

# SOME PORTLAND PLAYERS IN THE EAST LEAGUE TEAM OF 1913



## MISHAP MARS BERT FITCHNER'S CHANGE

### Colt Pitcher Slated for Athletics When He Hit Nadeau in the Head.

## CONTROL STRANGELY FLITS

### Young Hurler Expects to Get in Shape Again and is Sure He Will Get Over His Only Diamond Fault, Wildness.

Bert Fitchner, the knuckle ball artist who is expected to prove one of the stellar mound performers of the Northwest League this season if he can curb his erratic tendencies, lost his almost perfect control and a chance to play last season with the Philadelphia Athletics when he "banned" Phil Nadeau at Chehalis on July 4, 1911.

From a sensational pitcher, with a long string of victories, due to control of a fast one, curve and a knuckle ball, Fitchner quit pitching for the season after the incident which kept Nadeau in stambled for several days. He went to the outfield for the remainder of the season, and when he started in again last year he found that his once-gained control was missing.

### Mack Quits Deal Suddenly.

"Dusty" Miller, former Chicago outfielder, who was at the head of the Chehalis club in 1911, had practically closed negotiations for the sale of Fitchner to the Athletics a day or two before July 4. Connie Mack requested Miller to work his pitcher hard and often during the remainder of the season, and when Bert's nervousness forced him to abandon the deal, Mack refused to continue dickering with Miller.

"This fellow Fitchner would be one of the best pitchers in the league, and he could control the ball," says Walter McCredie.

The Portland boy thinks that he will recover his control this season, and Nick Williams is going to give him every chance to prove it. Bert is only 22 years old and has been pitching but three years. He is splendidly quick, an asset valuable enough for a winning pitcher, and in addition has a good curve and the knuckle ball, sometimes called the "dry splitter."

### Start as Pitcher Dramatic.

Fitchner was working as a fireman in the terminal yards of Portland a few years ago. One day "Whitey" McBride, who has caught for Bert for two seasons, invited him to watch a game at Oregon City between the Albina and Oregon City clubs of the Tri-City League.

The pitcher failed to show up and Bert was invited to "toss them over." He did with such effect that the Albina squad won, 13 to 2.

In 1911 Fitchner won nine games and lost one for Chehalis before the Nadeau incident. In 1912 he and McBride jumped Chehalis and went to Ontario, Ore., of the Snake Valley League. Fitchner won 12 straight games under the name of "Mysterious" Morse, and then, when the Washington State League broke up, he went to Portland, Ore., where he finished the season. He received a tryout with the Beavers late in the season and got a Northwestern League contract for 1913.

Fitchner is a good outfielder and a fair infielder, in addition to being a pitcher with wonderful possibilities. He played the outfield for La Grande when not pitching and hit over .300. In 1911 he batted .353 for Chehalis. When he quits pitching the Portland boy expects to become an outfielder.

## CLAIM TO FITCHNER ASSURED

### Board of Arbitration Awards Disputed Player to Portland.

AUBURN, N. Y., Feb. 22.—John H. Farrell, chairman of the board of arbitration of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, tonight announced the following decisions:

Awards—Clarence V. Marshall to Dallas; Bert Fitchner to Portland, Ore. Claims disallowed—J. J. Farrell, against Dallas; H. Siner, against Seattle.

The Texas and Oklahoma League has withdrawn with the following cities: Wichita Falls, Sherman, Dennison, Bonham, Paris and Texarkana, Tex.; Ardmore and Durant, Okla.

## CHICAGO DOG WINS HONORS

### Strathways Prince Albert, English Bulldog, Best at New York Show.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The West has scored heavily at the big dog show of the Westminster Kennel Club here. Strathways Prince Albert, an English bulldog owned by Alexander S. Stewart, of Chicago, who won over six importations which Arnold Lawson, of Boston, recently acquired for about \$20,000 in individual contests, has received the award of the best dog in the whole show, out of 2500 other exhibits. It is the first time that this coveted distinction has been won by a bulldog. In 1912, Kenmore Sorcerer, an Airedale, won, and in 1911 Ticklem-Jock, a Scottish terrier, was placed first.

