PLAYERS LEARN TO STICK TO TRAINING

Big Leaguers Find That Contracts Do Not Protect Against Suspension.

CAST IRON CLAUSE NOTHING

"Matty" Tells of Effect of McLean Incident on Men—McGraw Strict With Fines and Insists All Shall Obey His Rules.

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON,
The Giants' Famous Pitcher.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Little sympathy has been felt among the hard-working players in the big leagues toward those who have been suspended this season for violation of training rules. There have been more cases of such suspensions than for several years past. I think the breaking of the ordinary rules has been due to the belief by players that they held contracts that would stand any test and that a payday could not slip by without their being paid. These men did not base their opinions on common sense.

Christy Mathewson.

This condition works against the ballplayer who is making an honest effort to serve his employer and earn his salary. The fact that a few players have broken training rules has hurt the other men and the game. The public naturally thinks there are a great many because so much space is devoted in the newspapers to the suspension of one.

Suspensions Are Feared.

Suspension has surprised many of the boys who thought their contracts insured them against this. Now that they have discovered that they can get a vacation without pay, I think it will be found that more of them are paying attention to the regular rules of training. The general move on the part of the managers to jack up the players has resulted in better baseball all around, and it will keep up from this point to the end of the season. All players have strange alibis when they get fined or suspended.

McGraw has found it necessary to suspend only one player this season, and that was "Larry" McLean, and the supposed castiron contract had nothing to do with "Larry's" case because McLean had one of the most fragile documents in the league with the regular release clause in it. "Larry" made a big mistake by his actions, and all of the boys regret it. He wished himself right out of baseball for good, and McLean might have been one of the great players of the game if he had behaved right. From what I hear, he is having trouble getting even pickup money by playing games here and there, and these games are the last graft of a ball player.

Giants Now Hustling.

But "Mac" has fined several of the boys for one thing and another, and he has made those "plasters" stick, and they have paid them. It used to be customary to forget fines, but no more. Now that big "Larry" has gone, there are practically no men on the Giants who do not observe the training rules, and most of the fines have been levied because McGraw did not think this player or that was hustling quite as much as he should, or because he made some "bone" play. "Mac" believed the man's memory would be refreshed the next time the same play came up if he "took some of his dough." Most of the Giants have too much sense to break training rules. They know they only hurt themselves.

One player on the club ran afoul the fine system out in Chicago, however, on the trip West before this one. He had a grand alibi, but McGraw is a man who pays little attention to alibis.

"As soon as a guy starts to spring an alibi," declared "Mac," "he makes himself look guilty on the face of it."

"Mac" Stays Up Late.

But this player met some friends and forgot he should be back at the hotel before the milkman arrived. Nobody can sit up much later than McGraw, for he likes to play whist, and he can get along on a few hours of sleep anyway. When he is in the Spring training camp McGraw will sit up late, even down in that sleepy town, for he says he cannot go to sleep early, so it is useless for him to go to bed. But he doesn't listen to any such talk from his players.

"When I was in the game actively and hustling every day," he says, "I had to have my sleep, and that goes for you fellows. When you are as old as I am, you may stay up forever if you want to."

At the Spring training camp, no matter how late he goes to bed, "Mac" is the first one up in the morning and out hustling all day. Frequently he does this right along on two or three hours of sleep. I don't see how he stands it. During the season, he goes to bed late and gets up late. He says he is troubled with insomnia in the early part of the night, but I don't see how he can tell if he never goes to bed. Most anybody would be troubled with insomnia as long as he stayed out of bed.

Fine Taken to Shield Others.

However, to return to the Chicago incident and the player who was fined. As near as I can get it, he was attending one of those "round table" parties, at which two or three of the other boys on the club were present, but they were more fortunate than their companion and were not caught. As a matter of fact, his contention is that he came in early and went to bed. Then he got to figuring that the other boys might get in bad when his roommate did not show up, so he dressed and went out to round up the rest and bring them back. They all got in safely except the hero, and McGraw got him.

"You're fined $100," said "Mac." And the player was.

"I had to take it," declared this member of the team, "or tip off the rest of the bunch, and I did not want to do that. I couldn't tell him I had come home and gone to bed and then gone out again to bring back the gang So it cost me one hundred."

