

# Regarding Atlantic Flights, We'll Say Hawker is a Good Hunch to Play

## FIRST WEEK PUTS PORTLAND FAN ON CONFIDENCE SEAT

Beaver Supporter Realizes That Ball Club Opening Season Away From Home Has All the Worst of It, and Furthermore, Angels Are Toughest Early Season Nuts in League to Crack.

By R. A. Cronin

BECAUSE the Portland baseball fan is a keen enough student of the national game to know that a ball club opening the season on the road is lucky if it wins two-fifths of its games, and extremely fortunate if it wins half of them, little or no fault-finding with the Beavers was apparent among the home town supporters last week, though the Portland club lost its first three games.

The Portland baseball follower has learned to rely to a considerable extent on the judgment of his training camp correspondent, and the latter rewards his reader with a cold-blooded appraisal of the player's ability. It is with pardonable pride that one recalls an almost complete absence of "Second Tyrus Cobbs and Walter Johnsons" and other diamond followers that bloom in the spring, tra la! so far as producing reading matter in the Portland training camps. If they are not Coast league material, the Portland reader generally knows as soon as the athlete has had a few workouts.

It has also been generously pointed out that the Beavers may need strengthening here and there to win a Coast league pennant, but it is agreed that there is no fault to be found with the pitching staff. We think this was proved in the work of the Portland pitchers in the first four games, three of which were lost by bad throws. And if the pitchers go well, you may be sure that the catchers are responsible. Further, it is generally agreed among baseball men that the pitching and catching is 60 to 70 per cent of the defense of a baseball club. It would appear then that the Portland club needs no strengthening in its battery work. On this subject we believe the fan will agree.

The early weakness of the club appears to be in the infield, and the veteran Signh has been just as much to blame as the youngsters, Stoloff and Fuller. There is no question but that McCredie has a good infield that needs age only at shortstop.

We have pointed out that Benny Stoloff may be weak at hitting, but we believe his defensive work will more than make up for it. Yet we note that Manager McCredie has benched him, placed Signh at short and Eddie Bogart on third. He doubtless did this in hope of gaining a little batting strength. But we cannot forget that Ivan Olson and Roger Peckinpaugh, two of the greatest shortstops turned out in the Coast league, were legs than 240 hitters. Given a chance to believe that Stoloff will work himself into a regular position, just as he worked his way from an inauspicious introduction at the Crockett camp, past the "young phenoms," to the honor of opening the Coast league season at shortstop.

Blas Appears Satisfactory Lu Blas, the first baseman, appears to have satisfied the fans in his fielding, as he has been doing some sensational work around first base and has started to hit. Fuller, also, has been hitting well, considering his newness in the league, but his forte is getting on the bases.

It is a young infield, perhaps the youngest ever in the Coast league, but its speed will carry it along. It will kick one new and then, but we'll wager that it will not overtake the natural stars in the league.

The real surprise of the first week was the boy in the outfield who is "going to fill the man's sized shoes of George Malsel—the sun-browned Dick Cox. We doubt if Malsel could have been more valuable to the club in the opening week than Cox. This little rubber ball of a man, may prove one of the season's surprises, as he is well on his way.

Walker is Reliable Frank Walker has shown that he can hit the ball and that he can chase flies, and he bids fair to be one of the social elict in the circuit. Jack Farmer has not been hitting up to his stride, but it is agreed all around that Farmer will be in his usual niche before the season is many weeks older. Farmer is the fastest man in the league, though you couldn't get the casual fan to believe it, because running is no effort for him. The next time you see him travel, note the way his spikes skim the ground and the fact that there is no lost motion in his stride. Farmer may drop more than the usual number of balls, but he more than makes up for it in other departments.

