Classy Aggregation of Players to Represent Portland in the Coast League Pennant Race

Fans Taking Big Interest In Baseball

By George Bertz

"HAVE we got a good ball club?" "Is the pitching staff a winner?" "What about Jim Thorpe?"

These are only a few of the questions that were bombarded at the writer upon his arrival from the Portland Beaver training camp at Pasadena. Baseball talk appeared to be rife on the streets and the fans have a right to do a whole lot of chatting, for it certainly appears as if the new owners of the local club have banded together an aggregation of players who will be up in the 1922 Coast league pennant race.

ROUNDING INTO SHAPE

The team was just beginning to round into form when the writer departed. The infielders were beginning to hop the ball around in the morning practice session, which followed the long batting sessions each morning.

Jim Poole, the Beaver first sacker, and the only holdover of last year's infield, appears to have gained a lot of confidence in his ability and it has been predicted on all sides that the big fellow will have a wonderful season. Kenworthy, down to weight as the result of using a heavy rubber coat in the morning practices, appears to be ready to start.

The new combination on the left side of the diamond is going to be a winner. In the past several years, Portland has started with weak shortstops, but in McCann, "Duke" Kenworthy has a steady player, who plays the ball in front of him all the time and is just like a rubber ball bouncing around the sportfield. Sargent's arm gave him a little trouble last week, but a message from Kenworthy states that it is rounding into good shape again.

OUTFIELDERS STRONG

The outfield is going to be strong, although Jim Thorpe's arm is giving him some trouble. Otherwise, the Indian is ready for the bell. Thorpe will have to fight for a regular position, as this fellow Gressett is a regular ball hawk and appears to be a natural slugger. High, in centerfield, is a good hitter, but his fielding is not quite up to the standard of his brother Hughie, who is with Vernon. High may overcome this fault, however, as soon as the season starts. Dick Cox is playing better ball this year and is hitting with much more power. Wolfer is still battling for a place in the outfield, but it's going to be a tough job for like to break into the regular line-up.

Sammy Hale is just getting to be himself again. He has been under the weather for a week.

HURLERS LOOK GOOD

The pitching staff appears to be just as good as that of any other Coast club. None of the other teams have added pitchers of the calibre, which they sold or traded at the close of last season. Middleton, Sutherland and Leverenz are likely to be depended upon at the start of the season, although Blemiller and Freeman are wonderful prospects. Both have had considerable experience and ought to go with a hitting club like the Beavers behind them. Sam Ross is rounding to in good form as is Crumpler, who is working like a trojan, to overcome his only pitching fault. Crumpler has more stuff than any southpaw in camp, but he will have to correct his style in pitching before he will become real effective.

This week will see the pitchers start to burn 'em across in batting practice.

With Elliott in wonderful shape the catching department will be taken care of in good order. "Rip" King appears to be overcoming his main batting fault and if he continues to improve as he did during the fourth week of the camp he will be catching his share of games. King needs a lot of work and he's a willing fellow. He is out to show McCredie that he can cut the mustard this season. Kilhullen, the new catcher, is not a strong hitter, but is a smart catcher.

All in all, it looks like Portland is going to stage a come-back in baseball this year.

BYLER SEEKING CHANGE

If Frank Bruggy does not report to the Beavers this year he will be out this season at least. It would not be surprising that if King and Kilhullen fail to help Elliott to any great extent that Portland propose a trade to Salt Lake for "Butch" Byler, who is regarded as a smart catcher. Byler is dissatisfied with conditions at Salt Lake and wants to get away from the Bees.

HANDS ON TWIRLER

President Klepper of the Beavers told me Sunday night that in case the pitching staff does not hold up its end as it should he has his strings on a class AA pitcher for the club. It can be said that the new owners are doing everything in their power to put Portland back in the first division in the Coast league.

Solons Beaten Again

Sacramento, March 27.—(I. N. S.)—Although the Senators lost three straight games to the Colored All-Stars, their showing in nowise affected the aplomb of Colonel Pick. "We got what we wanted," he said. "It was real baseball and the team stacks up much better as a result of the contests." Score:

	R.	H.	E.
All-Stars	2	9	2
Sacramento	1	6	1

Batteries—Taylor and Pullen; Penner, Niehaus and Stanage, Cook.

