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CHARLES BARNABE TAKES TURN IN BOX AND MAKES GOOD

Los Angeles Boy Has Aviators Swinging Their Heads Off and Allows Only Two Hits in Five Innings; Gets Two Hits, Both Doubles; Squad Is Divided for Today.

By George Bertz

ONTARIO, Cal., March 20.—Charles Barnabe, teammate of Wes Kingdon while they both attended the Lincoln high of Los Angeles, has been playing in great style for the yannigans here in the Portland Beavers' training camp, but he was stationed at first base. This afternoon he took his turn at pitching against the March field aviators and for five innings the visitors were helpless. He allowed but two hits and struck out seven batsmen during his fling. The Beavers won, 15 to 0.

Boss Walter McCredie did not see his young phenom in action on the mound, as the Portland manager was busy umpiring a game at Pomona, Cal. The contest was a deciding game between two rival high schools and they wouldn't have any local man render the decision.

Barnabe displayed great control and his curves were breaking in wonderful fashion. He was relieved by "Suds" Sutherland, the Lents boy, and save for one frame in which he eased up, he twirled airtight ball. During the melee the Beavers connected a total of 16 hits off the soldier battery, and our own little Wes Kingdon led the squad with three safeties out of five trips to the rubber.

Kingdon looks better after every workout. He stands at the plate in a more big league fashion and one of his blows today was a beautiful double. George Maisel, Biff Schaller, Del Baker and Barnabe each made two hits and both of Barnabe's were doubles. Schaller hit one so far over the fence that he scored a home run almost before the oval landed outside the township.

Tomorrow the squad will be split, the Yannigans being scheduled to take the Aviators on for a return match at Perris, Cal., while the regulars will have some stiff opposition.

The Stahl and Dean aggregation of Los Angeles has asked Manager McCredie for his regulars Sunday afternoon, and the request was granted gladly.

Outfielder Sam Stuart, a Cottage Grove boy, was turned adrift today, and other rookies will feel the knife tomorrow, unless the Beaver pilot changes his mind and decides to play a few more games next week between the Yannigans and regulars. The McCredies realize that intraclub games are the best means in getting a good line on the prospects, and there have been several hot tussles staged during the 1920 session here.

It has been announced that Barnabe and Herb Cuyler will be carried for the first three or four weeks of the Pacific Coast league pennant race at least, and what they do during that time will determine whether or not they are to locate permanently on the Beaver payroll.

Third Baseman Wisterzil is expected in camp the first of the week to talk over the financial differences. In anticipation of reaching agreeable terms with Tex, Walt switched Spranger to second in today's fracas. Al Honeck, who so far has failed to live up to expectations, played the torrid corner against the Aviators, but he will have to shift for himself if Tex Wisterzil comes into the fold.

Nick Williams has asked for several youngsters now eating three squares at the Inter Ocean Inn here, but as yet Walt McCredie has not turned anyone over to the blonde manager.

The score by innings of today's game:

	R.	H.	E.
March Field	0	0	0
Portland	15	16	2

Batteries—McKinney and Thompson; Barnabe, Sutherland and Baker, Koehler.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE HAS TOO HIGH STANDARD

By George Bertz

ONTARIO, Cal., March 20.—The standard of ball played in the Pacific Coast league is too high for the average young players of the Northwest to tackle, unless they possess unusual ability.

This was clearly demonstrated in the Beaver camp this spring when Manager McCredie was forced to drop Sylvester Johnson, the young Portlander, and Fred Libke, the Astoria lefthander, before the end of the first week of training.

They lacked the experience necessary to be carried by the Beaver or any other club in the coast circuit. A couple of seasons in the Western Canada league or some other smaller circuit would do them a world of good.

Both are promising youngsters. Libke is a tall, rangy fellow, built along the lines of "Cack" Henley, the former San Francisco right hander. His action on the hilltop is pretty fair for a young player who has not had much experience in professional baseball and it is likely that with some coaching he will develop in a good portsider.

