

LEAGUE RACE NOW NEARING CLIMAX

Five Teams Finishing With Grand Neck-and-Neck Dash to Be Had.

BEAVERS ARE NOT HITTING

The Outfield Needs Strengthening. Trade of Hunt to Boston by Sacramento Gives Rise to Criticism for Weakening Team.

Manager McCredie's Portland Beavers continue to lead the procession in the Pacific Coast League, but the race is still so close and the marginal lead of the Portland team so small that not much consolation can be had by those who are anxiously pulling for the locals to win the championship.

The Pacific Coast League race is such a grueling contest that the play of the first leading clubs are being put to a harder test of endurance than has fallen to their portion in many seasons. One day one club is in fourth place, and almost the next day sees the same team heading the procession.

Los Angeles fell down a few weeks ago and six straight defeats at the hands of the Sacramento club almost put the Dillon band out of the running, but the Angels managed to rally and string enough to whip the Seals just when that club was going good, and the result was that San Francisco topped into third place because Portland made a cleanup action in Sacramento. The Angels are going fine now, and will likely be factors from now on.

With this afternoon's game the Beavers will have been home two weeks of the semi-windup home series, and during this time they have played steady and consistent baseball. The team batting most opportunely, but the reverse has been the case in the series with the Oaks which ends this afternoon. However, despite the batting slump, the Beavers have done quite well against the Oakland bidders for the flag, and when the going sounds for the commencement of this season's campaign there will be a crowd on hand to see the teams in action in the last game of the Oakland series.

Oakland Fielders Strong. Harry Wolverton has a fine bunch of players, and the makeup of his club looks up as a championship possibility. The Oakland club is a well-balanced team, and the outfield is a reliable hitting line. In this grueling struggle for the baseball championship, but that Oakland outfield is a real asset. The Beavers have done quite well against the Oakland bidders for the flag, and when the going sounds for the commencement of this season's campaign there will be a crowd on hand to see the teams in action in the last game of the Oakland series.

Trade of Hunt Unfair. While the magnates of the Pacific Coast League have enacted all kinds of good, bad and indifferent rules for the government of the organization, they have overlooked a point that should be tended to at the earliest possible moment and this was brought to light a few days ago when the Sacramento club announced the best pitcher, Ben Hunt in exchange for a big league catcher.

The disposition of Hunt, the best pitcher on the payroll of that club in exchange for Arrellanes, an inferior pitcher, is not doing justice to the other clubs in the league. Hunt has been a very effective pitcher since he came to Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco, and by sending him to Boston at this stage of the pennant race it is not doing justice to the other clubs in the league. Hunt has been a very effective pitcher since he came to Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco, and by sending him to Boston at this stage of the pennant race it is not doing justice to the other clubs in the league.

Beavers Don't Like Trade. The San Francisco and Los Angeles clubs have been the disposers of Hunt as a boon, for it removes one man who has been a stumbling block to the clubs representing those cities, and therefore naturally the Beavers do not like the trade. It is different here in Portland, where the Beavers have not been inconvenienced to any great extent by the big South-paw, but even here he has been more such a hindrance to the team than he is worth. In the case of Hunt, however, his disposition to Boston simply weakens an already weak club, and therefore does not help the league at all. The trouble with Sacramento is that it is simply a part and parcel of the Western American League team, and because John I. Taylor wants a player from that club he simply pulls the string and Charley Graham obliges. This sort of thing ought to be abrogated immediately.

One quarter of the coal mined on the North American continent is used by the railways. The 60,000 locomotives in the United States consume 100,000,000 tons each year at a rising price (1909 about \$2 a short ton). This expense for locomotive fuel is practically a tax of 1 cent a day on every man, woman and child in the country.

EX-BANK CLERK MAKES GOOD WITH BEAVERS AND WILL NOW "GO UP."



IVAN OLSON, BEST SHORTSTOP OF THE PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

OLSON STAR SHORT

Portland Keystone Player Is Best in League.

CLEVELAND TAKES HIM

Hard Working Infielder Was Once Bank Clerk—Consistent Play and Taking All Chances Make Him Take First Rank.

