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Tris Speaker Has Well Balanced Club Ready for Bell; McGraw's Team Favored Over Morantes, Who Are Rather Chesty; St. Louis Browns Dark Horse; Brooklyn Has Strong Team.

By Jack Velock.

NEW YORK, April 13.—(L. N. S.)—Where will the pennants fly this fall? With the baseball season scheduled to open tomorrow, this question held the attention of fandom today and many a guess was registered.

Picking the winners is quite a gamble, for the "dope book" says that the races in both major leagues will be white hot. But regardless of the fact that this is the "13th," the writer submits the following:

A month ago it appeared that Ohio might count on cornering the "presidential" world's series with Cleveland and the Red Stockings so strong. But today the chances of the world's champions are not so brilliant.

Fat Moran's champions come back from Florida in doubtful condition and persistent rumors have it that they are overconfident. Nothing could be worse for any ball club. The Reds played brilliantly last season and they will enter the race tomorrow with the same line-up. But they will face stiffer opposition, for the Giants, Cubs and Dodgers are stronger this year. And there is no indication that the Reds of 1920 are as good as the Reds of 1919, despite the fact that they are intact.

Young players for the most part—make up spirited ball club and will make trouble for everybody.

The Red Sox present a question mark. They are not as bad as they have been painted.

Washington looms up as something of a dark horse. Connie Mack is still experimenting with the Athletics.

At this period, the Kid fought back valiantly and inflicted some real punishment on the champion. In the closing round he made Wilde miss frequently, and the latter appeared to be tiring.

Wilde floored the Kid for a count of eight in the second with a right cross to the jaw. He tried to end it then and there, but the tough Italian held on and weathered the storm.

In the sixth the Zulu Kid opened a cut on Jimmy's eye. He rocked the champion with hard rights and lefts in the eighth, twice sending him to the ropes.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 13.—(U. P.)—Johnny Tillman, Minneapolis welter, gave Jack Perry, Pittsburg, a lacing in every round of their 10-round bout here last night.

Omaha, Neb., April 13.—(U. P.)—George Lamson, Winnebago Indian light-heavyweight boxer, knocked out Johnny Sudeberg, Omaha, in the fifth round here last night.

Aberdeen, Wash., April 13.—Stanley Willis, Portland welterweight, won a six round decision over Lloyd Madden of Seattle Monday night. Willis sustained a badly cut eye in the battle.

Lewiston, Idaho, April 13.—Al Sommers, Portland middleweight, has been matched to box Harry Gillum in a 12 round bout next Monday.

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Jack Johnson, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, extending his hand across the American-Mexican border line to greet Billy Silver, deputy sheriff of Imperial county, California, former manager of Stanley Ketchel. Standing where he is Johnson is as free as the air, but one step more and he would be placed under arrest for alleged violation of the Mann act and ball jumping. This is the nearest Johnson has come to the U. S. in eight years.

WASHINGTON RELAY CARNIVAL OPEN TO PACIFIC COASTERS

U. S. C., Montana and Wesleyan College of Butte May Enter in Sundoggers' Event.

Grays Want to Meet Regina. Manager William Ferguson is claiming the first no-hit, no-run game of the 1920 season among the semi-pro teams of Portland for his Peninsula Grays.

Gould Retains Net Title. New York, April 13.—(U. P.)—Jay Gould retained his title as world's clay court tennis champion yesterday when he defeated C. Soydam Cutting in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0, 6-1.

Due to the fact that in the first place the invited colleges and universities were promised certain proportions of the total gate receipts, it was impossible to provide for better financial arrangements for the three latter institutions, but some other plan may be worked out for future carnivals.

The program will be fast and snappy, according to the schedule outlined by Coach Edmundson, who says that the first event will start promptly at 2:30 o'clock, and the final is set for 4:10 o'clock, with an intermission.

Brinker to Coach at U. of W. Seattle, April 13.—"Dode" Brinker, former Northwestern league player, has been named to coach the 1920 freshmen baseball team according to an announcement made by Head Coach "Stub" Allison.

Ladd-Couch Game Called Off. The Ladd and Couch schools attempted to play their game of Section 4 (west side) of the Portland Grammar School league Monday afternoon but at the end of the first half of the fourth inning Umpire Vernon McGill was forced to call a halt in the proceedings because of the heavy rain.

Hermiston Beats Echo. Hermiston, April 13.—The opening ball game of the season here Sunday resulted in a 1-0 victory for Hermiston over Echo. In the last half of the ninth, after two men were retired, with two men on bases, Gunn sent out a long fly to center, which Stanfield, the Echo fielder, missed and let in the winning runs.

