

ATHLETICS HAVE SLIM CHANCE TO MAKE RECORD FOR DEFEATS—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

ATHLETICS NOT LIKELY TO BREAK MAJOR LEAGUE MARK FOR CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS

Pittsburgh and Louisville Hold Records for Greatest Number of Games Lost—Colonels Dropped 25 in a Row

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

THE ATHLETICS have won only two games since June 1, when Joe Bush shut out the Yankees by the score of 5 to 0. Since that time the Mackmen have dropped 24 out of 26 games, and it has been claimed that they are very close to the world's record for losing streaks, but a careful search of the back files of Sporting Life reveals the fact that there is not one chance in a thousand of the Mackmen approaching the marks made by Louisville in 1899 and Pittsburgh in 1890.

It also has been taken for granted for years that the longest consecutive losing streak of 26 games, made by Louisville, of the American Association (then a major league club) in 1899, but this is incorrect. The Louisville losing streak was of 25 games and not 26.

This losing streak was started when Matt Kilroy, a Philadelphian, pitched Baltimore to a 11 to 2 victory over the Colonels on May 22 and ended on June 23, when the famous "Road" Hamsey, considered one of the greatest southpaws the game has ever produced, held St. Louis to five hits and struck out 10 men.

Another famous hurler, out of the box. The greatest losing streak over a longer stretch was made by Pittsburgh, of the National League, in 1890. The Pirates hung up a National League record for consecutive defeats with nine, and also started on another long streak immediately following the victory. To equal the record made by the Pirates, the Athletics must lose 14 more games in a row.

By losing 14 games in a row the Mackmen would shatter the American League record for consecutive defeats and be dangerously close to the world's record. Eight games have been lost in a row and as the American League record is 20 straight defeats, made by Boston in 1910, the Mackmen would pass this mark and be well on the way toward Louisville's mark.

There is little danger of the Mackmen losing 14 more games in a row as the team has played far too well to have lost as many as they have. The Mackmen have pitched well and some splendid pitching has been done by Myers, Bush, Sheehan and Nabors, but the miserable fielding and the lack of team play permitted the pitchers good work to go to waste.

Many of the Mack defeats have been by a one-run margin and in games where the collections have tallied more than 100 runs usually need to win a major league contest. The breaks will not go to the opposing teams much longer and the Mackmen are likely to break loose with victory almost any day now.

Not only is it unlikely that the Mackmen will break the record for losing games over a two month stretch but it is almost impossible for them to break the major league record for defeats. It has frequently been claimed that the major league record for defeats in a season is 114 made by Pittsburgh in 1899. However, Cleveland, in the National League, lost 134 games in 1899.

To equal this mark the Mackmen would have to lose 85 of the 99 games which are yet to be played. It is possible that the Mackmen will shatter the American League record of 113 defeats, made by Washington in 1904, but to do this it would be necessary to lose 86 of the 99 games on the schedule, which is not likely.

The two most consistent losing streaks in the history of the game were made by Louisville and Pittsburgh in 1899 and 1890, respectively.

CHASE MAY SUCCEED HERZOG IN CINCINNATI

Reds' Manager, Tired of Present Berth, Is Wanted by Cubs

CHICAGO, July 7.—Rumors were afloat in Chicago today that a deal shortly may be put over which will bring Charley Herzog, present manager of the Reds, to the Cubs. According to these rumors Herzog is tired of his Cincinnati berth and is desirous of getting away. Friction with the Red stockholders is said to be the principal cause of Herzog's dissatisfaction.

In the event the deal goes through the story runs that Hal Chase will take up the managerial reins over the Reds.

A bunch of money and a player or two will be given in return for the famous infielder, and inside reports have it that the price demanded rivals that which Connie Mack got from President Comiskey for Eddie Collins.

Transfer Grand Circuit Races

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 7.—The Grand Rapids grand circuit races scheduled for the second week in August, has been transferred to the Fairbank City Driving Club, has been postponed. The racing will be held on the track at Comstock Park, here, in preparation for the 100-mile race which is scheduled for this season. Doctor Dutton explained.

Wants Price on Ball Players

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 7.—James Dunn, of the Cleveland American League team, who has been watching the work of the players in the local American League team, has asked Manager Hendricks to put a price on Pichers Carter and Hendricks. Manager Hendricks said he would consider the offer, but that he would not sell any player before taking up negotiations with Dunn for the sale of the players.

