

AL DEMAREE A DIFFERENT PITCHER SINCE HE HAS ADOPTED SIDE-ARM DELIVERY

AL DEMAREE'S EFFECTIVENESS AND CONTROL DUE TO CHANGE IN HIS STYLE OF PITCHING

Veteran Has Done Away With Overhand Motion and Now Uses Side Arm Swing Which Gives Him Greater Speed

LOCAL fans have been agreeably surprised at the brilliant pitching of Al Demaree this season and cannot understand why he is more effective than in 1915.

In 1915 the fans did not like to see Demaree go to the mound because they felt that it would require quite a lot of hitting to pull him through, but now they have more confidence in the former New York hurler than any pitcher on the staff, barring Alexander.

We heard this remark so often that we have paid more attention to Demaree recently and have discovered that he really is a different pitcher. Demaree gradually has changed his style of pitching until he works entirely differently than he did when he joined the Phils.

Combining Brains and Brawn

THE Mackman hit the nail on the head when he said that Demaree had changed his style. Al is not pitching like Alexander, but has a new delivery, particularly suited for his style.

The longer step enabled Demaree to get more power behind his swing and as a result he now has greater speed and a better break to his fast ball. Demaree always has had a great curve, but in the past had so little on his fast ball that the batsmen did not fear him.

Demaree is one of the shrewdest pitchers in the game, but until recently had "nothing but his head," as rival players expressed it. He now is combining both with excellent results.

The Flexibility of the Player Limit Rule Aids Brooklyn

THE flexibility of the 21-player-limit rule of the National League enabled Brooklyn to gain a victory over the Reds which should be thrown out by the Board of Directors of the league.

According to the ridiculous rule any player placed on the ineligible list cannot play for 10 days, but is eligible to play at any time thereafter, if not necessary to notify the league office in advance.

That Mails is not disabled or unfit for regular duty was proved conclusively by his presence in Monday's game and in the practice prior to Tuesday's game. Within the last week Brooklyn has had 22 players in the game, despite the 21-player rule.

Phillies Going at Rapid Clip

WHILE the fans are inclined to watch the percentage table closely and will notice that the Phillies have not been able to gain on the Dodgers, there is plenty of consolation in knowing that the hardest part of the Eastern invasion of the Western teams is over, unless the dopsters have figured out the Reds and Cardinals wrong.

It was a foregone conclusion before the Western teams invaded the East that Pittsburgh and Chicago were the best teams of the West and the ones which were likely to trouble the champions while it also was conceded that Brooklyn would have little trouble with the Cardinals and Reds.

Perhaps the Reds and Cardinals may upset the dope by winning a few games from the champions, but if the Philly pitchers continue at the same clip they have shown since their return from the West it is likely that the champions will pick up a game or two on the leaders.

Manager Moran sent Alexander the Great to the mound yesterday in order to clinch the final game of the series with the Cubs, believing that it was the turning point of the season for the champions.

Jim Thorpe is endeavoring to convince major league managers that they made a serious mistake when they allowed him to drift downward. Jim is playing a fine game for Milwaukee in the American Association.

George Block, the veteran big league catcher, is carrying around a much-labeled suitcase. Within the last two weeks Block has been shifted four times. He was recently let out by St. Joseph to Wichita and a few days later Wichita sent him back to St. Joseph, whence he left for Milwaukee.

The Phillies have won seven out of the last ten games. This is as good a record as any one could wish for the locals. At the same time Boston and Brooklyn have been moving along at about the same clip, hence the champions have not made any serious cut in the distance between third place and the top of the column.

Monte Cross, a member of the Athletics in the olden days, is playing semi-pro ball in Philadelphia. Monte still has a good deal of the old pep left and is carrying around in a capable manner. Mitterling, the former Uranus star recently let out by Connie Mack, also is playing with the free lancers in the Quaker City.

Golfers are getting more enthusiastic each day. The latest fad is golf at night. The Great Neck Golf Club held a nine-hole putting contest. In nearly every large city tennis is being played at night by those who are not able to get away from work in the day.



