BEAVERS FIT FOR START OF SEASON

Benny Henderson in Grand Shape to Pitch Opening Game.

CHAMPIONS EAGER TO PLAY

Men Confident Their Superior Batting Ability and Better Chance for Spring Training Will Give Them First Series.

SANTA MARIA, Cal., March 10—
(Special)—When the Portland champions board the narrow guage "buffet for Los Angeles Sunday afternoon staleness will be a minus bugaboo in camp. The Beavers right now are as chipper as a bunch of college sophomores, but to be absolutely protected against overtraining. Walter McCredie today decreed another half holiday after working his sluggers against after working his sluggers against left-hand pitchers for a full half hour

The Setaphy have four men in trin The Scraphs have four men in trim for the opening grame—two southpaws, Italia and Leverenz, and two right-handers. Tozer and thech — but Mocredle has doped it out that a port-sear will be given the preference by the merstwhile cellar champions on Toesday afternoon, as five of the nine brawers are southpay, batamen—Chadbourne, Rodgers, Lindsay, Doane and itenderson.

"We anould lead the life out of may of the four," said the Portland penmant-molder to his men in the club-house today. "Halls won II and lost 12 has year and Touer, their other star, won four and lost five, and I cannot see wherein the supporting Angula are any stronger than a year ago, place, Howard and "age are fast men on the large, but there will be few stolen hages off Catcher Howley."

Bravers in Fine Shape.

"Watch him nip them. The Beavers are in superb condition, while the Los Angeles men, working out jointly with

Angeles men, working out jointy with Vernon in the same park, are certainly behind in their training.

In hitting strength the Beavers show one of the hest-balanced aggregations that ever cavorted in the Coast League. Ben Henderson represents the subj. with a stick average of 248, and while not one clouded more than 300 last year, the club has a team record of better than .275.

Angel Butting Wenker.

Henie Hettmuller wada the Angels, with a past performance of 342, but even with this to swell the team total, billon's wing-wearers do not represent more than a 257 intrinsic batting

in fielding the 1311 averages show about an even break, the cutfield converging around the 357 mark and the infield around 360. But with the confidence borne of a successful season or two, the Heavers should overtop Mo. their rivals all along the line. Mac-Credle's batterymen, both pitchers and catchers, appear superior to the Semphs And the pitching staff es-pecially is a mighty important com-ponent of a pennant-winning combination. Following are the 1911 batting and fielding averages of the clubs as they will probably go into the open-

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inecticut League, where he played Springfield, the same club where eitcher Temple of Portland romped last season. Temple says Page is not a young man by any means, but is class AA in all respects save a slight throwweakness. Core is from the Cenleb in the outfield, as Driscoll is a lifth competitor for the gardens. The new pitchers are Slagel and Chech, of the American Association, and Flater, of the Oaks, at present laid up with a

tions will pitch the opening game for the Champions, never looked better in his painlest days either with the 1996 champion Beavers or with the Stockton utlaws or more recently in 1911, when to ranked one game behind the league's eading hurlers, Steen and Ables.

Howley Says Henderson Is Good.

Catcher Howley, who is a good judge of flingers, makes the assertion that on is one of the greatest pitch ers in the world today. He has had wonderful speed and almost perfect control in all his preliminary settos here and seems determined to go to the big league next Fall, as the outlaw mantle will be raised on the first of

"I signed my anti-booze contract yes-terday, and I think it will be a great thing for me, said Benny tonight. 'Judge McCredie is to keep from \$75 to \$100 per month out for me and I get it in a lump at the close of the season. I'm in the game to show peo-ple this year.

If Umpire Hildebrand had called Barry safe in that memorable fracas en the Portland grounds last Fall, in-stead of out, it would have tied me with Steen and Ables at .667 per cent. I won 21 and lost 12 as it was.

Umpire Right, He Says.

"Hiblebrand was right, though, in that decision," added Ben hastily, "I was ready to fight anybody then who had temerity enough to make this assertion, but there's no doubt about it, now that we look at things in the cooler light. Barry ran inside the diamond and tschnically be was out. All the boys agree with me there. Still, Hil-sebrand could have walved his strict-ness and I believe would have done so had it been anybody but Barry on the

expect to lead the league this seafor I feel better than ever before. Manager McCredie today received a National Association bulletin of re-leases and contracts sent to President Saum of the Coast League by National Secretary Farrell and as it contains the 'Pitcher Gilligan with Portland' tem Mac declares his intention of us-ing the star right hander until other-

wised ordered by the commission.

