

# Portland Baseball Club No Stronger Now Than It Was at the Opening of 1920 Season

## Beaver Team Needs Help On the Mound

By George Berts.

FIVE months ago at the Beaver training camp in Ontario, Cal., Manager McCredie started to put the finishing touches on his 1920 lineup.

At that time, he was counting upon the delivery of Bert Ellison of the Detroit Tigers to fill up the gap in his infield, but what he needed most of all was a couple of consistent pitchers and a hard-hitting outfielder.

The Tigers could not get waivers on Ellison so they sent Paddy Siglin back to the Mackmen, but today, after the Coast league clubs have rounded the half-way mark in the pennant race, the Beavers are still shy two consistent hurlers and an outfielder.

**TIGERS HELP OTHERS**  
The Detroit Tigers were depended upon to give the Mackmen a couple of pitchers. They delivered on twirler, Bert Glatzer, but he lacks the class necessary to be a consistent winner in the Coast League.

Navin has helped out other Coast league clubs more than he has the Beavers, because he is looking forward to protecting his own interests. He sent "Slim" Love to the Seals in exchange for an option on the club and at the same time, the sensational infielder of the Seals will go up next spring. He sent pitcher Allen to the Oaks, along with a little chance of strengthening the club at this stage of the race to make it a contender for a one-two-three berth in the pennant race.

The Beavers have had their share of hard luck. Just at the time when Ted Baker and Art Koshler were going at a great clip, they were forced out of the line-up, the former being sick and the latter suffering an injury to his knee.

Dissatisfied players have hurt the Beavers also. Frank Juney took the powers first and then "Lefty" Schroeder followed and next Dick Cox hopped the traces. Mac started to get rid of the culls when he sold Jones to Sacramento, Golf came to the Meridies purse in exchange of golf, when it was thought that Mac should have tried to trade Jones for an outfielder of some player who would have helped the team along.

Kansas City and Columbus wanted Jones, but Mac thought the Missouri was due for a great year. He was of little value to the club.

**PITCHERS ARE NEEDED**  
What the club needs now most of all is a couple of good pitchers and a little hitting strength below the middle of its batting order. Last week at Salt Lake, the Beavers collected 34 hits, receiving 34 bases on balls and in addition had several men reach first base on errors and by being hit by pitched balls yet they scored but 33 runs, while the Bees put over 57 runs on ten more hits and about an equal number of walks.

The reason for the greater run getting ability of the Bees was that they had greater batting strength in the tail end of their batting order than the Beavers and that the hurlers performed more consistently in the pinches.

The other Coast league clubs seem to be strengthening by purchasing players. Take the Oak club for instance. Del Howard has made change after change in his line-up this season by going out after players, while the local magnates sit back and do the waiting while waiting for their youngsters to develop.

**TIME TO WAKE UP**  
The McCredies would profit more if they would go out and purchase some players who have developed baseball baseball brains and arm and the youngsters for development instead of carrying along a string of inexperienced players and hoping to battle the experienced clubs for a league pennant.

If the Mackmen had a winning team this year they would make barrels of money. Despite their position in the race, they are drawing great crowds on the road, while at home the attendance has been nothing to speak of.

The fans are growing restless because no great effort, as far as they know, has been made to strengthen the team. It's about time that something was done to strengthen the Beaver team.

**Endurance Race Starts Tonight**  
Twelve skaters will start in the six-day endurance race to be held on the Oaks roller rink with the finish slated for Saturday night. The racers will battle for 15 minutes each evening this week. The following already have entered: Percy Cable, Los Angeles; George Fletcher, Salem; Leon Slater, Jess Little, Benie Younger, Fred Lamare, Clair Lamare, all of Portland; G. F. Feltstein, San Francisco; Charles Friedel, Oakland; Jack Clark, Vancouver; and Victor Lechner, Salem. Al Conner will be the judge of the race.

**Ryan Will Coach Georges**  
When Georges Carpentier meets Battling Levinsky, the heavy weight titleholder, on October 10, Tommy Ryan, a former world's middleweight champion, will be in Carpentier's corner. Announcement has been made that Jack Curley, American manager, and Francis Deschamps, French manager of Georges, had decided on Ryan to help get the great French boxer into condition.

