

MANAGER M'CREIDIE ON STILL HUNT FOR HARD-HITTING THIRD BASEMAN--SEVEN PITCHERS READY FOR BUSINESS

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NURSING PITCHERS ALONG

Seven of Twirlers Are Ready for Season and There Are Four Left Handers in the Bunch.

By R. A. Cronin. (Special to The Journal.)

Fresno, Cal., March 20.—Manager Walter McCreddie of the Beavers stated today that his only concern over his club was the position of third base. He is not satisfied that Naughton will hit enough to hold the job and intends to give Bobby Davis a good trial the coming week with the Chicago Colored Giants.

Then if Davis and Naughton fail to show the necessary pepper, McCreddie will call upon the Philadelphia Nationals to convert a third baseman, as the big leaguers are obliged to under their contract in the Dave Bancroft exchange.

Falling in this direction, the Portland boss will fall back on his greatest friend, Charlie Somers, owner of the Cleveland Americans. Somers has a lot of corking good infielders and will give McCreddie his pick. Mac already has the man spotted that he wants, but is withholding his name. He is a long hitter.

Davis Better Hitter.

"What I need on third base is a long hitter of the Kores type, a fellow who can hit doubles and triples," said Mac. "Davis appears to be a better hitter than either Naughton or Coltrin. In fact Coltrin is the poorest hitter I have on the squad. It is too bad that Coltrin can't hit for he is surely one grand little infielder and a lovable fellow. But I must see what Davis can do. For the first part of the season it will be a fight between Davis and Naughton, with Murphy and Coltrin fighting it out for short. Murphy appears to have the job clinched. He is a quick starter like Bancroft and has a great arm. And, too, he can hit the ball. Naughton would be an ideal leadoff man. I want to lead with a jester hander and none of the men on my club except Naughton is just what I want to lead the batting order. Stimump is a great pitcher and will play as good ball as Rodgers. Derrick is nearing the pink.

Pitchers Are Ready.

"Seven of my pitchers are ready to open the season, but I am going to nurse them along. They are the four left handers, Evans, Krause, Lush and Callahan, Higginbotham and Ringer are also in great shape. Covaleskie boomed them through today in impressive style and Fred Carisch is stuck on his pitching. He looks like a fixture. Martini is still complaining of a sore arm and Leonard is not in good shape. I couldn't take a chance starting Bishop or Barnes, although the latter has in great stuff as any man on the club. The last two need experience in some smaller league.

"I was sounding Carisch today on what outfielders might get from Cleveland. 'Why,' he said, 'I don't better outfield as a whole right now than the Cleveland American league club has.' That ought to show that our outfield is stronger than last year. Doane is in the best shape since he has been on the coast. Lober is in grand condition, too, while Spear is hitting better than ever before. I think the Portland fans will be satisfied that we have Kircher instead of Ryan for the year is over. 'My catching staff is the class of the league in Fisher and Carisch.

Weather Is Excellent.

"We have had 17 days of perfect weather, the best my club has ever had, and we are in the finest shape except for a couple of pitchers that are out of the season. The games with the Colored Giants will put us in league shape for the coast opening March 30. Have faith in us, my message to the Portland fans."

The Beavers practiced hit and run against the local high school team today. No attempt was made to score but in the six innings, the count was

PROMINENT FIGURES IN PANAMA-PACIFIC POLO TOURNAMENT IN THE BAY CITY



These pictures were snapped during the initial game of the Panama-Pacific polo tournament between the Cooperstown team and the San Mateo quartet. Thomas Driscoll of the San Mateo team (on the left) and Malcolm Stevenson of the Cooperstown team watching the ball. Below is Miss Eleanor Sears, who is one of the best woman polo players in this country.

BASEBALL BOOSTERS OF 1915 ORGANIZE FOR OPENING GAME

Officers Elected and Special Button Arranged For; Committees Are Named.

The 1915 Portland Baseball Boosters organized yesterday. Edward S. Higgins, who has been a prominent figure in the affairs of the boosters since their organization three years ago, was elected president to succeed George L. Baker.

The other officers chosen are: Roscoe Fawcett, vice president; James E. Appleby, secretary, and George L. Baker, director general. William T. Pangle will be grand marshal of the opening day parade.

The boosters will have a special button designed, which will entitle any fan purchasing one to a membership in the boosters' organization and to a reserved seat on the opening day. April 13. Last year's buttons will not be recognized.

After his election as president, Edward Higgins outlined the plans for the season and then he appointed the following committees: Race—Ray Parkhurst, chairman; membership, Ed Werlein, chairman; Miles Standish, Roy Edwards and O. C. Bortmeyer; stunts, Harvey O'Bryan and Mark Woodruff; publicity, James Richardson, chairman; Roscoe Fawcett, H. B. Critchlow and George Bertz.

The boosters will hold their next meeting tomorrow noon at the Portland hotel. Melvin G. Winstock will have the boosters pose before a motion picture camera after the meeting.

