

SEALS AND OAKS PUNGE INTO CHAMPIONSHIP

THE 1913 SQUAD OF THE OAKLAND COAST LEAGUE CHAMPIONS LINED UP AND LOOKING PLEASANT. The players are, from right to left: Harry Ables, Vinnie Word, Cy Parkin, Al Cook, Rube Gardner, Ody Abbott, Ashley Pope, Gus Helling, Harry Olmsted, George Schirm, Bill Leard, Charley Emery, Jess Becker, Manager Carl Mitze and "Daddy" Rohrer.



LOCALS GO ALL READY FOR WORK TODAY AT BOYES

Last Batch of Players Off This Morning; Training Starts In This Afternoon

By JOE MURPHY
The last batch of the Seals will start for Boyes Springs this morning and the regular training for the season of 1913 will start today. Already the biggest part of the team is safely entrenched at the Sonoma county health resort, and a dozen more players will arrive at Boyes today to round out the crew. With the exception of Jesse Baker, Matty McIntyre and Kid Wuffli, the holdout members of the local club, and infielder Callahan, who is detained in the east, owing to a fracture of his ankle, the entire team is expected to be on hand.

The local club is starting off the season with plenty of material, but whether it is up to the standard remains to be seen. The critical Seal admirer is not an optimist. He has the hope in his mind of the team's showing this year, and the management has not secured enough new material of class to strengthen the weak spots. The holdout trio—Baker, McIntyre and Wuffli—will also be missed if they do not fall into line.

Cal Ewing has hopes of getting several discards from the White Sox after Manager Callahan has looked his team over. Everyright might turn out all right, but at present the outlook for San Francisco's having a winning team in the field does not look any too bright.

MANAGER HOWARD ON JOB

Del Howard, who will lead the Seals this season, left for Boyes yesterday with a squad of players and expects to have everything in readiness to start training today. In the squad that accompanied Howard were Pitcher Hughes, who was with the Bassano club of the western Canada league last year; Pitcher "Pop" Arlett; Massow, a young bush pitcher who was with the Seals at Paso Robles last year; Wagner, the second baseman; Pitcher Wee Willie McCorry, who just arrived on the White Sox special, and infielders Callahan and McCarroll, a couple of new men, who hope to gain jobs on the local club.

The new Seal leader seemed to be in a happy frame of mind departing for the training quarters. He plans to put the members of the club through a busy stage of training and have them ready when the season starts.

Quite a number of the local players have been at Boyes Springs for some time and already are in fair shape. This list includes Roy McCardie, who will be the utility man this year; Outfielders Mundorf and Zimmerman, Catcher Tub Spencer and Pitcher Pat Hankins.

ROY CORHAN BLOWS IN

Roy Corhan surprised the members of the indoor conversational baseball league by dropping in on them yesterday morning. Roy came up from Albuquerque. He is a former player, and since the close of last season and feels in great shape.

"I am just hungry for work and will be glad to get back in the going," says Roy.

Corhan will be among the players that will leave for Boyes today. Ewing received notices yesterday from a couple of his young players that they would not be on hand to join the team. Catcher Kuhn and Charley Miller, a young bush pitcher, sent word that they had decided to remain in the southern part of the state. Both boys are working, and they probably figure that their chances of getting a regular berth with the local team were slim, and rather than to lose what they prefer to remain home. Ewing probably will put them on the suspended list.

A DOZEN DAYS OF TRAINING

The Seals will put in about 13 days of hard training at Boyes Springs if weather permits. Howard says he wants the team in squads to get a line on the merits of his new players. He has a number of men on hand whom he has never seen in action, and wants to give all of them a fair trial before disposing of any of them.

The Seals will return home one week from next Friday to engage in the first of the series of exhibition games with the White Sox. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays with the Chicago team. This schedule will continue for four weeks.

WHITE SOX ALL GLAD IT RAINED Paso Robles Gives 'Em a California Welcome

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

PASO ROBLES, Feb. 24.—Rain forced a postponement of the first workout scheduled for the White Sox today. The team, as a whole and individually, was not sorry. The party arrived at 6 o'clock this morning, and every member was tired. The team was given a rousing reception by the local fans. There were carriage loads of prominent citizens to assist the band, and the Chicago visitors were given a noisy welcome and escorted to the hotel in the city. It looked as if the whole town had turned out. Tomorrow, weather permitting, the athletes will be given the first workout of the year.

