

LUPE PLUVE PUTS BASEBALL TO ROUT IN CALIF. TOWNS

Three Games Postponed Yesterday and Angel-Vernon Game Off Today; Nick's Colts Leave Redding.

It was raining all over California yesterday and as a consequence all games were postponed. A wife from Los Angeles this morning conveyed the information that it has been found necessary to postpone today's game on account of the precipitation.

The day of rest will give the players a chance to think it over. Manager McCredie is anxious to get all the games possible completed before the heavens return to Portland to open up the Coast league season here next Tuesday. Once on the home grounds he expects to force into the lead and stick there, following out the experience of the last few years. It is generally regarded that Portland is the hardest team to beat on its home grounds.

Chief Harkness and Adams will be the opening pitchers this afternoon, if a game is played. The big right hander has no fear of losing to the crack southpaw of the Oaks. When Harkness is right nobody can beat him and he is expected to be just about right today. Redding, Cal., bade good bye to the Portland Colts this morning after a week's visit. The Colts closed their training season with light practice on account of the bad weather. But they didn't quit the field before Bobby Collins, who refuses to stay out of the ball park, hurt his other leg. Trainer Ackerman threatens to chain him to the bedpost. He will be out for a few days. The Colts are all in good shape except Monson, Curtis was released yesterday and landed with the Redding team, where he will play this summer. Before leaving Manager Nick publicly thanked the Redding people for their courteous treatment during the time his Northwestern leaguers were there. They stop today in Grants Pass.

Tommy Sheehan is the best player on the Sacramento club everybody included. Manager Happy Hogan of the Villagers made last evening. "I do not care whether it is published or not and I feel you that it was his noodle that won the pennant for the Beavers last year. I have played with him and know what kind of a man he is, and believe me, he is one Class A player and the infield and the whole Sacramento team is strengthened by his presence at third."

The probable lineup of the Cleveland Naps for the opening game, April 11, is given as follows by the club managers: Gragg, p.; Easterly, c.; Hohenstern, 1b.; Lejosé, 2b.; Turner, 3b.; Olson, 4b.; Batcher, 5b.; Jackson, cf.; Ryan, lf. The Tigers open the season with the Naps in Cleveland.

The following players were released by Manager Dooin of the Philadelphia Nationals to the Sacramento coast league team: Pitcher Stanley, catcher Connelly, infielder Cashman and infielder Ireland.

Jack Fournier, the former Northwest leaguer, who has been displaying a much class in practice games of the Chicago Americans, has been shifted to the second team and Rollie Zelder, the former Seal, will play first base in the opening game tomorrow afternoon. Fournier will be kept on the squad, and Ryan Zelder is injured he will be rushed to cover the initial corner.

Washington wants Chick Gandil, the former Sacramento first baseman. Scout Mike Kehoe has been trying to induce Manager Lush of the Montreal team to trade him but Mike has not made any satisfactory offers at present.

The Naps expect Ty Cobb to stretch but few singles to right field into doubles with Buddy Ryan covering that garden. Ryan is a strong and accurate thrower, and will not make the mistake of throwing the ball behind instead of ahead of Cobb, say the Clevelanders. It is claimed that Buddy's whip is better than Jackson's.

There is some talk in St. Louis of George Stovall succeeding Wallace as manager of the Browns before the championship season is much advanced. Stovall's work with Cleveland after assuming command of the team last summer, has made him a lot of admirers all over the circuit.

Saratoga Beat Multnomah. The Saratoga Bowling team defeated the Multnomah club bowlers last night in three straight games. The scores of the games, respectively, were, 869 to 834, 798 to 791 and 814 to 744, the totals being 2479 to 2369. This gives the Saratoga team two victories of the three games played between the two teams.

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TRACEY TO TEACH PROMISING BERG

Manager Hanlin Will Give Portland Middle-weight Long Rest.

Manager Hanlin, who is managing the Portland middleweight boxer, just now, is in California just now, according to Portland this morning to arrange with Tom Tracey former westerner, thought to school his protégé for a month or so.

