

McCREDIE'S PITCHERS MUST BE ALL READY WHEN SEASON OPENS

Beaver Boss Declares Complaints at This Late Stage of Sore Arms Farcical.

CALLAHAN GIVEN PRAISE

Work Against Big Leaguers Declared to Have Probably Opened Old Timers' Eyes.

Fresno, Cal., March 20.—Manager McCredie is in a predicament in regard to the southpaw situation. Pat Callahan's work against the Chicago White Sox at Hanford, when he set the big leaguers down in the best pitched game of any of the Beaver hurlers so far in this training camp, has set McCredie to thinking.

Callahan ought to work twice a week. I guess his work last Monday made some of the old fellows sit up and take notice. He pitched where a fellow ought to pitch to be successful, down around the knees. This prevents the batter from getting hold of the ball and diminishes his driving power.

Callahan is a right hander, but he has all the qualities of a left hander. He has an equal chance of making good and if Callahan continues to work like he did Monday against the Sox, it is hard to see how he is going to be kept off the team.

Ball Breaks Two Ways. "Covaleskie is looking good for the little time that he has worked and Carisch, who caught him in the short time he worked against Indianapolis, thinks he has a lot of stuff. Carisch says that he has a ball that breaks two ways and that one will trouble the batters. However, he has not been here long enough to show anything.

I am not going to worry along with my pitchers this year. Why some of these young fellows ought to be in shape in five days of this Fresno sunbathing. Here we have been in camp over two weeks and they are complaining of sore arms. It's farcical. The only way to get rid of a sore arm in the spring is to get it quickly. You see many of the big leaguers doing road work and throwing the ball around as early as February 1, provided they live in a warm climate such as "Ting" had at Napa, Cal. Really, I had expected that he would show up at camp in first class shape. Instead, at the rate he is going, it will be July before he will be ready to show anything at all, and I can't wait that long.

Martini is the only one of a sore arm. I really have only four pitchers in any kind of shape. Hig, Evans, Krause and Callahan. It is the same thing every year. They don't worry along in the major leagues. Why at this time you see the young pitchers working through the entire nine innings. It is only the old ones who split up a game and the reason they do this is because it takes longer to get an old arm in shape. The opposite is true in my camp. The old fellows are ready and the young ones aren't.

Philadelphia's indoor horse show, which will be staged in April, has some classy judges. Reginald Vanderbilt, Joseph Widener and Langhorne Anderson will act.

Coast to coast on his bicycle, with his wrists chained to his bicycle, the latest enthusiast is plowing up the desert on his way to the fair.

Pal Brown and Joe Mandot have been signed up for a bout at Superior, Wis. The Badger fans are anxious to see the New Orleans baker boy again at work.

The hockey league is in line for a good year, with Terre Haute retaining its charter. Season will open April 21, with a schedule of 140 games.

The hockey clubs along the Great Lakes are arranging with the Canadian clubs to form an international hockey league, which looks like a boom for this sport.

Some of the best athletic talent in the United States is expected to compete in the track and field events at the Fresno fair this summer. The east will send its best performers.

A "coast to coast" bowling tournament will be staged April 24 for a trophy. Teams will be selected locally in a chain of cities and telegraph the results to New York.

I was badly ruptured while hitting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got some of something called "Cure" and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a painter. There was no operation, no loss of time, no trouble, and nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Fulton, Carement, 396 Marcellus avenue, Manassas, N. J. Better get out this notice and show it to any other who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation. (Adv.)

CHAMPIONSHIP TRAP SHOOTING WILL BE HELD APRIL 25 TO 27

Portland Gun Club Granted Sanction for Annual Oregon Meet by Association.

HANDICAP DATES ARE SET

Grand American Event to Be Held at Traps of Chicago Gun Club, August 16 to 20, Inclusive.

Sanction to stage the annual Oregon State Championship Trap Shooting tournament April 25, 26 and 27 has been granted the Portland Gun club by the Interstate association. Officials of the local blue rock smashing organization received word to this effect from the Interstate association headquarters yesterday.

