

KID MOHLER ROCKS VILLAGERS DOWN

Oakland Out of It, in View of Captain of San Francisco Aggregation.

HEAVY HITTING IS FACTOR

McCreddie's Speedy Pitchers, Declares Mohler, Will Not Offset Effectively This Feature.

Bay City Baseball Talk.

(SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Captain Kidd Mohler, of the Seals, is out with an opinion favoring Happy Hogan's Vernon Villagers to beat out the Beavers for pennant honors in the Coast League. The Kid figures it out that the heavy hitting of Vernon coupled with the fact that Hogan's men play the hit-and-run exceedingly well will enable them to maintain their present lead.

"Two weeks ago I thought Oakland was the likely team to catch and beat out the Beavers," declared Mohler, "but Happy's team has come fast and Wolverton's crew has seemingly dropped back. I look for Vernon to win the pennant. Portland has a grand staff of pitchers but they are lacking somewhat in power and if anything goes against them I look for them to suffer.

"The Seals, of course, are out of it as far as this season is concerned. We were up in the race for a time, but I tell you the Seals missed Bodie a lot more than most people imagine. I was hoping against hope that Bodie would escape the draft for he would have been the mainstay of our club this season. A club with a clean-up hitter is a big factor to any aggregation and Bodie is bad and I would sooner go to bat in any park in the country than at Portland."

Portland Grounds Blamed. Kid Mohler has a version all his own relative to Portland's grounds. He declares it is as effective on their own grounds. "The Portland grounds are without doubt the hardest on the batters that I have seen in any of the parks in the league," declares the Kid. "The advertisement signs on the fences are trying on the eyes and the ground is about the color of a baseball field. It has been said also is awful hard to follow a low ball and the Portland pitchers are on to the fact and keep the ball right around the knees of the batters. The Seals also is bad and I would sooner go to bat in any park in the country than at Portland."

Post Season Series Broached. A scheme has originated here to have an all-star big league team play a post season series with the winners of the Pacific Coast League. The plans are to gather such players as Duffy Lewis, Gregg, Hal Chase, Walter Johnson, Rube Ellis, Hooper, Bobo, and others. The series would be on the coast and tackle the pennant winners. It is proposed that a week's series be played in San Francisco and a week in Portland or Seattle. The series would be a post-season series and may be definitely arranged if all parties are willing.

Three Players "In Bad". It is well-known around the San Francisco office that Harry Soto, Hunky Shaw and Tommy Tennant are "in bad" with the local management. Not one of the trio has been playing anything like his best since he was traded several weeks ago and it is whispered around that they are due for a change of scenery. A man connected with the association had the following to say concerning the trio:

"Manager Long is getting disgusted with Harry Soto. The big southpaw does not seem to possess the heart and head to make a good pitcher, although he has everything a successful slasher should want. Tommy Tennant has gone all to pieces. He can't hit a ball and has been shoving down in the lineup for a first sacker. Shaw is too indifferent to be considered. He is a sort of insouciant and plays ball on theory rather than on the field."

It is quite evident that they are charter members of the "in-bad" club. Gleason Shows Promise. Gleason, the Portland high school coach, picked up by Harry Wolverton, is working out daily with the Oaks and shows some promise. Wolverton declares that the lad is the most promising backstop he has seen in years and he intends to hang on to the boy 'til he is well into his twenties.

Maggart Out for Keeps. It is almost an assured thing that Hari Maggart will not be seen in action in the Coast League again this season, if ever. The troublesome star of Wolverton's outfield has been working out daily, keeping in condition, but he has waited in vain for the word to jump into the fray. Manager Wolverton has given up all hope of seeing Maggart, and has intimated that the suspension will last until the close of the season. In Patterson, Roy Hoffman and Zacher the Oaks have plenty of outfield material and can get along without Maggart.

Seals Hope to Keep Weaver. San Francisco is banking its hopes on retaining Weaver for next season. Although the sensational youngster has been recalled by the Chicago White Sox, Dansey Long has written to Commissioner and hopes to get the Old Roman to let the youngster stick another season in the minors. Long declares that Weaver needs let out of the pen and in team work and it would be to the lad's advantage to stick here. While this is joyful tidings to local fans Buck Weaver was in disgrace the first part of the week. He leaves away the opening game with Oakland and all tied up 11 errors in seven games, since he got back in the game after being injured.

