IATEUR BASEBALL, MOTORCYCLE AND MOTOR-PACED RACING, TENNIS AND OTHER SPORTS

OSE MAJOR LEAGUE ACES HOLD INTEREST OF FANS IN SPITE OF WAR

mly Three Games Separate Leaders and Fourth-Place Club in American League—Daily Changes Occur in Positions of Leading Teams

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

SPITE of the general diversion of interest from the sports field to the tle raging in northern France and the apparent instability of basecaused by Provost Marshal General Crowder's recent work-or-fight the national pastime is far from dissolution. The best evidence of is the big attendance in most of the cities on the eastern ends of the r league circuits and the splendid races in the American and National

Of the two races, that in the American League far surpasses the one the National League as a countrywide proposition, and transcends in at any race that has been run in Johnson's league in years. As a one or two clubs begin to show their superiority early in June and by middle of July are leading the bunch by a fairly safe majority. This not the case this season, however-

More than half the games of the 1918 season have been played, yet it is difficult to pick a winner in the American League today as it was of February. A glance at this morning's standing of the four first-division lubs in the American League is the only proof needed to show that as ong as baseball remains with us there is going to be the livest enthusiasm the result. Here is the way the top-notchers in the American League

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Boston	42	31	.575
Cleveland	4.3	21.26	.566
New York	339	31	.557
Washington	. 40	36	.526
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Leaders in American League Charge Often

WITHIN the last week there have been three different leaders in the American League, and that has helped to swell the attendance at all games in which the contenders have participated. New York lost e lead early last week by dropping a couple of games, both of which were he result of poor fielding by our erstwhile White Elephant swatter, Ping de. When the Yankees dropped out of first place, Cleveland for the at time since the race began in earnest shot to the pinnacle and remained or a couple of days. Then the Indians went to Boston and on Sautrday ed to the attack of the Red Sox at Fenway, lost the game on abe Ruth's triple and yielded first place to the Red Sox. Thus far Washon is the only one of the first division clubs that has not been at the However, it would not be surprising at any time to see the Griffmen. sut on a bit of extra steam and dash into the lead. The figures this morning w that only three and a half games separate the Boston Red Sox, and Cashington, the club occupying fourth place.

Johnson's excellent pitching has had a lot to do with the stand made Washington. There isn't a chance that the speed demon will not conue at his present clip, and this insures fans at the capital of having club in the race, provided, of course, some accident or series of misps does not rob Washington of its playing poise.

There has been a lot of talk about nervousness among the players who not sure where they stand in the draft and in the work-or-fight order. heless, the fact remains that Cleveland, Washington, Boston and York are playing splendid baseball and do not seem to be perturbed doubts of the future.

Great Pitchers Always Great Ball Players

GREAT pitcher always is a great baseball player. By that is meant that not only is he an expert on the mound, but also that he can field, t and play other positions. Looking over the list we find Alexander. n, Joe Wood, Ed Walsh, Frank Isbell, Cy Seymour, Babe Ruth and t, but not least, Charley Ferguson. The latter played with the Phillies n 1885 to 1888 and was one of the stars of the game. The others are h known to the present generation.

e Ruth and Joe Wood at present are the most famous moundsmen h is in the public eye because of his threats to jump the league and derful work with the stick. Wood is in the limelight because, after had been given the slow count as a pitcher, he turned around, got a In the outfield and now is keeping the Cleveland club near first place in American League. Joe is a consistent hitter, getting his bingle every nd driving in runs which win ball games. He is not so flashy as Ruth, he can be depended upon to deliver in a pinch. He is one of the most able players on the Cleveland club.

Frank Isbell and Cy Seymour were twirlers before they were chased per positions. Isbell twirled for the White Sox and finished as a nd baseman. Seymour ended his career as an outfielder for the Giants, We remember how Alexander used to slug the ball and how he fielded position, but his work-outside of pitching-cannot compare with that Walter Johnson. The Washington star is a dangerous hitter and is used ch more than any one else on the club. Ed Waish also could slue ball and played a good game at first base

The daddy of them all, however, and one who was considered the itest all-around player the game ever produced, was Charley Ferguson, played in 1885. He could play any position on the team, hit like a nd and run the bases.