That was his alibi which he could not use with McGraw, but he used it with the rest of the players. However, he is the sort of man who would do just this thing if the occasion arose—cover up the others—and I believe his story.

CLEAR LAKE FISHING IS GOOD

Portland Men Take Nearly 40 Trout in 30 Minutes With Flies.

Clear Lake, in Linn County, is rapidly becoming known as a fishermen's paradise. V. S. Wennersten and Albert M. Epperly, of Lebanon, recently caught nearly 40 fish in 30 minutes with rod and fly, the fish being the regular lake trout variety, of uniform length, weighing from two to three pounds, and varying between 16 and 18 inches.

The lake is located in the southeastern corner of Linn County, in the National Forest Reserve on the Santiam Pass, and in the center of the mountain district. It covers 161 acres area, the depth being almost fathomless. The water is clear and ice cold. It is supplied by several immense springs at the head of the lake. At the lower end of the lake the water flows out swiftly through a narrow channel, in all probability at about the same rate as it is supplied by the springs at the head of the lake, the level of the lake remaining at practically 2600 feet above sea level the year around.

This outlet is the headwaters of the McKenzie River, and the water rushes forward down the gorge with considerable fall. The river falls three times after it leaves the lake, within a distance of two miles. The first falls are the largest, being 74 feet. It is here in this near vicinity that the Oregon Electric Railroad has picked its site for the erection of a large power plant.

M'LOUGHLIN WINS BOWL

NATIONAL CHAMPION DEFEATED IN LONGWOOD SINGLES.

California Tennis Star Master Over R. Norris Williams II Throughout Play on Sloppy Boston Court.

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—Maurice E. McLoughlin, of San Francisco, yesterday defeated R. Norris Williams II, of this city, the National lawn tennis champion, in the challenge match of the Longwood singles, the oldest tennis tournament under club rules in the United States. The score was 6-3, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

It was the first time that the players had met since the National championship tournament at Newport a year ago, when Williams won the title from the Californian. By today's victory McLoughlin secures permanent possession of the Longwood bowl, having previously won two legs of it.

ESTACADA WANTS 500,000 FRY

Request Made to Stock Clackamas and Tributaries With Young Trout.

ESTACADA, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The Estacada Rod and Gun Club, through its secretary, has asked the State Fish and Game Commission for 500,000 rainbow and Eastern brook trout fry for liberation in this part of the county.

Last year this organization handled and bore the expense for the liberation of more than 400,000 fry. These were placed in the Clackamas, Eagle creek, Deep creek and Clackamas tributary streams in the mountains above and several lakes.

The work of this organization is responsible for the good fishing enjoyed, especially by Portland fishermen, in this part of the mountains.

There are at present not less than 200 Portland persons camping and fishing in the mountain streams above Estacada.

Amateur Athletics

THE Brooklyn club with Bill Pollock and Gordon at its battery points is having one of the best seasons of its career. These two players, with the help of the others in the lineup who are reputed to be strong sluggers, have been meeting the best of them and with much success. Bill Pollock, the pitcher, is without doubt one of the best twirlers in the bushes for his size and to him is due much of the credit for the team's success.

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Manager Jake Itau, of the Goldenrod baseball nine, has gathered together what looks like one of the strongest squads in the city. The hitting of his star catcher, Shea, has been an important factor in the team's rise. The assistance of Ripple, Sullivan and a few other stars who have been clouting the ball at a lively clip has put the team in the race for the city independent championship. It has won three league games and lost one.

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Manager Barr, of the Kenton club, will borrow Pitcher Claude Riggs, who went up to the West Side Monarchs. Riggs will be in a Kenton uniform this Sunday against the Rainier nine. His loss was felt keenly by the club boys and Manager Barr was forced to borrow his star slabster.

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Roy Howard, who cavorts in the outer garden for the Brooklyn nine, is having one of his best seasons. He has been hitting the ball on the nose often and steady and his timely swatting has been an important factor in the team's rise.

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Manager Joe Barr, of the Kenton club nine, will take his protegees to Rainier this Sunday to play against the team from that place. Manager Barr has signed up a few new men and with their addition expects to trim the Rainier team. Riggs and Powers will constitute the Kenton battery.

