

NECK AND NECK FINISH FOR THE FLAPPING BASEBALL PENNANT

M'KEVITT HELPS US WIN PENNANT

ERROR BY SPOKANE RIGHT FIELDER ALLOWS TWO BUTTE MEN TO CROSS THE HOME PLATE.

HOW THEY STAND.

Pacific Northwest League.				
	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Butte	116	69	47	.594
Seattle	116	67	49	.577
Helena	114	61	53	.535
Portland	115	58	57	.504
Tacoma	116	47	69	.405
Spokane	117	45	72	.378

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Spokane, Oct. 8.—Spokane for the most part played an exceptionally fast game in the field yesterday and but for McKevitt's miff of a difficult fly which allowed two Butte runners to cross the plate the game might have resulted in a victory for the home team. Pfeister's work in the box was not up to the standard and he was rather wild at times, passing four men to first during the game. McCloskey's men hit him hard and often, but the fast work of the Spokane fielders kept the number of hits down to the small figures. Kane, McHale and Ward each fattened their batting averages, getting two-base hits.

Spokane started the run getting in the first inning. Donahue beat out a hit to short and went to third on Elsey's sacrifice. Kane fumbled McKevitt's grounder and Donahue crossed the plate. In the third inning Elsey started things going with a drive to first. Howells ran for Elsey, who was lame, and on McKevitt's double scored. Spokane's third run came in the following inning. Ferris hitting for three bases and coming home on a timely single by Kelly.

Butte scored their first run in the third. Kane led off with a two-bagger, Ward's out advancing him to third. A single by Zearfoss brought Kane across the plate. The visitors blanked in the fourth.

In the fifth Knox started the fun with a single. Kane went out on a fly and Ward walked. Zearfoss was safe on a fielder's choice, but Knox was out at third. Marshall connected for a single, scoring Ward. McIntyre hit to deep right and McKevitt muffed the ball, allowing two men to score and incidentally losing the game for Spokane.

Roach, who did the twirling for the visitors, was in fine fettle and pitched a magnificent game all through. He allowed not a single man to walk, and although he was hit safely nine times he kept the bingles well scattered. The score:

SPOKANE.					
AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A. E.	
Howells, H.	4	0	1	2	0
Donahue, Jb.	3	1	1	1	1
Elsey, Rb.	4	1	1	10	0
McKevitt, Rf.	4	0	1	3	0
McGilligan, Cf.	4	0	2	2	0
Ferris, 2b.	3	1	2	3	0
Kelly, ss.	2	1	1	3	0
Frery, c.	4	0	2	0	0
Pfeister, p.	4	0	0	3	0
Totals	32	3	9	24	10

BUTTE.					
AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A. E.	
Kane, ss.	4	1	1	6	1
Ward, 2b.	3	1	2	3	1
Zearfoss, 1b.	3	1	2	2	0
Marshall, rf.	4	1	1	3	0
McIntyre, 3b.	2	0	1	1	0
Smith, cf.	3	0	0	14	0
McHale, cf.	4	0	1	3	0
Roach, p.	3	0	0	2	0
Knox, 2b.	3	0	1	1	0
Totals	29	4	6	27	15

Score by innings:
Spokane 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
Butte 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 0 0

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Spokane, 2; Butte, 1. Sacrifice hits—Kelly, 2; Ferris, Donahue, Elsey, Roach, Smith. Stolen bases—Donahue, Ward, Zearfoss. Two-base hits—McKevitt, Kane, McHale, Ward. Bases on balls—Off Pfeister, 4. Three-base hit—Ferris. Struck out—By Pfeister, 2; by Roach, 1. Left on bases—Spokane, 4; Butte, 5. Time of game—One hour and 30 minutes. Attendance—500. Umpire—Colgan.

