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 I 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 1889 and Pittsburgh in 1890.

It also has been taken for granted for years that the longest consecutive losing streak was of 28 games, made by Louis-ville, of the American Association (then a major league club) in 1889, but this is incorrect. The Louisville losing streak was of 25 games and not 26.

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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 "Toad" Ramsey, considered one of the greatest southpaws the game has ever produced, held St. Louis to five hits and struck out 10 men. Louisville winning, 7 to 3, by batting Chamberlain, another famous hurler, out of the box.

The greatest losing streak over a longer

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 23, 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

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 batted well and some splendid pitching has been done by Myers, Bush, Sheehan and Na-bors, 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 collegians have tailled more runs than are usually needed to win a major league con-test. The breaks will not go to the oppos-ing teams much longer and the Mackuren are likely to break loose with victory almost any day now.

Lost 134 Games

Pirates' Record

Not only is it unlikely that the Mackmen will break the record for losing games over a two month stretch but it also 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 1890. However, Cleveland, in the National League, lost 134 games in

To equal this mark the Mackmen would To equal this mark the Mackmen would have to lose 86 of the 89 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 36 of the 89 games on the schedule, which is not likely.

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The two most consistent losing streaks in the history of the game were made by Louisville and Pittaburgh in 1889 and 1890,

despite the unusual number of defeats reg-istered by Cleveland almost 10 years later. Louisville's consecutive losing streak was longer than that of Pittsburgh, but the Pi-rates made one mark which probably never will be approached

Gumbert Wins

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On July 26, 1890, Pittsburgh had won 177 and lost 60 games. On that day Ad Gumbert, later a Philly star and now a prominent politician in Pittsburgh, won a pitching duel from the famous John Clarkson, of Boston. Gumbert held Boston to three hits and the Pirates won. 4 to 3.

The following day Boston defeated the Pirates and started them off on a losing streak, which was not broken until August 11. when Bill Phillips, making his debut with Pittsburgh, defeated Chicago, 6 to 4. holding Anson's sluggers to five hits. This losing streak was of six games.

Chicago started Pittsburgh on its way to a National League record the next day and 23 consecutive games were lost. On September 4 Henderson, a recruit pitcher, won from Cleveland at Pittsburgh by the score of 6 to 2. This gave the Pirates one victory in 32 games played. They lost the next six games, making two victories out of 38 games played, which is the greatest losing streak in the history of the game.

Louisville started its famous losing streak at home on May 22 and lost 25 games in a row before Ramesy defeated the Browns. The Colonels won again on June 37, when Ewing won a 6 to 5 victory over Kansas City in 11 innings.

First Local Flag

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Hecker is the pitcher who six years before made a wild pitch in the ninth inning
of the last game of the season, permitting
the Athletics to win the first pennant ever
won by a local team. The Colonels won
the next three games, but had established
a mark of only two victories in 35 games. a mark of only two victories in 35 games, which is the second longest losing streak in the history of baseball.

Cleveland in 1899 had a greater number cleveland in 1899 had a greater number of long losing streaks than any other team up to that period or since, but the Spiders always managed to win two or three games in a row after a long string of defeats, which enabled them to keep a trifle above the marks made by Louisville and Pittsburgh.

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The miserable showing of Cleveland in 1809 was due to the fact that the powerful team of 1898 was transferred to St. Louis. This move killed the National League in Cleveland, as the fans resented the trans-fer of Heidrick, Burkett, Young, McKean, Wallace, Criger and other stars of that fa-mous team. mous team.

The third longest losing streak was made y the Red Sox in 1910, when they were defeated in 28 out of 30 consecutive games The American League record of 20 consecu-tive defeats was included in this run.

Myers' Pitching

Had it not been for the unusual pitching of Elmer Myers, under a terrific handicap, it is likely that the Mackmen would now be close to the record made by the Pirates and that it would require only a few more defeats to give them an undesirable record. On June 22 Myers broke the long losing streak by winning from Washington by the score of 4 to 2 and also saved the game of June 26 in Beston, which was won by

the score of 8 to 5. In this game Wyckoff and Sheehan were batted out of the box by the Red Sox, who apparently were about to stage a late rally when Mack sent his young star into the game. Myers entered the game with the bases full and succeeded in pulling out without damage. The Mackmen made an additional tally in the ninth inning, which clinched the victory.

CHASE MAY SUCCEED by Major League Clubs HERZOG IN CINCINNATI

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

CHICAGO, July 7.—Rumors were affoat in Chicago today that a deal shortly may be put over which will bring Charley Hersog, 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 Hai 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 Muck got from President Comisker for Eddie Collins.

