

ANGELS PICKED TO BE LEADERS MAY 1

Seals, Then Beavers, Is Rating by Roscoe Fawcett for Clubs That Start Race Tuesday.

STRENGTHS ARE COMPARED

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BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. PORTLAND TRAINING CAMP, Sacramento, Cal., April 1.—(Special.)—Los Angeles, San Francisco, then Portland appear to be the ranking clubs in the Pacific Coast league on the verge of the opening of the 14th annual season Tuesday afternoon.

At least this is our personal hunch. We have not seen all the clubs in action this spring, but after all, a casual squint at a ball team shouldn't change one's perspective much. The best way to dope a team is to consider nine form, analyze to see whether its component units should improve, remain stationary, or fall away, shake thoroughly, and then you are about as close to it as you can hope to get.

Seals and Bees Are Weaker. The San Francisco and Salt Lake, the 1915 leaders, are the only clubs in the league which appear somewhat weaker than they were last fall. Los Angeles and Portland, particularly, have strengthened, and, with the Oaks and Vernon also in the field with greatly augmented cast, the year 1916 portends a closely bunched field.

San Francisco possesses a sterling pitching staff, a couple of strong infielders, and a fair outfield. The loss of Chapman and Schaller, Bodie and Fitzgerald, made a runaway team. The Seals nearly when they were at full strength, so they should not drop altogether from caste by losing a couple of stars.

Wolverton has a team that will be easy to strengthen, so it is practically a cinch that the Seals will be in the first division the whole year through.

Angels Picked as Class of Field. Down at Los Angeles Frank Chance has mustered a crew that looks like the class of the league as it writes. Its outfield, Maggett, Wolfe and Ellis, is one of the best in the league, combining speed with hitting and fielding ability. Its infield, Koerner, McLarry, Fisher and Galloway, promises to garner more runs for the Angels than any field in the league.

And yet the Angels infield defensively is very weak and if by any chance the Angels do not display winning class at Los Angeles in scoring, they will have quite a task strengthening it. Los Angeles' pitching staff ranks with the Seals as the best in the league. Jack Seaver, former Seal, of the Chicago Cubs; Schoor and Hogg, of the Cubs, and several others appear to have plenty of class. Chance is expected to carry 10 pitchers for the first month until the salary limit goes into effect.

Which brings us to Woodland. Walt McCredie's catching corps is satisfactory; his outfield, with Willie Southworth, Dixon and Speas, is well balanced, with a strong right fielder, defensive strength, and as three of the boys are young and coming up fast, Portland's outfield may be expected to develop into a sensational unit.

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Oaks Don't Appear Impressive. The Oaks did not look as impressive as we are inclined to think Elliott secured "Lord" Kenworthy from the Bees. Kenworthy is a sloppy fielder, but is a vintage pitcher to the staff to keep out of the basement. Buddy Ryan's appendix removal will cripple an outfield that has been one of the best in the circuit last season.

Brief at first base is the only infielder of superlative class and Pittery appears to be the one best flinging bat. Paste this guess in your hat and compare with the official on May 1.

Outcome Shows Business College Has Good Lineup. Frank Fried, manager of the Holmes Business College, heads off his squad the other day against the Columbia University nine, last year's champion of the Intercollegiate League. The outcome of the game shows that Fried has collected a pretty fast squad. Larsen, the big ransy right hand twirler of the college squad ought to develop into a comer.

The final score was 9 to 0 in favor of Holmes Business College. Batteries—Holmes, Larsen and Patterson; Columbia, Sharpe and Murphy.

VETERANS AND PROMISING YOUNGSTERS WILL TAKE PART IN OPENING OF INTER-CITY LEAGUE SEASON THIS AFTERNOON.



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SEASON CUT SHORT

Northwestern League, Schedule for 1916 Is Issued.

TIME CALLED ON APRIL 27

All Clubs to Begin Training This Week With Butte Practicing at Puyallup and Great Falls Probably at Everett, Wash.

ADVICE GIVEN ANGLERS

STAGE PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION TO MCKENZIE RIVER.

Arthur Hendershot, of Eugene, Writes of Best Way to Reach Fishing Grounds.

FISH PROTECTION IS ASSURED

Streams in Columbia County to Be Planted and Fishing Barred.

CANYON CITY CUTS OUT ELECTION

Season Closes September 4.

TWILIGHT LEAGUE TO START

Evening Ball Schedule at University to Begin This Week.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE

April 1.—(Special.)—Twilight baseball, the evening's entertainment of university students following the dinner hour, will start out on its annual schedule the week after Spring vacation.

SCHEDULE OF NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE FOR 1916.

Table with columns for cities (Seattle, Vancouver, Spokane, Tacoma, Butte, Great Falls) and dates for games. Includes sub-sections for 'The Oregonian', 'All', and 'Sporting News'.

INTER-CITY BALL GAMES START TODAY

Baby Beavers and Bradfords Will Clash at Recreation Park at 2 o'clock.

RUPERT'S TEAM REAL ONE

"Cack" Blanchard, Who is Playing at First, is One of Greatest Fielding Infielders Ever Developed in This District.

The 1916 baseball season will be officially ushered in this afternoon when the Baby Beavers and the Bradford East Siders clash at Recreation Park.

Red will be at Everett, but may play some part-time games in Bellingham. "Cack" Blanchard, who is counting on the mainstay of this year being back in school for the season next year.

Murray Captains Stanford Track. "Dag" Murray, the famous broad-jumper, of the Stanford team, has succeeded "Rio" Templeton as captain of the college track team.

Blanchard is the greatest fielding first baseman ever developed in local "baseball" circles. He looks and acts like Harry Heilmann, now with Detroit, except for the fact that he hits from the opposite side of the bat.

Manager Ernie Taylor, of the Bradfords, who represent the East Side of the city, has on paper one of the classiest looking clubs gathered together in semi-professional circles for a long time.

San Jose has been established as a training camp that is worth while. The Garden City has been regarded as more or less of a dead town so far as baseball is concerned.

It was freely predicted that he wouldn't draw more than enough to cover his expenses, but Berry insisted that everything would be all right.

Woodburn, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—Baseball fans around North Marion County again will come into their own when the gates are thrown open at the City Park at 2:30 tomorrow.

It has been quite a number of years since Woodburn fans have had the pleasure of witnessing league baseball. Manager Huddleston has gathered together a bunch of players that will remind the old-timers of the good old days when the Tri-City League flourished in this city.

Brickley to Coach Boston College. BOSTON, April 1.—Announcement has been made that Charlie Brickley, the famous Harvard football player, will coach the Boston College eleven next fall.

New Boat-Owners Plan Trips. Milton Gevurtz and Dave Baumgart have been added to a list of motorboat enthusiasts on the Willamette River.

THE STEEL WORKER TELLS IT TO THE GOOD JUDGE. AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF A TUMBLE? NOT SINCE I TUMBLED TO THE REAL TOBACCO CHEW.

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