Berg has been resting in Portland for the past 10 days following his fight with Kid George at Sacramento March 24, when he was edged out of a decision by the referee in a 16 round bout. He will not fight for another month, although several California promoters have offered Manager Hanlin for the next date. Hanlin proposes to let Berg go along slowly. He has had only eight fights since he turned professional, and can afford to take plenty of time in gaining experience.

With Tracey to teach him the fine points of the game, Manager Hanlin believes that Berg will be a new fighter when he leaves Portland, which he now calls home. Down in California they regard him as one of the cleverest boys and a coming champion. Hanlin likes the old school of boxing, hitting and getting away, and it will be this that he will have Tracey drill into his boy. Berg is an apt pupil, and ought to profit by his experience.

Was Not in Condition.
Berg was not in condition for his George fight at Sacramento, according to Manager Hanlin. He was unable to get a good sparring partner, and one of the rubes who was training with him cut his eyebrow to the bone by striking with an elbow. Hanlin tried to get the fight postponed a week to let the eye heal, but the promoters would not stand for it. Berg was ordered to keep his eye out of range by his seconds, and by clever boxing succeeded in preventing George from opening it. Those close to George admitted after the battle that a right hand punch in the thirteenth round and a left hook in the sixteenth came near finishing the Sacramento fighter. Berg was not hurt during the fight.

Manager Hanlin will return tonight from Astoria to think over a fight that he has been offered by Mel Moffitt of Portland with either Jack Dillon or Sailor Petrovsky.

Family Plate on Fagan.
Los Angeles, April 10.—Joe Rivers and his manager, Joe Levy, are "going hook, line and sinker" today on the chances of Bert Fagan, who meets Howard Morrow Saturday at Vernon in one of McCarey's 20 round middleweight elimination contests.

Levy is also managing Fagan, and has covered for himself and Rivers every cent of Morrow money that has appeared, and is looking for more. Thus far betting has been even. Morrow, who is a protégé of Tommy Ryan, is a rangy fellow with a good training-quarters punch. Much interest is being manifested in the bout.

Palzer to Meet Wells.
San Francisco, April 10.—Eddie Graney, who is negotiating for a Fourth of July bout here between Al Palzer and Bombardier Wells, the English heavy-weight, is in receipt today of a message from Wells stating that he will arrive in New York May 11 and proceed at once to San Francisco to prepare for the bout. Graney has been in steady communication with Palzer's manager, and states today that the bout is a surety.

Will Ask for 45 Rounds.
Salem, N. M., April 10.—Fans are predicting today, in passing of a bill introduced in the state legislature to permit boxing bouts of 45 rounds or less in this state. The bill is said to have been introduced primarily for the purpose of paying the way for the staging of the proposed bout between Jack Johnson and Jim Flynn in Las Vegas, July 4.

Hicks Gets Draw With Moha.
New York, April 10.—Bob Moha, the middleweight boxer, today is nursing a badly bruised countenance as a memento of his 10 round clash with Freddie Hicks here. Hicks fairly earned a split decision, in the last round landing a right flush on Moha's jaw that sent him sprawling across the ring.

Mantell Beats Kane.
Marysville, Cal., April 10.—Frank Mantell, the middleweight boxer, has another victory to his credit today in his defeat of Russell Kane, whom he knocked out in the eighth round here. Kane was much too light for Mantell, but put up a game, clever fight.

Packey Offered \$10,000.
Chicago, April 10.—Puckey McFarland has received today an offer of a \$10,000 guarantee to fight Matt Wells, English lightweight champion, at Madison Square Garden, New York, April 23.

GRAMMAR SCORES

The last game of section 1 of the Grammar School baseball league will be played this afternoon between the Creston and Woodstock teams.

The Clinton-Kelly and Sunnyside school teams played a 6 to 6 tie game yesterday afternoon. The two teams will likely play the game over next week.

The Highland school team played and defeated the Woodlawn nine yesterday afternoon by the score of 19 to 10. It was a free hitting game.