PORTLAND IS WHITEWASHED

Unable to Connect With Thompson Who Was on the Stab for the Senators.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Portland, Oct. 8.—Thompson was in the box for Helena yesterday and pitched superb ball throughout the game, striking out nine of the Portland batters and allowing but one free ticket to first. At critical stages he was invincible and the home team simply could not connect safely when a hit would have meant a run.

With the exception of the third inning the home team put up a good game in the field. Witbeck pitched a fine game and but for misplays in the fatal third would have stood a good chance of winning his game.

After the Senators had tallied one earned run, Thompson hit a fly to Adams and was out. Schmeer singled and Peoples hit too high for Stovall to reach, Schmeer going to third. Holly hit to Anderson and was thrown out at first, but not before Schmeer had crossed the plate. Sullivan hit along third base and himself came home on a wild throw by Anderson.

Center Fielder Brown met with an accident which put him out of the game. He misjudged a ball in the fourth and was

THE BARS ARE DOWN AGAIN.



Now That the Local Authorities Have Taken a Stand for Boxing Contests Which Are Pulled Off Under the Requirements of the Law, the Manly Art of Self-Defense Is Likely to Take a New Lease of Life and Enjoy a Prosperous Season in Butte.

hit on the side of the head with terrific force. The score by innings:
Helena 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0
Portland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Earned run—Helena, 1.—Sacrifice hits—Shaffer, Holly, Witbeck. Bases on balls—Off Witbeck, 2; off Thompson, 1. Double plays—Adams to Anderson to Stovall; Stovall (unassisted); Anderson to Weed to Stovall. Three-base hit—Shaffer. Struck out—By Witbeck, 3; by Thompson, 9. Left on bases—Portland, 9; Helena, 5. Hit by pitcher—Hannivan, Van Buren, Brown. Time of game—One hour and 25 minutes. Attendance—150. Umpire—Lynch.

SEATTLE HAS A LITTLE LUCK

Rain Storm Stops the Game in the Seventh With Score at 1 to 0.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Seattle, Oct. 8.—Rain stopped the game in the seventh inning yesterday. Both Seattle and Tacoma gave evidence of being good mud hens, and even after the skies opened in the fourth, the play was remarkably fast under the conditions. Campbell and Harmon, who pitched for Seattle and Tacoma, respectively, were in fine form and did good work in the box.

The only run of the game was made by Seattle in the sixth, when, with one man out, Drennan swung on a pretty one for a three-bagger, scoring a moment later on Hurley's out. The Tigers had a chance to score in the fifth with the bases filled and only one man out, but fast fielding on the part of Seattle prevented. Seattle had two men on bases and none out when the game was called in the seventh. The score by innings:
Seattle 0 0 0 0 0 1 X-1
Tacoma 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Earned run—Seattle, 1.—Stolen bases—Klopf, Babbitt. Bases on balls—Off Stovall, 2; off Harmon, 3. Three-base hit—Drennan. Struck out—By Stovall, 6; by Harmon, 2. Left on bases—Seattle, 5; Tacoma, 7. Hit by pitcher—Letcher, Dalrymple. Time of game—One hour and 20 minutes. Attendance—200. Umpire—McCarthy.

ENTRIES AT HARLEM TRACK

Look Here and Pick Out Winner in the Big Eastern Events.

First race, six and one-half furlongs—Limeight, 115; Judicious, 112; Rabunata, 110; Evelyn Byrd, 110; Annie Thompson, 105; Queen of Dixiana, 102; Banter, 85.

Second race, six furlongs—Laura F M, 109; Poxey Kane, 107; The Crisis, 104; The Don, 102.

Third race, one mile—Flying Torpedo, 109; Lady Chorister, 104; Jack DeMund, 102; Lucien Appleby, 102; Waswit, 102; Talpa, 99; Gallant, 99; J. V. Kirby, 94.

Fourth race, the Phoenix Handicap, one mile and one-sixteenth—McChesney, 126; Caliban, 109; Lucien Appleby, 124; Aladdin, 120; Wainamoinen, 108; Bragg, 104; Lacrimae, 97; Hoodwink, 97; Serpent, 94; Lexithan, 94. McChesney and Caliban Durnell entry.

