

WINTER FOR FANS TO END MARCH 30

Schedule is Issued and Emphasizes Opening Day for Coast League Teams.

PORTLAND DATE, APRIL 13

Venue to Be First Attraction at Beavers' Home Park—New Contract Expected to Satisfy Rieger Sent to Him.

That great annual literary treat listed in all public libraries as "The Pacific Coast League Schedule," A. T. Baum, author, today makes its 1915 debut. It emphasizes the fact that the winter of the fans' discontent will be over March 30, for on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 30th of March, the Coast League teams will begin their seven months' grind.

If you desire to keep track of the Portland champs, paste this in your hat:

March 30-Apr. 4—Portland at Los Angeles.
April 6-11—Portland at Salt Lake.
April 13-18—Portland at Portland.
April 20-25—Portland at Portland.
April 27-May 2—Portland at Portland.
May 4-9—Portland at San Francisco.
May 11-16—Portland at Oakland.
May 18-23—Portland at Venice.
May 25-31—Portland at Portland.
June 1-6—Portland at Portland.
June 8-13—Portland at Portland.
June 15-20—Portland at Oakland.
June 22-27—Portland at Portland.
June 29-July 4—Portland at Portland.
July 6-11—Portland at Portland.
July 13-18—Portland at Portland.
July 20-25—Portland at Salt Lake.
July 27-August 1—Portland at Portland.
August 3-8—Portland at Los Angeles.
August 10-15—Portland at Portland.
August 17-22—Portland at Portland.
August 24-29—Portland at Portland.
August 31-Sept. 5—Portland at Portland.
September 7-12—Portland at Oakland.
September 14-19—Portland at Portland.
September 21-26—Portland at Portland.
September 28-Oct. 3—Portland at Portland.
October 5-10—Portland at Portland.
October 12-17—Portland at Los Angeles.
October 19-24—Portland at Venice.

As usual, the schedule calls for 30 weeks of ball, each team appearing in its rivals' camp three during the season. Owing to inclement weather in the North, Portland plays the first two weeks in California and does not open in Portland until April 13, with Venice as the attraction.

Hogan appears to be due for some wet weather. To him is allotted the opening week at Salt Lake and it usually rains or snows there the first week in April and Portland generally gets a touch of dampness for a few days along about the 15th of the month.

Walter McCredie announced yesterday that he intended to depart for his Spring training camp February 22. "My camp will not open officially at Fresno until March 3," Mac explained. "I have a lot of business to arrange before that. I want to see Danny Long at San Francisco about my White Sox exhibition games. From there I will go to Fresno to see everything ready for the Beavers. I also expect to visit Los Angeles to look over a couple of kid catchers that have been recommended to me."

No new Portland contracts were received yesterday, but Walter McCredie mailed out a new document to Elmer Rieger and Cliff Ripstein. He vouchsafed the remark that said revised contract ought to satisfy Rieger. Elmer is wintering in Los Angeles.

George Kircher is the Atlanta outfielder who may come to Portland in trade for the San Francisco catcher. He is holding out on Atlanta for more money and may not want to come to Portland for the same reason.

One Chicago newspaper handled the story of the release of Ping Bodie to the San Francisco Seals in a complete and soul-inspiring fashion, to-wit:

"Ping!
Bing!

The Chicago Colored Giants will play only one game in Portland this Spring. Games were originally scheduled for March 31 and April 1 against the Piedmont Maroons and Clyde Ripstein's City League club, but only the April 1 game will be played.

"My players are insisting on one day at the San Francisco Exposition," writes Manager Foster, of the Ethiopians. "I will have to postpone the game with the University of Oregon from March 23 to the 24th, as they play only one game in Portland."

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Philip Van Gelder Carter, of New York, holder of the metropolitan Junior and Eastern intercollegiate championships, will not go to Australia, as he had originally planned. This brilliant young golfer has improved so much in health of late that the trip is not deemed necessary.

According to an American who returned recently from England, he reportedly tried to draw a British officer into a discussion of the war, but the officer refused to talk of anything except golf.

The trouble with golf links in this country, according to a well-known English professional, is that they are laid out to be too easy for the golfer. As a result, he declares the Englishmen are superior golfers because it is harder to play the game on the English links.

Jack Carscadden and Bert Prescott played the most closely contested match ever witnessed on the Eugene Country Club links Sunday. The match was in the finals of the president's cup tournament. Prescott's medal score was 172 and Carscadden's 171.

Sparkles from the Diamonds.

week signed a contract to coach that club this season. His asking for a raise in salary, declaring he wasn't paid nearly as much as the other coaches in the big league. It is reported that the raise was given him, as his work has been highly satisfactory.

According to reports Captain Huston is making many new friends in New York and is the recipient of many social courtesies.