The White Sox party was greeted in the morning by Pitcher Jim Scott, Ping Bodie and Joe Berger. Berger is not carrying as much weight as he did last spring. His daily training during the winter months has kept him hard as nails, and he is evidently in earnest in his desire to make good. Del Howard is one of Joe's biggest boosters. He says Berger has a great pair of hands, is a handy fielder and possesses a marvelous whip.

After their experience at Waco, Tex., last spring this place looks good to the Sox.

When League Pennant Will Fly

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Walters have been asked upon Clyde Engle, utility infielder of the Boston Americans, one of whose flies in the last world's series resulted in Snodgrass' memorable muff and was a big factor in giving Boston the world's championship.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—The Philadelphia American league baseball team left here today for its southern training camp at San Antonio, Tex. There were 25 in the party. Several players will be picked up in the west. Third baseman Baker will join the team on March 5.

FIFTEEN SOLONS SHOW UP AT TRAINING CAMP

J. Pluvius Interferes With Angels and Tigers in the South

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
MARIYVILLE, Feb. 24.—Fifteen Senators reported for spring practice here today and went through the preliminaries of starting the training season.

No Southern Holdouts

(By Federal Wireless)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—Spring training camps of the two Los Angeles baseball teams were given a temporary setback by the heavy rains of the last two days. Most of the men reported at Washington park today, but many still idly around the stove in the training quarters.

Veteran Fignoni Fails to Do a Come Back

Crepes decorates Fulton Fignoni's locker at the Dolphin club. He couldn't come back to the good old game of handball. Bill Givonni, the newer member of the organization, whose steady success irritated the veteran into hurling his recent challenge, took the latter's measure to the tune of 21 to 11 and 21 to 5, while the old timers looked on, whooped it up in vain for their fellow veteran and then "handed it to" the invincible Givonni for his great exhibition.

Stanford Oxonian Wins Jump Event

OXFORD, Eng., Feb. 24.—In the Oxford varsity sports today will A. Ziegler, Rhodes scholar from Iowa, won the hammer throw, the distance being 140 feet 8 inches. H. R. Stolz, Rhodes scholar from Stanford university, won the broad jump, with 21 feet 4 1/2 inches.

DIOTORIALS

By A. SPORTOVITCH RUGGE
B-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z!!
Now once again The baseball bee So meretricious Begins to buzz.

And this when (It seems to me) We want to see How each Seal does.

All of which is the reason why a small army of war correspondents from San Francisco's dailies struck out this morning for a week or so at Boyes springs.

The White Sox hit in Oakland and stuck around all day. Not knowing San Francisco was just across the bay. But when the shades of night fell A few Sox looked up. Discarded word hotels here, too. And lingered here to sup.

Now, what d'ye think o' that? You gotta hand it to those Oakland fans and hotel men, though. They were little Johnny on the spot from the time the mogul engine pulling THAT special tooted for Richmond, and they kept those Sox so full of Oakland all day they didn't have time to remember such a town as San Francisco was on the map.

Can an athlete come back? Ask Jim Jeffries, Bat Nelson—and Fulton Fignoni of the Dolphins.

Veterans sometimes lick youngsters, however. The juniors found that out down at Hillsborough Sunday.

It's a joy to read the press dispatches from the south on the topic of tennis. If you're a San Franciscan. All the real battles were between our own stars. The southerners didn't have a look in.

It's a hard rain that'll discourage a Shell Mound rifle fiend.

LIGHTWEIGHTS DEMAND TOO MUCH Jim Coffroth Would Put 'Em On Again--But

If Ad Wolgast and Tommy Murphy will only give Promoter Jim Coffroth a chance to make a little money the fans of this vicinity are likely to see the sterling lightweights in action again some time during the early part of April.

The local promoter is anxious to stage the pair again, the fighters express a desire to clash again and the followers of the game are just crazy to see them. However, the boxers are not philanthropists—in fact they are very keen, commercially—probably too keen to suit Coffroth. They have made terms which, Coffroth figures, would not allow him to make enough to buy a bottle of size wine.

