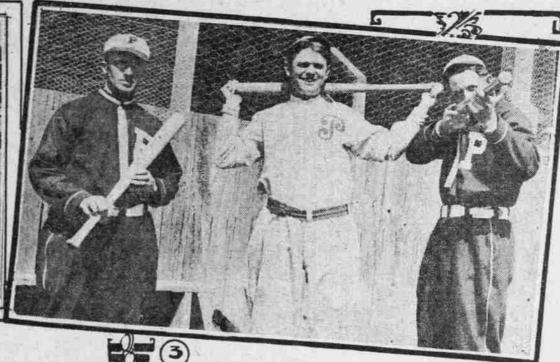
BEAVER BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO WILL DEFEND CHAMPIONSHIP







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Portland Champions INFIEld

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6 TEAMS ON EDGE TO START SEASON

Great Coast League Baseball Race for 1912 Will Open Tuesday.

EVERY CLUB IS CONFIDENT

Fans Await First News From Los Angeles Where Beavers Begin Series-Portland, Vernon and San Francisco Favorites.

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BY JAMES H. CASSELL.

The barriers will be sprung Tuesday afternoon in three California cities and six athletic teams will be off on the baseball marathon which will decide the 10th annual championship of the Pacific Coast Baseball League. Portland's diamond luminaries, upor

whom rest the arduous task of defend ing a title held for two successive sea-sons, will open the season at Los An-geles: Vernon and Sacramento tangle in the latter city, and San Francisco and Oakland lock horns in the initial contest in the Fanama-Pacific city.

"Flay ball," the gladsome cry which has been eagerly awaited by fandom since the stove league sessions became monotonous, will be preceded, as usual, with the time-bonored and state. with the time-nonored and fitting greeting to king Baseball in the shape of parades and opening ceremonies. Business will be virtually at a standstill in the three California cities, while fandom takes a peep at the diamond gladiators who will furnish sport until October 27.

That the tenth season will be the most successful in the history of the most successful in the prediction of all Prospect for "Class" Good. erganization is the prediction of all connected with the great National pastime on the Pacific Coast, Financially the prospects were never cially the prospects were never brighter, while from the standpoint of playing, "class" will loom up more prominently than ever.

As usual there are six owners, six managers, six captains and as many squads of players who either boldly lay claim to the 1912 pennant or refort to "we'll be in the running," and harbor a suspicion amounting to a certainty that the final bell will find them straddling the pennant pole with one hand firmly grasping the flag. However, critics generally feminate Portland, Vernon and San Francisco for the first division, with Oakland, Los Angeles and Sacramento the trailers. San Francisco, with its White Sox recruits, is figured the possible "surprise of the race. Vernon is conceded a position among the contenders, with the 1911 strength of the Hoganites apparently not a whit impaired. Portalthough Beaver detractors are trying to convince themselves that the los a barrier to another cham

Both McCredies Confident.

if the expressions of confidence ut-tered by both Owner McCredie and Manager McCredie are a criterion of the Portland strength and position at the lag end of the race, the pennant is



COAST LEAGUE LEADERS TELL OF HOPES FOR PENNANT

Danny Long Says Luck On y Can Beat Seals

San Francisco Manager Makes No. phecies as to Other Tenms but He Says His Men Are Good

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 30.— (Special.)-Luck is the only thing that Dunny Long, manager of the San Francisco Seals, figures as being able to put the Seals out of the race as pennant contenders. He mentions the new material on the team, says his men are in far better shape than at the start of last season and says he is not worrying about the pennant.

"I would not altempt to forecast the Coast League pennant race for the coming season for the reason that it would not be worth the paper it is written on," said Long today, "I cannot form an opinion of the relative strength of the other clubs until I have seen them in action. I only know that I will have a strong club in San Francisco. I can say that the team this season will be immeasurably stronger than the one of last year. The fact is there is no comparison. I have landed new men and have strengthened up the team in all depart-

"Take my outfield. I have three right-handed hitters there and all amart, intelligent fellows who can hit and field the ball. My infield is well balanced and I can depend upon it at all stages of the game. My pitching staff is strong and I have a high-class backstop department. With McArdle and Mohler at second and Berry and Schmidt behind the bat, I have the center of a team all formed of men who have played together and that is a big advantage. "Barring unforseen bad luck and ac-

cidents. I am safe in saying that the Seals will be up there fighting for the

"Just look back and you will see that even with all the accidents that the team suffered last season the team was just two games behind the leaders in August of last year.