Ivan M. Olson, formerly a bank clerk, but now the best shortstop in the Pacific Coast League, consideration is taken of all of the elements that go to make a successful player.

Olson's principal claim to distinction is his clearness of foresight and quickness to take advantage of the other fellow's mistakes. He has frequently demonstrated, both in fielding and base running, that he is always alive to the situation, and he seldom pulls off a play where a palpable mistake can be recorded. He has made plays that look all to the "good," but when he did it was because he was trying something not guessed by the other fellow, and haste usually caused a miscue.

However, a shortstop who does not make errors occasionally is one who is not trying, and that is something of which Olson cannot be accused. His bulldog determination will pull him through in the competition for a place on the Cleveland club, for it is his ambition to make good in the "big brush," and when an athlete of Olson's ability sets his mind on "making good," it is a hard proposition to defeat his purpose. Here is Ivan Olson, Cleveland's shortstop next season.

Olson is one of the most valuable players who ever wore a Portland uniform. He is always trying, and that is his best forte. He does not sulk or pout when things are breaking bad, and the more errors he makes the harder he tries to offset the breaks. This year he is a much more finished player than he was last season, and his steady improvement is indicative of his ability to make good with Cleveland. In setting

FIELDER JONES IS STAR

RAYMOND, HOWEVER, DEFEATS CHEHALIS BY 8-TO-1 SCORE.

Five Errors, Aided by 12 Hits, Cost Game and Put New Leader in Washington State League.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Raymond outplayed Chehalis in the first place in the State League and took sweet revenge today for the treble drubbing received three weeks ago on Milliet Field.

Raymond outplayed Chehalis and was entitled to three earned runs in all, but the horses in the batting were all on the side of the visitors. They placed 17 locals went out on flies. Jachs, for Raymond, struck out one, leaving but six men to be thrown out on the bases. Chehalis infield also had a bad day and a total of five errors against the team, some costly, added to their slaughter.

Jachs for Raymond had good support throughout, but one error being charged to the pitcher, Wincholt. Raymond's catcher, made two feature catches of high foul on hard chances. Fielder Jones for Chehalis made a long run from center and baged a high fly at second base, holding a runner on third, second and shortstop being otherwise tied up. The two games tomorrow promise record crowds.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Attorney-General O'Malley, in an opinion sent today to Governor Hughes, holds that exhibitions of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures are not a violation of the penal law of the state.

A. A. U. WRESTLING WEE HERE LKELY

Portland in Line to Get National Championship Event.

ENCOURAGEMENT IS GIVEN

Chairman Frank, of Indoor Athletic Committee of Multnomah Club, Gets Letters Indicating Success of Recent Efforts.

Portland is in line to get the National wrestling championship meet of the Amateur Athletic Union next year. Advice have been received here which indicate that the fight waged by the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club for this big event during the past two years is about to be recognized.

Last year Portland was promised the National championship for 1910, but before the A. A. U. committee in charge of awarding the annual championships could meet, the amateur athletic community in Chicago, and in order to combat this invasion of the amateur domain, it was decided to throw all of the national championships possible to the Windy City, and among those given to the Chicago Amateur Athletic Association was that of wrestling.

The Multnomah Club gracefully withdrew its claim to recognition in order to help the A. A. U. officials in every possible manner, for the winged "M" enthusiasts and believers in the integrity and honesty of the directors of the amateur athletic organization, Multnomah's courtesy now seems about to be recognized, for Edgar E. Frank, chairman of the indoor athletic committee of the club, is in receipt of letters favorable to Portland, and is sanguine that the fight the club has made for the recognition of the amateur athletic organization, and this virtually clinches the wrestling championships for Portland.