**Westward in Northwest**  
Seattle, Wash., July 29.—(U. P.)—"Pathfinder" S. L. Westward of the American Automobile association was scheduled to today from Washington, D. C., to spend several days in this locality campaigning for a national park-to-park highway. His party, including five other officials of the association, were to be met at the Cascade divide by a committee from Seattle.

**Each Holds a Title**  
Each of the American Davis cup tennis team hold a British title. National title holder William Johnston won the London, singles championship. Tilden beat Patterson, the Australian, in the all-comers at Wimbledon, where Williams and Garland annexed the doubles honors.

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## First Was a Record Second, a Home Run

By Babe Ruth

NEW YORK, July 26.—Now that it is all over, I feel more nervous than I have during the season. Really, when you come right down to brass tacks, saying you're going to do a thing isn't really doing it, and I can confess now that there were times, at the start of the season, when it looked like a pretty big task to break the 29 home run record of 1919.

As the season wore on, however, and I met with no accidents to put me out of the game, and moreover didn't lose my eye or my arm—I don't know which is more responsible—I became more confident.

Yesterday, I smashed the record, of course, and it is particularly gratifying that I smashed it good and plenty. I was more nervous over the thirtieth home run than I was over the thirty-first. The first was a record breaker, the second was just a home run—that's all.

I must say that these pitchers are playing the game like good sports. I have been passed a few times, to be sure, but you can't always blame a pitcher for that. There is a vast difference between passing a hitter so that he won't send home winners and passing a hitter intentionally just to keep down his batting record. The first is just good baseball tactics. The second is nothing but a mean game.

Well, you can't accuse Kerr of failing to treat me pretty decently.

**PRO. GOLFERS TO REVAMP ZONES AT ANNUAL MEETING**

NEW YORK, July 29.—One of the most important questions that will be brought before the members of the Professional Golfers' association during the tournament for the Rodman Wanamaker prize over the Flossmoor Country club links in August is the rearrangement of the various sections. Many find it impossible to take part in the championship qualifying rounds because of the long distances they have to travel under the present arrangement, and the officials realize that something will have to be done, though just what will be suggested no one knows.

At present the United States is divided into seven sections—Metropolitan, Middle States, New England, Southeastern, Central, North and Southwestern, North and South Pacific section.

Under this arrangement golfers from clubs in Georgia and thereabouts have to travel 34 hours to qualify, and professionals from Ohio have to go to Chicago for their testing route.

Twelve men will qualify at Richmond County and Fox Hills simultaneously in the Metropolitan section on July 15. Conditions call for 35 holes, 18 over each course, and special money awards will be provided for professionals who travel 75 miles or more.

That the solution of the problem lies in some such provision as that to have extra prizes for those outside a certain radius. Nine men will qualify from the Middle States section, two from the New England district, four from the Southeastern states, two from the Central section, one from the North and Southwestern section, and two from the Coast.

**Major LEAGUES**

**American**  
First game—At New York: R. H. E. Boston..... 000 000 000—3 13 1  
New York..... 040 020 002—5 13 1  
Batteries—Wilkinson and Schalk; Shaver and Rupp.

Second game—At New York: R. H. E. Chicago..... 010 000 040—3 11 0  
New York..... 000 001 011—2 9 4  
Batteries—Kerr and Schalk; Thormahlen and Hannah.

At Philadelphia: R. H. E. Philadelphia..... 300 010 000—3 14 2  
Philadelphia..... 000 153 003—3 14 2  
Batteries—Welman, Sotheron and Severell; Keef, Fennell and Perkins.

First game—At Boston: R. H. E. Cleveland..... 100 151 004—10 16 1  
Boston..... 200 001 200—8 11 1  
Batteries—Coveleskie and O'Neill; Bush and Schang.

Second game—At Boston: R. H. E. Cleveland..... 000 300 100 0—12 12 1  
Boston..... 100 010 011 0—6 15 5  
Batteries—Tille and O'Neill; Pennock and Wallers.