The following men were named as directors:

Roy W. Edwards, Mark Woodruff, Melvin G. Winstock, O. C. Bortmeyer, H. B. Critchlow, Miles Standish, W. P. Strandberg, J. Ed Werlein, W. T. Pangle, A. W. Jones, of Spokane; Thomas Hielop, T. R. Conlon, James J. Richardson, L. J. Barber and Ray Parkhurst.

1 to 1. The lone scholastic that got around gave the infield some practice work. The Chinese game is regarded as the best sweat the Beavers have gotten up this year.

Tomorrow Rube Foster and his Giants arrive. Callahan will probably start the first game of the series.

Dobie Likes Showing of Team.

Seattle, Wash., March 20.—Washington was defeated in the first practice game of the season here today by the Seattle college by a score of 4 to 3. The game was good and fast, but the varsity was not up to the hitting form of the Seattle boys.

Dobie was well satisfied with the showing made by his men and said that they would do better by the time the conference season opened.

FIRST ENTRIES EXPECTED SOON IN TRACK MEET

Entry Blanks Have Been Mailed to 300 Schools, Clubs, Colleges.

The first entries for the twelfth annual indoor track and field meet of the Columbia university, recognized as one of the most important indoor meets staged west of the Mississippi river, is to be staged April 10, are expected by the end of this week.

Entry blanks were mailed to over 300 schools, clubs and colleges in the northwest by Athletic Director James Bach and it is likely that there will be more than 200 athletes entered in the meet again this year.

There is an unusual amount of interest in track and field athletics this season. The Oregon Agricultural college team won last season's meet from the University of Oregon and the Multnomah club athletes after the closest kind of competition.

It is likely that a couple of marks will be equaled or bettered this season. The athletes have been training for the past week and reports from the college campuses indicate that several phenoms will make their initial appearance here next month.

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ENTRY RULES OF TENNIS TOURNAMENT ARE ANNOUNCED

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New York, March 20.—R. D. Wrenn, president of the U. S. Lawn Tennis association, announced today the conditions which would govern the entry list for the national championship tournament for 1915 at the West Side club, Forest Hill, N. Y. The executive committee found a strong sentiment in favor of continuing the tournament strictly as an open event. The following rules govern the entries:

1. That all entries must be made through the secretary of the club or sub-association of which the applicant is a member.

2. That the entry list shall close at least 10 days before the opening of the tournament.

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PASTIME ENTERS ARENA

Negotiations Under Way to Have Carlson Meet Eddie Flanagan, Former Spokane Athlete.

Jimmy Howe, a Chinese boxer, who hails from Walla Walla, Wash., will meet Abie Gordon, the undefeated 100-pound scrapper of this city, in the main event of the Imperial Amateur Athletic club's smoker, which will be staged in Arion hall next Friday night. Howe is a stockily built youngster, who tips the beam around the century mark. He has been boxing for two years and is said to be very clever.

Abie Gordon has commenced conditioning himself for the event. The local boy expects a hard bout, but believes that he will be able to beat the Walla Walla Athletic club boy by his cleverness. Both boxers will enter the ring weighing about 100 pounds.

Jack Wagner, the former Army club boxer, will meet Jack McElwin in the semi-final bout. Wagner thinks that he will be able to solve McElwin's style of boxing.

Matchmaker Charley Yost will complete his card by Tuesday noon and he will start all the boys training for the events immediately. The program will consist of six events.

Dudley Evans, manager of the Pastime Amateur Athletic club, which is a member of the Northwest Amateur association, announced yesterday that the first smoker of his organization would be staged Friday night, April 2. Negotiations are under way to have Oscar Carlson, who is rated as the best 142-pounder in this section of the country, meet Eddie Flanagan, former Spokane Athletic club boxer.

An effort will be made by Evans to secure an opponent for Billy Mascott, the clever 118-pounder. Alex Trammell, who has been waiting for some new boy. The card will consist of six events.

The organization of the National Amateur Athletic club was perfected last week. T. B. McDevitt Jr., a local attorney, was named president of the club and then struck until the tenth, when a hit on the "Brooklyn" side left the No. 10 pin standing. He made the spare but got only five pins on the extra ball.

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FEAR HAS STRUCK AT HEART OF CHAMPION JOHN ATHA' JOHNSON

Bravado in Public Belied by Strenuous Efforts to Get Rid of Excess Fat.

Havana, March 20.—The fear is upon Jack Johnson. The big negro, who for years has lived the life of an idler and spender, for the first time has a reason to lose his title of heavyweight champion. With that loss, Johnson knows that his easy life would disappear.

In public Johnson ridicules any idea that he is in danger of being beaten by Jess Willard, when they meet here in the big arena tomorrow in a 45 round battle.

"I'm the best man in the world," he is wont to say. "No one stands a chance with me, and Willard will go just like the rest."

But in his training quarters, away from the public gaze, the big black boxer is working hard, with a grim determination. Men close to him in his camp say that Johnson is stirred as he has never been before. He is resolved to be in perfect shape when he meets Willard.