Mohler to Lay Sidekicks. Kid Mohler—contractor for laying cement sidewalks. That's what it will be this winter. The Kid has planned to go in business with his brother-in-law in Los Angeles immediately after the season closes and he will forget the diamond until time for Spring training rolls around.

A British technical paper, referring to a series of town-to-town gasoline races that occurred on the Continent in May, reports as ending the practice of sending flying machines over inclosed grounds. The paper states that a student of danger and was unpropitious.

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Home-Run Record of Ping Bodie May Go.

BUDDY RYAN MUST HURRY

"Dopesters" Would Figure Northwestern League Batter Will Top Percentage Over King Bee Sluggers of Coast League.

By J. NEWTON COLVER. Just as if he had not clinched that old batting championship long weeks ago, Artie Bues keeps hanging away at the same old 250 clip. Mr. Bues has not varied 10 points either way from .350 for two months or more. We shall have to conclude that he is a real, simple-pur, .350 hitter, and that when he gets his tryout with the New York Giants, he shall not prove the same dismal failure as did "Steamer" Flanagan, one other Northwest batting champion.

The real interest for "bues" who study the dope must now center in whether or not Mr. Bues shall finish with a higher percentage than Buddy Ryan, the king bee slugger of the Coast. Bues topped his 25th homer over the Seattle fence the other day, and it was only his 14th game. That's a better record, proportionally, than the redoubtable Ping Bodie hung up in the Coast League last year, for Ping has 215 games in which to shoot at the fence. Bues has a few more games in which to chalk up six home runs and pass the bodie record.

Engle Back in Lead. George Engle, the veteran, is back again in the lead of the N. W. pitchers, but Willis is the real star of the twirling department of this league, never mind the per centage column. Pug Bennett still continues to fit about the bases as merrily as the honey bee doth flit about the clover, but pretty nearly so.

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DRAFT NETS SEVEN

Beavers Get Promising Youngsters for Next Year.

COAST CLUBS MAKE LEVIES

Two Pitchers Are Among Players Grabbed by McGreddie to Fill Vacancies Left by Big League Raids—One Draft Falls.

AUBURN, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Secretary John H. Farrell, of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, today gave out the draft made in the minor league drafting season, which ended at midnight. They include the following:

By San Francisco—Raferty, from Wilkesbarre; Hartley, from Albany; Hofer, from Oklahoma City; Milford, from Gadsden, Ala.; Westmoreland, from Springfield, Mass.; C. Brooks, from Boise, Idaho.

By Oakland—Pope, from Savannah; Hall, from Columbus; Gaskill, from Scranton; disallowed; Rohrer, from Dayton; O'Loughlin, from Spokane; by Toledo—Fries, from Butte.

By Los Angeles—Derrick, from Oshkosh; Core, from Grand Rapids; Papp, from Springfield, Mass.; C. Brooks, from Boise, Idaho. By Denver—Yance, from Great Falls, Mont.

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The "Flying Dutchman" of the Pirates has but one man ahead of him. He is Jackson, of Boston, who has participated in only 31 games. Lajoie keeps up his wonderful batting, running a good second to Cobb, with .406.

The batting averages bring out a noticeable point in comparing the two leagues. The National has 20 men hitting in the select "300" class, while the American boasts of more than 30 players who are adding the pill above the .299 mark.

New York and Pittsburgh are tied for club batting honors, with Cincinnati following and Chicago next. Detroit leads the Americans in this respect, with Philadelphia a close second.

Marquard, of New York, and Works, of the Tigers, are the leading pitchers. Gregg's present record is 23 victories and seven defeats. He is next to Chalmers, whose record is 18 won and five lost.

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WALSH HURLING MARVEL

WHITE SOX PITCHER HAS WONDERFUL RECORD ON SLAB.

Recent No-Hit Game Causes Talk That He Should Get Auto as Man Helping Team Most.

Big Ed Walsh, of the Chicago White Sox, is the latest man to claim the spotlight in the discussion among the fans as to who will receive the Chalmers trophy this year. Last year Mr. Chalmers offered an automobile to the leading batter. Everyone remembers the close race between Ty Cobb and Larry Lajoie.

This year it has not been confined to batters, but the award is to be given to the player in the National and the player in the American League. In the opinion of the committee of 11 newspaper men, has done the best work for his team.

The great work of Walsh when he let down the Boston Speedboys without a single hit, has brought to the attention of the fans and critics everywhere the wonderful record which the big fellow has been making for himself with the White Sox.

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