The Portland club tackled the hardest job in the league last week—the going-meeting the hard-hitting Angels. If the Angels had the Portland pitching staff to stop the opposition, it could win the pennant in a walk. In any lining of any game Sam Crawford, Jack Fournier, Red Kluifer, Lord Kenworthy or Rube Ellis may step out and take it on ice. We believe there is no argument

### Oregon Co-Eds Are Shaping Up For Track Meet

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 12.—The women of the university are planning to stage a field day, May 24, under the auspices of the Women's Athletic association of the university. Tournaments in canoeing, tennis, archery, outdoor baseball and walking will be held as a part of the program, and letters and awards will be given to the women who win the various awards. The Oregon State Athletic Club is now practicing daily in preparation for a tournament which is to be held soon, the winners of which will be contenders for the "arsity women's tennis team. Prospects for a strong team to represent the "arsity this spring are good. Madeline Slothum, Madeline Slothum, Florence Biddle and the "arsity "Stars" team, three members of last year's team, are in school this year, together with Caroline Alexander, Florence Biddle and the "arsity "Stars" team, who played in the semi-finals last spring.

against their being the heaviest hitting club in the league.

To Win Three Is Good Personally I believe the Beavers will have done well to take three of the seven games, but that we and we will not criticize them severely if they take only two. At this stage of the game we cannot believe that the natural stars are as strong as the Angels, and they have given the Seattle club a four-straight game beating. Potentially the club is the natural stars of the San Francisco club, but it is in hostile territory, and without the advantage of morning practice, which is one of the natural stars, it has not made a better showing.

When one starts to look around for examples of pennant winners, one has to recall that the clubs that were two or three stronger clubs in the Coast league than the Portland Champions of 1914, which won because they played so brilliantly, but well. There may be nothing brilliant about McCredie's 1919 club, but the players are at this stage in their careers where their natural stars may be molded to suit the idea of the manager, and McCredie has no equal in the league in developing material. One conclusion is that while McCredie may need to add a little age to the infield and, perhaps, to the outfield, on the whole he has a better ball club than that with which he won a pennant in 1914, and the fans may rest assured that he will me "there or thereabouts" in October.

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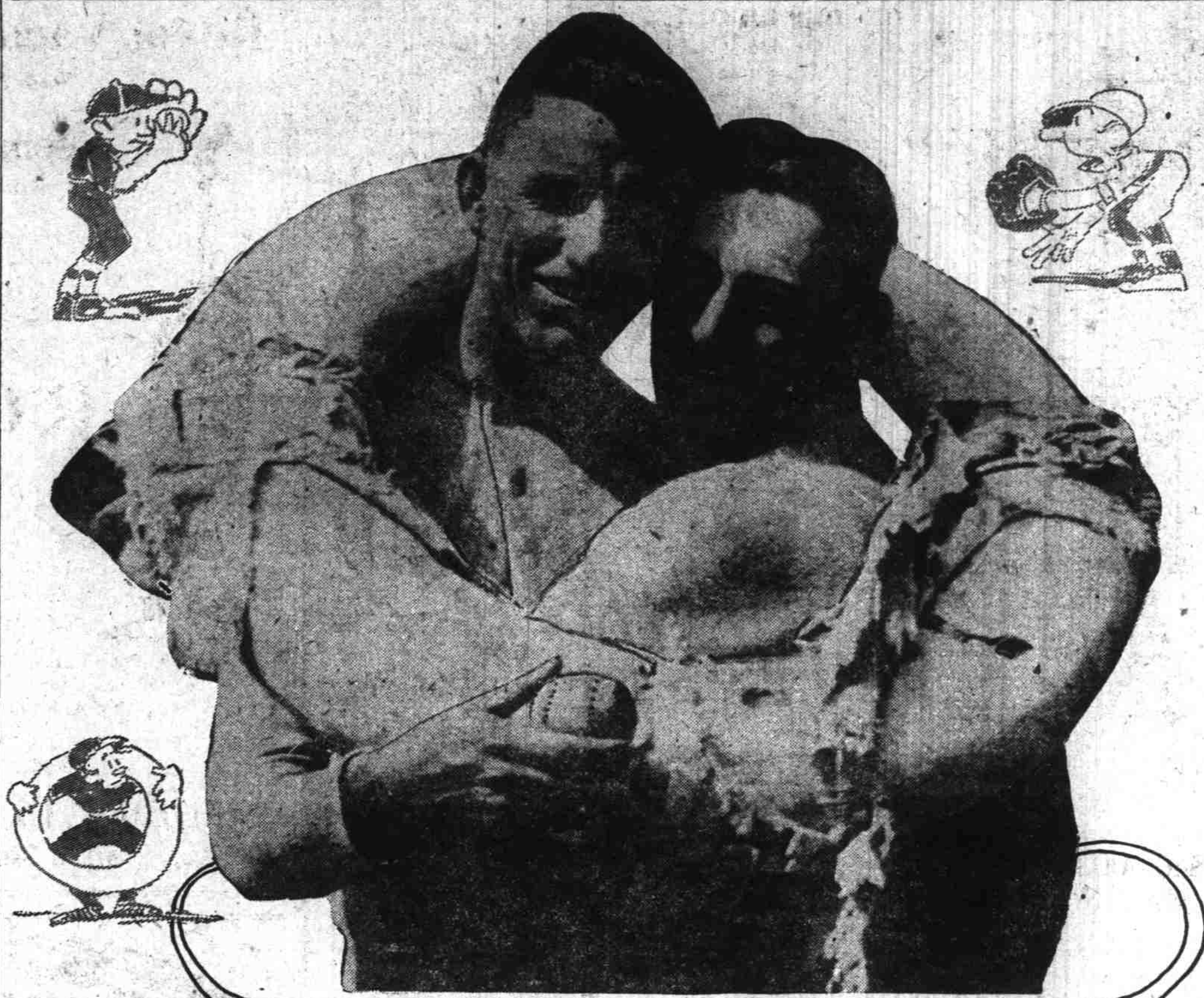
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## THE OLD LIFE PRESERVER THAT DID NOT DO ITS 100 PER CENT DUTY



