EDDIE PLANK MAY BE SKIDDING, BUT AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUBS HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED

EDDIE PLANK IS HERO OF SEASON, · SAYS GRANT RICE

Veteran Has Performed Brilliantly of Late and Deserves Ranking

MOST RELIABLE SOUTHPAW

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Fan Club, in heetle session, had gathered for the purpose of debating the most distinctive feat of the baseball year by individual or team,

One vote went to the Giants for winning 17 straight on the road from a start in last place.

Another vote went to Tris Speaker for leading Ty Cobb over 40 points for the first four months of the race.

Still another carnest fanatic cast his vote for Grover Cleveland Alexander, who u. doubtedly has worked one of the greatest seasons in the broad realm of play.

A fourth vote was cast for Fielder Jones and the Browns, who started from the soggy depths of seventh place for a spin of 21 out of 23 games.

The Leader These incidents and episodes, individuals and clubs, all were entitled to the burning eloquence poured out in their behalf.

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We believe, too, a vote should be awarded to Colonel Wilbert Robinson, the King of Brooklyn.

But if we had to cast one exclusive vote for the most distinctive feature of the year it would go to a certain middle-aged redate citizen by the name of Edward S. Plank, otherwise known as the Gettysburg Guide.

Plak the Hero

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Plank in many ways is the hero of the
year. The great southpaw hasn't been as
brilliant or as useful as Tris Speaker or
Grover Alexander. But there is at least
this one feat of his to be considered—
at the age of 42—considered fairly well
all in two or three years ago—at the stage
of a pennant race where he was needed
most—he pitches in succession four ball
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Here they are in order:
New York—Four hits.
Boston—Two hits.
Washington—One hit.
Cieveland—Two hits.
This would be a remarkable streak if

spun out by Alexander or Johnson or any

Remarkable Streak

But for a veteran 40 years old, at least eight years beyond the average pitching life, it is one of the most remarkable achievements in the history of sport.

In four games of vital importance Plank, at 42, allows just nine hits, an average of 2.25 hits to the contest.

It is no light feat to pitch one two-hit game. Working two in succession is a rare achievement which few pitchers know

in the course of a season.

To average 2.25 hits a game for four games in a row is beyond all diagnosis. It is one of those things that can't be done until suddenly it happens.

Concerning Plank

Plank is one of the marvels of all time. Consider these details: 1. He was 25 years old before he en-

2. He had no minor league training or development of any sort.

3. He lacked the great physical powers of Walsh, Mathewson, Johnson, Alexander or Young.
4. He was not blessed with an easy

pitching motion, but apparently was work-ing hard most of the way, working with effort quite unlike Johnson or Alexander, 5. Where weather conditions were at all pitched three really bad ball games in 10 years.

6. He has pitched exceptionally fine ball every world series and he was a leading factor in five of these.

Not an Iron Man

We were talking a day or two ago with Andy Coakley about Plank. Andy was one of Plank's team mates on the Athletic machine of other days. "In my opinion," said Andy, "he is the greatest left-hander that ever lived. Not as brilliant as Rube Waddell, but for an average performance his work surpasses them all. I can't recall now a bad ball game that Plank pitched."

Another Detail

"Here is another detail," continued Coakley. "Even when he brose in with the old Mackmen Plank frequently complained of a sore arm. He had trouble here and there with his elbow and his shoulder. He was not an iron man in any sense of the word, and he did his share of worrying in the box. So he war not one of these pitchers with ice water in his veins—one of the type that never frets or bothers. He was a Ope that never frets or bothers. He was a pitcher you would figure might last five or six years as a star. But here he is today at 42 in his seventeenth campaign, pitching more brilliantly than he ever worked in his life. I have kept close track of baseball for a long time, but I can't recall in all that time any such continued exhibition as these four games of Plank's against New York, Boston, Washington and Cleveland, Four. Boston, Washington and Cleveland. Four games—two runs, nine hits—an average of 2.25 hits and one-half a run to the contest. It doesn't sound possible."

The Winning Vote

It is after figuring in all these details that we award to Edward S. Plank, the Gettysburg Guide, the Feature Pinnacle of the sporting year. Walsh is through; Miner Brown is fading out; Matty's pitching days are over; the great Johnson is beginning to get his here and there; but Plank, left handed, 42, 17 years in harness, not rugged of frame, is rushing through one two-hit

handed, 42, 17 years in harness, not rugged of frame, is rushing through one two-hit game after another in the strain of a flag race almost without an equal.

