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WITH FAST OUT AND INFIELD: PORTLAND BEARS WATCHING

Results will likely bear out the prediction of Magnate Shreeder, when he said, "look out for Portland this year." There are some other baseball impresarios in this league who have their eye on Portland, in spite of the fact that the McCredie team will be on the road much of the time.

Nic Williams, who is selecting the team and will have its management this year, is a topnotch player, and the Portland bugs are sure he is making good in the managerial role. Nic was Orvie Overall's old battery partner for years. He is a fair pitcher, a first-class catcher, and a good hand on the initial sack. Emulating Chase and Chance, he will hold out at the first bag this year, in order to have a closer control of his men.

At second, there will be Pearl Casey, for there is little chance of any youngster beating Casey for the keystone sack. Casey is a veteran and another of that old band of Tacoma Tigers.

Howard Mundorff, who was good enough for the San Francisco Seals until the Oscar Vitt phenomena appeared, will guard the difficult corner, and Eddie Mensor, who finished with the Beaver champions last year, will cover the short field. Right down the line it looks a pretty classy infield.

George Ort in right and Billy Speas in left, are speed marvels. Both are clever on the paths, and in addition, Ort is one sweet hitter. George is a little weak with the stick. If he wasn't most critics admit he would be the swiftest fielder on this coast. In center it will likely be Jess Stovall, a veteran of much seasoning, but who likely has a few good games in him yet. It would be hard to improve on that outfield, outside the big leagues.

Nic Williams is banking pretty strong on his out and infield. There is not a man on the job but who has played in fast company and all except Mensor, have had plenty of experience. All know the game.

Nic isn't saying much about the remainder of his team—the pitchers and the catchers—and he probably has little to say. The next few weeks will tell that. Harris and Snooks, two eastern catchers, are on the job and they have made a good showing. Nic says they are all right and maybe they are, but unlike the two fields they have yet to show Pacific coast fans the stuff of which they are made. Winholt, a Raymond boy, is also trying to land a catching job.

For the pitching staff, Nic has Billy Bloomfield and Jess Garrett, twirlers of fair ability, with the Portland coasters last year. Tommerson and Berger are also veterans of medium caliber. The remainder are youngsters, and Nic is hoping to land six good heavies out of the bunch. If he don't he has but to whistle to Judge McCredie who has promised to turn in the "hurry-up call" for some of those promising Nap recruits.

CUBS INFIELD IS BROKEN AT LAST



HARRY STEINFELDT.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, April 7.—The first cog in the Chicago Cubs' great machine broke today, when Harry Steinfeldt, third-sacker, was sold to the St. Paul club in the American association. Steinfeldt's release is believed to have been the cause of the decision to send him to the minors. It is generally believed here that he will refuse to play with St. Paul, but will instead quit the baseball altogether, going into business for himself.

Bench Show Entries Now Coming Fast

Secretary Fred King of the Tacoma Kennel club says local entries are beginning to come in rapidly for the local bench show.

He is confident there will be over 400 entries, which would place it in the four-point class. Some classy dogs will be entered, including Colorado Dell, owned by T. A. Elwell of Portage; Ch. Edgewood Betty, owned by G. C. Israel of Olympia, and Prince Royal II, owned by Miss Della Spray of Seattle. Judge A. T. Hochwalt of Cincinnati has written he will be on hand when the show opens.

KENT SMOKER

Sam Falkenburg, the Seattle fistic impresario, will stage another of those smokers over in Kent next Tuesday night. He will put on Ed Hagen, the former cop, against Cliff Kline, whom Sam claims is faster than Jack Lester on his feet. This will be the main event. Other attractions will be Steve Reynolds and "Rags, the Fighting Teamster," Charley Givens and Will Dyer and Billy Rathus and Jack O'Leary. Another bout which will attract attention is Martin Nichols of Auburn and Tom O'Grady of Kent.

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TIGE ARRIVES

Tige is a black breasted red game rooster of more or less blue blood, and official mascot of the Tacoma Tigers. He arrived in Tacoma yesterday for an indefinite stay. He is at present domiciled in a small box under the Olympic cigar store counter, but more adequate quarters will soon be arranged. While somewhat fatigued, Tige stood the journey well. He regretted being unable to see Colonel Roosevelt, but expects to meet all the local celebrities soon.

Until Johnny Bassey gets home, though, Tige is liable to lead a more or less strenuous life. This morning when Charley Bascom opened Shreeder's place, Tige, perched on the glass counter, gave Charley a three-crow salute, which was all right with both Charley and Tige. The rub came though when Tige started for an after-breakfast promenade, the same as all roosters do. He meant to come back after taking a turn or two up Commerce street, but Charley, who doesn't understand roosters, nobow, got all worked up and created a scene. He turned in a riot call, and soon waiters, waitresses, clerks and pedestrians had poor Tige surrounded and were closing in. Tige gave Charley an unpleasant look as he stalked to his room.