"I remember Ferguson well," said Charles M. Mason, the veteran ball er who performed on the Phils' team in 1877. "Ferguson was a pitcher could work six games a week. He also played in the outfield, the inand occasionally took his place behind the bat.

"To my mind there never was a better hitter in the game. He could nect with anything that came up to the plate and his batting was a sensation. He had the same standing as Cobb today, but his work was sensational. All of the pitchers feared him. He was so fast that more sensational. All of the pitchers feared him. He was so fast that the best out scores of infield hits, and when he got on base no one could cent him from stealing. He was a great all-around man

"Charley, however, did not last long. He played from 1885 to 1888. he died. He came here from Richmond and was thirty years old en he played his last game."

liles Main Takes Another Jump and Leaves Phillies for Good

HERE are many odd characters in baseball, but the jumper always makes things interesting for his manager and the scribes. This type of hiete is likely to become homesick while riding on a train, get off at the at stop and leave the team flat. The manager seldom discovers his abor until the team lines up for the next game. Then searching parties sent out, the missing athlete returns and everything is lovely until the ext time.

Philadelphia has not been benered with a "jumper" since the days of Waddell The Rube never got homesick, but occasionally, would leave club to go fishing or tend bar some place. Those pleasing diversions ed Connie Mack much annoyance and many sleepless nights, but he fully got over it.

Now we have a 1918 edition of this rare bird. It is Miles Main, the gated moundsman of northern Michigan. Miles has hopped to the old on three different occasions this year, getting permission from every except Pat Moran. He always came back and always had the same It seems that he has trouble with his hired man and he just HAD so home to straighten things out. Since Miles has been playing basethat hired man has quit 452 times by actual count.

dain leaped to Michigan from Florida last spring. He started for the park, changed his mind and went to the railroad station instead. He one two weeks, and when he returned Bradley Hogg asked him the of the long journey and why he didn't say something to Moran.

"I'll tell you how it is," explained Main. "That hired man of mine job and I had to go back and talk with him. He's a good man the farm couldn't get along without him. I knew that Moran would let me go and feared we might have an argument. You know, I am stry bad guy when I argue and I might take a punch at Moran. I n't want to do that, so I just left. That's all there is to it. I can't ol my temper."

in now is with the Lebanon club in the Steel League. He will reere until the hired man quits again.

New York scribes are making things hot for Ping Bodie these days the daily roasts are becoming a feature. This is the worst way to the Italian slugger, for he cannot stand criticism. He dropped a of fly balls last week and they are blaming him for the present of the club in the pennant race. Bodie needs boosts instead of He plays better when the crowd is laughing with him and not

eported that the Fulton-Dempsey bout will be held within the next weeks at the Velodrome, Newark, N. J. Boxing has proved suc-Jersey and if this match is staged a record crowd is expected. Chapman, manager of the Velodrome, has a unique scheme in the battle. He will pay the fighters a certain sum, deduct his exaccording to the report, give everything else to the Clark Griffith Ball Fund. If such is the case the bout should be a big success.



NAVAITEAMS WINTWO GAMES

Fourth district and U.S.S. New Jampshire Sunday Victors

PLAY AT ROCKLEDGE

Several tousand enlisted men jour-neyed to the grounds of the Country Club for Edsted Men at Rockledge yes-terday aftenoon to witness the double-header their there. aftereon to play there.

The Fourt Navals took a command-The Fourt Navais took a command-ing lead in he first two rounds, regis-tering four allies, and "Jing" Johnson cased up. is a result, the All-Stars scored theirnly runs in the fourth, on Armstrong spass and singles by Slaugh-ter and Elie!

The Speeding Finish

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Haefiner fegured for the Fourth Navais,
while "Brik" McInnis and Harkness
made the piture fielding plays. McInnis
robbed Killi of a bit by making a leaping one-had stab, while Harkness
speared Spulding's drive in the seventh
after a long run.

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A base o balls to Tom Dunleavy and hits by Hughey, Baxter and Welchman scored two runs and landed a victory for the Nef Hampshire bluejackets over the Schuytill Arsenal. The twirting of Jones and the fielding of Long, the third sacker of the Atlantic Fleet team, featured.