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Beaver Club Has Strong Quartet Of Grid Players

Portland Training Camp, Pasadena, Cal., March 27.—Should Portland decide to play professional football, there's a quartet of players on the team who could step out and do a little line smashing.

Heading the bunch is Jim Thorpe, the greatest Indian athlete ever developed. Following on his heels is "Rip" King, who played professional football with the University of Virginia, and later with the Akron professional squad. Coach Tom Turner is also an ex-football player, and Merle Wolfer used to star with the Jefferson high school team of Portland several years ago.

With Thorpe as coach, there are a few others on the club who ought to be able to pick up the rudiments of the game in a few weeks' practice. The muscles developed in football playing, however, are not good for a baseball player; so there is no danger of a team being formed in Portland as yet.

Jim Corbett Recalls Fight 30 Years Ago

By Bob Swayze

SEPTEMBER 7, 1892, New Orleans, met March 26, 1922, Portland, at the Orpheum Sunday afternoon. Jim Corbett, perhaps the world's greatest boxer, unfolded the years. He literally transported the writer back to a ringside of the Crescent City, when the great John L. Sullivan went down to glorious defeat. The great scene was reenacted so realistically that it seemed a vivid memory of yesterday, instead of one of 30 years ago.

The throng, one of the most magnificent gatherings of its kind on record, was fearful for the long, lank youth who had dared to challenge the undisputed superiority of the mighty John L. When they shook hands and came to the first clinch, sighs resounded through the big amphitheatre. "Ah," they said, "he'll surely kill the boy."

But the boy danced away with his inevitable smile. For three rounds there was sighing from the tenderhearted, followed by rejoicing when the boy smiled and danced away, unharmed, confident, feeling that within his grasp was the heavyweight title of all the world.

OLD CHAMPION INFURIATED

Suddenly the atmosphere changed. The boy was no longer on the defensive. He had become an infuriated weapon of attack. He began to slash with uppercuts, hooks and jabs that the fierce Sullivan had never before known. When the fourth round ended the crowd's sympathy had switched; they were feeling sorry for the redoubtable and hitherto unconquerable John L. No one had ever treated him in this way. He was a pitiful sight as he stumbled to his corner, dazed, nonplussed, feeling that fate had doublecrossed him by concocting a pugilistic enigma too profound for his supposed invincibility.

That pompadoured boy, with the tantalizing smile and the uncanny hands and the lightning-like feet, was a nondescript modern miracle which could be felt, but could not be reached. Those big gloves—strangers on Sullivan's hands—were also in the plot to dethrone a king. Why couldn't he hit with them accurately? The boy had no trouble with them; when he turned one loose, it went home like electricity. Perhaps he was a dynamo of some unexplained kind. His energy knew no bounds; he was here, he was there, he was everywhere, and when one least expected him, he would bob up from some dumbfounding source and mutilate with those cruel, gloved hands.

CROWNED PUGILISTIC KING

For one hour and 24 minutes, or 21 rounds, the cruelty continued. There was a fusillade of blows and the mighty John L. collapsed, not knocked unconscious, but battered to a pulp, too weak to arise, struggle as he might.

The pompadoured bank clerk of San Francisco, scorned and belittled a few hours before, was crowned on the pugilistic throne, and a few wise ones who had glimpsed his prowess in training quarters had cashed in at three and in some cases five to one. My father was among them to the tune of something like $5000. As I talked to Corbett Sunday, I could almost feel my parent nudging me in the ribs when Sullivan went down. He was almost sorry he had won, so much of an idol had Sullivan been.

Corbett is no longer breaking noses or blackening eyes; he is punching the public's risibility. He and Billy Van, the famous comedian, are teaming on the Orpheum circuit.

"Gentleman Jim" doesn't look much older than he did at New Orleans 30 years ago, and his weight is just the same. The snow man has missed his head and the crow hasn't yet sprawled telltale feet under his eyes. He is as agile and lithe as a young panther, and if it wasn't for his 55 years, one would wonder why he doesn't step in the ring again and see how he would compare with present day boxers. It is beyond doubt that he could, today, if he chose, tease Jack Dempsey for a few rounds.

