

EXHIBITION GAMES
ON COAST OPENING

Edge Taken Off Fans' Interest
by Chicago White Sox
Training Trip.

"ONCE OVER" GIVEN TEAMS

Harry B. Smith Says Venice and San Francisco Have Better Clubs Than Opening Contests Indicate.

Howard's Nine Crippled.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—(Special.)—King baseball has held sway this week in San Francisco, and although the weather has been none too propitious, the ordinary enthusiasm has been quite apparent. At the same time, there is no question but that the month of exhibition baseball, in which the Seals have been meeting the Chicago White Sox, did much to take the edge off the interest.

Not since the year that the Seals trained at Paso Robles and remained in their training camp religiously, has there been the same spirit manifest. To the fans, who have seen the Seals, or at least had the chance to see them in a dozen games, it is quite the most natural thing in the world for them to feel that the season was already under way. It may enrich the coffers of the magnates, but in the long run I think they will appreciate that a mistake has been made. It is naturally I doubt if such games will be allowed to continue.

L. E. Sanborn, one of the baseball experts of the Chicago Tribune, has seen the handwriting on the wall. In a recently published story in an Eastern publication, Sanborn wrote that San Francisco and Los Angeles people were tired from too much baseball. He particularly deprecated the idea of splitting the major league club into two sections as a mistake, declaring that the second team was necessarily a bush affair and that it was wrong to make people pay for it.

Cost Fans Not Blamed.

"And," added Sanborn in closing, "I don't blame the people for being sore out in California."

He says that while the Chicago Americans will doubtless make the trip to the Pacific Coast in 1915 on account of the strangers who will be here for the exposition, the Coast team for the Windy City aggregation to train in the West during 1914.

Incidentally, this will be appreciated by the fans of the Coast, for the month of baseball is quite a sufficient without tacking on an additional month of games that are not more than training matches for all concerned.

It is a little early to make any predictions as to the outcome of the race. At the same time, it is said that Hogan looks to have an improved club in his Venice Tigers. Also permit the remark to be made that San Francisco is a better club than that appeared on the opening day of the season.

First of all for San Francisco, Howard had a crack in the field. Justin Fitzgerald was out of the game and the manager made an unhappy selection when he chose Chapple Charles for the center field berth. Chapple is a good ballplayer when he is stationed with the infield, but the outfield was more or less a week for him. He made one error that he recorded in the first inning and many errors of omission. Also, and what is more important, he did not seem to know whether they were playing baseball or horseshoes.

As a result, they played about as poor an article of baseball as you could desire to see, everybody joining in. Just to show the freaks of baseball, the Seals turned second base over to Hogan and won in hardy fashion, Venice in the meantime doing 1-5 rank end of the work.

First Sacker Needed.

Howard must get a first sacker, however, and undoubtedly another outfielder if he wants to make a bid for any honors. Cartwright simply will not do as a first baseman. Howard is inclined to be stubborn when his judgment is questioned, but the manager makes up his mind that a shift is necessary, the better off will be his club.

Center field is hardly as weak a proposition, but the club could be strengthened by the addition of another man. At least that is the opinion of a major league manager who has watched the club shaping up for the past month. Otherwise, the San Francisco team ought to make a fair showing with the other teams in the league.

Hap Hogan looks to have a baseball club with much more speed than a year ago. He is said to have a great outfield in Kane, Carls and Bayless, although hardly the same can be said for the infield. Borton has shown nothing spectacular as yet and the Portland fans are quite well aware of the ability of Bill Leard, who is just an ordinary ballplayer.

Leard was a victim of a sticker, but early this week he surprised the crowd by putting the ball into the left field bleachers for a home run, doubtless the longest hit that Bill ever registered, at least on the local grounds. Hoop, playing shortstop, is a reliable man, and one of the best players in the game out there. He is a bet on by the spectators from a standpoint of catchers, and it all depends upon his pitchers. Doc White, who pitched the opener, is as shrewd an individual as you will see on the circuit and he is going to be of great assistance to the Venice club.

Cal Ewing expects to be in his new park the middle of May. That is the understanding at the present time, although much depends upon the way things come along at the Masonic-street amusement park. There will be no trouble so far as the stands are concerned, but it is a healthy undertaking to put the diamond in the right sort of shape. Grass has been sown in both the infield and outfield and now the only thing the owner can do is to stand by and await results.

Flight Gave Interest Up.

