

Seals' Capture of First Place in Race is Short Lived

BEAVERS SHOW TEETH; SEALS TAKE WATER

Mohler's Men Are Kept on the Defensive While Portland Lands 6-2 Victory

By JOE MURPHY

The Seals' life in first place was shorter than that of a fish out of water. They seemed to get to the top only to be shoved back a peg by the Beavers, which threw the harpoon into Long's fur bearing tribe. Ed Koestner, who was in the big brush long enough to have the rough places filed down, was the chief harpooner, as he seemed to have the Seals speared and in captivity throughout the session. It was the first reverse in three conflicts, but a sickening one, on account of lifting the home crew off their high pedestal.

There were no excuses to offer. The visitors continued to hand out the polished article, and the Seals could not be criticised for their efforts, which were on the defensive. However, the and used their slapsticks to better advantage than did the locals. Two flingers were called into play by Mohler to stem the tide, Eastley and Browning being forced into action. The latter took a long rest, coming into the game in the fifth frame when the damage had been done.

Eastley was as open as the good book, and if he had anything he must have kept it under cover for another time. It was only the highly defensive efforts of his team mates during the first three rounds that saved his scalp, as it was evident that he was doing his best. It was in the fourth that the cannonading started which caused Mohler to bring a new runner into action.

He selected Brownie Browning, whom Long has ready for the dumps. The little fellow went in and showed that he still has something. His performance might cause Long to reconsider the matter of disposing of the chap, who did noble duty in other days.

Browning took the burden and pitched a nice article, beginning with five innings he was on the mound. Two runs and four hits were made off him and two of the latter could be properly attributed to the element of luck, one of them being responsible for the runs scored against him.

Koestner mixed an assortment that had the Seals going south all the time. He was flinging them over with all sorts of curbs attached, and this gentleman also uses his brains in the performance of his duty, working on the weakness of the opposition swatters.

Five bingles and two runs were scored against him. One of the scores given the Seals was an act of charity, while the other was of the genuine variety. This one was made by Tennant, who kicked through with a four base swip.

Early indications pointed to the massacre of Eastley in the beginning of the battle. Portland turned loose their guns early, but it was not until the fourth frame that they found the target. The Seals secured a run in the second through the generosity of the visitors, but it did not look to be enough.

The score came along in the second. Melchior was greeted with a pass, and then Mohler lifted one on the chin, sending Sheehan, the ball climbing up his leg and going into the air, but Tommy managed to rescue it in time to get Mohler at first. However, Mel kept hotfooting, not even hesitating at second. Rapps swung to Sheehan, but he went to the bleachers and Mel scored.

Sheehan looked at four in the fourth which "Hilde" adjudged balks. Krueger singled to center and then Rapps hit to Mohler. The captain made a charity throw to McArdle to catch Krueger, but Mac dropped the throw and the bases were crowded. Eastley hit to Pecky easy, killing him off on a fly to Weaver, which Sheehan believed would be too dangerous to attempt, but he came home on Rogers, causing gloom by doubling along the third base line, clearing the bases, and scoring Rogers to the right field fence, scoring Rogers.

Eastley was given his retirement papers and Browning took the mound in the fifth. He went through the fifth frame all right, but met an attack in the sixth. Krueger opened up on the new fencer with a double to the left field fence and then Rapps hit blindly, but sent the ball to the right field fence, scoring Rogers.

Browning knuckled down to work after this session and pitched a businesslike game, but he was not doing this all the way through. The score:

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Summary: Four runs and six hits off Eastley in 4 innings. Rogers, Krueger, Sheehan, Powell, Berry, first base on called play by Eastley. Koestner 4. Struck out—By Koestner 7, by Browning 3. Double plays—Vitt to Tennant; Rapps, McArdle to Tennant. Wild pitch—Eastley. Time of game—1 hour and 27 minutes. A nip—Hildebrand.

Notes of the Game: Browning's showing yesterday might cause Manager Long to change his mind in regard to releasing the little warrior. He really pitched a fine article of work, good enough to win for any club, and the local club manager could not count on him for any reason. In fact, Long expressed himself as being highly pleased with Browning's pitching, but did not commit himself. Browning is a great favorite with the local baseball public, and if he is released his going will be regretted.

For a player who has been in the game as long as Melchior, his judgment in the ninth would indicate that he was just brought in from the bushes. With the score 2 to 2 in the ninth, Mel reached first base and then was snuggly stealing. It was certainly poor judgment on his part. Two more Seals reached bases after he was downed. Browning is a great favorite with the local baseball public, and if he is released his going will be regretted.

Koestner shows the polish which a session in the big league puts on. He pitched a pretty game as one would care to witness. Looking over McCredie's pitching staff, he appears to have a very clever bunch of flingers. With Steen, Seaton, Koestner, Fullerton and Henderson going right, the team will be a hard one to beat.

If Long intends to release Browning, what will be done with Eastley? The Seals' infield was again in evidence with sensational plays. McArdle and Vitt did the fancy stuff. The former is going like a bear.

Koestner struck out Weaver and Powell in the opening inning. He seemed to have the number of most of the local drivers.

Vitt grabbed off Rapps' drive in the opening inning. It was a spectacular exhibition, and Powell had a chance to score from second in the third frame, when McArdle hit safely to center, with one down. He would surely have scored, but was held on third. Weaver followed with a short fly to left and then Powell took a chance. It looked as if he had now, but he appeared to be safe, though Hildebrand called him out. Koestner's run must be in poor shape, as his throw was very weak.

Eastley appeared a put out when Mohler canned him after the fourth frame, but he had nothing and should have been satisfied.

