

THE LATEST ARRIVALS AT SANTA MARIA



Seven Beavers, All of Whom Expect Places on the Team. Reading from Left to Right They Are: Garber, Rapps, Chinault, Ort, Steen, Netzel, Hall.

BASEBALL AROUSES FANS OF ENTIRE PACIFIC COAST

PORTLAND HOPES FOR WINNERS

McCredie Training Ball Team Which It Is Believed Will Prove Fast.

McCredie is going to give Portland a good ball team this season and consequently the fans are happy. Critics are united in saying that the bunch of ball players McCredie has gathered together are winners and that Portland need have no fear but that they will make a good showing. And it is yet a whole month till the first ball will be thrown over the plate here.

It is now practically settled as to what men McCredie will carry during the first few months of the season and only time will tell just what the make up of the team will be thereafter. The 20 men who will comprise the team till the first of May are as follows:

The Lineup.

Catchers—Fisher, Murray, Armbruster.

Pitchers—Garrett, Guyn, Chinault, Ryan, Kratzberg, Steen, Krapp, Seaton and Charley Hartman.

First baseman—Rapp.

Second baseman—Pearl Casey.

Shortstop—Perrine, Olson.

Third baseman—Netzel.

Outfielders—Speas, Buddy Ryan and McCredie.

Utility man—Lites.

"Mac" Likes the Team.

McCredie is proud of that team. He believes that he has secured the best aggregation of young talent for use in the coming campaign that he has ever had. He believes they will develop better team play, more speed both in fielding and in base running than any team he has ever played on and above all other things believes that they will be headier if not heavier batters than any team Portland ever had.

In rounding up his 1910 team McCredie has been aided by some of the many friends that he has all over the country. He has endeavored to secure young men who are willing to learn yet who have the natural ability to advance in their chosen profession. Despite criticisms that have been brought to bear Mac believes in his team.

And why shouldn't he? He has the nucleus of a crack pitching staff. Mac always has believed in big pitchers and his success in sending such men as Groom, Kinsella, Harkness and Carson to the big leagues warrants his belief. Consequently, he has gathered about him the biggest pitchers on any one club in the coast league. He will have Kratzberg, Ryan, Hartman, Seaton, Steen, and Chinault, all of whom are six feet or over. He believes that out of this combination he will get at least four big men all of whom will be good for two hard games a week when called upon. This he believes will make the Portland team practically a pennant winner.

Pitchers Have Supporters.

Back of this combination he will put the best catching staff in the coast league. Fisher and either Murray or Armbruster or both of them will make the best catching staff in the league today. It really seems to be a shame that Portland should lose either one of them and McCredie will think long and carefully before he discards either one of his change catchers.

Of field and outfield he has made up of fast, heady men and it will be safe to bet that gets away from any of them. The infield with Rapps on first, Casey at second, Perrine or Olson at short and Netzel at third surely looks good. McCredie claims that Perrine is even better than Olson and knowing how good Ole is we go into raptures at the thought of how good Perrine is.

Happe is a tall rangy chap, who, it is claimed, fields his position like a veteran. Netzel has picked up greatly during the last of the week and it is believed he will hold down the difficult corner to the satisfaction of all. In the outfield will be the same vet-

THE RIVALS



Ivor Olson and "Nig" Perrine, the Men About Whom the Fight for Shortstop on the Portland Team Centers.

eran trio, Speas, Ryan and McCredie. They can't be beaten very much for while Mac may not be a corner he is one of the best of the veterans and aided by two such corners as Ryan and Billy Speas no fear can be entertained for his share of the work.

Here in Portland Hugh McCredie is rapidly putting through the work on the grandstand necessitated by the approach of opening day. He has let the contract for the construction of 55 feet of grandstand and over a section of bleachers. The diamond is being raised nearly eight inches. There must be one of the best of the diamonds in the northwest. If only a pennant winning team graces the diamond nothing more could be asked.

CALIFORNIA FANS REVEL IN DOPE ON COAST LEAGUE RACE

By Hiland Baggerly.

San Francisco, Cal., March 12.—The baseball situation is interesting. It always is this time of the year. This is the season when everybody has the pennant winner. They are all champions, not a Mutt among them. There will be another song sung later on.

The Seals have shown enough in their spring practice to lead the fans to expect big things of them. Though Zelder, Doc Miller, Durham, Davis and Browning have departed, promising young players are contesting for their places. Of the departed, Zelder will be missed most. Great players like him are not plucked from every bush.

Long Picks Busher.

There are two contesting for his bag. Danny Long picked up a young California busher by the name of Vitt, who is giving Mundorff, Zelder's understudy of last season, the battle of his life. Vitt is built along Zelder's lines, weighs a bit like Zelder, looks like Zelder, and can run about as fast as Zelder. If ever a player had a double Zelder has in this young novice. Long is crazy over his discovery.