Now with that much stronger team that I have this season there is no reason why I should worry about not hav-

as good as won again. Both men dethe Beaver uniform this season will go into the fray in better condition than any other Portland squad in his-

The Beavers will pass the first two weeks of the season acquainting them-selves with the California parks. Opening at Los Angeles for a seven-gam-series, the Beavers will go to Sai Francisco and Oakland for a serie with the Oaks commencing April 5. On Tuesday. April 16, they will christen Portland's splendid new baseball park with a series against San Francisco. followed by set-tos with Oakland and Vernon on the home lot. The pennant will probably be raised on May 1, be-fore the eyes of the Vernonites.

Following is the schedule for the first two weeks of the season, during which the Portland lads are in Call fornia: April 2, Portland vs. Los Angeles at Los Angeles, Vernon vs. Sacramento at Sacramento, Oakland vs. San Francisco at San Francisco; April 2, Portland vs. Oakland at Oakland and San Francisco, San Francisco va. Sac ramento at Sacramento, Los Angeles vs. Vernon at Vernon and Los Angeles, will line-up at but against the Angels Tuesday: Chadbourne, Rodgers, Lind-

thing But Senators

Sacramento Captain Says All Other Are Wenkened, His Strengthened.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—"Sacramento will be up among the contenders all the way this year," said Joe O'Rourke, captain of the Senators, in his ante-season statement today. "I cannot see where any of the Coast League clubs have profifed as much by their Winter skirmishing and Spring training as we have. We have all of our best pitchers back again and at least two of our new pitchers will be among the best on the Coast before the season is over. Behind the plate we have three good men this year, where last year we only had one man to rely on.

"In the infield we have new blood on first and third and the opposite corners are far better cared for than last year, At shortstop we will have a leaguer, you can count on that. We've got strings out for a fast infielder from Philadelphia and two from Boston, and if one of them is not on hand for the opening game, we will at least have them here before the end of the week.

The same outfield that showed up so strong at the end of last year is on hand again—Lewis, Van Buren and Madden. But we are so much stronger with Charley Swain that Van Buren will probably be carried as utility out-fielder and pinch hitter. Mahoney will be carried as utility pitcher and out-

"I do not figure that Portland has filled the hole caused by the loss of Ryan and Peckinpaugh even in getting Howley, the new catcher.
"Oakland has lost Wolverton and Cutshaw, two of the men who won for Oakland last year by their base run-

ning.
"And Bud Sharpe is going to have his "Los Angeles is no better than last

year, in my opinion.
"The same for Vernon, even though they are boosting this fellow Litschi off the boards.

Howley, Henderson or Koestner. The Seal batting order for the initial out: McIver, Mohler, Raftery, Hartley, schoon, McArdle, Corhan, Berry,

say, Doane, Kreuger, Rapps, Bancroft,

JUDGE MCCREDIE CONFIDENT

Owner of Beavers Thinks Start Mor

"If Portland does not win the 1912 Pacific Coast League pennant, it will not be because the start is inauspicious," is the strongest Judge McCredie, Portland owner, will go in prophesying results in the pennant race which opens Tuesday In Los Angeles, San Francisco

"In my opinion, 'ortland enters the race with the best-propared team in history. It is well balanced, strong at all points, and to a man is in perfect condition for a strenuous time from the jumpoif. Our losses were not so severe as in 1910, when Gregg, Krapp, Fisher and Olson were taken from us, while the new talent promises to de-velop into major league material. Of course, had luck, injuries or illness opening of the season.

O'Rourke Can't See Any- Leader of Oaks Makes No Claim for Pennant

Bud Sharpe, New on Coast and With Hesitates About Turning Prophet.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 30. - (Special.)-There is one manager of a Coast League club who is making no Hogan, of the Villagers, to The Oregoante-season predictions of capturing pennants. This is Bud Sharpe, manager of the Oaks, whose team has been rounding into shape at Livermore and showing a lot of early season form. Sharpe's hesitancy is due largely to the fact that he has had virtually to rebuild the team which will enter the Coast League race, but at that Sharpe is not making a poor mouth, but is promising to be out fighting all the

"Every manager in the league, with the exception of myself," said Sharpe, "has already won that old flag, according to the papers. That appears to bill the Oaks for the cellar championship. Of course we can't all be pennant-winners in one season, s would seem that about four or five leaders will be due to hand out some explanations. I prefer not to be counted among them.

"The fans should remember that we were greatly handicapped this season by being forced to build up an entirely new infield. However, I am satisfied with the showing our club has made Every man, with the exception of one or two pitchers, appears to be fit to break into a hard campaign tomorrow I am strong on pro-season predictions, but you can say for me that the Oaks will be out there fighting every inch

will be out there righting every inch
of the way from wire to wire.

