

PORTLAND COAST CHAMPIONS PACKING GRIPS FOR LATE TREK TO TRAINING CAMP AT FRESNO



SEALS APPEAR IN SHAPE FOR SEASON

Wolverton's Crew Starts Work With Fine Array of Tried Material. PITCHERS ONLY WEAKNESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Baseball is the word now. Five of the Coast League clubs got into action as far as training camp stuff is concerned and the McCredies are expected to join hands later.

Of all the crews, Harry Wolverton's Seals are in the best shape. Every last man of his 23 contenders had been signed last week and fully 24 of them were on hand Wednesday morning.

Generally speaking, the team is well lined up. Harry Hellmann is a fixture at first, Bill Leard will be at second, Roy Corhan at shortstop and probably Ducky Jones at third.

Wolverton is in reality in need of a good pitcher or two. He admits the point and says he is in the market for a couple of good men. He denies the rumor that he has a chance to get another Chicagoan before the Spring training season is ended.

It doesn't look as if the four-round bouts are going to be a financial success. Four shows have been given already, extending over a little more than a month, and no one of them but one has lost money.

Willie Ritchie couldn't resist the lure of more easy money. Although he had apparently abandoned his intention of preparing to go to Chicago at once, he suddenly accepted a week's engagement in Detroit, beginning last Monday.

athletes. Battle Creek announces that it has taken on three former Kalamazoo men in Fulton, Curtis and Fay, and believes it has secured the cream of the lot.

Second Baseman Charles Gurtz, of the Bloomington Three-I club, who recently was reported as suffering from mental trouble, due to excessive religious zeal, has been declared insane and committed to an asylum in Indiana.

President Dugdale of the Seattle Northwestern League club, has signed a pitcher on the word of a volunteer friend that he looks like Bill James.

Secretary Herman Nickerson, of the Braves, denies the story that Johnny Evers is in poor physical shape.

Miss Mary Thomas, teacher of the Warren School, made a week-end visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. Watt, of 1159 Mallory avenue, Piedmont.

Roger Bresnahan has been living the peaceful life all winter. He has been careful not to take on much weight.

Hugh Duffy, owner of the Portland New England League club, has closed the lease on the only available ball ground in the Maine town, which is sufficient evidence that the talk of the Federal minor league promoters about having a team in Portland is bunk.

The Denver Western League club has traded Pitcher Barney Schreiber to Lincoln for Pitcher Jordan.

Outfielder Elsie and Third Baseman Farmerie, who played last year with the Chillicothe Ohio State League club, and who are now attending a business college in Columbus, have signed with the Rocky Mount Club, that is to replace Richmond in the Virginia League.

Dave Shean having shown a disposition to be reasonable, Owner Lennin, of the Providence International League club, has concluded to give him the management of the team. Shean wanted the job all along, but thought he stood a chance to pry loose a bigger salary than it warranted.

CRAWL STROKE SUPPLANTED "Kahanamoku Kick" Adopted in Antipodes for Speed in Swimming.

General interest in swimming has received a big impetus in Australasia as a result of the tour of competition by Duke Paea Kahanamoku, the Hawaiian swimmer, who won several events for the United States in 1912 Olympic games.

FOXHOUD TEAM WINS DERBY Fred Ayer Drives Dogs to Victory Over 64-Mile Alaskan Course.

NOME, Alaska, Feb. 27.—Fred Ayer, driving a team of 14 foxhounds, won the 64-mile Solomon derby for dog team Friday. His time was 6 hours and 23 minutes.

JUNCTION CITY BEATS HARRISBURG. Junction City, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The Junction City High School



Map of Training Camps

basketball team won their eighth game last night when they defeated the Harrisburg team in Harrisburg, 35 to 23.

HORSEMEN EXPECT NEW MARKS Big Purse at San Francisco Likely to Result in Record Races.

Northwest horsemen are beginning to live up about the programme of harness events scheduled for the exposition programme at San Francisco.

WESTVOST JUNIORS WIN BALL GAME. In one of the first ball games of the season played Friday afternoon at Twentieth and Maple streets, the West-over Juniors defeated Portland Heights 8 to 6.



Gus Fisher, Veteran Catcher, Who Will Be Starting of Team

AGGIES PICK UP BAT Huge Cage in Gym Is Aid for Early Baseball Practice.

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SEVERAL POSITIONS OPEN Regular Work to Begin That Coach May Form Plans—Ability of Culver to Take Place on Mound Is Uncertain.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The installation of a huge batting cage on the main floor of the new Oregon Agricultural College gymnasium, the arrival of Coach "Nick" Williams and the issuing of a formal call for early practice marks the opening of another Aggie baseball season.