Walter Johnson may be no golfer, but he is a golfer that returns to the Washingtons was due to a rub of the green.

Wallie Smith, former Washington utility infielder, has been sold to the Indianapolis American Association team.

Scout Tom McCarthy, of the Red Sox, has turned down an offer to coach the University of Vermont baseball squad this Spring.

The Boston Braves go south earlier than ever this season in order to get into shape for the coming campaign. Stallings figures that it will be a hard battle his team will go through this year.

Charley Murphy is a versatile athlete. He is a show string into a million and then when the tax collector came along he ran the million into \$800.

Normal Expansion Would Be Benefit to Game and Enough Players Are Available, Writer Declares.

"Why not recognize the Federal League?" is the title of an article in the March issue of the Baseball Magazine. The article itself is too long to quote, but the arguments used are at least plausible. The author says that expansion is bound to come every few years in baseball and that this expansion must be of the strictly major league variety. Minor league cities grow to major league size, and cities that can support one club grow to a size that could support two. Some super cities like Chicago and New York could support three or more clubs.

The article says that the coming of the American League made baseball and that normal expansion would equally benefit baseball today. The establishment of a third major league, it is argued, would not cut into the business of the present majors, but in the long run would increase that business just as the American League increased the business of the National. The assertion is made for the Federal League that it has successfully passed through the experimental period, and that its leaders are men of integrity and ability as well as financial backing, and measure up to major league standard in every way, that they have fought fair, considering the difficulties in their way, and have proved game, a quality admitted by all Americans. The only obstacle in the way of granting them major league status, so the article says, is the argument that there are not enough major league players for three leagues. This argument was used in the days of the American League expansion and exploded by that league. With the enormous increase in professional players, the enforced cutting down of the roster of all major league clubs, and other sources of supply, the article avers that enough players would be unearthed and developed in the course of a year or two to supply the three leagues on a sound playing basis.

Even if organized baseball wanted to continue a losing fight, it could do the Federal League the most subtle in the way of giving them aid and comfort, then be free from any further raids on its players.

This is the only injured the Federal League can do organized baseball, and it can be stopped only by recognizing the new league, which has proved itself a worthy competitor. Even if organized baseball should succeed in killing the Federal League at an expense verging on bankruptcy, it would have the same fight on its hands at no distant day. For the question is purely and simply one of logical growth. "Let us have peace" is the gist of the whole argument.

BAKER LEAGUE IS PLANNED

County Circuit Suggested if Tri-State Is Not Reorganized.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—In the event that the movement for reorganization of the Western Tri-State League fails, a proposal has been made by some of the leading fans of Baker for the organization of a Baker County league, with clubs from Baker, Hamper, Haines, Huntington and possibly Prairie City. Such a league, if organized, would necessarily be an amateur or semi-professional league with games scheduled only Saturdays and Sundays.

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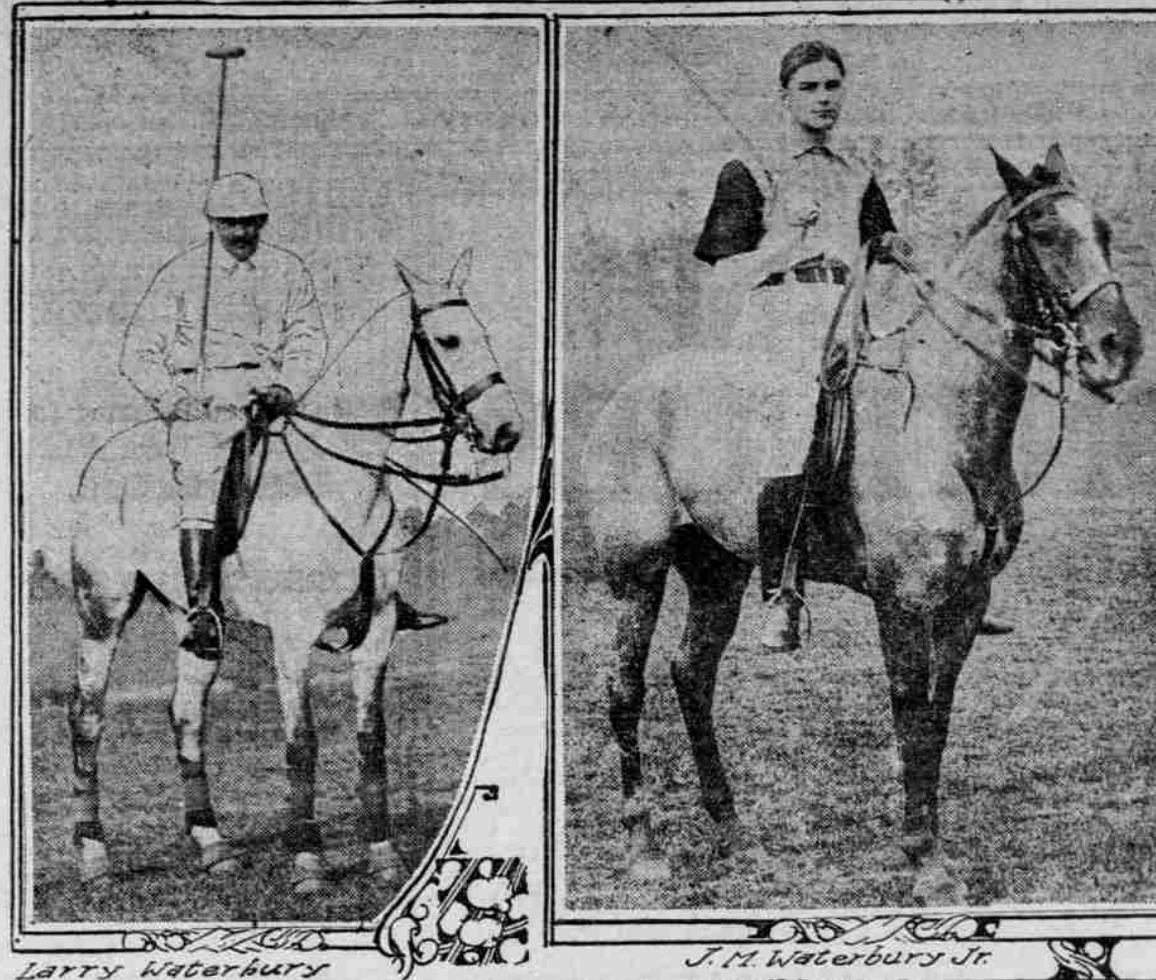
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FAMOUS AMERICAN POLOISTS TO COMPETE AT PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.



