BALL TEAMS SET FOR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Double Header Today Touches Off Battle for Flag.

CONTESTS WILL BE WARM

Standifer, Hesse-Martin and McDougal-Overmire Aggregations Ready for Combat.

Semi-pro baseball fans of Portland and Vancouver will flock to the Vaughn-street park this afternoon to witness the double-header preliminary for the city championship. Four of the best independent teams in this neck of the woods will pair off and clash today in order to narrow the race for the title down to two aggregations.

Manager Wayne F. Lewis' Standifer shipbuilders will mingle with the crack Hesse-Martin team in the first game, which will start at 1:30. The second contest will find Columbia park meeting the McDougal-Overmire club. All of the teams excepting Standifer have been greatly strengthened for the championship series, while Wayne Lewis will depend on his team as it has stood all season to cop the bacon. Up until the past week the Standifer team has stood head and shoulders above any other ball club here that has been playing in the independent field. Because of this fact the other three teams that entered the championship race got busy and grabbed the best players that were loose in these parts or combined with other teams.

Standifer and McDougal-Overmire are favorites to win their games today, but whether the dope will be upset remains to be seen. The rivalry is intense between the four teams and they will be battling for more than just the honor of winning a game.

"Jocko" Krause, one of the best pitchers in independent circles, likely will start on the mound for Standifer, with Bob Marshall on the receiving end.

Following are the lineups of three of the teams:

Standifer—Hartman, Harkness, Krause and Goddard, pitchers; Marshall, catcher; Edwards, first base; Pritchard, second base; Coleman, third base; Moore, shortstop; Clynes, Carman, Johnson and Stepp, outfielders.

McDougal-Overmire—Pillett, Wilke, Winterbotham, pitchers; Fisher, catcher; Kracke, first base; Henderson, second base; Huessing, third base; Yett, shortstop; Hughes, Fletcher, Inger, Holmes, outfielders; Clickenger and Dimick, utility.

Columbia Park—Koontz, Brice, Johnson, pitchers; Miles, catcher; Lynn, first base; Leland, second base; Garbarino, shortstop; Nordstrom, third base; Peterson, Foss, Horton, outfielders; Storm and Nugent, utility.

Although the Hesse-Martin lineup has not been named officially it is the dope that Oscar Harstad, the big twirler who has been signed to a Portland contract, will twist his slanters for that club, with a well-known catcher grabbing his offerings. Ed Thompson, the sensational high school pitcher, also is playing under the Hesse-Martin colors.

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Herman Pillett, who was the steller moundman of the Northwest league with Tacoma several years ago and who played with the San Francisco Seals a while this season and was later sent to Des Moines, is back in town and has been signed to pitch for the McDougal-Overmire team. He is slated to work today with Gus Fisher, former Beaver and Sacramento catcher, behind the bat. Gus was released by Bill Rodgers recently and has been in Portland for over a week.

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Manager Tindall of the Columbia Park team is hopeful of his club's chances. After getting off to a bad start this season the Columbias rounded into shape and have been winning against the best teams in the state with regularity the past month. Charley Koontz will pitch this afternoon for Columbia Park with "Chief" Meyers doing the backstopping. Koontz and Meyers have proved an invincible battery and are expected to go big.

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The two winning teams today will meet on the Vaughn-street grounds next Sunday for the championship and the purse that has been put up for the winning outfit. The winner is scheduled to make a trip to Klamath Falls to battle for the state title. Ray Kennedy will umpire both of today's games and the deciding contest next Sunday.

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Bill Heales and his Kirkpatrick All-Stars will meet Reedville at Reedville, Or., this afternoon. Heales is taking 12 players with him on the trip.

GEARHART GOLFERS HAPPY

RENEWAL OF TOURNAMENT PLAY WELCOMED.

Captain Roscoe Fawcett Chairman of Committee in Charge of August 18-23 Play.

Announcement of the resumption of the annual golf tournament at Gearhart-by-the-Sea during the week has been greeted with acclaim by all of the golfing fraternity and according to O. W. Taylor of the Gearhart Park company the ninth annual championships August 18-23 this year promise to be the most successful in the history of the famous Oregon beach resort.

