

WALTER JOHNSON IS AFTER A NEW RECORD, BUT IS HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

WALTER JOHNSON FACES WORST YEAR IN HIS LONG CAREER; WILL BE LUCKY IF HE WINS TWENTY GAMES

Washington's Smoke Ball King Has Won 8 and Lost 11 Battles This Year and Shows No Improvement—Holds Strike-out Record

THE old story of the pitcher going to the well once too often can be sprung on the innocent bystanders these days after a thorough investigation of Walter Johnson's twirling record for A. D. 1917. The big fellow has pitched the worst ball of his career this season and has an excellent chance to equal his record of 1909, when he won thirteen and lost twenty-five games.

Isn't it strange how the mighty stub their toes and stumble into the steerage class? Not that Johnson is headed that way or even thinking of traveling in that direction; but the great twirler no longer is the wonder of the age either with the fans or the ball players.

WORSE than that, Walter will be forced to suffer during the long winter months. He must expect the experts to discover this fall that he is going back and devote the entire cold spell to telling anxious readers that the end is near.

More Hits Made Off Walter Than Any Other Pitcher in League AS a matter of cold fact, Johnson has been nicked more often than any other twirler on the circuit. A total of 150 safe swipes have been registered against his twisters, and Duoss, of Detroit, comes next with 140.

The Washington club has been notoriously feeble on the Tally Trail, and it is well known that his playmates make it difficult for Johnson to win. Frequently they have neglected to score at all while he was on the slab, and that made it impossible to cope the combat.

WE are loath to believe that Johnson is through as a pitcher or that he has started on the down grade. His hard luck this year is due to a change in his pitching style. There was a time when Walter needed nothing but his fast ball to subdue the foe, but of late the speed has deserted him.

Important Series in American League Starts Today in Chicago WITH a lead of 26 points separating them from the nearest contender, the White Sox will battle the Red Sox in the first game of the most important series in the American League this afternoon.

Completely ignoring the fact that more than one of them have been more than 60 points in the rear, the champions have simply refused to let go. Every time the pitchers go to the bad and it appears to be only a question of how much Charley Comiskey would charge for the world's series seats, there would be a sudden and startling reversal of form and the gap between the leaders narrowed.

In the other league, the Giants are leading the Phils by the comfortable margin of 104 points and appear to have hit a winning streak. The Cubs have been man-handled day after day, which strengthened New York's percentage in the won and lost column.

WORLD'S series dopesters already are on the job selecting the Giants and the White Sox as contenders for the title in October. These teams were the favorites in the winter league and it looks as if they would hook up after the season ends.

Connie's Crowd in Cleveland Today

IF MR. MACK during his stay in Cleveland runs across a team that plays ball the way Detroit is going at the present time, he will leave the West much better pleased than he is at the present moment. Critics who watched the second number of the even break double bill in Tigertown yesterday unanimously agree that no club in any game this season has made so many mental mistakes as the Bengals.

Joe Bush has Detroit puzzled. He has started a couple of games against the Tigers, and has been knocked out with celerity and dispatch, once in one round and once in three. Sent in to replace Johnson, with no chance to win and a chance to lose, in yesterday's second bill, he proceeded to mow down the Felines.

YET Joseph, as a general thing, stars in the western cities. Chances are that his failures against Detroit are due to the fact that he is a speed artist. The men who simply blow them up there are the boys who baffle the Bengals.

