



Crack Players of Portland Beavers in Action on California Diamond

PINNANCE LOOKS BEST OF BEAVERS

McCredie's Little Indian Pitcher Buffaloes Batters With Sizzling Curves.

WALSH SHOWS PLENTY OF CLASS THAT WINS

Frail Catcher Has It on Madden and Whalen When It Comes to Pegging—Nelson's Vaccinating Methods May Crab Fighting Game.

By Will J. Slattery.

San Francisco, April 18.—Although the Portland team got away with only two out of ten games in the first series with the San Francisco aggregation, the Beavers left this city for Los Angeles with large wads of the admiration and respect of the local fans as well as the players who opposed them. The flashes of speed which Portland showed at times at once demonstrated that the team is there when it strikes its bait. Everybody was willing to admit that the Beavers were lucky in getting away with so many games, especially against a band of sluggers who are always dangerous.

Of all the new ones that McCredie has sprung on the San Francisco club, the little Indian, Pinnacle, looks the best. After that game he pitched last Saturday afternoon against the Beavers he was noted as being very good by every one who saw him work. The way he twisted that ball around the neck of every hard hitter on the local line-up was awful for the admirers of the home team to stick around and look upon, and the steadiness that he displayed all the way through made the outside sit up and take notice.

The redskin has the most peculiar line of benders that any man has known from a box in this city for a long time. The curves seem to approach in a threatening sort of manner and then they break sharply at the plate. Pinnacle tosses every one of them with practically the same motion, none of the local batters ever could get jerry to his system.

The fans of this city are hollering at McCredie for keeping little Bassey so low down in the batting list. The Beavers left after he hit the ball like the proverbial fiend in practically every game he played here. He only missed one game without striking a safe. Most of his hits were timely ones and brought runs over the plate.

McCredie says that he will keep Bassey right where he is. He figures that he needs a good, strong stickler down on the bottom of the column and he seems to be delighted with the present lineup. He has shifted Cooney down to sixth place and boosted himself, Danzig and Johnson to a notable position. Danzig worked like a charm, for the day it was made the Beavers waded in and gave the Seals their initial trimmings.

McCredie did another Harmon or Bloomfield to Los Angeles with the team. There is a story going the rounds that one of the young men who was supposed to slip a set of getaway papers. If either one of them gets the run, it looks as though Bloomfield will fall. The other fellow, however, has shown anything, while Harmon has shown a lot of class.

Harmon has been receiving his hard luck jolts twice during the series with the Seals. He was sent in when the game was lost and on each occasion he made monkeys out of the opposing batsmen. On Sunday morning, when the Beavers had a nice lead over the Seals, across the bay, McCredie was likely to be walloped and he immediately chased him and put Groom to work. Groom did not do any better than the youngster, but he came in for all the applause and poor Harmond had to take to the bench and brood over his hard luck.

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Realizing that bad base-running lost most of the games for him, McCredie started a practice school for base-runners last week. Every morning he trotted his boys out to the ball field and put each and every one of them over the jumps on the bases. All the catchers had their turn behind the bat and kept whipping the ball around to the various sacks. The training improved the work of the Beavers immensely, so Mac says he will keep the stunt up.

The local fight layout is in another angle and even the members of the wise brigade are at a loss to figure out the combination. From present appearances it looks as though a local promoter are going to declare war against Jim Coffroth, who pulls all his fights off on the other side of the country line. They may get away with their play, but the chances are that the game will be knocked, if not put out of commission entirely, unless the



McCREDIE LIFTING A SAFE ONE



WALSH, PORTLAND'S BACKSTOP

wrangling comes to an end very quickly. The way that Battling Nelson has been sidestepping around and signing up lately has given the fans that dizzy feeling. Several days ago the Durable Dane affixed his signature to a set of articles and agreed to take on Joe Gans before Jack Gleason's club in a 20-round bout on May 15, fleet week. Gleason was elated over the match he had made and was about to get ready for the big boost when the Dane forsook him and agreed to box Gans before Coffroth's club at about the same date.

That was a big snub here most any one would hold him for a couple of days. Then one night, when nobody was looking, Gleason took Nelson to one side and threw a few lines of talk into him. Batt fell for the stuff and once again he signed with Gleason, this time depositing \$12,000 for \$2,000 with John Clark, the well known local sporting man and one of Gleason's backers.