Pitchers Look Good.

The Seals' pitching staff, even with Browning gone, should compare favorably with the best this year. Ames, who finished with Mohler last fall, pitched sensational ball in the imperial

Valley league last winter, and he is expected to be one of the regular twirlers.

If actions count for anything Comiskey turned over a useful gunner in Miller, who was one of the leading throwers of the Western league last year. Miller was part of the "goods" received for Zelder. Long has a couple of nifty youngsters in Melkie and Van Pelt, but we won't speculate upon them.

First Base Bothers Seals.

Another position that is unsettled is first base. It may be Williams, and it may be Tennant. If Long's new catcher Waring shows himself a worthy helper, he will likely hold down first sack, but if he should be a failure "Blondie" will continue his labor behind the plate, and Tennant will stick to first. The bugs regard Williams a stronger first baseman, but Long is rather fond of Tennant.

In the outfield Melchior is the only oldtimer sure of his berth. Jim Williams has gone and Bodie and Jimmy Lewis must scrap with Carr, who is on route for the coast and another field to be turned over soon by Comiskey for jobs. On account of his ability to lambast the ball Bodie seems fairly sure of a place.

Oakland Fans Worship Wolverton.

Oakland fans have gone dippy over the showing of their new manager, Wolverton. After beating the White Sox in the opening game, the Commuters counted the pennant as good as won. Wolverton won two pennants before coming to California, and this may be his third. He is a brainy and resourceful manager, who has already won the confidence and respect of his players.

The Oaks have lost one star, Duffy Lewis, but Wolverton has at least six hustling new faces who will more than fill the vacancy. Wares, Lloyd, Espelman, Lively, Manush, Britt and Mitze are strangers who may help Oakland to cop the pennant if that is to be.

Wolverton will undoubtedly cover third, which means that Hogan will be detailed to play the outfield, or possibly used at short if the new men go wrong. Oakland gains a fine hitter in its new manager. He has always been up among or near the 300 stickers. While Oakland may not fulfill all the expectations of its followers this much can be banked on. Wolverton will be a troublemaker. He has the material and the brains for a winning combination, and with a little luck thrown in, it's no telling what will happen.

There will be fewer new faces among the Angels than will appear on the

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FANS WONDER IF PERRINE REALLY WILL BEAT OLSON

Selection of Beaver Shortstop Interests Portland People Immensely; McCredie May Have "Worked" Olson.

Did McCredie put one over on Olson? Many Portland fans believe that he did, and they believe that, despite the fact that the big manager says that Olson will have to try for third base, the first of June will see Ivor covering shortstop as of old.

Before Olson started in on his hold up tactics McCredie had nothing too good to say of Ole. "He is going to make the greatest shortstop ever this season, and I am not planning on keeping him after this season," said the big manager. But on the first of the year Olson had not signed and McCredie began to grow worried.

Perrine Enters Home.

Then Perrine came into the limelight. He was going to save the Portland manager from being robbed by the ever-wifful Olson. Perrine had reformed and was going to be a star in this league. Mac was sure of it.

Perrine showed up at the training camp, McCredie at once being captured by the little fellow and for awhile there was no one on earth but Perrine so far as shortstops were concerned. Olson couldn't make the team if he tried.

The other day McCredie received a wire from Olson saying that he was on his way out and would play this season. McCredie then decided that Olson should try out against Netzel for the difficult corner and that he would be carried for some time.

Now McCredie finds it necessary to carry an infielder for a short time in order to guard against Perrine's having a weak knee. Olson will be one of the six.

Did Mac Beat Olson?

You can't blame Mac for safeguarding his interests, but just the same he hasn't put one over on Olson? Most of the Portland fans believe so, at any rate, and that is sufficient grounds for watching the two players.

The comparison of the playing of the two men will be of great interest to the Portland fans. They are absolutely opposite in build and playing, yet they are trying for the same position on the Portland team, and the one who wins the position is going to be of great service to the Beavers during the coming year.

Olson's Mighty Poplar.

Olson is as popular with the Portland fans as was ever a baseball player. He won the sympathy and the interest of the fans when he successfully fought off all efforts of some of the veterans of the league to scare him out, and he kept it all season by the marvelous fielding stunts which he showed them towards the close of the season.

A big rangy chap physically, Olson covers ground by leaps and bounds. He covers a larger territory and plays deeper shortstop than any other shortstop in the Pacific Coast league, and as a consequence his value to the team is of great importance. He runs bases like a deer and even such experienced players as Dillon, Wheeler and Jud Smith failed to scare him in the least.

Last season Olson's work was handicapped largely by the men he played alongside of. Green lacked class decidedly, while Cooney, although a beautiful little player, had the ill will of other men of the team so aroused that none of them cared to play with him. This year it should be different.

Casey Will Help.

