

ANGELS AND TIGERS BOTH FEARFUL

Rowland Tells San Francisco Fans to Remember Other Teams Are in Race.

BEAVERS CONSIDERED, TOO

White Sox Manager Declares Coast League Stronger and More Evenly Balanced Than Formerly—H. B. Smith Still Picks Seals.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—"Keep your eyes on the Angels and the Tigers," is the word brought to San Francisco from the Southland by Clarence Henry Rowland, manager of the Sox. In the same breath, the Sox leader admitted that he had not seen enough of the Portland team then to give him a line of the Beaver hopefuls. For all that, he has a mighty good opinion of Walter McCredie as a manager, and with no more to guide him, is inclined to give the Northern aggregation due consideration.

Rowland, so far, has had a great chance to watch San Francisco, Los Angeles and Venice, and after a careful inspection he classifies these three clubs as being pretty near on a par. "The Coast League looks to me a stronger organization than when I saw the teams several years ago. They are better balanced. We have played ball against all of the clubs in the league, and while two of them do appear a trifle weak in spots, at least four of the clubs ought to make it a tight race."

Such a statement from Rowland is apt to reduce the heads of those San Francisco fans who think there is nothing to the race but Harry Wolverton's team. The hitting strength shown by the Seals in their exhibition games has been responsible for the over-confidence. Indeed, most of the San Francisco sporting writers are now engaged in preparing their "alibis" in the event of defeat. In short, the dividing line of the fans that it is not altogether a good policy to count your chickens before they are hatched, and to remind these same fans that back in 1912 we thought we had a pennant winner and it turned out a different story.

Personally this isn't to be taken as a backdown. I still figure San Francisco the club to beat and am willing to stand on such an assertion. Nevertheless, there is always the chance for a slip, and after figuring ourselves with a fighting crew, it may turn out differently. Of course the boys can't be expected to hit at the same clip they are doing now when the pitching is of an inferior quality. However, it is a thing to see them whanging away at the pellet with such a will, if they can cut their efforts in two, they will still be in a position to bat a lot of runs around the bases.

The pitching staff is rounding into shape somewhat slowly. Bugs Reising has been crippled with a sore arm and has not been able to show the form that landed him a berth in the Coast League. Wolverton isn't inclined to force his players to operate in the manner of the Western Leaguer take his time. Panning is in good form. It is a question whether it will have proved good policy for Charlie to have pitched down in winter. Naturally it makes him that much better in the Spring, but he is likely to grow stale as the long season proceeds. Spies, Baum, who had undergone an operation, is mending slowly. He pitched two or three good innings the other day, but then the Sox started to hit him. Colwell, of the young pitching staff, is in the line-up of the lot, and will doubtless be held for further inspection.

It isn't likely Wolverton will do any further cutting until he has to get down to the minimum limit. In May, Haarwald, as has been reported, is not to remain permanently with the club, but Harry thinks enough of the Texas League to hold him back as a heavy slugger with some other team.

The task of deciding between Downs at Charlie for the utility infield berth is going to be some job. Charlie is the more finished fielder, and can fit in at almost any place around the diamond. Downs lays head and shoulders over Charles as a hitter, and that's going to count. Jimmy Johnston, champion base-stealer of the Pacific Coast League, offered his services to the San Francisco club before negotiations were started with Oakland. Jimmy wrote from Tampa, Fla., when the Cubs have been training, that he felt sure he could not make the club as a regular, and that he didn't care to be a bench-warmer. Wolverton has to turn many heads because the team is so strong in outfielders. It was a different story with the Oaks. They didn't seem to place much reliance in Watson or Koerner and so grabbed Johnston.

Early Attendance Big. If the attendance at the early games is any criterion, baseball is due for a comeback in San Francisco. And this, too, in spite of the exposition and the thousand and one outside attractions. Last Sunday, as an example, 8000 fans saw the Seals nose out the Sox. Considering the Chicago Goofs were here, the attendance was good, particularly when the weather was right.

The agitation in favor of the double-umpire system got its first big boost last Saturday. Billy Phyle was off color in some of his decisions, and what is more, he had a lot of close ones to give. The crowd booed and hissed, not only at the umpire, but at the management, and insisted in no uncertain terms that the Coast League was a "cheap" concern. It must have set Hen Berry to figuring, for he lost no time in announcing a visit to Los Angeles to confer with Tom Darnold and Ed Maier on the advisability of increasing the staff of indicator men. Henry admits willingly enough that he doesn't think the Coast League could get along with single umpires.