Fifth race, six furlongs, handicap—Nitrate, 119; Ethylene, 117; Duellist, 113; Money Muss, 112; C. B. Campbell, 110; Flocarline, 109; MacGyle, 105; Alce, 98; Sarah Maxim, 93.

Sixth race, one mile and one-sixteenth, selling—Cougar, 107; Wyola, 105; Irving Mayer, 102; Whitcomb, 102; Compass, 102; Edith Q, 102; Scotch Plaid, 100; Obstinate Simon, 100; King Barleycorn, 97. Weather clear; track slow.

Champion Pittsburgs Win.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Pittsburg, Oct. 8.—The first of the post-season series of games between the champion Pittsburg team of the National league and the All-American Stars was played here yesterday. Leever was invincible up to the ninth inning. Score:
R. H. E.
Pittsburg 4 8 1
All-Americans 3 9 1

Batteries—Leever and Smith; Young and Sullivan Umpires—O'Day and O'Laughlin.

OPIE NOT AFRAID TO MEET CLIFFORD

ISSUES A FORMAL CHALLENGE TO STATE CHAMPION AND WANTS TO FIGHT BEFORE NOV. 1.

Howard Opie and his friends are considerably stirred up over the reported statements of Jack Clifford to the effect that Opie is afraid to meet the champion.

According to some of Opie's friends Clifford has talked in Meadville to numerous listeners, who have informed Opie that the conqueror of Jack Wade had frequently declared that Opie was afraid to meet him.

These stories have aroused the ire of Opie and his friends, who claim that the Centerville boy has done everything in his power to bring about a meeting with Clifford.

The feeling stirred up over the dispute resulted in the following formal challenge being issued by Opie today:

"Sporting Editor Inter Mountain: I hereby challenge Jack Clifford to meet me in a boxing contest to be held in this city not later than November 1.

"I will accept any terms he may agree to that are within reaching distance. There has been so much talk of a match between Clifford and myself, over which there have been different stories spread, that I take this method, once for all, to declare that I am not afraid of Clifford, and that I am willing and ready to meet him on his own terms. It's up to Clifford to accept the match with me or forfeit the state championship."

(Signed) "HOWARD OPIE."

As stated elsewhere, in case a match can be made it will be pulled off under club management in the Grand opera house, October 23.

BUTTE ADVANCES TOWARD PENNANT

TAKES ANOTHER FALL OUT OF THE SPOKANE BUNCH AND THAT RAG IS NOW IN SIGHT.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 8.—Spokane lost today's game to Butte on what looked like a lay down. Quick, who pitched for the locals, sent the ball over the plate made to order and then sluggers had a hard time to hit it. The Spokane team played good ball but the battery work was poor.

Score:

SPOKANE.					
AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A. E.	
Howells, H.	3	0	1	2	0
Donahue, Jb.	5	0	2	3	0
McKevitt rf & lb.	4	0	1	0	0
McGilligan, cf.	3	0	1	2	0
Ferris, 2b.	4	0	1	2	0
Kelly, ss.	4	0	0	3	0
Frery, c.	1	1	0	0	0
Grim, 1b & c.	3	0	1	7	0
Quick, p.	4	0	1	0	0
Pfeister, rf.	3	0	2	0	0
Totals	34	1	9	24	10

BUTTE.					
AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A. E.	
Kane, ss.	5	0	1	5	1
Ward, 2b.	4	0	1	3	2
Zearfoss, c.	4	0	0	4	0

BOWLERS ARRANGE PRACTICE GAMES

SERIES OF TWENTY-FOUR ARE TO BE PLAYED TO DETERMINE ORDER IN WHICH THEY ROLL.

Members of the city league teams which will contest with the All-American Trio on the Thornton alleys the last of the month, held a meeting last night at which Manager Mort White presided.

