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TRAVELING CHINESE TO LEAVE TODAY

Fast Aggregation of Ball Talent Off For a Six-Months' Trip

The traveling Chinese baseball team will leave this afternoon in the Manoa for its fourth invasion of mainland diamonds. This year 12 instead of 14 players will be carried, and many of the vets of the team will be among the missing. Sam Ho, who has been the big noise as manager of the three previous trips, is one of those who will not answer to roll call. Apan Kau, about the best of the Chinese have in the pitching line, will act as manager, and Lal Tin will captain the team on the field. Denny Markham will do most of the catching. C. Moriama will play second and "Shorly" Ayau will be his teammate at short. This, with Lal Tin at third, is a particularly fast infield combination. Hoon Cheung was to have played the first corner, but decided at the last moment to go to the Orient with the other Chinese combination instead. The outfielders will be Jimmy Aylett, Alfred Yap and Kuali. The other pitchers who will make the trip are Luck Yee, Kekoa and T. Moriama. All of them can work well in the outfield and T. Moriama can hold down third in good style, while Yap can also play an infield position, so the team appears to be well rounded out.

The first game will be against the University of California, and the team will then work its way south and east. Nat C. Strong, the New York booking agent, has been looking after the dates and has a good tour arranged, including a side trip to Cuba, which the players are looking forward to with great interest. The Travelers are figuring on returning here in about six months.

TWO GAMES IN THE SERVICE BASKETBALL LEAGUE THIS EVENING

Table with columns: W, L, Pct. Rows include National Guard, Second Infantry, etc.

With the race in the Service Basketball League drawing to a close and three teams in the running for the championship, interest in the games is at fever heat.

NO ASSEMBLY TONIGHT FOR CHINESE COMPANY; SUNDAY AT KAPIOLANI

Owing to the fact that the army is to be used for the basketball match this evening the regular drill of Company H has been called off.

The entire 1st Infantry, N. G. H., will assemble at the armory next Sunday morning at 7:30 for drill and regimental parade at Kapiolani park. The men will be taken to and from the park in special cars and will put in a good day's work there.

WANT A WAR MAP?

A limited number of war maps of Europe have been secured by the Star-Bulletin and are offered to patrons of this paper at the very reasonable price of 15 cents, the order to be accompanied by three coupons clipped from this paper.

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BASEBALL CUP GOES TO THE MAUI TEAM

The All-Chinese, which team tied with Maui for first place in the Carnival baseball series just closed, have waived their claim to the cup in favor of the Valley Islanders. Captain Lai Tin of the Chinese team yesterday notified M. H. Henshaw, chairman of the baseball committee, that his team would step aside and that the trophy could go to the visiting players.

JUNIORS WIN INTER-CLASS TRACK MEET

By a clear margin of 18 points the McKinley high school juniors won the inter-class track meet yesterday afternoon. The events, which were held on the Kamehameha field, brought out a large entry and were productive of some close finishes and fast times.

Following were the results: On hundred yard dash—1, C. Mellin (Soph.); 2, E. Wong (Junior); 3, Kul Pong (Fresh). Time, 10 1/3.

Two hundred and twenty-yard dash—1, Mellin (Soph.); 2, D. Bent (Jun.); 3, Yang Yu Chan (Jun.). Time, 23 3/5.

Four hundred and forty-yard dash—1, J. Sticksney (Jun.); 2, J. Lee (Jun.); 3, Albert Bush (Jun.). Time, 21 1/2.

Two hundred and twenty-yard hurdles—1, Wong (Jun.); 2, Andrade (Jun.); 3, Hons Tung (Sen.).

Four hundred and forty-yard dash—1, Wong (Jun.); 2, Alfred Bush (Soph.); 3, H. Lee (Jun.).

Half mile relay—Won by Sophomores.

High Jump—1, K. Wallace (Sen.); 2, J. C. Bush (Jun.); 3, Victor Kahn (Jun.).

Shotput (12 pounds)—1, Nicholson (Sen.); 2, Gertz (Jun.); 3, H. Mellin (Soph.).

Javelin throw (not regulation)—1, C. Mellin (Soph.); 2, Fred Carter (Jun.); 3, Kaiser (Jun.).