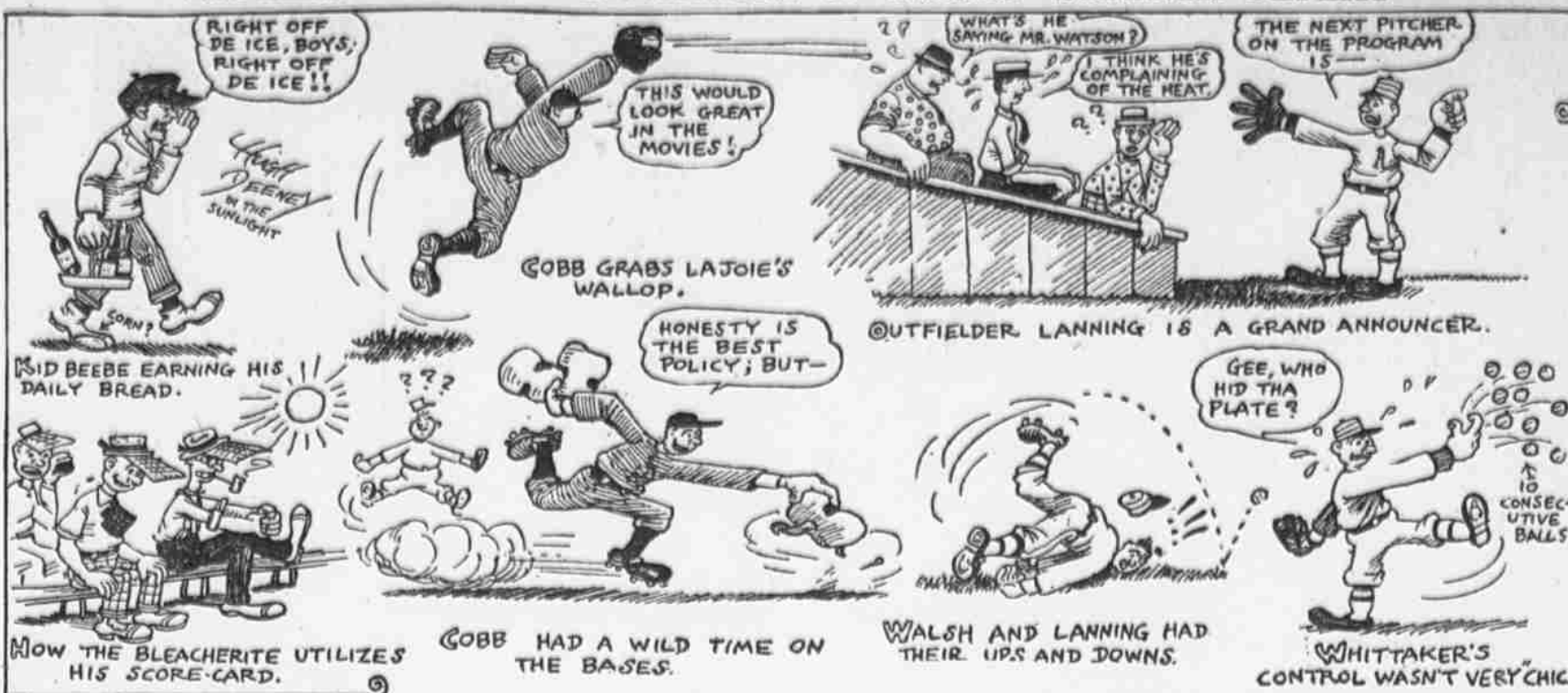
"Give 'Bean-Ball' Victims Two Bases," Says Johnson

CHICAGO, Ill., July 7.—A new rule intended to prevent the use of the much-discussed "bean ball" may be promulgated soon if the plan suggested by Ben Johnson, president of the American League, meets with favor around the circuit.

"The 'bean ball' has been coming in for more or less comment and criticism lately," said Johnson today, "and while it is hard to believe that any player in the game deliberately would endeavor to injure an opposing player by the use of such a delivery yet it is claimed that such a condition exists.

"In case it can be shown, I believe the use of the ball can be done away with by inflicting the double penalty of giving the batter two bases instead of one."

IMPRESSIONS FROM BLEACHERS OF MACKS' 'STEENTH DEFEAT



TY COBB SMILES AT CRITICS IN BLEACHERS, THEN RECEIVES CHEERS INSTEAD OF JEERS

Detroit Slugger is Treated Fairly by Frns at Shibe Park and Leaves Field a Hero After Making Sensational Catch

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

TYRUS RAYMOND COBB wandered out into center field yesterday afternoon to play his first game since Ban Johnson insisted on slipping him a three days' vacation. Tyrus had been canned, because he "threw his bat into the grandstand in Chicago last Sunday and slugged a vociferous spectator in St. Louis a couple of days before."



