

BROOKLYN DODGERS OPEN SERIES WITH PAT'S PHILLIES THIS AFTERNOON—A'S IN WASHINGTON

CRAVATH ONCE FINED \$50 FOR WALLOPING TOO MANY HOMERS OVER THE FENCE

Gavvy Forced to Quit Hitting Long Ones in Minneapolis; Veteran Has Hit 200 Four-Base Clouts Since Starting Baseball in 1903

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IT'S a great thing to stand up to the plate, knock a home run, leisurely trot around the bases and listen to the wild ravings of the howling fans, mused Gavvy Cravath as he sat before the warm, cheerful and necessary log fire in his rural retreat at Port Indian yesterday.

Gavvy put some fresh logs on the fire, walked out in the kitchen to study the characteristics of a roast he was cooking for his guests and returned to his chair before the crackling blaze.

"It seems funny now, but it was quite tragic then," resumed Gavvy. "I was playing out in Minneapolis and it was my ambition to get back in the big league. I had been with the Red Sox, the White Sox and Washington and didn't stick. Naturally I felt sure and my only desire was to show three managers that they had made a mistake.

Joe Cantillon Enters Vigorous Protest Against Home Runs

IT BEGAN to find the range of the right-field fence and began to pop over that barrier. The pitchers were keeping their twisters on the outside and it was a cinch to put them over the fence if you hit them solidly.

"Now, looka here, Cravath," he stormed, "you gotta quit hittin' them home runs over the right-field fence. Get me? You GOTTA cut that out. I can't stand it any longer and I will fine you \$50 every time the ball goes over that fence.

"Can you beat that? Fined \$50 for making a home run instead of getting patted on the back? I couldn't make it out and thought Joe had lost his mind until I learned the true facts in the case.

"Across the street from the right-field fence was a clothing store and in that clothing store was a big plate-glass window. The proprietor of the place was not a baseball fan nor did he have a sense of humor.

"The first time I knocked the ball over the fence it landed in Nicolet avenue, bounced across the street and sailed through that plate-glass window. The proprietor rushed to the box office, made a kick against that sort of ball playing and collected \$50 for a new window.

No Science in Slugging; You Just Hit the Ball, That's All

IT HAVE been asked many times if there is any science in whacking home runs, and after sixteen years of baseball I have come to the conclusion that there isn't. All you have to do is hit the ball and hope it sails far, far away.

"The balls also have a lot to do with long hits. This year we are getting a poor lot. They are not fast, they get knocked out of shape easily and the covers are not strong.

"Many of the players, particularly those of the Giants, own farms, and only a portion of their time is devoted to baseball.

Cravath Has Hit 200 Homers Since 1903

GAVVY is the greatest home-run clouter in the history of baseball and has piled up a record that might never be equaled.

"I started my career with a home run," said Cravath. "The very first day at Los Angeles I hit a homer and won a job. I had the same experience with the Phils. After sticking through one season as a utility outfielder I went to bat for a pitcher one day in 1913.

Fred Luderus Is Runner-Up for Clouting Honors

CRAVATH is the undisputed home-run king of the universe and Fred Luderus, the hard-working captain of the Phils, is the crown prince or heir apparent.

Ludy holds the world's record for the longest hit ever made in the history of baseball. One day in 1911 he hit a ball which sailed over the fence, cleared Broad street, kept on going past Wayne Junction, traveled over the Delaware River at Trenton and did not come to a stop until it reached Jersey City.

"I have a clear recollection of the first home run I made in the big league," said Ludy, who came to the front while Gavvy was attending to kitchen duties.

"I was out in Chicago for the first year I broke in with Cuba. Strange as it may seem, we were playing the Phils and Lew Ludy was pitching. I hit one over Sherwood Magee's head in left field.

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THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



BASEBALL NEEDED DURING WARTIME

Tener Will Make Protest Against Classification as Nonessential

MILLIONS INVOLVED

Salisbury Beach, Mass., June 21.—John C. Tener, president of the National League, yesterday announced that he will protest against the proposed classification of baseball as a non-essential industry.

DE PALMA MAKES 2-MILE LAP IN WONDERFUL TIME

Chicago, Ill., June 21.—The fastest lap ever made on any track in this country by a car of 200 cubic inches displacement was made by Ralph De Palma at the Chicago Speedway.

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Meda A. C. would like to hear from first-class teams having home grounds and offering a suitable guarantee for a season starting on July 13, 23 and several dates during the month of August.

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Bingles and Bungles

The Browns paid a visit to Noyes Field and defeated the Tigers in both ends of a double-header. The Browns scored four runs in each game, while the Tigers scored one and two, respectively.

Major League Records for the Past Week

Table with columns for League, Player, Team, and Record. Lists records for American League and National League.

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GOLF AMATEURS BEATEN BY PROS

Travers and Marston Lose to McNamara and Walker in Red Cross Golf

GALLERY GIVES \$600

New York, June 21.—Professional golfers scored decisively over the amateurs in the Red Cross match at the Southampton Country Club, near Westfield, N. J., yesterday afternoon.

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No-Hit Contests Are Turned In by Montgomery County and Philadelphia Suburban League Teams—Ches-ter Chases "Lefty" Williams

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