Gleason was happy again, but his joy lasted just four hours, when Nelson switched for the third time and again flocked to the Coffroth camp, agreeing to take a chance against Earl Utholz in a 45-round contest at Colma some time about the middle of May. What the finish will be nobody seems to know, though many think that it will eventually crab the fighting game.

When Gleason got busy and began to inquire about Nelson's whereabouts he discovered to his dismay that the check was drawn on one of those sandbanks and that there was no chance of his getting to hold his man. Gleason has threatened to bring suit and to show Nelson up, but the chances are that he will realize that he cannot gain anything by attempting a legal action. He is very sore, however, for he realizes that he was slipped the bunk.

Packey McFarland's decisive victory over Jimmy Britt has made him a great card in San Francisco and he can therefore be slipped a set of getaway papers. If either one of them gets the run, it looks as though Bloomfield will fall. The other fellow, however, has shown anything, while Harmon has shown a lot of class.

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COONEY, SHORT STOP AT BAT



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Attendance at the Opening Games Falls Below That of Last Season.

Games scheduled for today: At Vaughn Street—West Side vs. Vancouver. At St. Johns—Woodburn vs. St. Johns. At Oregon City—Albina vs. Oregon City. At Salem—East Side vs. Salem.

Umpires assigned for today: At Salem—Ed Rourke. At Vaughn Street—Steve Salpnolis. At Oregon City—Ed Rourke. At St. Johns—W. J. Burnside.

It is too early in the season to draw a line upon the attendance, yet the opening games in the four cities have netted a larger gate than they did. Portland in the two games drew a total of \$2,740, Oregon City \$500, St. Johns \$72, making a total of \$3,512. The total of \$3,250 paid admissions. Portland furnished over half the attendance for the two days. Oregon City and Woodburn were both a disappointment, as better crowds should have been shown for the two opening dates.

Perhaps later in the season these two towns will pick up in a manner surprising. Last season the opening games ran: Vaughn street, 1,800; Woodburn, 509; St. Johns, 675; Kelso, 327, and Astoria, 792, making a total of 4,203. The decrease in attendance may have been caused this year by the early opening in April. That there is much interest in the doings of the league is manifest in the comments made by the thousands of fans in Portland and vicinity the letters that are received from players seeking positions on Tri-City teams, and the little items in the columns of western sporting pages. All indications point to a much more successful season than that just passed.

Now that the playing season is fairly opened Secretary H. K. Smith is a busy man and the trouble lines come to show plainly upon his face. Certain ironclad rules require that managers keep the secretary posted as to the signing-up and releasing of players. He in turn tries to keep the managers posted as to what is being done by the other managers so that a correct tab may be kept on the players. Already these rules have been violated and one club in particular has gotten itself into a pretty kettle of fish over the fracture of the rule.

The home managers are also required to furnish the secretary with a tabulated score of each game played on the home grounds, under the penalty of losing a game in the percentage bonus and the payment of a fine for the benefit of the league. These scores are not forthcoming as promptly as they should and one of these bright spring days the managers may wake up and find themselves shy a game or two on account of not reporting to the man in the secretary's office.

VANCOUVER CREW AFTER PORTLAND

Canadian Oarsmen Practicing Faithfully to Beat Champions in July.

ED GLOSS TRAINS HARD TO BEAT SPEEDY LAING

Portland Single-Sculler on Water Daily for Months—Coach Dan Murphy Scheduled to Reach Portland During Present Week.

Captain Craig McKelken of the Portland Rowing club has been assured by Manager Rasmussen of the University of Washington that the college crew will row in Portland during the Rose Festival. Upon Rasmussen's return to Seattle after the Easter vacation, the Forest Grove man will have the men hard at work in anticipation of a stirring spin against the Portland seniors over the mile and a half course on the Willamette.

The Portland crew is working out three times a day and this will be continued until the arrival of Coach Dan Murphy from California this week. Murphy will coach the Rose City crew Wednesday or Thursday and will immediately begin with the senior and junior crews.

Captain McKelken is confident that his team will again win the championship on the Lake Washington course on July 1. In fact, he knows that he has some hard races in store, but believes there will be nothing to it when the time comes. However, there is no overconfidence among the local oarsmen.

Rex Conant, the famous Stanford stroke, will pull in seat No. 3, while Dr. Loomis will be ready at work. McKelken, who has heretofore pulled at No. 3, will shift to No. 2, he being the lightest man in the quartet. Art Allen will look after the work in the bow.

