

PLAYERS SHOW MORE LIFE AND ENTHUSIASM IN GAME THIS YEAR THAN IN LAST TWO SEASONS

NUMEROUS INJURIES THIS YEAR ASCRIBED TO PLAYERS' INCREASED INTEREST IN GAME

With Expiration of War-time Contracts at Close of Season Men Now Hustling Harder to Avoid Cut in Salaries

MORE star ball players have been injured this year than in any previous season in a decade and the fans throughout the country are mystified. They cannot understand why these accidents to stars should occur so regularly. The answer is that baseball is a different game this season.

For several years the players have been reaping a harvest. The natural advancement of the game and the increase of the profits of the magnates caused the salaries of the players to mount rapidly, and then came the war between Organized Ball and the Feds.

The players took advantage of the conditions and held the magnates up for salaries all out of proportion to their value, with the result that the majority of the clubs lost money in 1915 and 1916. There was nothing left for Organized Ball to do but make peace with the Federal League, and the retrenchment policy was adopted by the magnates.

Almost every star player of the two major leagues was tied up to two or three-year contracts, the majority of which expire at the close of the present season, and the players now are hustling. In recent years the players refused to take any unnecessary chances. They were content to draw their salaries and preferred to take no chances on injuries, realizing that a serious accident would hurt their earning capacity.

When the magnates announced that there would be a general cut in salaries after the long-term war-time contracts had expired, the players realized that they would have to get out and hustle or they would be cut even more than they expect. As a result, they are making plays and taking desperate chances which were unknown in the last two seasons.

Earning Powers Contingent Upon Showing THERE is no question about the hustling of the players this season. They are working harder than ever, realizing that their new contracts will be based entirely upon what they show this season and not on past reputation, as was the case when the Feds were in the field. Perhaps many fans have noticed how much faster the games are this year, which is further evidence that the players are hustling.

For two or three years prior to this season the fans were very much disgusted at the long-drawn-out games, a contest seldom being completed in less than two hours because the players simply refused to enthrone. The average time of game for major league contests this season had been one hour and 45 minutes, and it has been a period of real action.

Desperate chances are taken on the bases, in going after foul flies, tagging runners at the plate. The old game of sacrificing to save the batting average when the percentage of baseball decreed that the batter should walk away at the ball also has been missing this season. All ball players are very much interested in their averages; but they are thinking less about it with the Feds out of existence, and better ball has resulted.

Robert McRoy, formerly part owner of the Red Sox, and who was responsible for Jim Dunn buying the Cleveland club, is here with the Indians, and he also believes that the game is faster and better this season than ever before. McRoy will not admit that the players were loafing for two years because of the fact that they held the upper hand during the war, but he says that the players are hustling more and that the fans are being given a run for their money now.

Bush Comes to A's Rescue

THE brilliant pitching of Joe Bush enabled the Athletics to break their long losing streak yesterday, after nine successive defeats. Prior to yesterday's victory in the second game the Mackmen had lost 21 out of the last 23 games played and were on a fair road to equaling or breaking the famous losing record made by Pittsburgh in 1930, when it lost 26 out of 28 games.

Bush had more "stuffs" than he has shown at any time this season, which means something, as "Bullet Joe" has pitched many brilliant games in the face of disheartening support. Cleveland had only one chance to score during the entire game and Bush got out of that hole without the aid of his teammates. Only four hits were made by the Indians, three of which were infield scratches, and 10 of them were retired by strikes.

Loudermilk pitched well enough to have won under ordinary circumstances, but the Mackmen were fortunate enough to bunch three hits and a perfect squeeze play, with a wild throw by Chapman, the only runs of the game resulting. The most unusual feature of the game was the splendid control shown by Loudermilk. In seven innings Loudermilk passed only one man, which is the best record he has made in several years.

This young giant has wonderful natural ability, but has been passed up by the Cardinals, Browns and Detroit because he could not gain control. As a rule, Loudermilk passes 8 or 10 men each game, but Fohl evidently has done something which three other managers could not do in teaching him how to control the ball. He is going to be a great help to the Indians if he can continue to pitch as he did yesterday. He is badly needed, however, as Guy Morton still is nursing a lame arm and Stanislav Covelak has been sent home because he has been feeling the effects of overwork.

Sheehan Gaining Confidence and Will Improve

TOM SHEEHAN looks better every game he pitches. The lanky youngster is gaining the confidence he needed and now is swinging freely, whereas early in the season he seemed to be holding back, fearing that he would not be able to get the ball over the plate. Mack is very well pleased with Sheehan's work and believes that the Peoria youngster will develop into a great pitcher before the season closes.

Yesterday Sheehan had one poor inning in which the Indians clinched the game. Five hits, including a double by Graney with two men on base, were bunched in the second inning, three runs resulting. During the remainder of the game Sheehan had the Indians at his mercy and seemed to grow stronger as the game progressed, which is another excellent sign, as Tom has shown a tendency to weaken in the closing innings. Two hits were all the Indians could make in the last seven innings, the last run being due to a fumble by Witt and O'Neill's double, which the wind carried away from Strunk.

