

RADES BETWEEN BEAVERS AND OAKS

San Francisco Fans No Longer Consider Seals Contenders for Pennant.

TWIRLERS DO POOR WORK

Portland Good Road Team and Has Fine Chance for Flag Though Oakland Is Running Strong, Declares Harry B. Smith.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—That the Portland fans have a right to believe that their team is on the high road to the pennant is what a lot of the Californians think of the race so far as it has progressed. A majority of the regulars who frequent Recreation Park do not altogether agree with the confident views of Tanny Long who argues that the last few weeks will tell our story. They are somewhat afraid that the Seals have shot their bolt and that the race is between the Beavers and Oaks. As a matter of fact, Long's pitchers have gone back on him and the team is not hitting at a clip that would induce inspiration.

It must be remembered, of course, that the Seals have been having a long trip on the road and that they may do better work on the home grounds. That is an axiom that does not always follow, however, and the lead that the Oregonians have been securing is looked upon as important at this stage of the proceedings. In fact, after the Seals lost five of the six games to Portland, the fans began to yell "enough."

Portland Good Road Team.

Portland, of course, will have a hard run on the road for the last few weeks, but McCredie's men in the past have always maintained a fair average away from home and that is why I figure their chances are so good, writing at this date. Oakland is running strong, but even keel and of late has not exhibited any tendency to blow up, a feature that has characterized the work of the team at odd times throughout the season. Vernon's men are fighting hard every inch of the way, which counts a lot, and what matters they are clouting the ball.

The story of the so-called "kid" and rowdies in Los Angeles last Sunday appears to have been largely overdone. The press account declared that the riot was so bad that a street scene that Cripple Finney had to run for his life and make a quick getaway to a streetcar. Big Mac likes to hear that Graham was up in arms until he heard from Finney.

The matter arises when the subject is thrown a couple of lines by the boys off the field and that some drunks who were at the game threw a few soda water bottles in his direction. That was all the riot there was, and Finney doesn't seem so much as if he did not run to save his life, as that was not at all true.

The afternoon trouble was caused by a quarrel between Jess Stovall and a spectator in the bleacher section. The fellow had been ragging about the game started and the latter finally invited the chap to come down and have it out. Stovall pounded the disturber's face until an official had to come between them, going to Los Angeles in a state of mind that Stovall had another row with the same man.

These are times, of course, when you can't blame a ball player for getting into and punishing some of these rowdies, but at the same time, they ought to remember that it is mighty poor business for them to be engaged in this feature of the Sunday incident at Los Angeles will be required by Judge Graham.

So far as I can learn, this story that Kid Moller may be going to California next year's seals is mostly talk. At all events, with the pennant yet to be decided, it is ill advised to start such rumors. Frank Hill is in Los Angeles enjoying a vacation, but Danny Long is the most loyal supporter that Moller has and he declares that he will stick by the Kid through thick and thin.

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BATTING HONORS CLOSE

COBB AND LAJOIE STILL NEAR TOGETHER.

Slight Slump Would Displace Detroit Lad in His Rival's Favor and Interest Is Kept Keen.

The race for the batting honors between Ty Cobb and Napoleon Lajoie in the American League is still interesting, for the rival swabstems are so close together that a slight slump will displace the Detroit lad in his rival's favor. Both are batting at a terrific clip and there is almost as much interest in their struggle for supremacy as in the result of the coming world's series.

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PORTLAND TEAM PLACING TO WIN

"Pennantitis" Seizes Fans and Aggregation Alike and Hopes Are Raised High.

ENTHUSIASM NOW GREAT

Beavers Go South for Two Weeks Tomorrow and If Even Break Is Landed, North May Prove to Be Holder of 1910 Flag.

BY V. J. PETRAIN. Portland's fandom, rank and file, and it comprised a goodly majority of the population of this rapidly growing city, is right now in the throes of a disease known as "pennantitis," and the epidemic has been caused by the wonderful performance of the Portland team.

Enthusiasm Is Great. Indeed, it is doubtful if greater enthusiasm has ever been displayed toward any other sport.

Day after day McCredie's team has been returned victor, to the keen delight of the bugs, and in the chagrin and discouragement of the knackers, which latter, by the way, form a most minute portion of the citizens of this city.