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"Monk" Prescott, who used to heave 'em for the Piedmont Artisans, is wearing a Goldenrod uniform. Since the leaving of Les Cregg, the team's star twirler, the club was handicapped for a while, but since the signing of Prescott, the team has found the man for the job. "Monk" since joining the Goldenrods has won three games, two of them being of the low-hit variety, one a no-hit and a one-hit game.

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Dayton played McMinnville last Sunday and won, 6-3.

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The Oswego second team defeated the Oakhurst Grays Sunday, 9 to 3. See and Anderson worked for Oswego, opposing McDonald, Lossy and Kearns of the Grays.

Dave Schneiderman, who won fame while playing with the Newsboys nine last year, will again be seen caverting around the initial sack since his return to form. Dave has been practicing daily to get in condition and he has been rewarded for his efforts. While he was in uniform last year with the Newsies Dave was reputed to be strong with the willow, and if he hasn't lost any of his sticking ability he should be a strong addition to the squad.

Reinforced to the limit, the Newsboys nine will meet the Hawthorne Merchants this afternoon on the Fulton grounds. The game will start at 3 o'clock.

Max Swerdlick, strike-out king among the amateur twirlers, has been signed by the Newsies and will make his initial appearance in a uniform. Rudy Wax, his star battery mate will do the receiving.

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Manager Whetstone, of the Union Dentists, says he has strengthened his team considerably by signing Billy Mascott and Cummings, infielders, and Morgan, catcher. With the addition of these players Whetstone expects to give the Goldenrods a drubbing in both of their games today, when they meet to play off a double-header. Whetstone and Lewis will alternate in the games in the twirling department.

Baseball Brevities.

Little Rock, of the Southern League, has released George Marritt, the ex-major league pitcher.

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Eugene Cocrham, a former pitcher for the Boston Braves, has been given his release by the Toronto club of the International League.

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Walter Leverenz, former Cardinal twirler, is now serving twisters for the Indianapolis club of the American Association.

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Lee Meadows is not the only ball player in St. Louis who wears glasses on the mound. The St. Louis Feds have signed Frank Ellerman, a 19-year-old wonder who is nearsighted and wears specs while twirling. He could see good enough to strike out 19 batsmen in a game recently.

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Billy Murray, former manager of the Phillies and now secretary of the Newark Feds, is doing scout duty for that club at the present time. He is due out West shortly.

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The Louisville club has secured pitcher Harry Hoch from the St. Louis Americans.

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Pitcher Bob Ingersoll has been sold to the Omaha Western League club by the Minneapolis Association team.

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Ban may be placed on Sunday baseball in Canada, according to reports from the Northern, International and Canadian Leagues.

TWO FAIR WATER NYMPHS WHO ARE TRAINING ASSIDUOUSLY FOR WILLAMETTE MARATHON SWIM NEXT SATURDAY.

Marion L. Fisher, Age 14
Willamette Moorage Club

Blanche G. Fisher, Age 12
Willamette Moorage Club.

SWIM ENTRIES MANY

Several Women to Compete in Willamette Marathon.

OFFICIALS ARE CHOSEN

Blanche and Marion Fisher Among Latest to Send in Names; List Includes Constance Meyer and Other Stars.

Entries continue to pour in for the Willamette River marathon swim to be held next Saturday afternoon by the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. The latest women entries are Blanche and Marion Fisher, daughters of O. P. Fisher, and well known in local athletic circles. The younger daughter, Marion, has already gained fame as a long-distance swimmer, while her sister Blanche favors diving.

Officials for the race, which starts at 1:30 o'clock from the Portland Motorboat Club and will finish at the foot of Salmon street, have been chosen. Art Allen, chairman of the swimming committee at the Multnomah Club, will act as referee. Instructor Jack Cody will start the race, C. S. Taylor will act as clerk of the course, and Dr. L. Manion will assist him in keeping the way clear.

The veteran stop-watch man, Frank E. Watkins, Edgar Frank and F. Harrigan will time the swimmers.

The judging will be done by three local sport writers, George Bertz, H. B. Critchlow and Edward Hill.

Among the entries received yesterday and Friday were Constance Meyer, the champion diver; Mrs. Burrows, who was second in the swim last year; J. McMurray, winner of the Christmas swim and 100-yard champion of Ireland, and Phil Patterson, Toule Saunders, Browning Webster, G. S. Taylor, Lee Ryan, Earl Crow and C. B. Potter.