LEADING POLO MEN PLAYING IN SOUTH

Five Ponies Run at Coronado and Will Be Seen at Big Fair Later.

WAWERLY OUTLOOK DARK

Portland Country Club 4 Will Have Hands Full Preparing for Proposed Northwest Contest, Let Alone Going South.

Practically all of the leading polo players in the United States will participate in the many tournaments now in progress at the Coronado (Cal.) Country Club.

A number have taken their ponies with them and at the conclusion of the events will move up to San Francisco for the universal tournaments to be staged in connection with the San Francisco exposition. Sixteen or more handsome trophies and cups will be put up for the events by those in charge of polo at the exposition.

Teams are now in California from Long Island, Cooperstown, N. Y., Chicago, Kansas City, Philadelphia, and the Hawaiian players, with some remarkably clever, well-bred ponies, are reported as fast rounding into form.

So far no plans have been made by the polo committee of the Waverly Country Club for having its team compete at the fair. According to one of the members of the team it is almost certain that it will not go to San Francisco. The local four will have its hands full preparing to defend the Northwest championship and for games here at Sherman Hall, Elliott Corbett and Gordon Voorhies.

The ponies used by the Waverly team are being wintered at a place called Stagers, in Eastern Oregon.

Games will be played with the Spokane and Boise teams in Spokane during fair week, which will be September 13 to 18. Arrangements for games here and in Boise have not yet been made. Nothing positive will be known until the new polo committee, composed of Hamilton Corbett, chairman, Richard Wilder and Sherman Hall, get together. Chairman Corbett said that

It probably would be two months before anything would be accomplished. Victor Johnson is a strong advocate of the game and is anxious to secure a following for it in Portland. This year a grandstand and other accommodations will be erected at the Waverly Club for the benefit of the patrons of the game.

As the European war precludes all possibility of polo and fox hunting in England and on the Continent for some time, the Americans who annually take part in these sports abroad, after the close of them in this country each fall, will remain in America for the winter.

Hundreds of members of these colonies have been in the habit of going to Europe in the past will come to the Pacific Coast this Winter.

Foxhall P. Keene, probably one of the best all-around sportsmen in this country, who on several occasions has played on international teams, is planning a trip West and will play on a team of highly handicapped players.

J. Watson Webb, who has played for several seasons with the Great Neck, N. Y., team and who is probably one of the most brilliant left-hand players in the country today, will have with him the pick of his stable at the San Francisco Exposition events.

Squash Raquet Title Passes.

BOSTON, Feb. 13.—Stanley W. Pearson, of Philadelphia, champion squash raquet player of Pennsylvania, won the National title today by defeating H. A. Haines, of Baltimore, in the finals here. Haines won the first game but his opponent proved too strong for him in the next three. The scores were 7-15, 15-9, 15-10-15-10.

CASTLE ROCK WHIPS VANCOUVER. (Special.)—The basketball team of the Vancouver High School lost to Castle Rock team Thursday night, 35 to 18.