However, Corbett doesn't box these days, he says. The footlights are taking all his attention. He believes he can act as well as he could box in the long ago. Apparently the audience shares this belief, for it gives Corbett a great hand. Corbett was especially radiant Sunday, because he had just received a wire from the Olympic club at San Francisco, of which he is still a member and where he learned how to box and where he was once boxing instructor, telling him to make no other engagements for his San Francisco stay, because the club had arranged to make him its honor guest that week.

Corbett indulged me in a long chat, and in the next few days I intend to write a series of stories in which he reviews great battles of the past and compares present boxers with these he met in his prime. He told me some things that I never have seen in print.

Cubs Trim Angel Crew

Los Angeles, March 27.—(I. N. S.)—Manager Wade Killefer of the Angels was pleased today over the showing of his aggregation yesterday against the Chicago Cubs, despite their 6 to 2 defeat. Alexander the Great was too intricate a puzzle for the locals, though they had him in a hole several times. Five rookies were given their release today by Pilot Killefer before leaving for Avalon, Catalina Island, where the team will finish their training.

Sunday's score:

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	8	11	1
Los Angeles	2	11	2

Alexander and Hartnett; Hughes, Ponder and Bailey.

Angel Boss Thinks Club Is Stronger

By Wade Killefer
Manager Los Angeles Club, Pacific Coast League
(Written Exclusively for the International News Service.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 27.—A stronger club will represent Los Angeles in the Cost league pennant race this year than the one that won the championship last season.

Due to the advancement of Arnold Staatz and Vic Aldridge to the Chicago Cubs and the recalling of Art Reinhart by the Cardinals and the letting go of Bert Nelhoff to manage the Mobile club, it was necessary to make many changes.

DEAL STILL OUT

In Twombly, who hit .377 in the National league last year, and Sullivan, who hit .325, we have a pair of outfielders to take the place of Staatz and Sam Crawford.

Charley Deal, leading third baseman of the National league last year, was turned over to us but has failed to report. I believe he will join us soon.

I believe we have the best catching staff in the league. Tom Daly and Mack Wheat are the new receivers on the club. Baldwin and Rego remain over from last season.

Art Griggs will be back at first base, Billy McCabe will handle second, Jim McAuley, short, while Lindimore will be on third until the arrival of Charley Deal.

Carroll, Twombly and Sullivan are the men I count upon to fill the outfield.

STAFF MAY GIVE WORRY

Ernie Haas and Ira Caffey are two young outfielders who are showing up well. Beck, a young infielder, also looks good.

My pitching staff is the only thing that may worry me.

Elmer Ponder has been turned over by the Cubs and men who have batted against him believe he will lead the league twirlers.

"Lefty" York, another pitcher turned over by the Cubs in the Staatz deal, has not reported.

I am not worrying about left handed pitchers as Nick Dumovich, who merely filled in last year, is showing so much stuff that I am counting on him to be a regular. Thomas also is looking good while Soria, another left hander, may be carried.

Tom Hughes, George Lyons and Ole Crandall, the veterans of the pitching staff, are in good shape again this year. Herb Hall, former American association pitcher, is counted upon as a regular.

My club this year will be faster than the one of last season and there will also be considerable more hitting.

Amateur Seat Sale Opened at Heilig Theatre Monday

THE seat sale for the annual Pacific coast amateur boxing and wrestling championships, to be held in the Heilig theatre Thursday and Friday nights, under the auspices of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club, opened Monday morning at the theatre box office.

Entries for the events must be in by Tuesday night but there are sufficient number right now to insure at least 50 bouts, Los Angeles Amateur Athletic club and Olympia club of San Francisco having sent in their lists Sunday. That the bouts will be full of action with plenty of knock-'em-down thrills, is apparent judging from the letters that have been received from the various trainers.

If the draw is such that Claton Frye meets Hugh McDonald, then the fur will fly. McDonald, hailing from Los Angeles, comes well recommended. Coach Miller states that although a middleweight, he is as fast as a lightweight and carries a kayo in either hand. The Multnomah club star is just that sort of a mixer and nothing would please him more than to meet McDonald.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

LONDON, March 27.—Cambridge defeated Oxford 9 to 1 in its fifty-fourth annual track meet. A. I. Reese, Nebraska, a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, won the shot-put. F. K. Brown, Washington college, competing for Exeter, was second.

