

BEAVERS FINISH START OF SEASON

Benny Henderson in Grand Shape to Pitch Opening Game.

CHAMPIONS EAGER TO PLAY

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

SANTA MARIA, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—When the Portland champions reach the narrow gauge "bullet" for Los Angeles Sunday afternoon stales will be a minus bagaboo in camp.

The Scraps have four men in trim for the opening game—two southpaws, Halla and Leverenz, and two right-handers, Tazer and Chubb—but McCredie has done it out that a portly will be given the preference.

We should beat the life out of any of the four," said the Portland penant-moder to his men in the club-house today.

In hitting strength the Beavers show one of the best-balanced aggregations that ever converted the Coast League.

Angel Bating Weaker. Honie Holtmuller leads the Angels, with a past performance of .342, but even with this to swell the team total, Holtmuller's winners do not represent more than a .257 intrinsic bating power.

In fielding the 1911 averages show an even break, the outfield converging around the .957 mark and the infield around .969.

Of the Los Angeles crew, Page at second and Core in the outfield will be the new faces.

Henderson, who from all indications will pitch the opening game for the Beavers, never looked better in his palmy days either with the 1908 champion Beavers or with the Stockton outlaws or more recently in 1911, when he ranked one game behind the league's leading hurlers, Steen and Able.

Catcher Howley, who is a good judge of flingers, makes the assertion that Henderson is one of the greatest pitchers in the world today.

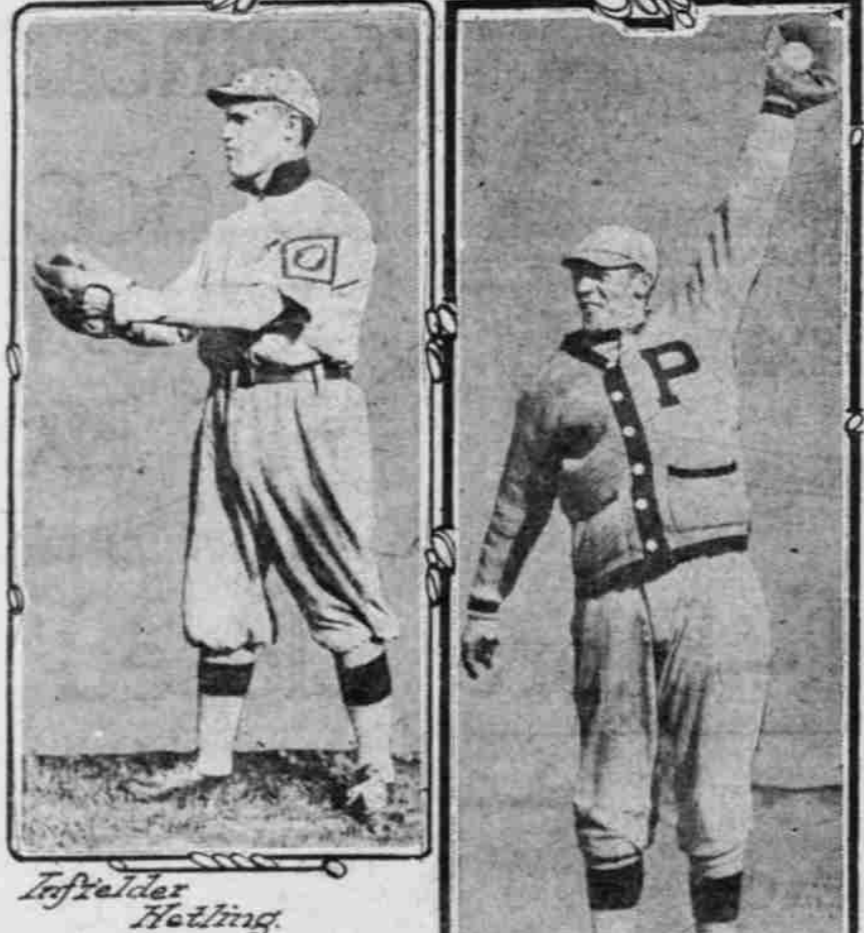
"I signed my anti-boose contract yesterday, and I think it will be a great thing for me," said Benny tonight.

