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 Demarce this season and cannot understand why he is more effective than in 1915. Demarce won a number of very important games for the Phillies last season, but it usually required a lot of hitting and sensational fielding on the part of his teammates to pull him through. This year, however, Demarce has m winning on his merits, holding the opposing teams in check by grand pitching.

In 1915 the fans did not like to see Demares 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 have asked fans, who reasted Demarce last season, but who now admit that Al is quite a pitcher, just why they like him this season and the usual reply is, "He looks like a different pitcher."

We heard this remark so often that we have paid more attention to Demarce recently and have discovered that he really is a different pitcher. Demarce gradually has changed his style of pitching until he works entirely diffegently than he did when he joined the Phils. The brainy veteran has changed gradually, however, and that is why the difference was not apparent until he was watched

Wally Schang, Mack's daredevil all-round star, was a spectator at the double-header with the Cubs on Tuesday and Wally noticed the change in Demarea's style at once, simply because he had not seen him pitch since the spring of 1915 at the training camp. Before the game had progressed three innings, Schang remarked that Demarce was using Alexander's delivery and had discarded his over-hand fast ball.

Combining Brains and Brawn

THE Mackman hit the nail on the head when he said that Demares had changed his style. Al is not pitching like Alexander, but has a new delivery, particularly suited for his style. Manager Moran says that he taught Demaree to swing more from the side and to take a longer step. Demarce is a smart pitcher, and after learning that Moran had given him good advice, set about improving upon his manager's suggestion.

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

Demarce 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. It is a rare occurrence that Demarce fails to make good in a critical game. Twice within the last week he succeeded in winning the second game of a double-header after the first contest had been lost. In each instance the losss of the second game might have started the Phils on a disastrous slump, but Demarce each time came through with a splendid exhibition.

Whenever there is a large crowd present and the center field bleachers are well filled, it is safe to predict that Demares will be on the mound. By carefully studying his own delivery and the home field. Demares can pitch in such a manner that the batsmen cannot see the ball until it is upon them, owing to the moving background in the center field bleachers. Strategy of this sort helps in

The Flexibility of the Player Limit Rule Aids Brooklyn

THE flexibility of the 21-player-limit rule of the National League enabled Brook-In to gain a victory over the Reds which should be thrown out by the Board of Directors of the league. Nap Rucker, who has been on the disability list for many weeks, suddenly was pulled off the ineligible list when the Reds were batting Dell hard, and sent into the game. When Rucker was sent to the mound, Manager Robinson stepped to the center of the diamond and informed Umpire Klem that Rucker would pitch and that Mails would replace him on the "disability" list,

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, it not being necessary to notify the league office in advance. Therefore, when the game started Rucker was ineligible, but when needed he was sent into the game and another player, who is in no way injured or disabled, was put on the "disability" list.

That Mails is not disabled or unfit for regular duty was proved conclusively oy 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 21player rule. The box scores show the names of Johnson, Wheat, Stengel, Myers, Mowrey, Getz, O'Mara, Olson, Cutshaw, Daubert, Miller, McCarty, Meyers, Rucker, Mails, Appleton, Coombs, Marquard, Cheney, Bell, Pfeffer and Smith. What is the object of the 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 dopesters have figured out the Reds and

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 havge 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. The Phillies have gone through the hard part of the schedule, so far as the Western teams are concerned, and have won seven of the 10 games played, which is more than was expected, considering the excellent work of the Pirates and Cubs before they came here.

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. Alexander proved that his slip in the first game of the series was merely an off-day by baffling the Cubs for 12 consecutive innings. Mike Prendergast, a former teammate of Alexander at Galesburg, Ill., was Alexander's opponent, and if it had not been for erratic support, the teams might be battling yet.

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. He leads the league in hase stealing and is doing good work in hitting. Recently at Louisville a line drive from Thorpe's bat hit the left-field fence, the clout being the longest drive ever made at the Colonel's park.