Irolita Starts in 100-Mile Race

MARBLEHEAD. Mass. July 7.—The annual cruise of the Eastern Yacht Club has been begun with a 100-mile race from this port to Portland. Ms. The actionner Virginia, owned and sailed by L. P. Crofoot, of Omaha, Neb.: the Vagrant, with Harold S. Vanderbilt, of New York, at the wheel; the Irolita, under the guidance of her owner, ex-Commodore E. Walter Clark, of Philadelphia Corinthian Yacht Club, and the new Amerilia, owned by Demarest Lloyd, of Boston, were prominent among the competing schooners.

Transfer Grand Circuit Races

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 7.—The Grand Rapids grand circuit harness meeting, scheduled for the second week in August, has been transferred to Pitthourgh, Dr. S. E. Dodgen, prasident of the Furnith City Driving Club, has another the Country of the Furnith City of the City and Charles another the Action of the Furnith City of the City of the Country of the City of t

Wants Price on Ball Players

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. July 7.—James Dung, of the Cleveland American Leagues team, who has been here watching the work of the players of the layers with James C. McGill, owner of the lodinapolis Club, 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 sug-

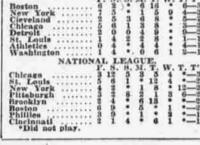
be promulgated soon if the plan suggested by Ban Johnson, president of the American League, meets with favor around the circuit.

"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 claiemd 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."

Runs Scored This Week

Runs scored by all teams in American and National Leagues from Friday, June 36, to Thursday, July 6, inclusive, Only runs that figure in official sverages are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of games of five innings or more are included in the table.



WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

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17 46 .368 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY AMERICAN LEAGUE Chleage at New York—Clear. Detroit at Philadelphia—Clear. St. Louis at Washington—Clear. Clergiand at Boston—Clear. NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York at Pittsburgh—Cloudy, Brooklyn at Cincinnath—Clear, Boston at Chicago—Clear, Philadelphia at St. Louis;—Clear, INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE rark at Rochester—Clear, ridence at Haffalo—Clear (two games), unoud at Toronto—Clear, Image at Montreal—Clear,

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS NATIONAL LEAGUE New York, 18; Pittaburgh, 6. Other clubs not scheduled. AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit. 9: Athletics. 4. New York, 4: Chicago, 3. Boston, 6: Cleveland, 5. Washington, 8: 84. Louis, 1. INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Mrs. Hafner Swims "Marathon" Mrs. Mabel Hafner, of the 1st Regiment swimming pool, is the first woman swiminer to cover the five-mile marshon course on the Schuylkii fiver this year, having swam from Conshohoren bridge to the breast of Flat Rock Dam yesterday afternoon in 2 hours and 52 minutes. The river was low and so water was going over the dam which made the performance a dead water swim.

Logan Square Manager Injured Manager William Faulkner, of the Loga-quare baseball leans, suffered a fractive of the term in a recent modercrete accident author is one of the most popular leader the independent baseball raise. If with

HIS SCORE-CARD.

DAILY BREAD.

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HAD A WILD TIME ON THE BLEACHERITE UTILIZES

GOBB GRABS LAJOIE'S

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY; BUT-

IMPRESSIONS FROM BLEACHERS OF MACKS' 'STEENTH DEFEAT

AND LANNING HAD THEIR UPS AND DOWNS.

OUTFIELDER LANNING IS A GRAND ANNOUNCER.

WHITTAKER'S

CONTROL WASN'T VERY CHIC.

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 spitter 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 Huggins' 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.

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

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

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

I into centre 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 cally threw his bat into the grandstand in Chicago last Sunday and slugged a vociferous spectator in St. Louis a couple of days before. Those two childish pranks falled to make a hit with the Big Boss Ban, but the hard-working scribes played it to the limit and the Detroit slugger was billed as big as Jack Dillon after he busted Frank Mo-ran on the nose and

R. W. MAXWELL

other places. 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

1560, excitement was intense. The bleacher bugs shifted nervously in their seats and the unfortunates in the front rows sat back calm and resigned, waiting for the irate Tyrus to jump feet first into the stand and then clean out the place. The soldiers who participated in the siege of Verdun had nothing on those heroes yesterday after-

We were among those present in the twobit section when Cobb loped out to his place in the field. He did not seem foroclous; 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 persons in the front row feel better, but their joy suddenly was turned to gloom when a loud-mouthed rooter in the upper row shouted:

"Well, well, well! Look what is with will cus! Why, hello there, sorehead! When here.

TYRUS RAYMOND COBB wandered out | did you get out? When are you goin' to

and you get out? When are you goin to quit playin?"

A shudder ran through the patrons in the front row as these cutting remarks crashed against the ears of the Terrible Tyrus. The crucial moment was at hand. Which part of the stand would be attack that? Braye men trembled as they water. first? Brave men trembled as they waited in suspense to note the effect of those unkind words.