Instructor Cody is busy lining up the prizes for the finishers, and promises a list well worth competing for. Entries for the race should be addressed to Jack Cody, Multnomah Club. The lists close Thursday, August 12.

CENTRALIA AWAITS RACES

Track Is in Fine Condition and Fast Time Is Expected.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Some of the fastest racing in the history of the Southwest Washington Fair Association is expected at the seventh annual exhibit, which opens August 23. The fair grounds track is considered the fastest half-mile track in the Northwest and the local fair being the first in the North Pacific Circuit, horsemen are anxious to compete here.

The bookings for the 1915 races are the largest ever made and many horses are already in the barns and working out on the track, which is in fine shape owing to recent good weather.

Pendleton to Have Tennis Tourney.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Plans have been laid for a tournament to be started by the Pendleton Tennis Club in the near future. A special committee composed of C. O. Rinehart, W. C. McKinney, Ernest Crockatt, Brooke Dickson and R. H. Horn has been appointed to arrange for the tournament.

Crowd at Canadian Regatta Small.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Aug. 7.—Scattered showers again kept the attendance down at the Royal Canadian Henley regatta today. The senior singles event was won by Bob Dibble of the Dons, Toronto, with Butler of the Argos, Toronto, second, and Sheehan of the Celtic Club, Buffalo, third. Time 1:23 2-5.

Auto-Balloon Chase Scheduled.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Announcement of an automobile-balloon chase to be held September 30 at Pittsfield, Mass., was made today by Leo Stevens. The contest will be like that of last year when Stevens' balloon led the other entries in a chase over the Berkshire Hills pursued by automobiles.

Ball Club Benefit Planned.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—A street dance will be held here Friday evening as a benefit affair for the Aberdeen baseball club. At least 500 couples are expected to participate. A large orchestra is to furnish music, and there will be several special vaudeville features.

BEES' HEAVY SLUGGING EXPLAINS EARLY SPURT

Salt Lake Team in First 17 Weeks Scored More Runs Than Any Opponent and Won Games by Larger Scores.

THAT the chief aim of the Salt Lake Bees in the first half of the season lay in their ability to slam out hits for big scores and that this relieved them from the necessity of holding opponents to low scores is shown from records of the first 17 weeks of the Coast League race, which show that Salt Lake not only scored more runs than any other club in the league, but was also scored against more than any other club. As further evidence in support of this theory of explaining Salt Lake's spurt in the first half of the season is the fact that the Bees figured in less tight games than any other club.

Salt Lake won less shutout games than any other club; lost more games by one run than any other club; played less extra-inning games than any other club, and also figured in less games than any other club which were won and lost in the ninth inning. Vernon is the only club that can boast a record equal to that of salt Lake in the smallest number of games won by one-run margins, in the ninth inning, or in extra innings.

In the records of runs scored by each club against each other club, San Francisco is the only club that has not scored more than 100 runs against Salt Lake, and the Seals and Bees have met in only two series—this being one of the vagaries of the 1915 schedule. Portland in four series has scored a total of 139 runs against Salt Lake, this being more runs than any other club has made against any one team to date.

Two thousand eight hundred runs have been scored in the Coast League this year up to July 26. Of these Salt Lake has scored the most with a total of 508; next comes San Francisco, 485; Oakland, 465; Los Angeles, 463; Portland, 444, and Vernon, 435. Los Angeles and Vernon share honors when it comes to keeping opponents to low scores, only 422 runs having been scored against each of these clubs. Portland has been scored against 460 times; San Francisco, 461; Oakland, 497, and Salt Lake has seen 538 opponents scamper across the plate.

Following table shows runs scored by each club against each club; reading across shows the runs scored by each club; reading down shows the runs scored against each club.