George Block, the veteran big league catcher, is carrying around a muchlabeled 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 Brocklyn 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. Alexander's fine performance yesterday, however, is a convincing argument that no matter what happens, the Phillies will not crack under the strain and that they can win a game whenever it is really necessary to keep them well up in the running.

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

Golfers are getting more enthusiastic each day. The latest fad is golf at night. The Great Nock 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.

ABSOLUTELY TRUE TO LIFE



AS FAST AS THOSE OF 20 YEARS AGO

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

COMPETITION NOW KEENER

By TED MEREDITH

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

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

After this discovery, which is found by boking 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 sprinter date back around 1896; in fact 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. Who will say that the above-mentloned sprinters could beat Craig, Drew, Loomis and Meyer in the 100 yard dash, or again, who will declare Wefers far superior to Craig and Lippincott, both of whom equaled Wefers's record?

It is not that our sprinters have fallen ack, but it is that 10 second and under 22 seconds are such common occurrences nowadays that it is not looked upon with astonishment. Back in 1896 these times were rarely made by the amateurs, so Wefers and his contemporaries were looked upon as marvels, which they were, and their followers have not stopped talking about their feats yet.

In 20 years we won't hear much of Drew, whom I have heard called the greatest sprinter that ever lived, but we still hear of Wefers who ran 20 years ago. Why? Because Wefers was doing something which few men were capable of coming anywhere near at that time.

Sprinters Have Improved

What was the result of the records made by these men? A new goal or mark was set up for the sprinters and by constant trying to get to that mark with it as a goal the sprinters have gradually brought their standards higher until today it is not so unusual to have schoolboys doing

Many miles separate Barney Ford and the ringside, still his thoughts are with the roped arena. The youthful promoter is vacationing at Atiantic City, and between plunges into the deep blue he is planning the respening of his Model A. C. Ford will stage his initial 1915-16 program early in Sepamber. A match between Prinkie White and Johnny Mealy looks good to Harney for his first star scrap, and he has wires out to clinch the till. 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. Since competition means business, you have the answer in a nut-

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 follow-ers 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. Men have started in these events and found they could not too the mark with the best of them, so have taken, as a consolation, a less popular event and made good.

A man starting sprinting often will find his best event is a longer race and through experiment finally he will strike that dis-tance at which he is best.

Make Good Hurdlers

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It always has been thought that a tall, slender fellow makes the best high jumper, so from that we get the big fellows out as high jumpers. Later they are found to be good hurdlers or broad jumpers and so on until we get a host of men in every event, and this is what brings down the marks. Again, the schoolboys have helped the lowering of these marks a great deal. We now have schoolboy leagues under careful supervision, which helps the boys to develop properly, so when they get their age and strength they are ready to start a good, rounded athlete, without having to go through all the preliminary training which they did years ago. SUITS To \$ 11

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All these things have tended to bring down the records until now we are told that they have reached their limit. Each time we read of an intercollegiate, national championship or an Olympiad meet we are told that the past was the best ever and it is usually true, which only proves that the limit has not been reached as yet.

TODAY'S SPRINTERS 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

War Song of the Tailenders ome on—you Grand Old Winter League Raus mit this fagging summer season, These clammy days of deep fatigue, Enough to sap a fellow's reason; Beyond the borders of the rose,

Oh, bring again the old stove's inning, When valiantly across the snows Our gallant ball club starts to winning.

Of Slugging King and All-star Flinger,

When once again eternal hope Springs in the baseball breast to linger To linger, through the days of chill Where every player is a hummer, Through March and April, on until We hit the chutes again next summer

Come on—O gallant Winter Time, When "Mogul Smith predicts a pennant" When from the cellarctie we olimb

And first place finds us there a tenant;
A tenant on the topmost hill
Where every club becomes a hummer,
Through March and April, or until
We hit the chutes again next summer.