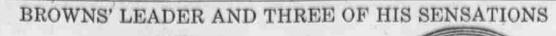
As a master achievement Plank's latest exhibition is a wonderful thing to contemplate. But when you link this with his career for 17 years there are hardly words expressive enough to tell the story. For it goes far beyond the record of games won and lost, as great a record as this has been.

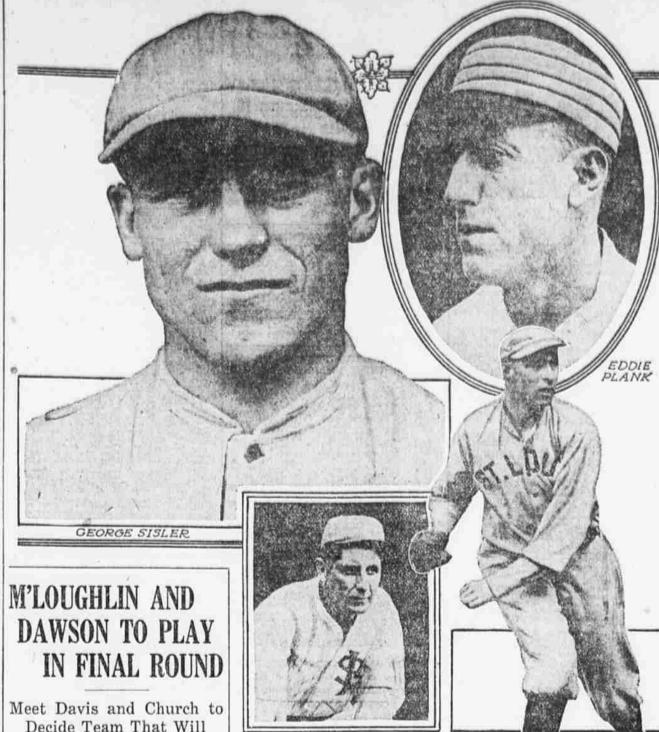
It is an achievement that rests well be rond the eternal dope. Cy Young lasted 22 seasons, but Cy was a husky giant, who started around 22 with an easy motion and a fast ball to work with. And Cy, as great as he was, was not peeling off two-hit sames in succession in his forty-second year.

Give all the credit you care about to your favorite here as each comes along. But before you are through wrench off a sprig of clive for the clammy brow of the most effective left-hander, day in, day out, handled the company of the company

Michigan Aggies' Football Schedule EAST LANSING, Mich. Aug. 17.— The footsall season of the Michigan Agricultural Coise will begin on Beptember 30. Frank Sommer,
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officer, who successed John Macklin as coach,
ill start training the team September 11.
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Michigan, at Ann Arbor, November 4. Uniraily of South Dukuts, at East Lansing; Nomber 12. Notes Dame, at East Lansing.

Dodgers Buy Some Hitters CORLYN Aug 27.—The Breezitys Club Incompanded the purchase of three new play-row Winnipes of the Nurthern Louisie-s the new auditions is Lawrence Miles, an day with a betting aperade of \$42 for the of season and have with at Boufface Club of season and they with the Boufface Club of State of the State of the State of the Win-





Decide Team That Will Face Champions

TITULAR DATE AUGUST 28

LAKE FOREST, ILL, Aug. 17.

Maurice E. McLoughlin and Ward Dawson, of Los Anegels, Pacific coast champions, will meet the eastern title holders, George M. Church, of Tenafly, N. J., and Wills E. Davis, of San Francisco, here today in the final match of the national lawn tennis championship preliminaries for the right to play W. M. Johnston and Clarence T. Griffin, of San Francisco, for the national doubles title at Forest Hills, N. Y. national doubles title at Forest Hills, N. Y.,

on August 28.

McLoughlin and Dawson won a rather listless match from Lew Hardy and Nat Emerson, of Memphis, the southern champions, 8-6, 6-1, 6-4.

The first set was long drawn out and full of errors, mainly by the westerners, who drove 34 points out and into the net. Although McLoughlin and Dawson con-tinued their faulty play in the second set the Southerners were worse ad the Pacific coast representatives did not have to exert then selves.

In the third and deciding set McLoughlin and Dawson captured the first three games, dropped a couple on the Comet's outs and then the count see-sawed until the score was four all, when the Californians increased their pace and ran out the match

We were talking a day or two ago with rootball men, LISTEN! THE 1916 GUIDE IS OUT

Coaches and Players Now Can Start Drilling for Approaching Season

That autumn is not far distant is brought to mind with the apeparance of the Spald-ing Official Football Guide for the season of 1916. Edited by Walter Camp, as usual,

of 1916. Edited by Walter Camp, as usual, the guide is replete with information concerning the great collegiate fall pastime, and presents information of interest to every one who follows football, whether as player or spectator.