The tournament committee which will handle the big show was given out last night. It is as follows:

Captain Roscoe Fawcett, U. S. A., chairman; Graham Glass, president Waverley Country club, Portland; C. H. Davis Jr., Waverley Country club, former president Pacific Northwest Golf association; W. H. Nash, chairman tournament committee, Portland Golf club; Henry W. Metzger, Tualatin Country club, Portland; John H. Dreher, Seattle Golf and Country club; L. Kershaw, Tacoma country Golf club; C. W. Haiderman, Astoria Golf club; W. J. Patterson, Aberdeen Golf and Country club, former president Pacific Northwest Golf association; E. W. Ray, Salem Country club; Walter McCormack, Eugene Country club; O. A. Hariman, Pendleton Golf club; R. E. Allen, Walla Walla Golf club.

The committeemen are representative of the entire northwest and it is expected that nearly every club on the Pacific coast will be represented by a coterie of mashie mussers. Among those from outside Portland who played over the Gearhart course last week were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Penn, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, J. M. Stone and R. Aranson of Seattle; H. Katz and H. W. Skuse, Spokane; T. A. Lingely, Miss E. Lard, Salem; Mrs. M. W. Barnett, Lewiston, Idaho; S. Scott, H. H. Vincent and W. F. Corkran, Walla Walla; L. Sweet and Mrs. C. W. Whitly, Salt Lake City.

The women's tournament will occupy four days, commencing Monday, August 18, and ending Thursday, August 21. The men will qualify on Wednesday, August 20, and the finals, 36 holes, will be played the following Saturday.

Events will include: Men's championship, women's championship, men's flights, women's flights, mixed foursome, men's handicap, women's handicap, driving and approaching.

PORTLAND PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE DONE MUCH TO PROMOTE THE GAME OF GOLF HEREABOUTS.

1—David H. Findlay, Tualatin Country club. 2—Harry L. Pratt, Portland Golf club. 3—Johnny Junor, Eastmoreland municipal links, instructing one of his fair pupils, who is shown at the top of the back swing. Photograph was taken at the seventh tee of the public links and looking down the seventh fairway. 4—J. Martin Watson, Waverley Country club.

WILLIE MEEHAN STILL SAYS HE CAN WHIP JACK DEMPSEY

Sana Francisco "Phat One" Is Waiting Patiently for Word From Jim Coffroth in New York, Who Hopes to Gain Champion's Consent to Match.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Willie Meehan is waiting to hear from Billy Gibson and Jimmy Coffroth anent a fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. The Phat One not only has confidence in his ability to beat Dempsey, once they come together, but he has the same certainty in his mind that the combination of a big San Francisco promoter plus the same sort of a chap from New York city will produce results.

Meantime, Willie is keeping busy in this neck of the woods. Already he is signed with Frank Farmer for 10 two-minute rounds in Calgary the latter part of August. He is dickering with a Denver promoter and may accept a bout in Hanford, this state.

So far as Dempsey is concerned, I never saw such supreme confidence.

"I want to tell you," he said one day this week, "I know that in Dempsey there is one chap I can beat. Why? Well, haven't I boxed him enough to know where I stand? I reckon he is a cinch for me. He tires, I tell you. I got that much low down stuff in my last fight with him at the civic auditorium and I learned as much more from his fight with Willard. Had that fight gone any distance, Willard would have won, sure."

Perhaps that is the Meehan alibi for picking Willard as the winner.

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However, I have an idea that he's going to talk himself into a match, probably in Newark and get a good piece of dough for himself.

In my travels around the country I discovered that eastern people are inclined to take Meehan seriously and accept his record for what it is worth. The reverse is true here in San Francisco. Meehan is reckoned as more or less of a clown and while he can pack 'em in at small prices, I doubt whether he would be a money getter in a championship mill with the tickets costing from $5 up.

As I wrote you from New York, Coffroth thinks there's every chance in the world of making good with such a programme and I am inclined to believe that is one thing for which Sunshine Jim is sticking around the east.

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San Francisco has a new heavyweight who is more or less of a hero. His name is "Goat" Lavin and he has come with a rush. Lavin started at the Parkside club where a number of near champions have received their educations. His star has been in the ascendant since the Fourth of July. A couple of victories have made him a local figure in the boxing game and even now they are talking of the possibility of staging him against Dempsey.

Now, of course, that's all chatter—worse than idle gossip. You can't make championship material with any such speed. Past events have demonstrated that it takes some time to develop a big scrapper to the point where he counts. And it's an odds on bet that Lavin will sink into insignificance before he goes much further. He is almost bound to stub his toe and then will come oblivion.