The Unusual

THE queerest features of the major I 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. The Giants first set the fashion when from last place they won 17 straight on the road, with a total turn of 19 out of 21.

Detroit followed this when from sixth place the Tigers won 16 out of 17 games, making a dash that would have won a pennant for a club up around the front.

Then came the Browns. From a soggy that in avonth place Fields. It was the second to the second to

After Frankie Conway, of the 11th Ward, eliminated his ring namesake from Southwark in their 'battle for a name,' he now is preparing to side track bantams between him and a crack at Kid Williams. Conway's next mix will be Tuesday night at the Ryan Club. Young Julio, the Spanish-Indian, is on the same pregram with Fred Kelly and Ed Hinckie in the main muss.

Old Erin always has kept in the lime-giars in the heavyweight division. With Jim Coffey is the discard after his defeats by Frank Moran another big frishmen has loomed up. He is Jim Healy, from Kerry, and eight successive opponents have felt his knockout sting in New York houts.

Eddie O'Keefe was one of the biggest cards in New York several years ago. Jonight he sets started in Glotham competition again, and a victory over Willie Brown, his appoinent, would put him in line for some star matches again. Brown is a clever boxer, and Eddie may find him a tartar.

Twice have George Chansy and Packer Hom-mey met. Each time Chansy dropped the tough New Yorker, but his punches lacked enough steam to keep Hommey down for 16. The kneckout one gets his third experiunity in a bout in New York tonight to add Hommey to his long it. O. list.

Battling Murray is one of the smallest boxers

Then came the Browns. From a soggy start in seventh place Fielder Jones's ma-chine suddenly opened a whirl against the eastern arrivals for one of the greatest spurts of the season—a better showing over

spirts of the season—a better snowing over a two weeks stretch than Red Sox or White Sox have been able to make. There may be some inside reason where ball clubs can start long winning dashes

By GRANTLAND RICE

the top can only plug along at a steady pace, but life is too complex already to grapple with any such mystery. Brooklyn Faith

Faith is a grand little institution. Early in the season Manager Robinson had im

pressed his Brooklyn machine with the be lief that it could win a pennant. Robby and every man on the club lifted to striking faith in final success.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

And this faith carried the team along ship of Philadelphia. through one or two short slumps that in other years would have soon been turned into routs.
Using this faith, Brooklyn today is the

most dangerous ball club in the league. If there is any sign of cracking it hasn't developed yet and August is now hurried way to September.

Famous Sights

The Browns winning 12 straight. Colonel C. H. Ebbets in a world series

More of the Same

After the New York Yankees had been thoroughly wrecked we were merely waiting for the announcement of Tris Speaker's in-We knew it had to come. For New York

been under the ban of the Fates too long. Early in the year the Indians lost Chap-nan and Klepfer for a long period. Then, just as they were at their best again Morton, their star pitcher, was hurt after he had won eleven out of thirteen games.

It was only a matter of how long before Speaker fell by the wayside.

New York and Cleveland for the last ten years have been harassed by hard luck beyond any other citadels.

So far this season the only players the two teams have had badly injured are as follows: Speaker, Morton, Chapman, Klep-fer, Baker, Maisel, Glihooley, Magee, Mo-gridge and Cullop. Which is not counting minor injuries or allments that only lasted for a week or ten days.

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TWO YOUTHFUL **CHAMPIONS IN CYNWYD TENNIS**

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

Two titleholders, and possibly three, will ompete in the annual tournament for the junior tennis championship of Pennsylvania at the Oynwyd Club beginning Saturday and continuing all next week. The two young racquet phenoms are Roy March and Searing Wilson, both members of the Cynwyd Robby organization. March recently won the junior Clay court championship of New Jersey and Wilson holds the junior indoor champion-

> The third champion who may put in an appearance at the last moment is Thomas Brown, of Yonkers, New York. Young Tommy won the Cynwyd tournament and the Edward Bok cup last year, when the event was inaugurated, and at the present time is quarantined at home; but should this be lifted before the end of the week, he will leave in time to defend his laurela. As the age limit is 17 years, Roy Coffin,

Philadelphia junior champion, is ineligible. But the brace of young champs who are expected to figure in the final round will have a number of other tough customers to make the road to glory a rocky one. Two Harrisburg entries, George Schriver and E. R. Beard, are thought to be of high class. The brothers, J. and L. Appleby. ed to make things interesting.