The dates of the Grand American handicap and the sectional handicap meets were also set by the Interstate officials. The Grand American event will be staged at the traps of the Chicago Gun club August 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. The Pacific coast event will be staged at the traps of the San Diego, Cal., Gun club July 5, 6 and 7. The Western handicap was awarded to the St. Louis Gun club. It will be held June 15, 16 and 17.

The southern event will be held at Memphis, Tenn., May 11, 12 and 13. The Washington state championship tournament will be held at Seattle May 18 and 19 and the Idaho state event will be staged June 13, 14 and 15.

President Henry Everding has appointed committees to work out the program for the state shoot and also the list of events of the Northwest championship shoot, which will be held at the local traps during the Rose Festival.

The winners in the last Northwest tournament were: Dupont Anaconda cup, H. L. Becker, Ogden, Utah. Spokane Brownee trophy, Guy Eggers, Pasco, Wash. Charles O'Connor, Spokane, Wash. Multnomah medal, C. E. McKelvey, Seattle, Wash. Individual championship, P. F. Nelson, Yacolt, Wash.

There is the Walla Walla, Wash., Brownee trophy, which will also be contested for in this year's shoot. The holders of each of these prizes will receive 50 per cent of the entrance fees in their respective events this year.

The annual Pacific Indian shoot, the second largest trap shooting event to be staged on the Pacific coast, will be held at the traps of the Tacoma, Wash., Gun club July 19, 20, 21 and 22. There will be over 40 prizes for the winners in the various events.

F. L. Tiffany of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, won the Fred Gilbert trophy shoot of the Spokane, Wash., Gun club Sunday with the score of 101. His handicap was 14 birds. C. E. McKelvey won the Seattle club shoot last Sunday and also the Gilbert trophy.

The singles handball tournament for the club championship is progressing rapidly. A. M. Ellsworth defeated George Eastham 21-19, 21-14, and J. H. McKenzie eliminated Stacy Lamson 19-21, 21-16, 21-19. Ray Watkins put A. O. Jones, the veteran, out of the running 21-11, 21-17, and Ray Frohman won from Dr. Elderback 21-8, 21-11. Ellsworth is scheduled to meet J. H. McKenzie today. Ferd Smith and Dick Jones, former champions, are not entered in this year's tourney.

Park Myer, chairman of the baseball committee, is getting things in shape for the Sunday Morning league. The entry list is at the office and will be open until March 31. The drawings will be made April 1.

Seven billiard players have entered the three cushion billiard tournament, which will begin this week. Those entered are Dr. M. Bisallion, W. S. Walters, James E. O'Shea, Jr., W. M. Dennis, Arne Dowling, S. H. Goodland and Fred Boynton.

Play in the spring squash singles tournament will start in the near future.

Superintendent Walker has an crew of men working on the club field getting the track and baseball diamond in shape.

Chairman S. S. Humphrey of the bowling committee announced during the past week that B. O. Case, R. Pinck, H. Hanno, Fred Raymond and George Eastham will be the "M" team, which would participate in the ocean-to-ocean tourney for the Thompson trophy. Lydon and Humphrey will be substitutes.

Miss Luella Krohn, the holder of the woman's diving championship of Spokane, arrived in Portland during the early part of the week. Miss Krohn will likely appear at the next social swim of the club.

Manager Martin Hawkins of the track and field team will likely have his men out this morning for a little workout.

Gus Fisher Gives Advice on Hitting the Ball Catcher Throws Scientific Hitting Into Discard Advice of Leading Batter Is Revolutionary

Scientific hitting to the discard. Don't try too much to out-guess the pitcher. Hit the ball where the pitch is and trust to luck. "Hit and run" of certain pitched ball is all bosh.

By R. A. Cronin.

Rather revolutionary, it it not? Yet it is the secret of that .355 average of Catcher Gus Fisher of the Pacific Coast league last year.

