BASEBALL A USELESS OCCUPATION?—YES, IF THE PLAYER CAN'T HIT IN THE PINCHES

CREASE IN RAILROAD PASSENGER RATES WILL HIT BASEBALL MOGULS

Clubs Will Pay Thousands of Dollars More to Travel, but Decrease of High-Salaried Players Will Tend to Lessen the Financial Strain

BASEBALL clubs, if they prove to be of use in no other way, are going to materially aid the nation by helping keep up the railroads. Mr. McAdoo's order increasing passenger and freight rates in order to meet the $850,000,000 addition to the operating expenses for 1918 will cause a big increase in the operation of baseball clubs. Each major league club travels thousands of miles each season, carrying from twenty-five to thirty men in the party.

Formerly the clubs purchased mileage books. Straight fare will now cost three cents a mile, or an increase of $10 on 1000 miles. Add to this the half cent extra for Pullman and chair cars, or one-quarter of a cent for tourist cars, and it can readily be seen that the owners of baseball clubs are going to have to cut down their expenses somewhere in order to meet this great increase in the cost of traveling. Baseball teams travel for the most part at night, which means that they have to pay the maximum rates, because they must have sleepers.

These added figures on the railroads mean that players in signing contracts in the future will not be able to dominate the magnates as they have done in the past. There will be no competitive bidding for players of high class, if they are any left, because the owners will simply not be in a position financially to grant the demands of the players.

In general, the clubs should not feel the extra railway rate, because so many of the high-grade players have already gone and have been replaced by lowered salaried performers, that owners are not paying at present in salaries nearly what they had figured for the season. Which means that on the whole the railroads will collect large sums from the ball clubs, but the magnates will really not feel it so much after all.

Big Baseball Trades Thing of Past

BASEBALL trades for players appear to be matters of history. From now on, it is not likely that there will be any selling or trading of players among major league clubs, because the practice, owing to the exigencies of war, is too precarious. If a club has a man that it values at all, it is likely to keep him, because to get another player for him, or even to let him go, is likely to result in a dead loss in the first place and the loss of the services of a valuable man in the other.

The two big deals which have been most impressive are the Phillies-Cubs and Giants-Braves. When President Baker, of the local National League club, announced that he had sold Alexander and Killefer for $50,000, there was a hue and cry raised up from Philadelphia fans that smacked of the conglomeration of tongues on the tower of Babel. But Baker proved that he was not wrong. Alexander and Killefer are now members of Uncle Sam's fighting forces, the Phillies' club is in $50,000, the same amount which the Cubs are out in money. But the Chicago club is really out more than the mere sum named. It would have had some other players on its roster had it been sure that the great battery team would have to depart from the ranks of organized baseball. Of course, the Cubs would not have been able to get players of the caliber of Alexander and Killefer, but they could have got some players, which is better than what they have now—a dead monetary loss of $50,000 and no one to take the place of these two players.

But the Cubs are not the only club to feel this sting. The other big deal was the one in which Charles Herzog went to Boston for Jess Barnes and Larry Doyle. Barnes is now in the army and Doyle is in the hospital. Not only that but, according to well-defined dope from inner baseball circles, the Giants are paying a part of Herzog's salary, which is rather rubbing it in.

The argument might be put up that any player is likely to go to the hospital. True, but at the same time it shows that even trades in veteran players are unlikely, because, as in the case of Doyle, older men in baseball are more subject to injuries and physical breakdowns than the younger men. All things considered, it is not likely that there will be any more big deals for many moons, not, in fact, until the war is over and baseball as every other business has resumed its normal activities.

Problem for the Real Sport to Answer

THE race track has been accused of being a hard-hearted institution, one that takes all and gives nothing. The followers of the ponies have been maligned from the Great Lakes to the Gulf and from Frisco to the Atlantic seaboard. These remarks are being written, not to boost the race track game, nor yet to give another lash. We will furnish the premises, you draw your own conclusions:

Recently at the Jamaica track on Long Island a delegation of venders was allowed fifteen minutes in which to sell tickets for the Red Cross boxing matches, which were to be held at Madison Square Garden. In fifteen minutes $5000 worth were sold on a day when $11,050 was realized at the track.