Ed Gloss is practicing daily for the singles and hopes to regain his lost laurel. In fact, the big fellow has been out almost daily during the winter and is now in splendid health and condition for the contest. The senior double will probably be pulled over by Art Allen and Gloss, if the latter wants to go out of the scull.

Word has reached here that the senior crew of the Vancouver, B. C. Rowing club is ready to start. The Portland will have to travel the course in record time to retain the championship this year. Dillabough who was a member of the Portland crew last year, will remain here this summer and with Ernie Hamber, formerly captain of the famous Argonauts of Everett, will row in the junior double. The Seals and the B. C. crew will pull in the other two seats.

The crew has been working for a month past and will have a hard time to keep when the fast four oared combination of the University of Washington will visit Vancouver for a race.

Being champion single sculler of the Pacific coast, who defeated Gloss of Portland last year, will not row in the senior crew and it is expected that he will confine his attention to the shell. He has been in training for weeks and is rounding into nice form.

Officials of the Vancouver club are confident that the junior championship will go to Vancouver this year. Over 10 new men are turning out every evening and it is expected that the club will be several more before the trial spins are pulled off next month. Vancouver will send a four oared crew to the Victoria regatta next month.

MINOR BALL GAMES. Lincoln, Neb., April 18.—Stoux City slugged the ball hard today and captured the odd game of the series. Spencer drove the ball over the fence with the bases full. The game was called at the end of the eighth inning because the teams to catch were: R. H. E. Lincoln 3 4 1 Stoux City 8 14 3 Des Moines 1 1 11 3 Des Moines 1 1 1 3 B. A. A. Boston 1 1 1 1 B. A. A. Boston 1 1 1 1

Des Moines, April 18.—Des Moines and Omaha played the feature game here today, Des Moines allowing Omaha four runs in the first inning. Score: Des Moines 11 13 3 Omaha 1 1 1 3 Des Moines 1 1 1 3 B. A. A. Boston 1 1 1 1 B. A. A. Boston 1 1 1 1

Denver, April 18.—Denver made a clean sweep of the series with Pueblo by plugging an 18 to 2 tag on the Cliff Dwellers this afternoon. Score: Denver R. H. E. Pueblo 3 6 1 Batteries—Bohannon and Zalusky; Galgonas and Smith.

Thaca, N. Y., April 18.—Cornell defeated New York University by a score of 11 to 8 today.

New York, April 18.—Yale defeated the New York Athletic baseball team today on the polo grounds, 3 to 1.

Bridgeport, Mass., April 18.—The Portland college crew, which won the championship of Greater New York last year and started this season by beating Yale, won from Harvard this afternoon, 5 to 7.

to July when they start for England. Two long races would take too much out of the runners, while if a shorter run were held as a trial there would be a great protest from prospective competitors, who rightfully contend that many men who can run from 10 to 20 miles would be forced out of the running at 25 miles.

While the majority of the entries for Monday's race are from Boston and vicinity, many other sections of the country and Canada will be represented. Fred Lora and Samuel Bellor, former winners, will again compete. Others of prominence are Thomas J. Hicks of Minneapolis, A. C. who won the Chicago Marathon in 1907; Alexander the head, who was second to Hicks in the Chicago event, and who also won the St. Louis Marathon in 1907; and the 100-mile record holder, Tom Morrissey of the Mercury A. C., Yonkers, New York, who won the recent 25 mile indoor race in New York City; Sidney Hatch, who ran seventh last year, and Straz Alexander, who comes from Cairo, Egypt, and who is credited with being a great long distance runner.

PACKY IS OFFERED RICH SUM TO MEET JOE GANS

Great Lightweight Fighter Will Get Princely Sum to Meet Negro Champion in California — But McFarland Says Guess Again.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, April 18.—Packy McFarland, arriving from the coast today, left behind him untouched, the biggest guarantee ever offered in California, and one of the largest ever shown to any fighter, \$17,500 for his own end, win, lose or draw, in a battle with Joe Gans. Of this immense sum, \$10,000 was offered for the fight itself, and \$7,500 for Packy's interest in the moving pictures. "I want to go right home and see the folks," said the lightweight, "and then I'll mix some with the boys."