Besides the official rules, the contents comprise Mr. Camp's All-American selection, with reviews of last season from various sections of the country and individual reports from the colleges. The statistical division comprises records of last season, dual series records from 1873 to season, dual series records from 1873 to 1916, and Park Davis' compilations of field goals, famous runs, team and individual records, wich have been an important fea-

ture o former Guides.
Other departments in the Guide comprise
the official schedules of the leading colleges the official schedules of the leading colleges for 1916, captains, managers and coaches for this season and lists of games officials as promulgated by the Central Board of Officials. Pictorially, the Guide measures up to previous standards and probably no greater indication of the progress that foot ball is making can be better seen than in the large number of illustrations of teams, as compared with those printed only a few years ago. a few years ago.

AMERICAN SOCCER TEAM TIES STOCKHOLM ELEVEN

King Gustav Sees 1-1 Deadlock in International Play

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 17.—Notwithstand-ing that they had the honor of drawing first blood in the first of the series of inter-

first blood in the first of the series of international soccar matches played against an
All-Stockholm eleven here yesterday, the
American team had to be content with a tio
at one goal for each side. The contest was
played in the presence of 25,000 persons at
the stadium of the Stockholm Gymnastic
and Sporting Association.

For one hour and a quarter the two sides
struggled without scoring until finally
Heminsley, of Newark, got by the defense
of Almquest, at goal for Stockholm. The
disappointment of the crowd was quickly
dispelled, however, for within five minutes
the score had been equalized by a fine shot
on the part of Gunnarson, of the left wing.
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Runs Scored in a Week by Major League Clubs

R UNS scored by all teams in American and National Leagues from Thursday, August 10, to Wednesday, August 16, inclusive. Only runs that figure in official averages are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of games of five incipes or games are of games of five innings or more are included in the table: AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE NATIONAL LEAGUE. New York at Chicago—clear. Brooklyn at Pittsburgh—cloudy. (Only games scheduled.) AMERICAN LEAGUE.

St. Louis at Philadelphia—loudy (two games), Cleveland at New York—clear, Chicago at Bo.ton—clear, Detroit at Washington—clear (two games). INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE, ntreal at Baltimare—(Today's rame played 30.) Montreal at Baltimure— April 30.) (Unly game scheduled.)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AMERICAN LEAGUE. New York, 51 Cleveland, 3. Boston, 5; Chicago, 4 (16 innings). Boston, 2; Chicago, 1 (2d game, 6 innings). Other games periponed by rain. NATIONAL I.E. JUE.

Cyclists Clash at 'Drome Tonight Cyclists Clash at 'Drome Tonight

The enormous crowds which have atten.' I the
race meets held at the Point Breeze Motordrome
this season is a good indication the public will
pay to see clean aport, especially when it has
a there of excitament and danger attached to
il. If the weather is good for outdoor sport tonight another bis crowd can be looked for, as
the card is a select one.

The four riders whe will take part in the main
event are Charence Carman George Wiley
George Columbatto and Leon Didler, who will
ride 40 miles behind pace for a purse of 11500.

Armstrong, the daredevit motorcyclist, is nonthe worse for the sinaling up he received on
Saturday night. He will be on hand to continue
his reace against Vedict, Vanderburry and St.
Yves for the championship cup.

McNamara and Topping Win GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 17.—In a match played over the links of the Greenwich Country Club yesterday. Francis T. McNamara and H. J. Tapping won from McDonald Smith and Joseph Duskert. 2 up. A return match will be arranged later at the Sound Beach Club here. The cards were: McNamara, 71; Topping, 83; Smith, 76, and Doebert, 78.

Loomis Will Go to Sweden NEW YORK, Aug. II.—Joe G. Loomis, of the though A. A., national 100-yard champion, red Frederick W. Rublen, secretary of the A. U., accepting the invitation extended him tompete with Ted Moredith and another America yet to be chosen in Sweden in the latter part next monith. Loomis told Mr. Rublen that he in spiendid condition.

New York Boxing Results F YORK, Aug., 17.—Chick Simier out-Kid Burna last night in the main attrac-t the Pioneer Sporting Club by a small . Johnnie Burks easily won from Johnnie d. Joe Lynch disposed of Bobby Huben by ockout routs in the fifth round.