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Los Angeles, I have read, also has a "challenger." Nobody ever heard of the chap before but that doesn't seem to disturb the southern Californians. His name is Elmo Lincoln, which is quite some combination of great names. James J. Jeffries and James J. Corbett, ex-champions themselves, are said to be sponsors for Elmo. That probably puts the quietus on him.

Gentleman Jim Corbett has stood sponsor for many a white hope in his day but the white hopes have never done much good for themselves. Just as Corbett has never picked a winner in his eventful career, so he is not likely to pick a man to take away Dempsey's honors in such speedy fashion.

And the chances are that Corbett realizes this. Jim wants to keep in the public eye and the best way to do it is to father some such scheme as this.

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The downfall of King Alcohol seems to have helped the fight game. If the crowds at the four-round shows in this vicinity are to be taken as a criterion, then the boys who formerly spent their time and their coin around the corner saloons are now digging up for tickets to the fights.

In San Francisco the increased attendance has caused the promoters to marvel. Likewise, across the bay in Oakland, where Tommy Simpson has been hard put at times to fill the municipal auditorium, he is now playing to packed houses.

Mr. Man must have some sort of amusement and if he can't get it one way he is bound to have it another.

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Strange how fighters—and good fighters—are bad judges of other men in the game. Willie Ritchie has always been rated smarter than the ordinary pug of the country. And yet Willie went far astray on the recent championship. Willie didn't like Willard wildly, but quite well enough to bet his coin. As a rule, Ritchie isn't apt to wager on the outcome of battles in the ring. But I heard this week that he had several bets down on the big fellow. Of course, he was a loser and wasn't inclined to do much talking about his misfortune.

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Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, well known a few years back as a middleweight of renown, however, stuck by Dempsey. O'Brien, just before the fight, insisted that a man as old as Willard and one who hadn't been in the ring for virtually four years could hardly expect to be returned a winner. O'Brien was right, and they do tell me he had a wager of considerable proportions up on the result.

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Eastern dispatches state that Frank Moran, the Pittsburg heavy, who was whipped by Willard in New York, is grooming himself for a bit of jousting with Dempsey. If that is the case, Moran has certainly changed his mind since July 5.

Before the fight in Toledo Moran was the biggest Willard booster in the Hotel Secor. Everything he wrote was tinged with a Willard flavor. What is more, Moran bet his money—so much of it, as I happened to know, that he had to borrow coin on which to return to New York.

On the Saturday afternoon following the fight I happened to run into Moran in the lobby of the Secor. The hotel practically was deserted, for 99 per cent of the newspaper men had fled for other parts.

"How about Dempsey?" I remarked. "Suppose you want to fight him for the title?"

Sergeant Albion Tourgee Gerber returned last week from Camp Lewis after service overseas. Sergeant Gerber went over with the 4th engineers, but was transferred to the Stars and Stripes, where he served until that publication suspended.

PUBLIC LINKS DEVELOPED

MUNICIPAL COURSES FIRST IN PRODUCING TALENT.

Professionals All Agree Community Playing Is Foundation for Game of Golf.

As a developer of golfing talent the municipal links at Eastmoreland will do more than all the private clubs combined in one year's time, according to the views of the four crack professionals at the four Portland clubs—J. Martin Watson, Waverley Country club; Harry L. Pratt, Portland Golf club; David Findlay, Tualatin Country club, and John Junor, municipal links.

"Scores of golfers become interested in golf through the medium of the municipal links who otherwise never would have known the difference between a mashie and a niblic," said Professional Junor yesterday. "After a few months on the municipal links the golfer with sufficient means usually joins some private club and thus makes room for other novice players on the municipal links."

Portland is fortunate in having four first-class golf professionals in Messrs. Watson, Pratt, Findlay and Junor. J. Martin Watson is one of the foremost teachers of the art in the country, having been associated with some of the best-known clubs in the United States. He succeeded George Turnbull, now professional at Del Monte. Harry Pratt came to the Portland club from the Seattle Golf and Country club, where he taught the game under Bob Johnstone; David Findlay came to the Tualatin club from the Spokane Golf and Country club, while Junor gained his first experience as a professional at the Waverley Country club some 14 years ago, starting under such men as Willie Moffit, Elliott Duthie, now professional at the Jericho Country club, Vancouver, B. C., and George Turnbull.