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SCHUY, REENAL NEW HAMPSHIRE

Boxers kid Red Cross

National Park. 1, J. July 8. — At the close of four boxig bouts at the National Park outdoor symasium isst might a collection was taken for the Red Cross and the sum of \$55 was contributed. There were bouts participated in by Philadelphia hoxers who were the participated in the Philadelphia hoxers who were properly to the properly of the participated in the present of the participated in the participate were John Kelly. John Clark, Bobby Graham and William Ferty and Eddie McAndrews will be among the contestants. Symey Maytin, the new Director of Public Salety declares that he has no objection to be bouts if they are held according to law and permission is obtained to hold them.

Naval Reserves Win

Wildwood, N. J., Jup 8.— Wissahickon day, winning. T to 2. Wildwood had ten men left on hases, but couls not deliver its hits at opportune times.

PERCY LAWRENCE RIDES FASTEST RACE OF YEAR AT POINT BREEZE TRACK

American Champion Enters Bobby Walthour, Veteran Grind on 2 Hours' Notice and Takes 30-Mile Event

WAS a tired, groggy, fatigued. A perspiring winner that slowly limped terday aftegoon to witness the deader plays there.

The Jacks were especially pleased, as both nay teams chalked up victories, in the firstkame the team representing the U.S. NewHampshire triumphed over Quarrmaster's Corps of the Schuylkill arsenal in a sensational struggle. 2 to 0, while in the feature event the burth Naval District team scored an esy win over the All Stars, under the rection of Eddie Williams, 8 to 2. Desite the one-sided score, the game was larked by sensational playing.

By Dickse, coach of the Fourth Navals, had atall-star aggregation on the vals, had atall-star aggregation on the was a race between Menus Bedell and Bob Shwkey, well known to major and Bob Shwkey, well known to major league fans each took a turn on the sixth mile Lawrence gradually pulled away, and as the signal was given for the last lap Lawrence was seen to ex-ert himself to the limit. He was fully seventy-five yards behind the fast-going

Lawrence was seen to bend closer to Speedy Vandeberry, whisper to his pacemaker, and in an instant the pacer and cyclist were speeding along the upper part of the lower track. When halfway

Lawrence Wanted Rest

Lawrence did not want to ride as he Lawrence was seen to bend closer to which was a full lap advantage for Lawrence, with Bedell. As they crossed the finish line Lawrence led by twenty yards, plus his one lap. He pedaled an exhibition lap, then returned to the starting line, where he was assisted to his quarters.

Lawrence did not want to ride, as he was saving himself for the title race. Clarence Carman, Elmer Collins and George Wiley, who will be in the race, took things easy so as to be primed. Lawrence and Menus Bedell were the only aspirants to ride Saturday night.

his quarters.

Lawrence took the race on two hours notice. Victor Linart and Vincent Madonna were scheduled to ride American title before making ture, if Carman is success the suspension is indefinite. Corri, another substitute, also rode a great race, and it is doubtful if the suspended riders other substitute, and it is doubtful if the suspended riders and it is doubtful if the suspended riders could have ridden as well as the substitutes. The time of 41 minutes 46.2-5 seconds for the thirty miles was the best of the year. The final five miles was covered in 6 minutes 30 seconds.

Ban on Dempsey and Fulton

Attentic City, N. J., July 8.—Chairman John S. Smith of the New Jersey Boxing Commission yesterday discredited the widely nublished story that the Fulton-Dempsey nublished story the full that the Fulton-Dempsey nublished story the full that the

Vandeberry Delivers

No one was more elated after the race than the much-abused Speedy Vandeberry. Here is a noted motor-paced artist, famed for his ability to speed rather than pace. He usually is the last choice of the riders and only is in the race because there is no other pacers to select. His ability to pace Elmer Collins to a win on last Thursday night helped his stock a little, for he was made the third choice by Law-plant and summer the starting security. Jimmy Hunter and Rody Lehman so far have outstripped the field as pacers.

Discovery that the Fulton-Dempsey match would be held in Newark on July 20, was the found to be part of a big boxing carnival for the Clark C. Griffith had and ball found. Newark has set the last choice of the riders and only is in the race because there is no other pacers to select. His ability to pace Elmer Collins to a win on last Thursday night helped his stock a little, for he was made the third choice by Law-pacers. Jimmy Hunter and Rody Lehman so far have outstripped the field as pacers.

Curtis C. C. Wins

Cheltenham. Pa., July 8.—Curtis Country

far have outstripped the field as pacers that the gathering immediately looked to their rider to win. The motor-paced fan picks the winner in much the same manner as the track followers gather their tured the contest.

