

Portland Shuts Out Oakland—Review of Football Rules—Tennis at Irvington—Baseball News

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OAKLAND SUFFERS A WHITEWASH

Gum Was in Fine Trim and Put the Commuters in Shut-Out Class.

HOPKINS PITCHED A SPLENDID CONTEST

Portland Annexes One in the First and Three in the Eighth, While Van Haltren's Men Were Garnering Nothing—Story of the Match.

A FEW IMPRESSIONS ABOUT MANAGER GEORGE VAN HALTREN



Geo. Van Haltren

Since Manager Van Haltren has been coming to Portland with his Oakland team a great many inquiries have been made regarding his age and his baseball career, and for the benefit of the Journal's readers the following brief account of his career is published:

George E. Van Haltren started his baseball career in 1885 as catcher for the Oakland Emeralds. In 1886 he changed to pitcher, about the same time the club changed its name to the Greenhood and Emeralds, and joined the California State League. The club joined the California league two weeks after and it was then that his pitching became the rage. He struck out 45 men in the first three games in that league. Twice he struck out 21. In one game he retired the crack Haverly team without a hit and once struck out the side on nine pitched balls. His fame soon went east and he was besieged with offers to sign with Detroit, Boston and Pittsburgh. In the National League, he finally signed with Pittsburgh, but never reported and was traded to Chicago for McCormack and reported to Pittsburgh in 1893 and played center field in 1893. He was sold the following winter to New York. John M. Ward realized his worth and played him in center field for ten consecutive years. During the year, he cast his fortunes on the coast again, and signed a contract with Seattle. He was traded to Oakland in 1895 and assumed the management that year. From 1895 to 1901, inclusive, he batted over .300, very good for a catcher. He was fortunate in breaking his ankle in 1902, and didn't play any ball that year. He has played before great crowds in New York and elsewhere and during his career on the diamond has seen many ball players come and go. He is called the grand old man of baseball, and but four men are playing ball today who were in the game with him when he first went east in 1887. The men are James O'Rourke, Lave Cross, James Ryan and James McGuire.

In spite of his supposed great age, Van is only 40. He claims that he can produce the papers if any one doubts him.

By George B. Van Haltren. The Pacific coast would have had a banner year in baseball for many years if it had been managed by Van Haltren. He is called the grand old man of baseball, and but four men are playing ball today who were in the game with him when he first went east in 1887. The men are James O'Rourke, Lave Cross, James Ryan and James McGuire.

Idora ball park was the solution to the situation, and the bay clubs were sent north for a couple of weeks till the first got back a little confidence. The grounds at Idora have not enough seating capacity, especially the grandstand. Morley has hurt the game in Los Angeles. He was all right while everything was serene, but he showed his hand when troublous times came on. Los Angeles won't recover until next year.

Oakland is drawing well now, and Portland can vouch for it in their share of the week's receipts. Seattle is racing mad, and it is impossible to get people to talk baseball, let alone go to a game. They even use Sunday to study the past performances of the horses. Everyone you meet on the street has a story to tell. It is either rainy weather, too hot or horse racing for Seattle.

Oakland has a fine young catcher in Bliss. He and Heilmuller constituted a battery for Berkeley, and aided greatly in defeating Stanford two years ago. Bliss is as strong as an ox, a willing worker, a good hitter and fine thrower. He is somewhat under the weather at present, suffering from boils, a malady which several Oakland players get every year. Bliss and Hackett are both scarred up. Bliss has a great future in front of him, and with a little more knowledge of the game as years roll on he will be another Brenham.

Mike Mitchell has shown his worth to Portland this year and there won't be a question about his leading the league in hitting. He is a fine defender and baserunner with it and is fit for fast company next year.

Lou Mahaffy umpired some fine games in Seattle and has all the reputation of a catcher. He is on a few rules, but a little study would fix that. O. K. His judgment on balls and strikes and decisions on bases are excellent. The Coast League needs a man of his caliber.