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GRIZZLED PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE MANAGERS WHO WILL MATCH WITS OPENING DAY AT LOS ANGELES.



Walter McCredie, Manager Portland

Frank Dillon, Manager Los Angeles

AGGIE HOPES WANE

Loss of Coach Nick Williams Blow to Ball Team.

PLAY OF TOWN-LOT ORDER

Dr. Stewart Has Several Men in Mind for Coaching Job, Among Them Pearl Casey—Squad Is Hard Pressed for Pitchers.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—The loss of Nick Williams as coach at a critical stage in the development of the Oregon Agricultural College baseball nine has left matters in an unsettled state on the Corvallis campus, and the chances for a winning team are dimmed by fears to be much less bright than they were. Although practice has continued under the direction of Captain Goble and ex-Captain Ben Culver, while Dr. Stewart has been working desperately to find an eleven-hour man to assume charge of affairs, the pep of the players has waned and the games have been decidedly of the mind-out order.

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Next Saturday, if weather conditions are good, the locals will journey to McMinnville to hook up with the McMinnville College team. Other preliminary games will be arranged by Manager May, if possible.

The appearance of Simon Smith, a 2-year-old second base, in a suit this week, has counteracted to a degree the discouraging features. It looks as though Smith, Hutt and Morgan would share between them the second base and shortstop berths.

Seibert, who played second base last year, has thus far played in the outfield. The rumor is that he is to be seen on the mound will not be downed, although he denies it. Seibert is an ambidextrous pitcher. It is evident that the Aggies are going to be pressed for pitchers. Ben Culver is still in the running, and "Blick" Williams is in great form; but when this has been said, the list of pitchers of known ability has been exhausted. Phelps, a freshman from Eastern Oregon, and Doolittle, from Pomona College, are next in line.

Loaf Back in Outfield. Loaf has returned to the outfield. Baldwin has been confining his attention to the outfield. "Rusty" Grove, of Portland; "Dutch" Hayes, a member of last year's freshman team, and Avery Lasswell are the leading rivals of Seelye and Wilson, of last year's reserves, for the outfield positions which will be left over after Loaf and Baldwin have been placed. Fryor on third, Goble on first and Walter and Spies' catchers seem to have their places secured. The discovery of another pitcher, the selection of an outfielder and the installing into the entire squad of ability to hit the ball, are some of the problems which will demand the attention of the new coach.

FORTY WEAR IDAHO UNIFORMS Many Trg Out for Pitching Staff but Talent Considered Mediocre.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, March 27.—(Special.)—Coach Griffiths and Captain Bobie Burns have 40 men in uniforms every night for baseball and a number of practice games have been played. The coach has an entire team of veterans and all kinds of good new material. Several freshmen look promising. Eight or 10 desiring to be pitchers are out, but are showing nothing extraordinary, and it looks as though Idaho will face a scarcity of mound men again this summer. Among those trying for pitchers are Phil Mitchell, Frye, Williams, Evans,

Gerlough, Gonniger, Wade, McCormick, Sylvester, Barker and Evans want to be catchers and Kipp is giving "seven-foot" Humphries a hard tussle for the first sack. Jones, Nielson and Rapp are out for second and Agee, McCormick, Shimson and Beck for third. Burns and Gortouh are alternating on short and the outer gardens are full

HOW THE PACIFIC COAST SERIES OPENED MARCH 31, 1914.

Portland at Sacramento, seven games. Oakland at Los Angeles, seven games. Venice at San Francisco, seven games.

Results. Portland 11, Sacramento 8. Higginbotham and Fisher; Klawitter and Hannah. Oakland 12, Los Angeles 2. Geyer and Alexander; Chech, Love, Perritt and Boles, Hoffmann. Venice 9, San Francisco 1. White and Elliott; Fanning, Arlett and Schmidt, Sepulveda.

Attendance. At Sacramento, 6000; at Los Angeles, 5000; at San Francisco, 11,000.

of aspirants. "Pink" is optimistic over Klaho's chances, but the general impression is that it will be a second division team.

ALBANY, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Plans have been initiated for an inter-city bowling tournament at Albany about the middle of April. If arranged, it will include team and individual contests for prizes. Cities which probably will participate are Salem, Eugene, Corvallis, McMinnville, Dallas, Falls City and Albany.

MEMBERS OF WEST SIDE CLUB WHICH MEETS PIEDMONT TODAY AT TWENTY-FOURTH AND VAUGHN STREETS IN OPENING GAME OF CITY LEAGUE.