The Falling school team of section V was defeated by the Holman team yesterday afternoon by the score of 7 to 6. The Falling manager protested the game, because of two decisions rendered by the umpire.

The Shaver team continued its winning streak yesterday by defeating the Kerns school by the score of 11 to 3. Herbig pitched for the winners and Johnson and Manary performed for the losers.

Preparing Track for Events.
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., April 10.—The cinder track at the athletic field of the Oregon Agricultural college is being resurfaced and banked at the corners, in anticipation of the annual intercollegiate meet May 17-18, which, according to present indications, will be attended by a larger number of crack men from the high schools of the state than in any previous year.

GUS FISHER GOES TO HIGHLANDERS

Portland Loses Chance to Get Hard-Hitting Backstop From Naps.



Gus Fisher.

New York, April 10.—Gus Fisher, member of the Cleveland American team and formerly with the Portland Coast league team, in the property of the New York Americans today Harry Wolfson, who managed O'Leary's last season as a new manager of the New York Americans, had his eye on Fisher's play in the Coast league, and negotiated the sale with Cleveland.

With Charley Street and Fisher to do the backstopping, Wolfson feels that the loss of Sweeney will be made up for as the New York club has no idea of meeting Sweeney's demand for \$4000 for his work this season. Fisher's hitting will help the Highlanders, for Street is generally regarded as a poor pitcher.

The sale of Gus Fisher puts Walter McCredie up in the air, and the Portland manager will have to angle for another backstop. Cleveland had promised him Fisher before the spring training season started, as Gus' backstopping has not been fancied in Napville. While he was a good hitter and fairly good receiver, he was disposed to wildness at times.

Now that Fisher has gone to New York, it is likely that young Jack Adams will be gotten for Portland. Cleveland this year has turned over Duane and Howry to the best of several players in arrears over the Ryan and Stein deal, these two players having been gotten through other sources by Manager McCredie.

MULTNOMAH'S SUNDAY MORNING 'SKED' MADE

Manager Morris of the Multnomah club baseball committee, has completed the schedule of the Sunday morning league and the first games will be played April 14 and the last June 2.

Fifteen games are scheduled, each team playing five games during the season. The players of the championship team will receive medals from the Fireman Hardware company, while the Archer-Wiggins company will give prizes to the best average player, leading batsman and leading fielder.

The first games will be started at 10:15 o'clock and the second at 11 o'clock. The games will be five innings in length.

The schedule is:
April 13—Agitators vs. Highlanders; Invincibles vs. Insurgents.
April 21—Black Hands vs. Highlanders; Dynamiters vs. Invincibles.
April 28—Dynamiters vs. Insurgents; Agitators vs. Black Hands.
May 5—Agitators vs. Invincibles; Insurgents vs. Highlanders.
May 12—Dynamiters vs. Highlanders; Invincibles vs. Black Hands.
May 19—Insurgents vs. Black Hands; Agitators vs. Dynamiters.
May 26—Highlanders vs. Invincibles; Agitators vs. Insurgents.
June 2—Dynamiters vs. Black Hands.

O. A. C. Starts Tennis.
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., April 10.—The O. A. C. Tennis association met last night and decided to institute some inter-class tournaments, which are to begin at once. All members of the student body are eligible to enter. The faculty is to be admitted as a fifth class. The inter-class tournaments will be run off on the courts owned by Cauthorn hall and by the Delta Omega fraternity.

Phillies Spring Champions.
Philadelphia, April 10.—Winning four out of six games, the Philadelphia Nationals have today captured the spring series from the world's champion Athletics of the American league. They won the last game with a 10 to 5 score.

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SPIT BALL STAYS IN KRAPP'S FIST

Former Portland Flinger Will Retain Deceiver in His Repertory.

Cleveland, April 10.—The "spitball" will remain in Gene Krapp's repertory, notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

During the five years that the slyest pitcher has had the most fling to offer he has learned to advance his deceptive qualities, both when it is to use and when not to use. Last season one he led Astor, smart ball flingers don't use their specialty every time they smother the ball with their hands and face.