"There's one thing more for the fans
to remember, and that is that while
the Oaks may be under a certain handicap at the start, the season is a long
one and the pennant race will not be
decided until the latter end.

"I'd rather have my team come up
from behind even from sixth place and from behind, even from sixth place, and win the flag than to be out in front and then take a slump."

all calculations, but indications point to a splendid season for Portland. "As for the other teams, I consider Vernon and San Francisco as the strongest. Oakland apparently has a strong team, although many new faces will be seen in the lineup. Los Angeles and Sacramento promise to be factors in the race, making the struggle for the

ennant a much better balanced one than last year.
"Of course, I hope that Portland re-peats, winning the third successive pennant; also that a Portiand player wins the automobile to be awarded the best player in the league. Reports from men who have seen all the teams in action give the Beavers the edge, but, as I said before, there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip."

Twill start this seals in the best sha in since I took holl.

SEALS CARRYING 27 PLAYERS

Small Army to Sit on San Francisco Bench in First Game.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., March 30 .- (Spe. cial.)-There will likely be 27 players sitting on the Scals bench when the gong sounds Tuesday, announcing the

Happy, as Ever, Is Leading Optimist in League

"I Ought to Be an Undertaker If Any Tenm Can Beat Us" Is Way Hogar Sees Vernon.

RESNO, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)-"It looks good to me," said Happy nian correspondent this afternoon, after a lively practice game, when asked for his opinion of the 1912 season. "One funny thing about this gameyou can't find any team that admits its place is at the tail end of the procession, but for the Vernons you can take it from me we are in the best condition imaginable.

"I have great respect for McCredie" men and I think well of all the teams, but we are a little better than any of them. We came near copping the bunt-ing last year. We will come so much nearer this year that there will be no one ahead of us. I don't want to boast, but look my bunch of players over and if you can beat them I ought to be an to go light in playing myself this year

Now I want you to understand this dis-tinctly: While I have good substi-tutes, I am going to be behind the bat in 50 per cent of the games. As for the others, every Coast fan knows what they can and will do. They are all considerably better than they were at their best last year. You'll hear from us when the bunting is annexed. "Do you remember the race put up

by Vernon two years ago, when all the clubs in the league kicked us to death? Well, it may surprise you to know it, but even that season if we had won the games that we lost by one score we would have been out in front. "Then last year it was the same, only the other clubs were the ones that were being kicked. Well, this year

the luck is due to change.
"Just wait until the end of the sea son and you will see a real team coming home with a big reception o happy fans waiting at the train with a

"That's when the Vernon pennant

Manager Long has to cut this squad down to 20 men by May 20, but it is likely that there will be no pruning out until after the first week of the

Nineteen men are here and eight are in San Francisco, but they will all be retained for a while. Deals are on for the disposal of Indelders Westmore-land and Yohe, and the uncertainties are Catcher Milford, Pitchers Strand and Taylor and one outfielder. The other men are reasonably assured of their jobs. The entire squad will be brought together in San Francisco on Monday, as the Paso Robles contin-gent up-stakes tomorrow after the

"I will start this season with the Seals in the best shape they have been in since I took hold of them," said Long. "Practically every man is in the indition and the team is ready to take the field tomorrow."

Howard Mundorff met with a pain-

ful, but not serious accident in practice this morning. He was playing third base when a grounder bounced off a pebble and cut his check.

California Defeats Stanford. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., March Sprague

as Strong as Before Veteran Const Lenguer Counts or

Dillon Says Angels' Team

OS ANGELES, March 30 .- (Special. -"The Los Angeles team is twice as good as it was last year," said Frank Dillon today to The Oregonian correspondent. "We are much stronger than last year in the catching department and our pitchers seem to be in good shape. I never make any boasts about the team, for no one knows how any team will play. It takes luck to win any game, and it takes all the luck to vin a pennant.

"Page is a good man at second base and I think Howard will show up well at short if his arm holds out. He is a better man at short than Delmas, for he is faster and will get balls that Delmas could not get. He is weak on ome ground balls, but I think he will Improve on practice and be satisfactory to the fans. I am not making any laims for the Angels, but we will do

the best we can. Dillon is disappointed because the veather conditions have held his men back in their training and made it im possible for him to send a team into the game against Portland in the condition that he had hoped for. He feels confident of a good start, however, Core, slated for a regular outfield ob, is not in his best condition, owing o his stay in Minnesota during

Howard has about recovered his soreess, and the pitchers, Halla and Lev-renz, Toler and Chech, are in good ondition, and ready to take their turns

Nearly all the boys are suffering more or less with colds, Berry predicts the biggest opening day in the history of Coast League bull

Applications for boxes for the season are pouring in at such a fast rate that he figures it has materially increased

30 .- Stanford was defeated today by the

University of California baseball team, in a game characterized by much loose fielding. Couch was taken out after California had made three runs in two Innings. Score:

California ... 8 7 10 Stanford 5 6 3 Batteries-Forker and Stoner; Couch, lowe and Scoffeld.