Welsh Boxer Killed in Action



BUXTON PLAYS GOLF WITH FOUR EX-CHAMPS

Enters Big Tourney Today Over Famous National Links. Course Stiffened

NATIONAL GOLF LINKS, SOUTH-AMPTON, N. Y., Aug. 17.—That golfers are keen for a chance to play over the national links was shown when the com-mittee had to shut down on the entries after a total of 140 had been received for the tournament which began here today. This exceeded the number expected, but now that they are here an effort is being made to give every one a pleasant time by giving cups for two additional sixteens,

Among those noticed about the first tee were Gardiner W. White of Flushing, who has been playing good golf this season; H. J. Whighham and Charles B. MacDon-ald, of the National Links; Herbert McHarriman, of Piping Rock, and Eben M. Byers, of Allegheny. The last four mentioned are all former national amateur champions. C. B. Buxton, entering from Pine Valley, and W. L. Thompson, of Huntingdon Val-ley, are a couple of well-known Philadel-phians who are going to try their luck over this difficult course.

Since a year ago a number of the holes have been stiffened. Going to No. 1 the bunkers to the left have been enlarged and the small ones eliminated. There are sev-ral going to the third, two to catch a pulled drive and another for a poor second

New bunkers appear at the seventh and eighth, while the eleventh green has been raised and enlarged. No. 12 is also improved, being much more undulating than formerly. At the sixteenth there is an enlarged bunker to catch a faulty second shot. New bunkers appear at the seventh and

Soccer Trouble Is At An End CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Trouble between the Chicago and the district association football league and the United States Football Association is at an end as the result of a meeting at which representatives of most of the local ascer teams and John A. Fernway, president of the national body, were present.

As a result of the meeting the Chicago and District League is recombed as the controlling power in soccer affairs in the State.

Caldwell Is Suspended Indefinitely NEW YORK, Aug. 17.— The 15-day suspendon imposed on Fitcher Bay Caldwell, of the New York Americans, in St. Louis was to have spired yesterday, but as the slub has not heardrum the player since he was laid off the suspendon has been made indefinite. Manager Zonovan said Caldwell probably will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Gardner, Golf Champion, Is Victor LOMBARD, Hi., Aug. 17.—Robert A. Gardner, of Winsdale, national amateur golf champion, efeated George S. Patterson, of Glessmoor, in he final match yesterday for the championaling of the Coal Trade Association by 3 up and 2 to

Pirates Buy Two Charlotte Players PITTSBURGHt Aug. 17.—The Pittsburgh (Na-onal League baseball club has unnounced the orchase of Pitcher Reeding and Infelder An-trion from the Charlotte (Carolina League) ub.

Point Breeze Motor Drome America, Italy, France \$1500 Sweepstakes : 40 Miles Carmen Paced by Hunter Didier Paced by Morin Wiley Paced by Stein Columbatto Paced by St. Yves In the event of rath race run tomerrow night. 20,000, seats.

Baseball Today-Two Games SHIBE PARK Athletics vs. St. Louis

DUNDEE DEVELOPS KNOCKOUT BLOW SCHEDULED FOR WELLING, BUT O'LEARY GETS IT FIRST

ABOUT a month ago when we were in New York we ran into Scotty Montieth, manager of Johnny Dundee. Scotty was busy arranging details for the Dundee-

Kaufman-Ertle Match

Jue Welling bout at Madison Square Car-

Wop from now on. He can hit just as hard

as Benny Leonard and with his deverhess, he will be champion of the world in a

A couple of days Ister, Johnny had an accident while driving his automobile and, aided by the police, the Welling match was called off. The newly discovered knock-

out wallop was forgotten and did not come to the surface until Tuesday night in Bos-

ton when Dundes surprised the multitude and many others by knocking the daylights out of Johnny O'Leary and sending him

This was entirely unexpected, for the Wop never was accused of possessing a punch that would do more than break a pane of glass, and Scatty Montieth's ora-

tion was classed with others, made while the crators were suffering with the exces

sive heat. But Dundee came through with

down for the count in nine rounds.

