

COAST AND INTERIORS FOR 1913 STRONG

San Francisco Appears to Be Weakest Club in Prospect at Present.

BEAVER BATTERS STRONG

Portland Has Chadbourne, Krueger, Doane, Fitzgerald and Cunningham of 1912 Squad, and Fortier, of Salt Lake.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Pacific Coast League clubs will all have strong protection in the outer works in 1913. In so far as the Portland fly-chasers are concerned, if Manager McCredie had no other concern than his outfield, he could go into the season means campaign tomorrow without a wrinkle or a worry.

Last season Portland and Vernon had the classiest outfield in the league, according to a majority of the experts, but Los Angeles and Oakland lagged not far behind. San Francisco and Sacramento were both woefully weak. In 1913 the entire six clubs will line up about on a par, with San Francisco apparently the weakest sister at the present writing.

Portland stands pat with five great athletes—Chadbourne, Krueger, Doane, Fitzgerald and Cunningham, of the 1912 squad, and Fortier, a Salt Lake recruit, who batted .354 and stole 37 bases in 121 games. Vernon has made no additions to his regular rotation, but to start the year with Kane, Carlisle and Bayless, a wonderfully speedy trio.

Schirm Is Obtained.

Oakland lost Patterson in the draft at St. Louis, but Manager-elect Mitze has purchased Schirm, a terrific hitter from Buffalo, and everybody seems agreed that the International League will more than make up for Patterson's loss. Mitze has Coy and Zacher to go with Schirm, and Otey Abbott, erstwhile Tacoma outfielder, to fall back upon. The Oaks will be a trifle stronger.

Los Angeles lost Heinie Heilmuller by death and Pete Daley to Philadelphia, but by the latter trade Dillon secured Harl Maggart, former Oak, and Maggart isn't far below Daley's form. In addition to Maggart, the Angels will have Ellis of the St. Louis Nationals in uniform; Charley Moore, infielder of last year's squad; and the three second-string men, Core, Lober and Driscoll.

Last year Heilmuller was out of the play a great deal of the time through injuries, while Lober was a weak hitter against southpaws. With Maggart, Moore and Ellis as regulars, the Angels look stronger than in 1912.

Trouble Is Experienced.

San Francisco and Sacramento had a terrible time with their outfielders last season. The Seals used about three complete changes. They opened in April with McRoy, Rafferty, Hartley, Johnson and Powell as regulars, and not one of the bunch lasted half the season. McIntyre, purchased from Detroit near the close, proved a demon clown. During the winter Ewing purchased Will Hogan, ex-Oakland star, from St. Louis, and these two men, with Hoffman of the Oaks and McCreedy, would give the Seals an outfield 50 per cent improved. Reidy could, however, still use a crack gardener to advantage.

Kenworthy, the heavier slugger who tried out with Washington last fall, is the chief Sacramento recruit. Kenworthy batted .335 in the Western League last year in 131 games, and stole 39 bases, and should help the Senators. Wolverton also has Moran, a Chattanooga Southern Leaguer, and Van Buren, Shinn, Swain and Lewis of last year's cellar club. Kenworthy, Moran and Shinn will likely be the regular trio. Although Moran hits only .250 he is extremely fast and is a good fielder.

Beavers Have Hard Hitters.

In hitting strength alone, Portland easily tops the coast. McCredie has five .300 hitters—Cunningham, .341; Fitzgerald, .335; Fortier, .354; Doane, .308; Krueger, .299, and one .274 clouter, Chadbourne. Cunningham, the California kid picked up by McCredie late in the fall. He figured in 11 games, held down his berth like a veteran, batted .381 and fielded 1000. McCredie expects the youngster to beat one of his old heads out of a job.

Chadbourne, Doane, Fitzgerald and Cunningham are expected to carry five of the most of the season. Nick Williams will likely get one of the two youngsters, Fortier and Cunningham, early in April. A stationing of the Coast League outfielders, using 1912 averages, follows:

Table with columns: Club, Player, G, Ab, R, H, Rb, Sb, Bat, Fd. Rows include Portland (Chadbourne, Krueger, Doane, Fitzgerald, Cunningham, Fortier) and Oakland (Coy, Moore, Maggart, Wotell, Ellis, Lober, Driscoll, Curran).

