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211 WINNING NUMBER; EVANS AND CALDWELL GET TIMES' PASSES

C. M. Evans, of the Fleischman-Mayer Co., Tacoma hotel, was the only baseball bug out of hundreds to correctly guess the total number of hits made by the combined Northwest teams in the opening series of the season. The correct answer was 211. For hitting the nail on the head Mr. Evans will be given a pass by the Times, which will entitle him to see all the games free of charge. Two season passes were offered for the most correct answer. Mr. Evans was the only one who hit the exact mark. Some difficulty might have been experienced in awarding the second pass. George Caldwell of 2322 South Sprague street guessed 212. Mr. A. J. Rogers of 713 South I street guessed 210. Which would you give it to? Mr. Caldwell's letter at the Times office showed that he wrote on April 12. Mr. Rogers wrote on April 14. Therefore Mr. Caldwell got busy first and every fan will declare that he is entitled to take precedence over Mr. Rogers. The Times stipulated that priority would be observed in awarding the passes. Mr. Evans and Mr. Caldwell may receive their passes by calling at the Times office and asking for the sporting editor tomorrow. No baseball contest has excited such interest as has the guessing match to see how many hits would be made by all the teams in the opening series. Eighteen games were scheduled but one was postponed on account of rain, bringing the number down to seventeen. Some of the fans seemed to think that "213" might bring home the bacon and following are those who were hot on the heels of the winners: D. M. Leonard, Chas. B. Cobb, E. B. Morrison, J. W. Powell, O. A. Goemme, J. Baggard.

CELLAR CHAMPIONS MAKE MOST SWATS

Table with columns: Teams, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, T. Rows include Spokane, Portland, Tacoma, Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, and Totals.

The above table furnishes some interesting dope on the hitting strength of the teams of the Northwest league. Perhaps the most inconsistent thing about the week's showing is the fact that Portland, heading the list with 45 hits, is at the tail end of the percentage column, while Spokane, with whom she played the Tigers, leads the average column, with two hits less, 43. This looks as if the Pippins had made hits when hits didn't mean runs, but if you can't hit in pinches it's kind of nice to hit anyway, just to keep your batting eye in trim. Also, there is an element of luck in baseball, and a team that loses 5 out of 6, after making more hits than their opponents, must have been out-lucked, as well as out-generated. This showing by the Pippins also bears out the predictions made in these columns, to watch that Portland bunch. It will be noticed in the table that Vancouver and Seattle played but five games, and their hits, on the same basis, would be 41 for Vancouver and 38 for Seattle, for six games. On the number of hits made the teams would then rank: Portland, Spokane, Vancouver, Seattle, Victoria and Tacoma. Of course there is the fluctuation in the excellence in the work of the opposing pitchers to contend with, in considering batting strength, but at the same time it gives a line on the team. The Tigers, ranking third in the percentage column, trail the list in the number of hits made, which isn't so bad.

Sample of Tough Luck

Talk about your tough luck. Shreeder has certainly had his share of it this spring. Incidentally, this little tale of mishaps shows that financing and managing a ball team is not half the cinch some folks think. First Jimmy Byrnes, the first string pitcher, and one of the wisest backstops in the business, is put out of all the spring games with a split hand, sustained on the training trip. Trouble and more trouble—hitting up catchers at the last minute, although with DeVogt and Siebt, the team is probably really better off, as Siebt is the greatest ever, pecker and comer, while Rex is a finished workman and a sweet pinch hitter, while James was slowing up. Next, Jimmy Whalen is out for the better part of the season with a fractured heel bone, an injury sustained in a practice game. Jimmy cost Shreeder a nice bunch of coin, and Higgins may be better than Jimmy, and maybe not. We hope so, but it remains a fact that the Tigers would probably have taken the series with "the Whale" on deck. The last discouraging incident, not so important, but in keeping with the trend of events, came yesterday when Kid Golvin came hobbling into Shreeder's on a crutch. He put his ankle on the bum in a game in Chehalis, where Shreeder was farming the youngster out. More than enough. Shreeder has released all three men. He says he has had his share and that every man on the team henceforth has got to hit the ball and be in the game every minute.

Whom Will Abbot Replace

When Abbot arrives the Tigers will have four outfielders and it seems that Mike ought to be able to keep three in the game who can cop the flies and scouse the ball. This Abbot is a young man, 24 years old, and is said to be a sweet hitter and a good fly-chaser, and if he can put any of the present trio on the bench he will be all right for this league. Many of the fans believe Bassey will be benched for light hitting, but it is probable Johnny will get his batting eye before the benching time arrives. He surely is a nifty base runner, and base-running is a mighty important cog in the baseball machine. It is said that Mike Lynch likes to manage the games from the bench, and it is probable he will let the young fellow cavort in center, if he can come through.

Tigers Young Team

None of these three newcomers are old men. Pete Morse is 23, Abbot 24 and Higgins, the speed-merchant, is 25. Most of the boys now on the team are in the spring of youth. Rocky and Mike being the oldest. Burns, DeVogt and Fisher are all youngsters. There is always encouragement in a young team, and more hope in the future than in a bunch of old-timers—like the Islanders, for instance. The three new players have been strongly touted to Shreeder by a man who has seen them in action this spring. Aside from that, Shreeder believes they must be all right, on the strength of Roger Bresnahan's judgment of a ball player when he sees one. Roger has called both Higgins and Abbot in two or three times, while the price he put on Pete speaks louder than words—and more forcibly to Shreeder.