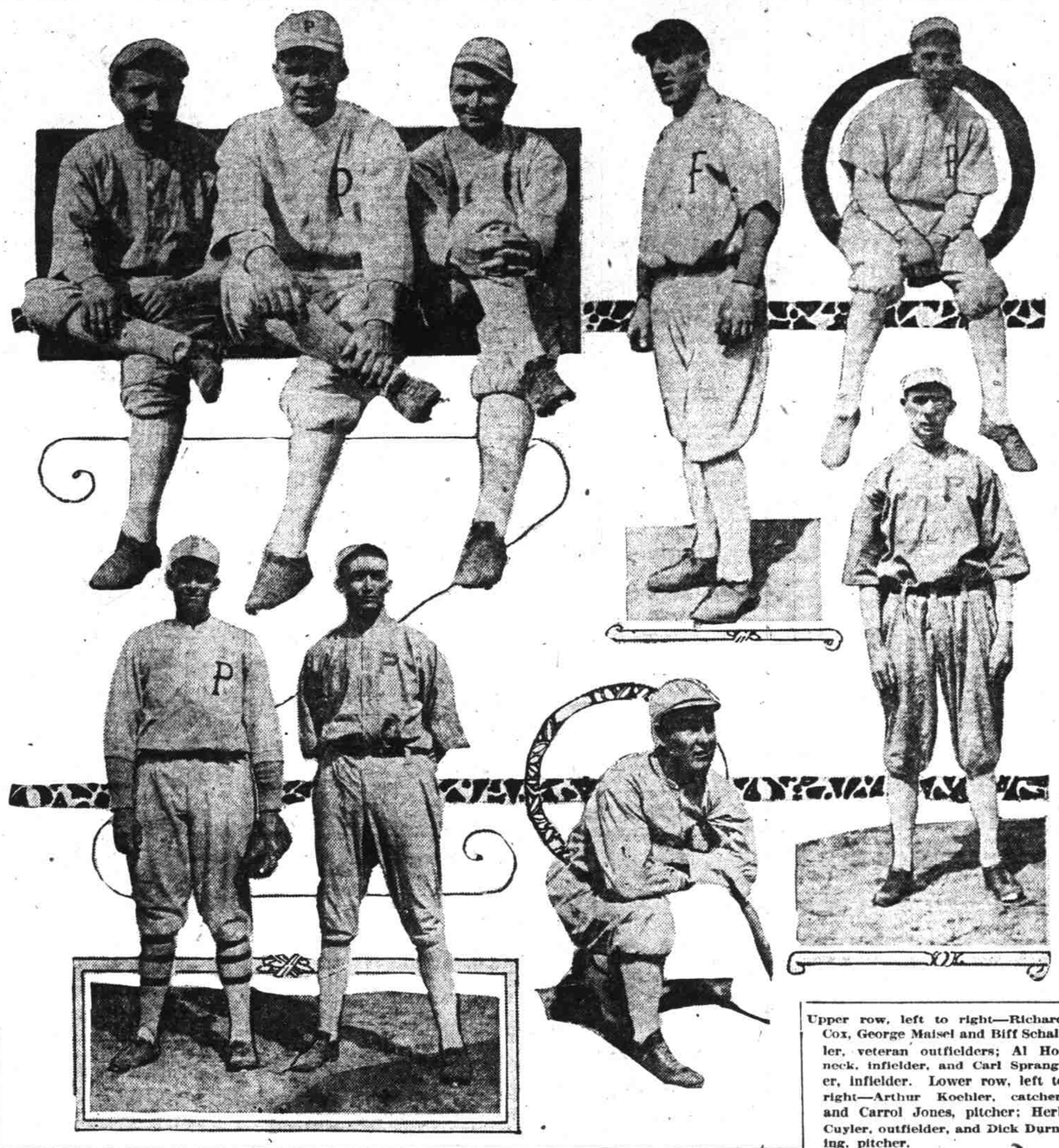
Johnson is a promising youngster. He is tall and rangy and handled himself in good shape in the practice sessions.

It is different with the California youngsters. They have a baseball in their hands all the time and in winter the chance to play in leagues against major and big minor league players is open to them, and many of them take advantage of this, and the value of experience gained is clearly demonstrated in the manner in which Wes Kingdon handled himself in the first workouts. His batting form was also greatly improved as the result of his batting against major league hurlers and other high class mound artists that usually pitch in the winter circuits.