PHILLIES DEFEAT ATHLETICS World's Champions Fall Before Play of National Leaguers, 12 to 9.

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



Shortstop Cook, Pitcher Hartmann, Infielder Hotting, Manager Shreve.



Infielder Hotting.

F. JONES IS EVASIVE

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

TY COBB MENTIONED FIRST

Wagner, Lajoie, 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."

"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 argument which can never be satisfactorily settled," says the man whose parents gave him the baseball name.

"Cobb has the advantage over Wagner and Lajoie in that he has an earlier position to play. It is a much less difficult diamond task to play in the outfield than in the infield.

"Donovan, Mathewson and Brown are entitled to consideration among the greatest baseball players in history.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—The Philadelphia Nationals defeated the world's champion Athletics on the National League grounds today in the

SENATORS CRUSH 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 30.—(Special.)—Patsy O'Rourke's Sacramento Coast Leaguers smothered Nick Williams' Portland Northwestern hopefuls under an avalanche of 23 hits at Buffalo Park today, the bombardment representing 18 runs.

Thomas, Nick Williams' California enlistment, was yanked out in the second inning after Swain had connected for three sacks.

Maxmeyer succeeded in shutting the Senator batters out in their half of the fifth, breaking out three hits with three more tallies.

Williams Picks Team. As a result of today's game, Nick Williams picked his men to play whom he will take with him to Portland.

Tomson, Bloomfield, Eastley, Doty, Vesey, Curtis, Osborn, Hirsch and Burch, pitchers; Williams, first base; Guign, second base; Coltrin, shortstop; Kibbie, third base; Speas, strait; Messor, Matties and Fries, outfielders.

Williams will try to place pitchers Thomas and Daley and infielders Gay and Carey.

Portland. Ab H Po A E Runs. 2B 5 2 4 1 3Mden. 5 3 0 0 0

St. Louis Nationals Victors. ST. LOUIS, March 30.—The Nationals won the first game of the local Spring series by defeating the Americans today, 5 to 4.