The next day this same delegation visited Wall street. They spent the entire day in New York's financial district. At the close of the day, after seeing hundreds of men who handle the nation's big business, they had sold $175 worth of the Red Cross tickets.

What is the answer?

Two Noted Speeders Lost to Turf

WHEN the Metropolitan Handicap was run yesterday, it was noticed that the name of one of the best 1916 two-year-olds was not found among the money winners or the also rans. Camp Fire, 1916 sensation, was scheduled to take part in the opening feature at Belmont Park yesterday, but last Thursday bowed a tendon in a workout and was forced to withdraw. Later Camp Fire's trainer announced that the injury was of such a nature that it would necessitate retiring the speeder from active turf competition. With the retiring of Hourless, Belmont's wonderful 1917 three-year-old campaigner, the turf has suffered the loss of two brilliant performers.

Camp Fire was a sensation in 1916 as a two-year-old, winning the Hopeful Stakes and Futurity, two of the richest and most coveted two-year-old fixtures of the American turf. His work in annexing honors in the two big races of the year resulted in the Wilson entry being hailed as a really great horse and the best of the year. In 1917 Camp Fire was not so successful, winning only one race, the Toboggan Handicap, his only triumph out of four starts as a three-year-old. His record last year was a disappointment, but he showed such promise in training this year that his owner, R. T. Wilson, and his trainer, Tom Healey, depended upon him to redeem himself and again establish his place near the top.

His loss will be felt just as keenly as that of Hourless. But, like Hourless, he is expected to add to his fame as a sire of many good horses. It was announced more than a month ago that Hourless, due to an injured leg, would not be able to run any more and would be retired to the stud. Camp Fire will be sent to Wilson's Kirklexington farm at Lexington, Ky., and retired to the stud.

Southpaws Keep Yankees Going

JUST as the Giants were carried to a pennant last season by southpaw pitching, the Yankees this season are being kept in the American League pennant race by three lefthanders—Thormahlen, Mogridge and Love. Russell is the only righthander on the Yankee staff who is shouldering his share of the burden. During the last week the Yanks dropped from second place to fourth and then jumped back into second place again Saturday. For a club whose pitching staff is not up to normal strength the Yanks have been playing great ball to stay up in front in the closest and most exciting pennant race the American League has had for several seasons.

