

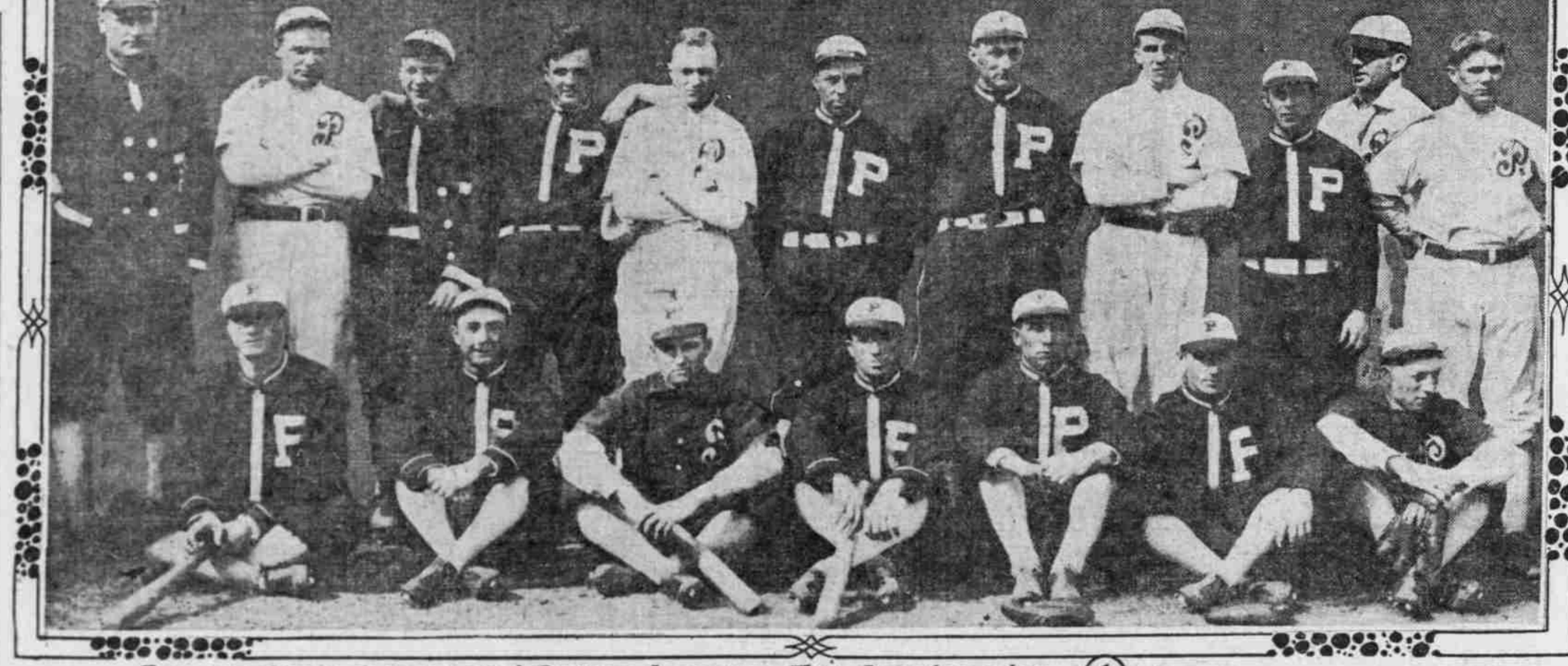
BEAVER BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO WILL DEFEND CHAMPIONSHIP



Portland Champions Infield

Duel of Beaver Receivers

Portland Champions Outfield Trio



Beaver Squad Snapped Before Leaving For Los Angeles

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.

LINESUPS FOR OPENING GAMES.

Portland	Los Angeles
Henderson	Howley
Kreuger	Harris
Donne	Page
Rapp	Baker
Hagg	Miller
Stelger	McGraw
McCreddie	Keane
Chadbourne	White
Crane	Wheeler
Hooper	Smith
Conan	Adams
Lang	McCarty
McLeod	McCarty
Wright	Fisher
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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 19th annual championship of the Pacific Coast Baseball League.