Hal Chase's first base playing must be a revelation to the eastern public. He varies according to eastern critics, pulled off plays never dreamed of by other first basemen and has done a great deal toward helping the New York Americans to be up in the race. Pacific coast people are proud of him and there are other good players that have gone east and made good and others who are ready to go. California has turned out any number of players, also the northwest. Fogarty, Denny, Morris, Carroll, Tom Brown, Clark, Griffith, Meagan, Knell, Mertel, Lange (Little Eva), Irwin, Tinker (Joe), Bobby Keefe, Whalen, Overall, Shay (ss.), Pete Lohman and Van Haltren were all graduates from California.

There are several players ripe for plucking this coming year. McLean is the best catcher on the coast today. Hackett is a good catcher, but is in poor condition, being scarcely able to hobble. Blankenship will make good in Washington next year. Of the pitchers, Oakland opened to large crowds in Los Angeles and everything pointed to a successful season. Everything rested in the bay cities while the people were fighting themselves to conditions. Poor Oakland found itself crowded to suffocation, 100,000 people being crowded on to 100,000. Oakland did nobly, but San Francisco only jeered at their efforts.

FOOTBALL OUTLOOK IN CALIFORNIA

The Reception That Awaits the Rugby Game is Not Likely to Be Cordial.

STUDENTS ARE SORE OVER FINAL DECISION

Berkeley and Stanford Are the Only Colleges on the Coast That Have Placed the Ban Upon the American Style of Play.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) University of California, Berkeley, Aug. 18.—The prospects along the line of Rugby football, how it will be played, its reception and popularity at Berkeley are brightening a little, but are yet complex and with the formal opening Monday of the several departments in the college town the ideas of the Rugby game will be so far advanced that to the old students the spirit of last season, when the change was made, will seem more like a dream than anything else.

Of the colleges on the coast Stanford and California only have adopted the Rugby country to play practice games. They will have to make the best of their decisions and go it alone. Not even the many preparatory schools which are scattered all over the Golden state have changed to Rugby and when one considers the prospects for practice games between the universities it would seem that football will not be such an object of interest as it has been in former years.

It has been suggested by devotees of the game that possibly teams might be imported from Canada or amateur teams collected in San Francisco and the surrounding country to play practice games with the university teams before the annual contest between the great rivals. However well this plan is advocated it is hardly a possibility, as the expense would not be worth the cost, and then again the managers do not want to spend a large sum of money until they are assured that the people will patronize the new sport as they did the old-style game.

Now the Students Feel. And indeed they are right in this, because everything is uncertain. Many of the football stars of last season stated at the time of the change to Rugby that they would not don uniforms this season and follow the game for two 40-minute halves. Naturally this statement is looked on with suspicion by the new entrants and as a result many are waiting to see what the other fellow does. The old students are returning fast, that is, those who will return (for it is intimated that over 400 young men will not come back this year because of financial difficulties due to the earthquake and fire), and in some instances these heroes of the gridiron have half way said that they might modify their statements of not playing. Again there are those who believe that the return of the elder-path will make good and represent the blue and gold against their rivals.

Freshmen are Faintful. Of the new students there are many—over 400 in the freshmen class—and in this small army of brainworkers is quite a lot of good-looking material, which the coaches are keeping tab on as they wait for a short time ago that the head coach at the university, Oscar N. Taylor, returned from England, where he went to study the game. Naturally he is enthusiastic over it since the old way was only a short time ago and is full of ideas, plans and problems which will be sprung on the athletes in due time, in the hope that California will win the first contest.

The plan of arranging games that is most sure to be followed is to have class matches with the varsity, and since the coaches look with so much favor on this there is sure to be keen rivalry among the classes and clubs participating.