GOSSIP OF THE EAST

At least we know why Washington, D. C., is always at the tail end of the American league procession. It's the Washington hot weather, according to Jess Tannehill, that has always put a crimp in the aspirations of McAlister, Cantillon and others. Anyhow, there's no disputing the fact that Washington keeps pretty close to the bottom.

Yesterday was the day set for Harry Steinfeldt to appear in the syndicate newspapers in that "Greatest Play I Ever Saw" stuff. By a strange coincidence the old Cub was dropped from the payroll on the same day. Such is fame.

Southpaw Eddie Plank says the Athletics must do without him after 1912, when he will be done with the game.



LUNCH COUNTER GOSSIP

Mike Lynch has written to a friend that already Tige has shown enough to make the team. Mike says Tige will warm the bench each game, but will be a feature in the opening day parade.

Johnny Reid, ex-prize ring promoter, now swell cafe operator of Calgary, breezed around the city yesterday. John has a lunch resort employing 31 people, and it beats the ring game to a frazzle, he says.

SPORT CHIPS

Grand Junction, Colorado, has a ball team composed entirely of ministers, some of them former college stars. The ministers practice daily—that is, six days in the week—and have issued a challenge to any team made up of members of one profession.

Back in Massachusetts the society women are taking up wrestling as a means of promoting beauty of figure and good health. A dispatch says several have already blossomed into "marvels of strength and ability."

HIT PETE LOW

When Pete Muldoon boxed a raw and uncouth youth named Billy Ross, in Yakima, Wednesday night, Ross struck Pete low and put him out. The foul, while unintentional, was apparent, yet Eddie Berry, the referee, gave the decision to Ross. The chief of police, at the ringside in uniform, was so incensed he wanted to lick the referee. He restrained himself, but told Eddie to shake the dust of Yakima from his feet.

NORTHWEST BASEBALL

Billy Stevens, with the Tigers last year, is working in a bowling alley in Cadillac, Mich., according to young Oscar Fresk, brother of Emil.

Catcher O'Connor, who tried for the Tiger team, has signed with the Boise club of the Union association.

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BASE STEALING REQUIRES SKILL



HUGH DUFFY

Base stealing is one of the accomplishments of a ball player that requires more than an ordinary amount of skill.

Speed, of course, is essential to the good base runner, but it is not always the fastest man that does the most pilfering of bases. The man who uses his head and knows when to take advantage of his opportunities frequently makes up for the lack of speed.

I have known some rather slow runners who were grand base stealers. And I have known other players who could run 100 yards in 10 seconds flat, who were always getting caught when trying to steal a base.

The base runner who signals that he is going to steal is an easy man to catch, for the catcher who is wise quickly realizes he is about to go down.

On the other hand, the base runner who watches the pitcher carefully and takes advantage of the windup (for some pitchers when they break into the major leagues bring their minor league tricks with them), or of some other motion that loses time, will gain a step or two on the faster runners. As a general thing a good base runner notes carefully the foot of the pitcher for some peculiarity that indicates he is about to deliver the ball.

To get a long lead off first is essential when a runner intends to steal second. A six-foot lead often means a stolen base in the race between the runner and the ball thrown by the backstop.

The clever runner keeps the pitcher worried and frequently makes him nervous.

The runner who can draw a throw from the pitcher to first frequently advances by reason of a wild throw or a muff by the first baseman. It requires considerable skill to return to first from a long lead when the pitcher whips the ball across the diamond.

Base runners should keep an eye on the pitcher every minute, and watch for his motion to discover if he intends to pitch or throw to first.

They should have the distance they stand from the bag measured to the fraction of an inch, to be able to get half or foot on the base before the first baseman can touch them.

A good base runner always has a slide or dodging motion which helps him get around the second baseman at the end of his sprint.

Fielder Jones used to slide around the infielder in a way that made him extremely difficult to touch. With his body on the ground he would shove one foot onto the bag and get away with a stolen base, often when the fielder had the ball in time to retire him, but for his cleverness.

I advocate more practice of base running. Ty Cobb is valuable to the Detroit club because of his wonderful base running ability as he is for his batting and fielding. He wins as many games by his ability to get around the bases as he does with his batting.

TAKE OFF LID IN VANCOUVER

The lid is off in Vancouver, Wash. A petition of representative signers requesting the legalizing of fistie bouts was presented to the city dads the other day and they granted the request. The same evening the council refused to allow the saloons later closing hours on nights boxing bouts were pulled off and the latter tried to knock the game, but their knock didn't count. The new ordinance allows unlimited round bouts. The Vancouver Athletic club, the leading fight promoting club, will stage its first bout a week from tonight.

MORE TROUBLE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The mere fact that Champion Jack Johnson is in jail has not ended his troubles with the courts. Today Superior Judge Cabanis sustained a fine of \$100 against the negro for speeding, imposed by Police Judge Conlan. The case was appealed on the ground that the "complaint did not state sufficient facts." Cabanis thought there were at least \$100 worth of facts.