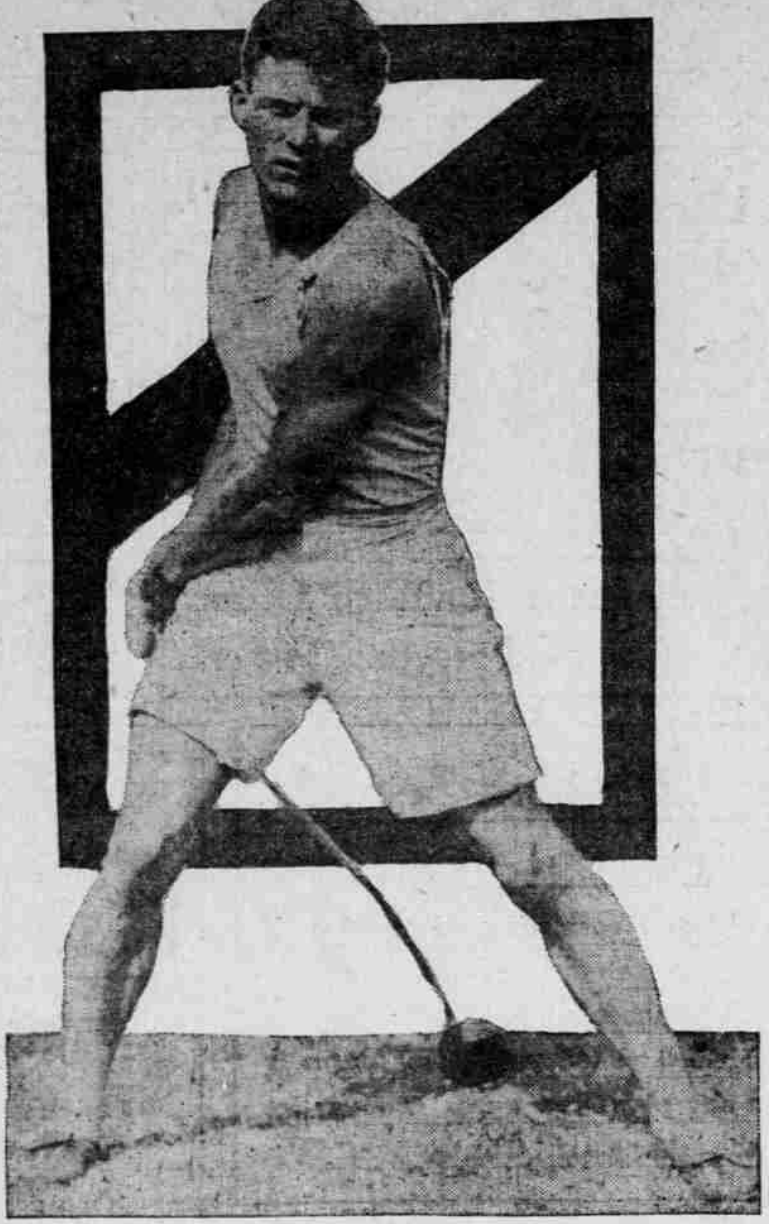
The committee of the Amateur Athletic Union on championships will meet in New York in November, and at that time will award all the championships for 1911. Everett C. Brown, president of the A. A. U., writes to Edgar Frank explaining that the club has only pledged his support to Portland for the wrestling championships. According to President Brown, the Multnomah Club is the only club in the country which has pledged its support to Portland for the wrestling championships by being represented at the meeting, and the club will likely take this matter up in the very near future.

Encouragement Is Given. James E. Sullivan, always a hearty admirer of the Multnomah Club, writes to the club building in the recent fire, and club's building in the spirit of the club and the enterprise of its membership, which he says is the best sure will be for a new structure in the very near future. Mr. Sullivan also pledged his support to the club for the National championships, which he says he firmly believes will be awarded to this city, and as he will be a member of the committee naming the different places to secure National championships, his support will be of great assistance to Portland.

Whitney Buys Futurity Favorite. SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 20.—All the horses belonging to the Newcastle stable were sold in the paddock before the races here today. The feature of the sale was Bashit, the brown filly by Adam-Dismantage, which was sold to Harry Payne Whitney for \$20,000. The bidding began at \$15,000 and the bids jumped to \$25,000, when Sam Hildreth said \$25,000, and it looked as if he would be the lucky owner of the filly, but here the agent acting for Whitney said \$30,000 and the filly was sold at that figure. Bashit is the winner of the rich Spinaway, Vernal, Astoria, Criterion and many other stakes. She is the favorite for the Futurity, which is run here on the last day of the meeting. She is also entered in the English Oaks and many other stakes in the future. She will be sent abroad as soon as the Futurity has been decided.