If don't care if Gilligan has been notified to report to Columbus," said be. "All we out here have to go by is the bulletin list and if Farrell checked Gilligan's abstract up and saw in to register him with Portland I intend to use him in the opening

QUARTET OF OAKLAND PLAYERS WHO WILL BE SEEN IN PORTLAND THIS SEASON





Hetling.

There Is No "Greatest Ball Player," Says League Chief.

F. JONES IS EVASIVE

Wagner, Lajole, Sam Crawford, Chance, Chase, Miner Brown and Others Mentioned as Foremost Diamond of Present Age.

To Fielder Jones, president of the Northwestern League and former leader of the world's champions, the Chicago White Sox, there is no "greatest ball player." Jones would not detract from the glory of a number of diamond from the giory of a number of the suminaries by naming any one man as the greatest exponent of the National game, and refuses to concede the premiership to any man. Hawever, when the stars of the game are discussed, Ty

the stars of the game are discussion.

Cobb. the "Georgia Peach," always receives first mention in the list of players under discussion.

To say that Ty Cobb is the greatest baseball player of all time is not a simple assertion, and the man who makes it finds that he has started an appropriate which can never be satisfacmakes it finds that he has started an argument which can never be satisfactorily settled," says the man whose parents gave him the baseball name. "Honus Wagner and Napoleon Lajole are to be reckoned with, while Donovan, Mathewson, 'Miner' Brown, Sam Crawford, Frank Chance, Hal Chase, Bobby Wallace, and others have their admirers.

"Ty Cobb has the advantage over Wagner and Lajoie in that he has an easier position to play. It is a much less difficult diamond task to play in the outfield than in the infield. To my mind Cobb's chief stock in trade is his speed, used at unexpected moments. I have never noticed that Cobb was an unusual thinker, but always attrib-uted his success, aside from his hit-ting, to his speed and take-a-chance

methods.
"Donovan, Mathewson and Brown are "Denovan, Mathewson and Brown are entitled to consideration among the greatest baseball players in history. True, they are pitchers, and hence not rated with the men who are in the game every day, but they have been the life-savers' of their clubs."

Jones notes a big difference between the major league training camp of today and those of the period in which the White Sox were the cocks of the American League walk.

"In my mammerial days the manager had to direct all of the training camp work, and not only direct it, but do most of the work." Fielder comments. "Now we have managers, assistant managers and bosses over various squads, with the managers the di-

sistant managers and bosses over various squads, with the managers the directing spirit of the camp.

"When I was with the White Sox the training period was the hardest of the season. I can remember when my hands would be blistered and raw from hitting fungoes, with my arm se sore from pitching to the batters that I could not sleep."

PHILLIES DEFEAT ATHLETICS

World's Champions Fall Before Play

of National Leaguers, 12 to 9. PHILADELPHIA, March 20. — The Philadelphia Nationals defeated the world's champion Athletics on the Na-tional League grounds today in the

SENATORS GRUSH PORTLAND COLTS

23 Hits and 18 Runs Made Off Thomas, Byrd and Maxmeyer.

NORTHERNERS SCORE TWO

Coast Leaguers Hammer Ball Hard and Make Merry With Best Offerings of Williams' Prize Pitchers.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 10 .- (Special.)-Patsy O'Rourke's Sacramento Coast Leaguers smothered Nick Willams' Portland Northwestern hopefuls under an avalanche of 23 hits at Buffalo Park today, the bombardment representing 18 runs. Fourteen hits among eight men, with Kibble on the long end of the sticking, only netted the class B boys two tallies.

Thomas, Nick Williams' California enlistment, was yanked out in the second inning after Swain had consecond inning after Swain had con-nected for three sacks. Miller for a single, Lewis with a home run over right field fence, and Heistner with a alashing single that knocked Umpire McCarthy off his feet and scored Lewis. Byrd Sent to Rescue.

With none down "Seldler" Byrd took up the burden and succeeded in raising the Senators after four men had chased across the rubber.

Maxmeyer, with a bundle of steam and a load of anxiousness, took up the cudgels in the fourth, but before his exuberance had worn off the bage were filled and the inning ended with five

more runs registered

In the fifth frame Kibble, who prom ises to develop into a sensation touched Arelianes for two sacks, and scored the first run for the Colts on Miller's fumble of Mensor's infield hit.