Mr. Junor started teaching his own ideas in 1914 at the Tualatin Country club, remaining there until May of last year when he took up similar duties at the new municipal course.

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The qualifying round of the competition for another leg on the John G. Clemson trophy will be held at the Portland Golf club next Sunday. The Waverley Country club, Portland Golf club and the Tualatin Country club will be represented by teams of from 15 to 20 men, likely 15 as that will probably be the most the Tualatin club can send owing to its small membership. The Portland club won the first leg on the trophy last year over the Raleigh station links. The team match between the two teams qualifying will be held the following Sunday. C. Harry Davis is captain of the Waverley players. Walter H. Nash will lead the Portlanders with Jack L. Louisson selecting the Tualatin team.

If Russel Smith, ex-northwest champion, is in the city his presence will greatly assist the Waverley team although even without him that organization will enter the match with the strongest team it has ever presented. On the team will be Forest Watson, Andrew E. White, Walter E. Pearson, Jack Straight and Roderick L. Macleay.

Ten of the Portland team have already been picked by Captain Nash with the balance to be selected this week when it will be determined just how many will compete on each team. The ten already chosen are: Rudolph Wilhelm, Ersel W. Kay, Walter Cornell, Dr. John H. Tuttle, Joe Lambert, W. D. Scott, C. B. Lynn, Dr. O. F. Willing, C. C. Gross and Captain Roscoe Fawcett, U. S. A.

Edwin I Neustadter, Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Millard Rosenblatt and Josk L. Louisson will be listed on the Tualatin team.

Big League Gossip.

"LENA" BLACKBURNE, who was recently traded to the Phillies by the Braves, is playing a bang-up game at third for Gavvy Cravath's nine. Blackburne is and always was a nifty ballplayer, in the judgment of many experts. Maranville of the Braves is one in particular who thinks highly of Lena's ability.

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Charley Hollocher is rated one of the greatest shortstops in the game today, and rightly so. It is getting to be a toss-up as to who is the better defensive player, Hollocher or Maranville. Both are great.

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There has been considerable dispute among scribes and others over the spelling of Pitcher Reuther's name. It has finally been established that the Reds' star left-hander places the "e" before the "u" in his name.

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That the Red Sox got the best of the recent trade with the Athletics of Shannon and Roth for Barry and Strunk is being demonstrated every day. Shannon particularly is a young ballplayer of much promise, who is going great guns with the Bostonians. His fielding is of the brilliant sort and he is smacking the ol' apple hard and regularly.

TROPHY PLAY ON BOARDS

COMPETITION FOR CUPS ENGAGES PORTLAND GOLFERS.

Qualifying Rounds for Heitkemper and Dr. Tuttle Prizes Keep Local Clubs Busy.

Play at the Portland Golf club links today will be marked by the semi-finals in the Heitkemper trophy competition and a sweepstakes tournament for those not taking part in the big event on the bills. Play for the Heitkemper trophy has been proving very interesting.

The qualifying round of the Dr. John H. Tuttle trophy will be played August 24 at the Portland Golf club, 16 low men to qualify for the cup. This coming tournament is arousing a good deal of interest among golfers as all will have a chance to win a prize. The entrants will be divided into flights after the qualifying round, eight men to a flight, an innovation which was first introduced in the annual spring handicap tournament at the Portland Golf club which proved exceedingly popular.

The first elimination round for the Dr. John H. Tuttle trophy will take place Sunday, August 31, the elimination also going on in the remaining flights. The second elimination round will be played September 7 and September 14 the semi-finals will be staged with the finals on the tapis in the various flights. The finals of the play for the Tuttle trophy will be held on Sunday, September 21.

Play in the annual club championship and the W. C. Bristol trophy will also get under way on September 21, 16 low men to qualify, the remaining players to be grouped into eight-man flights.

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AFTER the woman player has learned to go through all the motions of the drive correctly, there is still another point to be considered and that is the way in which her weight is distributed during the making of the swing. If she stands, and uses her feet and arms in a proper manner, there will not be any question about her weight; it will take care of itself. However, there have been innumerable discussions on the subject and every conceivable suggestion has been offered as to where the weight should be at certain points of the swing. So it seems necessary that the final conclusion of those who know best should be stated here. This conclusion, to put it in its briefest form, is that during the swing and up to the beginning of the follow-through there is very little, if any, transference of weight from one foot to the other.