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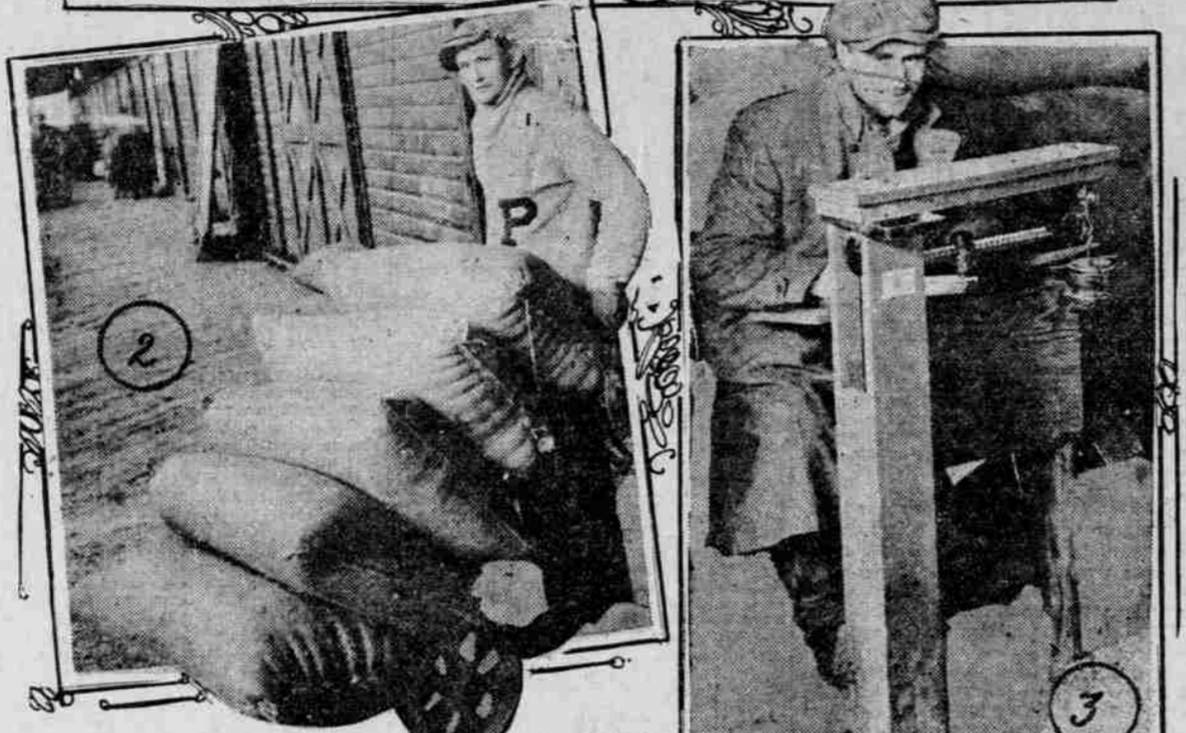
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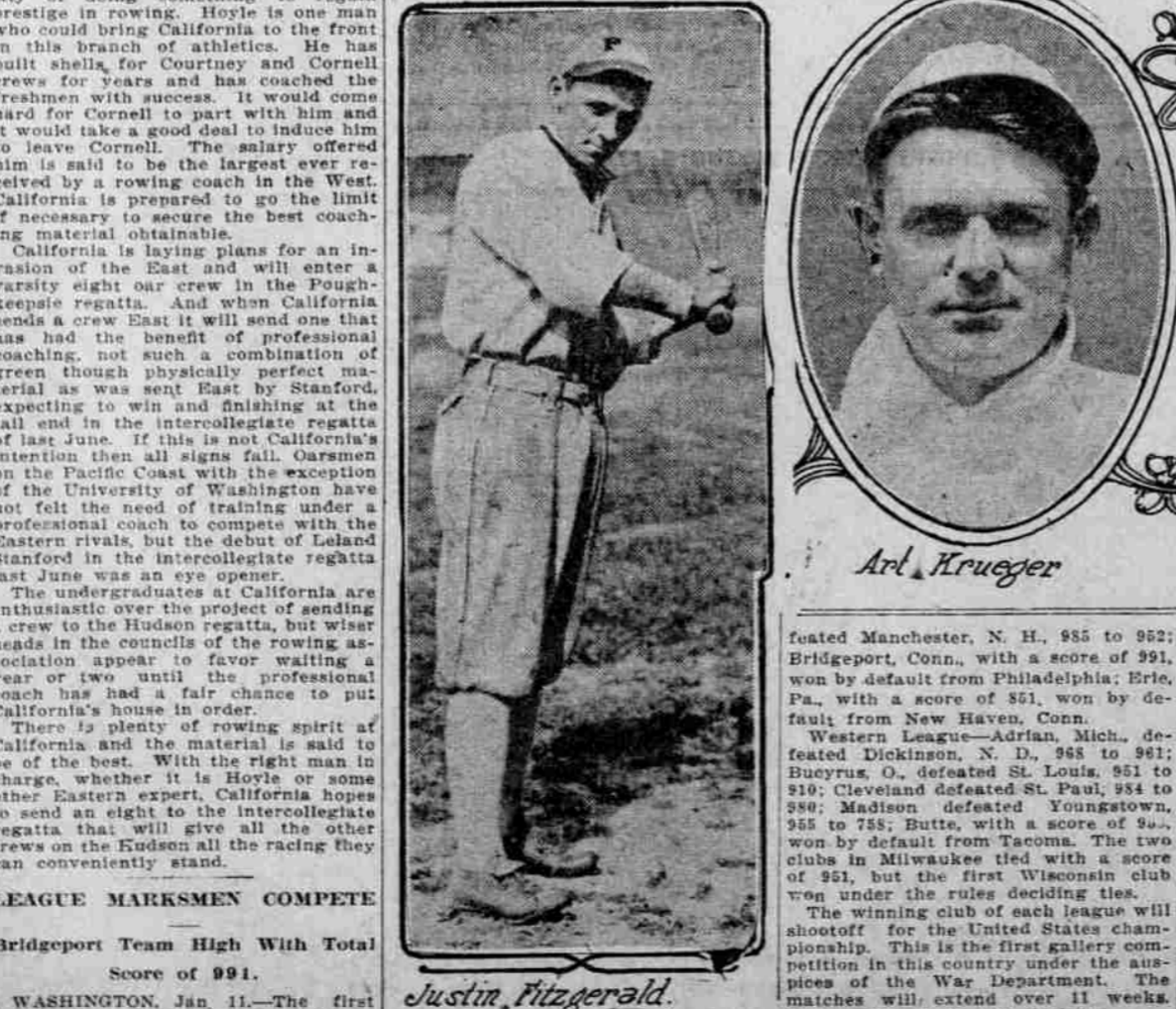
PORTLAND NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE STARS SPENDING WINTER IN ARDUOUS LABOR ON LOCAL GRAIN DOCK.