Financial Difficulties. As the last intercollegiate contest was held on the Stanford gridiron it is now Berkeley's turn to have the contest. California field as it now stands is nearly 40 feet too narrow to allow the necessary space for the Rugby game, and it will necessitate the removal of the bleachers which were put up two years ago. To make all necessary repairs to the stadium will cost \$5,000 and \$6,000. Where all this money is coming from is the question confronting the student body. Disapproval is heard of increasing the debt on the field, and it is argued that the result would be the ones who made the change, it would be perfectly right to ask them to appropriate the necessary funds. That is how the matter stands at Berkeley if the game of Rugby is to be played, but how to play it is the one perplexing question.

WITH THE BOXERS. A match is being talked of between Jimmy Walsh and Harry Baker, who recently defeated Frankie Neil.

Joe Walcott and Billy Rhodes have been matched to meet at Leavenworth on September 14. According to the terms Walcott is to get \$750 for his end, whether he wins or loses.

From all reports the women of the town of Goldfield, Nevada, are about as anxious to see the Gans-Nelson fight as the men. It is said the promoters have received 600 applications for tickets from women.

Efforts of the London club of Chelsea to arrange a match between Jimmy Gardner and Dave Deahler have fallen through.

Dan Creedon, the Australian middleweight, who spent a number of years in America and then returned to the antipodes, was knocked out in three rounds by Bill Smith in Sydney recently. It is the first time Creedon has heard of Creedon in a long while.

GOLDFIELD SPORTS VERY ACTIVE

Promoters of Gans-Nelson Contest Hope to Draw Immense House.

PRELIMINARY AFFAIRS RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Everything Appears to Be Progressing So Well That the Fight Fans Are Somewhat Doubtful as to Which Man Will Land Victory.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, Aug. 18.—The course of true sport seems to be running smooth up at Goldfield.

As a rule the days during which top-notch fighters prepare themselves for a championship battle are filled with all kinds of turmoil. Managers contrive to lock horns over trifles, while if anything important comes up for discussion the wrangling which ensues is of such a vehement character that the public is often led to believe the match is about to fall through.

There is nothing of that kind about the Gans-Nelson affair. True the candidates find time to say easy things about each other, but that is always to be looked for in pugilism as well as in politics. Apart from this "I'll win in a walk" and "If he comes up for me third I'll eat the ropes" there is never a harsh word and nothing to suggest a clash of interests.

Even the referee question, the particular bone of contention in all fights, didn't agitate the rival lightweights. The club was empowered to select the official and George Siler was chosen. The contest should go down in history as one in which maltrast and suspicion were absolutely absent.

This absence of friction makes it easy for the club. It can devote its whole time to the completion of details and go ahead with its arrangements with assurance that nothing untoward will happen to disrupt its plans.

And that is just what the fledgeling Goldfield organization is doing. It is building a mammoth arena and circulating prize-fight literature and souvenirs by the barrelful.

The Goldfield promoters say that they expect to house 8,000 fighters at the least. They must not be disappointed if the crowd is somewhat smaller than they anticipate.

If you happen to be where a panoramic photograph of the Britt-Nelson assemblage is hanging just study it. That was as brave a fight gathering as one would wish to see and yet there were but 7,500 persons within those four walls at 7 o'clock.

The Britt-Nelson arena was built just at the edge of a populous city and the fight took place on California's favorite holiday. Labor day, I suppose, is Goldfield's favorite holiday, but comparing the positions of San Francisco and Goldfield, I cannot believe that the enterprising mining town will improve on the crowd that saw Nelson win his fight a year ago.

Great Expectations. Mr. Williams, the Examiner staff correspondent at Goldfield, says that the promoters have hopes of a \$50,000 gate. I sincerely trust their expectations may be realized, but would warn them against being too sanguine.

The Corbett-Fitzsimmons contest at

TENNIS TOURNEY NEXT ON LIST

The Irvington Club Committee Announce Details of Coming Racquet Matches.

SCRATCH EVENT WILL BE FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Five Events Will Be Open to Outsiders and a Beautiful Cup Will Be Offered for Each—Goss Stands Good Chance to Capture Trophy.