When this picture was taken the other day at the Crockett, Cal., training camp, it was expected to be a kahuna for at least two of the Portland pitchers, Sam Lewis, on the left, and Lefty James, but the Angels put a crimp in the Portland hope. It was a 50-50 life bell. Lewis won his game Friday, 8 to 1, but James was knocked out of the circle yesterday by the heavy hitting Seraphs. Of the five games played, Lewis has put over the only victory.

### NET MEETS TO BE SET THIS WEEK

President McAlpin to Call Meeting This Week to Consider 1919 Tennis Schedule.

AWARDS of the local tennis fixtures for the 1919 season, including the state championship event, will be made at the annual meeting of the Portland Lawn Tennis association, which has been set for Wednesday of this week by President A. B. McAlpin. The Laurelhurst club will in all probability be awarded the state championships, which will be staged during the week of July 14. The city championships will be staged on the courts of the Irvington club and the junior title events of the state will be played on the Multnomah courts, as will a doubles tournament which is under consideration by the association officials.

Will Announce Dates The schedule of the inter-club matches will be arranged and the dates of the spring handicap tourney at the Multnomah club and at the Irvington club will be announced. The annual women's tournament of the Multnomah club will be played in conjunction with the spring handicap.

Directors of the association will also consider the playing of intercity tournaments with the Seattle Tennis club and the Tacoma Tennis club. It is believed that events of this kind will be highly interesting and will give the players lots of tourney competition.

### Australian Would Scull for Title

Alfred Felton, the Australian sculler, who was prominent as a single sculler before the war, is anxious to arrange a race for the professional championship of the English college for women held with Ernest Barry, the English sculler, who holds the honor. Felton is on duty in London and has had frequent practice rows on the Thames.

### Soccer Star Would Soar Across Ocean

Art Duncan, the defense star on the Vancouver Hockey club, may be one of the first to fly across the Atlantic ocean. He was a member of the English air force during the war, winning the military cross.

