

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 hectic 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 earnest fanatic cast his vote for Grover Cleveland Alexander, who undoubtedly 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 rocky depths of seventh place for a spin of 21 out of 25 games.

The Leader

These incidents and episodes, individuals and clubs, all were cited in burning eloquence poured out in their behalf.

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 sedate citizen by the name of Edward S. Plank, otherwise known as the Gettysburg Guide.

Plank the Hero

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 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 pennant race where he was needed most—he pitched in succession four ball games that have a vital bearing on the pennant race.

Here they are, in order: New York—Four hits. Boston—Two hits. Washington—One hit. Cleveland—Two hits.

This would be a remarkable streak if spun out by Alexander or Johnson or any star in his prime.

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 in a row in succession in 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 entered the major league.

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 working hard most of the way, working with effort quite unlike Johnson or Alexander.

5. Where weather conditions were at all favorable he has not pitched three really bad ball games in 10 years.

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

Not an Iron Man

We were talking a day or two ago with Andy Conkley about Plank. Andy was one of Plank's team mates on the Athletic club of other days. "In my opinion," said Andy, "he is the greatest left-hander that ever lived. Not as brilliant as Babe 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 Conkley. "Even when he bruce in with the old Michigan 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 was not one of those pitchers with ice water in his veins—one of the type 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 think of all that time any such continued exhibition as these four games of Plank's against New York, 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; Maty'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 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 beyond the eternal doze. Cy Young lasted 21 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 games in succession in his forty-second year.

Give all the credit you care about to your favorite hero as each comes along. But before you are through wrench off a sprig of olive for the clammy brow of the most effective left-hander, say in, day out, baseball ever has known.

Michigan Aggies' Football Schedule

EAST LANSING, Mich., Aug. 17.—The football season of the Michigan Agricultural College will begin on September 30. Frank Sommer, former Penn State star, last season at Villanova, who coached the team at Michigan, will start training the team September 11.

Schedule follows: September 16, Alma College, at East Lansing; October 10, Carroll College, at East Lansing; October 21, University of South Dakota, at East Lansing; November 12, Notre Dame, at East Lansing.

Dodgers Buy Some Hitters

BROOKLYN, Aug. 17.—The Brooklyn club has announced the purchase of three new players. They are: Willie Smith, of the Northern League. Among the new additions is Lawrence Miller, an outfielder with a batting average of .343 for the season and a batting average of .343 for the season and a batting average of .343 for the season.

BROWNS' LEADER AND THREE OF HIS SENSATIONS



EDDIE PLANK



GEORGE SISLER



FIELDER JONES

McLOUGHLIN AND DAWSON TO PLAY IN FINAL ROUND

Meet Davis and Church to Decide Team That Will Face Champions

TITULAR DATE AUGUST 28

LAKE FOREST, ILL., Aug. 17.

Maurice E. McLoughlin and Ward Dawson, of Los Angeles, Pacific coast champions, will meet the eastern title holders, George M. Church, of Tenafly, N. J., and Willis E. Davis, of San Francisco, here today in the final match of the national 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., 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 continued their faulty play in the second set the Southerners were worse and the Pacific coast representatives did not have to exert themselves.

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

FOOTBALL 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 appearance of the Spalding Official Football Guide for the season 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 1875 to 1916, and Park Davis' compilations of field goals, famous runs, team and individual records, which have been an important feature of former Guides.

Other departments in the Guide comprise 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 football 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.

AMERICAN SOCCER TEAM TIES STOCKHOLM ELEVEN

King Gustav Sees 1-1 Deadlock in International Play

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 17.—Notwithstanding that they had the honor of drawing first blood in the first of the series of international soccer matches played against an all-Stockholm eleven here yesterday, the American team had to content with a tie 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 Hamilton, of Newark, got by the defense of Almqvist, 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.

American: Title, goal, Almqvist. Stockholm: Title, goal, Gunnarson. American: Title, goal, Almqvist. Stockholm: Title, goal, Gunnarson.

Before the game started King Gustave made a speech to the Americans and expressed the hope that they would enjoy their visit.

Wash Boxer Killed in Action

CARDIFF, Wales, Aug. 17.—The Express says that Bob Thomas, Welsh boxer, was killed in action.