If the Mackmen had batted well behind Sheehan he probably would have won, but Fred Beebe, in his first local appearance since he left the Phillies five years ago, pitched grand ball, and the Athletics had few chances to score. Beebe lost control for a brief spell in the ninth inning, but when the Mackmen were in a position to tie the score he tightened and retired the side. The Indians appeared to lack ginger and did not look like a championship team.

Many Clubs Are Handicapped by Injuries

ALMOST every club in the two major leagues has been handicapped by injuries to star players, with the Athletics, Yankees and Indians the chief sufferers. One list places the number of crippled players at 51, but this includes many of the usual ailments, such as sore arms and lame shoulders, which are in no way due to the revival of the fighting spirit of the players.

Nineteen members of the Athletics and Yankees have been out of the game, each for a week or longer, and six broken bones are included in the list of injuries. Other players who have sustained broken bones are Lobert, of the Giants, broken leg; Chapman, of Cleveland, broken leg; Adams, of the Phillies, broken finger; Cady, of Boston, broken finger; Magee, of Boston, broken wrist; Fletcher, of the Giants, broken finger, and Archer, of the Cubs, broken finger.

The Cleveland Club has protested to President Johnson that the grass at Shibe Park should be cut. Manager Fohl claims that the grass is so long that the outfielders are in danger of tripping or turning an ankle. It is a fact that the grass is longer than any we have ever seen in a major league park, but Mack says it will not be cut until the Mackmen depart for the West. He argues that it would be impossible to cut the grass without doing away with morning practice. This Mack refuses to do at this time as he wants his collegians to get as much morning work as possible before the team goes away.

Scribes traveling with the Indians point out that Fred Beebe has made at least one wild throw in each game trying to catch runners napping. Yesterday Beebe made two weird pegs in the second inning on which runners went from first to third and would have made a few more in the course of the game if it had not been for splendid work by Gancil. Beebe says that he seems to feel a daily wild throw coming and always is glad to get it out of his system.

In holding the Cincinnati Reds to two hits and winning the first game of yesterday's double-header, Alexander won his seventeenth contest of the season. Alex had the managers Red, who will be guided by Mathewson today, eating out of his hand. Groh and Pinch-Hitter Mitchell made the only safeties off Alex, but the former's single was of the scratch variety. In the second mix Al Demaree had one of his bad afternoons and his shots looked as big as a barn to the Red hitters.

SKIMBLE SKAMBLE STUFF



GRAND CHIMES WINS TAVERN STEAK PRIZE

Louisiana Steed Proves Class of Field at Grand Circuit Meet

CLEVELAND, July 21.—Grand Chimes, from away down in Louisiana, tramped on the Northern-bred trotters yesterday at North Randall and walked off with the Tavern Steak, the first event raced under the Devereux limitation plan on the 1916 Grand Circuit. In winning, Grand Chimes proved himself to be one of the best trotters that has been uncovered this season.

It was a bitterly fought race. Grand Chimes was nosed out in the final heat by Busy Lassie, but to Grand Chimes went the honors and yesterday, at least, he was the class of the field. The race developed into one of the grandest in the history of the event and the time was just about as fast as it would have been if the Tavern had been a 2:10 trot, as in the second and third heat the time was better than 2:07. The field in the Fasig open 3-year-old trot narrowed down to three when the horses were called and, as two of them were members of Tommy Murphy's stable, there was virtually no selling, and it was the Murphy stable that got most of the money, with Adele Block, the third member of the race, getting third. Slapin Tree easily had the speed of the trio, taking the first and third heats.

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PERCY OSBORNE IS PEEVED BUT WINS HIS TENNIS SETTO

Tire Stolen From "Flivver" Almost Causes Upset and Plays Hob With Schedule

INTERCLUB GAMES TODAY

Some inconsiderate "gent" swiped a tire from Percy Osborne's "flivver," as it stood in front of his office yesterday, whereat "Percy" was very peeved, and also annoyed. For he had an engagement to play doubles at Norristown with Norman Swayne, against Albert Cross and Charles N. Beard. The time for the event was 2 p. m., and it was then well on toward 3 o'clock.

"What shall I do?" Osborne muttered gloomily. To attempt the long not to say arduous journey to Norristown without a spare tire was out of the question. Without an extra, a blowout, or at least a puncture, was inevitable. So Osborne scurried around town and obtained another tire, and, of course, the trip to Norristown was made without any untoward incident. But that doesn't complete the story.

Beard and Cross were dressed and ready to play at the scheduled time, 3 p. m. Swayne was there, too, but not dressed. A half hour passed, and no Osborne. Four o'clock arrived, and still no Osborne. Swayne grew fidgety, and as for Cross and Beard, the longer they waited the more determined they were to "teach that fellow Osborne a lesson."

"Finally, promptly and precisely at 4:30, only half an hour too late, Osborne's "flivver" loomed up over the horizon, and a minute later he arrived, entirely surrounded by clouds of dust. The intrepid pilot dressed in a few minutes, and he and Swayne then tackled the thoroughly aroused Beard and Cross. And it surely was a scrappy match.