With the minor leagues in all parts of the country springing into existence again, it is not likely that many youngsters of no league experience will be carried to the Portland training camps. The H. C. of everything connected with the national pastime at the present time is one of the main reasons why team managers will not carry inexperienced players into their training camps. The fact that there will be an abundance of raw material ready for a whirl at big minor league trials after the close of the smaller circuit seasons is another.

So take heed, young sandlotters, if you have ambitions to break into Coast league baseball, hunt up Mr. Nick Williams or William Speas, managers of clubs in the Western Canada league, for your first whirl in professional baseball.

RECRUITS AND VETERANS MINGLING AT BEAVER TRAINING CAMP



Upper row, left to right—Richard Cox, George Maisel and Biff Schaller, veteran outfielders; Al Honeck, infielder, and Carl Spranger, infielder. Lower row, left to right—Arthur Koehler, catcher, and Carrol Jones, pitcher; Herb Cuyler, outfielder, and Dick Durning, pitcher.

BIG YEAR FOR CLUB IN WATER

WITH prospects for the greatest year aquatics ever experienced, Frank E. Watkins, chairman of the swimming committee, his assistants and Jack Cody, swimming instructor, are not going to let the grass grow around their feet when it comes to gathering swimming, diving and water polo stars to represent the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club during the 1920 campaign.

Chairman Watkins made several recommendations to the board of directors of the club at their weekly meeting and they were ratified. George Behrens was named manager of the swimming team and Locke "Brownie" Webster will manage the water polo squad.

In a letter to Jack Cody from Les Henry of the Los Angeles Amateur Athletic club the Californian said that the national fancy diving championship will be held in Los Angeles April 22 and as a result Multnomah club will send Louis "Happy" Kuehn, present Northwest title holder, to compete for more honors. The winner of the event is in line to take in the Olympic games at Antwerp as a member of the United States team.

Kuehn has a mighty fine chance to annex the national title, his friends in Portland believe, and already he has started active training to put himself in the best possible condition. He always is in shape to defeat anything in the Northwest. Under Instructor Cody's direction, Kuehn has been practicing on some new and difficult dives and he is progressing wonderfully.

The date for the women's national 50-yard swim of the Amateur Athletic union has been set for next Thursday at Los Angeles but there is a possibility that it will be postponed a week or so. Whether or not it is more than likely that Miss Ethel Knowles will be Multnomah club's entry in the race. It will be the first time that Miss Knowles will have a chance to extend herself for in her races in the Northwest she has not had the competition to force her to the limit.

The water polo squad is seeking talent but with Bus Douglas, a member of the United States inter-allied champions, as a nucleus, Chairman Watkins and Instructor Cody feel that they will have something to start with. The polo ists have been working out three times a week and they are primed for anything when they attend the national championships at San Francisco. The winner of the tourney will go to Antwerp, Belgium, in July.

The only serious opposition the Portlanders figure on will be from the Illinois Athletic club tossers. The Chicago boys always have been dangerous contenders when they haven't won the title and they are going to come West to battle the best in the land.

Beavers to Have Speed Game Needs Young Players

By George Bertz

ONTARIO, Cal., March 20.—Speed is going to be an important factor in the offensive attack of the Portland Beavers this season.

This opinion was expressed by Manager Walter McCredie after he had watched his hirelings go through several stiff workouts this week.

A speedy offensive means a fast defensive combination, so the Portland fans may look forward to one of the fastest clubs the McCredies have had in recent years.

It will be a team of not only fast but heady base runners, providing Mac's plans do not miscarry. One or two of the runners will have to be tied to the sacks at times, but taking everything into consideration, provided McCredie lands the infielders he is after, the paths are going to burn under the Beaver's feet.

"You take this fellow Maisel," said Mac. "He is one of the fastest men in the Coast league. He knows how to run bases, how big a lead to take and when to go. Schaller and Cox are both good runners, so you see I will have a fast combination of fielders. Cox pulled some bad work on the bases last year, but the fans must remember that it was practically his first year in fast company, and I think he did wonderfully well. With the experience he had last year and in winter ball I think he will make the Beavers a valuable man.