Mexmeyer Buckles Down. Maxmeyer succeeded in shutting the Senator sluggers out in their half of the fifth, breaking the slugging fest. In the sixth he allowed three hits with three more tallies. In the seventh and eighth Maxmeyer steadled and bent them over nicely, stopping Saoramento's run-getting. Wilson scored Portland's second tally in the ninth

As a result of today's game, Nick Williams picked these men tonight, whom he will take with him to Port-

Tonneson, Bloomfield, Eastley, Doty Tonneson, Bloomfield, Eastley, Doty, Veasey, Curtis, Osborn, Hirsch and Gregg, pitchers; Harris, Moore and Burch, catchers; Williams, first base; Guigni, second base; Coltrin, shortstop; Kibble, third base; Speas, Strait, Menor, Mattles and Fries, outfielders.
Williams will try to place pitchers
homas and Daley and infielders Gay and Carey. Maxmeyer will be carried as a reserve pitcher. The rest of the squad will be released after the game

Portland Sacramer got many of their runs through the wildness of Houck, a new pitcher of the American League team. Alexander

Total 2914 24 15 2 Total 45 25 27 15 2
*Coltrin batted for Carey in ninth; ** Wilson batted for Maxmeyer in ninth.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Batteries—Houck, Krause and Egan and Lapp; Alexander, Moore, Hunt, Schultz and Dooln and Killifer.

SUMMARY.

Runs-Kibble, Wilson, Madden 2. Sheehan 2. O'Rourke, Swain 2. Miller 2. Lewis 3. Heister 2. Hart 5. Ten hits 6 runs off Thomas in two innings; 2 hits four runs off Byrd in one inning; 11 hits 8 runs off. Maxmeyer in five innings. Home run-Lewis. Three-base hit-Swain. Two-base hits-Mensor 2. Kibble 2. Hart. Lewis. O'Rourke. Swain. Sarrifice hits-Heister, Arellanes. Sacrifice fly-Strait. Stolen bases-Madden 2. Swain. Lewis. First base on called bails Out-By Maxmeyer 5. by Thomas 2. by Arrelianes 1. Wild pitches-Thomas, Byrd. Double plays-Arelianes to O'Rourke to Miller, Carey to Mensor to Williams. Time of game—I hour 45 minutes. Umpire McCarthy.

Y. M. C. A. ATHLETES WHO CORNERED THE ANNUAL PEN-TATHLON HONORS.

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St. Louis Nationals Victors.

ST. LOUIS, March 30 .- The Nationals

won the first game of the local Spring

series by defeating the Americans to

day, 6 to 4. With the score tied when

the Nationals went to but in the sixth

inning, two errors and a base on balls,

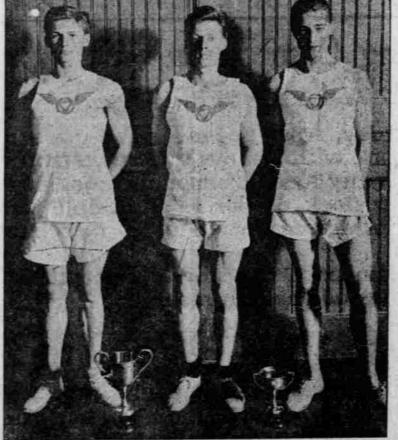
a single and a double netted three

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Batteries-Bell, Sallee and Bresna-han; Lake, Frill, Hamilton and Krich-

Nationals

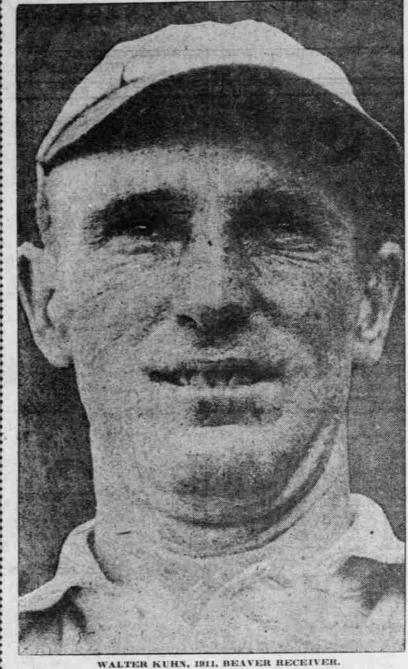
runs. Score:



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT THE MEN ARE: SEVERIN HARKSON, T GANS-THE TROPHY AT THE LEFT IS WALTER GILLARD, H. GANS-THE TROPHY AT THE LEFT IS THE JULIUS MEIER CUP; TO THE RIGHT, THE HONEYMAN CUP.