Summary—Juniors, 50 1/2 points; Sophomores, 31 1/2 points; Seniors, 13 points; Freshmen, 4 points.

CATCHER HENRY BOOSTS BASEBALL AS PLAYED IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Tells of His Experiences Here and Predicts Great Future for Game in the Territory—Has Many Compliments for Honolulu and the Reception Given to the Visiting Stars

John Henry, the Washington catcher who was here with the All-Americans last December, took more than the average interest in local baseball conditions, and when he returned to the mainland he was in a position to write and tell a lot about the game in Hawaii.

The following notes on island baseball appear in Boston Herald of recent date: By JOHN HENRY, Catcher Washington Baseball Club.

Since returning from the exhibition tour of the All-American and the All-National league teams I have been asked many times by those interested in baseball regarding the interest that is taken in the game in the Hawaiian Islands which we visited during the trip.

The games we played upon the island were the first between major league teams ever seen by the natives, for although there had previously been two even more pretentious exhibition tours of major league teams, carrying the gospel of baseball far beyond our own shores, neither had played in Honolulu or elsewhere upon the island.

In the tour of 1888 under Spalding and Anson, the teams stopped at Honolulu, but it was upon a Sunday, and the government not then allowing Sunday ball, the teams were unable to exhibit. The White Sox, and the Giants, in their world's tour of 1913-1914, did not include Honolulu upon their schedule, hence it was that it remained for our party to give the residents of Honolulu their first taste of baseball as played in the major leagues.

The interest shown by the people of Honolulu in baseball was brought home to me very strongly by the manner in which they welcomed, received and entertained the tourists. Honolulu is very cosmopolitan, not only in the makeup of its population, but in the interest that its people show in nearly all lines of sport. To me it seemed that baseball had the top rung of the ladder.

Met by Reception Committee. The all-star teams of the American and National leagues, after an extended tour through the Hawaiian Islands, set sail for our mid-Pacific possessions on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1914, and after a long, tedious, rough trip at times, lasting seven days, first came in sight of land very early the following Tuesday morning, December 1.

It was a very welcome sight which greeted the eyes of most of our party when we were slowly drifting into the harbor of Honolulu while waiting for the government inspection. The first impression of Honolulu is beautiful, with the high mountains immediately in the background and Diamond Head, a fortified crater on the end of the island of Oahu, looming up in front of us, and then Waikiki beach, where surf-board riding is the feature, extending up to the main harbor and docks of the city itself.

As soon as our inspection was completed a reception committee came on board with a native Hawaiian orchestra, which kept our spirits light, while the committee covered us with leis or wreaths of flowers. At the dock we were met by about 1000 people of all descriptions and nationalities, and the Hawaiian band, as is the custom with every incoming and outgoing vessel, played the many popular airs of the islands.

Our party was then ushered to a line of waiting automobiles and we were paraded through the narrow foreign-looking streets to the Alexander Young hotel, headed by the band. Needless to say, everything was in a stir over our arrival and baseball was the topic uppermost in everyone's mind, and on Thursday, Dec. 3, Honolulu was to be introduced to its first game of major league baseball.

Crowd Likes Action. The cosmopolitan crowd on the street, and as a general thing the crowd attending the games, was of a mixed variety to be sure. Some half dozen different nationalities, including Americans, Hawaiians, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Portuguese and the many mixed combinations, for the most part comprised the makeup of Honolulu's population.

Some 3000 people attended our first game, played Thursday at Moiliili field on the outskirts of the city, and all the different combinations and nationalities were there, the bleachers presenting the best example of the various mixed crowd. The crowd gave us ample applause as each man was introduced at the bat, and it was easy to see how well the people had followed the careers of the different players by the manner of their applause, and it is safe to say right here that baseball as a sport is followed and played with the keenest of interest in the islands.

Like nearly every baseball crowd of this country, these people like a keen, sharp contest, but one which is full of action, such as free hitting, daring base running, close decisions, plays at the plate, and as a great feature a home run. Taken along the line of action one of the most pleasing stunts and one which received greatest applause was a shadow bunting practice indulged in by Cozy Dolan and four other Nationals. As a whole, the comedy displayed by Dolan was a big asset, and always brought the "house

DOESN'T THINK LAJOIE WILL BE WEAK WITH BAT

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON.