As a side partner he will have Pearl Casey, the headiest little second baseman in the Coast league, and a good player, too. Casey would improve the work of any man on the coast, and it is safe to say he will have a great influence on Olson's work.

Perrine, the other candidate for the shortstop position, is a little man, and seems to slide over the ground. Reports from the training camp are to the effect that the little fellow is playing great ball. McCredie fears for the soundness of his injured knee, and is not going to let Olson slip away from him.

Perrine has played in the big leagues

PORTLAND CAMP IS PLACE OF INTEREST

By Robert A. Cronin.

Santa Maria, Cal., March 12.—It isn't the good fortune of every blown-in-the-hole baseball fan to visit a training camp and perhaps a few pointers on how things are conducted would be of interest.

Is the first place preliminary training is essential to every league baseball team. The players must be conditioned and some plan evolved for work on the diamond in harmony and union. Outside of football there is no game that demands the signal playing of baseball. It is headwork all the time and the captain of the team must keep his wits continually about him to solve the opponents' method of attack and devise a defense to meet it. On the other hand he must continually be watching the opponents' nine for weak spots through which to force a play. Of course this is not apparent to the average fan, but nevertheless a close observer will detect it at a glance.

Preparation Counts.

Preparation then is necessary. In a race such as the Coast league always put up, it is necessary to have a thoroughly drilled and amply conditioned team in the game from the opening day. A few games lost at the start prove an immense handicap later in the season, therefore it is the aim of every conscientious manager to have his club ready to play what is termed championship ball from the outset.

Managers select training grounds where the sun shines brightly and the wind blows softly. It is better that there be no breeze at all. The invigorating spring sun of southern California is ideal for conditioning a team.

The players arrive at camp with muscles stiffened from a winter's inactivity. It takes at least two weeks to make the muscles pliable and a player rarely escapes soreness from his first exercise, however light it may be. Under a warm sun the muscles loosen up. Subjected to a cool wind they immediately stiffen. This then is the reason for selecting a place where the sun is at a maximum and the wind at a minimum degree.

Under the guidance of the manager the players are assembled at a certain date, as many as possible being gathered together at the opening of the season. Practice is divided into two periods, morning and afternoon. One is designated as light practice, the other as heavy practice. The selection of either depends again on weather conditions. Here in Santa Maria Manager McCredie has his heavy practice in the morning, when the ocean breeze is stilled.

Practice Rules.

Heavy practice consists mainly of infield work. Fans have seen the teams batting the ball around the infield and outfield previous to the opening of the game. This in a sense is heavy practice. Light practice consists of pitching and batting. Both workouts last for an hour and a half, followed by a half mile run around the park, then a shower and a rubdown.

McCredie has his men at the park in uniform at 10 o'clock in the morning. Ten minutes is spent in tossing the ball back and forth to warm up. The pitchers pitch to the catchers with considerable speed, while the fielders lob the ball back and forth among each other.

When the call is sent out for the players to take their positions the infielders take positions about the diamond, while the pitchers and outfielders go to the field. Where there are more than two players trying for one position, both of them alternate in receiving the ball from the bat and in taking the position.

The ball is whizzed around the diamond and a pitcher as arms will permit. In the meantime some one is batting flies to the outfielders. Usually there are two such fungo batsmen. After an hour of this work the players are glad to seek rest in the clubhouse.

Back After Lunch.

After a light lunch they are back at the park at 2 o'clock. The afternoon practice consists of batting and base-

running. All the pitchers take their turn in the box, while the catchers don mask and protector and go behind the bat. Each batsman takes his turn at striking the ball. He hits only at the ones that float over the plate.

If there is something lacking in his handling of the willow, the manager instructs him on his weak points. The man in the box also comes in for instruction. He is shown the easiest method of delivery, how to use his whole body to get the greatest amount of speed and how to deceive the batsman on the kind of ball he is about to deliver. This instruction applies mainly to the younger pitchers, the old fellows like Jesse Garrett needing little of it.

Instruction Daily.

The batsman is taught how to strike at the ball and how to bunt it. After he has done both to the satisfaction of the manager he is sent speeding around the bags. McCredie favors the short, choppy method of meeting the ball, instead of the wide swing, maintaining it makes more constant hitters. He has spent hours drumming this into the heads of his players.

While all this is going on the pitchers in their heavy sweaters, so as not to catch cold, are "shagging" the ball from the outfield. "Shagging" is a baseball term that means chasing after all the batted balls that go to the outfield and returning them to the pitcher in the center of the diamond.

When the players have had enough of this, the pitchers are brought in to hit, while the regulars are sent to their various positions. Generally the pitchers are taught how to bunt, but in the case of a twirler with a good eye he is instructed both on batting it out and bunting.

Inside Play Calls Eforth.

