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GOODRIDGE RECEIVED IN 1914

Portland Figures to Be Weaker, While Other Clubs Will Be Stronger

By JOE MURPHY
When the season of 1913 closed the fans were almost a unit in declaring that Portland would come back in 1914 and repeat beyond the question of a doubt. These conclusions were based on baseball dope, and there was little chance for argument. The Beavers had captured the pennant without being put to a serious test, and it was generally admitted that McCredie's 1913 baseball combination was one of the strongest that ever played in the Coast league.

However, the chances of McCredie's club winning next season are not as bright as they were several months ago. There are many reasons why the Portland team does not look as formidable now as it did at the end of the season.

The northern club will hardly get the same pitching as it did in 1913. The loss of Big Bill James is sure to be felt by the combination, as pitchers of his caliber are hard to find in any minor league. Then, again, McCredie may lose another player. Cleveland has the call on the Portland club for one of its men, and if it exercises its option the Beavers will be further weakened.

There are three Beaver players Manager Joe Birmingham of the Naps has been casting glances at. They are Outfielder Ty Lober, who proved one of the best hitters in the Coast league last season, Pitcher Zip Hagerman and Second Baseman Bill Hagers.

The Naps are well fortified with infielders and outfielders, and they are likely to take Hagerman, McCredie's big right hander, and Lober, who is one of the best hitters in the Coast league, Portland's pitching staff will be shattered. James and Hagerman were two of the best pitchers in the league, and Portland will be greatly weakened by the loss of them.

On the other hand, it looks as if at least three of the Coast league teams will be strengthened next season. Los Angeles surely will be stronger than it was last year. Owner Henry Berry realizes that he needs pitchers, and he is out getting them. He has a couple of good men coming, and the Angels are certain to be stronger.

The same may be said of Hap Hogan's Tigers. He has landed a couple of men that are sure to strengthen his pitching staff. Owner Henry Berry is out getting them. He has a couple of good men coming, and the Angels are certain to be stronger.

The Seals should get a better next season than they did last year. The club that represented San Francisco at the end of the year was practically another combination than the one that played on the field when the season started.

The Seals should play better ball next year, and with the addition of a couple of the Coast league players in the ranks the outlook for the local club is promising.

The Beavers of 1913 had the class of the other clubs of the league. They won the pennant hands down and would undoubtedly repeat right back against the same field, but it is doubtful if the Portland club of 1914 will be as strong as they were in 1913, while on the other hand there are at least three other clubs that will go on the field next season with additional strength.

Portland by no means must be considered out of the race, but it is very doubtful if the northern club will have the walkover that it experienced in 1913.

Frank Chance, the Glendora rancher who spends his summers managing ball clubs, occasionally drops into Los Angeles and when there he declares about oranges and reviews the baseball situation. He seems to be highly elated with the team he will go on with next season. He declares that it will not be long before he has a first division combination.

Chance declares that he is not going to take any Coast leaguers back with him. He has his club pretty well shaped for next season.

"Pop" Anson is looked upon as one of the greatest players the game has known. Not alone could Anson play ball, but he could tell a promising youngster when to saw one. He was the man who discovered Governor Tener and helped to develop him into a great pitcher. He also discovered Billy Sunday, the noted evangelist.

Elmer Rieger, a pitcher who has been working on the St. Paul club of the American league, is anxious to join the Los Angeles club. Rieger has offered his services to Berry, but the latter is pretty well stocked with pitchers. Rieger may catch on with one of the Coast league clubs, as he is anxious to remain on the coast.

No Chance for Fitz To Box in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—That Bob Fitzsimmons, once heavy weight champion of the world, can not re-enter the prize ring in New York was the decision formally reached yesterday by the New York state athletic commission. Fitzsimmons said he was "feeling stronger" than ever, but the commission held that he no longer possessed the stamina to stand a fast bout. Fitzsimmons recently challenged any member of the white hope class to engage him in a 10 round bout.

Football Injuries Few in Old Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Of the 524 school boys of this city who played football last fall, 34 received injuries, but none of these proved serious, according to a report made by Superintendent of Schools F. B. Dyer. Three boys had their collarbones broken and another suffered a rib fracture. Most of the injuries consisted of sprains and bruises.

The report says that of 398 boys who played soccer none was injured.

The Judge's Wiff Landed Just in Time & & & & By Tad



FADEAWAY SIMPLE, BUT FEW PITCHERS LEARN HOW TO CONTROL IT

By CHRISTY MATHEWSON, the Giants' Star Pitcher.