Seibold's Passes Proved Costly

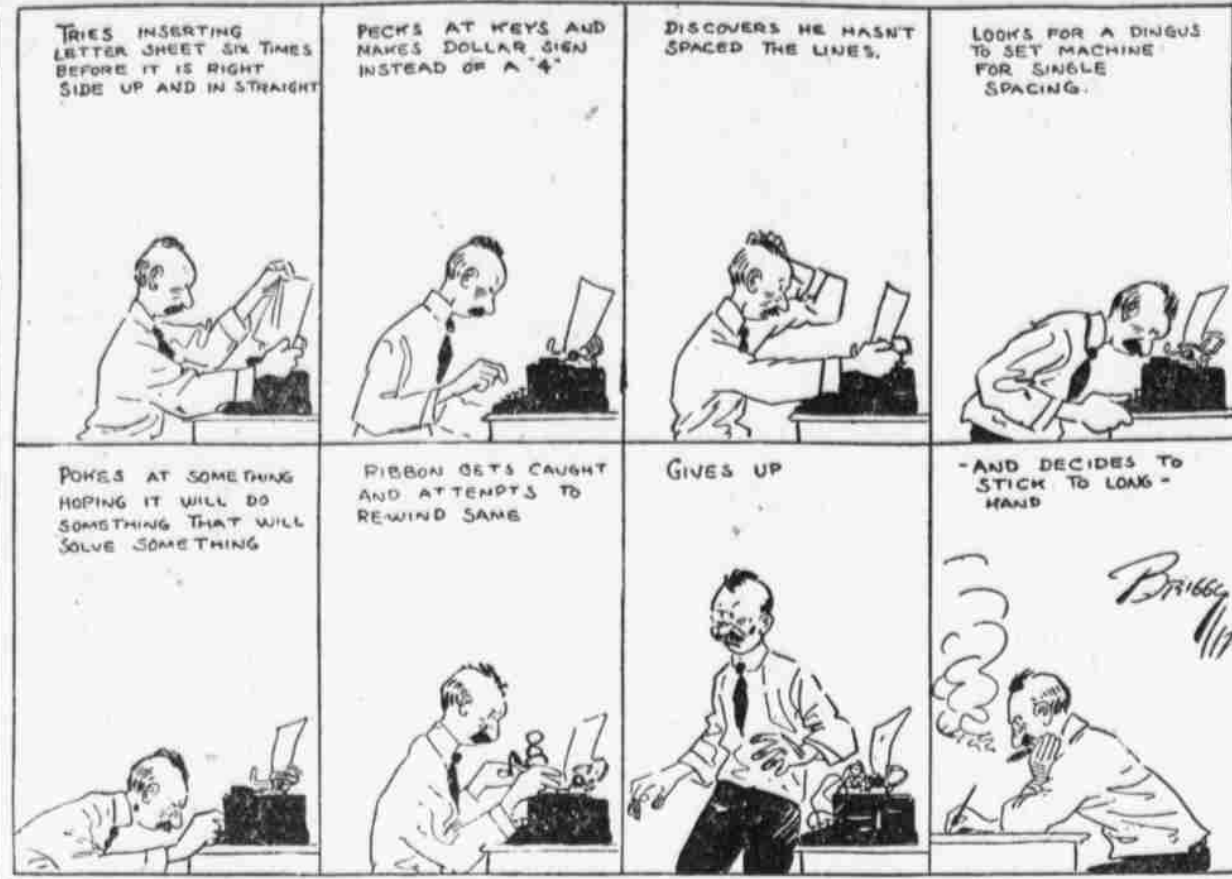
THOSE last two games in Detroit were ragged ones. Seibold would have had a chance in the opener, which the Tigers took, 4 to 1, had he not been wild at the start, two runs scoring off him on a pair of passes, a mental error by Schang, a wild pitch and a foolish single. With Boland steady, that was enough.

THROUGH the Athletics have not made any wonderful sprint in the West, their record has been a good one, and much better than any one had expected. Mack is satisfied and believes that his team will go well from now on.

Mayer and Killefer Combine to Stop Toney

ERSKINE, MAYER atoned for the pummeling handed him on the occasion of the last visit of the Cincinnati Reds to Broad and Huntingdon streets. It will be recalled that time the Mattymen drove Erskine from the mound and accounted for nine runs in the one inning before the fire was put out.

MOVIE OF THE BOSS WRITING ON TYPEWRITER AFTER THE STENOGR. GOES HOME



GOLF ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD TWO TOURNAMENTS IN ONE OVER ARONIMINK COURSE NEXT WEEK

Class Tournament and Midsummer Handicap Staged for Thursday and Large Field of Players Is Expected

IF YOU happen to be one of the numerous army of golfers who break an eighty once or twice during a lifetime, and whose game runs somewhere between 80 and 90, rarely if ever below the first figure and too often above the second, there is a tournament at the Aronimink Country Club, beginning next Thursday, which is of the greatest interest.

is beginning to tire. But there are so many fine features about the course that this is not particularly noticeable except to the old codgers, who tire easily.

Largest Putting Green in Country

One of the holes has probably the largest green in the country, and incidentally it is one of the finest holes at Aronimink. The drive is over a ridge and both a pulled and sliced shot is badly punished. Then comes a pitch either from the top of a hill or from the foot of it, depending whether the tee shot is short or long, to the green which runs in tree plateau.

