

SEALS PILED UP WIN HARD FIGHT

Harry B. Smith Figures Out Coast League Standing at End of Season.

PORTLAND CLOSE SECOND

San Francisco Sporting Writer Puts Angels Hopelessly Out of Game, With Vernon in Fourth Place and Senators in Fifth.

SMITH PICKS TEAMS. How the teams of the Pacific Coast League are picked by San Francisco baseball writer to finish the 1911 season.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—(Special.)—Forecasting the finish of a pennant race for several months in extent, with the element of luck that invariably enters into baseball, is no mean task. It savors, perhaps, of the fool who rubs the wheels of the game and may fear to tread. For all that, the opportunity to watch every team in the league in action, with the chances that have come for signing up the new men as well as the improvement of the players who have been in the league during the past season, make it a gamble of a gamble.

Unquestionably more so this year than in 1910 it would appear that the clubs are evenly matched, and that if there be weak clubs, that weakness will be less pronounced. This in itself makes it more difficult to forecast the result, for while last year there were certain teams that stood out as contenders in the race, those other teams that might have been classed as aspirants for the pennant, knock any one of the upper flight out of the race.

I have picked San Francisco as the prospective pennant winner for the first month in the pennant fight. Opinions as to the strength of the baseball club is admittedly more or less an arbitrary matter and a question of individual opinion, but in the mind of the writer the teams of the Pacific Coast League will land the pennant.

Race Is Apt to Have Close Finish. By this I do not mean to give out the impression that San Francisco will make a runaway race. The Seals will be lucky to finish in front, as they are certain of healthy opposition from practically all the other clubs in the league. The margin of difference in team strength between San Francisco, Portland and Oakland, is so small that it would be easy to upset the calculations that have been made.

The Seals are certainly stronger than they were in 1910, and this, coupled with the assumption that the pennant winner of 1910 together with the runner-up have lost considerably in the race, is the basis of the writer's prediction. It is largely what has brought about the selection of the home club for the honor.

First of all, San Francisco has the best pitching staff in the league from the standpoint of inside baseball, which, in this modern age, is no small factor in the deciding of the pennant. The pitching staff of the Seals is no exception, and it is not only the pitcher in the club if not in the league. He has only rounded into his form this week, but he is a stronger pitcher than he was in the past season. He is a good pitcher, and he has the physique. Three or four pitchers as good as the first four named, can do much for a club in maintaining its position in the race.

FAMOUS TENNIS EX-CHAMPION, WHOSE FATHER SAVED HIM FROM BEING PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER.



BEALS C. WRIGHT.

stationed in center, McCredie could ask for nothing better.

Infield Not So Weak. His infield also is less weak than one would imagine. Peckinpaugh is not as aggressive as Olson and neither is he as good a batsman, but he will cut off many a run with his fielding and the throwing arm.

Robers at short is a youngster, but a boy who grows after every ball that comes his way. The recommendation is enough for any man on a ball field. He never strikes, and while he may wind up the year with many an error, he looks more than good to the eyes of the critics.

Seaton, Fullerton, Steen and Koestner promise to do yeoman work for the Beavers when they are going well. All, save Fullerton, have had considerable experience, and the latter has shown so much that it quite overbalances his lack of experience. Portland might be stronger in the backstopping division if by no means enough to stop the club from being in the race all the way.

The Oaks do not appear as strong as when they made their last year's gallant fight. Hence their being placed third. First of all, the club is lacking in the pitching staff that did so much for the club. The pitcher who is the best of the type of lively and Moser in a hurry. Kitty Knight comes the closest to them and probably will give Wolverton the best service of his twirlers.

Monte Pyle may be a better fielder than Cameron, but he will hardly hit as did the Scotchman. The balance of the infield is practically the same, save that Helling likely will play third a good share of the time and make a most acceptable substitute. Hoffman will doubtless add strength to the outfield, but he is not a sure thing. He is below his average, will hardly do it in the Oaks want to keep going.