TEAMS—	Los Angeles	Oakland	Portland	Salt Lake	San Fran.	Vernon	Total by batters
Los Angeles		107	59	85	99	96	446
Oakland	84		90	106	63	70	413
Portland	59	104		108	85	37	393
Salt Lake	97	94	97		43	89	420
San Francisco	84	77	92	54		92	399
Vernon	109	93	38	128	82		450
Tot'l by p'chers	433	475	376	481	372	384	

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Salt Lake's distinction of having been scored against more than any other club is despite the fact that the Bees have made more double plays than any other club in the league, which should account for holding down opponents' scores to a considerable degree. Los Angeles batters have hit into more double plays than any other club, 99 double killings having been recorded against the Angels. San Francisco and Portland have each hit into less double plays than the other clubs, each having only 82 double plays recorded against them. Of the 537 double plays recorded in the first 17 weeks of the season, the following table shows the numbers made by each club against each club; reading across shows the numbers made by each club against each club; reading across shows total by each club; reading down shows total against each club:

TEAMS—	Los Angeles	Oakland	Portland	Salt Lake	San Fran.	Vernon	Total drawn by batters
Los Angeles		71	62	85	87	70	375
Oakland	48		73	73	58	55	286
Portland	42	97		69	71	23	302
Salt Lake	52	42	71		28	59	252
San Francisco	80	54	73	40		72	319
Vernon	89	73	31	89	78		360
Total by p'chers	311	337	310	358	299	279	

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Still another point of inconsistency in the performance of the Salt Lake club arises in the fact that, despite that more runs have been scored against Salt Lake than against any other club, Salt Lake pitchers have struck out more opposing batters than have the pitchers of any other club. This is largely because of the presence on the Salt Lake club of Lefty Williams, the man who stands a chance of hanging up a new league record in total strikeouts. Salt Lake pitchers have fanned 481 batters of the 2521 men who struck out in the first 17 weeks of the race. Oakland pitchers come next in line with a total of 475 victims; Los Angeles pitchers have fanned 433 opponents, Vernon, 384; Portland, 376, and the league-leading San Francisco team has seen only 372 opponents strike out. Vernon batters have fanned more times than any other club, a total of 450 strikeouts being recorded against Vernon. Los Angeles batters have fanned 445 times; Salt Lake, 420; Oakland, 413; San Francisco, 399, and Portland, 393.

Following table shows the number of strikeouts made by each club against each other club; reading across shows the number of times batters on each club have fanned; reading down shows the total number of strikeouts credited to pitchers of each club.

TEAMS—	Los Angeles	Oakland	Portland	Salt Lake	San Francisco	Vernon	Total scored
Los Angeles		82	83	113	105	80	463
Oakland	76		122	118	81	68	465
Portland	43	110		139	110	42	444
Salt Lake	105	121	111		57	114	508
San Francisco	117	90	108	52		118	485
Vernon	81	94	36	116	108		435
Tot. runs against	422	497	460	538	461	422	

Salt Lake has scored more runs than any other club in the league and yet Salt Lake batters have drawn the smallest number of bases on balls. In the records of their opponents in this department comes about the first point of consistency in Salt Lake's performance, for Salt Lake pitchers have issued more free passes than the pitchers of any other club, which may help to account for the fact that more runs have been scored against the Bees than against any other club.

One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four bases on balls were issued by Coast League pitchers in the first seventeen weeks of the season. Of these Vernon pitchers showed the best control record, issuing only 279 walks; San Francisco pitchers walked only 299 men; Portland, 310; Los Angeles, 311; Oakland, 337, and Salt Lake, 358. Southern California developed the best waiters in the league, Los Angeles batters drawing a total of 375 walks, and Vernon making the best showing for second honors with a total of 360 passes drawn. San Francisco batters worked opposing pitchers for a total of 319 walks; Portland batters drew 302 walks; Oakland, 286; and Salt Lake, 252.

Following table shows the bases on balls for each club against each other club; reading across shows the total bases on balls drawn by batters of each club; reading down shows the total bases on balls issued by pitchers of each club:

TEAMS—	Los Angeles	Oakland	Portland	Salt Lake	San Francisco	Vernon	Total by
Los Angeles		20	11	20	26	12	89
Oakland	18		24	20	15	17	94
Portland	11	22		21	18	12	84
Salt Lake	25	22	17		9	23	96
San Francisco	24	11	24	9		23	91
Vernon	21	19	6	23	14		83
Tot. runs against	99	94	82	93	82	87	

Two triple plays were recorded in the first seventeen weeks of the Coast League season—one by Vernon against Oakland in the morning game of May 31 at Oakland; and the other by Los Angeles against Salt Lake on July 3 at Los Angeles.