The player takes her stance with her weight equally divided between her two feet. If she does not draw away from the ball, or, in other words, if she keeps her head still, as she is strictly bidden to do, how can she move her weight to her right foot? Yet we are told many times that during the up-swing the weight is chiefly on the right foot. It is interesting to try a little experiment to decide this for oneself. By dropping a string across a fairly large mirror and standing before it so that the string bisects the reflected image through the forehead, nose and chin, and then going through the motion of swinging a club, it is possible to find out just how much extra weight can be put onto the right foot without moving the head.

Coombs Tires of Phillies.

Jack Coombs ostensibly retired as manager of the Philadelphia Nationals to devote his time to business in Texas, where he has made his home for some years. But there is little doubt that he retired because of his disgust with conditions in the Quaker City. Colby Jack took up the management of the Phillies this year somewhat reluctantly.

HARNESS RACING DUE FOR STRONG REVIVAL

Northwestern Horsemen Look for Great Season.

GOOD MONEY IS OFFERED

Centralia, Wash., Now Center of Activities in Preparation for Summer Campaign.

Light harness racing promises to come back in the northwest to the standard of old days before the war. If the activity among horsemen and racing associations is any criterion. From British Columbia to California the word is the same, the biggest season in the history of the sulky game along the Pacific slope. The horsemen have more money to spend on their steppers and the associations better prizes to hand up for the programmes than ever before.

The North Pacific racing circuit is preparing for its season's opening at the southwestern Washington fair grounds at Centralia, Monday, August 18, and the trotters and pacers stabled at the "hub" city and those due to arrive for the preliminary workouts are showing exceptionally good time.

It has been many a moon since the talent has been so evenly matched or better than that which promises to face the starter at the opening of the circuit on August 18.

One of the interesting turfmen to be seen at Centralia will be John Springer, the man who developed and raced Sonoma Girl, 2:09, a mare whose name is linked with the lore of harness racing all along the Pacific coast, and who was sold to Lotta Crabtree, the old west's most beloved actress, for $35,000.

Portland, and Oregon in general, will be well represented on the North Pacific circuit this year.

H. Gierman of Portland is at the track now in Centralia with his good trotter, Guy Light, which turned a mile under the judges' eye in 2:06. Tony Muratto of Portland is also at the course with some of his fast runners, notably Leticia S, a thoroughbred mare, and Ashton Lady. He is not alone, for several other stables of bangtails are being worked out or are en route.

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Among other Oregon horsemen present will be Fred Woodstock of Salem, who will have four harness horses under his eye, all of which he is counting upon to display the goods.

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John Kirkland is due to arrive from Salem with Helen Mistletoe, 2:08¾, the pride of the George Parker stable. Parker, who is well known in all lines of sports in Portland, has one of the best stables in the northwest, and as in the past expects great things of his stable, particularly Helen Mistletoe. Kirkland will have three other pacers under his wing.

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Mack Fitzimmons owned by Ben Jagger, well-known Portland horseman, is looked for to cut a wide swath. Mack Fitzimmons has an enviable record on the dirt oval and has turned a mile in 2:06¾. Jagger will leave for Centralia this week if possible. Mack Fitzimmons has been in the hands of Henry Hellman at Salinas, Cal., all winter and is in excellent shape.

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G. M. Cox will invade Centralia with Lady Haltamont, a pacer, and the Merrill stable of six steppers are now on the ground. Sim Lindsey left Woodburn Thursday with Teddy Ham, 2:11½, in tow.

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Sam Ball of Mount Vernon, Wash., will have his father's crack stable in the circuit. He has Tillamook Maid, pacer, with a mark of 2:07½, Joseph Ansel, 2:12¾; and a trotted, Beauty B, 2:17¼.

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Charles Chambers has Don Carlos, a green pacer, which has done 2:16¾ and John B. Stetson will enter May Day Hal, a pacer with a record of 2:13¼, and a green trotter, Western Scout.

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The Nova Scotia handler, Harvey Mann, is at the Centralia track with the Bertrand and West stables, which includes Helen B, a pacing mare sired by the great Hal B, and Early Voyage, a green trotter by On Voyage. Another Hal B, offspring at the track is Captain Hal, 2:24¼, owned by Charles Garrison of Olympia.

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