Storage of Game May Be Legalized.

The Multnomah Anglers' Club will robably propose a law to the effect hat fishers and hunters may store game which they have bagged in the legal season, provided they have it properly tagged by some game warden. Such was the purport of the meeting of the club at the Commercial Club last night. An executive committee, whose main duty will be to attend to amateurs of the above nature, was also appointed. and consists of H. B. Van Duzer, president of the club, W. G. Hale, F. L. Perkins, L. W. Humpareys, Dr. H. M. Campbell, Kirk Sutherland and A. P.

Outfield Trio

Portland Champion.

M'CREDIE SAYS HE HAS ONE FINE TEAM

Manager of Beavers Declares He Starts Season in Best Kind of Condition.

EARLY SUCCESS EXPECTED

Players Are Said to Be Ready for Opening Games -- Portland Leader Predicts He Will Beat Scals and Vernon.

BY WALTER M'CREDIE. Manager Portland Coast Champions SANTA MARIA, Cal., March 2 March 30 .-

Special.)-The Portland Beavers wil. go into the season of 1912 better equipped and in botter physical condition than any club which I have piloted in my seven years as manager in the Pacific Coast League. Last Spring things badly for us at the start, but we

rounded rapidly into form and soon ook the lead. This April I look for the Beavers to show their class right from the jump, and, while opening away from home is a great handleap, I expect to bring the Champions home for the opening game in Portland for the opening game in Portland against the Seals April 16, in first

will be one, two, three, pennant, when there are five other clubs in the race, is hardly an even proposition, but I'd like to put down \$1000 that we will beat the Seals out. Vernon has a strong club, but I don't look for Hogan to be quite up to the 1911 standard, while I think the Beavers are a little more formidable

Howley Looks Like Star

Howley, I predict, will be a star be-hind the bat, and with Fisher and La Longe on the payroll, our receiving department will be far ahead of any other club. Rodgers at second and Lindsay at third will outclass anything in the circuit. Two of the outsetield positions will be supreme, and my pitching staff again should siemonstrate its superiority over the other five, with Koestner, Henderson and Harkness as mainstays and these new

giants, Gilligan, Temple, Lamline and Steiger to fall back upon. Last season the Beavers had a run of hard luck. Kuhn and Murray were out a great deal of the time behind the bat, and Rodgers' incapacitation nearly put the rollers under us. Sec-ond base always has been my jink. but Captain Rodgers passed most of the Winter roaming over the hills of Southern Oregon after big game and he declares his ankle is stronger than ever. Bill's Spring practice work seems to justify this claim and I hope to

go through 1912 without serious accidents to my men.

At shortstop Peckinpaugh helped us a great deal last season with his marvelous fielding, but just watch young Bancroft. He covers fully as much ground as Peckinpaugh, if not more and I believe, will bat fully as more, and, I believe, will bat fully as strongly. Of course, actual conflict may reveal a weakness there, but if any shows itself I intend to remedy the defect at once for I consider shortstop the key position on the infield.

Young Men Are Preferred.

Insofar as the first two series are concerned, we should come away with the long end both at Los Angeles and at Oakland. At Los Angeles Dillon apparently has gathered together all the old men he could lay his hands on. His system differs from mine. I believe in garnering in the young fellows. The old heads seldom do more than is ex-pected of them—generally less—while the youngsters invariably show more

than their previous performances would seem to call for. To my mind the Seraphs got the best of the trade of Shortstop Delmas for Pitcher Flater. The latter should de-velop into a crack flinger, Ivan Howwho takes Delmas' place at short, held down the position against us late last Fall and undoubtedly will make

Portland's team this season is almost the acme of perfection plexion off the playing field. is gradually developing into the favor-ite pastime of the entire world. The infusion of college blood into the playing ranks has lifted the standard from the plane of the rough and the tough to the level of the finest people in the Nation. My team this year, I am Nation. My team this year, I am overloyed to say, will stand for every high ideal in sport. Out of more than 29 athletes on the staff only two even sip an occasional drop of liquor and both of these are so high up on the aqua vehicle that it will take an extension ladder to permit descent.

Portland will have the finest basebail

plant in the West in 1912 and I intend to do all in my power to se that a pennant-winning team goes with it,