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G. Francis to Referee Ring Bouts Friday

Dalton Replaces Schumann on Portland Commission Card; Leonard to Box Dundee.

GROVER FRANCIS, former Williamette university and Multnomah Amateur Athletic club football star, has been appointed referee of the Portland boxing commission Friday night in the Army.

Francis was formerly an amateur boxer, and while in the service refereed a number of contests at an Eastern army camp and also officiated as the third man in the ring overseas.

One change has been announced in the card. Steve Dalton, the San Francisco welterweight, replacing Heinie Schumann in the semi-windup against Stanley Willis.

Shannon will start work today for his contest with Ever Hammer. He arrived Monday morning from Seattle and did not feel disposed to don his pads Monday afternoon.

Johnny Erle, accompanied by his manager, Grover Nissen, passed through Portland Monday en route to Seattle, where he will battle Billy Mascott in the main event of the Northwest Athletic club smoker Wednesday night.

Benny Leonard, world's lightweight champion, and Johnny Dundee will meet in a 16-round contest under the auspices of the Portland boxing commission during the Shriner's convention in June.

Hammer will arrive this evening and will start to put on the finishing touches in his training Wednesday morning.

Corporal Raymond B. Powers of Lents and attached to the marine corps recruiting station in the Panama building during the past year left last night for the marine rifle range at marine barracks, Mare Island, California, to participate in the western division rifle competition at that place.

While the western division rifle competition will practically be only representative from the west coast, it is believed the highest scores will have an opportunity to try out for the national rifle team, which will represent the United States at the Olympic meet in Europe.

Lents Boy to Enter Marine Rifle Shoot

DOPE ON THE BEAVERS. The week's record of the teams: Team A. E. Oakland 327 38 63 277 192 84 10 Los Angeles 247 28 63 255 195 104 9

year, with Portland, his mark was 972 in 149 games. He has had one trial in the majors, being tried out with the Detroit Americans in 1911, after a very successful season with Wichita in the Western League.

His lowest batting figure in 12 years was .245, the year following his injury. YES, HE'S MARRIED. Tex is a married man and makes his home in San Antonio during the off season. He is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 165 pounds.

His batting and fielding marks: Year Team Games Batting Fielding 1908 San Antonio 28 .301 .897 1909 St. Louis 125 .296 .901 1910 Wichita 165 .305 .919 1911 St. Joe-Wichita 100 .245 .915 1912 St. Louis 169 .305 .924 1914 Brooklyn E. 149 .253 .936 1915 Chi. 92 .269 .955 1916 San Antonio 150 .305 .948 1917 Copper League 82 .259 .932 1918 Vernon 90 .272 .927 1919 Portland 149 .271 .922

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Art Koehler's Stick Aids Beaver Squad In Opening Battles

Portland Catcher Drives in Eight Runs in First Week at Salt Lake; Mackmen Offensive Is Surprise; Oakland Shows Strength Against Angels; Two Shutouts Hurlled by Ex-Portlanders.

OUR little Beavers got away in great style in the opening week of the 1920 Pacific Coast league season, grabbing four of the five games played against the strong Salt Lake team, but the most amazing part of the surprise was the hitting of Art Koehler, Boss Walter's big second-string catcher.

Following Koehler in runs driven in is "Suds" Sutherland, who had a perfect day at bat in his first game, driving in four runs with his four bingles. Kingdon and Spranger made the few bingles they made during the week count, each putting three runs over, Maisel and Cox each drove in two runs.

The offensive strength of the Beavers was a big surprise. During the five games, they landed out a total of 58 hits, for an average of .324, while the Bees' average was .253.

The totals give the beavers a big margin on the offensive, averaging a run on every two hits, while the Bees were decidedly better on the defensive, making but seven boos. The Beavers made nearly twice the amount with the Bees, and used the old army game often.

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Seattle Puck Chasers' Boss Here on Visit

Muldoon Says Injuries Hurt His Team's Chances in Final Game With Ottawa Club.

AFTER having all their expenses paid both ways between Seattle and Ottawa, Canada, and a nice "vacation," each Seattle ice hockey player had the neat sum of \$239 placed in his pocket-book as a result of the world's championship series in Eastern Canada.

The Ottawa aggregation won six goals to one, but Muldoon says it does not do justice to the stand put up by the Pacific coast titelholders.

The players only figured in the first three games when it came to getting a "cut" of the proceeds, but capacity houses featured each performance.

When the last game of the Pacific coast schedule came around it found the three teams so bunched that a victory for Victoria, which was in third place, would tie up the circuit.

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