Beard and Cross dashed to the net whenever given the chance in the first set and smashed their way to victory, at 6-4. Osborne finally fought his way back to the front, and although he continued to bear the brunt of the opposing attack, he strengthened almost 100 per cent. in the second set and he and his "pad" pulled it out of the fire. With the sets 1-1, the conditions of the initial set were reversed and it was then aroused Osborne, who smashed and battered Beard and Cross in retaliation for their tactics in the opener.

Osborne and Swayne won out, 6-1, which was very unclubby. The others bitterly complained. The Plymouth tourney is setting a record for the number of marathon matches. Almost every contest, singles or doubles, played since the first round has had at least one set, and in many of these two that went far beyond the regulation six-game score.

The champion marathoners to date are Edward Hall and Dr. P. H. Hawk. They won out yesterday over Everett B. Mosler, who has been playing a bang-up game at Norristown, and F. H. McCann, at 6-4, 11-12, 5-2, a total of 34 games. All but McCann had previously played singles. Mosler furnished the first real thrill of the tourney in beating "Ed" Hall in the fifth round, at 2-6, 5-5, 5-3.

COLUMBIA WILL RETAIN INTERCOLLEGIATE ROWING NEW YORK, July 21.—Columbia will not withdraw from intercollegiate rowing. That was decided at a meeting of the Columbia University Club last night.

Alumni and undergraduates most prominent in the sport gathered in response to a call to consider the advisability of abolishing the sport or resigning from membership in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association, in which its associates are Cornell and Pennsylvania. It was decided unanimously that Columbia was not only to continue to support rowing, but that the sport was to be put on a much firmer basis. The control of rowing will be taken away from the Columbia Rowing Association and will be centered in the Athletic Association, which also controls athletic finances. It is hoped thereby to obviate a good deal of the financial trouble which has always beset rowing at Columbia.

FOR THREE MONTHS DODGERS HAVE BEEN PLAYING BEST BALL IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

And Under the Inspiring Salve of Wilbert Robinson Team Should Continue to Be Real Pennant Contender

By GRANTLAND RICE

"WHY," writes an irate Brooklyn fan, "don't you ever give Brooklyn credit for having a fine ball team? You boost the Yankees and the Red Sox and the White Sox, the Braves and the Phillies, when this Brooklyn club can play more baseball in one inning than most of them play in an entire game."

We were under the hazy impression that we had fairly bubbled with boasts for the impetuous Hobins. The standing of the clubs is boost enough, but, in case we have been lacking, we hasten to say that just now we can think of no more thrilling spectacle than Colonel G. H. Ebbetts as the storm center of a world's series. And the Colonel has a wonderful chance to land with both feet in the center of the big October smear.

For three months the Colonel's team has been playing the best ball in the National League. And just at present we can see no reason why it should not keep plugging along under the inspiring salve of Wilbert Robinson, who is a host and a boost into himself.

Not Quite So Soft Those who figured that owning a ball club was a soft occupation, or that a pennant could be purchased for so much cash, might gaze upon the case of the Yanks.

Messrs. Huston and Ruppert spent more than \$180,000 for high-class talent. Bill Donovan handled this talent in an admirable way. And then, just as the club was moving along nicely out in front, one star after another is blown apart by serious accidents. There is no way to beat back a fate of this type. A good secondary defense might easily replace two, or even three, star regulars, but when four or five are shot down there is no way to replenish the larder up to normal capacity. Preparedness is a wonderful institution. But a tidal wave of trouble is another matter.

Even Without Speaker It was around the early section of July last year that the Red Sox finally swung into their stride and began to move in the general direction that leads to the front.

Minus Speaker, few believed that Carrigan ever could start his club in the same direction again, but late results show that Boston is now the most feared club in the circuit.

Any machine that has Ruth, Shore, Leonard, Foster and Mays to fire at the opposition in order doesn't require any great attack. The Red Sox have been able to get enough runs to win, and evidently the club's morale has re-formed since the Speaker sale. If Lannin can sell a star player for \$50,000 and get into the world series besides his place as a financier is fixed for good.

Famous Rays —Caldwell. —Pinker. —Chapman. Hip-hip-hoo—

"Welsh can't go 20 rounds against a hard opponent. Why should he take a chance?"—Exchange. Well, is he? Johnny Evers' latest remarks to the umpires cost him \$500. He wouldn't pay that

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Chaperon Wins Maumee Race PUT-IN-BAY, O., July 21.—Buffalo and Cleveland boats won in the Maumee River Yacht Club's so-called "short long-distance" race here yesterday. Chaperon, skippered by P. C. Prochnow, of the Buffalo Yacht Club, a scratch boat, was first, winning the club punch bowl and a cash prize of \$25.

Trank and Hennessy Tennis Victors KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 21.—Charles P. Trank and John Hennessy, of Indianapolis, defeated Ross Moore and Burr Chapman, of Kansas City, in the second round doubles of the Great Plains tennis tournament yesterday.

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