

# CLASSY LEAGUE TEAMS TO BEGIN BALL SEASON TODAY

Tufts-Lyon Clash With San Diego at Athletic Park, While American Giants and McCormicks Are Battling in Los Angeles; Line-up of Teams

Now, don't crowd. But be sure you get in. The opening game of the California Winter league at Athletic park this afternoon will be the best baseball that has been seen in San Diego for night onto two years.

Manager Palmer has his Bears all ready and they took their last workout at the park yesterday preparatory for the initial clash today when the fans will get a line on how that bunch is going to stack up. Advance dope is plenty to the effect that Palmer has gathered a pennant winning club.

The way the San Diego team will line up today will be with "Dolly" Grey of Vernon in the box, and Fred

Carisch from the Cleveland Americans, behind the bat.

On the infield, Hap Myers will be at first; Pug Bennett at second; Tom Downie of the K. C. Blues, at short, and Ike Rockanfield, also of K. C., at third.

In the outfield, Walker of the Washington Senators, will be in left; Pete Daley of Los Angeles, in center, and Baerwald of the New York Highlanders, in right.

Besides Gray, the pitching staff included McCafferty of the Angels, Jack Ryan of Omaha, expected tonight, Irvin Higginbotham of Portland, who will be here November 7, and, perhaps, Hamilton from the St. Louis Browns, who is lost on the way and does not know the opening date, and another to be secured.

An automobile parade has been organized by Manager Palmer to escort the players of the San Diego team and the Tufts-Lyon team to the ball park. It will be led by the City Guard band in the U. S. Grant hotel bus, followed by players in automobiles and the fans following in their cars.

The parade started at the courthouse at 1:30 o'clock. The game will be called at 2:30.

#### San Diego Benefits

Although having only one club in the four-club California Winter league, San Diego is to be the scene of half the games played. The three other clubs are the McCormicks, the Tufts-Lyon and the American Giants of Chicago, all at Los Angeles.

While San Diego is playing away from home, however, with one of these teams, the other two will be playing at our own Athletic park.

This arrangement will furnish an unusual condition in league baseball. Usually the fans of any city, unless they journey to other cities in the league, see only their own team with the others alternately. In this case San Diego fans will not only see the San Diego club mix with the others in turn, but also will see the other clubs battling each other on the San Diego grounds, and thereby will see the sort of ball each team plays against every other team.

That this is an important feature will be readily appreciable to every fan, because it is a well known fact that some teams develop a sort of idiosyncrasy for certain other teams by which they are peculiarly easy "meat" for those other clubs, or by which they peculiarly annex those other clubs' "angoras." It will be a treat to local fans to be given the chance to see these things worked out at home.

All local games will be played at Athletic park and all foreign games will be played at Doyle park in Vernon, the grounds of the Vernon Coast league club, easily accessible to all Los Angeles.

#### All League Players

The Southern California baseball fans probably will not need to be advised, but there may be some who

are misled by the names of the Winter league clubs, the Tufts-Lyon and the McCormicks, which suggest somewhat of "city league" names. It should be noted that these are not amateur clubs, but clubs whose rosters are filled with professional baseball players from summer leagues of

from Class B to major league caliber, the latter scarcely in the minority.

The officers of the league are Ed Tufts, president; Will H. Palmer, vice-president; S. D. Tipton, secretary; and Jack Doyle, treasurer.

There are 59 games in the Winter league schedule. These will be played in series of three, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week, beginning tomorrow, November 1. On these three days of each week a series will be on in San Diego and one in Los Angeles.

This three-day schedule will be varied only in two instances. Beginning December 20, there will be a six-day series, to include Christmas day. Again on New Year's day, a five day series will begin. In other words the first of these series is lengthened to include a holiday, and the second is begun early to include the New Year holiday.

#### Schedule for Season

The schedule announced for the California Winter league is as follows:

Nov. 1, 2, 3—Tuft-Lyons, at San Diego; Giants-McCormicks, at Vernon.

Nov. 8, 9, 10—Tuft-Lyons-McCormicks, at Vernon; Giants at San Diego.

Nov. 15, 16, 17—Tuft-Lyons-McCormicks at Vernon; Giants at San Diego.

Nov. 22, 23, 24—San Diego-Tuft-Lyons at Vernon; McCormicks-Giants at San Diego.

Nov. 28, 29, 30, Dec. 1—McCormicks at San Diego; Giants-Tuft-Lyons at Vernon.

Dec. 6, 7, 8—McCormicks-Tuft-Lyons at Vernon; Giants at San Diego.

Dec. 13, 14, 15—Giants-McCormicks at Vernon; Tuft-Lyons at San Diego.

Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25—McCormicks at San Diego; Tuft-Lyons-Giants at Vernon.

Dec. 27, 28, 29—Tuft-Lyons-McCormicks at Vernon; Giants at San Diego.

Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5—San Diego-McCormicks at Vernon; Tuft-Lyons-Giants at San Diego.

Jan. 10, 11, 12—Tuft-Lyons at San Diego; Giants-McCormicks at Vernon.

Jan. 17, 18, 19—Giants-Tuft-Lyons at Vernon; McCormicks at San Diego.

Jan. 24, 25, 26—San Diego-Giants at Vernon; McCormicks-Tuft-Lyons at San Diego.

Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2—McCormicks at San Diego; Giants-Tuft-Lyons at Vernon.

Feb. 7, 8, 9—Tuft-Lyons-McCormicks at Vernon; Giants at San Diego.

Feb. 14, 15, 16—Tuft-Lyons at San Diego; Giants-McCormicks at Vernon.

Feb. 21, 22, 23—San Diego-Tuft-Lyons at Vernon; McCormicks-Giants at San Diego.

Feb. 28, March 1, 2—McCormicks at San Diego; Giants-Tuft-Lyons at Vernon.

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