(1) Left to Right—Pitcher Ed Doty, Manager Nick Williams and Pitcher Frank Eastley. (2) "Pat" Eastley Manuevering a Truck Load of Wheat. (3) "Michigan" Doty at the Scales. (4) Manager Nick Williams Tussling With the Books.

shooting competitions for the new National trophy given by the War Department resulted as follows: Eastern League—Bangor, Me., defeated Birmingham, Ala., 952 to 882; Portland, Me., defeated Brooklyn, 962 to 881; District of Columbia defeated New Orleans, 955 to 735; Warren, Pa., de-

QUARTET OF PORTLAND PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE OUTFIELDERS WHO RANK UP WITH THE BEST IN THE CIRCUIT.



Art Krueger, Walter Doane, Justin Fitzgerald, Chet Chadbourne.

BASEBALL PLAYERS GOOD FIGHT FANS

McCredie and Krueger Most Ardent Followers of the Game in Portland.

WILLARD'S STOCK RISING

McCarty's Story About McCarty Being "Free and Untrammelled Son of Plains" Is Exploded; Kilbane Gives Programme.

BY JAMES H. CASSELL.

Show me a baseball player who is not a fight fan, and I will introduce to you an oddity. The average baseball player follows as closely the performance of the boxing stars as he does the statistics of rival batters or pitchers.

Who is it approaches the score's box on a spring Fourth of July afternoon with the query: "How's the fight going?" The ball player. Whose voice is it which comes trickling over the telephone wires on the night of any big fight affair with a request for the result? The ball player. Who is it who speaks with as much authority on flistic doings as on the batting weakness of "Sluggo" Milligan? The same old answer, the ball player.

Have you ever been a ringside spectator of a boxing encounter, ranging from the most obscure amateur affair to a championship struggle without rubbing elbows with an absorbed ball player, or at least counting a number of them in your immediate vicinity? It's a safe bet that you haven't, for Mr. Ball Player is always there, whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland Beavers, and "Dutch" Krueger, crack gardener of the same aggregation, are among the most rabid fight fans on the Pacific Coast. It's difficult for a bout to escape their notice, from a championship match at Los Angeles or San Francisco during the baseball season to the most remote private affair which requires the requisition of an automobile to reach the ring.

If diamond gossip is at low ebb at baseball headquarters, Manager "Mac" is always ready to talk boxing. He has his boxing hobbies, along with every other fan, and Jack Britton, the Chicago lightweight, tops the list of his notables. "Mac" believes that Britton is the king pin of the lightweights, and the man who is certain to wear the crown if he evades additional avocations. Luther McCarty, the white heavyweight champion, is another chap who ranks high in the calendar. McCredie saw the Nebraska at San Francisco, and was so much impressed with his work that the Portland baseball man unhesitatingly predicted that he would become the leader of the big fellows.