The above photograph shows the winners of the Y. M. C. A annual pentathlon, which ended last week. The series of athletic meets extended over a period of eight weeks, with 30 entries. Harkson won first prize, the Meier cup, with 1015 points; Gillard was second, taking the Honeyman trophy with 998 points; Gans was third with 861 points. The competitions consisted of eight events.

PORMER PORTLAND CATCHER WHO ASPIRES TO NIP TY COBB AT SECOND.



Victoria Recruit Has Record as Terrific Batter.

SLOWNESS HIS DRAWBACK

Veteran With 16 Years' Minor League Experience Can Hit Any Pitcher but on Bases He Is Almost Worthless.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 30 .-(Special.)-When big Herre Meek, catcher-slugger, ex-Chattanoogan and tar left to join the Victoria club of the Northwestern League, one of the most unique and noted performers who ever pastimed in these diggings passed out of Dixie baseball into another circuit.

Fourteen years of terrific batting in the minor leagues, with a grand average of .336, entitles Herre to the name of "Nap Lajoie" or "Hans Wagner" of the bushes. Call him either one. He'll not object. No batsman in baseball ever had a keener, more reliable batting eye nor a harder swing to send the horsehide whizzing to the outer gardens. Only his slothfulness on base paths and in chasing the foul files has kept the big catcher from starring in the majors for many sea-SODS.

He could bat 300 in any league. All pitchers look alike—but Herre has never had the get-up to go higher than

Twelve Leagues Know Him The veteran has seen service in 12 leagues and been on the rosters of 17 ball clubs. He has batted less than 200 but three seasons and has led his league in seven of the 17 years of slugging. He increased his stolen slugging. He increased his stolen base record to nine with Waco, in the Texas League, last season, and says he's growing thinner and faster in his old age. The old swatter has found to his delight that there are four short right-field fences in the Northwestern right-field fences in the Northwestern League and is already dreaming of many home runs, for he bats from the port side of the plate and specializes on long drives to right field. Meek, though he has seen 16 years slip since he first played professional ball, is only \$4 years of age and em-

phasized that he is not going back by batting 310 in the Texas League last He was born in Chillicothe Mo., December 12, 1877. He started out with Independence, in the Kansas State League, in 1896. He was with Port Huron, in the Michigan League,

In 1898 he started with Kansas City, played one game, made three hits, a single, two-base hit and three-sacker, but was released that night. He went to St. Joseph and then back to Port Huron, when the Western Association He broke his ankle that year and was out of commission for two seasons.

Nineteen hundred and one found him back in harness with his home club. He went to the Missouri Valley League in 1902, ending up as manager of Jop-lin. He was with Rockford, in the lin. He was with Rockford, in the Three Eye, in 1904 and 1905 and ended the latter season with Sioux City. He started with Toronto in 1906, but was sold to Birmingham, where his hitting won the pennant. He remained with Birmingham in 1907 and 1908. In 1909 he came to Chattanooga and played two seasons with the local club. Last year seasons with the local club. Last year he played with Waco, in the Texas

Although he has played in nearly every minor league and appeared in nearly every baseball town west of the Rockies, this is the first time he has ever ventured to the Pacific Coast.

Short Pences Please Him. He says he has at least five more years of slugging in his system and leaves behind several bets placed that he'll bat over 200 in the Northwestern and make at least 15 home runs over the right field fence. He left this city in the first practice game today, 9 to 2.

March 12 to report to the Victoria club at San Jose, Cal.

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1910. Chattanooga, Southern
1911. Waco, Texas

Aberdeen May Not Enter Team.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 30 .-(Special.)—Aberdeen ball promoters telegraphed the State Lengue meeting held in Chehalis yesterday that owing to the strike in that city no ball club could be supported there this year. Representatives were present at the meeting from Controlls Chehalis and Abering from Centralia, Chehalis and Aberdeen, and in view of the preparations that have been made in these three cities for starting the season, it was decided to ask Aberdeen to reconsider. The meeting was postponed a week to opportunity to take some action.

COLLEGE ATMOSPHERE BIG AID Residential Districts Near Califor-

nia Universities in Demand. F. N. Clark, selling agent for Eastmoreland, has returned from a two weeks' trip to investigate residential conditions in Palo Alto and Berkeley, the seats of the two large California

niversities. Mr. Clark is enthusiastic over the conditions which he found, particularly in Berkeley, where many San Fran-cisco business men make their homes, preferring to pay 15 cents and to transfer twice that they might reside near the University of California. The price of property at Berkeley

has advanced from \$50 per acre to several thousand dollars per business lot in a few years. The houses were fine and the streets were kept clean, each section of the city striving to live up to the high standard set by the

At Palo Alto, 31 miles south of San Francisco, he found similar conditions, except that fewer business men of San Francisco live there.