Havana—Rebuke, 3-year-old son of Dick Finnell-The Scold, owned by Thomas Monahan, won the Cuban Derby, valued at more than $15,000, Saturday. Lady Astor, under the colors of W. F. Knebelkamp, was second, and Quezada, in the betting with Rebuke, was third.

New York—Athletes that competed in the interallied games in Pershing stadium, which has been selected for the 1924 games, say the track and field will have to be rebuilt entirely or the games will be a farce.

Philadelphia—Alfred Leiconey, Lafayette sprinter, national junior and intercollegiate sprinter, will equal the world's record of 9 3-5 seconds for the 100 this summer, S. J. Dallas, former president of the A. A. U., predicts.

Syracuse, N. Y.—More international sport will promote the physical well-being of American youth and will foster peace and understanding throughout the world, in the opinion of Major C. W. Daly, head football coach at West Point.

New Orleans—Babe Ruth wrenched an injured leg still more and hurt his back in the game between the New York Americans and the Brooklyn Nationals Sunday. An examination showed that the injuries were not serious, although forcing him to retire from the game.

Thye to Wrestle Butler Tuesday

Ted Thye will have to throw Oscar Butler twice in one hour if he wants to be declared winner of the match scheduled for Tuesday night in the Woodmen of the World hall, East Sixth and East Alder streets. When the original challenge was issued to the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club instructor, Thye felt so confident that he could throw the Arleta middleweight in a finish match that he was willing to take on Butler in a handicap affair. Tuesday night's contest is the result.

Butler has been waiting a long time to get on the same mat with Ted and he is of the opinion that Thye will find him a far more able grappler than he imagined. Two preliminary bouts will be held, with the first starting promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Many Rookies Are With Majors Clubs Seeking Pitching Stars

By Henry L. Farrell
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, March 27.—Wending northward from the "hardships" of a training camp, the major league ball clubs are bringing with them more than the usual number of young pitchers.

Perhaps it isn't that the minors and the bushes turned out more coming Mathewsons, Benders and Youngs last year, but that the need for new pitching blood is so acute that the requirements have been reduced.

The three metropolitan clubs can be taken as examples perhaps of what is taking place with the other National and American league clubs.

The Giants, the Yanks and the Brooklyn Robins have each added a pair of rookies to the staff who have shown promise of developing into fair winners their first season out.

GIANTS HAVE TWO

The Giants have Virgil Barnes, brother of Jess, who has been down South three times with the McGraw band, only to be farmed out. McGraw believes he is now ready. Claude Jonnard, a real giant of a youngster from Little Rock, with a great fast ball, is the other lucky rookie.

The Yanks really have three new ones, although Lefty O'Doul, who spent a season with the club on the bench, is not regarded as strictly a rookie. James Jollie, a well setup boy from Galveston, has survived the knife of Miller Huggins as well as George Murray of Rochester.

The Robins also have three, but only two of them may be carried through the season. Harry Shriver and Dazzy Vance are almost sure to be retained and Ray Gordinier has a good chance.

COUCH A REGULAR

Branch Rickey had such a permanent pitching staff that he took very few young hurlers south. Two of them, Bill Barnes and Sid Benton, looked good, but they will probably be farmed out until Rickey needs them.

The Browns had 13 to work on, but only three—Henry Meng, Roy Davis and Henry Deien—have a chance to stay.

The Cubs, who have had a leaning toward young pitchers, picked up some nice prospects in Kauffman, Osborne, Aldridge, Keen and Stueland, but they are not ready and there would not be room for them if they were.

Two of Pat Moran's youngsters secured from Calgary, John Gillespie and Carl Shnell, have proven promising, while Clifford Markle and Johnny Couch are sure to be regulars.

Ford and Troeh Top Trap Shooters in Sunday Tourney

SUNDAY was a good day for trap-shooting and 50 nimrods were on hand to take part in the registered shoot at the Fverding park traps of the Portland Gun club. In the 50-target event O. N. Ford, manager of the club, and Jess B. Troeh tied for first honors, each with a 50 straight, in the class A division, and it was the first time this year that perfect scores have been turned in.