The island hole is another very excellent hole and consists of a drive and an iron and is very similar in layout to the first of the famous Ditches holes at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. There are two new holes taking the places of the old second and third, but unfortunately neither is yet in condition for play.

Killing Two Golf Birds With One Club

It is the first time that the two tournaments were ever held together. Last year the Class Tournament attracted nearly a hundred entries, while there was an unusually small field for the Midsummer event. So the Golf Association of Philadelphia thought they would kill two golf birds with one shot this year and hold both tournaments the same week.

The higher rated player, if he happens to qualify in one of the bigger events, has as much chance as the proverbial snowball, and if he gets into another and lower flight the chances are that he will be eliminated.

There will be no prizes awarded in either event, but some sort of a medal will be given. Each golfer who enters the class tournament will be assessed \$2 and those in the midsummer \$1. The entire proceeds will go to the war fund of the Golf Association of Philadelphia.

This is the first time since the Aronimink course was opened five years ago that a tournament will be held over it. The amateur record is \$9, made last week by Norman Maxwell, but, needless to say, the record will be in no danger next week.

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A'S IN CLEVELAND TODAY ARE IDLE

Game Was Played on Sunday, June 17—Will Open Tomorrow

ATTEND GRAND CIRCUIT

CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—The Athletics will not open here against the Indians until tomorrow.

They originally were scheduled to start the series with Lee Fohl's club today, but as the game had been advanced and played on Sunday, June 17, the ball players and fans will get a chance to go to the Grand Circuit, meet at North Randall, a suburb of this city.

JOCKEY DUGAN, IMPOSTOR, QUILTS NEW YORK HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, July 19.—Eddie Dugan, the star jockey, is riding in Russia, and, therefore, is unable to be sick in this country. This explains why the young man who posed as Eddie and who sought refuge in Bellevue Tuesday left hurriedly yesterday afternoon.

FINAL M'GRAW HEARING IN NEW YORK TOMORROW

NEW YORK, July 19.—National League officials and sporting editors were notified today that the third and last round of the McGraw reputation battle will be staged tomorrow morning at National League headquarters.

VIC SAIER NOW A PIRATE; CINCINNATI WAIVES CLAIM

PITTSBURGH, July 19.—With the Cincinnati National League club having waived its claim to the services of Vic Saier, the former Chicago National first baseman has become the property of the Pittsburgh club.

WALLOPING REDS POUNDING BALL HARDER THAN ANY OTHER CLUB SINCE LAJOIE WAS IN HIS PRIME

Have Made More Hits and Runs Than Any Other National League Team—Fred Toney Is Proving Big Aid to Heavy Sluggers

By GRANTLAND RICE Limerick of the Links A golfer once shouted, "Good Heavens! Today I could wallop Chick Evans!" But the next day he started, He quit, broken-hearted, With nothing but sizes and sevens.

IF SOME one should coyly suggest that Cincinnati's embattled Reds had a more powerful attack than the old Athletics of the old Cubs he would probably be hooted out of Eastern Row.

Yet the cold, clammy, pallid, unconvincible figures today show the Reds are rushing along with the heaviest wallop any ball club has shown since Cleveland one year showed up at mid-season with eight 300 hitters, led by Lajoie in his prime.

Here were the marks early in the week—Clarke, catcher—350, Roush, outfielder—347, Griffith, outfielder—314, Neale, outfielder—306, Chase, infielder—302, Grob, infielder—300.

The Red Assault Brief mention has been made before of the Red attack. But it deserves more in this era of effete batting, when the average ball player is around 245 or 250.

With Baker and McInnis now over the mark, it remains for Eddie Collins to cover up the gap. Just at present Eddie is back around 274, but he still has the strength, ahead, and force of habit should do the rest.

YALE'S ATHLETIC DATES CANCELLED

No Varsity Football to Be Played by Eli Next Fall

BIG WAR IS THE REASON

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 19.—Yale's football schedule for the coming fall has been canceled. The usual list of games was arranged last January and there had been some delay in formally writing to Yale's rivals and asking, in view of the war situation, whether the games cannot be given up.

CORNELL WILL CONTINUE INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

NEW YORK, July 19.—Intercollegiate athletics will be resumed at Cornell University next fall with the approval of the faculty. It was announced from Ithaca today.

MEN who haven't read a boxing column since Sullivan whipped Kilrain have been made fight fans again by the great \$20,000 match at Shibe Park, July 25, between Benny Leonard and Johnny Kilbane.

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