Salt Lake and San Francisco played a 1 to 1 twelve-inning game at Oakland on the morning of May 2, the only tie game played in the first seventeen weeks of the season.

Oakland beat San Francisco, 6 to 0, June 12 in one hour and twenty minutes for the fastest game of the season thus far. Los Angeles beat Salt Lake, 13 to 12, on May 15 at Salt Lake in two hours and 58 minutes, the longest nine-inning game of the first seventeen weeks. Oakland's 5 to 4 win over Venice in seventeen innings was the longest game of the season, running three hours and twenty-five minutes.

Meacham Creek Stocked With Trout.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Eighty thousand trout fry were liberated in Meacham Creek yesterday for propagation by the State Fish and Game Commission from the fish distributing car Rainbow. A number of local game officials and sportsmen accompanied the consignment to North Fork to assist in the distribution. Included in the party were W. C. E. Pruitt, district deputy Game Warden; G. I. La Dow, president of the Umatila County Sportsmen's Association; W. D. Humphrey, Dean Shull, Sam Paine and A. R. Humphrey.

COBB HAS 62 STOLEN BASES

Ty Is Leading League With Batting Average of .401 and 98 Runs.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—American League veterans hold a big majority of the batting honors, according to averages published here today. Cobb, Detroit, leads with 401. Cobb has made the greatest number of runs, 98, and also leads in stolen bases with 62.

Larry Doyle, captain of the Giants, has hammered his way to the front in the National, leading with .330.

The leading run getter is Cravath, Philadelphia, who has scored 57 times.

In the Federal League Magee, Brooklyn, leads the batters with .344.

Vincent Astor Offers Auto Cup.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—When the Sheepshead Bay Speedway opens October 2, the 350-mile Inaugural race will be for a perpetual automobile trophy which was offered today for cars capable of 85 miles an hour by Vincent Astor, the event to be known as the Vincent Astor cup race. In addition to the trophy, the Speedway management offers $50,000 in cash prizes for this event.

TALK IS OF FOOTBALL

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY WILL RETURN TO OLD GAME.

Northwest Colleges Are Conceded to Have Everything Their Way This Year.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Aug. 7.—(Special.)—With the return of Coach James Garfield Schaeffer from an extended tour of the Middle West, and the formation of a new Pacific Coast Conference Intercollegiate Association, embracing the leading institutions of Oregon, Washington, California and Nevada, early arrivals for the regular session at the University of California which opens next week, are already speculating on the prospects for the coming season.

That the California varsity will not have a chance in football with the well-trained institutions of the Northwest, especially Washington, with which two games are already scheduled, and Oregon, with which a game will probably be arranged, is the consensus of student opinion. Ten years of Rugby have given that game a strong hold, so strong, in fact, that the leading preparatory schools of the bay region have decided to stay with it for another year at least. However, Schaeffer does expect to develop a fast freshman team, and thinks that his yearlings will be hard to beat. A fast aggregation of tyros will also bode well for the future varsities.

Jack Smith, a front-ranker on the Rugby team, who played the old game at Astoria, Or., and William Russell, his partner in the Rugby scrum, who played at Eugene, Or., both have an excellent chance of coming through for a place in the line. They are heavy, fast on their feet and have a knowledge of the game which will aid materially. Liversedge, the world's record-holder with the javelin, is one Rugby man upon whom California banks. His superior strength and stature would make him a formidable contender for any college team, according to critics.

GERRICK TO GET TRIAL

LA GRANDE YOUTH TO PITCH IN GAME AGAINST COLLEGIANS.

Judge McCredie Signs Fred McKeen, Former Baker Player, to Try Out as First Baseman.

David Gerrick, the sensational young sagebrusher who is coming to try out for a pitching job on the Portland Coast League Club with two no-hit games on his gun handle, will not have to wait until Spring for an opportunity to display his foolers.

W. W. McCredie announced yesterday that the La Grande youngster would be given his first trial in a Portland uniform against the touring University of Chicago team on Monday, August 16.

Gerrick must "have something," or else the batsmen in the bushes around Eastern Oregon are losing their pep. Beside his two no-hit games, the right-hand tyro has a batch of two and four-hit matinees to his credit.

If he shows ability to fool the Chicagoans, he may get a chance to start a regular league contest the week following. Another brush sensation like Vean Gregg or Steen or Seaton would look rather good on the Portland twirling corps just at present.