Among the class B contestants, Dr. E. R. Seeley broke 48 out of 50, while R. V. Foreman and George Kibbe led the class C delegation, each with 44. Ed Morris, a professional, broke 50 straight.

C. E. Wharton, Frank M. Troeh, Jess B. Troeh and James W. Seavey divided honors in the Dr. O. W. Elliott handicap. Each managed to go through the 25 clay rocks without a miss. Several out of town shooters were on hand to enjoy the day's program.

Following are the scores:

	Reg. Event 50 Targets.	25-Bird Hdcp.
A. L. Zachrison	46	23
*R. L. Deaton	43	20
J. B. North	50	25
*E. B. Morris	50	..
C. C. Hendricks	38	18
Dr. O. B. Thornton	46	22
William Helming	40	19
H. B. Litzenberg	41	24
O. W. Elliott	41	23
G. W. Brookings	36	19
A. L. Davenport	34	21
R. V. Foreman	44	24
A. L. Thompson	42	24
O. N. Ford	50	23
J. C. Morris	48	24
Frank Troeh	48	25
J. A. Troeh	44	20
C. W. Gibson	49	..
T. M. Trimble	36	..
C. F. Wharton	..	25
*J. Reid	47	..
C. Leith	48	23
A. Strowger	46	21
G. Hawman	42	20
H. Veatch	43	22
*W. C. Bloch	45	19
L. D. Broadhead	40	17
A. Blair	49	22
Lloyd Bates	36	18
F. Erwin	40	..
Dr. C. D. Ireland	41	23
J. Seavey	47	25
C. H. Colburn	46	20
E. J. Jaeger	34	21
E. Van Atta	46	20
W. L. Crowe	34	20
G. E. Kibbe	44	18
G. C. Mapes	43	23
Dr. E. R. Seeley	48	22
Mark Rickard	45	23
Y. C. Unden	39	21
Dr. Hendershott	26	10
G. B. Huston	38	18
E. J. Blasier	36	15
H. Ward	39	21
F. L. Culp	23	10
C. H. Stokke	22	8
Mrs. Young	19	..
Ben Hay	35	21
W. J. Legg	35	..

(*) Professional

Kingston, Ont.—Yale boxers were victorious in three out of five matches in the tournament against Queen's university Saturday night. One bout resulted in a draw, and the other was won by a Queen's representative.

Northwest Open Golf Event to Be Staged June 2-3

Victoria, B. C., March 27.—(I. N. S.)—The Pacific Northwest professional championship will be revived this season, officials of the Colwood Golf club deciding to stage a 72-hole medal play competition June 2 and 3. The open event precedes the play for the amateur titles, which is scheduled to begin Monday, June 5. Professionals from all coast and Northwest cities are expected to participate in the event.

Beaver Squad Wins Practice Contests; Work on Team Play

PASADENA, Cal., March 27.—With added pep as the result of their double victory Sunday, the Beavers resumed their training at Paddock field today.

Manager Kenworthy was certainly a pleased individual as the result of the showing of his charges Sunday. The regulars, under Kenworthy's leadership, defeated the Anaheim team Sunday at Anaheim, 5 to 1, while the Yannigans, with Turner in command, won from the Sawtelle aggregation, 7 to 4.

The remainder of the camp season wil be spent in getting team work perfected. The pitchers are beginning to bear down and with 10 days to go there is no reason why they should not be in tip top form by the opening day.

A couple of the hurlers—Sam Ross and Sutherland—have been complaining about sore arms, but with a couple of days of real hot weather they should be ready to go.

MINOR BASEBALL

Scappoose, Or., March 27.—Gresham high school's baseball team defeated the local aggregation 8 to 3. A return contest will be played early next month.

Wilsonville, Or., March 27.—The Wilsonville baseball club is going to put a junior aggregation in the field during the 1922 season, as well as the regular senior team, according to present plans. The locals are figuring on opening the campaign on April 9. J. W. Young is manager of both squads, and he is anxious to arrange some games with Portland, as well as nearby nines.