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All of which goes to show that Mr. Cobb was quite a curiosity, and part of the crowd that didn't stay away from Shibe Park was eager and expectant to note the manner in which the gentleman from Georgia would conduct himself. Patrons in the bleachers made bets among themselves as to which one would be the first to receive a healthy wallop on the jaw and they acted like an audience at a prizefight.

As some guy remarked "way back in 1899, excitement was intense. The bleacher bugs shifted nervously in their seats and the unfortunate in the front rows sat back calm and resigned, waiting for the late Tyrus to jump feet first into the stand and then clear out the place. The soldiers who participated in the siege of Verdun had nothing on those heroes yesterday afternoon.

We were among those present in the twilight section when Cobb leaped out to his place in the field. He did not seem frowning; on the contrary, he wore a beaming smile instead of a dark scowl and waved his hand in a friendly manner to the quarter critics. This made the patrons in the front row feel better, but their joy suddenly was turned to gloom when a loud-mouthed rooster in the upper row shouted:

"Well, well! Look what is with us! Why, hello there, sorehead! When AS AN ERRATIC BALL TEAM, THE GIANTS TAKE THE FLAG

By GRANTLAND RICE

THIS has been a tough season for the Winning Streakers. The Giants first won 17 straight and then ran this up to 19 out of 21. Since that sport they proceeded to drop from second to sixth place by losing some 19 of 30 games. They followed the Tigers. They sailed out from sixth place to a tie for the top by winning 16 out of 17 starts. If this doesn't give them lost no great time in flopping back into the second division.

The Erratic Title

The title for erratic play must be awarded to the Giants beyond any ball club of the last 20 years. Observe the three sections of the 1916 campaign: In the ninth inning, April 12 to May 8—Won 2 and lost 13; percentage, .133. May 8 to June 2—Won 9 and lost 2; percentage, .905. June 2 to July 6—Won 9 and lost 19; percentage, .321.

Here is a shift from .133 to .905 and from .905 back to .321, each involving considerable periods of play. But the erratic title—with Detroit only a shade behind—we await further details.

Jackson's Rush

Joe Jackson last season dropped to .302. This season for a month he was around .358. The Human Eye is always focused upon any one who starts to slip. If this doesn't give you an established, isn't easy to dislodge. Since the middle of May Jackson has been hitting the ball harder than any man in the game. He has come from .289 to .378 in two months, which has called for a "break" better than a .400 average.

The Difference

"Why shouldn't Dillon meet Willard?" asks an exchange. "Didn't David meet and beat Gollah?" He did. But under present Queensberry regulations Dillon is not permitted to use a slingshot.

One Reason

"Dillon," says another contemp, "whipped Moran far more decisively than Willard did. Why then shouldn't Dillon have a chance to beat Willard?" Mainly because the rules of the game prevent one man from outpointing another by swinging heavily on his knee-cap.

The difference of 12 inches in height and

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ALEXANDER TO OPEN SERIES AGAINST DOAK

Pitchers' Battle Looked for When Phils' and Cards' Star Moundsmen Work

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 7.—In the effort to inaugurate the second invasion in the West with victory Manager Moran, of the Phillies, probably will call upon Grover Alexander to pitch the first of a series of four games against the Cardinals this afternoon. He probably will be opposed by Wilkie Doak, a splitter of some renown. He has pitched with only fair success to date this season.

The Phillies are occupying a better position in the national race now than when they called on the Cardinals the first time this season. On their last effort the champions dropped two out of three games to Manager Ruggin's hopefuls.

George Whitted, an ex-Cardinal, is complaining of a lame side, but according to Manager Moran, he will be in the line-up. Rodger Hornsby and Tommy Long, the only heavy hitters of the St. Louis club, who have been out of the game for several days, will resume their places in the local line-up. Hornsby has been troubled with a sprained ankle, while Long was nursing a charley horse. The weather is clear and warm.

Advertisement for Havana Ribbon Cigar, featuring a picture of the cigar and text: 'Ask for HAVANA RIBBON CIGAR from the Sapitay Humidor by all dealers Box of 25 CIGARS'.

Advertisement for Ayvad's Water-Wings, featuring a picture of the product and text: 'AYVAD'S WATER-WINGS Learn to Swim by the Fun and Easy Way One Trial Plain 25c'.

Advertisement for Logan Square Manager Injured, featuring text: 'Logan Square Manager Injured Manager Brian Frazier of Logan Square baseball team, suffered a fracture of the right arm in a recent motorcar accident. Frazier is one of the most popular leaders in the independent baseball ranks. It will be very strange for the series during his injury.'

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