

SHAW MAY BE A DUFFER ON THE BASES, BUT HE'S GOOD ENOUGH TO STEAL BABE RUTH'S ACT

SHAW SWIPES RUTH'S STUFF AND WALLOPS A PAIR OF HOMERS

Washington Mound Artist Knocks Ball Out of Lot on Two Different Occasions and Spoils Opening Day for Connie's Pennant Aspirants

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JIM SHAW, the hefty heaver of Washington, D. C., evidently has been reading the Life and Battles of Babe Ruth.

Mr. Shaw had every appearance of a regular pitcher until he stepped up to the plate in the third inning.

In the fifth he looked Kinney straight in the eye, took a firm hold on his bat and wished one into the left field mob on the fly.

Jim was too ambitious in the next inning and worked himself out of a job. He tried to field everything that came his way.

After Johnson stepped into the box the Athletics resembled a flock of active members in an old ladies' sewing circle trying to hit the ball with darning needles.

Athletics Look Good Despite the Defeat THE Athletics perpetrated three fumbles during the afternoon.

Washington looks better with Shanks playing short and Menosky in the outfield. The team has been weak in the center of the infield thus far.

SCOTT PERRY will pitch for the A's this afternoon and Connie is banking on a victory. Tomorrow the teams go to Washington.

PAT MORAN Should Worry Over First Reverse PAT MORAN suffered the first reverse of the year yesterday when the lowly St. Louis Cardinals hung it on him.

Cincinnati has a great bunch of sluggers in the line-up and the first seven men will worry any pitcher. Heinie Groh has been taken from the lead-off position and dropped to third.

Our Phils again added the Giants if making the opening game on the Polo Grounds a success.

There was lots of heavy scoring yesterday. Detroit and the Giants leading with 14 runs each.

Promoters Should Oust Crooked Boxing Managers BOXING promoters should take action against the men who are trying to undermine the sport by sending out "set-ups" to fight in other cities.

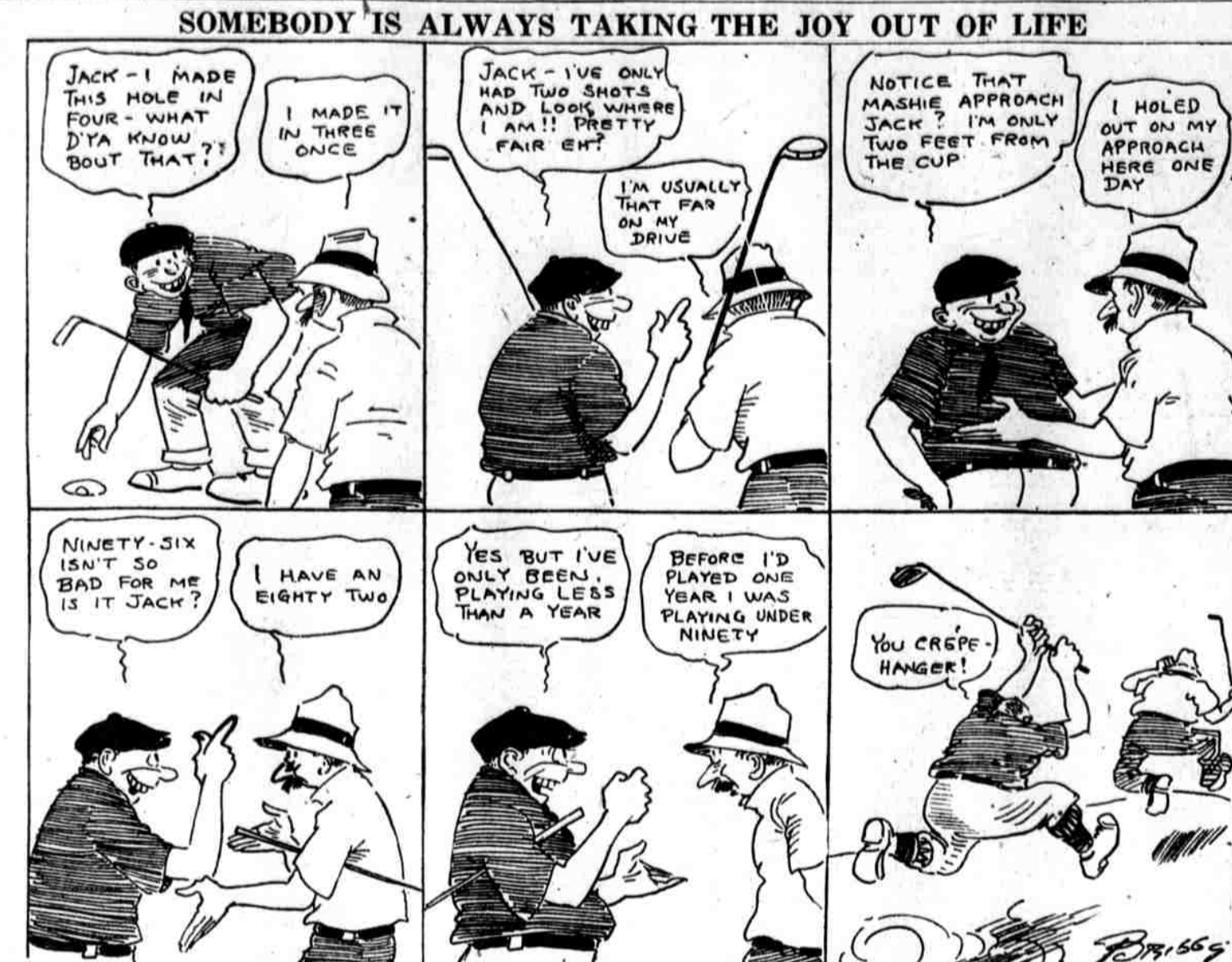
Unprincipled boxing managers have pulled many weird stunts this winter.