TODAY'S SPRINTERS AS FAST AS THOSE OF 20 YEARS AGO

Craig, Lippincott and Drew Equal of Wefers and Others, Says Meredith

By TED MEREDITH

Many sporting writers and athletic critics take great delight in comparing our athletes of today and those of 20 years ago.

They really only find two events in which the track men of 20 years back hold the upper hand, namely, the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

After this discovery, which is found by looking over the track calendars of the 20 seasons ago, they claim the sprinters in 1916 have fallen off, but the men in the other events have greatly improved.

It is true that some of our best sprinters date back around 1896; for instance, from 1896 until 1900 we had such men as Duffy, Wefers, Kraenzlein and Tewkesberry.

These men were truly great sprinters, but in the past few years the followers of sport have seen some men who, I believe, would have compared favorably with these men.

It is not that our sprinters have fallen back, but it is that 10 second and under 22 seconds are such common occurrences nowadays that it is not looked upon with astonishment.

Another thing, every boy who starts running wants to be a sprinter, and as a result you get more men out in this event than any other.

Then we come to explain the improvements in the other events. The whole thing can be placed to the blame of competition. Without it and enthusiasm from the followers of sport we would still be back running in the times and marks of 20 years ago.

This competition has been in several forms. The great number of men out for the popular events, as the sprints and high jump, have worked out the solution in many cases.

Old Erin always has been in the line-plate in New York several years. Tonight he gets started in football competition again, and in victory over Willie Brown, he is to be congratulated.

Twice has George Chaney and Peckey Hammer met. Each time Chaney dropped the tough New Yorker, but his punches are getting steam to keep Hammer down for 10.

A gentleman of color never will get a crack at the featherweight championship, not as long as Johnny Sullivan is in the ring.

WILD SPURTS MADE BY TEAMS IN RUT THIS SEASON ONE OF QUEEREST FEATURES OF RACES

Giants Started From Cellar With 17 Straight, Tigers Won 16 Out of 17 and Now the Browns With 12 in Row

By GRANTLAND RICE

War Song of the Tallenders Come on—you Grand Old Winter League—Rous mit this fagging summer season.

Come on—famed season of the Dops, Of Slugging King and All-star Flagger, When once again the hope Springs in the baseball breast to linger—To linger, through the days of chill.

Come on—O gallant Winter Time, When "Mogul Smith predicts a pennant," And first place finds us there a tenant; A tenant on the topmost hill.

THE queerest features of the major league races this season have been wild spurts made by ball clubs far down in the rut and the inability of any leader to get away to a long winning dash.

Then came the Browns. From a soggy start in seventh place Fielder Jones's machine suddenly opened a whirl against the eastern arrivals for one of the greatest two weeks stretch than Red Sox or White Sox have been able to make.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Many miles separate Barney Ford and the straggle, still his thoughts are with the roped arena. In his mind he is vacillating about Atlantic City, and between plunges into the water.

After Frankie Conway, of the 11th Ward, eliminated his ring name, he now is preparing to ride track horses between him and his rival, Ed Williams.

Edie O'Keefe was one of the biggest cards in New York several years. Tonight he gets started in football competition again, and in victory over Willie Brown, he is to be congratulated.

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TWO YOUTHFUL CHAMPIONS IN CYNWYD TENNIS

Searing Wilson and Roy March Will Make Things Hum in Junior Tourney

PLAY FOR STATE TITLE

Two titleholders, and possibly three, will compete in the annual tournament for the junior tennis championship of Pennsylvania.

The third champion who may put in an appearance at the last moment is Thomas Brown, of York, Pa., who has been defeated and continuing all next week.

As the age limit is 17 years, Roy Coffin, Philadelphia junior champion, is ineligible. In addition to March and Wilson, Cynwyd entries include J. M. Vanneman, Jr., W. Vanneman, Carl Fischer, C. Hutchins and P. Liverdeside.

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