The official scores were gone over and arbitrated and the team selected as previously announced in these columns.

A division of the six men leading in the scores was made and the teams will be made up as follows:

Team No. 1—Sheehan, Misevich and Adams.

Team No. 2—Perham, Hammel and Ellis.

It was arranged last night for the two teams to begin immediately on a series of 24 games to be played for practice and to determine the order in which they will roll against the champions.

The team winning in the series will be played against the visitors first and the other team will take the second night.

Practice games were rolled last night, though the team division was not made. The scores were as follows:

Ellis	157	188	190	206	741
Misevich	167	170	181	155	773
Waring	136	146	165	134	581
Sheehan	209	160	180	182	731
White	176	125	173	173	647
Adams	191	213	190	161	755
Hammel	187	183	135	158	663
Perham	152	156	202	184	694

Marshall, rf.	4	1	2	0	0
McIntyre, 3b.	4	0	0	1	3
Smith, 1b.	4	2	3	11	0
McHale, cf.	4	2	2	0	0
Knox, lf.	4	1	3	3	1
Salisbury, p.	3	0	0	0	1
Totals	26	6	13	27	15

Score by innings:
Spokane 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 9 1
Butte 0 2 0 2 1 0 0 1 6 12 1

Batteries—Quick and Frary and Grim; Salisbury and Zearfoss. Umpire—Colgan.

SUMMARY:
Two-base hits—Grim, Smith, Knox. Three-base hit—Marshall. Stolen bases—Knox 2, McHale, Ward, Smith 2. Double plays—Ward to Smith; Kane to Smith. Bases on balls—Off Quick, 1; off Salisbury, 2. Struck out—By Quick, 5; by Salisbury, 2. Hit by pitched ball—By Salisbury, 2. Passed ball—Grim. Wild pitch—Quick. Attendance—300. Umpire—Colgan.

KID LEE IS NOW IN THE MIDST OF HIS TRAINING

Kid Lee writes from Havre that he is in the midst of his training for his coming battle on October 15 with Jack McBride, the soldier boy of Fort Assiniboine.

Lee is now the featherweight champion of Montana, having won that title by virtue of his victory over Phil Green at Havre on September 24.

McBride has been in the service of the army for six years and is about to quit the service to follow the fortunes of the ring. He will draw \$500 back pay, all of which he will bet on the fight if he can get it covered.

AUTHORITIES ARE NOT OPPOSED

Willie B. Goode Gets a Tip to the Effect That Glove Contests Which Come Within the Law Will Not Be Molested.

They tell me now that there is nothing at all to any further antagonism on the part of the city officials when it comes to holding the right kind of boxing contests in the city.

According to the information given out there will be no opposition to the holding of contests in the opera houses so long as those contests are conducted under regular organized clubs managed by local men and kept within the bounds of decency.

Luis makes it certain that the Lafontise-McCarthy contest will be pulled off in Sutton's Broadway, October 16, as scheduled.

Arrangements are being made for the match now, and it will come under regular club management.

Word has been received from Pipestone Springs to the effect that Mose is working out in good shape and, in fact, is training harder and more faithfully than ever before. Mose was always a hard worker in training, whether conditioning some other fellow or himself, and while he is of that rugged, husky build which does not show much condition on the outside he has always been in shape to stand any amount of punishment.

Since the word has gone forth that the city officials will not interfere with a boxing contest conducted under club management, talk of matches has revived again.

The latest talk is of an effort to be made once more to bring Clifford and Opie together despite the falling out the pair had in trying to make a match a week ago.

James Murphy is promoting the contest with his club, and it is likely that he will be able to get the pair together.

Murphy has always been successful in managing contests. In fact he and his associates have been about the only men of late who have been able to pull off any kind of a paying match. If James takes hold of the Clifford-Opie proposition there is no doubt of his being well supported.

According to the talk now the match, if made, will be pulled off in the Grand opera house, October 23.