Portland's diamond luminaries, upon whom rest is placed by tradition, having a title held for two successive seasons, will open the season at Los Angeles, Vernon and Sacramento tonight in the latter city, and San Francisco and Oakland lock horns in the initial contest in the Panama-Pacific city.

COAST LEAGUE LEADERS TELL OF HOPES FOR PENNANT

Danny Long Says Luck On. y Can Beat Seals

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—Luck is the only thing that Danny 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. "The fact is there is no comparison. 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.

O'Rourke Can't See Anything But Senators

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—Sacramento will be up with 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 profited 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.

Leader of Oaks Makes No Claim for Pennant

OAKLAND, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—There is one manager of a Coast League club who is making no ante-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 way.

Happy, as Ever, Is Leading Optimist in League

FRESNO, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—"It looks good to me," said Happy Hogan, of the Villagers, to the Oregonian correspondent this afternoon, after a lively practice game, when asked for his opinion of the 1912 season. "One funny thing about this game—you 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.

Dillon Says Angels' Team as Strong as Before

LOS 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 win a pennant.

"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 Wolverbase and Cuthaw, two of the men who won for Oakland last year by their base running. "And Bud Sharpe is going to have his troubles. "Los Angeles is no better than last year, in my opinion. "The same for Vernon, even though they are boasting this fellow Littschl off the boards.

"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 big 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 outfielder and pinch hitter, Mahoney and Cuthaw, two of the men who won for Oakland last year by their base running. "If Portland does not win the 1912 Pacific Coast League pennant, it will not be because the start is unimprobable, it is the strongest Judge McCreddie, Portland owner, will go in prophesying results in the pennant race which opens Tuesday in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento.

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Manager Long has to cut this squad down to 29 men by May 20, but it is likely that there will be no pruning out until after the first week of the season. "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 infielders Westmoreland and Tolo, and the uncertainly of 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 contingent-up-stakes tomorrow after the game with Soladad. "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 pink of condition and the team is ready to take the field tomorrow."

Storage of Game May Be Legalized. The Multnomah Anglers' Club will probably propose a law to the effect that 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 matters of the above nature, was also appointed, and consists of H. R. Van Duzer, president of the club, W. G. Hale, F. L. Perkins, L. W. Humpreys, Dr. H. M. Campbell, Kirk Sutherland and A. P. Sprague.

Both McCreddies Confident. If the expressions of confidence uttered by both Owner McCreddie and Manager McCreddie are a criterion of the Portland strength and position at the far end of the race, the pennant is

may cause a slump which would upset 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 pennant much better balanced one than last year. "Of course, I hope that Portland repeats, winning the third successive pennant; also that a Portland 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."

Small Army to Sit on San Francisco Bench in First Game. PASO ROBLES, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—There will likely be 27 players sitting on the Seals' bench when the game sounds Tuesday, announcing the opening of the season.

California Defeats Stanford. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., March

30.—Stanford was defeated today by the University of California baseball team, in a game characterized by much lower fielding. Couch was taken out after California had made three runs in two innings. Score: R H E California..... 7 10 Stanford... 5 6 3 Batteries—Parker and Stoner; Couch, Howe and Scofield.

McCREDDIE 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 Seals and Vernon.

BY WALTER MCCREDIE. Manager Portland Coast Champions. SANTA MARIA, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—The Portland Beavers will go into the season of 1912 better equipped and in better physical condition than any club which I have piloted in my seven years as manager in the Pacific Coast League.

Last Spring things broke rather badly for us. At the start, but we rounded rapidly into form and soon took 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 handicap, I expect to bring the Champions home for the opening game in Portland against the Seals April 16, in first place.

Howley Looks Like Star. Howley, I predict, will be a star behind 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 outfield positions will be supreme, and my pitching staff, which we will work against its superiority over the other five, with Koestner, Henderson and Harkness as mainstays, and these new giants, Gilliam, Temple, Lamline and Stelger to fall back upon.

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 expected of them—generally less—while the youngsters invariably show more than their previous performances would seem to call for.

Portland's team this season is almost the exact opposite in its complexion of the playing field. Baseball is gradually developing into the favorite 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 employed to say, will stand for every high ideal in sport. Out of more than 20 athletes on the staff only two even up 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.