"When they talk about scientific hitting they waste so much breath," asserts Fisher. "I never heard of but one man in the whole history of baseball who could 'place' the ball, and that was Willie Keeler. He made most of his average on beaten out bunts. But players who were contemporaneous with him state that he could hit the ball where he wanted, no matter what kind of pitching was being served to him.

"I have watched Cobb and Lajoie and I do not believe even such great hitters as they can place the ball where they particularly desire. They hit certain kinds of pitching to certain fields. That is all that I try to do. I think luck has a great deal to do with it. Sometimes I try to hit behind the runner, but they don't always go where I try to push them. I am happy if the fielders don't catch the ball.

"Doesn't Match Guesses. "I don't try too much to outguess the pitcher. I just wait for the ball to come up to the plate and then take a whack at it. I hit curves just as well as I do fast ones and slow balls don't bother me any more than spitters. Of course you have to study the pitcher. When I am against a curve pitcher like Bill Maloney, for instance, I know that he is going to pitch more curves than fast ones. Therefore I get set and wait for the curve.

"If I manage to bust a curve on any of the pitchers the first time up, then I know from experience that he will not later in the game. I just wait across the plate. If he does throw curves I know they will be out or inside and go for balls. Therefore, I don't try to watch the pitcher so closely to keep from being crossed.

"Take a slowball pitcher like Jack Ryan or Charley Chech or Rube Geyer, and I know beforehand that one of the balls to be pitched to me will be a slow ball. I wait for that slowball and when it comes up I slough it. If you know it is coming it is the easiest of all to hit and there is no danger of getting hurt if the ball strikes you, for there is nothing on it.



"I keep moving around the plate against different kinds of pitchers. For a curve ball pitcher I keep behind the plate and catch the curve after it breaks. For a spitball pitcher I crowd the plate and step up on the pitch, getting the ball before it breaks. "I have studied spitball pitchers and none of them fools me. You take the spitball pitcher and when he bluffs you can tell it, for he always takes

a little twist on the ball after apparently putting the saliva on it. When he is not bluffing he never makes any more movement in placing the ball in his hand, but immediately pitches it. "I hit the curve balls of both left and right handers into left field if I catch them on the outside of the plate, and to right field if the bat strikes them while they are on the inside of the plate. That is the natural way to hit the ball. The same is true for straight balls.

"Hit and Run Puzzler. "This matter of 'hit and run' is a hard one. For instance when I give the man on the base the signal that I am going to hit the next ball pitched, how do I know what kind of a ball the pitcher will give me. It may be down on the ground or it may be a mile in the air. I may have to jump out of the way to keep from getting hit, or the ball may be out so far that I can't reach it with that pole in front of the Oregon building. I believe that the thing should be turned around and that 'run and hit' should be the proper name. That gives the batter a chance to hit any good ball that comes over the plate and, I believe, heightens the chance of the ball going safe and the runner reaching the bag ahead safely.

"I try to keep the ball on the ground all the time for it gives a chance to reach base on a hit or a boot. If there is a runner on it lessens the chance for a double play. If you hit the ball on a line to an infielder, it is practically a cinch that the runner will be doubled off.

"Some players say they can give the hit and run signal, while the catcher is poised for delivery, but in that case you must have a wonderfully intelligent bunch of players on the club or else they'll miss. I never heard of a club that was composed of players keen enough to get 'hit and run' signals in this way for the reason that the runner is always watching the pitcher instead of the batsman. I give the 'hit and run' play usually when the catcher is returning the ball to the pitcher for the sign can better be covered up then.

Team Sticking Important. "A player ought to bat for the team's welfare instead of the individual average. Many a player is told to go up and bunt and responds by trying to hit it out. Some of them never play 'hit and run' from the time the season opens until it closes. This retards team batting and lessens the chances of winning.