While I was crossing the continent with the party of world's tourists several pitchers, especially the American leaguers in the crowd, asked me to show them how to throw a fadeaway. Many fans believe that the fadeaway requires some intricate prescription which is a carefully guarded secret, like that for Russell Ford's spitball with the double break in it. This is not so. There is no secret about the fadeaway. Patience and control are the only requirements for it.

Since I have been in the big leagues I have tried to show many pitchers how to get the fadeaway. Not only have I endeavored to teach pitchers in the New York club, but also men with other teams, and none of them have ever been able to reduce it to such a practical condition that they dared use it in a tight place, practically the only time it is of any value. Several pitchers have got the break on the ball, but they never knew how or when it was going to break, so that it was valueless. "Red" Ames used to be able to produce it once in a while, and Louis Drucker, formerly with the New York club, came nearest to it. He could get the ball to break with the greatest frequency, but he lacked control.

Three or four years ago a couple of Cincinnati pitchers were warming up in the corner of the outfield used for that purpose at the Polo grounds when a game was in progress, and I was out there taking a little workout. It was toward the end of the season, and the interest in the game being played was dead. After getting up a good perspiration, I cut loose with two or three fadeaways.

"Let's see how you do that," said Gaspar, the old Red twirler, who had been watching me from behind.

I showed him how to hold the ball, and he made several attempts to get it. Twice the curve broke for him, but it was wide of the plate. Keefe, also of Cincinnati at that time, joined the group.

"Show me," he said. "I'll get it." I gave him a demonstration, and he worked on it for a time. His result was not as promising as those obtained by Gaspar. "I'm going to practice on it. If I could get that slow ball, Matty," Keefe remarked, as we started for the clubhouse after the game, "it would add two or three years to my pitching days."

Keefe knew then that he was nearing the end of his playing days, and he went to work over that fadeaway. The next season he told me that he had been practicing on it all winter in his home town, but he could not get it sure enough to use it. And he is out of the big leagues now. I would have liked to see him get it and last a little longer. I hate to have them fade out of the big league.

THE PASSING OF PFIESTER

A pitcher that I tried very hard to teach the fadeaway to was Pfister, the old left hander of the Cubs. Pfister was a great twirler in many ways. He was not physically robust, but he had a wonderful nerve, and it was on this almost alone that he pitched. He had fair control, and he, too, thought that if he could get the fadeaway it would keep him in the big league for some time longer. I showed him how it was thrown, and he worked hard on it. But he could not control the ball well enough ever to employ it.

It was only a short time after this that Pfister passed out of the me; but I don't see how you get control of it.

It was only a short time after this that Pfister passed out of the big league for good. The story of his passing is worth while: Frank Chance had never been accused of much sentiment when it comes to managing a ball club. This is nothing against him. No successful manager has ever carried dead wood after he has found out it was dead wood. A lot of them are carrying it, but they don't know it, and they are not the successful managers. I don't expect to be kept by any ball club myself after I am not able to pull my weight.

Well, Chance asked for waivers on Pfister as soon as Jack began to show signs of slipping, in spite of the fact that Pfister had done a good deal toward the Cubs' great success in their most fertile years of 1906, 1907 and 1908. Jack hated to go, and asked for one more chance. The Cubs were playing a series at the Polo grounds at the time, and the Chicago left hander went to his manager.

"Let me work against the Giants," said Pfister. "Give me one more chance." "Go ahead," replied Chance, "and if you win I'll withdraw the request for waivers."

Pfister went into the game and tried as he never had tried before—a game pitcher, who had done good work, fighting for a little more baseball life. All of us on the Giants knew the circumstances, and in a way, we hoped that we would lose, but, of course, fought hard to win.

OLD TIMER FADES AWAY

The old southpaw went steady for a couple of innings. Then he began to waver, and we got to him hard. One how far to throw the ball, he lost control of the ball and passed a couple of men. It was a veteran making his last fight, and a losing one. Finally he looked at Chance. He knew what was coming. The old Chicago leader, then in his prime, walked toward the pitcher's box from his place at first base, with his mouth set and his shoulders slightly hunched, as was his habit. He grabbed the ball out of Pfister's hand. Chance's methods of removing a pitcher were never very delicate, but he had no hard words of criticism that day.

"Goodby, Jack, old boy," said Chance. "I'm sorry there wasn't one more game in you."