Instruction is also given on how to pull off the "squeeze play" and the "hit and run play," two very important systems of offense. These are done through the medium of signals. McCredie has two sets of signs one for the fielders and another for the batter. Both work interchangeably, so that every man of the Beavers knows just what sort of a ball is to be thrown and where it is likely to be hit. Every man knows who is to take the throw at second base, if a steal is imminent, and so on through the mazes of play.

And Cornell Shines Too.

After the practice is over the men come under the care of Trainer Cornell, who is a master of his art. If it is a stiffened muscle in the shoulder, Cornell is the man to relieve the distress. If it is a swollen ankle, Cornell reduces the member. If there is a cut or a torn ligament, the trainer takes the cripple in hand. If a man is sore all over Cornell gives him a massage that cleaves deep into the muscles. He has taken excellent care of the men this season and it is safe to predict they will be in excellent shape when they enter the league race.

The players are tired by nightfall and retire early as a rule. However, there are little social affairs that take up the leisure time, of many of the players. On an average they are all in bed by 10 o'clock and up by 8. They usually take a short walk after each meal. There is no set rules of living, but as each man is making his livelihood out of baseball he takes good care of what he eats.

Most of the players drink the mineral water, charged and uncharged, that comes from the many springs of southern California. Some few drink a glass of beer before each meal, but none goes stronger than that. There are no heavy drinkers on the club this year.

Santa Maria is an ideal location for a training camp and Manager McCredie has expressed a desire to return here year after year so long as he is connected with Pacific coast baseball.

ROWING CLUB CREWS REPORT FOR PRACTICE

Several crews of the Portland Rowing club's squad will be out on the river ready for active work this morning. The candidates are ordered to report to Captain A. A. Allen at 11 o'clock. Focusing to the early date of the regatta this year it has been found necessary to get down to active work at once, and the early call is the result.

COMISKEY LOOKS TO YOUNGSTERS TO WIN PENNANT

Old Roman Believes His Youngsters Have Making of Great Team; Duffy Lends Encouragement.

San Francisco, March 12.—Comiskey is not losing any weight because Pat Dougherty is not with the White Sox. In fact, Comiskey half expects that Pat will make good his word and follow in the footsteps of Fledler Jones and quit the game altogether. Dougherty is a grouchy fellow, who has been threatening to retire these couple of seasons. He has saved his earnings and is in a position to take things easy. While a fine hitter and a fair sort in the field, Dougherty is of no help to a team when it comes to fighting and hustling for games. He does not work more than the law allows.

If Dougherty means business, Chicago's outfield will be composed of Messinger, Cole and Parent. Cole and Messinger are youngsters who are showing ample class. The former got a fine trial with the White Sox last fall, so Comiskey knows his value. Speaking of the team as a whole, one White Sox rooster, traveling with the club, said this morning:

"Comiskey has put into Duffy's hands as choice a lot of talent as any manager ever got and he is going to make good with it. Most teams Duffy has handled have been turned over to him after they were 'trepped.' Even the Providence club was trained and drilled by another, but Duffy will start at the bottom this time. And, believe me, he will make good."

"I think we have a couple of birds in Blackburn and Zelder. These kids will pull off plays this summer that will startle the natives around Chicago. We look for them to turn out another Tinkers combination. Zelder and Blackburn are bunking together, and two worse bugs never got together. They sleep baseball, eat baseball and drink baseball. You never saw anything like it. When players like that get together there is going to be something doing. They have brains and they are ambitious. Players like that accomplish something."

The speaker put in a nice plug for Sutor, whom he declared was a fixture. He expressed the opinion that Harry and Doc White would be the winning southpaw team for Comiskey. "Sutor has won his spurs all right," declared the White Sox bug. "He got enough training last year to put him right on edge for this season. Sutor has everything. No pitcher has more than this youngster. Sutor, Walsh, White, Smith and Scott right, Chicago will have a great staff of gunners."

"We have another youngster on the team that may turn out a wonder. Ted Sullivan thinks he will, and you know Ted discovered Kling, and even the Old Roman—but that's an old story which has been recounted a hundred times. Ted 'scouted' Collins. Some of us think the cub will hardly do, but Sullivan swears by him. He says we will all be taking our bats away from Collins before the season is half gone. I hope so."

WALLA WALLA STARTS CITY TWILIGHT LEAGUE

Walla Walla, March 12.—At a meeting of the fans of the city last night in the Commercial club rooms it was determined to organize a six club city league, playing twilight games. Walla Walla fished for organized baseball this year, but forgot to bait the hook, and consequently is still watching the cork with no league in sight, a meeting was called last night, and a city league organized.

The clubs will represent business houses of the towns, with the fort included. It was not decided to allow the penitentiary team to enter the league, as games cannot be played away from the prison with that aggregation. Some protest was made also against allowing the penitentiary in the league, which is to represent business houses and factories of the city.