Never Had a Wallop

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atten that guy rom the West ire. Keep your

Charlie Wiermuller, one of our local im-presarios, wandered into the office this morning with his face all lit up like a morning with his face all it up like a brilliant sunset. There was cause for his happiness, and he spoke as follows:

"I'm a happy Dutchman this morning. Just received word that Johnny Ertie has accepted terms to meet Benny Kaufman at the Olympia A. A. on Labor Day. Ertie is to get \$1100 for his share and Benny probably will get nothing but a chance to show that he is a better man than Johnny, but I don't mind it. I put up \$250 forfeit. but I don't mind it. I put up \$250 forfelt and I suppose Ertle will send on a like amount in a couple of days. The weight will be 116 pounds ringside, and, believe me, it will be some scrap. Kaufman will

beat him sure." This match has been hanging fire for nonths and will be a good drawing card.

Williams Injures Ankle; May Default to Griffin

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.

PHILADELPHIA'S lone survivor in the tourney now in progress on the Casino courts, R. Norris Williams, 2d, may be forced to default in his fourth match with Clarence J. Griffin this afternoon. Williams yesterday twisted his

ankle in his match with Roland Rob-erts, of the coast. Williams will not take any chances on his ankle, as the national championships are less than two weeks away.

JOHNSTON REACHES SEMIFINALS

the new punch and for once, the prematur-ravings of an exhuberent manager came National Champion Defeats Washburn in Newport Fourth Round Match Looking over Dundee's record we find Looking over Dundee's record we find that he has been quite busy in the last few years, but the majority of his bouts have been no-decision affairs. He surprised himself by knocking out two opponents, Jack White, in Vernon, Cal., in nine rounds, on June 17, 1213, and Johany Gallant, at Bos-

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.—William M. Joinston, national singles champion, reached the semifinal round in the Casino Club tourney here this morning, eliminating Watson M. Washburn, of New York, in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

ton. In eight rounds, on June 16, 1914. All of which show that Johnny scored but two knockouts in four years, up to his conflict with O'Leary.

Kaufman is one of the best bantams in this section of the country, and is able to put up a better fight against the claimant of the championship than any of the others.

Ahearn Training for Blackburn

Jack McGuigan's opening show at the National A. C. next Wednesday night is attracting quite a little attention in these parts, as it brings together a pair of res-ular boxers in the wind-up. Jack Black-burn will exchange wallops with Young Ahearn in the final and an interesting but

should result.

Ahearn is taking no chances, and, according to his manager, Dan McKetrick, he is training hard for the match. Dan writes:

"The great outdoors is the latest attraction for Young Ahearn. After his last fight Ahearn decided that he was off form and hitsed for the mountains. Joe Jeanneste, the great colored heavyweight, who developed Ahearn, accompanied the latter to the Catakillis. Ahearn and Jeannette have been roughing it for a month, and Jeannette reports that Ahearn is in the form he displayed when he defeated Leo Houck, Gus Christie, Jimmy Clabby and Jack Dilion.

"Ahearn will not return to New York "Ahearn will not return to New York

Ansarh will not return to New York until several days before his bout with Jack Blackburn at the National Athletic Club of Philadelphia on August 23. Ahearn will finish his training at Washington Park, Beaching

"Jeannette will second Ahearn in his contest with Blackburn. Ahearn believes that he will stop Blackburn, and his opinion is shared by Jeannette."

Yankees Recall Thirteen Players

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NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The New York
American Leasus Club has announced that
the following players who had been let out on
opilonal agreements had been recalled:

From Baltimore. Pitcher, Tipple and Outfielder Bartzelli from Columbus, Pitchers
Hedgett and Vance; from Newark, Infielder
Cable and Pitcher Enveright; from Richmond,
Pitchers Ross and Keating and Outfielder
Hendryx; from Sait Lake, Pitcher Piercy; from
Toledo, Catcher Sweeney, and from Toronto,
Pitchers Markle and Brady.

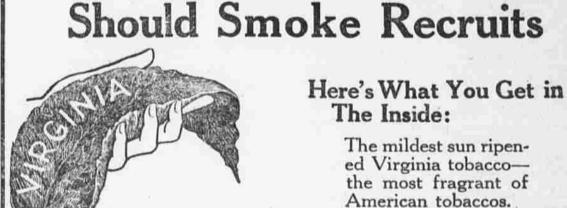
Pitcher Enwright, of Newark, is the only
one of these players who will report to the
club this year.

Tilden Defeats Mollenhauer

Tilden Defents Mollenhauer

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa., Aug. 17.—Progress
in the tennis tournament in course of play here
was interrupted somewhat by an exhibition
match between William T. Tilden, 2d, of Philadelphia, and Honry J. Mollenhauer, of New
York. Ten years ago Mollenhauer was in the
first 10, but now he is out of practice, and was
beaten by Tilden, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4. The finals in
nearly all events will be played today.

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