Johnson shows now the effect of his long living in idleness and the excess weight is fat, not muscle. Willard is taking things rather easily. He says today that next week he would lengthen his training by going to his hardest licks then. He intends to ease up in the final week before the fight. He was practically in condition for the fight when he quit training in El Paso a couple of weeks ago. Since then he has loaded most of the time, but has not taken much weight. He expects to weigh about 245 pounds when he enters the ring to battle Johnson. The latter likely will weigh around 220.

San Francisco, Cal., March 20.—In one of the most sensational finishes that has been witnessed on a local polo field since the four representing tournament began the present Universal tournament began the four representing the Midwest club of Pasadena this afternoon defeated the San Mateo polo team by a score of 7 to 3.

At the end of the fourth period Midwick had scored three goals and San Mateo had a score of 4. The Pasadena four then opened a series of brilliant plays which quickly netted them five more goals. A penalty reduced this by 1/4 of a point.

White to Meet Cross. New York, March 20.—Charles White and Leah Cross, the best bets, respectively, of Chicago and New York, in the light-weight division, will mix in a 10 round, no decision bout next Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. Promoter Jimmy Johnson has clinched the marriage today when the managers of both men deposited forfeits.

Springfield Gets Regatta. New York, March 20.—Springfield, Mass., gets the 1915 national regatta of the National Rowing association, it was decided here tonight. The regatta will be held August 12-14. San Diego, Cal., was considered by the committee but after a lengthy argument it was decided that the regatta was too far away and that the expense of getting there was too great.

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MURRAY SETS A COAST MARK FOR 220 LOW HURDLE

Stanford Star Is Tied at 0:24 1-5 by Four Men; Olympic Defeated.

Stanford University, March 20.—"Feg" Murray, Stanford's premier track star, shattered the coast record in the 220 low hurdles this afternoon when he covered the distance in 24 1-5 seconds. This mark will be declared official, according to John O. Elliott, president of the Pacific A. A. U., and who was one of the timers.

Four watches caught Murray at 24 1-5, while the other timer claimed 24 2-5 seconds. Murray also annexed first place in the 120 high hurdles, with Johnny Norton, his running mate, a few yards behind. The Stanfordites competed with an outside track squad for the first time this season, the fast Olympic club runners being their opponents.

The 220 yard dash was won by Dick Grant of Portland, Or., in the time of 22 2-5. Newhook of the Olympic club was second and Nickelson of Stanford third.

The Cardinals won the meet, chalked 77 points to the Wings 63 1-4.

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MANAGER PATRICK TO STAND HIS GROUND ON PRESENT LINE-UP

This Is Position of Manager of Vancouver Millionaires, Coast Hockey Champions.

MULDOON IS DICKERING

Negotiations Going on With Four Crack Amateur Players Who Make Hit.

Manager Frank Patrick of the Vancouver Millionaires, winners of the Pacific Coast Hockey association championship last season, has taken the present lineup for the 1915-1916 season, while Manager Pete Muldoon of the Portland Rosebuds and Lester Patrick of the Victoria Aristocrats have their lines out for a number of speedy forward players. The Portland manager is also looking for another big defense player to work alongside of "Moose" Johnson.

Muldoon is dickering with a quartet of crack amateur players, who played sensational hockey in eastern Canada during the past season. It may be possible that a new goal tender will be secured to try out with Mike Mitchell next season. During the 1914-1915 season Mitchell did not do as well as expected. In some of the games he stopped almost impossible shots, while in other matches he allowed most any shot to go past him.

Manager Lester Patrick of the Victoria team stated recently that three new forward players would be secured for next year's team. The names of the players who would be missing from the Aristocrats' lineup next season were not given out by Patrick. Dundas and Kerr will likely retain their positions.

No manager has been selected for the Seattle team, which will be in the P. C. H. A. next season. It was rumored that Cy Griffis would have charge of the team, but Frank Patrick, who in Portland last week, announced that Griffis would remain with the Millionaires.

There is a possibility of Spokane entering the league next season. The Patrick rink is looking for a new manager. A. Mitchell of Spokane after the close of the world's series regarding the building of an artificial ice rink in Spokane.

Washington Wins Meet. Seattle, Wash., March 20.—The University of Washington grapplers won a C. H. A. wrestling meet with the college wrestling team here tonight, 18 to 4. The results: 125 pounds—Yamada (Washington) beat Bloomberg (W. S. C.), Fall 2:30. 155 pounds—Gale (W. S. C.) beat King (Washington), aggressiveness. 175 pounds—Smith (Washington) beat Talbot (W. S. C.), aggressiveness. 175 pounds—Smith (Washington) beat Alvord (W. S. C.), fall, 12 minutes.

S. P. to Play Park Team. The fast South Portland team will play the Peninsula Park team this afternoon at 2 o'clock on the Fulton grounds at the foot of Broadway street. Manager De Cieno will use Pitchers Platt and Loster against the Park line and Morgan and Varlie will do the catching.

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