

# Pacific Coast Baseball Season Opens Today; Beavers Meet Indians

## EIGHT CLUBS TAKE DIAMOND FOR 1926

28 Weeks of Pennant Campaigning Starts Today; Teams Seem Stronger

PORTLAND, April 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Portland baseball fans tonight hoped for fair weather for the "opener" of the Pacific coast league baseball season between the Portland Beavers and the Seattle Indians.

The weather man said the prospect for tomorrow was "unsettled, partly cloudy," but fans hoped he might be wrong, and pointed to clear skies at dusk to back up their hopes.

Opening of the seasonal play for 1926 brings together:

- Seattle at Portland.
- San Francisco Missions at Sacramento.
- Hollywood at San Francisco (Seals).
- Oakland at Los Angeles.

Last season Salt Lake and Vernon were active members of the circuit. But they are gone this year, and opening day finds their places taken by Hollywood and the San Francisco Missions. Here is how it happened:

William (Bill) Lane, owner of the Salt Lake Bees, transferred his outfit to Hollywood and will play his "at home" games in Los Angeles. The Bees, now Hollywood, will jointly share the new "Million Dollar" baseball park put up by William Wright, Jr., as a home for his Los Angeles team.

The change that furnished San Francisco with a second club and continuous baseball was brought about through the purchase of the Vernon Tigers by Stanley Dollar. The San Francisco shipping man laid down more than \$200,000 to buy the franchise off Ed Mater's hands and after moving the team to his home city, re-christened it the Missions. The new club will share Recreation park with the Seals.

Two new managers make their debut this season. They are Walter McCredie, who will handle the affairs of the Missions, and Ernie Johnson, who will direct the Portland Beavers in their drive for the pennant. McCredie is a veteran of the game but one with young ideas. Years ago he managed Portland when the Beavers were at threat. Johnson formerly handled the reins for Salt Lake after serving his time in the major leagues.

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—(By Associated Press.)—The opening game here of the Pacific Coast league scheduled here tomorrow between Oakland and Los Angeles has been postponed because of rain.

## Change in Baseball Rules Not Radical But Weighty

(By Associated Press.) Although the changes made in the playing rules of baseball for 1926 are not revolutionary, nevertheless they will have considerable bearing upon the outcome of many games. There has been no upheaval of pitching rules as have been made at various times in the history of the game. Perhaps it would have been better if there had been a little more freedom granted to the pitcher, but that is something that can await the turn of the tide.

Whenever a change has been made in the rules in their publication in Spalding's Official Baseball Guide, it has been noted in the marginal directory. In the explanations of the rules which are a feature of the Guide, and which are not found elsewhere, the changes have been commented upon by the editor of the Guide.

## SENATORS TO FACE CYCOL ON SUNDAY

Attendance Large as Locals Hold Seattle Indians Until Sixth

Salem Senators, fresh from their first clash of the season on Sunday when they held the Seattle Indians tied until the sixth inning, now turn their attention to the Portland Cyclo nine which appears on Oxford diamond next Sunday.

Showing a brand of ball, which when whipped into shape, will leave one of the nicest little clubs seen in the valley for some time, the Senators held the Seattle tribe to a reasonable score, the slugging getting rough for the first time in the latter frames when war clubs connected with Russell's pitched balls resulting in a 13 to 3 score at the end.

Attendance was good, 2,400 persons witnessing the game, 1427 being paid admissions and the remainder kids, admitted free.

Barham, Salem, pitched until the seventh when he was relieved by Russell, who was hit freely, but showed he could be counted on for expert work later in the season.

Salem scored first in the third inning when Johnson singled, stopped at second when Ridings stopped the ball over the fence for a two bagger. Seattle tied in the fourth.

Seattle added two more in the sixth, two in the seventh and one in the eighth. Salem hung up two more in the eighth. Seven runs by Seattle in the ninth, closed the game.

| Salem          |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
|                | A B R H P O A E |
| Blair, lf      | 4 1 2 0 0 0 0   |
| Hutt, R. 2b    | 2 0 0 1 2 1     |
| Ridings, ss    | 1 1 1 3 0       |
| Proctor, 3b    | 3 0 1 1 4 0     |
| Freston, rf    | 4 0 1 1 0 0     |
| Rankin, cf     | 4 0 0 3 0 0     |
| Bishop, lb     | 4 0 2 16 0 1    |
| Johnson, c     | 2 0 0 2 2 1     |
| Barham, p      | 1 0 0 0 0 0     |
| Hutt, C. of    | 1 0 0 0 0 0     |
| Wilkinson, lf  | 1 0 0 0 0 0     |
| Burton, c      | 2 0 0 2 0 0     |
| Russell, p     | 2 0 0 2 0 0     |
| 33 3 8 27 15 3 |                 |

  

| Seattle          |                 |
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|                  | A B R H P O A E |
| Lane, lf         | 4 1 2 1 0 0     |
| Brady, 2b        | 4 2 1 4 1 1     |
| Twombly, lf      | 4 2 1 4 0 0     |
| Elred, cf        | 4 1 1 1 1 1     |
| Schwab, 1b       | 4 2 1 12 2 0    |
| Caveny, ss       | 4 2 1 2 2 0     |
| Baldwin, 3b      | 5 2 3 3 3 0     |
| Jenkins, c       | 4 3 2 4 0 0     |
| Berkand, p       | 2 1 1 0 3 0     |
| Brett, p         | 2 1 1 0 1 0     |
| 40 13 13 27 12 0 |                 |

Summary—Two base hits, Blair 2, Ridings, Proctor, Lane 2, Twombly, Caveny, Baldwin 2. Stolen bases, Lane, Brady, Twombly, Elred, Caveny, Baldwin. Double plays, Caveny to Brady to Schwab, Baldwin to Brady to Schwab. Struck out, by Barham, 2; hits at bat 26; base on balls, 2; struck out by Brett, 1, hits 4, at bat 15; base on balls 7; struck out by Russell 0, hits 7, at bat 21; base on balls 3; hit, Russell; wild pitch, Russell; charge defeat to Russell; credit victory to Berkand.

Pendleton—For first time in years, all three flour mills here are in full operation. Elgin—H. H. Weatherspoon orchard has raised \$75,000 worth of apples during the past year. Only one fire was reported in Eugene during October, with a loss of \$19.

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