San Francisco is the Mecca of the ball player fight fans during the diamond season. The wealth of four-round attractions in the city, the 19 and 20-round affairs in the California metropolis and across the bay in Oakland cause many a man to break the early-retiring rules of his club. Los Angeles runs a close second, while Sacramento, with its occasional stellar bills, removes much of the monotony from a series in that city.

"Why is it that so many baseball men are interested in boxing?" McCredie was asked.

"Why, isn't every man with red blood in his veins interested in the sport?" was his quick reply.

Billy McCarty's elaborate press agent yarn concerning "Cowboy" McCarty, the "free and untrammelled son of plains," has been "stilted" by "inside info" from Ohio. 'Tis true that the picturesque heavyweight champion spent several years in the West, but it is likewise true, according to a Detroit writer, that Luther employed several years of his youth digging ditches and cleaning sewers at Sidney, which is a town in Northern Ohio.

One day there came into a town in Southern Ohio a big black-eyed chap looking for his father. That chap was Luther McCarty, and his father is a traveling street faker, styling himself "White Eagle." White Eagle was traveling through Ohio with a troupe of strong men and women, snake-charmer and other vaudeville attractions. He was selling "snake oil," a preparation guaranteed to cure anything from toothache to the black plague.

No sooner had McCarty enounced himself in the pugilistic limelight than it became public property that he had a deserted wife and child in North Dakota, his wife earning a living peddling potatoes in a restaurant.

But Luther is a good boy, as every one will tell you back in his home

BASEBALL PLAYERS HEAVE GRAIN SACKS

Pitchers Doty and Eastley Get in Fine Shape Working as Dockhands.

ONE GETS FAT; OTHER THIN

Other Members of Winter Colony Try Hand, but All Fail to Stay Longer Than a Day—Both Are Now "Hard as Nails."

If strenuous physical labor during the months when the average baseball player is loafing about cigar stores or billiard halls waiting over the diamond battles of past seasons counts for success, Ed Doty and Frank Eastley will be championship pitchers in the Northwest League next season.

These Portland baseball worthies, both rated among the best hurlers of the Fielder Jones "Little A" circuit, have been heaving sacks of wheat on a Portland dock, trucking grain from box car to warehouse and from warehouse to ship, ever since the close of the 1912 season.

They are, to use a much-abused expression, hard as nails and healthier than ever before in their lives and are in as good condition as the average athlete who enters the ring for a gruelling boxing mill.

Other Players Wenken.

Baseball players galore, attracted by a baseball colony on the water front, have approached the boss for a job, been directed to a truck and have essayed to qualify for the finals in the wheat tourney. Several of them lasted only a few hours, resigning after a few hours' arduous tussling with a truck and the lute-included grain. Others stuck manfully to the job for a day, only to turn a deaf ear to the alarm the next morning to give a sorely misused body chance for much needed rest. But Eastley and Doty are regulars, and they expect that their unusual Winter duties will give them strength and endurance for "Iron Man" feats during the 1913 baseball campaign.

Hard work has had a totally dissimilar effect upon the two men. True, they are both in better condition than ever before, but whereas Ed Doty, the spital artist, has lost 10 pounds in the car-to-warehouse-to-ship process, Eastley has gained almost that number of pounds. Doty has trouble keeping down to good pitching weight in the season, and is fat at the usual Spring training camp while Eastley is of a nervous temperament with a physique which does not stand the combined mental and physical strain. Long-stoomachy, Doty's weight is 175 pounds, while the hard work, regular hours, and absence of worry built up Eastley.

Both Men Promoted.

Both men have graduated from the truck to the scales, their weight together with their intelligence, enabling them to rise a notch higher in the dock scale. Instead of the continual marching from one end of the dock to the other, with the frequent invasion of the holds of ships flying many flags, they spend the greater part of the time weighing the truck loads of grain as their less lucky mates wheel it from the cars. But they manage to engage in sufficient strenuousness to keep them in the condition they achieved after 10 weeks of trucking.

Nick Williams, manager of the Coits, is another employe at the dock, but he is engaged in clerical work, keeping books, thus he has time to tussle with the other recruits to tear off surplus fat at training camp, while Eastley and Doty loaf about, doing just enough work to limber up muscles and keep themselves on edge for the opening of the season.

McMinnville College Wins.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—McMinnville college opened its league basketball game with a double-header with Pacific College, of Newberg, and defeated it 25 to 17. The first half fell in Newberg's favor 15-11, but by spectacular play of Irish and Browning McMinnville won. Mills and Parker played a good game for Pacific. The second teams of the two colleges played a preliminary game, which resulted 13 to 11 for McMinnville.

Kalama 33, Kelso 3.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—In a basketball game played at Kelso last night between the Kalama and Kelso High School teams, the Kalama team won, 32 to 3.

Independence High Victor.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Independence High School basketball team won a game last night against Willamette University Academy by a score of 46 to 18.

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