The Chicago team is on the way to Japan, where a series of games will be played against the leading colleges on the island.

Another youngster who may get a chance to play in Beaver livery against the Chicagoans is Fred McKeen, a City League first-sacker of renown. McKeen has signed a Portland contract tendered him by Judge McCredie. He is a big fellow and is said to be a heavy artillerist. McKeen tried out with Baker in the Western Tri-State League, last year.

SPOKANE WINS FROM TIGERS

Sheely Hits and Starts Batfest Which Turns Tide.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 7.—Spokane won from Tacoma today by a score of 4 to 2. Sheely's hit and steal and hits by Kaylor and Brennegan put over the winning runs for Spokane. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Tacoma	2	9	1	Spokane	4	10	3

Batteries—Meikle and Stevens; Wicker and Brenegan.

Vancouver 1, Seattle 0.

SEATTLE, Aug. 7.—A fumble by Morse gave to Vancouver the single run that won today's game. Effective pitching held down the score. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Vancouver	1	5	0	Seattle	0	4	1

Batteries—Arlett and Cheek; Bonner and Cadman.

CRACKS MEET IN FIRST ROUND

Williams and Washburn to Play Griffin and Johnson Tuesday.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Drawings for the national elimination doubles, held today in connection with the Western championships, will throw R. N. Williams and Watson Washburn, the Eastern pair, against Clarence Griffin and William Johnston, Pacific Coast champions, in the opening match next Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the winning team will take on George M. Church and Dean Mathey, representing the Northwest, and B. M. Grant and Nat Thornton, the Southern champions, will play the winners of the Western title. Finals are scheduled for Thursday.

WOLTER GAINS ON NESS AND HEILMANN

Bates, Ryan, Fisher, Stumpf and Speas All Well Up in Batting List.

SMITH TOPS ALL BOXMEN

Stanley Coveleskie Far Ahead of Other Beaver Pitchers, While He and Higginbotham, of Portland Staff, Alone Over .500.

Harry Heilmann, the demon slugger of the Seals, is still crowding Jack Ness for first place honors in the Pacific Coast League batting list. Both of the first sackers have held their averages even for the two weeks covered by these statistics. The series of the past week are not included below. Both players have been out with injuries. Ness' average is .386 for 110 games and Heilmann's .365 for 98 contests. Harry Wolter, of the Angels, hopped up six points over his average of the week previous and is listed next to the Seal first baseman, with .359.

Ray Bates, the Beaver third sacker, is seventh in the list of regulars, with .334. Buddy Ryan, former Beaver now with Salt Lake, has an edge of one point on the Portlander. Fisher, Stumpf and Speas, of Portland, are all well up in the list. The averages follow:

Individual Batting.