At Washington: Detroit-Washington game postponed.

**National**  
At Cincinnati: R. H. E. Cincinnati..... 000 013 000—4 10 0  
Cincinnati..... 101 101 001—4 12 0  
Batteries—Pfeffer, Mammaux and Reuhl; Elliott, Kreuger, Miller and Win-go.

At Chicago: R. H. E. Boston..... 000 000 000—0 0 0  
Chicago..... 003 001 100—1 0 2  
Batteries—Rudolph and Gowdy; Vaughn and Daly.

At St. Louis (12 innings): R. H. E. Philadelphia..... 000 000 000 0—0 0 0  
St. Louis..... 000 000 020 001—3 14 0  
Batteries—Hubbell and Wheat; Sher-dell and Clemens.

At Pittsburg-Pittsburg-New York game postponed; rain.

**SPORT NOTES**

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## Ruth Breaks Record With Two Homers

NEW YORK, July 26.—Smashing out his thirtieth and thirty-first home runs at the Polo grounds here Monday afternoon, Babe Ruth established a new world's record for a season's home runs in a major league. Last season he established a record with 29, made in a season of 140 games, during which time he played only part of the time as an outfielder for the Boston American league club.

Babe Ruth was sold last winter by the Red Sox to the Yankees for a price believed to be \$125,000, and has been in the game actively as an outfielder since the season opened, with the exception of a few games he missed because of an injury to his back.

**HOLDS FIFTH PLACE**  
In addition to his marvelous record as a home run hitter, Babe stands fifth in the list of American league hitters, with an average of more than .380; leads the league in the number of runs driven in and in runs scored, and has performed once on the pitching mound for the Yankees, winning a game when the rest of the pitching staff was crippled.

He also has played part of a game at first base, replacing Willie Rupp when the regular was ordered to the clubhouse for protesting an umpire's decision. He played with right and left hands with great success, and in the short space of a few months has developed into a brilliant outfielder and one of the best base runners of his club.

**HITS THE BIG ONES**  
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## Baseball

FOREST PARK'S playground ball team broke into the win column with a bang Monday night when the North Park representatives went down to 19 Beasman Perry Warden of Minneapolis dashed out 45 in the season of 1919, but, of course, this was in a minor league. Ruth's record is generally accepted as a world's record, since it was made under major league conditions.

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## Meredith Praises Olympic Squad Coaching Crew Has Hard Task

By James E. (Ted) Meredith

NEW YORK, July 30.—The American Olympic committee, in picking the 1920 Olympiad squad, had one of the toughest jobs that ever was put before a similar body.

In spite of it being a hard task, it was done so well that I do not think that any section of the country or club will have a justified kick on any of their men not being placed on the team.

Prior to any tryouts, in fact, when it was first chosen, this committee announced that they would pick the team through a series of meets, each acting as an elimination contest for the one big trial, which was staged in Boston last Saturday.

This looked easy but it proved to be the opposite, due to the fact that the final trial also was a national championship, thus giving every contestant athlete in the country a chance to compete. The trials that were held in the different sections of the country did not prove anything at all so that the committee had to do all the choosing at Boston.

**TASK WELL PERFORMED**  
In former years the team was a much larger body and where there was a bunch of good men they could take them in each event, of which only four are to compete in Antwerp. It was a much harder proposition. I feel, however, that the committee could not have made a better selection than they have announced and do not see how any claim can be made that the men selected are not the best in those events.

In some cases the committee could not stick strictly to the results of the events as run off on Saturday in Boston, but had to use their judgment rather than the showing made. This was the case in the quarter mile when they picked Jake Driscoll, of the Boston A. A. This runner has been doing excellent work all spring. In the Philadelphia meet he won the quarter in fast time and on Friday in the preliminary heat at Boston he turned in the Olympic stadium, Stockholm, in Gothenburg and Vasteras.