Elgin Course Thrown Open. CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—With a number of the country's leading drivers on hand, the new Elgin course, the scene of the National stock chassis events next week was thrown open for the first time today for the trials which will take place daily hereafter up to the time of the race. The final touches were made on the eight-mile circuit yesterday and last night the workmen went up their long toll with the surface in fine shape. All the ruts and treacherous spots have been worked over and entirely eliminated, and when the speeders get under way they will find the course in perfect condition.

AMERICA'S ALL AROUND ATHLETIC CHAMPION IS EFFICIENT STUDENT.



FRED D. THOMPSON.

HIGHEST HONOR HIS

College Man Is All-Around Athletic Champion.

CONSISTENT WORK TELLS

Winning Only Seconds and Thirds in Earlier Years, Student Persists Until Senior Year When He Becomes All-Star.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Fred C. Thompson, who took the highest athletic honors of the country by winning the highest number of points in the competition in Chicago for the all-around championship of America, began his athletic career at Occidental Academy eight years ago.

For the first three years of his preparatory course he was considered an athletic prodigy, but it was not until he reached college that he really showed his ability. He was coached here, with the exception of Dr. E. M. Merrill, who started him out on a course of development in track athletics, and promised him that if he would stick to the job he would win first honors in the all-around meet at the close of his senior year of college.

The first time that Thompson gained any notice was in the track and football seasons of '05 and '06. During this college year he was put on the varsity squad, and had a few chances in some of the big games. In the track season of that year he won a few thirds and seconds in the hurdles and weight events.

The havoc he worked during the football season is a matter of history. The one thing he lacked at this time was experience. In his sophomore year his football playing improved, but not in proportion to his track activities. It was during the track season of '09 that Thompson became a star.

LEAGUE INCREASED

Gus Fisher Within 3 Points of Coveted .300 Mark.

NONE OTHER IS CLOSE UP

"Ping" Bodie, With .247 Nearest Competitor of Portland Catcher. Wait Nagle, of San Francisco, Continues to Lead Pitchers.

Portland's premier catcher, Gus Fisher, has increased his lead over the other batters of the Pacific Coast League, for he is now clouting the ball at a .297 clip, and promises to tack on the necessary three points to give him the coveted slugger's mark of .300. Fisher is the only "Coaster" close to that mark, which evidences the effectiveness of the pitchers in this league. This is also plainly apparent by a glance at the standing of the clubs.

"Ping" Bodie, of San Francisco, is the closest swatter to Fisher, and he is maintaining a respectable average right along. Perle Casey, with a mark of .247, is second to Fisher among the Portland batsmen, and Buddy Ryan is close behind the captain with .245.

Wares of Oakland, is the leading sacrifice hitter, while Howard, of Los Angeles, has first place among the base stealers. The averages up to and including the games of August 14 are as follows:

Table with columns: Player, Team, AB, R, BH, BA, G. Lists statistics for various players like Fisher, Bodie, Casey, etc.

YOUNGSTER LEADS ALL

WONDERFUL BATTING OF SNODGRASS IS SENSATION.

Even Sport of Great Hans Wagner Is Overlooked, in View of Work of Giants' Young Star.

The wonderful hitting ability shown by Harry Snodgrass, the youngster doing utility outfield service for the New York Giants, is now the talk of major league circles. Even the sport by the great Wagner is overlooked when compared with the California boy's showing. Snodgrass was originally a catcher, but was not used back of the bat very much. Since being placed in the outfield he has been hitting the ball so hard and often that the big league slugger are taking notice of the young fellow.

Table with columns: PITCHER, Team, G, IP, W, L, ERA, etc. Lists statistics for various pitchers like Snodgrass, Wagner, etc.

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