Stars in Title Race

The first important race of the cycle season will be held at the Point Breeze season will be held at the Point Breeze drome Thursday night. The occasion will be the annual staging of the American motor-paced championship over the 100 kilometers (sixty-two and one-half miles) distance. Five riders will go to the starting line. The results of Saturday night's thrilling thirty-mile event has served to make President Tim Buckley and Manager Jack Roden very enthusiastic.

"Never saw the boys ride better," sputtered the hustling Jack Roden, energetle manager, as he took a hurried blix of the end of his two-bit Havana while he hastened for the office.

Cyclist, Going to France as Athletic Instructor

of cyclists, will be an all-around instructor,
Walthour will teach cycling, boxing, baseball, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, tennis and many other forms of sport, besides acting as general physical instructor and appet adviser. He expects to sail in appet adviser. Buring the last twenty years Walthour has won many cycling champlouships, in 1904 he won the last twenty years Walthour has won many cycling champlouships, in 1904 at Antwerp, Belcium. In 1903 and 1905 he won the six due races in Madison Square Garden. He was budly injured in a race in Paris a 2 ch ago and since has not taken pare is drawn basely indicated the control of the said of the control o

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This race will be the last big compe-tion for Carman. This sensational tition for Carman. tition for Carman. This sensational rider is due to join the army on July 20 and his one ambition is to regain the American title before making his depar-ture. If Carman is successful in the big race, Manager Jack Roden has an nounced that he will try to have his

Cheltenham. Pa., July 8 .- Curtis Countr

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SHIBEPARK They looked fine and take it from me it should be some race here Toursday night," replied Big Tirr, as he carefully tilted that noisy Legacen straw lid another twenty-five degrees. "If Law-

PAUL GIBBONS.

Philadelphia Victor at Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles

PLAYS AT BEACH HAVEN

Beach Haven, N. J., July 8.—The tennis tournament on the courts of the Engleside Tennis Club was concluded with final-round matches in women's singles, men's singles and doubles and mixed doubles. Individual honors went to Paul W. Gibbons, of the Cynwyd Club, who carried off three titles, men's singles and in partnership with Miss Magargee and George Powell, the mixed doubles and men's doubles respectively.

All of the final-round matches were won by surprisingly decistive scores, sequence sets being the order of the day. Despite the fact that Gibbons ran up a lead of 5 to 1 in the first set. Powell played brilliant tennis. Each of the first six games was carried to deuce, but overanxiety in playing, in the pinch resulted in most of them going to Gibbons, who won the set at 6-1. Although Powell continued well in the second set, his play fell off slightly, as his opposition became stiffer, and Gibbons took the set also at 6-1, and with it the match at 6-1, 6-1.

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When Mrs. Powell and Manuel.

of five sets, in order to get the remaining final-round matches completed by 4 p. m., as most of the contestants were scheduled to leave at that hour.

When Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Galey took the court for the finals of the women's singles a close and interesting match was looked for, but this was not to be. Mrs. Powell, who had been playing so well throughout the tournament, was decidedly off form for this match and this together with the fact that Mrs. Galey was playing in her top form, developed a rather one-sided match. Mrs. Galey was playing in her top form, developed a rather one-sided match. Mrs. Galey was playing in her top form, developed a land of the match from beginning to end, and Mrs. Powell found the match over before she really struck her stride. While the process indicate that the men's doubles final was a walkover, some very pretty rallies were disclosed. Batty and Delone were neither of them discouraged by the predominant ability of the opposing side and both fought gamely for every point. Time and time again Batty retrieved seemlingly impossible sets, several times bringing the galery to its feet by returning lobs that fell on the base line, playing them back over his shoulder. Powell and Gibbons had too much speed for their opponents and too much speed for their opponents and too much speed for their opponents and two much speed for their opponents and two much speed for their opponents and two much speed for their opponents and when critical points were at stake.

HOG ISLAND BALL NINE THRICE WINNER ONLY HALF GAME FROM LEAD IN THE SHIP LEAGUE

Chester Meets Defeat at Hands of New York, While Chief Bender Stars Against Merchants. **Dun Wins Pennant**

CHESTER'S advantage in the Dela-

Baseball Standings of Minor League Teams

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