**To Play Baseball, Too**  
The 18 native American soccer players on the way to Scandinavian country, where they will engage in exhibition games against eleven of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, will also play a series of baseball games against Sweden, without much trouble. Captain Frederick R. Newell was highly elated over the showing made by his athletes during the regatta.

**Angels Win Exhibition Game**  
Los Angeles, July 30.—In a benefit game for orphans, in which Frank Chance and Mike Donlin participated, the Los Angeles club defeated Vernon Monday, 7 to 3.

## TEAM STANDINGS

| Pacific Coast League | W. | L. | Pct. |
|----------------------|----|----|------|
| Salt Lake            | 22 | 41 | .350 |
| Yarnon               | 22 | 40 | .353 |
| Los Angeles          | 17 | 34 | .333 |
| San Francisco        | 20 | 31 | .390 |

| National League | W. | L. | Pct. |
|-----------------|----|----|------|
| Brooklyn        | 21 | 35 | .375 |
| Cincinnati      | 20 | 34 | .366 |
| Pittsburg       | 20 | 30 | .400 |
| St. Louis       | 22 | 42 | .344 |

| American League | W. | L. | Pct. |
|-----------------|----|----|------|
| Cleveland       | 27 | 28 | .491 |
| N. York         | 21 | 24 | .464 |
| Chicago         | 21 | 23 | .479 |
| St. Louis       | 21 | 28 | .429 |

## VICTORIOUS P. R. C. CREW RETURNS TO PORTLAND WITH CUP

REPRESENTATIVES of the Portland Rowing club returned to Portland Monday after having captured the blue ribbon event of the annual regatta of the North Pacific association of Amateur Rowmen held on the Shawanigan lake course near Victoria, B. C., last Friday and Saturday.

Six years ago the Portland Rowing club won the beautiful trophy valued at \$1000 and while the war was on no regattas were held. The same cup was up again for competition and the Portland club, by winning the senior four event brought with 10 days of boat riding and a different climate and turn them loose on the track in the pink of condition.

The country has the good fortune to have the best in the coaching game handling the men and if they do not have all the boys doing as well as ever in Antwerp it will be surprise to me.

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## Pitchers of Wet One May Get Chance

By Sid Mercer  
NEW YORK, July 30.—The new baseball rules have now received a thorough trial, and it is safe to predict that a few of them will be tossed in the ashcan next winter. The American league has already returned to the old system of judging hits over outfield barriers fair or foul according to where the ball is last seen by the umpire. The intentional pass regulations are not being enforced and a strong reaction has set in against the proposed elimination of "spitball" pitchers from the major leagues.

The "spitball" like old John Barleycorn, will die a natural death if allotted a reasonable time to expire. The minor leagues are not developing this type of pitchers any more because the "spitball" is forbidden in most of these organizations, and young pitchers know they have no future in the major leagues if they stick to freak deliveries.

There is a growing sentiment among big league club owners, however, against casting out all "spitball" pitchers next season. Every American League club has at least one of these pitchers and the National league harbors several. The elimination of all these pitchers in one season is therefore considered an unnecessary sacrifice of property rights.

Strict enforcement of the rules against "spitball" pitchers and the "doctoring" of baseballs have hampered pitchers to such an extent that batters are the featured performers this season. Even the arrival of hot weather has not appreciably decreased the hitting or improved the pitching. It is actually a relief to see a "spitballer" bob up now and then to curb the wielders of mighty maces.

A majority of the "certified spitballers" now toiling in the major leagues are veterans who developed the delivery to hang on in fast company. At the most they have only a few seasons to go. It seems unfair to suddenly deprive them of their means of livelihood. For these reasons a majority of the club owners should vote to retain them as long as they can hold the pace.



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## The Dentist and the Doctor

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Good teeth are necessary to good health, but you cannot have good teeth unless you occasionally visit a good dentist and have them cared for. Practically nobody's teeth are so perfect that they do not need professional attention now and then.

You are invited to have your teeth examined free by Registered Dentists using the E. R. PARKER SYSTEM. It ought to be worth a good deal to you to get the advice of these experienced men. If you are not in good health, the trouble may all come from your teeth, and you should lose no time in finding it out.

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