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Pitchers, Infield and Catchers Are Declared by Local Manager to Be Superior to Those of Hogan's Aggregation.

## BY W. H. M'CREIDIE.

Manager Portland Coast League Ball Club. What do I think of the pennant race? I think Portland will win it because Portland has the best club. To accomplish this, however, it will be necessary to beat Vernon decisively next week, and I am confident that my club will do this.

To beat Vernon is our only possible chance, for the other clubs in this league are out of the race and will naturally not play as hard as if they had something at stake. I do not charge any team with "laying down," but it is

we met them, so it is quite as natural for the Vernon team to win from them also.

Portland Pitchers Best. As for my reasons for believing Portland will win, I claim: Firstly, that the Portland pitchers are the superiors of the Vernon staff; secondly, Portland has a faster and speedier infield, and, lastly, Kuhn and La Longe are better catchers than can be boasted of by Vernon. As for the respective outfields, I rate them about even. In all other departments my club excels.

Portland's five pitchers will bring that flag here, and I look for them to do it decisively next week. Of course they will be compelled to face a big handicap in pitching against Vernon in Los Angeles, which is virtually the home town of that club, and they will have the crowds against them.

However, Portland defeated Vernon decisively the last time we visited them on their own grounds, and would have done so on our first sashay there had I been able to use Ben Henderson. That was the second week of the season and Vernon managed to get an even break with us, each club winning three games that week with the Sunday morning game a tie. This tie game will be played off this coming series, making eight games to be played with Vernon, and I confidently figure on taking at least five of the eight, which ought to give my club a fair margin of a leadership over that team to finish out the last two weeks of the season.

## First Four Won Last Time.

The last time Portland played Vernon at Los Angeles we won the first four games. This was the series when Bill Rodgers was injured, and that injury handicapped the Beavers considerably, for it was over two months before I was able to get a satisfactory man in his place. Had it not been for the injury to Rodgers I think the Portland team would have the flag clinched, and it is now up to us to go after it as a foreign territory. We won

## WALTER M'CREIDIE WRITES HIS OPINION OF THE COMING PENNANT STRUGGLE FOR THE OREGONIAN READERS.

*To the Portland fans:*  
Vernon is the club they will have to beat, and as they have had the edge on the Villagers all season I think they will win the pennant. Our pitchers are stronger than the Vernon hurlers. Kuhn and La Longe are superior to Hogan and Brown as catchers and the infield and out-field are equal to the Vernon club. He should win the series.  
W. H. M'Creddie

is the break of the luck in the race, and the winning team is always the favored club in such instances.

Some fans have approached me with an argument to the effect that Sacramento "laid down" before Vernon and base their argument on the decisive scores of that series. Personally, I do not believe that such was the case, though it is not improbable that O'Rourke and his players did not play as hard as they might. Any team in a rut like the Sacramento team has been in practically all seasons is likely to go to pieces before a leading team at any time. Excepting the last series Portland played at Sacramento, this club always went up in the air when

it last year in California and I think I have a better club this year, and that is the reason I am not the least bit fearful of the outcome. If we don't win, however, it will not be because we have not tried.

## Mount Angel to Play Columbus Club.

MOUNT ANGEL, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special)—The Columbus Club baseball team of Portland will play the Mount Angel team here Sunday. In a previous game the Columbus Club won 4 to 2. Mount Angel will present a stronger line-up this time. Mount Angel has won 14 out of 16 games played this season.

## Chrysanthemum Show Planned.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special)—Preparations are being made for Albany's annual Chrysanthemum show. The date for the show has not been fixed definitely and will depend upon the development of the flowers.

## GIRL CRICKET TEAM BEATS MEN ELEVEN

Outdoor Sport Among English Women Gains in Popularity in Schools.

## LAWN TENNIS HOLDS PLACE

Change Since Staid Ways of Victorian Days Marked in Vivacity of Gentler Sex, Absent Until Few Years Ago.

## LONDON, Sept. 30.—(Special)—

Though the days of the broom-handle and left-handed play when gentlemen meet ladies at cricket are not yet over, the great national game is now receiving the serious attention of the so-called weaker sex. Only a day or so ago a girls' eleven at Forest Hill beat a male eleven from the local club by seven runs. The men, it is true, were handicapped in the orthodox way, but through this minimizes the merit of the victory it still remains an astonishing performance.

Most of the girl players learned cricket at school, and have retained their early fondness for the game. The eleven have played matches almost weekly for some years, and have twice met the eleven of St. Dunstan's College—a boys' school—under M. C. C. rules, honors being drawn—a fact of which they are properly proud. They were beaten by seven runs on the first occasion. On the second they won with a comfortable margin.

## Health Gain Marked.

But a healthier tone prevails today, and what were once looked upon as exclusively "manly sports" are now actively engaged in by both sexes alike—to the infinite advantage of the girl of today. Cricket has almost an equal place with hockey and lawn tennis in the outdoor education of the modern miss, and all over the country the national game can be seen in full swing during the summer in the playing of high schools and colleges for girls.

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## Coseth Instructs Girls.

In many cases a professional coach is engaged to teach them the skillful handling of the bat, the tricks of the bowler and the art of fielding. Hockey cannot, of course, be played during the heat of the summer, and as cricket is the only "organized game" possible during this period of the year, it takes precedence. Cricket is a great leveler, and is valued by the schoolmistress for its lessons in discipline and "esprit de corps."

The average age of the Forest Hill players is about 25, and they have not yet found a ladies' eleven to beat them. They have three over-arm bowlers and a good fielding side. The highest score made by any member of the eleven is 125, not out, by Miss P. Dorman, in a match last year against the Private Banks Ladies; and Mrs. W. R. Williams, the captain, has hit up 88, while Miss Molly Greening scored over 50 in a recent match. They have a bowling average record as good as seven wickets for nine runs.



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