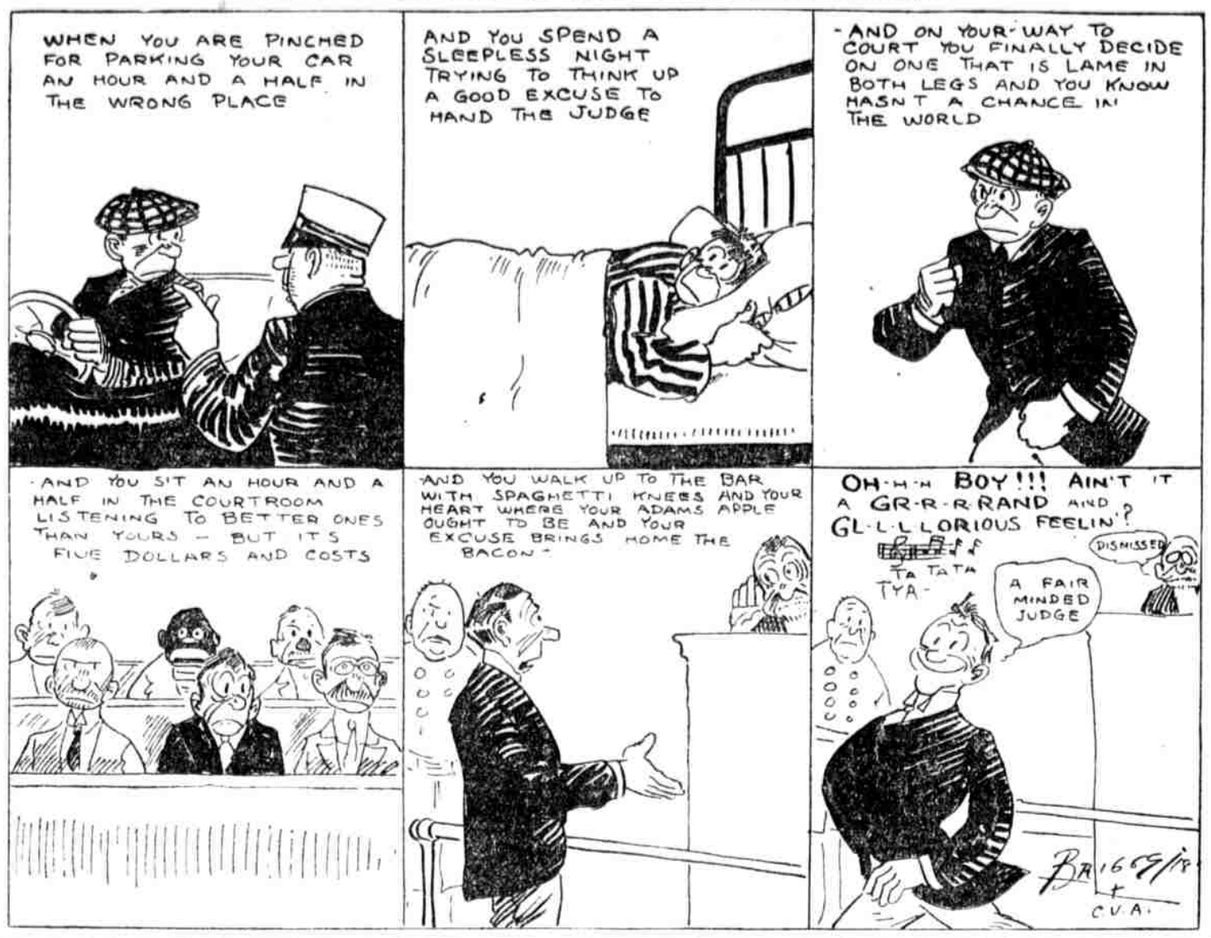
Boston, New York, Cleveland, St. Louis and Chicago are crowding each other hard. The spurt of the St. Louis Browns was the feature of last week, for they won five games and lost only one. The Yanks deserve a lot of credit for their ability to stay up with the leaders. They broke even on the week, winning two and losing the same number. Cleveland won two out of five, while the champion White Sox had a bad week, losing four out of six games played.

Beals Wright Back on Courts

UPON call of the Red Cross brought Beals C. Wright, one-time international star and one of the few to triumph over Norman Brookes in a Davis Cup match, back to the courts in a benefit exhibition series at the Kings County Club, of Brooklyn. Wright performed in aid of the war fund in a match against another veteran of the courts, Frederick G. Anderson, who some twenty years ago ranked among the best players in the country. Despite his absence of many seasons from competition, Wright played high class tennis against Anderson and won after three interesting sets. Both players showed a crafty game, in which almost every stroke was meant for placement, and there was little to choose between them the greater part of the match. Wright's ability to force a net attack, however, told in his favor in the final set when Anderson tired.

On the day Beals Wright played with a Kings County Club member, [illegible], in doubles, and his strong all-around game brought

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



PHILS' FIELDING MOST ATROCIOUS

Pat Moran Makes Some Succinct and Pertinent Remarks About Errors

Cincinnati, May 28.—"After all," said Pat Moran, grimly, "errors don't always lose ball games. If they did I shudder to think where this ball club would be this evening." The fielding of the visitors in the final game was something horrible; but the errors, as luck would have it, caused little trouble.

The Reds, so Pat Moran believes, have the best batting team in the whole league, the fastest infield and the best ground-covering outfield. But all these things are largely ruined by the glaring weakness of the club on double steals in two ways—it is impossible for the Reds to stop a double steal and equally impossible for them to make one. When they try to steal they go about it in a vague, hesitating fashion and are brought up in a heap with their faces on the floor. When they try to prevent the double pilfer they let both runners get an enormous lead and the man who is coming home slides in before the ball can be brought down upon him. That fatal weakness has retarded the progress of this otherwise powerful club for several seasons and they are just as bad now as in the beginning.