"Blue is a speed merchant, but runs wild at times. He looked better during the closing weeks of the 1919 season and I look for him to be one of the most valuable men in the league this season.

"Kingdon is much faster this year, not only in his fielding but in his base running."

Hale, whom Mac plans to grab for the third base position now that Cox is going so good, is a runner of the Blue type. He runs wild at times but has lots of speed. Ellison, on whom McCredie is pinning his hopes for a second sacker, is a fast man.

The only thing that will save baseball is the development of young baseball players.

This opinion, expressed by a man well versed in baseball, is well taken and it probably meets with the approval of many of the major league and big time minor circuits.

The statement was made following a discussion of the salaries being demanded by some of the players in the Pacific Coast league. Every club in the circuit is having its troubles, not a single club is free from holdouts, and in most cases it is the players most expected that are holding out.

The same is true in the major leagues. A number of former Coast leaguers have refused to accept the terms offered this season and threaten to quit the game or play "outlaw" ball. Among the ex-coasters are "Red" Oldham, Emil Meusel of the Philadelphia Nationals, Zeb Terry of the Pittsburg Nationals, William Piercy of the New York Americans, Carl Sawyer of the Washington Americans and Chick Gandil.

Major league owners realize that their hope is in the development of young players and this year will see the big fellows reaching out for the young tossers in all sections of the country. It will also see closer cooperation between the major and the minor leagues.

The great publicity given the sale of "Babe" Ruth was a bad thing for baseball in general. It caused a great deal of dissatisfaction among the major players and will no doubt create some dissension among the players of the Yankee club. Already Ping Bodie, ex-Seal, has come out with a demand for an increase.

Charley Barnabe, the Los Angeles youngster, who will very likely be one of the regulars to be carried this season, is a brother-in-law of Fred McMullin.

George Maisel looks to be in pretty good shape. Maisel went through the first workout of the season like a March hare. Mac expects Maisel to have a great season.

Al Honeck, who played with the Chevrolet team, which captured the championship of the Detroit Industrial league, handles a ground ball well. He looked fairly well in the first practice.

Halph Halcomb, the soldier third sacker signed by the Beavers, will not report for spring training, as he has been unable to secure his release.

"Kibby" Spranger, the, Regina third sacker, is a wonder in the field, but he lacks hitting ability. Manager Mac plans to put him through a batting course before passing on him finally.

Outfielder Jack Farmer of the Portland Beavers, who was sold to the Detroit Tigers, will go to the Nashville club of the Southern league.

McCredie is receiving offers every day from Eastern clubs for Outfielder Walker. Mac plans to hang onto Walker until he knows just what player or players he will need to round out his team. Kansas City is hot after Walker and have made McCredie several offers.

Harry Williams, the Los Angeles sports writer, who was in the Beaver camp the other day, praised "Spec" Burke, the former Jefferson High school kid, to the skies. Burke has been the hit of the Angel camp.

Art Griggs, who played first base for Portland in 1917, is having considerable trouble getting into shape this season. Some of the injuries sustained by Griggs on the gridiron are handicapping him.

Connie Getschine, a former University of Southern California youngster, who played with the Pasadena Merchants in the Winter league, has been in camp for the past several days. Dick Cox thinks he is a comer. He is an infielder.

Art Koehler looks like a million dollars this year. He added some weight and should prove a much more valuable catcher this season.

FREDDIE TO MEET HARD BOY

Anderson and Shannon to Be Featured in 10 Round Battle on Friday Night.

By Bob

HAS Freddie Anderson, conqueror of Joe Benjamin, chosen more than he can chew and digest in taking on a 10-round scrap with Eddie Shannon, Pacific coast lightweight champion?

Shannon's friends say Freddie has.

Freddie's friends say Freddie is tackling a mere mouthful which he will assimilate without indigestion.