M'CARTHY WILL BE PROFESSIONAL NOW

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—After his four-round bout tonight at Dreamland with Charlie Reilly, Johnny McCarthy will bid farewell to the four-round game and become a professional pugilist. Win, lose or draw with Reilly, he is scheduled to meet Sammy Smith for twenty rounds April 28, and this will prevent him from competing hereafter in the short bouts.

PACKY FAVORITE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, April 7.—Packey McFarland, the stocky champion, is a 5 to 3 favorite here to day for his fight tonight with Morrie Bloom at Racine, Wis. The bout will give no line on Packey's ability to make the lightweight limit, as he will weigh in this afternoon at 135 pounds.

MICHIGAN U. OPENS SEASON TOMORROW

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 7.—A game with Western Reserve at Cleveland tomorrow opens the most ambitious baseball schedule in the history of the University of Michigan. The Wolverines will travel about 2,000 miles and play the strongest nines in the Central West, South and East this spring.

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You Bet Cohn Will Hang Onto Strand

According to a Spokane short and manager he would have to write, there is no chance of work under. Cohn and Ostiek could afford to keep Strand in long fingers of Joe Cohn, and migrating to the Twilight. This authority says: "Capt. Harry Ostiek wouldn't let loose of Strand for a good sized chunk of money right now, and all the big boys has to do is to stick to business. Keep his eyes and ears open and take care of himself and he'll be carried right along this year just as Gregg, Bonner and Holm were all carried along till they developed into stars of the first magnitude, ending a boy like Strand into a bush circuit would be criminal unless one knew just what sort of a catcher

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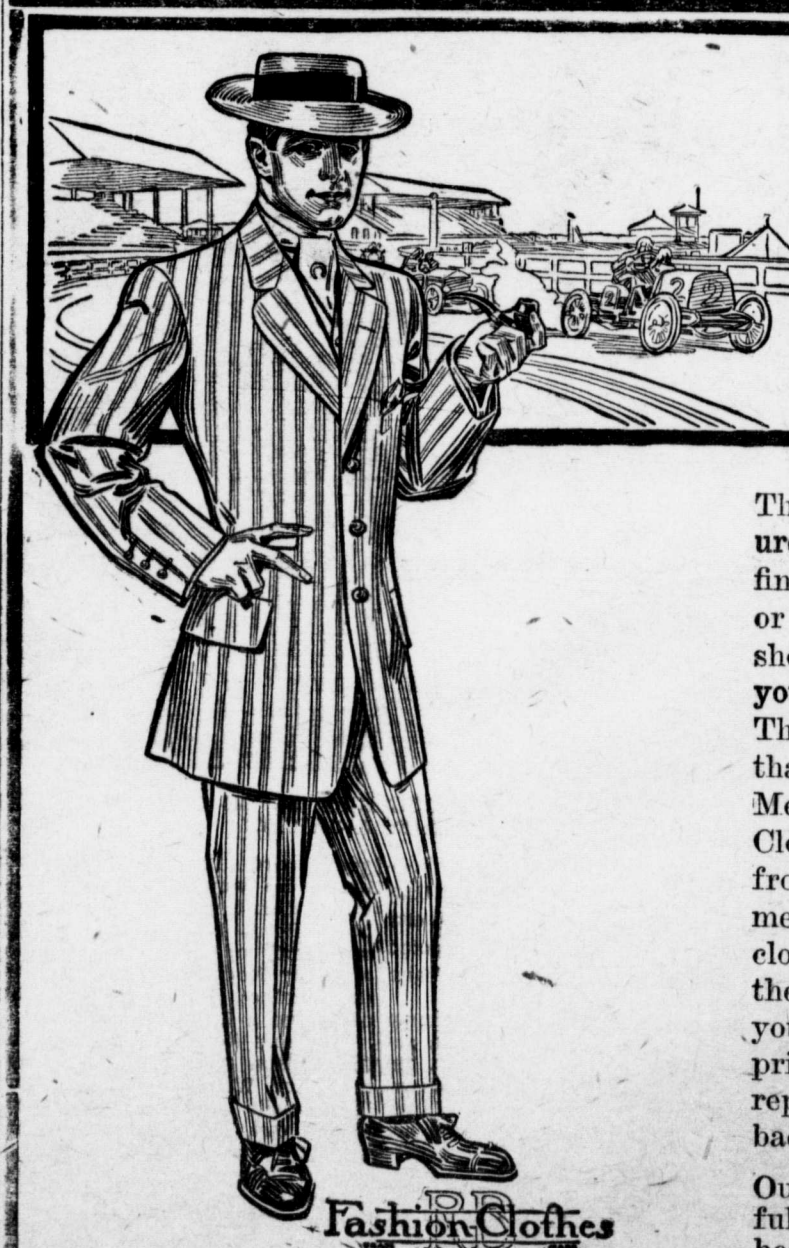
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