Pfister turned and walked toward the clubhouse. I showed every one on the world's trip who was anxious to see how the fadeaway was thrown, but none displayed any promising signs of mastering it. It is easy to tell any one how far to throw the fadeaway, but the knack gives the curve. I do not fear that it will be prevalent in the American league next year, although Benz, Russell and the rest of the White Sox pitchers know how it is done. Pitching knowledge is a hard thing to impart.

Most twirlers have developed some particular kind of a curve which is their specialty. As a rule, it can not be taught to others. It fits their style of delivery best, and the fadeaway fits mine. But it took me two years of constant practice to control it. Frequently I have tried to explain to the best of my ability in writing how the ball is held and released, so I won't repeat my explanation here. If seasoned pitchers, used to the tricks of the trade, can't master it, the novice has not much chance of learning it by correspondence.

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JOHNSON THINKS OUTLANS WILL HELP GAME

American League Boss Has Nice Things to Say About War

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A struggle between the Federal league and the major leagues of organized baseball will result in a general benefit for players, owners and spectators, according to B. B. Johnson, president of the American league and member of the national baseball commission.

Johnson saw the entrance of the new league, if properly financed, would do more for the improvement of baseball than anything since the American and National league revolution.

"I court the Federal league revolution," he said, "and I believe it will prove one of the best things that ever happened for the benefit of organized baseball."

"A revolution occasionally can do no harm and while some of the weaker ones may suffer if the Federals go through with all they have promised, I believe the end of next season will show a new brand of baseball, with better conditions for the players and better prospects for the owners."

"I am sincere when I say that I court the fight and that the American league is well prepared to battle to the bitter end."

ATHLETIC CHATTER

The Olympic club hikers will be on the job in force tomorrow morning. About 500 members of the club that has the little angel wings on its clubhouse will take part in the annual New Year day hike. On arrival at the beach the whole gang taking the hike will at least put on swimming suits and put up a bluff that "the water is fine." I have always noticed that these said Olympians are always better prepared to come out in the Pacific on New Year day than they are to get into it.

The three lap track will be built at the exposition grounds will be one of the largest exclusive athletic fields in the country. The usual track is four laps and are considerably smaller than that.

Talk of high cost of living, why the tennis men recently complained of the high cost of tennis. Result, President Robert D. Wrenn of the United States Lawn Tennis association got out and now the cost of living has been reduced. Henceforth the cost will be \$1 per dozen less for tennis balls. This bargain is slated to start early after January 1. Wonder if there will be a like slump in the price of baseballs in 1914 when the bushers start out again.

The regatta to be round tomorrow over the exposition course has been sanctioned by the Pacific Association of Water Sports. Oarsmen are an unclassified regatta.

Birmingham, Ala., is anxious to secure the national all round championship meet for 1914. They have a line there named Gilbert Ritchie who they think is a comer, and they want to get Fred Thompson and the others to come to Birmingham for the championships. No matter where the all round is held next year, it will be advisable for the Olympic club to give Jumbo Morris notice immediately to prepare for the event. If Jumbo has proper time to train for this event that is a man in the country who can beat him, and what is more, it would be quite within Morris to break Thompson's world record.

The work of Robinson and Pryor as coaches of the football team in the season just closed did not impress Captain Seth Kimball Mitchell. The consequence is that said Robinson and Pryor are now minus a coaching job at Brown. Captain Mitchell has ideas of his own on what a coach should be, and has recommended the appointment of "Dad" Gammons and Tom Barry. Both are former Brown stars of the gridiron.

Well, well, well. College trainers have formed union. The eastern college trainers look as though they were trying to make their jobs more secure, and yet if they go too far they are more than likely to find themselves ditched. The athletic population of the colleges can take just so much of anything, but if the trainers start making demands on the colleges it will be good night, trainer. It may be that the trainers object to "amateur theorists" butting in with various ideas that do not conform with the professional way of doing things.

STRANDED

By L. W. NELSON
The doctor's tools are on the shelf, The doc. is rather shy on pelf, Physician's kind of blue himself, His energy's expended!

No wonder he is so downcast, His steady business rush is past, A gold mine like it couldn't last; Indeed, his heart is rended!

Each day when patients came to him, With smashed in skull or broken limb, The doctor did his duty grim; And to the bank then wended.

They used to come each day, a score, But nowadays they come no more, The doctor's sign is off the door— The football season's ended!