Stock in Form

Heinie Groh now has the reputation of being the king of all basemen, and everybody is looking at him when there are plays around third station. Milton Stock, hardly noticed by the people, gave Heinie strenuous competition in this series. During the four games Groh had only one put-out, seven assists and one error. Stock, meanwhile, collected five put-outs, eight assists and no errors, and some of his stops and throws were as sensational as those that Heinie furnishes so often. Stock played the best third base shown by any of the seven teams that have visited Redland Field this season.

Fitzgerald is coming through nicely. He hit well in the Cincinnati games, and no fault could be found with his fielding. Looks like a real ballplayer and sure to stick around.

In the first inning the Reds came within six inches of pulling off the same kind of triple play as that which saved the game for the Phils on Sunday. With the bases full and none down, Lee Magee took Luderus's hot liner and pegged to Blackburne, who stepped on second and made it a double play. Blackie's throw to first was just a shade too late to get Stock sliding back. Had Stock been nipped, the Reds would have won that ball game, 1 to 0.

Tincup Warlike

Ben Tincup, the valiant Cherokee, who goes to war very soon, has been sporting his uniform round the streets of Cincinnati. He looks proud and warlike in his soldier togs, although the small boys asked him frequently why he didn't wear some red paint and a feather.

Luderus doesn't often muff them right in his hands, but he spilled a nice throw from Bancroft in the first inning. Derisive remarks from the populace, but the error did no damage.

McGaffigan, a shortstop by profession, has not wholly mastered the art of playing second base. He stumbles and fumbles and wrestles with the ball, things he wouldn't do in his original position. Yet he hits better than he did last year and should master the tricks of second basing if he keeps at it a little while.

OPEN NEW ROWING COURSE

Yale Varsity to Oppose Harvard Next Saturday

New Haven Conn., May 28.—With the opening of a new rowing course, termed by Guy Nickalls one without a superior, as a special attraction, Yale and Harvard have completed plans for the chief feature of their annual rowing regatta next Saturday on the Housatonic River just above the town of Derby. The third or principal event, the varsity match, will be rowed in conjunction with the playing of the annual baseball game between the universities on Yale Field next Saturday.

Pennsylvania State Shoot

The twenty-eighth annual tournament of the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association is to be held in Lancaster on June 11, 12, 13 and 14. The Lancaster County Gun Club is in charge of the arrangements.

Little Bear in Draw

Baltimore, Md., May 28.—The ten-round bout between Lillie Best, of Philadelphia, and Bobby Hughes, of New Orleans, ended in a draw here last night.

MONTEITH IN DAZZLING BLUE SILK SHIRT SEES JOHNNY DUNDEE VICTOR

Speedy Italian Scores Decisive Win Over Eddie Morgan, the English Featherweight, at the Olympia in Wind-up

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

THAT same air-wrecking Johnny Dundee, fully recovered from his recent attack of pneumonia, airplaned his way to a decisive win over Eddie Morgan, the English featherweight, in the main attraction at the Olympia last night. Dundee was there with his perfected aerial attack and his tank drives for the body. He turned loose all varieties of shells in the form of fast flying gloves which exploded all over the exposed parts of the Englishman's body.

Johnny gave one of the best flying exhibitions he ever has displayed here and it was a thriller. His shots through space from all angles were accurate drives and it was seldom that his extended left glove neglected to deliver its message to Eddie's reddened proboscis. Johnny's flying jabs were beauties and thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by every one except Eddie Morgan and Herman Hindin.

Scotty Was There

Scotty Monteith, veteran manager and the man who brought Dundee to the top, was present in his loud decorations, which consisted of a dazzling blue silk shirt and all that goes with this to make the wearer conspicuous. Scotty was there to be heard as well as seen. He had an object and succeeded in making those present give him the once over and some more. Scotty was reported a member of the "Former Manager" club and just to prove that there was nothing to it he showed up in his Broadway outfit and coached his protege loudly and with effect from the trench in the southwest corner of the ring.