Be it one way or another, there appears to be a world of class in the go which is billed by the Portland Boxing commission. Shannon has met 'em all, and there doesn't appear a blot on his record. He dragged Heinie Schuman into his camp of victories, and it is whispered gently hereabout that Joe Benjamin shied at Shannon on the pretense of Shannon being too heavy. It's a great alibi if it's true in its real essence.

Then again, this Eddie Shannon stepped out one night in the burly Puget Sound village and copped Charley White for a draw. Charley White hopped into our midst one sad afternoon a few days later and hit Muff Bronson once. Let the curtain go down, shifters. Anyone who can hold Charley White to a draw, deserves a niche in pugilistic history. Charley knocks out four out of every five men he meets.

Shannon's boxing history extends far beyond the purlieus of those battles. He has invaded the East with as much success as he has gone into California. Black marks on his record are to be found where chicken's teeth are kept.

So has Freddie annexed unto himself a cud over which he will not ruminate with pleasant retrospection?

Joe Benjamin, conqueror of Tommy Twohy and Joe Welling, Eastern cracks, found him more than a baker's dozen with boxing gloves. He took all Benjamin had and was still fighting when the bell called 'em for the medals. He went against Benjamin a skeleton from making weight and he came out virtually unscathed. If he showed so well against Benjamin at a sadly reduced weight, what will he do next Friday night with Shannon at his natural weight? Let your imagination run riot and choose as you see fit.

The late and lamented Puggy Morton, who is inclined at times to feel that he is the moving spirit behind a hippodrome when he is given something easy, has been handed a passle of troubles in being signed up with Allie Nack for the semi-windup. Puggy has always found things too soft in his local fights. But Nack comes here with a rep, backed up by the pure and unalloyed dope of newspaper clippings, and they indicate that local fans will see a boy who will make the smart and elusive and cunning Puggy extend his birthright.

Two more tartars will meet when Stanley Willis and Kid Carson, highly touted Brooklyn, N. Y., lightweight, begin to glare at each other. Willis' is a familiar face, but Carson is an unknown quantity. Willis doesn't bar any of 'em, and they say Carson likes all kinds and sorts and hits worse than the flu.

Neil Zimmerman, one of the skypilot Zimmerman's fighting duo, will cross bats with Jimmy Duffy of Aberdeen in one of the preliminaries. Both Neil and Duffy have endeared themselves to local fans because of their willingness to mix and their ability to hit hard and often. They have both been featured in some of the most exciting battles in local rings.

The other Zimmerman assassin, Earl, will be seen in the curtain raiser, provided a suitable opponent is found for him.

The bouts will be held at the Armory, March 26, and tickets will be on sale at Rich's and Stiller's early next week.

Boulder, Colo., March 20.—(I. N. S.)—Lloyd Silcott, former local high school star, and who for several years has done some brilliant work with semi-pro teams in Colorado and Wyoming, is being given a tryout by the St. Louis National league club at Brownsville, Texas.

Mails Chuckles When Telling How He Fanned Ruth

"Chatty" Walter Mails, the former Portland southpaw, chuckles every time any one mentions "Babe" Ruth's name. He has a reason for doing so and it is a good one.

Mails whiffed the "home run" king three straight times in an exhibition game at Sacramento during the winter. In talking about the game with Walter McCredie, Mails said, "Sure, I grooved 'em for him. I nipped the corners and put everything I had on the 'old apple' when I faced him."

Stood Still Won Event

BY remaining seated on a stationary bicycle for 10 days, Jean Marin captured honors and won the purse in one of the most freakish contests on record. The contest took place just 10 years ago this month in a Parisian music hall. Marin's opponent fell asleep on the ninth day and tumbled off his machine. Crowds paid admission to see the two fanatics balancing themselves on motionless bicycles.

In the same period, "Major" Taylor and Edmund Jacquelin were all set for a championship race. Both objected to setting the pace and neither would budge from the starting line. There they remained for two hours, balanced on their bicycles. The French officials and the crowd finally became disgusted and went home, leaving the pair still balancing on the track.

Irons to Practice Today

The Portland Iron Works will use Franklin High field this morning for a strenuous workout, according to the plans of Manager Bradley. He is desirous that as many candidates as possible report to him at 10 o'clock. Two teams will be selected and a practice contest staged.

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