Interest in the fight game the next two weeks will be directed toward the Ritchie-Murphy fight, which is to be held Friday night, April 17. Tommy Murphy arrived the fore part of the week, accompanied by Manager Jim Buckley and Bert Keres, a New York lightweight, who is looking for matches in the West. Buckley, on behalf of Murphy, denied that Tommy had ever considered the possibility of taking on a match prior to the Ritchie engagement.

Murphy took up his quarters at Shannon's and has already started light work with the idea of getting into boxing on the coming Sunday.

Champion Willie Ritchie after putting in several days at Glenwood Springs, Colo., arrived at home the latter part of the week and will open his camp Monday, probably at Milets place. Ritchie admits that in the event of winning from Murphy he has agreed

to box Charley White 10 rounds in Milwaukee on some date early in May for a guarantee of \$10,000, with the privilege of accepting 40 per cent of the gross receipts. His share of the bout with Wolgast was close to \$14,000 and although he will hardly do as well as that against White, still he figures on better than the guarantee. After that he can go a month or so of theatrical work with a guarantee of \$1,000 a week, so that he will have some tidy cash ahead of him.

The victory of July, presuming that he goes ahead successfully, ought to mean a guarantee of not less than \$10,000 for a fight with some one, very likely Freddy Welsh, and the year likely promises to be a bright one financially for the San Francisco lad. A year such as this is promised to Ritchie ought to see him with plenty of capital, even if he should then want to retire from the game.

FRANK CHANCE'S MEN GOING

Pitchers and Fielders Working in Great Form Beat Rucker.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 4.—The New York Times says that the lead in the interborough series with the Brooklyn Nationals today by winning the third game, 3 to 0, Frank Chance seemed to have his pitchers going at a great rate, with the team batting and fielding like champions.

The victory of Rucker in the eighth for three hits, which, with two errors and a pass, netted four runs. Score: R. H. E. New York.....000011040—11 0 Brooklyn.....000100000—1 5 4 Batteries—Keating, Fisher and Sweeney; Regan, Rucker and Miller. Umpires—Emalle and O'Brien.

ATHLETICS SHUT OUT PHILLIES

Tincup, Indian Pitcher for Nationals, Allows Runs Early.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—The Philadelphia Athletics shut out the local Nationals today, 3 to 0. The Americans scored all their runs in the first inning off Tincup, the Indian. The series now stands one victory for each team. Score: R. H. E. Athletics.....000000000—0 0 0 Nationals.....300000000—3 0 0 Batteries—Masterson and Burns; Brown, Bush and Lapp, Schang. Umpires—Connolly and Byron.

"TEX" WINS IN "HOME" TOWN

Chicago, With Russell on Exhibition, Beats Fort Worth, 6 to 3.

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 4.—With one "Tex" Russell on exhibition in the town where he began his professional career, the Chicago Americans had no difficulty today in defeating Fort Worth, 6 to 3. Score: R. H. E. Chicago.....6 13 4 Fort Worth 3 5 1 Batteries—Russell and Slight, Schalk; Appleton, Means and Jordan.

MARQUARD HOLDS ORLEANS

New York Giants Take Game by 7-to-0 Shutout Route.

NEW ORLEANS, April 4.—The New York Nationals today defeated the New Orleans Southern Association team in the first of a series of four games. The score: R. H. E. New York.....7 10 1 New Orleans 0 5 0 Batteries—Marquard, Hearn and McLean; Bagby, Peddy and Higgins.

BAUM PICKS STATE UMPIRES

Van Cleef and Dashedwood to Arbitrate in California League.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—President Baum, of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, announced today the selection of the umpires for the California State League. Van Cleef, last year with the Pacific Coast League; M. C. Dashedwood, formerly with the Northwestern League.

BROWNS DEFEAT CARDINALS

St. Louis City Series Won by American League Team, 8 to 1.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—The St. Louis Americans today won the St. Louis Nationals today. Score: R. H. E. Browns.....8 13 2 Cardinals.....1 5 3 Batteries—Perry, Hooper and Snyder; Baumgardner and Anson.

STRAND UNABLE TO SAVE GAME

Boston Nationals Lose, 4 to 3, to Atlanta Aggregation.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 4.—Atlanta's Southern League Association team today won a close game from the Boston Nationals. Score: R. H. E. Atlanta.....4 5 1 Boston.....3 7 3 Batteries—Price and Munch; Rudolph, Strand and Gowdy.