Herman Hindin failed to call for an added attention through his "rags" but Herman was there with the old bass voice and rooted vociferously for the entire eighteen minutes. He worked just as hard as Morgan and every time an airplane bomb hit Eddie on the nose, Herman was seen to duck and come up rubbing his own nasal appendage.

Fight Was Fast

It was a fast fight all the way. Two of the best left hands in the game were working and they labored industriously all the time. Morgan's snappy left and Dundee's shooting southpaw wing were beauties and went to their mark speedily and effectively. Dundee was by far the better ring general, repeatedly outmaneuvered his foe and sent his blows home in such a way that they did all kinds of damage.

In the concluding sessions Dundee placed his airplane in the hangar and proceeded to direct a severe and damaging attack to Morgan's body. Eddie had all kinds of trouble in developing a defense to meet it and only partially succeeded.

Loughlin-Wiggins Draw

Chuck Wiggins, the Indianapolis middleweight, and K. O. Loughlin, rugged citizen of South Bethlehem, exhibited in the semiwind-up. It was a warm evening and the heat did not seem to agree with the combatants. The fight was slow, with neither doing any destructive works. Referee Pop O'Brien labored harder than the gladiators in trying to get them to put on a real fight. Chuck didn't like what K. O. Willie threw his way and K. O. Willie didn't seem to care about chasing Chuck around the ring.

Jack Thompson, the big black battler from the West, turned in another win when he stopped Joe Bolken, of Texas, in the fourth round. Bolken made a good showing for one round, but he took one of Thompson's smashing swings in the second round, and from that time until the referee stopped it, near the end of the fourth, Bolken was clinching and holding.

Battling Leonard Scores

Battling Leonard had the better of Denny Hughes in six interesting rounds. Herman Hindin again was evident, and seconded his second losing battler when he saw Hughes go down to defeat. Herman refuses to concede that his man lost, but despite this Leonard is entitled to the verdict.

Johnny Belmont fired so acutely and so timely that he sent Jimmy McGee to cover in less than two rounds.

The War Chest benefited to the extent of $700, the Olympia gathering responding to the appeal of Sergeant Major Rand, one of General Pershing's wounded veterans, to help the cause.

Scraps About Scrappers

A LOYAL and patriotic sportsman will be the honor guest tonight. More than 100 sport followers will turn out to pay tribute to this aggressive, willing sporting man who has done much for boxing. Jack Weinstein, manager of Eddie O'Keefe and a loyal booster of the game, will be the headliner at the Bingham Hotel tonight. Benny Leonard, a close friend of Weinstein, is expected to be present. The lightweight champion is due in the city today from the coast, where he has been for the last three weeks giving exhibitions for camp athletic funds.

Many prominent local boxers and other well-known sporting men will be present. Smiling Jack always has been among those present when any kind of sporting function or benefit was being held. He always was among the first to volunteer his assistance to and any cause.

Tickets for tonight's banquet can be purchased from Sam Gross at the Bingham Hotel.

Lew Tendler, his manager and trainer have reached Cleveland. They immediately started to put the finishing touches on Tendler's training for the ten-round contest with Vincent Dorkoski, of Cleveland, on Memorial Day. Two other ten-round bouts will be held before the Tendler-Dorkoski go. Joe Lynch, of New York, opposing Jack (Kid) Wolfe, and Benny Valger donning the gloves with Abie Miller.

Ray Belmont, a local bantam, would like to meet Max Williamson or Johnny Hogan at one of the local clubs in the near future.

Jack Russo, the New Orleans lightweight under the management of Joe Christiana, would like to be seen in action in a local ring against Eddie Morgan, the English featherweight.

Young Joe Borrell, the local welterweight, is ready for his eight-round go with Jack Brazzo, of Hazleton, in the wind-up at the Pennsgrove A. C., of New Jersey. Mugsy Taylor, the local sportsman, is matchmaker of the club, while Johnny Eckhardt, referee of the National A. A., sees that things are right with the boxers at the New Jersey club.