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shifted from second base to the mound this year. In Supple and Weller, Coach Williams will have a pair of good catchers, but at the same time will be on the bench a string of several other backstops whose aspirations are toward a chance with the big mitt.

20 IN DOBIE'S BALL SQUAD Half Letter Men and Only Three of Last Year's Players Are Absent.

Coach Gilman Dobie's first call for baseball candidates at the University of Washington brought out only 20 players, but a number of them are All but three of last season's monogram players were on hand.

Merle Rousselot, all-star player of the Lincoln High School in a season, is attending the Northern institution and he answered the call with the other freshmen. Rousselot is a pitcher of no mean ability, and he may try out for a berth as a moundman.

While there are several left-handed batters turning out with the squad, Rousselot has the distinction of being the only left-handed thrower.

Two Men in Agricultural College at Corvallis Have Better Records and Hope to Equal Yale Soon.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The announcement that the strongest man in Harvard University recently hung up a score of 1437 points according to the intercollegiate strength test, causes "Jim" Arbutnot, instructor in physical education at the Oregon Agricultural College, to point with pride to the fact that at least two local students have exceeded the Harvard record.

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Robbins and Sinclair, outfielders, and Moreland, pitcher, are among those who will not appear in suits. On the list of those who will be available are the names of Captain Goble, first base; Hutt and Smith, second base; Selberts and Morgan, shortstop; Pryor, third base; Loof, outfielder; Supple and Weller, catchers, and Williams and Culver, pitchers.

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Coach Beadek, while giving the baseball situation a general check, declined to state that Oregon would fare as well this season as last.

"The absence of Fenton, Anagnost, Mochenbacher and Bryant," he said, "has put a big crimp in my lineup. It is doubtful whether or not I will be able to replace those old stars."

Dick Nelson's recent return to the campus caused joy among fans who remember how the husky first baseman slammed the ball all over the lot in one of the games with the Aggies last Spring.

Regulars New Number Eight. Nelson's homecoming brings the total of regulars up to eight. All will report for the initial practice.

"You may say for me that I will be right," remarked Cornell, "and that I start as a strong wing and Coach Beadek, after watching him work in some of the scrub games last year, said that Beadek, in his opinion, would make a wonderful pitcher."

FRESHMAN IS PROMISING PITCHER. Bob Baker, a graduate of Washington High School, is one of the fresh men who are expected to be a pitcher of no mean ability.

POWER, BROWNELL AND DUDLEY ARE OTHER MOUND MEN WHO WILL ANSWER. The old reliable, Captain Welch and Bill Tuck, are taking out the kinks in easy tossing in the gymnasium.

LEAGUE'S THREE CONTENDERS FOR RECEIVING BERTH ARE ALL MEN OF MERIT and competition in the regulars playing had played ball around the Dalles, his home town, and is reputed to be a strong man with the bat.

TO START THE YEAR BEADEK WILL HAVE BUT ONE MAN OF THE INFIELD MESSIAH, Cornell again will round around the second station "sinker" Bigbee, the best shortstop in the Conference last season, will practice in the short pasture. Nelson will be seen as first baseman, competing with the regulars will be Joe McLeish, of Spokane, who comes to Eugene with a long reputation as a first-sacker; Jimmy Sheehy, a third baseman from Jefferson High; Jack Elliott, who looks good even "scrubs" of a year ago, and finally Lyle Bigbee, who has given up pitching and will try for a place in the infield.

IN THE OUTER GARDENS A BATTLE WILL BE FIGHTED. The team at Sellwood and at Peninsula Park. The team at Sellwood is owned by private persons, and each time the teams play there a subscription will be taken up to help defray the league's expenses.

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TEX VERNON WINS FROM CONLEY. MARINETTE, Wis., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Tex Vernon, of Aberdeen, Wash., won on a foul ball last night in the seventh round of his bout with Frankie Conley, ex-hantamweight champion. The fight was Vernon's all the way, Vernon scoring a knockdown in the second round. Vernon's left jab baffled Conley.

BUSY DAYS AHEAD FOR PORTLAND CITY LEAGUE OFFICIALS DURING COMING CAMPAIGN.



Board of Directors (Left to Right)—George R. Grayson, Manager Piedmont Maroons; Claude F. Schmeer, Manager East Portland Redmen; M. S. Whitehead, President of League; William R. Heales, Manager Sellwood Weasels; Clyde J. Rupert, President West Portland Monarchs.