Colie Druhot

Johnny Shea

Pearl Murray

FANS' PLAINT HEARD

Coast League Decides to Return to Double Umpires.

NICK WILLIAMS APPOINTED

"Red" Held Also Named by Baum as Indicator-Holder, While Sixth Arbiter Will Be Chosen Before Opening on Tuesday.

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pointment of "Red" Held and Nick Williams to his official staff of umpires. One more appointment is to be made and Baum says his entire staff will be ready for duty on Tuesday next. Although the league executive would make no statement, it is generally understood the return to the double umpire system was accomplished by a vote of 5 to 1. Judge McCredie, of Portland, objecting strenuously.

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GOVERNOR TO PITCH

Mr. Withycombe to Be Asked to Throw First Ball.

JUDGE M'CREIDIE ELATED

Plans Broached by Boosters' Club to Have State Executive Participate in Opening Day Ball Game Meets With Approval.

Governor Withycombe and party will be the guests of the Baseball Boosters' Club when the Venice Tigers open the Pacific Coast season in Portland April 12. That is, if the chief executive of the state accepts a cordial invitation drafted yesterday at a meeting of the Boosters at the Hazelwood. The Governor will be asked to pitch

Table with columns: Player, pos., nickname, Exp., Bats, Throws, Played last year, Avg., Bat. Includes players like John Shea, Carl Druhot, Theodore Gooden, etc.

the first ball, and in order to make it real big-league trimmings he will do so standing in his official box in the grandstand.

Edgar S. Higgins, president of the club, was empowered to name a committee to see the Governor and arrange for his entertainment in the city should he accept.

Judge McCredie was a guest of the club at the luncheon yesterday, and this plan met with his instantaneous approval.

"When I was back at Washington, D. C.," said he, "I saw President Taft pitch the first ball in the American League opener there. This ball was thrown out to Walter Johnson, and after the first play was returned and duly autographed and given to Johnson in a push box."

George L. Baker's committeemen reported that the city authorities had previously arranged a half holiday for all municipal employes on April 12. This committee will wait upon the Board of Education at its meeting April 1 in behalf of a half holiday in the schools.

L. A. Spangler was made a director of the Booster Club.

BEAVER DUCKPIN TEAM WINS Three-Game Series Is Taken From Fresno Brunswicks, 1581-1590.

FRESNO, Cal., March 27.—(Special.)—The duckpin team of the Portland baseball club won the three-game series from the Fresno Brunswicks last night by a total score of 1581 to 1590. Each team had won one game previously and the victory gives the series to the ballplayers. Spess was the hero of the game, rolling the high score of 126 and the high average of 113. This concludes the duckpin play for the season, as the Portland club will leave Sunday for Los Angeles.

The score: Portland..... 119 94 88 311 104; Kieber..... 103 100 108 311 104; Spess..... 119 126 112 358 119; Evans..... 119 126 112 358 119; Derrick..... 104 108 106 318 94. Totals..... 538 534 509 1581.

Hahn Has Even-Time Runner. WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—With the

track season barely started and the first conference meet more than a month away, Coach Archie Hahn, of the Whitman track team, said that his men are in the best condition they have been at this time of the year since he has been at Whitman.

Hoover and Dement are both running the high hurdles in close to 16 seconds and McKay and Brown in the mile and half-mile runs are showing midseason form. McKay ran the half mile in 2:04 with Brown following him closely. Siegrist, Nelwanger, and Utter are all heaving the shot around 40 feet and Utter and Nelwanger are throwing the discus nearly 105 feet.

COAST LEAGUE RACE NEAR

(Continued From First Page.) ing elaborate preparations for the opening game with Venice. Cliff Blankenship has garnered in a lot of heavy hitters, for example, Ryan, of Portland, and Zacher, of the Oaks, but he has not strengthened the pitching corps much, and that is where the Senators were weak last year. The Indian, Leroy, of Indianapolis, ought to make good, for he has been pitching good ball as far back as the earliest records of Heensepin can recollect.

Hogan's Venice Tigers loom up as good fielders. The entire infield quartet is new. Gleichmann, first sacker, hails from Baltimore. He is a young left-hander with lots of speed and a

280 batting average. Purcell at second is the veteran American leaguer. Berger at short was enticed from the White Sox the other day for short, and Hettling on third comes from the Oaks. In the outfield, Wilhoit seems to have displaced Kane, Risberg, utility, may edge out some of the regulars before the season is far advanced. Mize, of the Oaks, will do most of the catching.

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