop girls from the stores, have taken to themselves winged feet and go gliding over the specially prepared track of the rink with all the grace of birds on the wing. The roller skating rink is popular in popularity, which is considered the more peculiar because in the "provinces" roller skating has not hitherto been patronized by the upper classes. London has taken to the sport, however, with all the acclimation given a novelty.

So popular has the sport become that even though the season is drawing to a close, society is loth to give it up. Afternoons and such evenings as can be spared from formal entertainments find the rinks crowded to their capacity.

Princes is the resort of the most exclusive skaters, and there are seen wonderful demonstrations of the poetry of motion. Skating Duchesses glide over the ice with the easy assurance of birds on the wing. The Duchess of Roxburgh's superb figure skating runs that of the Duchess of Bedford quite close. The Duchess of Westminster is also frequently seen on the rink enjoying the exhilarating pastime. The Countess Pappenheim was seen skating hand in hand with her daughter, Countess Pauline Pappenheim, and others present were the Earl and Countess of Lytton and Colonel and Mrs. Hall Walker. Most of the ladies were attired in short, well-cut tailored costumes of cloth or velvet, beautifully and smartly trimmed. Men usually wear an ordinary lounge suit, but on the occasion of competitions and exhibitions the correct costume is black tights, high-boots and close-fitting tunic with astrakhan trimmings. From Secretary H. W. Page it was learned that many of the members of Prince's were out of London, and yet the rink presented a most animated scene. The skating season begins about the end of October and closes in April, and during that period Prince's is a most fashionable resort.

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With the continuation of ideal baseball weather, the various interscholastic baseball squads have been working faithfully and are ready to put on the finishing touches in the time that remains before the opening of the season on April 20. The wedding out process at all the schools has been almost completed and the coaches have announced the successful candidates for most of the positions.

Coach Earl of Washington High School has decided upon all but a man for the backstop position and one of the field positions. All the infield stations, including that of pitcher, will be well filled by members of last year's squad. These men are Joe Jones, captain and shortstop; Hough, pitcher; Anson Cornell, second base; Julius Moreland, first base; Orville Cobb, third base. These five players helped land the championship for the East Side institution last season, and will form a nucleus for an equally strong aggregation this year.

Jones and Cornell were members of the all-star football team last fall. Jones played with the Portland Academy team before going to Washington High School and is easily one of the star players of the league. Orville Cobb is a brother of Earl Cobb, the Portland Academy athlete.

Herbert George and Fred Annunson are certain for field positions. Wilson, Stannard and Ferguson, probably will be used in the field or as substitutes in the other positions.

No Catcher in Sight.

The catcher's position is the only one for which a good man is lacking on the Washington team. Coach Earl has not discovered any one who looks like even a possibility for this place yet and consequently is in considerable of a quandary. It is probable that a new man will have to be developed for the position. A strong second team is being organized.

The first team will play game next Saturday with Newberg High School. Games are also being arranged with Chemawa, Salem High School, Vancouver High School, Gresham High School and the Behlke Walker Business College.

The Columbia University team probably will take a trip up the Willamette Valley this Spring as it did last year, and there is a likelihood also of a trip to Boise, Idaho. The university has always had strong teams, which generally have been successful in outside games. Last Spring, the team won one of its games from the O. A. C. nine at Corvallis. A game will be played with Mount Angel College on May 7.

Columbia has again secured the services of Dolly Gray for coach, and it is expected he will duplicate his last year's success. Dolly never lacks words with which to instruct his charges and his baseball lingo is wonderful. The personnel of Gray's team has been known for several days. It consists

JULIUS MORELAND, 1ST BASE

largely of the Perkins family, all of whom are good players. The team follows: Catcher, F. Perkins; first base, Harris; second base, Davis; shortstop, Gakey; third base, Hayward; field positions—D. Perkins, W. McAllen, Fitzgerald and Baker; pitchers V. Perkins and Finegan. Finegan, the captain, suffered a dislocated finger, but will be able to twirl in the first game.

The contest for places on the Lincoln High School team has been exceedingly warm and the complete personnel of the team will not be announced for a few days. The team probably will be picked

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