In addition to March and Wilson, Cynwyd ntries include J. M. Vanneman, Jr., J. W. Vanneman, Carl Fischer, C. Hutchins and P. Liversedge. Germantown has entered R. M. Beck, Miles Valentine and Stuart Valentine, a fair-haired youth of some 13 sum-

LANGER SAYS BEST STROKE FOR SPRINT IS PLAIN CRAWL

Western Natator Favors Trudgeon Crawl for Long Distance Swimming

TO COMPETE IN NEW YORK

Ludy Langer, the Los Angeles A. swimmer, who is to compete in New York Saturday in the National A. A. U. 448. yard championship, is a waterman of the modern school. Long before attaining a reputation he applied himself to the science of matation, and to his close study of the principles of aquatic movement he attributes a large share of his success. His views on the development of water. manship are interesting and furnish val-

uable information. "There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "that in most cases the plain crawl yields best results for sprinting, the true, geon crawl for distance swimming, yet i never recommend either one without add. ing that personal characteristics should be taken in consideration when selecting

"Individual traits play an important role in swimming, and a cycle of movements perfectly suited to one may be totally unsuited to another. The stroke should fit the swifted to another the swimmer, not only on general lines, but down to the least detail. Such items as down to the least detail. Such items as length of arm reach, speed of sction, width, rapidity and rhythm of leg drive, and so on, must be carefully adjusted to each man or woman's requirements in order to exploit natural physical resources to the

Should Master Form

"This choice of style I consider one of the chief factors in gaining real proficiency. It is a common saying that champions are born, not made, but in swimming no amount of inbred ability will carry very far un-less combined with a scientific, well-ers-cuted and suitable stroke.

"The all too prevalent habit of taking up racing before mastering form cannot be preached against enough, for it is impossible to correct faults when devoting every effort to making time, and the swimmer who enters the field unprepared dooms belows it unavaidably to mediocrity. himself unavoidably to mediocrity.

"The only way to acquire form is through constant practice at moderate pace, paying close attention to every movement. It is this easy swimming, regularly dene, that gradually builds up the champion, giving the builds appeared by the constant of the professors his style and at the same from the lower order while those around PLAY FOR STATE TITLE him the indispensable style and at the same time fitting his muscles and lungs for the work in sight.

"And I think every contestant should have technical knowledge of the art of nata-tion and of the principles which govern human speed and endurance in the water,

No Training Rules

"I know racing men who will try anything new, irrespective of its source, and men so narrow-minded that nothing will persuade them to take advice. Both systems militate against success. The wise plan is to study one's subject and learn to reach with good judgment all innovations. weigh with good judgment all innovations adopting or discarding as knowledge distates.

"For training no general rules can be formulated. The amount of work to be done must depend on the constitution of the swimmer, the time available for prepara-tion and the distance to be covered. Expetion and the distance to be covered. Experience is the only teacher. Always, though one should start with a period of constra tive work, doing short stretches at slow gat and trying to eliminate the smallest fault Later the pace is increased by degrees, but even then fast and moderate practices should be intermingled.

"To young swimmers I recommend pa-tience and perseverance. Speed does not come over night. It takes years of fathful and painstaking work to develop championship ability.

"Not every man is granted the qualifos-tions for becoming a champion, but any one may acquire sufficient skill to make competing worth while and to find swim-ming an enjoyable means of attaining or retaining vigorous health."

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