Details of the coming Irvington tennis tournament have finally been arranged. As predicted, a scratch event for hand-picked players was added to the list of men's cup events, and it is likely that the \$100 perpetual cup will be the prize.

The scratch event will be open only to club members. This will be somewhat of a disappointment to players outside of the club who were expecting an open scratch. As now arranged, it is a foregone conclusion that Walter A. Goss, state champion, will capture this event. The chief interest surrounding it will be the work of Dan Bellinger, who gave Goss such a rub in the state tournament. In some quarters it is thought that Goss may be beaten by Bellinger, but this is unlikely, as in the state tournament Bellinger showed at his very best, while Goss was unusually dead on his feet from the excessive playing of the previous days. The only other Irvington member who is thought to have the slightest show against Bellinger, but this is unlikely, as in the state tournament Bellinger showed at his very best, while Goss was unusually dead on his feet from the excessive playing of the previous days.

The handicap events will be the regulation five men's singles, men's doubles, ladies' singles, ladies' doubles, and mixed doubles. The handicapping will be done next Thursday night, immediately after the close of the entries, and every effort will be made to class the players properly so that all will have an equal show to win. The bunch of men who played at ows 15 4-4 in the last two handicaps held in this city, will probably be advanced a notch or more, to ows 16 or higher, as it is conceded that they would otherwise not stand a chance in a game with Wickersham, Goss or Bellinger, over whom their handicap would be little better than nothing.

The five events are open to all players and cups will be given as prizes for the winner or winners of each. The entries will close Thursday and the drawings will be announced in the Friday afternoon papers. Play will begin Saturday next and will continue daily until the next Saturday. Among the visitors from outside the city will be Veness and Shively, from Washington, who were here for the Oregon tournament, McSwain of San Jose, who represented Stanford in the intercollegiate contest a year ago, will also contest. McSwain is a fast net player and should be ranked in the class with the best of the racquet widens.

Grays Harbor Wins. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 8.—The visitors found the locals easy yesterday. Scores: E. R. E. Grays Harb'r 0 0 0 1 0 3 0—4 15 5 Tacoma 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—3 8 3 Batteries—Tacoma, French and Shea; Grays Harbor, Goodwin and Bottiger.

After defeating the Chicago Nationals the other day every Philadelphia player fell to the ground in a simulated faint. Considering that it was the first victory in eight games the fans would have been justified in rolling over and playing dead.

EDWARD RANKIN, WHO IS UMPIRING AT RECREATION PARK WITH BUCK KEITH.

Carson was a notable affair and drew sporting men from all parts of the United States. The gate receipts on that occasion were \$22,000.

Al Kaufmann is in for a jacketing from the critics and truth to tell he appears to deserve it.

When astute Billy Delaney undertook recently to boost Kaufmann up the ladder to fame he made comparisons in which Kaufmann, from a standpoint of sincerity and the desire to be up and doing was made to rise superior to other heavyweights.

"Here is a young man who wants to fight," said Billy. "He bars nobody. We are tired of dancing attendance upon fellows who are tied up with theatrical engagements and we want to find out who is the real champion of the world."

Kaufmann and his mentor were particularly disgusted at the tactics of Berger and O'Brien and in desperation said that the first man who held up his hand would be accommodated with a fight. Tommy Noah Brusco Burns, now of Los Angeles, accepted, and McCarey, the scotland's lone exhibit in the promoter line, promised to furnish the date and the sinews of war.

"You're on," said Delaney or Kaufmann or both and the match was scheduled and advertised.

Two or three days ago Kaufmann declined the issue, and what do you suppose was his game?

A theatrical engagement! Assuredly it all dependeth on whose beast is gored.

With Jack O'Brien. It may be that Jack O'Brien will keep faith with the Australian sportsman and put in appearance in Melbourne for his battle with Bill Squires after all.

In a telegram received from O'Brien the other day the threat was made that if Berger didn't sign up for a fight right away Jack would board the steamer leaving San Francisco for Australia on September 13.

