

Beaver Club Increases Hitting Percentage—Armory Bouts Promise Much Action Tonight

Weather Is Handicap to Coast Clubs

THIS playing of the Pacific Coast league clubs during the first two weeks of the season indicate that none of them are playing first class baseball. The playing is attributed to the bad weather during the training camp season, and also during the playing season.

Real high class fielding and pitching may not be enjoyed until the weather warms up. This is the assertion of several of the Portland players, and De Howard, the business manager of the Oakland club.

WARM WEATHER NEEDED
This does not apply to all games, for some of the pitchers have pitched in mid-season form, and the fielding in a few of the games has been well high perfect. There is, however, a possibility of playing until the sunshine boils out the players.

Vernon is leading the league in fielding with a percentage of 87. Oakland is second, with 84, and Portland third with 83, one point ahead of the Seattle club.

In batting, San Francisco is leading with a mark of .321, and Sacramento is second with .308. The averages of the other clubs follow: Los Angeles, .292; Salt Lake, .277; Oakland, .277; Vernon, .270; Seattle, .267, and Portland, .253. The Beavers increased their average by .01 points in the three games played at Salt Lake.

ELLISON IS LEADER
Fifty players in the league are swatting the ball at a clip of .300 or better. Bert Ellison of the Seals being the real leader with a .345 clip for a season game. Sammy Hato is leading the Portland aggregation with .368, and "Duke" Kenworthy is second with .364. Jim Thompson is hitting .350 for a season, and Jim Foote, the Beaver first sacker, have not hit their stride as yet. Foote is hitting .375, and Cox is below the .300 mark.

Tom Turner, assistant manager of the Beavers, declared that the Beavers would soon get into good style. He blamed the weather conditions for the failure of the club to hit at a better clip.

MINOR BASEBALL
THE schedule of the City League for next Sunday will find the South Parkway A. C. playing the Nicolai Door at Columbia Park at 3 p. m.; the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks vs. Mountville at Buckman field, 3 p. m., and the Woodmen of the World vs. the Alberta A. C. at Vernon Park at 3:30 p. m.

Only one game was played in the City League schedule last Sunday, owing to wet grounds, but all of the clubs expect to get into action next Sabbath.

TEAM STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
San Fran.	5	143	8
Los Angeles	5	115	8
Vernon	4	100	7
Oakland	3	100	7
Portland	3	95	7
Seattle	2	85	6
San Diego	2	80	6
San Jose	1	75	5
Stockton	1	70	5
Yuba City	1	65	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
St. Louis	4	100	7
New York	4	100	7
Chicago	3	95	7
Cleveland	3	90	7
Philadelphia	2	85	6
Pittsburgh	2	80	6
St. Paul	1	75	5
Cincinnati	1	70	5
Boston	1	65	5

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Cleveland	4	100	7
Washington	3	95	7
Philadelphia	3	90	7
Chicago	2	85	6
St. Louis	2	80	6
Pittsburgh	1	75	5
St. Paul	1	70	5
Indianapolis	1	65	5
Kansas City	1	60	5

MAJOR LEAGUES

THE Cubs smashed one winning streak and the Reds interrupted another Wednesday.

Bill Killifer's Chicago team beat the Cardinals 7 to 6 in St. Louis, the first defeat the Cards have incurred in five starts. Bill Doherty, the frail but foxy right-hand dealer of Branch Rickey's pitching staff, was knocked from the box.

The Indians were starting to build another story on their structure of games won, having a 1 to 9 lead over the St. Louis Browns, when rain in Cleveland stopped the action in the third. The Indians retain a standing of 1000.

John Morrison led the Reds to four hits, and the Pirates won 1 to 0 in Cincinnati. At that, Adolfo Luque of the Reds might have won another day, as he gave only seven hits.

Rain prevented the Giants from continuing their entertainment of the Braves in New York, and also stopped the activities of the Robins and Phils in Philadelphia.