"The bat has a lot to do with a fellow's hitting. I have always hit around .300, but I've changed from a heavy bat to a light one. I swung a young tree in 1913 and hit just under .300, but I found myself troubled in hitting a slowball. Last year I used a light bat entirely. With the heavy bat I couldn't get it around in time to meet the slowball, but with a light stick I can take a hitch and re-swing with a good deal of strength. Curry, of American Laundry vs. Montavilla at Montavilla at 2 o'clock.

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WOODMEN OF WORLD BOWLING LEAGUE

Geo. Washington . . . . . 59 16 787 Webfoot . . . . . 51 24 680 Multnomah . . . . . 38 37 597 Portland . . . . . 38 37 597 Prospect . . . . . 22 63 283 Arleta . . . . . 17 68 237

Robert Franklin was the leading individual bowler of the Woodmen of their World Bowling league, which closed its season on the Oregon always last Monday night. His average for the season was 192. "Dad" Meek was the second best bowler with the mark of 186. Jim Heffron and Fred Houser were tied for third place with 185 each.

The George Washington team won the league championship and the Webfoot team was second. Multnomah and Portland were tied for third place. The high single game of the season was rolled by Al Aaron, who registered 257. The high three game score was made by Franklin, 648. The Webfoot quintet made the high single and high three game scores, 1007 and 2926, respectively.

Table with columns: Name, Games, Total, Ave. Lists bowling statistics for various teams and individuals.

TEAM RECORD—75 GAMES High Total Ave. per game George Washington . . . . . 999 65,412 67.27 Webfoot . . . . . 1067 63,998 60.33 Multnomah . . . . . 969 62,993 65.00 Portland . . . . . 975 61,999 63.70 Prospect . . . . . 912 61,172 73.80 Arleta . . . . . 899 60,498 67.29

Penn Engages Special Coach. George Zarck, a Swedish athlete, will teach the University of Pennsylvania track candidates how to throw the javelin. It will be one of the events on Penn's relays April 23 and 24.

Brooklynites Form Club. Brooklyn breeders and exhibitors of fancy pigeons have formed a permanent organization.

WILL FILL RODGERS' SHOES THIS SEASON



William Stumpf, ex-New York and Cleveland player, who will guard the keystone sack for Portland this year. Stumpf is being used as clean-up hitter by Manager McCredie.

MOTOR BOAT RACING DRAWING ATTENTION OF LOCAL CLUBMEN

Tentative Rules Governing Running of Events Have Been Discussed.

MAY BE SIX CLASSES

Free-for-All Open to Boats, Irrespective of Power, Up to 40 Feet, One Feature.

There is an unusual amount of interest in motorboat racing among the members of the Portland Motorboat club this spring. The tentative rules covering the proposed classification of boats and governing the running of the events have been thoroughly discussed by the club members during the past couple of weeks.

Leonard Myers, chairman of the regatta committee, and his assistants have been hard at work getting all the available information and suggestions into a set of rules that would best fit the local situation.

Six Classes Considered. In all probability there will be six classes, including a free-for-all, open to boats, irrespective of power, up to 40 feet over all, and including a cruiser class open to all boats conforming to the committee's definition of a cruiser. The first four classes will be defined according to the cylinder capacity and displacement and will include practically all types and sizes of boats, not covered in the cruiser class, and find a proper classification for every type.

A table of speeds is being worked out which will enable the committee to quickly classify the boats into their respective classes, upon completion of a speed trial over a set course.

The length of the racing course will vary according to the different classes from five miles up to 25 miles, with short legs on the lap to enable the boats to be kept within sight of the judge's stand as much as possible.

Flying Starts Used. The club's official measurer, Ernest Von der Werth, will cooperate with the racing committee in determining the class into which the particular boat belongs and in certifying as to the cylinder capacity of the motor.

Except the entries in the free-for-all, all boats will be expected to make a speed trial over a set course to enable their ratings to be determined. Any boat exceeding this rating by probably 70 in any regular race will be disqualified.