Brown Secnds Lose, 6-2.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 4.—The St. Louis American League team, seconds, were beaten here today by the local American association team. Score: R. H. E. Browns.....6 10 2 Kansas City.....2 8 2 Batteries—Hoch and Enzenroth; Allison, Willis and Gelble.

Pittsburg Nationals Win.

TULSA, Okla., April 4.—The Pittsburg National League team won here today in a game with the Sioux City Western League team. Score: R. H. E. Pittsburg.....3 6 0 Sioux City.....0 2 0 Batteries—Adams and Brenegan; White and Land.

"BILL" ABSTEIN TO WED

LOS ANGELES FIRSTSACKER WINS MISS HELEN HUNT, ST. LOUIS.

Romance Begins in Baseball Game When as "Pirate" Payer Showed Class Against Cardinal Team.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 4.—(Special.)—William H. (Bill) Abstein, first baseman of the Los Angeles ball team, today obtained a marriage license to wed Miss Helen Hunt, of St. Louis, tomorrow.

Abstein gave his age as 28, his bride-to-be is 19.

Miss Hunt is expected to arrive from St. Louis early tomorrow morning. Their romance dates from the time that Abstein, playing on the Pittsburg team, won the heart of the fair Miss Hunt, while the Pittsburg Club was battling on the diamond with the St. Louis Cardinals.

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MANAGER GARRETT OF THE HELENA CLUB AND SOME OF THE MAINSTAYS OF THE TEAM.



BAKER AND HELENA PLAY HERE TODAY

Western Tri-State Team Will Have Regular Lineup in Action for Last Game.

HIGHBALLS TO PRACTICE

Opening Day Rivals for Beavers to Have Tryouts This Morning, Manager O'Bryan Adopting Unusual Selection Method.

BY RALPH J. STAHL.

Baker and Helena failed to play yesterday afternoon on the Vaughn-street grounds because a little too much aqua aura had been dealt out to Portland. It will not hinder them from playing this afternoon, however, if no more falls.

Helena took Baker in tow Friday afternoon, 6 to 1, but it was no particular glory for the Union Association club, as Kari King had the Baker lineup plastered with his second-team material. Today he will shoot in the best he has, and the lineup will be essentially that which starts the season at Baker on Tuesday.

Melle, the Northwest tryout, will be on the mound. Melle has pitched some good ball since Baker started the training season. The battery is one part of the team which is not worrying King, and his smiles would not indicate that any particular part of the lineup worried him much.

This opening-day lineup is still somewhat liable to change. King himself will catch. McKen, the handy man, will play first; Waitt, second; French, short; Fritchard, third; Lind, left; Molli, center, and McDonald, right.

The lineup in today's game will be essentially the same. Parva may take the stand at third base. It is possible that he make take third on opening day of the Western Tri-State.

The training season for Portland's real baseball team opens this morning at the Vaughn-street park. Manager Harry O'Bryan, of the High Balls, will make this the first practice and will call. Nearly 20 of the men who will oppose the Beavers in that fateful opening day, April 14, will be on hand to try on their suits and see if they still are able to stoop low enough to pick up grounders.

This has been the most troublesome phase of picking the prospectives. Many an aspirant has come to Manager O'Bryan with a pedigree that was almost as long as the "brief" in the land grant cases. Harvey would look this over, then

TITLE IS IN DOUBT

Few Willing to Concede Hayward's Men 1914 Victory.

FORMER STARS MISSING

Varsity Coach Says He Has Likely Material but Curtailment of Training Season Pointed to as Handicap in Contest.

DATES FOR GAMES SET

JESS GARRETT COMPLETES LIST FOR FINISHING TRAINING SEASON.

Following Series with Portland Colts This Week Helena Club Starts on Homeward Bound Tour.

Jess Garrett has now practically made up his list of games previous to the start in the Union Association April 28. Following the series with Nick Williams on the local field this week, Jess will move his team to Albany, where he will play the team of that city April 12. That is the date that the Colored Giants play Nick here, April 12, 14 and 15 will find Garrett stacked up against the University of Oregon. The next two days, Garrett will play the Oregon Argies and Sunday, April 19, he again will be at Albany to play the Albany team.

He will move as far as Hood River on April 20 and 21. The Ducks will be played on April 23, Ontario, April 25, and Boise April 28, the opening date of the league.

Carl King's club is now about ready for the call in the Western Tri-State. The game today with Garrett is the only one previous to the opening on Tuesday.

Several years ago the Portland Beavers had a trainer named E. N. Moe. He disappeared and many a word was heard from him when the next spring came around. It is in the Washington State Penitentiary, where he was sent after having been found guilty of sending forbidden mail through the mails.