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STANDING OF THE CLUBS

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GAMES TODAY

Portland at San Francisco. Oakland at Los Angeles. Vernon at Sacramento.

The Seals were good for only one day as headlines in the present article watched the cut yesterday afternoon on the Oakland diamond and the victory put them out of the hole and placed San Francisco where it stood for a couple of weeks. The teams are still divided by only half a game and the leadership for a day at least will be depend on the outcome of this afternoon's contest. Meantime, Oakland lost to Los Angeles and Sacramento won from Vernon, so the Seals are now in third place, with the Oaks but half a game behind them. The victory of the Angels over the Oaks helps balance the race.

MAHONEY'S HOMER WINS FOR SOLONS

With Two Down and Score Three All "Chris" Clouts Out Four Sacker

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, May 11.—Christopher Columbus might have some pumpkins for picking America out of the ocean, but Christopher Mahoney, right fielder and ex center, picked the Sacramento team for sheer achievement. He has his ancestor breathing fast in round the ninth of a glorious battle between the Villagers and Senators, with the score standing 3 to 3, and two Sacramento batters aid away. Mahoney jumped aboard the first batter that Roy Hitt showed his way and rode said batter out of the game.

No more exciting finish to a hair raising game could have been made to order. Vernon had tied Sacramento's one run in the sixth, and Stinson opened up the ninth with a drive over the fence. The Seals were added before the inning closed. Then Patsy O'Rourke, the Irish dynamo, jumped into the game after sitting on the bench for six innings, and started a Sacramento rally that tied the score. The Vernon batters loaded the bases in the tenth to give Mahoney a chance to score. He did not take it, and the game was over.

"Spider" Baum got through five innings in good shape, but from the sixth, when three hits registered the tying score, the Vernon swingers landed hard on his offerings. They reached the clean base in the ninth, when Stinson pulled the ball out of the lot after two men had torn vicious lines straight into the hands of the two more batters by Burrell and Brown scored another run. The Vernon infield was responsible for Sacramento's rally. Stinson opened the tenth by singling. O'Rourke, hitting for Dullin, shot one to McDonnell that he caught. Stinson then hit and crimped Lerchen, filling the bases. Stewart was yanked out in favor of Van Burriel. Two more runs were scored by O'Rourke to hit for Baum. He popped out. Shinn hit a fast one to McDonnell, who was in the line to catch it. Lerchen, Brashear hurried to first to catch the best Shinn, and his peg went wide. Baum, who had been in the line to end the inning by grounding out.

Southpaw Thompson finished the game for the Seals. He walked and error by O'Rourke on a half completed double play put him in bad. He pitched a businesslike game, but he was not doing this all the way through. The score:

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Former Pirate Shoots for Angels and Commuters Walk Plank to Defeat

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LOS ANGELES, May 11.—Bob Couchman, obtained by the Angels from Pittsburgh in part payment for Walter Nagle, put an end to the winning streak of the Oaks today by holding them absolutely helpless before his expert gunning and beating them, 3 to 1. He should have had a shutout, but for a wild throw by Grindle in the eighth that allowed Vernon to score from first.

It was the first time in a fortnight that Dillon had asked the big fellow to work, as he had been suffering with a sore arm all spring, and he pitched up to all advance notices regarding his citizenship. He never was in the slightest danger at any time, holding the Oaks to six hits, only allowing Wares and Maggart to get as far as third base once each in the fourth and fifth innings. In only one round did the Oaks get more than one hit off his delivery and that was in the ninth, when he eased down a bit. As soon as Maggart had doubled and Cutchaw had singled, he pitched for the Angels, and he pitched to the Angels, and he pitched to the Angels.

Big Jim Wiggs was sent to the fring line by Wolverton, and it looked like a pitching duel until the third inning, when he yielded a hit to the opposition. The Angels fell on Wiggs' twisters in the third and fourth, but he held them off and chased two runners home. Three more swats in the fourth resulted in another run, and the Angels were chased two men home. One bingle in the sixth yielded another run and caused the Angels to take a lead. Dubois took his place in the seventh, but could not head off the clouters. Wiggs pitched the eighth and ninth, and he pitched to the Angels, and he pitched to the Angels.

It was in the eighth that Oakland got its only run, when Dillon singled to center for a base and scoring when nobody covered second to take Grindle's throw, and get him on an attempted steal.

After two very stiff necked rounds, the Angels started to get going when Dillon singled to left, Grindle popped over Cutchaw's head and Maggart walked. Wares walked and a few to center and Grindle counted, but Martinke hit into a double play.

In the fourth, with two men down, Metzger was pitched over Cutchaw's head and scored on Dillon's triple to right. With one out in the fifth, Davis worked Wiggs for a base, Moore put a single to left, Martinke moved up with his infield out and Delmas scored both of them. In the sixth, Wiggs pitched to the Angels, and he pitched to the Angels.

Wiggs walked Grindle, who scored on Couchman's double to right. Moore was first in the seventh and Dubois threw him in wide open. Martinke sacrificed Moore to third, after he had purloined the middle sack by a spectacular slide. Wares, who had been sitting on Delmas' poke to Wares, beating the throw home by another fine exhibition of sliding under a feeder, who was standing with the ball to make the out, started the run getting in the eighth by driving the pill to right via Pfl's leg. Grindle followed with a double to left, and the Angels were in the lead. Couchman filed the sacks with a clean single to right. Davis put another in the same hole, and the Angels were in the lead. Dubois walked Moore again, forcing Grindle home. Infield drives headed off two runners at the plate and ending the scoring. The score:

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