Francisco live there.

"If Portiand people realized what
Reed College will mean to Eastmoreland in a short time. I would soon be
out of a job," said Mr. Clark. "for all the remaining lots would be sold in a

BOXING BOUT IS FARCIAL

MANTELL DEFEATS HERRICK IN CLINCHING MATCH

Middleweights Show No Class and Wrestle, Butt and Hug Through Twenty Rounds.

LOS ANGELES, March 30 .- Frank Mantell, of Pawtucket, R. L. and Jack Herrick, of Chicago, middleweights, wrestled, butted and hugged through wrested, butted and masses to the country of the co is giving here, but neither man showed the least semblance of championship the lease caliber.

caliber.

From first to last it was rush in clinch, hold on break and then repeat the performance. Both men were cut and bruised by wicked shortarm jabs to the face. Herrick, however, being in the worst condition at the windup.

The Chicago man in the few moments that the fighters were working at long-arm range, showed better, but neither displayed any inclination to do any-thing except clinch.

KUHN IS ANXIOUS

Former Beaver. Making Good Wants to "Get" Ty Cobb.

SOX CAMP MARVELS' SCENE

Though Only 22 Years Old, "Red" Is Showing Form of Man of Years in Professional Baseball-Lad Is Ambitious Player.

GEORGETOWN, Tex., March 30 .-(Special.)-A young catcher who has an ambition to throw Ty Cobb out at second is going along in the right way to make good in the big league. There is one backstop recruit in the Sox training camp who has been thinking all Spring about the glory of the opportunity to shoot the ball to second with Ty on the go. That young man is "Red" Kuhn, the peppery little catcher secured last Fall from the Port-

land team of the Pacific Coast League. "Red," as everyone calls him, because he's more flery on the top of his head than any man in camp, is ambitious and confident, and he doesn't care who knows it. He pegs the ball around the bases in such a confident manner and does everything else in the game so boldly that he has the appearance of one who has been up with the big fellows for several years.

They look just the same to him in the big league as they did in the Pacific Coast or in the bushes, where he played before that. A baserunner is a baserunner to him, and Red says one man isn't so much faster than another that he can't shoot him out if everything else goes through all right.

Kuhn May Get Chance. To all indications Kuhn will have a chance to throw Ty Cobb out at second before much of the American League schedule has been played. He has done so well in the exhibition games played on the trip, and seems so much a ballplayer, that he stands a bit above all the other catching recruits at the present time, and at least one, and probably two, of the young backstops are going to be kept with

the team.

Kuhn is a young man, being only 22 years old. Sometimes when one looks years old. Sometimes when one looks at him he seems to be at least 35. But at a distance, and when in action, he shows all the sprightliness of youth. He's small and he has wrinkles in his face and hands. He weighs only 142 pounds at the present time and he looks as if he will weigh that for the next 60 years. He doesn't look like a fellow who could ever age or become portly. portly

On the ball field he's always aleri. He has little twinkling brown eyes that snap, and his muscles act as if by instinct. He can jerk off a mask and instinct. He can jerk off a mask and start after a foul fly quicker than any big league catcher in the game today. For a little fellow, he can swing the bat with wonderful power, and he hits the ball hard. Out on the Coast they gave him a light batting average of 228, but "Red" declares there has been 238, but "Red" declares there has been a mistake and is willing to wager it is within a few points of .280. But he doesn't care for the figures as long as he's hitting the ball and keeping in action. There's only one time in the day when "Red" seems at repose and that's just after dinner each evening. He draws out a long thin pipe, fills it with tobacco and then sits and emokes in perfect relaxation. mokes in perfect relaxation.

Professional Ball Only One Year. "Red" really has played only one year in professional company, that being 1911 with Portland. Five young catchers tried for that job with Po

tand, and "Red" got it.

The year before that he was with Fresno, in the California State League, but the league went to the wall after ten weeks of playing and "Red" passed the summer playing and "Red" passed the Summer playing the Summer p the remainder of the Summer playing

the little bush towns. He was born and raised out in Cali-fornia, and his home at the present time is in the town of Clovis of that time is in the town of closers that. He's been handy with a billiard cue ever since he could see that top of a table, and in the Winter "Red" holds a job as manager of a billiard hall in his town. He has been married



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