

Manager Walter McCredie Is Perplexed Over Inability of Team to Win on Home Lot

Beavers Play Like Champions on Road; Losers on Home Lot

Failure of Team to Display Road Form at Home Causing McCredie Some Worry; Harry Williams, Los Angeles Expert, Boosts Portland Squad; Nineteen Victories in Games Abroad.

By George Bertz

INABILITY of the Beavers to win on their home grounds is causing Manager Walter McCredie considerable apprehension. In fact, he is more harassed over their failure to finish on the long end of the count than when he was in danger of losing the prize beauty of the "R. L. R." collection.

On the road, the Beavers appear as the champions of the league. At home the pitchers fail to live up to their reputations, the batters fail to hit in the pinches and everything in general goes wrong.

"I can't understand it," said Mac to the writer the other day. "On the road we play wonderful ball. We get the pitching, the hitting and the fielding. At home we seem helpless. It's got me worrying, but if we ever get started at home, watch out for the Beavers."

"I am on the outlook for players to strengthen my team. Every minor league manager is doing the same, while the majors are hanging onto every possible prospect, which makes it difficult for the 'A's' to get help. Kingdon's failure to hit has hurt us in numerous games. Time after time Koehler and Cox have been on the bags, but Kingdon cannot seem to connect with any degree of consistency."

"Take our last road trip. We skinned Seattle six straight and took the series from Los Angeles, and then were out-lucked in the series against San Francisco. We'll get a-going soon."

Former Beaver Hurler Has New 'Freaky' Curve

Has fresh pitching been eliminated by the new rule? According to Allan Sotherton of the St. Louis Browns, is the capital new for a series with the Nationals. It has not. He says the pitchers will continue to get away with many fluffs.

"After the ball is once hit with the bat it leaves a mark on the smooth cover, and this one little mark will enable the pitchers to see this spot in throwing a ball that mysteriously comes up so that the batters are sure to be floating up to them. Pitchers like Cleotis, Eiler and myself and others will be able to throw the so-called 'freaky' curve."

Here's what Harry Williams, one of the best baseball writers on the Pacific Coast, in a special article to the St. Louis Sporting News, thinks of the Mackmen:

"Possibly the Beavers also took exception to our unkind though well-meant remarks in a recent issue and wrought vicarious revenge of the Angels. Anyway, the Portland team, in its series here, played in a way no discredit the rumors that McCredie had fired his last shot in 1914 and never would be able to repeat. This was the first time the Beavers have lost here this season, but they will be forever remembered by this visit, should they ever come back."

There still floats before our numbed senses a nightmare of sacrifices and hits-and-runs mixed up in baffling fashion, and gray-garbed athletes galloping hither and yon in great profusion. For be it known that Portland has the speed to put on either of these plays with the best of them, and their team which gives it a varied attack by no means easy to combat.

CLUB IS FASTER

"This team, so bitterly scorned in the spring, has become—for the nonce, at least—the sensation of the season. When the Beavers were training, nobody could see them even with the aid of the Mount Wilson world's champion telescope, except the Portland scribes, who evinced their customary loyalty to the home crew by saying nothing derogatory concerning them. Not only has McCredie developed or improved some youngsters, but most of his other men are playing better ball than they have ever shown before, at least as far as this circuit is concerned."

The club looks several seconds faster than any which has showed here this season. It also displayed a sharp attack, varied in the manner outlined, and an array of fairly dependable pitching, while Koehler caught championship ball. This includes about everything needed on a winning club. Should the Beavers hold up, McCredie's club should remain in the race, although it sometimes gives out the impression, almost indefinable, or lacking in weight to carry it to championship. This impression, though, may be but the lingering shadow of past Portland campaigns, which looked good but lacked the punch when it came to the test.

PLAYS GREAT GAME

"Sailor Cox, out in right field, heretofore a crude performer, seems to have arrived, and carries a howitzer inside his throwing sleeve. George Maines, in center, is almost a ball team in himself, and Ruff Schaller has come back with a bang. The infield is spiffy and decidedly strengthened by the addition of Paddy Siglin. In Wes Kingdon, barely out of high school, McCredie has a veritable ball hawk at short. If this kid proves that he can hit the weight of his work shoes, nothing short of a court injunction can keep him from going to the majors—not necessarily next year, but ultimately. In the game of May 13 Kingdon put on the two greatest plays ever seen at Washington park, which is a strong statement in view of the fact that Peckinpaugh, Sanerotti, Terry and Holloher all have passed in review there. The kid is a wit at going to either side or back. I am not so sure of him on the slow rollers, as he didn't have much coming in to do here."