All in all, Oakland seems to have a better chance of winning the pennant than any other club in the league. It admits they surprised him last season. Wolverton is a capable leader and a force that makes the team strong.

Second Division Puzzling. In estimating the strength of the second division, the task is even more hard. Simply because the writer feels that Sacramento may be playing over its head, while the Vernon Villagers have been correspondingly taken at too low a value. Vernon has been placed above the Senators.

Hogan apparently has the pitching staff of the second division, which is in a long race as the present one, is quite apt to count in his favor. He has some good sluggers on the club also, and who are apt to punch the ball at any time. The Vernon club, however, is not a speedy team on the bases or in fielding. They need speed in all departments if they are to win any share of the pennant.

WRIGHT NEAR HERO

Great Tennis Player, Guest of Portland Last Week, Had Close Call.

FATHER NIPS HOPE IN BUD

Elder Wright, Noted Blimpier in Early Days, Halts Promised Career of Son by Making Him Famous on Tennis Court.

BY RALPH H. MITCHELL. Auspicious was the opening of the 1911 tennis season here last week when Portland was the host to a former champion in the person of Beals C. Wright, and his father, George Wright. This was the second visit of young Wright, for he still is young, 25, to this city, the previous visit being a guest in the tennis world though this time he met Colonel McGunagle, of Vancouver Barracks, who knew George Wright in 1887 when the latter was one of the noted ball players of his time and at that time a member of the old Washington, D. C., team when it was winning pennants.

Wright was a welcomed guest, for it had been years since Portland had enjoyed the honor of so distinguished a guest in the tennis world. The reception for the National woman champion, Hazel Hotchkiss, and the Western champion, Beals Wright, both of whom now hold the Oregon state titles.

Wrights Renew Youth. Both Wrights, father and son, enjoyed their short stay in this city, each renewing acquaintances made years ago here and in the East. The elder Wright really renewed his youth when he met Colonel McGunagle, of Vancouver Barracks, who knew George Wright in 1887 when the latter was one of the noted ball players of his time and at that time a member of the old Washington, D. C., team when it was winning pennants.

It was joy to the younger Wright and the other boys at the luncheon, held at the Wrights at the Arlington Club, when the elder Wright spied Colonel McGunagle, rushed over to him, greeted him as only two elderly gentlemen can and do, and immediately opened conversation recalling the days of their youth. One peculiar and interesting feature of the meeting, as recalled by the Army man of exciting events of the ball field when George Wright made a home-run with the bases full, or when he was beaten for show in the 100-yard dash to baseball, and later at Boston and Providence, R. I.

At school Beals Wright followed in the footsteps of his famous father and saw a different future for his son and decided baseball as a career, and opened his career in the University of Washington, where he was a member of the team which won the national championship in 1907.

Game Played Many Years. So the spectators of the ex-champion's play last Thursday need little wonder at the marvelous control the player had of his racket, and the ease with which he realized that young Wright has been playing the game for close to 30 years, but was beaten for show in the 100-yard dash to baseball, and later at Boston and Providence, R. I.

With the time of 4 minutes and 30 seconds in the mile run, Wood, of California, clipped one second off last year's record. Smitherum, of Stanford, broke last year's record in the 100-yard dash to baseball, and later at Boston and Providence, R. I.

Gish, of Washington, won the 400-yard run in 51 seconds flat, was third in the first heat of the 100-yard dash, but was beaten for show in the 100-yard dash to baseball, and later at Boston and Providence, R. I.

Vanderlip Wins Y. M. C. A. Race of Five Miles Long. Close Finish Witnessed With Tommy Booth Running Second by Less Than Two Yards.

Leading Tommy Booth by less than two yards after a neck-and-neck sprint over the last half-mile of a five-mile course, Fred Vanderlip last night won the third annual Y. M. C. A. cross-country run. The time was 22:15, breaking all records for the Y. M. C. A. distance runs. Eleven of 13 starters finished.