A baseball team backed up by an enthusiastic crowd of fans at home is better inclined to exert itself in the effort to win games, and Portland's team is now doing its utmost to give the fans the best efforts possible. The results of the past few weeks of play stamp the representatives of Portland on the diamond as pennant possibilities, and a great deal of this is due to the loyal support the boys have received from the home crowd.

McCredie Is Heady Manager. As a manager, Walter McCredie is one of the most capable in the business. His judgment of players is the envy of the other managers, for McCredie seldom picks a "blower" in selecting his talent.

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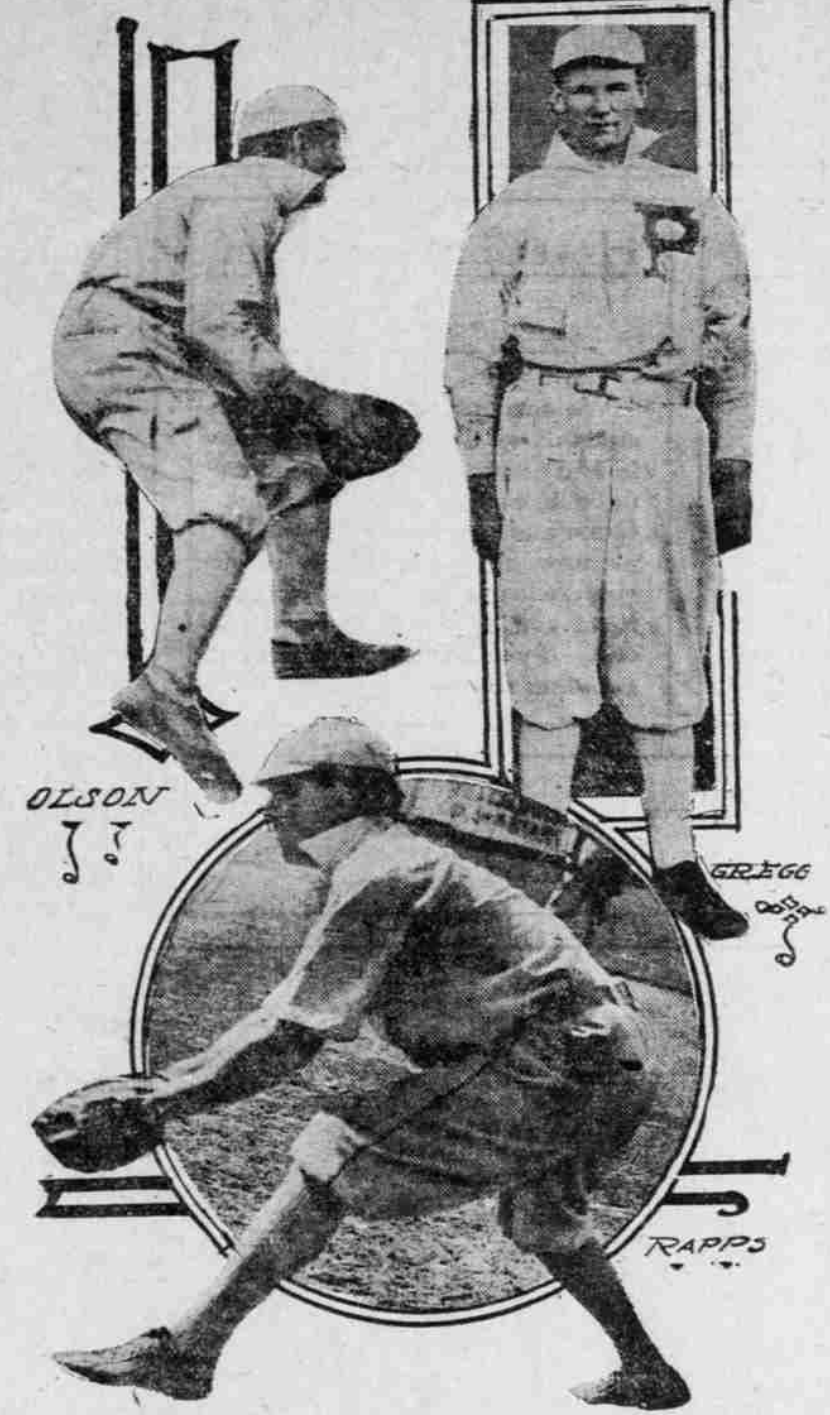
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THREE STARS OF THE BEAVER TEAM



SNODGRASS STILL LEADS

NEW YORK'S CALIFORNIA FIND HOLDS POSITION.

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