Many followers of baseball have expressed wonder to me that Connie Mack should have brought Lajoie back to Philadelphia to play second base in the place left empty by Eddie Collins. It is my prediction that Lajoie will hit as hard as usual next season, even better than he did last, for Mack will nurse him along, while the big second baseman did not hit well with Birmingham in Cleveland. When a big leaguer begins to fade he loses his speed first, but his eye dims last. Some even hit better after they have started to slow up, as if concentrating on this one thing, which is still left to them to hold their berths in the big league. It is the one asset that stands between them and retirement of the bushes, according to their financial condition.

I doubt much if Connie will use Lajoie at second base regularly next year, because Mack probably has some young infielder up his sleeve that he wants to break into the game. However, Lajoie is insurance if he is needed and if the youngster falls down and he can belt that ball in a pinch as an emergency hitter. Arthur Devlin, for instance, hit harder after he began to lose his speed than he did when he was in his prime.

Lajoie Kept Matty Busy. The first day I faced Lajoie is still fresh in my memory. He was on the old Philadelphia club with Deleahanty and some more of those fence breakers. Some one had given me, a kid, a bad steer, and told me not to pitch curves to Lajoie or Deleahanty. What these two, with most of the rest of the batting order, did to me was plenty. I had my outfielders coming in to the box and asking me to pass a couple of hitters so that they could have time to catch their wind.

And I want to say that I believe had information slipped to young pitchers about batters, some sincerely given and some given with the intention of misleading, has done as much to keep recruit twirlers from making good as any other one factor. The boys hand the nosebag news out behind their hands and the ambitious youngster falls for it. It is my notion that every pitcher must find out about the weakness of any particular batter for himself. I have never believed much in information given with the best intent before a world's series. It is usually wrong, except in a general sense.

There is an old story around that Reulbach, when he first came to, made a careful study of each hitter he faced and put down in a pocket notebook his weakness. When he faced Hans Wagner one day his memory failed to recall what the Dutchman's weakness was. He went to the bench and opened his book at the "w." For Wagner he found: "A base on balls."

Hurst Advises Recruit. This should have been my conclusion on Lajoie the first day I pitched to him. He is the most natural hitter I have ever faced. He does not lose any motion. There is no waste energy. And he certainly can pickle the ball. I believe that he will show up so strong with the Athletics in hitting that the team average will not be reduced below that of last season, in spite of the loss of Collins.

A young pitcher faced Lajoie for the first time years ago with Tim Hurst umpiring the game alone from behind the box. The recruit turned to Tim and said: "What's this guy's weakness?"

"I tell you what you do," replied Hurst. "You lay the ball right over the middle of the plate there just as straight as you can, and then duck if you don't want to be killed. Yes, I'm going to duck, too."

Our party out surf riding in outrigger canoes and some of the party tried the surf-board riding by the help of the natives. This was a fine afternoon's sport after which we sat down to the native feast, consisting of pigs roasted in the ground, Hawaiian style, sweet potatoes and poi, the native food, with many other native dishes. The evening before we sailed our party was most royally dined by a Mr. Al Castle, who had charge of the baseball visit, and it was here that many of the people expressed the hope that Honolulu could be visited by baseball clubs representing the major leagues.

Party is Sorry to Leave. These incidents only go to show how intensely interested the people of the island are in baseball, for it was their every desire to do all in their power to create a favorable impression and make our visit one which would long be remembered.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, it was a very unhappy crowd that boarded the steamer at 10 o'clock homeward bound. A crowd of 1200 people were on the docks to witness the sailing of the Matsonia, and promptly at 10, amid strains of music from the Hawaiian band, streamers of confetti thrown to the many new friends and acquaintances, and the shouting of aloha, or good-by and God-speed, we slowly began to creep out of the harbor, leaving behind a beautiful country and a good crowd of real fans.

A real Hawaiian luau, or native feast, was tendered us near the end of our visit, immediately following an afternoon devoted to water sports. The native Hawaiian men took nearly all

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