The Senators and Athletics ran off a parade of pitchers, each using five, in a game in Washington, the only one fully played in the American league. The Senators won, 11 to 3. Each club made 14 hits.

In Boston the Red Sox were off to a three-run advantage when rain stopped things in the third. Old Jack Quinn, the ancient axile from the Tanks, was turning his former team mates back successfully until the weather became rude. The Sox won, 7 to 2. Each Sox game didn't even get started. Rain.

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PORTLAND BOY GETS "W"
University of Washington, Seattle, April 18.—Ernest B. Markewitz of Portland, Or., is one of the five members of the University of Washington freshman wrestling team who have been awarded numerals and jerseys for the 1922 season. Markewitz wrestled in the 125 pound class.

Troeh Leads Trap Stars In W.W. Meet

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 18.—Breaking 128 out of a possible 200 clay pigeons, Frank M. Troeh of Vancouver, Wash., not only registered as high gun in the second day of shooting in the Walla Walla Rod and Gun club's annual trap shooting tournament here Monday, but led the field as an individual by scoring 170 straight before dropping a bluecock. He won the Golden Pheasant overture event by breaking 100 birds straight. He was followed closely for the high gun record by H. R. Seckel of Boise, Idaho, who scored 157 out of 200. O. N. Ford of Portland was a close third with a total of 186.

The Inland Empire special event was won by Mark A. Rickard of Corvallis, Or., with 98 out of 100 birds, while Marion Hansell of Athens, Or., took second with a score of 97, and Dr. H. C. Watkins of Hogue, Wash., and F. D. Stoop of Spokane tied for third with 96. Stoop left the field and third money went to Dr. Watkins.

Frank Troeh's shooting in the Golden Pheasant overture was spectacular. He took some difficult shots and went through a clear record. He was given a hard race by G. A. Conklin of Yakima, who scored 99 out of 100. Dr. H. C. Watkins, K. Farnim of Sand Point, Wash., tied for third with 98 birds. Farnim winning the shoot-off and third place.

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INDOOR SPORTS

Listening to the Fat Clerk as He Puts in a Business Call for His Trust and Thrill



Armory Card Tonight Has Easterners

TWO Boston, Mass., scrappers are on the Portland boxing commission's smoker scheduled for the Armory tonight and both will be up against some real opposition, according to Captain Harry Hansen, matchmaker.

Jimmy McCoy and they say he sure can "sock 'em in, to all the gloves at Muff Bronson in one of the 10 round main events and the outcome of the bout is watched with interest. Eastern invaders come to the Pacific coast with the idea that they are going to have easy pickings, but not one boy from the Atlantic seaboard has been able to get away with a victory for several years.

At the last showing, Billy Wright of Seattle was one of the performers and he had no trouble showing his superiority over Eddie Huse, but tonight Billy knows that he is in for some stiff competition when he steps against Joe Egan of Boston. Egan showed his last year against Alexander Trambilas—now known as Jimmy Huggins—and that he wasn't a "has been" by any means. Wright and Egan are in great shape, say their handlers, and they are ready to go to the 10 round limit.

The other 10 round go on the card features Joe Swain and Speck Woods of Bend, Or. Speck is well known in these parts although he hasn't been seen in action in a Portland roped arena for some time. His most recent victory was over Joe Duncan, but at that Duncan showed a hot and stiff, for he didn't give up until he had been knocked down nine times. It also shows that Speck possesses a kick in either hand.

Two four round preliminaries are set to open the evening's entertainment, which will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock with Ralph Graman as the third man in the ring. Frank Ritchie and Harry Eagles will meet and Billy Ryan and Brick Coyle will start the proceedings.

Members of the Portland baseball team will be guests of honor at the event, according to an announcement made by Joe Wood, secretary-treasurer of the commission.