Races to be open to any boat or boats belonging to any recognized yacht or power club, and open to unattached individuals upon approval of racing officials, starts to be flying and boats to draw for positions.

Outside of the free-for-all a boat can enter its own class only, although it may qualify for entry into a higher class upon proper showing being made.

Montreal Has Paris Mutual. Montreal Blue Bonnets race course is to be equipped with the Paris mutual machines at a cost of \$16,000.

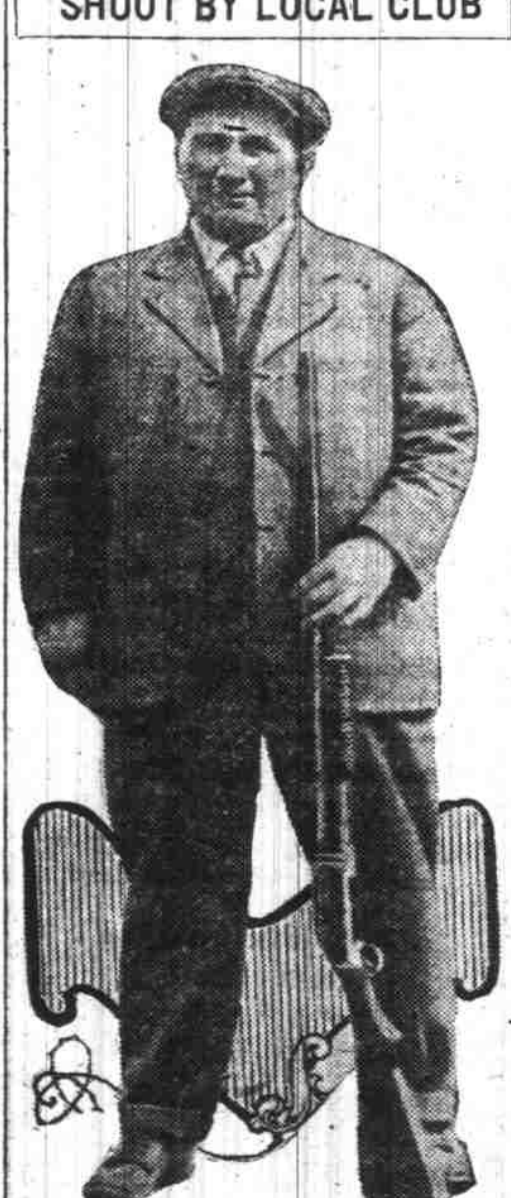
Doctor Referee Intended to See All Had Fair Play

Here's an old story that recently was revived by Bobby Johnson, one-time prizefighter and later a fight manager. Johnson, who claims credit for being the central figure in the story, tells it this way: "I was before a second for a fighter during a bout in Richmond. My man wasn't showing any science.

"Faint, faint," I kept yelling at him, figuring if he did a little fainting he might win. "So happened that the referee of that fight was a doctor. He had examined the men before the fight and found them in good shape.

"When I continued to urge my man to faint, the doctor-referee turned to me and said: 'If this fellow does any fainting around here, I'll revive him—and I'll revive him in a hurry. There's nothing wrong with him—no reason at all why he should faint. If you keep urging him to faint I'll rule you out of his corner.' "I was silent thereafter," concluded Johnson.

WINNER OF F. GILBERT SHOOT BY LOCAL CLUB



Frank Templeton, who was the winner of the 100 bird blue rock event at the Portland Gun club traps last Sunday in honor of Fred Gilbert, the veteran trap shooting professional.

MINOR BASEBALL

The National Association baseball bookers for today are: Piedmont Maroons vs. Union Dentists at Peninsula at 2 o'clock. West Portland Monarch vs. Columbia at Columbia university at 2 o'clock. South Portland vs. Peninsula Park team at Fulton at 2 o'clock. Harriman club vs. Red Men at Twelfth and Davis at 2 o'clock. American Laundry vs. Montavilla at Montavilla at 2 o'clock.

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