Players. Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.	Last Wk. Pct.
Wolvert'n, S. F.	5	5	0	3	.600	.600
Butler L. A.	3	11	5	6	.545	.000
Hammond, Port	8	21	4	10	.476	.000
Ness, Oak.	110	412	73	159	.386	.386
Heilmann, S. F.	98	370	57	135	.365	.385
Wolter, L. A.	122	462	77	166	.359	.353
Gardner, Oak.	84	239	27	83	.347	.340
Johnston, Oak.	121	473	92	163	.345	.349
Ryan, S. L.	111	432	78	149	.345	.340
Bates, Port.	84	341	52	114	.334	.340
Brief, S. L.	2	6	3	2	.333	.000
F. Elliott, Oak.	4	9	0	3	.333	.333
Fisher, Port.	84	263	25	88	.334	.333
Fitzgerald, S. F.	83	342	66	113	.330	.333
Ryan, L. A.	59	109	18	36	.330	.340
Maggert, L. A.	115	408	89	130	.319	.315
Gedeon, S. L.	110	439	75	140	.319	.316
Stumpf, Port.	115	469	79	149	.318	.319
Bodie, S. F.	107	388	55	123	.317	.330
Wilhoit, Ver.	92	344	53	108	.314	.314
Speas, Port.	94	362	63	110	.304	.306
Schaller, S. F.	121	447	84	134	.300	.290
Meloan, S. F.	85	271	44	81	.299	.270
McMullen, L. A.	110	398	47	117	.294	.294
Ko'rn'r, LA-Ok	72	236	26	68	.288	.278
H. Elliott, Oak.	83	236	20	68	.288	.297
Orr, S. L.	112	479	65	135	.287	.285
Carisch, Port.	68	192	20	55	.286	.277
Middleton, Oak.	119	460	55	131	.285	.287
Bayless, Ver.	110	382	38	109	.285	.281
Shinn, S. L.	111	455	66	129	.283	.274
Mitchell, Ver.	17	39	5	11	.282	.297
J Wi'ms, LA-SL	28	32	4	9	.281	.286
Barbour, S. L.	85	286	32	80	.280	.280
Hillyard, Port.	82	272	39	76	.279	.280
Zacher, S. L.	110	422	51	117	.277	.269
Doane, Ver-Port	87	282	35	78	.277	.292
Lober, Port.	102	341	57	94	.276	.273
Brooks, L. A.	47	145	15	40	.276	.291
Kane, Ver.	78	207	34	56	.271	.276
Hannah, S L.	82	249	34	67	.269	.269
Terry, L. A.	112	386	42	103	.267	.271
Jones, S F.	110	388	39	103	.265	.250
Gerham, S. F.	100	340	30	90	.265	.254
Davis, Port.	88	330	39	87	.264	.264
Nutt, S. L.	15	19	3	5	.263	.278
Lush, Port.	54	61	5	16	.262	.222
Downs, S. F.	100	336	48	88	.261	.264
Schmidt, S F.	78	261	26	68	.261	.270
Faye, S L.	56	138	19	36	.261	.261
Gleichm'n, Ver.	91	301	33	78	.259	.258
C'rl'le, Pt-Ver.	112	434	50	113	.257	.257
Boles, L. A.	88	276	30	71	.257	.251
Hall, S. L.	39	74	4	19	.257	.268
Rishberg, Ver.	112	388	55	99	.256	.259
Reed, Oak-Port.	19	40	6	10	.250	.248
Brown, S. F.	10	20	3	5	.250	.294
McDonnell, L. A	9	16	1	4	.250	.267
Bk'k'rsh'p, S.L	5	4	0	1	.250	.250
Cavet, S. F.	2	4	0	1	.250	.000
Gipe, S. L.	2	4	1	1	.250	.000
Reuther, S. L.	7	8	1	2	.250	.143
Ellis, L. A.	117	398	48	99	.249	.245
Hallinan, S. L.	62	181	16	45	.249	.252
Tennant, S. L.	116	436	55	108	.248	.249
Guest, Oak.	79	241	21	59	.245	.251
Purtell, Ver.	107	391	30	95	.243	.248
Derrick, Port.	115	453	48	110	.243	.245
Lynn, S. L.	14	33	3	8	.242	.318
Berger, Ver.	116	447	62	106	.237	.253
Kuhn, Oak.	79	239	23	54	.226	.220
Evans, Port.	30	93	2	10	.233	.233
Litschi, Oak.	117	369	43	84	.228	.226
Block, S. F.	37	106	9	24	.227	.237
Leard, S. F.	72	236	27	53	.225	.222
Mitze, Ver.	68	201	18	45	.225	.220
Rader, Ver.	24	80	11	18	.225	.180
Mundorff, Oak.	86	286	40	64	.223	.214
Spencer, Ver.	74	224	16	50	.223	.233
Marcan, Oak.	84	316	32	70	.222	.208
Krause, Port.	37	72	9	16	.222	.224
Quinlan, S. L.	3	9	2	2	.222	.000
Schmutz, S. L.	7	9	1	2	.222	.143
Buemiller, L. A.	87	230	31	50	.217	.210
Henley, Ver.	29	67	3	14	.209	.200
Klawitter, Oak.	42	96	5	20	.208	.204
Boyd, Oak.	25	48	3	10	.208	.208
Decannier, Ver.	20	39	4	8	.205	.216
Hitt, Ver.	28	54	2	11	.204	.204
C. Wi'ms, S. L.	58	98	14	20	.204	.189
Dillon L. A.	15	35	4	7	.200	.200

"Silent" Smith, the Seal curve server, tops the list of pitchers. He has won 15 and dropped five contests. Hi Jasper, of the Angels, who is reported to have jumped to the Feds, is credited with one win in the records. Stan