Mr. Cobb, however, bore his honors gracefully. He received the verbal bouquet with a smile and doffed his cap. Then he played some baseball.

A pair of gentlemen sitting behind us heaved a couple of sighs of relief and one remarked: "You see, this here Cobb ain't such a

bad feller after all. He ain't goin' aroun' lookin' fer trouble. He worries a lot, he does. Yah see, he's terrible jealous. Oh, yes, he's awful jealous. This here Jrokson and Speaker gets his goat sometimes flerce because they's hittin' th' ball and be ain't doin' nothin'. Why, do you know, he ain't looked at no newspaper fer weeks! No, sir! He dassn't see what those other guys is doin' because when he finds them battin' better 'en him, he gets an awful grouch on and busts somebody in th' nose, or some-

thin. Yuh gotta be careful and don't say nothin. Then he won't do nothin. I know Ty, all right, all right. He's a swell feller."
Whether they knew it or not, that was the true feelings of the bugs. They admired Cobb, and their admiration was so great that they refused to "ridd" bloomy great that they refused to "ride" him. After the opening remarks, not a single harsh word was hurled at the visitor. He was applauded every time he went to bat and his work in the field was cheered as it should have been. In the ninth inning, when he made a sensational catch of Lar-ry's liner and robbed the veteran of a sure three-bagger, the fans arose to their feet and yelled as heartly as if one of the home players had pulled the play and saved the game. Tyrus need have no fear of the Phila-

delphin fans. They are as fair as any bunch of rooters in the country and they showed it yesterday. They appreciate good playing whether it is done by the home team or not and a star like Cobb will receive all of the homage due him. The Southerner left the field a hero and he will continue to be one as long as he plays

AS AN ERRATIC BALL TEAM, THE GIANTS TAKE THE FLAG

17 straight and then ran this up to 19 out of 21. Since that spurt they proceeded to drop from second to sixth place by losing something like 20 out of 30 games. Then followed the Tigers. They sailed out from sixth place to a tie for the top by winning 16 out of 17 starts. In the wake of which they lost no great time in flopping back

The Erratic Title

The title for erratic play must be awarded to the Glants beyond any ball club of the last 20 years. Observe the three sections of their 1916 campaign: April 12 to May 8-Won 2 and lost 13;

May 8 to June 2-Won 19 and lost 2; perentage .905. June 2 to July 6-Won 9 and lost 19; per-

centage, 331.

Here is a shift from .133 to .905 and from .905 back to .321, each involving considerable periods of play. If this doesn't land the erratic title—with Detroit only a shade behind—we await further details.

Jackson's Rush

Joe Jackson last season dropped to .308. This season for a month he was around .250. The Human Eye is always focused upon any one who starts to slip. But the Batting Eye, once 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 .250 to .375 in two months, which has called for a streak bet-

tor than a .400 average.

Jackson will be 29 years old on the 16th
of this month. He started with Greenville or this month. He started with Greenville in the Carolina Association eight years ago, his debut mark being 346. He has never been under 300 since and has only been below 350 twice. As for 1916. Cobb and Speaker will need all they can carry to beat birs out.

The Difference

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

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

cap. The difference of 12 inches in height and

But they should! Any word I say I back up! Think of a Gan-une German Dre Blue tiere Suit to your \$16.50 Same People Won't Baliese My ADS! "BILLY" MORAN

THIS has been a tough season for the | 100 pounds in weight would be great stuff for comedy, but no great boost for sport.

For a ball club down in seventh place, it is peculiar how few rivals look forward to meeting Fielder Jones' Browns. A Few Late Books

The Fall of the House of Busher. By Connie Mack. Paradise Lost. By Frank Moran. The Spoller. By Jack Dillor The Inside of the Cup. By Chick Evans. The Lost Trail. By John J. McCraw.

The White Sox Outlook If Chicago's American League entry can get safely by this Eastern trip without be-ing badly dumped it has a first-class chance

to give the Old Roman his first flag in 19 years—since 1996. The White Sox have the punch, the pitching and the speed. They were away to a moth-eaten start through erratic pitching and the light batting of Collins, Fournier and, for a time, Joe Jackson. But the wallop is now beginning to pop out again, and for the last month the Sox, with the Yanks, have been playing the fastest ball in the league.

Bill Carrigan's Suspension Lifted HOSTON, July T.—An radefinite suspension malty imposed on Manager Carrisan, of the ston Red Sur, by Fresident Jehnson, of the merican League, for taking part in a conversy on the Washington grounds last Frity was lifted berer resterday's game with leveland. Carrigan did not play.







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