"Good time! Square deal! Good treatment? Take it from me, the fight lovers of California are the grandest set in the world and the fairest."

players and fans in today's game at St. Johns. The "Apostles" and the Woodburn "Blues" are the opposing teams. Each team is strong and is trying to retain its place at the head of the parade. Anderson and Manning will very likely be the rival twirlers and it is dollars to doughnuts that each will dish up the best he has in his repertoire.

The directors, after giving President Whitmore's schedule a trial, suddenly decided that they wanted another one, cutting out many Saturday games and double-headers. The accommodation official is now hard at work burning midnight oil, trying to arrange a schedule which will be satisfactory to all. Some of the managers were afraid to try Saturday ball further as it was a losing proposition, and others wished the double-headers cut out as it cost them too much money to play them, yet, at a previous meeting, the directors unanimously adopted the president's schedule and voted to continue the Saturday games throughout the season. Verily, the mind of man undergoes many changes during the journey of the clock hands.

The West Side team has a new recruit in the person of Claude Schmeer, who will play short in place of Joe Fay. Schmeer is a local man who made a great "rep" for himself in the Pacific coast league several years ago. He has been out of the game since then, but is rounding into shape and will prove a valuable aid to the "Milliners."

For nicknames, we now have the St. Johns "Apostles," Albina "Tourists," Oregon City "Papermakers," Vancouver "Pioneers," West Side "Milliners," Woodburn "Blue Birds," East Side "Commuters," and the Salem "Furitans."

Manning and Bowers, the two south-paw twirlers for the Woodburn "Blue Birds," have made good with a vengeance, by taking one game each from the "Furitans." Manager Kennedy feels elated over getting these two men.

Rodney Hurbutt went into the game against the "Blitzers" last Sunday, having just gotten out of bed, where he had been for three days. He had lots

MARATHON RACE RUN TOMORROW

Famous Long Distance Runner Will Get Princely Sum to Meet Negro Champion in California — But McFarland Says Guess Again.

WINNERS OF MARATHON RACE. 1897—J. J. McDermott, Pastime A. C., 2 hours, 55 minutes, 10 seconds. 1898—R. J. McDonald, Cambridgeport, A. C., 2:49:09. 1899—L. J. Brignoll, Cambridgeport G. A., 2:54:38. 1900—J. J. Caffrey, Hamilton, Ontario, 2:58:44 2-5. 1901—J. J. Caffrey, Hamilton, Ontario, 2:59:33 3-5. 1902—Richard Spring, Yonkers, New York, 2:49:12 5-5. 1903—John C. Lorden, Cambridgeport, G. A., 2:41:45. 1904—Richard Spring, Pastime A. C., New York, 2:58:04 2-5. 1905—Fred Lora, Mohawk A. C., New York, 2:58:04 2-5. 1906—Timothy Ford, Hampshire A. C., Cambridge, 2:46:46. 1907—Tom Longboat, Y. M. C. A., Hamilton, Ontario, 2:24:24.

Boston, Mass., April 18.—All arrangements have been completed for holding the twelfth annual Marathon run under the auspices of the Boston Athletic association next Monday. The annual patriotic day fixture here is the greatest event of its kind in the world. It has always been international in its scope, and has numbered among its entries in years past the best men from the United States, Canada and numerous foreign countries. Interest in the event this year has been heightened by the decision of the American committee of the Olympic games to hold the trials for the American entries for the Marathon run in England in connection with the annual Marathon of the Boston Athletic association.

The B. A. A. Marathon is recognized here and abroad as the premier annual long distance footrace, and its winner each year is hailed as practically the Indian who established a new record and since has achieved additional fame and some notoriety over the disputes as to his nationality.

The B. A. A. Marathon course from Ashland to Boston gives a thorough trial, up hill and down, with sufficient level stretches to afford breathing spaces. It is difficult enough for the hardest runners, and the winner will richly deserve to be one of the American team in England. The B. A. A. management, through years of experience, admirably conducts the run, and the greatest care is taken of the contestants before, during and after the race.

Method Is Best. By running the Olympic trials in connection with the Ashland to Boston race next Monday the Olympic committee will save the trouble and expense of organizing a separate race later in the season, and new aspirants will be given an opportunity to match their ability against old time performers who have competed over this famous course for a number of years. A separate trial race would have been a hardship on the runners. The leading men have been in training many months for the B. A. A. race, and now are at the top of their form.

A separate run would necessitate right training for a much longer period, after which the ancient men would be obliged to continue in strict training

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