Managers Burns and Feeny, of the Cambria A. C., are putting their new open-air arena in excellent shape for the opening show on June 3. The club will be situated at Frankford avenue and Cambria street, and will have enough seats to accommodate 4000 fans. Eddie Morgan, the English featherweight, and Preston Brown, of this city, have been matched to appear in the wind-up at the first open-air show.

Joe Lynch, the New York bantam, has been matched to box K. O. Joe Dale, of Brooklyn, in a ten-round bout at Binghamton, N. Y., on the night of June 7.

Pete Herman and Joe Lynch may be matched to box six rounds at Shibe Park some time during the summer season.

An all-star show has been arranged by a New Haven, Conn., promoter to be held at that city on June 3. Five twelve-round bouts between first-class boxers will be held. Johnny Dundee meets Billy De Foe, Paul Doyle tackles Phil Bloom, Eddie Kelly takes on Chick Brown, Joe Lynch opposes Al Shubert and Frankie Burns meets Battling Reddy.

Joe Leonard, the New York bantam, who recently gave Benny Kaufman a hard fight in this city, again may show here against Gussie Lewis, under the management of Johnny Burns.

CASSATT HORSES SOLD

Low Prices Paid for Chester Crack Nags at Belmont Park

New York, May 28.—Small prices were the rule for the horses that went under the hammer at the dispersal sale of the racing stable and breeding establishment of Major E. B. Cassatt, in the paddock at Belmont Park before the races yesterday. Flying Fairy and Aeronaut were reserved at $5000 each, and as no one cared to go higher, went back to Chesterbrook Stud. Garbage, which had won a lot of races carrying the "red, white and blue thirds," was passed out without a bid. Dardaulus, a 3-year-old colt, brought the highest price, $1700, and was knocked down to S. A. Clayton. Most of the others were knocked down for sums ranging from $25 to $1600, but more were below $300 than above.

W. B. Miller paid $1100 for the 4-year-old mare Queen of the Water, at the sale of Lieutenant Gifford A. Cochran's horses that followed. All the others together did not bring half that.

GREAT RECORD BY PENN FRESH NINE

Coach Carris' Players Have Won Ten Straight Without Single Defeat

Few coaches at the University of Pennsylvania have records that can compare favorably with the list of victories that have been set up by Walter Carris, who for many seasons has been the tutor of the freshman nine. Penn yearlings point with pride to the fact that first-year students at the University have lost only four games in the last five seasons.

This year the Red and Blue freshmen have pranced through the schedule without a defeat, and they have scored ten straight victories. Two games were not completed, and both were with the Cost Accounting team of League Island. In both contests the yearlings were leading when the game was called.

In 1914 the freshmen lost to Peddie in the early part of the season and then went through the remaining games without a reverse. Following came two glorious seasons in which not one reverse was registered. Last year Coach Carris's team was shaken and changed so often by enlistments that the same team did not take the field twice, but despite this handicap the majority of the tilts were victorious and only three were defeats.

Walter Harvey, a Pottstown youth, has been the pitching ace this year. Martin also has aided in the hurling, but Harvey is the most dependable twirler. One of his victories was a no-run, no-hit game against the Pennsylvania Military College. His most recent triumph was over Norristown High School.

Amateur Notes

Myrtlewood B. C., a fast 14-15-year-old traveling nine, would like to hear from clubs of that class having home grounds and offering a reasonable guarantee. Francis A. Klous, manager, 1336 South Myrtlewood street.

Mohawk Club, a first-class traveling team, would like to hear from such teams as Westville N. J., Triangle, of Woodbury, N. J., and Virtue, of this city. Frank Hickey, manager, 2412 North Opal street.

Holy Name Club has two games open for Memorial Day and would like to hear from first-class teams of that class having home grounds, offering a reasonable guarantee. J. T. Wyatt, manager, 3033 North Stillman street.

Clover B. C. would like to hear from any 14-17-year-old teams having home grounds and offering a reasonable guarantee. Edward Hackett, manager, 2323 North Leithgow street.