The making of this match will effectually stop the talk among the little ones who are anxious to go against Clifford for any old game in the belief that even the losing end would amount to considerable.

Here's another on the former backer of sprinters which is pretty good. Last Friday one of the girls in Tewey's dining-room went insane and was sent to the asylum just after the landlord had been chosen on the hand organ and monkey ticket.

The next day one of Dan's mainstays in the hotel celebrated over the nomination and landed in jail. He got out pretty quick and made a bee line for the hostelry.

"Tell you what," said the 'mainstay,' as he braced off another life-saver. "The Southern hotel is a peach. Some of us go to the insane asylum and some of us go to jail and some of us go to the senate."

Those lads of Manager Mort White's aren't doing a thing to records down on the Thornton alleys. The other night Misevich had to pay for a game in which he bowled 220. Sheehan was his opponent and the leader of the crack team actually rolled 266.

Pretty tough work when a man can't win with 220, isn't it?

Robert Fitzsimmons, blacksmith, ex-champion and actor, will arrive in the

greatest mining camp on earth at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The blacksmiths of the city were arranging to lay off and escort their union brother from the train to the hotel, but the unseemly time of arrival will prevent that. However, the boys of horseshoes and nails won't flunk and are now arranging to accord the big fellow a reception and a blowout sometime tomorrow.

Never has there been a more exciting or prettier race than that between Butte and Seattle. It looks now as if one game either way will win the pennant or lose it for Butte. Of course this is figuring on the guess that Seattle will gather in five victories from Tacoma.

Ludgale has worked his men to death playing against the strong teams of the league, but with Tacoma to end up with it ought to be an easier proposition for the Clamdiggers. The reaction from the Butte games was noticeable when Helena played Seattle, and ever since there has been a let-down there. But "Dug" is playing on his own grounds, and if there is anything in the reports that Tacoma is willing to help out there's no way of figuring except for games from Spokane.

Now they're talking of retaining Jack Grim as manager of the Spokane team. Since Harry Green took the team things have been running along in better shape.

Green is quoted as saying that Grim can remain if he wants to and that he is willing to sign him for next year. In speaking of his remaining with Seattle Jack said the other day:

"I have been given to understand by the directors that I would be retained next year, and am working with that idea in my mind. I have already signed new blood that gives great promise, and you know they can't always keep a good man down. If I get the men I am after, and already have a majority of them, I'll make Seattle and Butte look like a bunch of white chips."

Well, we scratched out on that game yesterday in Spokane. But so did Seattle get lucky with one run and a rainstorm in the seventh.

In a telegram from the coast I am informed that there are no postponed games for Seattle to play Friday. The game Monday was the last of the postponed games. This makes just four games, counting today, between us and that bit of rag.

"We will do our best to win," says "Honest John" in a telegram to the Inter Mountain. We all know that "Mac," but win, anyhow.

Jerry McCarthy is doing great stunts up in Walkerville with "Doc" Flynn. The Walkerville boy is out to make the fight of his life when he gets up against Mose Lafontise, and let me tell you, it's going to be a great battle of husky ones. There's not a fight talked of locally which will compare in interest with the McCarthy Lafontise mill, and I predict the largest crowd ever gathered in Sutton's for a like event.

Both men have hosts of friends, and both are believed in to the last stage as square, game fighters. Surely it will be a treat to the sports.

Willie B. Goode

CLIFFORD IS ANXIOUS TO GET IN RING AGAIN

Wants a Go With Howard Opie on October 23 or Any Other Man Who Fights at a 133 Pound Limit.

Jack Clifford, through the sporting columns of the Inter Mountain, wishes to issue a challenge to any 133-pound man who will post a forfeit of \$50 or more with Manager Marks of the Grand Opera house as a pledge of their sincerity.

Clifford considers Howard Opie the best of the lightweights around Butte and is willing to meet him in the ring on October 23. The champion also states that Dayton can have a go on November 6 if he will put up the necessary forfeit. In case