

ROUSE ATTACKS ON OPENING GAME

Noted New York Twirler Will Make Appearance When Roadsters Come.

SEASON'S FOURTH WEEK ON

Northwestern League Sees First Home Game Tomorrow - Nick Williams and Tom May See Record Crowd of Fans Out.

By ROSCOE FAWCETT. "The bumps of our leaders in baseball..."

With Vancouver at Portland, Seattle at Tacoma and Spokane at Victoria the Northwestern League launches out on its fourth week of the 1911 season Monday afternoon...

Added interest will be given the Portland series by the presence of Amos Rusie, former New York twirler, and Steve Kane, in the umpire roles...

Spokane Is Strongest. Aside from the Seattle and Portland showing the Northwestern League start has been very much along the line of a steady, slow, and sure...

Gough, a hard-hitting outfielder, and Archer, a twirler, will bolster up the Portland Roadsters to an appreciable extent...

Nick Williams announced in a telegram to the Oregonian last night that he would pitch either Archer or Garrett in the opener Monday...

Williams' lineup and batting order will be: Spens or Miller, left field; Casey, second base; Stovall, center field...

The Victoria club is about a 50-1 shot for the pennant and will need considerable revamping to finish out of the cellar.

Northwest Notes. The life of a league president is surely not strewn with Portland roses...

The matter will be threshed out at a meeting on May 14. Meanwhile, President Lindsay suspended Mike Lynch of the Tacoma Tigers for the season...

Southpaw twirlers are to have a hard row in the Northwest League, according to several of the chieftains. Seattle has but one left-hander, Tacoma two, Vancouver four and Victoria and Portland about the same number.

Erve Jensen, who pitched with the Portland pennant winners several seasons ago, and Eli Cates are familiar figures on the Vancouver twirling staff...

Tacoma has signed Tobin, a youngster who failed to make good with the San Francisco outfield this Spring.

Centralia Defeats Chehalis. CHEHALIS, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Centralia defeated Chehalis today, 2 to 1...

Illinois Wins From Purdue. LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 6.—By taking...

DEAN OF COAST LEAGUE PLAYERS MOURNS COMING OF RAIN DROPS

Happy Hogan Tells His Real Name and Confesses He Is Not Irish—Relative Merits of Rubber and Cork in Center of Ball Is Discussed by Manager of Vernon Club.



HAPPY HOGAN, OF VERNON.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. When I was young in Dixie, and weighed 12 pounds on the hoof...

HAPPY HOGAN, the only manager by that name the Vernon club possesses, the only man in the Coast League whose real name is Bray...

"Oh, water has its uses all right," declared Happy with fervor. "But I used to love the patter of the rain checks on the roof..."

Cork Center Favored. Happy believes the cork-center ball is the "happiest" of the white race...

Hogan Oldest Player. "Ten years ago," answered Hogan, "I was with Sacramento in 1902 and 1903, was transferred to Tacoma in 1904..."

University of Washington, Seattle, May 6.—From all the college games that have been played so far in the conference of the Northwest this season...

Loss of Baker, Star First Baseman. May Be Felt—Sound Boys Playing Great Game of Ball Now.

Washington Sees Flag. HOPE TO "COP" PENNANT IN COLLEGE RACE IS STRONG.

Tracey Baker, Pendleton Lad Now Playing First for the University of Washington. He Received a \$2000 Offer to Join the Boston Americans.

One System Used Now. Up until this season the Portland team has utilized three different systems, switched at will from day to day...

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TECHNIQUE USES HIDEOUT HIT-AND-RUN SIGNS

Veterans of Diamond Tell of Varied Signal Systems Players Employ.

METHODS ALWAYS SECRET

League Nines Devise Curious Ways of Advising Players When to Act—Fielder Jones Narrates Facts About Novel Code.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. "What is the hit-and-run play?" "How do they work the squeeze?" These and similar queries are aimed at the sporting writer by the amateur who desires to bite off a chunk of big league baseball strategy...

The benefit of an iron-clad system of signs such as the above may be appreciated when the fact is recalled that a major league umpire knows the batsman's hit-and-run signals can easily break up the play by asking his pitcher for a wide one and calling the batter out to hit...

Signal System Novel. "One of the most definite and yet the most clever signal systems on record was utilized by the New York Americans during the time of 'Kid' Elberfeld," said Fielder Jones, former leader of the Chicago White Sox...