President McCredie of the Portland Beavers received word yesterday in which Moe tells that he has still to clear himself. The writer of the article, who received the mail, declared that he had sent it, but the postal authorities blamed it on Moe. Moe's wife told him to two years, according to the letter.

Twilight League Proposed.

ALBANY, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Albany probably will have a twilight baseball league this season. According to embryonic plans, the league will be composed of teams representing Albany cities. Albany High School and Young Men's Christian Association and a team of business men. Games will be played twice or three times each week. The custom proposed is successful in the past that active plans are under way for its revival.

Albany Association Plans Sports.

ALBANY, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The Young Men's Christian Association of this city is planning an aggressive season in outdoor sports during the coming months. The association proposes to have a baseball team and a track team and will arrange also for some tennis tournaments. Its teams will engage largely in local competition, but some contests may be arranged with the Y. M. C. A. teams of Eugene and Salem.

SEATTLE BASEBALL PLAYERS YET REMAIN FREE FROM ACHES AND PAINS AS RESULT.

Reports From Vancouver, Victoria and Tacoma Indicate Luck Is Even Worse In Those Cities.

BEES IN GOOD SHAPE.

BY PORTUS BAXTER.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—The Seattle baseball team enters upon the last week of Spring training in fairly good condition despite unfavorable weather. When only four or five of the squad were on hand for three days of the most beautiful weather imaginable, and were foolish enough to believe that the Weather Man would hand out a reasonable amount of sun for this Spring, until the opening of the season. Anyway, Manager Raymond has worked the squad more or less nearly every day, and one five-minute practice game was pulled off with the rain coming down in torrents. Fortunately, Trainer George Parls, who had spent the Winter in Europe, arrived a few days ahead of his schedule, and kept the athletes remarkably free from aches and pains. It is really surprising how little complaint there has been about lame muscles when the variable weather has been so flippant. They are taken into consideration.

If Manager Raymond had faced the problem of training on the old Vesler way grounds for this Spring, it would still be in the formative period, because the surface mud would have made playing almost impossible. The work done on the new field, along with an object lesson of the value of underground drainage for a ball field.

Seattle Parls Best.

If reports from Vancouver, Victoria and Tacoma indicate that this Spring, ever, Seattle has fared a little better than they in the training to date. There is no doubt that Bob Brown will have the champions of the Pacific Coast, though he may make a wry face and say that things are not progressing climatically to his satisfaction. He knew two months ago that what he was referring to strength and was not worrying. He commenced digging around a little when he heard Catcher Cheek would not report, but before he got a new man Cheek came to the conclusion that the Northwest League looked good enough for him.

Owing to the talk about the transfer of the Victoria franchise to Aberdeen might have been lost to a certain extent of the status of the Victoria franchise reaching Seattle in one way and another varies so much that it is difficult to say a reliable line on what President Wattlet and Manager Delmas have gathered.

Victoria Thought Underestimated.

President Dundale remarked while discussing the subject, "I think you will find when the season opens that Victoria has a better club than you imagine. Delmas is well known among the baseball fraternity in California, and he was very busy last year. President Wattlet has also got some good new men from different parts of the Coast. The return of Charlie Brown to report leaves the first base problem unsettled. It can be taken for granted that Victoria will fall below last year's batting average, owing to the loss of Swain, Meek and Hurlings. Manager Dumas figures additional speed will be gained by the regular practice games that the regulars have butted hard against their own best pitchers, and Delmas' word."

Charlie Brown, who has a lot of the game since the first of the week, owing to a severe attack of ptomaine poisoning.

TRIANGULAR MEET PROJECTED

High School, College and Y. M. C. A. May Compete at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—For the first time in many years Albany will experience a lively season in track and field sports. The old track at Albany, which was closed for some time, is being repaired for the local meet.

The city probably will have three track teams this year. The Albany High School, the Albany Y. M. C. A. and county meet and an inter-county meet with the schools of Benton County later. In developing a team, Albany College will have the first track team it has had for several years. If present plans develop, the Young Men's Christian Association will have a track team also. While the college team is not a certainty yet, it probably will be formed, and if so a triangular meet may be arranged.

COLTS-GRANTS PASS GAME DELAYED.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 4.—The ball game scheduled for this afternoon between the Portland Colts and the Grants Pass team, which was called off account of a heavy rain. The boys held a practice game with the intention of playing a hard game tomorrow at 2:30 at the local grounds.

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