Weather conditions were ideal for the races. The races were conducted over a three-quarter mile course. H. G. Chickering, president of the club, was starter. Percy Stowell, clerk of the course, and Tom Ruff and F. R. Newell, judges at the finish. Gold medals will be presented to winners at the annual regatta ball next Thursday night. The next regatta will be in St. Helena, July 5. The men will start training at once under Captain Newell for the regatta, which will be held in St. Helena, July 16 and 17. The regatta is expected in a few days. Newell says he has considerable good material on hand and intends to make a good showing up north.

The results are: novice singles, A. W. Lingas, first; R. C. Young, second. Junior doubles, Chas. Ed. Glos, trophy also given to winner of this event, Jack McDonald, first; Lewis Mills second. Light fours under 140 pounds: James C. Brown, bow; W. W. Beveridge, second; C. E. Niedermier, third; D. G. Cooper, stroke. Heavy fours: (first crew), A. A. Allen, bow; Dittson, stroke; H. H. Hovey, third; A. S. Stephens, second crew; Jack McDonald, bow; S. Stone, second; Ted Holmes, third; Clyde Spooner, stroke. Double shell, Lewis Miller and George Gora. Single canoe, Collie Wheeler. Double canoe, Ed Humphrey and Collie Wheeler. Four-paddle canoe (first crew), W. Buckler, O. Miller, W. Hamlin, E. Oliver; (second crew), Collie Wheeler, Ed Humphrey, Lawrence Edwards, Dave Cooper. Mixed double canoe (first crew), Miss Beesie, James Heavely; (second crew), Collie Wheeler and Miss Marian Spoor.

Comrade Whitman Ball Captain

Walla Walla, Wash., June 5.—Ben Comrade, star athlete at Whitman college for two years prior to the opening of the war and a prominent member of the Ballard Motors, Seattle Amateur Athletic club, has been chosen to captain the Missionaries this season, led his team in batting this year with an average of .778 and was one of the fastest outfielders. Portland's had also a star football and basketball player.

TEAM STANDINGS

Pacific Coast League	W. L. Pct.
San Francisco	27 21 .625
Portland	26 22 .542
Salt Lake	25 24 .510
Seattle	24 25 .489
Los Angeles	23 26 .468
San Diego	22 27 .447
San Jose	21 28 .426
San Bernardino	20 29 .405
San Luis	19 30 .384
San Marcos	18 31 .363
San Juan	17 32 .342
San Clemente	16 33 .321
San Juanito	15 34 .300
San Gabriel	14 35 .279
San Dimas	13 36 .258
San Jacinto	12 37 .237
San Felipe	11 38 .216
San Antonio	10 39 .195
San Marcos	9 40 .174
San Juan	8 41 .153
San Clemente	7 42 .132
San Juanito	6 43 .111
San Gabriel	5 44 .090
San Dimas	4 45 .069
San Jacinto	3 46 .048
San Felipe	2 47 .027
San Antonio	1 48 .006
San Marcos	0 49 .000

Portland's record: 26 wins, 22 losses, .542.

Seattle's record: 24 wins, 25 losses, .489.

Los Angeles' record: 23 wins, 26 losses, .468.

San Diego's record: 22 wins, 27 losses, .447.

San Jose's record: 21 wins, 28 losses, .426.

San Bernardino's record: 20 wins, 29 losses, .405.

San Luis's record: 19 wins, 30 losses, .384.

San Marcos's record: 18 wins, 31 losses, .363.

San Juan's record: 17 wins, 32 losses, .342.

San Clemente's record: 16 wins, 33 losses, .321.

San Juanito's record: 15 wins, 34 losses, .300.

San Gabriel's record: 14 wins, 35 losses, .279.

San Dimas's record: 13 wins, 36 losses, .258.

San Jacinto's record: 12 wins, 37 losses, .237.

San Felipe's record: 11 wins, 38 losses, .216.

San Antonio's record: 10 wins, 39 losses, .195.

San Marcos's record: 9 wins, 40 losses, .174.

San Juan's record: 8 wins, 41 losses, .153.

San Clemente's record: 7 wins, 42 losses, .132.

San Juanito's record: 6 wins, 43 losses, .111.

San Gabriel's record: 5 wins, 44 losses, .090.

San Dimas's record: 4 wins, 45 losses