Runs Scored in a Week by Major League Clubs

Runs 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 innings or more are included in the table:

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing runs scored by various teams like Athletics, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, St. Louis, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Boston, 2; Cleveland, 3. Chicago, 2; Detroit, 1 (2 innings). New York, 2; Philadelphia, 1. St. Louis, 1; Washington, 1. Athletics, 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Brooklyn, 2; Philadelphia, 1. Pittsburgh, 1; St. Louis, 1. Cincinnati, 1.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE. New York City: Brooklyn at Pittsburgh—cloudy. (Only games scheduled.)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. AMERICAN LEAGUE. New York, 2; Cleveland, 3. Boston, 2; Chicago, 1 (2 innings). Other games postponed.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Chicago, 2; Cincinnati, 0. Other clubs not scheduled.

Cyclists Clash at 'Drome Tonight

The enormous crowds which have attended the races held at the Point Breeze Motorrome this season is a good indication the public will pay to see clear sport, especially when it is a line of excitement and danger attached to it. If the weather is good for outdoor sport tonight another big crowd can be looked for, as the card is a superb one.

McNamara and Topping Win

GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 17.—In a match played over the links of the Greenwich Country Club yesterday, Francis McNamara and H. J. Topping won from Melvin Smith and Joseph Doherty, 2 up. A return match will be arranged later at the Sound Beach Club here. The cards were: McNamara, T. Topping, G. Smith, Doherty, 18.

Loomis Will Go to Sweden

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Joe J. Loomis, of the Chicago A. A. national 100-yard champion, signed Frederick W. Linton, secretary of the A. A. V., according to the invitation extended him to compete with Ted Meredith and another American yet to be chosen in Sweden in the latter part of next month. Loomis told Mr. Linton that he is in splendid condition.

New York Boxing Results

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Chick Simler outpointed Kid Burns last night in the main attraction in the Jones Beach Club by a knock-out margin. Jimmie Burns easily won from Johnny Willard, Joe Lynch knocked out Bobby Huber by the knockout route in the fifth round.

Baseball Today—Two Games SHIBE PARK AMERICAN LEAGUE GROUNDS Athletics vs. St. Louis

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

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

ABOUT a month ago when we were in New York we ran into Scotty Montie, manager of Johnny Dundee. Scotty was busy arranging details for the Dundee-Joe Welling bout at Madison Square Garden, but he lingered with us long enough to unload the following:

"There will be a big surprise sprung at the Garden when Dundee gets through with Welling. Haven't time to explain it, but Johnny has discovered a new punch and it works fine in rehearsals. He will watten that guy from the West side. Keep your eye on the Scotch Wop from now on. He can hit just as hard as Henry Leonard and with his cleftness, he will be champion of the world in a year or so."

A couple of days later, Johnny had an accident while driving his automobile and, aided by the police, the Welling match was called off. The newly discovered knockout wallop was forgotten and did not come to the surface until Tuesday night in Boston when Dundee surprised the multitude and many others by knocking the daylight out of Johnny O'Leary and sending him down for the count in nine rounds.

Never Had a Wallop

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 Scotty Montie's oration was classed with others, made while the orators were suffering with the excessive heat. But Dundee came through with the new punch and for once, the premature ravings of an exuberant manager came true.

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, 1915, and Johnny Gallant, at Bos-

ton, in eight rounds, on June 18, 1914. All of which show that Johnny scored but two knockouts in four years, up to his conflict with O'Leary.

Kaufman-Ertle Match

Charlie Wiermuller, one of our local impresarios, wandered into the office this morning with his face all lit 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 Ertle has accepted terms to meet Benny Kaufman at the Olympia A. A. on Labor Day. Ertle 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 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 months 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 Roberts, 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

National Champion Defeats Washburn in Newport Fourth Round Match

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.—William M. Johnston, 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.

Tilden Defeats Mollenhauer

BUCK HILL, PA., Aug. 17.—Progress in the tennis tournament in course of play here was interrupted somewhat by an exhibition match between Arthur T. Tilden, 2d, of Philadelphia, and Henry J. Mollenhauer, of New York, which was in progress here in the first round, 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.

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 regular boxers in the wind-up. Jack Blackburn will exchange wallops with Young Ahearn in the final and an interesting bout should result.

Ahearn is taking no chances, and, according to his manager, Dan McKelrick, 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 hired for the mountains. Joe Jeannette, the great colored heavyweight, who defeated Ahearn, accompanied the latter to the Catskills. Ahearn and Jeannette have been working 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 Dillon.

"Ahearn 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, Brooklyn.

"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

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

From Baltimore: Pitcher Tippe and Outfielder Hartzell; from Columbus: Pitcher Blodgett and Vane; from Newark: Pitcher Cable and Pitcher Knerricht; from Richmond: Pitcher Ross and Outfielder Outfielder; from Salt Lake: Pitcher Perry; from Toledo: Catcher Sweeney, and from Toronto, the Hero of the Series, Pitcher Wright.

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

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