Wolgast has two strong points—he is a great fighter and he wants to be well paid for performing. He has an astute manager in Tom Jones, who does not care at all for ciphers. Tom deals in figures as carelessly as a punk man deals in conversation.

Murphy and his manager, Jim Buckley, can be given credit for being fair and allowing the other fellow to make a dollar, too. However, Buckley can not understand why Wolgast should let two and Murphy on when the receipts are counted, as was the case in their last battle.

RIVERS AND CROSS TO BATTLE ANEW IN N. Y.

McMahon Brothers Sign the Pair for Return Match April 9

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Joe Rivers, who stopped Knockout Brown in 10 rounds at Vernon, Cal., Saturday afternoon, is going to fight in this city again in the near future. He has been signed up by the McMahon brothers to meet Leach Cross in a return battle of 10 rounds at the St. Nicholas Athletic club on April 9. Joe Levy, manager of Rivers, accepted the match today after his terms of \$5,500 had been agreed to by the McMahons. Rivers and Levy will leave Los Angeles for New York in three weeks.

Al McCloskey, western heavy weight who trained Al Balzer for his fight with Luther McCarty at Vernon, Cal., is back in town from the coast. He has been signed up to meet Jack Alton, the New England heavy weight, in one of the two 10 round bouts in the Forty-fourth Street Sporting club on Thursday night.

Jennings Abuses Tigers, Says Davy Jones

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—Davy Jones, the outfielder recently sold by the Tigers to the White Sox, says that the reason the local club didn't make a better showing last season was because the men didn't do their best for Manager Jennings, who, he says, abuses them dreadfully.

That is the whole secret of the "Tigers' rank failure last year," says Jones, "and that will be the cause of a worse showing next season. They need a new manager, one with higher than exception, because the players, with the exception of Cobb, all hate Jennings and won't do their best for him. New York will beat them out, sure."

"I was sold because I had informed President Navin I never would play under Jennings again, and was in position to back up my resolve. I already have an option on another drug store, Sam Crawford and half a dozen other Tigers have told Mr. Navin the same thing. That is the secret of Sam's holdout. He is in a position to back up his demand as well as I, but I don't think the others are, and I suppose they will have to cave in."

CHAMPIONS GET INTO UNIFORMS AT LIVERMORE

Still Some Holdouts, But 20 Tossers Show Up for Training at Seat of War

By BOB SHAND (Special Dispatch to The Call)

LIVERMORE, Feb. 24.—The champion Oaks are on the job at Livermore, 20 strong. The boys arrived this morning at 11 o'clock and lost no time in climbing into their uniforms. Headed by Manager Carl Mitze, the champs invaded the ball yard and spent the afternoon tossing the pill around. It was only a light workout and the strenuous stuff will not be attempted for several days yet.

There are some holdouts among the Oaks. Tyler Christian, Bill Malarkey and Jack Killian are still dissatisfied with the terms of their contracts. Helling is in Oakland and Manager Mitze expects to have him in the fold in a few days. Malarkey is supposed to be on his way here, having written two weeks ago that he was coming. Killian is in Los Angeles and is expected in Oakland Wednesday where he will have a talk with President Leavitt on the salary question.

Elmer Zacher is satisfied with his contract and will report this week. He is in New York, where his father died recently.

John Tiedemann wants to play ball, but his prospective wife won't let him. She is expected to report.

Columbia Will Permit Football Again

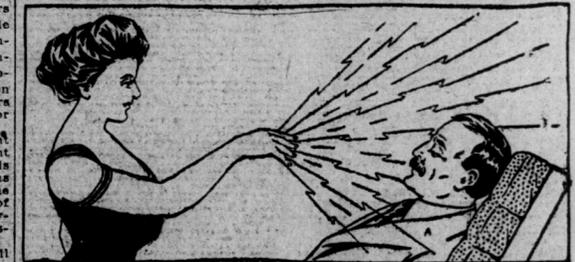
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Solons Will Give \$150 for Claire Patterson

OAKLAND, Feb. 24.—Word was received today by Carl Mitze, manager of the Oaks, from Harry Wolverton, manager of the Senators, that the Sacramento club would donate \$150 to the fund that is being raised for Claire Patterson. The total amount raised by the Oaks and Seals, and the total, with the receipts from yesterday's games, will be approximately \$750.



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