The reserve honors in this best of all-breeds exhibit was also taken by a Western entry—Vickery Estelle, a wire-haired fox terrier, owned by Perry & Crawford, of Chicago.

### Amateur Athletics.

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### McCarty Talks to Willard

#### Champion Tells Contender He Will Fight Him if He Wins Bout.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Jess Willard, the big Kanaman, was told today by Luther McCartney, the white heavyweight champion, that if he would defeat "Gunboat" Smith or Bombardier Wells, he might have a chance at the championship. McCartney told Willard that even if he did obtain a shade in their fight in New York, he had done nothing worthy of notice in the fighting line since that time, and Willard had to admit the champion was right.

"Suppose Willard did shade me in New York," McCartney said. "I was then a green fighter. Since that time I have whipped the best white men in the ring. Willard has defeated no one of note. I think it only fair that he win a good fight or two before he asks another chance with me."

McCarty admitted he had no great desire to meet Jack Johnson, but said that if the public demanded such a match he was willing to fight.

## BAD TRACK HURTS CAUSE

### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEN DISINTERESTED.

### Loss of Ira Courtney and Don Evans Seems to Have Had Depressing Result in Athletics.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—If the turnouts of the University of Washington track team are indicative of the interest that is displayed here this year it is certain that Washington will not occupy a potent place in the Northwest conference this season.

So far men have apparently been averse to donning the spikes for hard training, despite the unusually favorable training weather. Dr. D. C. Hale is "up in the air" regarding his men, and although Glen Philbrick, one of the Olympic weight men of Notre Dame, has signified his willingness to assist the weight men, there seems to be a total disinterest in cinder and field sports.

The loss of Ira Courtney, Washington's crack sprinter; Donald Evans, high jumper, who has always been highpoint winner for the varsity, seems to have had a depressing result on the purple and gold athletes.

Dr. Hall hopes that with the registration of Kilt Carr and Paul Clyde, who will handle the sprints and distance events, the Washington chances will be slightly boosted. Both of these men were Lincoln High School athletes, holding the Northwest records in their departments.

As yet there have not been sufficient candidates on the field to justify actual hard work. Poor track conditions are largely responsible for the lack of interest.

## MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM MAKES AN ENVIABLE RECORD IN SOUTHWESTERN OREGON.

Back row, left to right—Jensen, end; Lyons, center; A. Johnson, tackle; Leecoe, guard; Walters, tackle; Curtis, guard; Reigard, student manager. Middle row—G. Johnson, end; Noble, guard; Clark, fullback; Grunns, coach; Isaacs, left half; Kruse, right half. Lower row—Fairchild, quarter; Captain Stutzman, quarter; Haines, guard.

The Marshfield High School football eleven has not met with a single defeat since the season of 1909, when it first organized. Owing to the lack of traveling facilities, the team has been handicapped in extended trips through Oregon to meet other fast teams.

Judging from the past record of the team, the Coos Bay eleven might win laurels should a trip through other parts of the state be arranged next season.

A number of alumni of the school who played on college teams have made good records.

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With the opening of a new set of alleys, nine drives in all, this city has the facilities for the staging of a World's Bowling meet, and steps will be taken to place Portland in the vanguard of bowling cities on the Coast.

The Oregon Bowling Alleys, which will be thrown open to the public Saturday night if present plans do not go awry. On opening night a city championship meet in singles will be staged, with the crack bowlers of Portland in action.

Another contest is proposed between the champion Meier & Frank team and a picked team, while one plan is for the first two City League teams, Meier & Frank and Dwight-Edwards, to meet two teams containing the pick of the Commercial League bowlers. Prizes will be awarded in all events.

A clothing league, composed of four or five teams representing Portland clothing firms, is one of the prospective summer circuits of the Oregon alleys. Ben Seiling, R. M. Gray, Rose of the Oregon Clothing Company are among the entrants.

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