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SOME DOGS TO BE SHOWN IN COMING BENCH EXHIBIT.



SHOW TO BE BEST More Entries for Kennel Exhibit Than Ever Before.

275 DOGS TO BE SHOWN Opening to Be on Wednesday and Judging to Begin at 2 o'Clock in Afternoon—Seventy Cups Are Among Prizes.

The 12th annual bench show of the Portland Kennel Club, which will open Wednesday morning, will be the largest and best show the club has ever given. It is expected that 275 dogs will be on the benches when the judging begins Wednesday afternoon.

Local Entries Numerous. Among the Portland dogs to be shown are the handsome English setters of Dr. Alan Welch Smith, president of the club, including Champion Handsome Dan II, that won everything in his classes at the Tacoma show last week, and the newly imported bulldog owned by J. J. McCarthy, the club secretary.

Stag Smoker Planned. Further plans for the entertainment of the North Pacific International tourney were revealed yesterday when it became known through members of the entertainment committee that the stag smoker, the club's usual feature, will be given on Thursday evening, while it is now planned to hold the invitation dining party at the clubhouse on Friday evening.

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WEAK SPOT IN US IN TEAM OF 1911

New Battery Stronger Than That of Last Year's Star Collection.

HENDERSON COMES BACK

Portland Club Fortified in Every Department With Men Whom It Will Be Hard to Keep in West in 1912.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. Walter McCredie's crack Portland Coast League team of 1911 came home for the inaugural series on its own lot last Tuesday and since arrival it has demonstrated that it is fit successors to the diamond stars who brought the pennant to this city last season.

Seven Sets High Mark. In the seven games pitched Steen has allowed less than five hits in six of them, which is a mark for any pitcher in the league to beat. He is better than last year, and that means a great deal to the Portland team.

Under the leadership of Lou Hubbard, the Portland Giants are due to battle with the Camas Blues on Camas territory today. "Windy" Wisco, who is a Portland youth of considerable promise, is the mainstay in the box for the Blues.

Manager Fletcher, of the Pop Corn Kings, has resigned from the team. He was operated upon for appendicitis not long ago and is fearful of results if he continues under the strain of baseball.

George Grayson will take his Columbia Club Grays to Hillsboro today to meet the Cardinals of that place. The Cardinals will probably pitch for the Grays.

Games in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club Sunday Morning League are to begin this morning. Charles Barton will lead the "Champs" against Parke Myers' Little Bo-Tees.

For popularity Buckman's Field, East Thirteenth and Everett streets, rivals Recreation Park. Each Sunday morning the "bugs" present watching the several amateur and semi-professional games. The Portland team have been a favorite ball ground, too.

The Nippon team, composed of Japanese, is doing nicely under the coaching of Joe Addleman. The Japanese are fast on the bases and hit pretty well.

Jack Harlow is back with the Meler victory over the Hood River team on the Hood River diamond last Sunday. He signed with Rupert's Eschies team, but was glad to get back with his old team mates.

Cliff Harrison has rounded up a first-rate ball club and is planning it under the name of the Dilworth Derbies. Last Sunday the Derbies defeated the fast Camas Blues 4 to 2 in a game.

Nig Herschler, who began the season as manager of the Portland Maroons, is now with the North Bank team. The Portland Maroons have been re-organized under the name of the Pickwick with Harry Grayson as manager.

Dutch Armbruster, ex-Portland player, has stirred up the baseball bug in Tillamook, and is making preparations for importing Portland clubs for the summer season. Calf Brothers is one of the clubs going into Tillamook for a series of games.

Extensive improvement has been made on the Gresham grounds. Manager Bechtelmeier has arranged a good many games for the Gresham fans.

College Baseball Scores. At Chicago—University of Chicago, 4; Indiana University, 4.