As Berger has said repeatedly that he will not accept any ring engagements before October, it looks as though Jack may buy himself some magazines and a steamer chair.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Tacoma: 29, 28, .541; Butte: 23, 37, .513; Grays Harbor: 22, 42, .513; Spokane: 29, 46, .387.

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PORTLAND

Table with 5 columns: Player, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. McHale, cf.: 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; Sweeney, ss.: 3, 1, 1, 2, 2, 0; Mitchell, lf.: 3, 1, 2, 2, 0, 0; McCredie, cf.: 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; Smith, 3b.: 4, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1; Moore, 1b.: 3, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0; McLean, c.: 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; Lister, lb.: 3, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0; Gump, p.: 3, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0.

OAKLAND

Table with 5 columns: Player, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. J. Smith, cf.: 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; Van Haltren, 3b.: 4, 0, 1, 1, 2, 0; Kruger, 1b.: 3, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0; Heilmuller, lf.: 3, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0; Hackett, c.: 4, 0, 1, 4, 0, 2; Devereaux, 2b.: 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; Cates, lf.: 3, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0; Franks, ss.: 3, 0, 1, 2, 5, 0; Hopkins, p.: 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.

SCORE BY INNINGS

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Oakland: 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; Portland: 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.

SUMMARY

Struck out—By Gum, 4; by Hopkins, 3. Bases on balls—Off Gum, 3; off Hopkins, 3. Two-base hits—Mitchell, Ed Smith. Doubles—Franks and Heilmuller; Hopkins to Kruger to Cates; Hackett to Franks; McLean to Lister. Sacrifice hits—McCredie, Mitchell. Stolen bases—Franks. Errors—Pitched balls—McHale, Lister. First base on error—Portland. Left on bases—Portland, 5; Oakland, 5. Time of game—One hour and 35 minutes. Umpires—Keith and Rankin.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Chicago: 65, 43, .602; New York: 71, 36, .664; Pittsburgh: 69, 40, .636; Philadelphia: 65, 45, .593; Cincinnati: 47, 62, .431; Brooklyn: 41, 65, .387; St. Louis: 38, 73, .348; Cincinnati: 38, 73, .348.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Chicago: 66, 43, .608; Philadelphia: 62, 47, .572; New York: 65, 45, .593; Cleveland: 60, 47, .561; St. Louis: 51, 58, .468; Washington: 41, 66, .383; Boston: 32, 77, .294.

Yesterday's Results

At Chicago—Chicago 4, New York 2. At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 3, Boston 2. At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 7, Brooklyn 2. At St. Louis—St. Louis 1, Philadelphia 11.

F. W. BARR CAPTURED THE CLUB MEN'S TROPHY

Last Big Stake of Seattle Meeting Goes to W. L. Stanfield's Three-Year-Old.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Aug. 18.—W. L. Stanfield's good 3-year-old colt F. W. Barr won the club members' handicap, the last principal stake race of the Meadows meeting.

In addition to the \$1,000 stake, the owner was presented with a beautiful silver loving cup by the members of the Seattle Driving Club.

In the last race, midway of the stretch, the Hougout broke down, his ligaments being torn away. He was shot later by his owner.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Portland: 69, 32, .676; San Francisco: 64, 41, .619; Los Angeles: 61, 44, .581; Seattle: 44, 61, .419; Oakland: 41, 65, .387; Fresno: 42, 69, .383.

Ovis Overall has not pitched much for Chicago, but he has done excellent work in the games in which he has taken part. Chance is saving him for the final dash for the pennant.

Advertisement for C. P. Bishop, 87 Third. Features a man in a suit and top hat. Text: \$12.50 GETS YOUR CHOICE OF SOME 15 LINES SHOWN IN OUR WINDOW. EVERY SUIT A GENUINE BARGAIN AND THIS SEASON'S GOODS, CUT IN THE LATEST STYLE. WORTH FROM \$15.00 to \$22.50 C. P. BISHOP, 87 THIRD