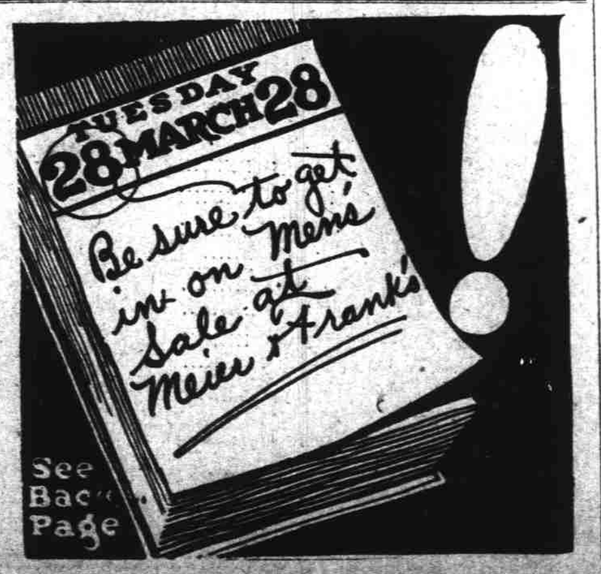
Manager Ray Brooks has called a meeting of the Arleta Athletic club baseball prospects for tonight in the Franklin high school gymnasium. A junior squad will be organized. A three game series with Mt. Angel college will open the 1922 season for the Arleta Athletic club first stringers. April 15 and 16 are the dates set for the Portland matches, while return clashes will take place at St. Benedict, Or., April 30 and 31.

Manager H. M. Miller is highly elated for the showing made by his North Pacific Dental college tossers against the Portland Colts Sunday afternoon. The Toothpullers handed the Colts an 18 to 2 licking. Carl Tuma, Ryland, Drake and Smith formed the battery for Coach Lowry's representatives, while Merrill, Halvorson and Baird were in the points for the Dentists.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Oregon Agricultural college baseball team will come to Portland to battle the North Pacific Dental College in a two game series, Friday and Saturday on Multnomah field. Manager Miller will take his athletes to Corvallis later in the season for the return engagements. The same lineup used so successfully by North Pacific during 1921, with the exception of first base, will start the campaign this week-end. Estes, who played such a good brand of ball two years ago but was forced out of the running before the schedule opened last year on account of injuries, is back at first base. He made five hits in five trips to the plate, against the Portland Colts Sunday. Rogoway hit a home run with two on.

FAVORITES IN GOLF WIN

San Francisco, March 27.—Norman McBeth, champion, won his second round match in the Northern California amateur tournament Sunday, defeating M. J. McCauley 7 up and 5. Other second rounds results: Jack Neville beat Dudley Sales, 2 and 1; Dr. C. H. Walter beat J. D. Kelly 1 up; L. Upson beat R. C. Smith 5 and 4; F. R. Fulton beat G. M. Villain 2 and 1; J. V. McHugh beat Eddie Twiggs 3 and 1; Vincent Whitney beat Roscoe Fawcett, Portland, Or., 1 up, and George Ritchie beat Archie Andrews 7 and 6.



Coach Attacks New Football Rule Changes

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 27.—The rule abolishing the free kick for goal and substituting a play from the line of scrimmage, on or back of the 5-yard line, is not as important as eastern sport writers think, according to Shy Huntington, Oregon's youthful mentor.

The abolishment of the free kick for goal will probably result in the almost universal adoption of the place kick after a touch down, says Huntington as he does not believe that a coach will uncork a good play to gain an extra point when the saving of that play may mean yardage for a touchdown on another play.

"The passing of the rule abolishing the free kick," said Huntington, "is not a distinct advantage. It means that it will take longer to get the ball into play again after the touchdown and that it will be harder for the coaches to develop the play. Further if it was the purpose of the rules committee to eliminate the dangers of the game, then the committee has failed, for by allowing another scrimmage play it is evident that the dangers are increased by just that much."