Norris F. C., a semiprofessional traveling nine, has two games on Memorial Day and June 1 open for any semiprofessional nine having grounds and offering a suitable guarantee. Would like to hear from such clubs as Kennett Square, Vincent, of Marcus Hook, Bacharach Giants, or any other teams of that class. Frank Schaller, manager, 504 Norris street, or call Diamond 7078.

White Elephants, a first-class home nine, have June 1, 22 and all of July open for first-class traveling nines. B. New, manager, 2913 Island road.

Olivet, a first-class, fully uniformed team, has May 30 (a. m. and p. m.) open and would like to hear from home or traveling teams. J. E. Michael, manager, 4947 North Warnock street, or call Wyoming 381 between 5 and 6.30 p. m.

Westmere A. A. has June 1 open and would like to hear from first-class traveling teams having home grounds and offering a reasonable guarantee. Robert M. Moseley, manager, 2440 North Natrona street, or call Diamond 5877 W.

North Side Professionals have two games on Memorial Day, June 1, 8 and 9 open and would like to hear from some home teams in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware offering a reasonable guarantee. John J. Hoover, manager, 6035 North American street, or call Kensington 6469 W.

Stanton A. A. has organized for the season and would like to hear from first-class home teams offering a reasonable guarantee. C. P. Merwine, manager, 5614 Pemberton street.

Eagle Juniors defeated the Philmore A. C. by the score of 9 to 4 at Sixty-ninth and Market streets Sunday afternoon. Weiss, the winning pitcher, showed excellent form by disposing of seven opponents through the strikeout route.

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DAVENPORT AND HIS JINX CHASED TO THE SHOWERS AS A'S WALLOP ST. LOOIE

Dashing Dave Unable to Exercise Old Voodoo Spell on Mackmen and Comes to Grief—Larry Gardner's Hitting the Feature of the Game

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

OUR Athletics scored a double victory at the ballyard yesterday afternoon in full view of the spectators who gleefully availed themselves of the privilege of witnessing a battle which started promptly at 3:30 p. m. It's great to stick around until the finish of a game which starts early enough to put on extra frills, such as that double victory mentioned in the opening chorus.

First, the Mackerels put another nick in the winning streak of the St. Looie Browns, but more important was the second triumph, viz., the canning of a three-year-old jinx, which has made life miserable for the home folks on numerous and sundry occasions. That old jinx almost got in its deadly work, but just as it was reaching out to drag the A's down into defeat somebody's foot slipped and—blooie! Everything went to smash, and when last seen the hoodoo was running in a westerly direction with the throttle wide open.

Dashing Dave, the Jinx

Dashing Dave Davenport exercised a strange voodoo magic on Connie's clan as long as he can remember. All he had to do in former years was to hurl his glove in the pitcher's box and the game was over. The A's couldn't hit a flock of ferryboats with cricket bats even if his name was mentioned. Dashing Dave had the home-town boys eating out of his long, lean, sinewy hand every time he put in an appearance and was proud of his work. Last year he won six out of seven games, which is SOME record, even against the Athletics.

Yesterday he was dragged out of the bullpen in the third inning and rushed into the battle after Allen Sothoron, the moist ball flinger, had lost his bearings and could not locate the home plate. The sacks were saturated, two were out and Joe Dugan was at bat. Now, under ordinary conditions, the batter would have struck out or something like that, but Joe's youth and inexperience saved him. No one had told him about the jinx of Dashing Dave, so he busted out a swell single along the third-base line, which scored two runners.

St. Looie Gets Close

At that time the A's were leading by the score of 5 to 1 and Yean Gregg was beginning to weaken. In the fifth the aliens pushed over another counter and in the sixth a batting rally, led by Tim Hendryx, who, by the way, is another person cast off by the Yanks, netted two more counters. That made the official count 5 to 4, and the home folks were finding it extremely difficult to concur with the slants of Dashing Dave.

When the A's came to bat in their half of the sixth, however, Larry Gardner, who is too old a hand to be buffaloed by any Indian sign, set an example for his pals by walloping a single to left. Shannon walked, Dugan's sacrifice was safe and once more the bases were loaded. It looked bad for Davenport and his jinx but they died hard. The runways were thronged on four different occasions, but only two runs scored. Two men were nipped at the plate and another forced at third.