Willie Bernstein, manager of Battling Oriega, has been heard from. He is in San Francisco and a telegram received by The Journal sports editor Tuesday morning issues a challenge to the winner of the Wright-Egan bout here tonight. Willie says that his batter is working out daily and that the only reason that they returned to the Pacific coast from the Midwest was because of illness in Oriega's immediate family in Oakland, Cal. The two of them expect to arrive in Portland Thursday or Friday, according to their present plans.

BOXING

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 18.—(U. P.)—Martin Burns, long regarded as a local shty for the light-heavyweight championship of the world, will get his great test in a scrap with Billy Miske of St. Paul, on April 24, when a big crowd of Kolshis will be in town to make it a big affair.

Locally the match is being exploited as the equal in importance of the recent meeting between Harry Greb and Tom Gibbons in New York. Miske, although twice defeated by Jack Dempsey, did go 10 rounds with the champion and has beaten many good light-heavyweights, recently knocking out Billy Shade of California. Burns is credited with victories over Al Reich, Willie Meehan, Bartley Madden and Bob Rosen.

Sport Gossip in Eastern Circles

NEW YORK, April 18.—"Pop" Anson's early labors for the good of professional baseball would have brought their reward this season had he lived. Too late, Judge K. M. Landis decided to give Anson an important job in the higher administration of the game, and the judge was just about to announce the appointment when Anson died, according to John McGraw of the Giants.

Although Anson was comparatively new in his last position, he returned several profers of benefit games in the last few seasons.

By way of training for the derby, Morvich, the great 3-year-old, clipped 12-8 seconds from the American half mile record, and won a workout at Jamaica Monday on a soggy track. Morvich covered the first eighth in 11 seconds, the quarter in 23 and three eighths in 33 3/4. Anson and Anson jointly held the half mile records, which still stands, as Morvich's performance was not made under formal race conditions.

Young Bob Fitzsimmons, heir to his famous daddy's ring shoes and fighting title, but not much of his fighting fire, will box Jack Reeves of California 12 rounds to a decision here Tuesday night. Fitzsimmons has been a disappointment to those who watched his father in the ring, because he can't hit with his right. However, young Bob has been told all about his shortcomings, and after weeks of training in the country, reports that he can split the panels of an oak door with a 2-inch jab.

Frank Frisch, John McGraw's crippled second baseman, has received word from his doctor that he may put on his regular weight, but not much of his fighting fire. He will be in the ring with the Giants. But it will be nearer two weeks than one before he returns to the ring, which was spiked during the training trip.

Madison Square Gardens reopens as a battle bazaar Monday for a short season, featuring Babe Herman, Jack Dempsey's friend and neighbor, in opposition to Pepper Martin. The boys are featherweights by reputation. A few days later Joe Lynch is promised a few clouts, give and take, with Beniaminweight Champion Johnny Haff. But the fragile flyweight from Jersey has a recent habit of hurting himself and calling off matches, so nothing is certain. He has now canceled a fight with Harry Greb in Philadelphia, which was to be pulled off in Philadelphia Thursday night. Johnny's doctor says the champion has specific vertigo in aggravated form, causing him to fall down when slapped on the nose.

Harry Greb refuses to box Gene Tunney, American light-heavyweight champion, to no decision, so their match for Monday at Madison Square, Jersey City, where no decisions are allowed, is off. Harry believes he can slip his way to a decision in New York, but is not confident of winning by a knockout, which would be the only manner of winning in Jersey.

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Hard Job to Keep Boxing on Level Says N.Y. Veteran

NEW YORK, April 18.—(U. P.)—"It's a hard proposition to keep boxing on the level," William Muldoon says.

Muldoon ought to know, because he has been on the inside of boxing and wrestling for a decade, and just now he is trying to run the game in New York as chairman of the state commission.

Funny decisions have been so frequent in the past year that many of the champions refuse to box in New York and the commission decided to take a hearing tomorrow. So much sure money was offered that Lee was going to win and the layers were of such character that the commission decided to take a look into it.

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