Ed Walsh, the king of "spitters" stuffs it more often than he brings it into use. Dick Ross Ford, another follower of the spitball cult, who has made opposing batsmen respect him. Also so does Gene Krapp.

The acquisition of the spitter sent Krapp into professional baseball when the ordinary youth is just thinking of putting an extra strip on his short pants. Gene's first professional engagement was at Tecumseh, of the South Michigan league, in 1904. He is now 31 years old. A momentary return to school days will show that he was 17 at the time Tecumseh called him from his mother's lap.

The spitball was an accident with him. In his youthful days he did as most kids do who have an older brother. He played ball with the older brother. He had pitching aspirations. The spitball was a comparatively new addition to the baseball vocabulary then. Gene's brother suggested that it be tried. A clipping from a newspaper with advice handed by Ed Walsh, gave out the secret. Gene's brother showed him how Gene virtually swam in spitballs from that time on. He took to the new brand of delivery immediately.

That was 1905. The reputation brought by the new delivery brought him a trial at Tecumseh in 1906. Shortly after the start of the season of 1907 he was sent to Flint to strengthen that club, which occupied the tail end position and was playing frequently with the umpire and bat boy as sole spectators.

Krapp traveled to Portland the following year. His history since then is well known.

During the past winter Gene at times had notions to use the "spitball" only in emergencies, in the hope that he would thus improve his control. Now he has reached the conclusion that since Walsh and Ford, the premier spitters of the

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Krapp expects much of Paddy Livingston. "I believe Paddy will be an ideal catcher for me," he declares tonight. "I have faith, I know. From now on I would have better control. I think Paddy will discover the reason if I don't have good control this year, and that consequently I will be able to remedy the fault."

ILLINOIS CHAMPION WINS TWO MATCHES

Charlie Tripp, the Illinois champion, defeated two Portland players in pocket billiard matches yesterday. F. A. Nixon was defeated in the afternoon by the score of 108 to 60 and G. A. McDunnell in the evening by the score of 128 to 108. This afternoon at 3 o'clock in Howe and Caldwell's parlor Tripp will play Ben Platte and this evening at 7 o'clock he will meet Stelman.

Race Horse Breaks Neck.
Pasley, Or., April 10.—The race horse, Fred M., belonging to Adam McCall, broke his neck Sunday afternoon while trying to head off another horse that had broken loose. Virgil McCall was riding him in the Corn field on the hill, and when at top speed the horse stumbled and turned completely over. McCall cleared himself and landed about 15 feet away. The horse's head was crushed under him, breaking the neck instantly and killing him. He was a valuable horse and McCall feels his loss keenly.

ENTRIES COMING FOR INDOOR MEET

Biggest Crowd That Ever Saw Coliseum Games, Expected Saturday.

The entries of the Oregon Agricultural college in the indoor track and field meet, which will be held in the Columbia university coliseum Saturday afternoon, were received yesterday. Coach Stewart of the O. A. C. team has entered seven athletes in the meet, and expects them to make a strong showing against the college and club teams.

The entries of the University of Oregon are expected today. Jefferson and Hill are the local athletes that have not entered, but it is expected that their names will be filed today.

The Columbus club has entered 19 men in the meet, and expects to show the other local clubs that they are not so far behind in the athletic world.

The following officials have been selected to fair: Archie Hahn, starter; T. M. Dunna, referee, and F. J. Lennagan, clerk of the course.

The meet will begin Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the seating space has been arranged. The largest crowd that ever witnessed an indoor meet in Oregon is expected to be present.

ABE ATTELL CLEANS UP \$30.00 AT POKER

San Francisco, April 10.—Abe Attell, who has been several times at gambling and his little of football, is now a champion of the world. He cleaned up \$30.00 at draw poker last night as a result of his clean up of \$20.00 at draw poker just when his fortunes seemed at the lowest ebb. The little pugilist is still keeping his winning streak, and the old time gambler declares there is no stopping him.

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