VANCOUVER GETS FIRST OF SERIES

Standing of the Teams table with columns: Played, Won, Lost, Pct. Rows include Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria, Vancouver, and Portland.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. Tacoma 1, Vancouver 4. Portland 10, Seattle 6. Spokane 10, Victoria 6. GAMES TODAY. Tacoma at Vancouver, Victoria at Spokane, Portland at Seattle.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) VANCOUVER, April 25.—The Tigers were on the short end again yesterday, thanks to the excellent pitching of Mr. George Engle, who held the Tigers to three bingles and one run. In the meantime the Beavers were collecting four runs off Mr. McCamment's delivery, two in the first and two in the seventh. Tacoma's new players, Catcher DeVogt and Shortstop Eddie Burns, were responsible for the one run the Tigers scored. In the fifth Burns singled and stole second and Rex DeVogt sent a hot bouncer Bennett couldn't stop past the second base line, scoring Eddie.

Rocky, Lynch and Burns each got a hit and Mike electrified the crowd in the sixth by pulling down Brashear's long drive to center. Lynch is anxious to get hold of his three new men, Pitcher Higgins, Outfielder Abbott and little Pete Morse, who will burn things up around the short field. Mike says to watch the Tigers then. He expects to have them in Saturday's line-up. The score: VANCOUVER. AB R H PO A E Brinker, cf. 4 0 1 2 0 0 Bennett, 2b. 3 1 0 2 5 1 Brashear, rf. 4 1 1 2 1 0 Swain, lf. 4 1 2 2 0 0 Harrison, 3b. 2 1 1 0 3 0 Streib, 1b. 2 0 0 14 1 0 Scharnweber, 3 0 0 1 1 0 Spiesman, c. 3 0 0 3 1 0 Engle, p. 3 0 0 1 3 0 Totals ... 28 1 5 27 15 1

TACOMA. AB R H PO A E Warren, rf. 4 0 0 3 0 0 Bassey, lf. 4 0 0 1 0 0 Rockenfield, 2 0 1 1 5 0 Lynch, cf. 4 0 1 2 0 1 Coleman, 3b. 3 0 0 1 3 0 Burns, ss. 3 1 1 1 3 1 Fisher, 1b. 3 0 0 14 2 0 DeVogt, c. 3 0 0 1 1 0 McCamment, p. 3 0 0 3 0 0 Totals ... 29 1 3 24 17 2

SCORE BY INNINGS. Vancouver ... 2 0 0 0 0 2 0 4 Tacoma ... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 SUMMARY. Double plays—Brashear to Streib; Bennett to Streib. Three-base hits—Brinker, Harrison. Sacrifice fly—Streib. Struck out—By Engle 3; by McCamment 1. Bases on balls—Off Engle 2; off McCamment 2. Left on bases—Vancouver 3; Tacoma 2. Time of game—One hour 42 minutes. Umpire—Ward.

LONGBOAT IMPROVES WITH AGE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BUFFALO, April 25.—Tom Longboat, like wine, improves with age. This is the verdict of spectators who saw him give Frank Nebraska all the distance he could gain in a minute and then come on and beat Nebraska by about half a lap, no more distressed than if he had just strolled around the block. The time was 1:01:30 for the 10 miles. She who toils to make home happy, deserves everything that lightens her burdens. Pyramid Flour is one of them.

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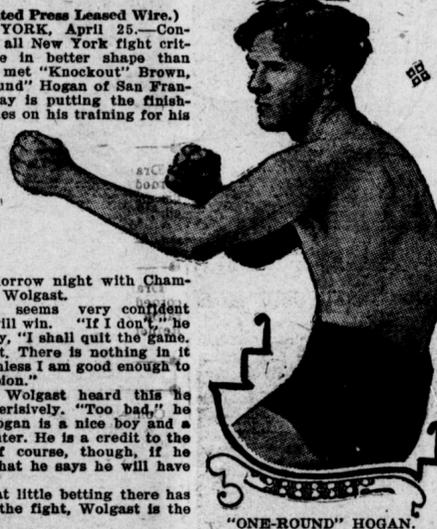
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Victoria and Seattle Gain Early Lead But Portland and Spokane Win By 10 to 6 Score

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, April 25.—Nic Williams' Pippins were pippins yesterday all right and they walked away with the Giants' scalps on a 10 to 6 score. Seattle had a lead in the early innings, but Portland overcame this by piling up six runs in the ninth. Teasley Raymond was charged with four errors and Bues with three. The score: R H E Portland ... 10 7 2 Spokane ... 10 11 3 Seattle ... 6 6 7 Victoria ... 6 12 5

ONE ROUND, IN GOOD CONDITION, INSISTS HE WILL QUIT IF HE LOSES

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, April 25.—Conceded by all New York fight critics to be in better shape than when he met "Knockout" Brown, "One Round" Hogan of San Francisco today is putting the finishing touches on his training for his bout tomorrow night with Champion Ad Wolgast. Hogan seems very confident that he will win. "If I don't," he said today, "I shall quit the game. I mean it. There is nothing in it for me unless I am good enough to be champion." When Wolgast heard this he smiled derisively. "Too bad," he said. "Hogan is a nice boy and a good fighter. He is a credit to the game. Of course, though, if he means what he says he will have to quit." In what little betting there has been on the fight, Wolgast is the favorite.



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National League Standing table with columns: Won, Lost, Pct. Rows include Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Boston, St. Louis, Brooklyn.

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At Cincinnati. R H E Chicago ... 4 10 2 Cincinnati ... 7 8 2 Batteries: Pfeister and Archer; Burns, Suggs and Clarke.

At Philadelphia. R H E New York ... 1 9 1 Philadelphia ... 4 6 0 Batteries: Witae and Meyers; Rowan and Doolin.

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American League Standing table with columns: Won, Lost, Pct. Rows include Detroit, New York, Washington, Cleveland, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia.

At Chicago. R H E Chicago ... 2 5 4 Cleveland ... 5 7 2 Batteries: Krapp and Smith; Lange, Scott and Payne.

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