Dave Is Canned

However, Manager Jones saw the handwriting on the wall and Dashing Dave was canned at the end of the inning to make way for a stranger. It was a wonderful triumph.

Before he departed Davenport left a remembrance. He hung a fast ball on Rube Oldring's left arm, and the veteran outfielder was forced to leave the game. Last night it was feared that the arm was broken, but later it developed that it was only a bad bruise. Rube will be out of the game for a couple of days.

Elmer Myers finished the battle and held the enemy safe. His work was good, but he does not get credit for the victory. Gregg is the winning pitcher.

Gardner Hitting Again

The most pleasing feature of yesterday's combat was the terrific thumping of Larry Gardner. The star third baseman seems to have regained his batting eye and went through the game with an average of 1000.

He appeared at the plate four times, and this is what happened:

One base on balls.
Two singles.
One triple.
Scored four runs.

Larry has been hitting in hard luck this season, and his batting average has been hovering around the .200 mark. He always clouted the ball, but straight into the hands of some waiting fielder. That was enough to discourage an ordinary guy, but Gardner is not ordinary. Far be it from that. He kept on trying, and at last hit his stride.

Hits to All Fields

Much has been written about "Pep" Young, the youthful phenom on the Giants, because he bats left-handed and hits to left field. In New York this seems to be a rare accomplishment, but Larry makes that stuff look sick. The third baseman of the A's hits to all three fields, and when he soaks the ball there is something behind it. Yesterday two of his hits went to center and the third to left. They would write a couple of columns about that in New York.

"Gardner is one of the best third basemen I ever have seen," said Monte Cross before the game. "He knows how to field every ball and, if you have noticed, never makes a bad throw. He gets the ball away like Lee Tannehill, who used to play with the White Sox, and Lee was the best in the business. Larry is a wonderful player and seems to be getting better every day."

Some Dope on Rube Waddell

"I would like to know," writes F. A. Carter, "if Rube Waddell ever called in the outfield during any game he pitched while working for Connie Mack, and then struck out three batters in order."

Rube did that very thing twice while playing with the Athletics, but never in a regular league game. In an exhibition game in Paterson he called in the outfield and infield in the last inning and with only himself and Ossie Schreck on the field fanned three batters on nine pitched balls. He did the same thing in Steelton and got away with it.

"I remember that Paterson game very well," said Monte Cross, who was listening while Connie gave out the dope. "In the eighth inning Rube turned to the infield and outfield and said, 'Hey, you guys are not needed and you can take a rest. Sit down and watch me work on this gang.'

"We sat down in our positions and watched Rube strike out two men. The third, however, hit a pop fly which I could have caught by moving over a couple of feet, but I let it go. So did every one else, including Waddell, and the batter was credited with a home run because no one would pick up the ball.

"I remember one day in 1902, when we were playing Detroit," continued Monte, "when Rube wanted to call in the outfield, but according to American League rules it couldn't be done. The rules state that nine men must be on the field, so the outfielders played infield positions and watched Waddell strike out three men."

Fulton Breaks Bone in Hand

Seattle, Wash., May 28.—Physicians announced yesterday that Fred Fulton, aspirant for the heavyweight title, broke a bone in his right hand during his vaudeville act here last Friday night. Fulton's manager said he would be able to meet Jack Dempsey at Danbury, Conn., July 4. Fulton has cancelled his theatrical engagement.

Soccer Banquet Tonight

The third annual banquet under the auspices of the Veteran Athletic Association will be held tonight at Moschach's, Twelfth street and Girard avenue. The association is giving the affair in honor of the Veteran soccer team winning the Allied championship and the Allied Amateur cup tourney, too, last season.

Rain Postpones Fight

Jersey City, May 28.—Owing to the downpour last night the opening boxing show of the Armory A. C., in Jersey City, the first under the new law, was called off and postponed until Wednesday night. The bout between Mr. Moran and Frankie Callahan will be fought as scheduled.

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