It will, however, in the opinion of the coach, prove more difficult to make the goal from placement than from the held ball which has been the case. With the lack of experienced kickers this will undoubtedly work a hardship on the varsity next fall as neither Hunk Latham nor Dutch Gram, who will probably be called upon to do the booting, are consistent place kickers. "Spike" Leslie, who picked for the Lemon-Yellow last season, will graduate this spring.

Several other changes in rules were passed by the meeting in New York Saturday, prominent among which were the ones affecting shift plays and clipping from behind. Huntington does not feel that there was a need for any changes in the rules regarding shift plays and clipping and in respect to this said: "The plan to limit shift plays seems to emanate from a group of the coaches from the large eastern institutions who dominated the meeting in New York and who have succeeded apparently in legislating a number of rules. The move to limit the number of shift plays is probably a move on their part to prevent Notre Dame from using the large number of bewildering plays which have been in such a large measure the secret of the success of the Notre Dame and certain other western teams on the gridiron."

At the Training Camps

(By United News)

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 27.—The Brooklyn Robins came from behind in the seventh and eighth innings of their exhibition game with the New York Yankees Sunday afternoon and defeated the American league champions by a score of 8 to 5.

(By United Press)

Dallas, Texas, March 27.—The White Sox overcome a two-point lead in their game with the Giants here Sunday afternoon by clouting out three scores in a sensational ninth inning finish. The score was 8 to 7.

San Francisco, March 27.—(I. N. S.)—Manager Jack Miller does not like to have any of his players suffer from insomnia. When he learned Wallie Kamm was losing his sleep nights worrying about playing shortstop, he shifted him back to his old place at third and cured the insomnia. The Seals were in readiness today for the Chicago Cubs.

Oakland, March 27.—(I. N. S.)—Oakland fans got a good "eyefull" of the Oaks in two good practice games Sunday against amateur nines, and were well pleased with their showing. Hod Eller pitched three innings of the first game, and while on the mound did not allow a single hit.

Modesto, Cal., March 27.—(I. N. S.)—Maurie Schick, outfielder obtained from San Francisco, has signed on the dotted line after being a holdout for 24 hours. Catcher Afinson and Infielder Cartwright have also joined the Bees and were prominent in the defeat of the Presidio nine yesterday by Salt Lake.

Stockton, March 27.—(I. N. S.)—The Indians had no trouble in winning their contest from a team made up of second string Chicago Cubs. The score was 6 to 1.

Ex-Portlander Makes a Freak Score in Golf

Fresno, Cal., March 27. — Gerald Thomas, formerly of Portland, Or., has a unique golfing record to his credit. Driving off the fifth tee of the Sunnyside course Sunday, his wooden shot beheaded one of a flock of sparrows which was flying across the fairway. This accounted for his first "birdie," and then playing a full mashie shot to the green, his ball rolled into the cup for the second "birdie."

'Big Three' Frown Upon Other Teams

By Henry L. Farrell
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, March 27.—Yale, Harvard and Princeton still pet each other with the notion that there is no place but Princeton, Harvard and Yale.

Having been told that there is something terribly wrong with football, Harvard, Princeton and Yale have set about a cure in their characteristic fashion.

One of the surest remedies suggested is that Yale, Harvard and Princeton play only at New Haven, Princeton and Cambridge, thereby not subjecting their teams to contamination from the wicked outside world.

The insinuation is also carried that those not fortunate enough to attend Yale, Harvard or Princeton should come within the fortresses of virtue thrown around the football fields of the "big three" and see how the game can be made safe for the innocents.

ARE LOFTY EXAMPLES

Intersectional games are also frowned upon, the suggestion being offered that Yale, Harvard and Princeton should care for nothing else but the "big three" games.

After holding up Yale, Harvard and Princeton as the lofty examples of football perfection, it is rather strange to see the "doctors" from the three institutions approve of a new rule that would require every athlete to give a financial statement showing all his sources of revenue.

No doubt the West and South will be quite shocked to learn that a contaminated athlete might go to Yale, Harvard or Princeton.

There seems to be a lot of smoke about the necessity of cleaning up football. Many of the sores that seem to have been found on the game are imaginary. Just because some Illinois and Notre Dame players went on a lark and played in a professional football game, some are expecting the wrath of the gods to fall on the nation.