"SQUEEGEE" WINS FANCY

A good example of how the public will pick an attractive word out of the body of an advertisement and compel the manufacturer to christen his article has just been pointed out in the case of Diamond tires.

Diamond tires have been advertised with the explanation that the tread was built on the same principle as that of a squeegee window cleaner, which, as most people know, when drawn over a window pane, wipes the glass clean. The adaptation of this principle to automobile tires enabled the Diamond tread to wipe away slush, silt, mud or other slippery road coverings, giving the tread a solid grip on the pavement beneath.

The touch of human interest in likening the tread to a "squeegee" captured popular attention. As a result, dealers are almost invariably asked for "the tires with the squeegee tread." So it became a matter of taking on a new name for Diamond tires, and "Squeegee Tread" is the result.

LONG TOUR IN FORD

Through 11 states in a five passenger Ford touring car, alone and unattended, is the record of Miss E. L. Worth of Raton, N. M., who arrived in Phoenix, Ariz., recently, has made for herself. And so well pleased is she with her experience that she is about determined to take a short rest upon reaching home and then start out to conquer other sections of the United States.

Because some friends joked with her about not using her Ford car enough, Miss Worth left her home and started on the long trip. Of course, she had quietly mapped out a tentative course, to which she adhered pretty closely. She drove her car through Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California and Arizona. The trip was over 6,000 miles.

Part of the time other autoists escorted Miss Worth for short distances, but almost invariably she managed to leave them behind, often arriving days ahead of those who endeavored to be her companions.

Miss Worth had no trouble with her Ford. Were it not for the mud on the wheels and body, the car might be mistaken for one that had run but a few hundred miles.

Because of the heavy rains, Miss Worth had considerable difficulty in getting to Phoenix from Yuma.

NEW DETROITERS DUE

Carl Christensen, head of the Carl Christensen Motor company, agent for the Detroit cars, reports that the first of the new series of Detroit models are due within the first week of the year. The models have many refinements in point of finish and are equipped with an electric lighting and starting system.

Charley Hall Goes Back to the Minors

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Releases of six players to minor league clubs were announced today by Secretary Rellly of the Boston American club. Charley Hall, the pitcher, is the only veteran to be released.

With infielder McNally, he was released to the St. Paul team of the American association. Albin Carlstrom, a first baseman, goes to Montreal of the International league; Martin Krug, a shortstop, to Omaha; Grover Cleveland Brant, a pitcher, to Beaumont, Tex., and First Baseman Monday will play next season in Worcester.

The Boston National management has signed for next season Jack Martin, a pitcher formerly of the New York Americans and later with Rochester of the International league, and Richard L. Crutcher, a twirler from the St. Joseph club of the Western league.

MAY ATTACK BIG LEAGUES AS A TRUST

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—That organized baseball will be attacked as a trust under the Sherman anti-trust law and as maintaining a blacklist in case any injunctions are sought to restrain players, held under the reserve clause, from playing with the Federal league was indicated by this statement by Edward E. Gates of this city, counsel for the Federal league.

"Any baseball club that attempts to obtain an injunction," said Mr. Gates, "to restrain a player from playing in the Federal league must come into court with clean hands."

"The national commission, if it goes into court, will immediately be confronted with two very serious propositions: First, is the commission a trust within the meaning of the Sherman anti-trust act? And is not, in fact, a blacklist maintained?"

Mr. Gates declared the Federal league has been consistent in its policy not to enter into negotiations with a player who has signed a contract to play the season of 1914 with any of its rival clubs in either of the National, American or any of the minor leagues.

"We maintain, however," said Mr. Gates, "that the reserve clause is illegal and not binding upon players, lacks mutuality and is against public policy."

Claremont Golfers Preparing for Tourney

The New Year golf handicap tournament of the Claremont Country club will be played on the links at Oakland tomorrow if Jupe Pluve is agreeable. The event is to be a handicap two ball sweepstake tournament.

Each entrant must deposit two golf balls with the committee in charge and the balls collected in this manner will be distributed as prizes to the players turning in the best scores. Each contestant is to go over the 18 holes and the net scores will decide the tournament.

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This boost in the size of the stake came when Hoppe heard that Sutton had offered to concede him 150 points in 1,500 in order to force him to play in Chicago.

Hoppe was indignant when he received the news, as he feels he is the one entitled to offer odds and that Sutton's proposition was made only to belittle him.

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