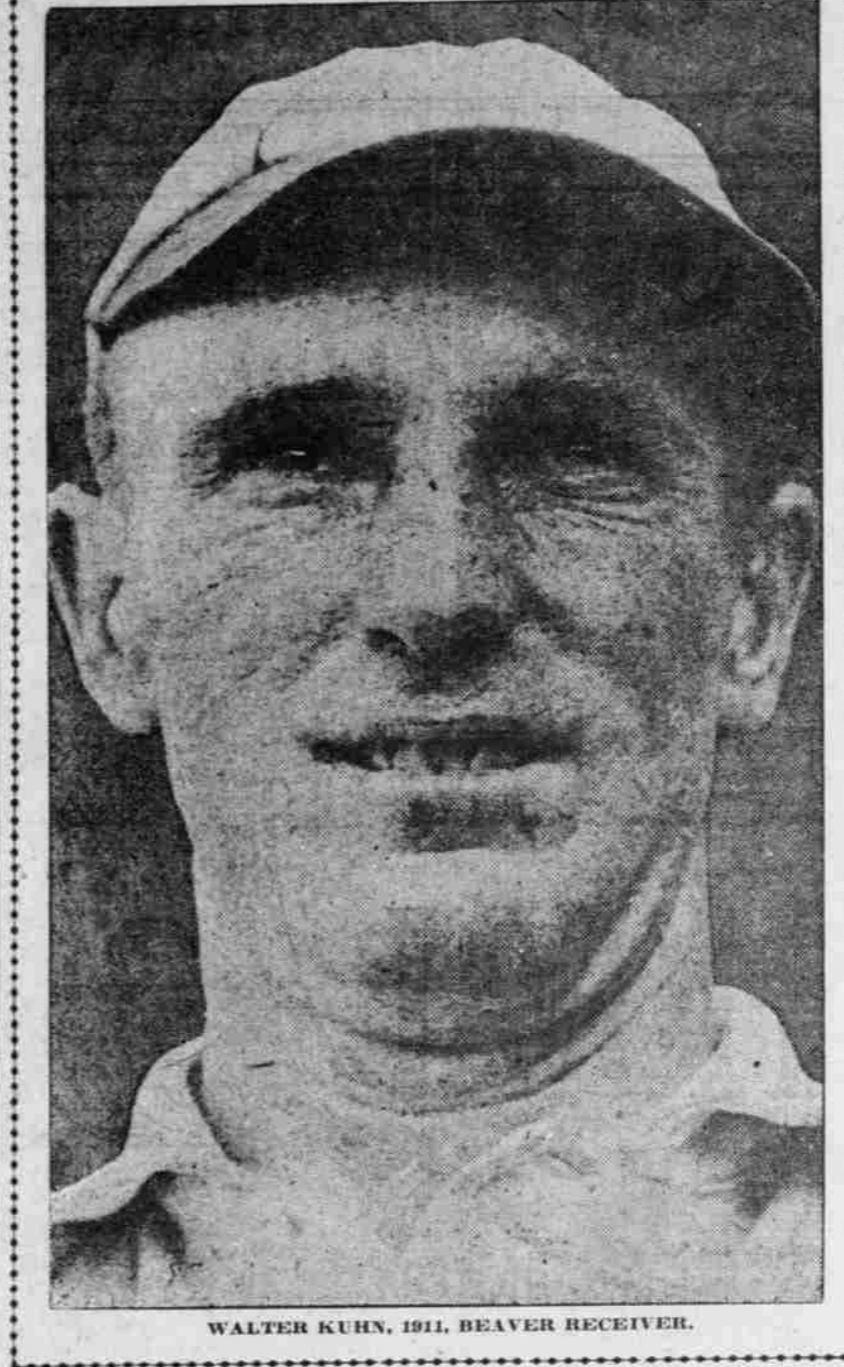
Runs.—Kibbie, Swain, Madden 2, Shesha 2, O'Rourke, Swain 2, Miller 2, Lewis 3, Helster 2, Hart 2. Ten hits 8 runs off Thomas in two innings; two base hits off Byrd in one inning; 11 hits 8 runs off Maxmeyer in five innings.

Y. M. C. A. ATHLETES WHO CORNERED THE ANNUAL PENTATHLON HONORS.



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

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



WALTER KUHN, 1911, BEAVER RECEIVER.

MEEK IS SLUGGER

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-sluggler, ex-Chattanooga and ex-Birmingham star, 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.

Meek, though he has seen 16 years slip behind him on the rosters of 12 club clubs, he has batted less than .300 but three seasons and has led his league in seven of the 17 years of his slugging.

Twelve Leagues Know Him. The veteran has seen service in 12 leagues and been on the rosters of 12 club clubs.

BOXING BOUT IS FARCICAL

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. I., and Jack Herrick, of Chicago, middleweights, fought a butted and hugged through 29 rounds in McCarey's Vernon arena today and at the finish Referee Charles Eytan gave Mantell the decision.

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 Pencees Please Him. He says he has at least five more years of slugging in his system and leaves behind several bats placed that he'll bat over .300 in the Northwestern and make at least 15 home runs over the right field fence. He left this city

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 on the Pacific Coast League.

Walter Kuhn, the peppery little catcher secured last Fall from the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League, "Red," as everyone calls him, because he's more fiery on the top of his head than any man in camp, is ambitious and confident, and he doesn't care who knows it.

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.

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.

On the ball field he's always alert, that snap, and his muscles act as if by instinct. He can jerk off a mask and start after a foul fly quicker than any big league catcher in the game today.

Professional Ball Only One Year. "Red" really has played only one year in professional baseball.

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