TRADE FIELD GOOD THING FOR LAJOIE

Veteran Will Hit as Hard as Usual Next Season, Says Christy Mathewson.

CHANCE WILL BE BETTER

Star Pitcher Thinks Connie Mack Will Nurse Great Sluger Along and Use Him Only When Necessity Arises.

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON. The Giants' Famous Pitcher.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Many followers of baseball have expressed wonder to me that "Connie" Mack should have brought Lajoie back to Philadelphia to play second base in the place left empty by "Eddie" Collins. It is my prediction that Lajoie will hit as hard as usual next season, even better than he did last, for Mack will nurse him along, while the big second baseman did not hit well with Birmingham in Cleveland. When a big leaguer begins to fade he loses his speed first, but his eye dims last. Some would hit better after they have started to slow up, as if concentrating on this one thing which is still left to them to hold their berths in the big league. I doubt much if "Connie" will use Lajoie at second base regularly next year, because Mack probably has some young infielder up his sleeve that he wants to break into the game. However, Lajoie is a careful study of each year, and if the youngster falls down, and he can belt that ball in a pinch as an emergency batter, Arthur Devlin, for instance, hit harder after he began to lose speed than he did when he was in his prime.

The first day I faced Lajoie is still fresh in my memory. He was on the Philadelphia club, with DeLoach and some more of those fence-breakers. Someone had given me a kid, a bad steer and told me not to pitch curves to Lajoie or DeLoach.

Outfielders Beg for Rest.

What these boys, with most of the rest of the batting order, did to me was a plenty. I had my outfielders coming in to the box and asking me to pitch a couple of hitters so they could have time to catch their wind.

And I want to say right here that I believe had information slipped to young pitchers about batters, some of them given and some given with the intention of misleading, has done as much to keep recruit twirlers from making good as any other one factor, man, Henry Solomon, a 150-pitch three-cushion match in Spokane, Solomon at one time held the Coast championship by virtue of a win over Carney.

When Vean Gregg went to Cleveland from this city his first big league contract was for \$1200 a season, if the same club, Bill Steen drew about \$2100 from the same club. Harken, therefore, to the demand of Carl Mays on the Boston Red Sox, \$1000 a year, thirty-six hundred big round dollars in American bullion. So much the Federal League bugaboo has done for the ballplayers. Carl may not get a big raise, but it is a certainty his contract will be closer to \$2800 than to \$2400. Yet they do say Vean Gregg was quite some southpaw when he shook Willie Bennett from his perch as pitcher for the Eastward trek.

Some busy statisticians have figured out a percentage table showing the wins and knockouts of various boxers. It reveals how really great Stanley Ketchel was among the middleweights. It Stanley were alive today he would have quite a pretentious list of competitors to wade through, but if you doubt his ability to do the wading glimpse this compilation:

Con-Knock	tests out	Per.
Eddie McMorrey	.....	20
Jack Dillon	.....	25
Mike Gibbons	.....	25
Jimmy Clark	.....	25
Stanley Ketchel	.....	60

Percy Cave, the "human toothpick" boxer, who has appeared all over the Northwest during the past few years, enlisted with the third contingent of the American Expeditionary Force in France. Percy has a brother in France now with the 135 Highlanders, although neither is expected to be home for some time. Percy's real name is Chamberlain. He began boxing at Ottawa and won the amateur bantamweight championship of Canada in 1907. Since Percy has broadened out since last we saw him he will prove a poor target to the German marksmen. Percy could hit as hard as he could hide behind a gun and never be seen.

In his two years with Venice Speck Haines won 22 games and lost 15. He should have little difficulty in grabbing off a good job on the strength of past performance. Walt McCredie sold his rights to Haines in the Winter of 1912, and he won 16 and lost 12 in 1913 for Venice and won six and lost three last year. McCredie originally plucked Speck from Butte and sold him to Cleveland in 1910. "Speck" remained with the then Naps for two years.

Boxing Notes.

Abie Gordon, Wayne Barlow and Valley Trambuetus are sporting new suits. They cashed in their merchandise order received for appearing at the Imperial Club's smoker for the finery.

The people of Portland crave ring action and they are going to warm up to the Imperial Club's four-round amateur bouts if the right future the club will have a show ever so often at a given time. It is planned to hold a two-day city championship meet shortly after the coming smoker.

Any fighter who can't slip one over on Freddie Welsh these days is regarded as a sort of a joke. The champ has trimmed neatly now by White, Shugrue, Duffey and two or three other boys. However, he still keeps raking in the kale.

All the small fry in the East seem to be anxious to fight Welsh just to get a reputation.

It seems that the fistic game in New Orleans is on the ice cart. The fans will not loosen with the jingle to see the bouts and the promoters will not take a chance.

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