Sign Languages Varied. Gum-chewing by the batsman constituted the hit-and-run forte of the San Francisco team during the regime of George Hildebrand...

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"Every wise batter gives several signs when he takes his station at the plate," Barry pointed out for the benefit of some of the youngsters who had crowded up to learn what was going on...

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Two hundred and thirty persons learned to swim under the instruction of H. H. Corsan at the T. M. C. A. during the last week. One hundred and ninety-four of the swimmers were boys. Corsan is touring the country for the association and will leave this morning for Oakland and Berkeley...

Durdale was ill this week. No great wonder, either. Since 1896 there has not been so much rain and so many games postponed in a single series as this week...

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attempting to hit it on the ground through the infield, for a fly ball is disastrous, as the runner may not have to return to his base. The hope of the play is that the batter shall get a clean hit. If he does, the runner with his big start, can keep on going for another base...

JOE RIVERS BESTS KILBANE

But Cleveland Man Finishes Strong in 20th Round.

LOS ANGELES, May 6.—Joe Rivers, of Los Angeles, was the aggressor throughout 20 rounds of fast fighting with Johnny Kilbane, the Cleveland, O. featherweight at the close of the fight today, and gained the decision, although Kilbane finished strong and had all the better of the last round...

LINDSAY HAS HIS FILL

UMPIRE PROBLEM WORRIES HEAD OF LEAGUE.

Rusie, Who Never Umpired League Baseball Game in Life, Will Be Welcome Addition to Staff.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Say "umpire" to President Lindsay, of the Northwestern League, and he'll take to cover about as quickly as possible...

With Kane, Ward, Shackelford and Longacker the umpiring was not in bad hands, but they were under strict orders not to allow a player to say a word for himself. Result: After a few fines had been handed out and a number of players banished from games, the fans arrived at the decision that the effect of Lindsay's order was not only to remove rowdy ball from the games but to take every particle of ginger from the men and to do away with that spirit of fighting...

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We're "trotting out" a "string of favorites" in the men's clothing business in this City.

The one best bet of the day in the Popularity Race is the Politz hand-tailored suits for men and young men.

Never left at the post—They cross under the wire ahead in quality, style and pattern.

The most critical judges agree.

Today's sure winner—

King George

Our New English Model.



285 Morrison St. Between Fourth and Fifth.

Blankenship to bolster his infield. The Union Association has opened its season with Great Falls in the lead and Helena in the cellar.

Johnny Williams, a highly-touted pitcher in the Hawaiian Islands, is on his way to join the Sacramento team. Williams was recommended by "Rube" Ransage and was sent a contract by Manager Graham.

Duluth admirers have presented the mighty nirood, President Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, with a big stuffed moose, to be set up at South Side Park.

First Baseman Stovall, relieved of the presence of any rivals for his job, is playing great ball for Cleveland. Pretty good performer is George, after all.

According to a letter received from Happy Hogan, the ex-Oaklander expects to be sent to Jersey City to finish the season. Brice Lord is playing left field for Mack's party.

Otis Johnson, former Portlander, who is playing short for the Highlanders, to date has made a very good impression. He seems to be a good fielder, has a strong arm and displays intelligence whenever he gets hold of the ball.

Without Lord and Stahl the Boston speed boys are not making a favorable impression. "That Jake Stahl will be greatly missed was apparent," writes one Washington critic.

Pittsburg critics are greatly encouraged over the good pitching of Babe Adams and Howard Camnitz. With these two chaps right the Pirates will be harder to hit than last year.

The reports that "Bugs" Raymond fell off the wagon at Atlanta, Ga., were untrue. The "Bugs" is so much of a temperance man that he refuses to pitch a ball with a hop on it.

Danny Long has turned over Joe Tobin to the Tacoma club in the Northwestern League under an optional agreement. Tobin has the makings of a good outfielder with little more experience.

A Cincinnati story is to the effect that Manager Clark Griffith has incurred the enmity of catcher McLean and first baseman Hoblit by appointing Mike Mitchell team captain, at which position the disgruntled ones coveted.

The attendance last Saturday on both sides of the bay at San Francisco was good. Oakland had a record crowd of something like 9000, while there were probably 12,000 at Recreation Park in the afternoon. Portland had over 30,000 out for the Sacramento game here.