### Commercial League Formed Tuesday

The Commercial Baseball league will be organized at a meeting to be held Tuesday night at Spalding's. Five teams, O-W, R. & N., Standard Oil, Biako-McFar, Eugene Co. No. 5, and

### Eastern Girl a Manly Art of Defense Student "Sure Slings Wicked Left," Says New York Boy

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—(U. P.)—Women will never attempt to wrest the boxing championships from the huskier sex. It wouldn't be fair to the men. The United Press had this on no less authority today than Miss Vera Roehm, champion woman lightweight boxer of the world. "A man wouldn't have a chance in the world in the ring with a woman," she said. "You see, all she would have to do would be to use her eyes and other feminine wiles, and the poor man would be helpless. And the sight of a woman in gymnastic costume might distract his attention."

When regarded purely from the standpoint of science and exercise, Miss Roehm believes boxing is in a class by itself. "No other exercise," she said, "tends to develop the muscles so evenly or to accentuate grace, agility and poise. It is particularly beneficial to women, as it brings into play muscles they never knew they possessed. It is hard for them to learn, requiring from two weeks to a month just to be able to assume the proper boxing pose."

Boxer by Accident Miss Roehm became a boxer by accident. She was born in Baltimore, February 15, 1895. Six years ago, while earning her living as a trained nurse in New York, she was near death from a nervous and physical breakdown. After vainly trying every other method to restore her health she consulted a physical culture expert. The latter happened

### Soccer Rivals to Meet in 2 Leagues

The champion Bethlehem Steel company F. C. soccer team will have as opponents in both the National and American cup final games this season the strong Paterson (N. J.) F. C. It is a unique happening that the same clubs qualify for both of the two big association fixtures. Bethlehem holds both of the emblems and may have to play hard to beat out the Jersey men.

### English Women to Row for First Time

For the first time in the history of rowing in Cambridge, the students of the English college for women have taken up rowing. The Newnham college is its official designation. The Girton college for women at Cambridge has not yet taken up sculling.

### Would Teach Young Oarsmen

Junior membership is under consideration among New York Rowing association clubs in order to stir up interest among youthful talent. It proved profitable at the Duluth, B. C., which has in recent years won the national association championship regatta.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Age, Height, Weight, Neck, Chest, Waist, Hips, Forearm, Wrist, Thigh, Calf, Ankle. Rows include Benny Leonard, Vera Roehm, and others.

Eventually, Miss Roehm became a professional athletic director, teaching women all forms of physical exercise, but always stressing the importance of the padded mitt. Miss Roehm has boxed private exhibitions in gymnasiums with two top-notch lightweight, Johnny Dundee and Charley White. They do say she was entitled to a draw, at least. Dundee says she "sure slings a wicked left." That's Miss Roehm's favorite punch—a straight left—and her speed and loe; reach enable her to land it often. Her next best blow is a right uppercut.

Just now Miss Roehm is spending a few minutes each night playing the role of athletic director in a popular musical comedy. It is her first theatrical venture. She was interviewed while standing in the wings, waiting her cue to go on. After a casual inspection of her "gymnasium costume," the reporter agreed that she might distract a male opponent's attention.

### TENNIS IS BOILING IN AGGIE NET

Hyde and Henderson May Encounter Opposition When They Try for Outside Honors.

OREGON Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 12.—With the announcement of an inter-collegiate schedule for racket players among the men and inter-class and inter-sporting contests among the co-eds coming simultaneously with the sunny spring weather, and with 12 courts available for practice, interest in tennis is today at a high pitch and promises to make the game one of the biggest attractions among the spring sports on the campus.

Prospects of a winning team in inter-collegiate circles appears especially bright. James Hyde and W. L. Henderson, both of whom participated in the inter-collegiate contests last season, are among the large number of players to turn out for tennis practice. According to the present quality of game being played by the various aspirants, among the best of whom are Garth Young, Bob McClanathan, Van Stone and Curtis Bingham, Hyde and Henderson will be given a hard struggle for the honors of representing the orange and black in the coming tournaments.

Games Will Enhance According to present plans, inter-class and inter-fraternity games will serve as elimination contests for the outside tournaments of the Spokane club of the Pacific Coast International league team, will form the battery for the shipyard workers, and Stelger, Morris and Syton will do the pitching, while Boland and Wax will do the backstop work.

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