"CAN" THE COACHES

The ones that are yelling the loudest about star college athletes getting some money out of their talents are the same ones that are doing the same thing—coaches, graduate managers—both of which classes are commanding twice the money that a player can get for an occasional game.

If there is anything wrong with the game, perhaps it would be better to start giving "baths" to the professional coaches and the graduate managers.

Harper Now Wants a Big Guarantee

NOW comes Charley Yost, trainer of Bobby Harper, with a demand which the Portland municipal boxing commission feels is unjust.

Harper had agreed to take on Joe Benjamin in the 10-round main event scheduled for April 4 in the Armory, but when several of the commissioners visited his dressing room immediately following his victory over Harry Casey Saturday night, they were informed of the change of heart.

WOULD MEET JOE'S PRICE

When the Benjamin-Harper contest was suggested some time ago, Yost appeared so eager to land the affair that he told the commission he would guarantee Benjamin's purse. The commission several months ago adopted the policy of giving percentages and not guarantees to the contestants. Benjamin was given a good offer but he felt that inasmuch as he was making a trip from the Atlantic coast to Portland in order to fill the date, he should be entitled to some sort of a guarantee.

When Yost was told of this, he immediately said that he would see to it that the commission did not fall short of the guarantee; but Saturday night he made a demand for a guarantee himself, as well as a larger percentage than had been accepted by Benjamin. This action came as a solar plexus blow to the commissioners, who now have come to the conclusion that Harper doesn't want any of Benjamin's battling, and on top of this they feel that Harper realizes he has outgrown the lightweight class and now is a full-fledged welter.

DOES HE WANT BOUT?

Fans had been clamoring for a Harper-Benjamin contest for several months, and last Saturday's card was put on wholly because Yost said if Harper wasn't given an opponent, there would be no Harper-Benjamin bout next month. The commission had two boxers, Frankie Farren and Joe Azevedo, throw it down last week, and when Yost made his threat to refuse to allow Harper to appear against Benjamin, rather than disappoint the fans along that line, it immediately got in touch with Harry Casey of Seattle and he was substituted for the two Californians.

Yost's latest action has thrown the commissioners out of line, but they are going to hold a meeting to thresh out the matter. Yost said Saturday night that he was willing to permit Harper to tangle with Benjamin in June, but, inasmuch as Benjamin is going to Europe around April 11 as a member of Jack Dempsey's party and does not plan to be back here for three or four months, Yost's proposition made the commissioners feel all the more that he does not want to have Harper meet Benjamin.

Poor Year Ahead of Ring Fans Champions Unwilling to Sign

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NEW YORK, March 27.—Looks like a lean summer ahead for the bugs that live on outdoor fights. There are enough good cards around to make it a big season, but they don't seem to be of the makeable kind.

Unless I can persuade some promoter that Joe Beckett is good enough to be knocked over by Jack Dempsey, the champion will be out of work for the summer because the Wills thing looks windless now.

TUNNEY MAY BOX GREB

Dempsey may fight in London, and it is very likely that he has a few bouts already arranged, but that will not make the game hum here.

Gene Tunney and Harry Greb for the American light-heavyweight championship would be the next best card to a big heavyweight show, and it may be staged in the Jersey City arena.

Jack Britton and Benny Leonard may meet for the welterweight championship, but they have been meeting so many times that the fans will not believe they are going to fight until they get in the ring.

If Leonard isn't using the "bad hands" alibi to get away from Lew Tendler and Charley White, he would be foolish to take a chance with Britton. He would need everything he had to beat that foxy old veteran.

BUFF IS STALLING

Kilbane is off for Europe and other parts for maybe a year. He says he will fight any logical contenders while he is away, but, from the measurement Johnny has demanded in the past for "logical contenders," he never will find one, here or in Europe.

Johnny Buff promised to become a real fighting champion when he won the bantamweight crown, but he had developed a "bad pair of hands" and is stalling away from all the little fellows. He could have a dozen good paying fights if he wanted them, but he seems disinclined.

Johnny Wilson is lucky to have his name mentioned lately. He has almost caused the middleweight class to become passe, as no one talks of it any more. Wilson is allowed to work in only two states, and he isn't regarded as the champion in two or three important boxing centers.

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