FORTUNATELY, we see little of that work in this city. The fans are too wise to be fooled.

N AMBITIOUS press agent has some good dope on the Penn-Harvard baseball game today.

K. O. Brown Beats Moha Kasting, Wis., May 3.—George (Knoxcourt) Brown of Chicago, won a decision on points.

Meysers Appointed Manager New Haven, Conn., May 3.—Announcement was made last night that John (Chick) Meysers, former catcher of the New York Giants, had been appointed manager of the New Haven club of the Eastern League.



RUSH MAY SUCCEED SHARPE AT CORNELL

Former Princeton Football Coach in Line for Gridiron Post With Ithacans

SOON TO GET CONTRACT

Ithaca, N. Y., May 3.—That "Speedy" Rush, former coach at Princeton, will be appointed head football coach at Cornell to succeed Dr. Albert H. Sharpe.

Rush was in Ithaca two days ago in consultation with members of the football committee.

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TIM DRONEY WINS

Rally in Last Three Rounds Beats Eddie Mullen

WILLARD STARTS TRAINING

Champion Begins Road Work in Los Angeles for Big Bout

DR. SARGENT RESIGNS

Quits as Director of Hemenway Gym at Harvard

GARNETS BEAT YALE

Swarthmore Team Easily Wins Lacrosse Contest, 6 to 1

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THE INHERENT VALUE OF VITAL STATISTIC COUNTS FOR NOTHING

In Batting, Pitching and Fielding Averages Often Are Most Misleading, the Real Stars Trailing Those Who Play "Percentage" Game

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

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JUST what is the inherent value of the Vital Statistic? By this we mean batting averages, fielding averages or pitching averages.

"Take the season of 1914," remarked Hank. "That year I never hit the ball harder in my life.

"THE result was that I had .345 for the big Postwar, against .245 for the campaign before."

"THAT'S true enough," out in Prof. Hughie Fullerton. "I remember one year when Mitchell wasn't hitting the ball well.

WE RECALL one stretch of a month where Ty Cobb was below .250, and yet he insisted that he was hitting the ball better than at any time in his career.

Pitching Records IT has been contended that the number of earned runs yielded by a pitcher is a far better test of his ability than the number of games he has won and lost.

Against this theory we have the case of Mathewson, who made no attempt to continue pitching low-score games unless necessity drove him into the corner.

AND he happened to be one of those rare types who can let down and then get going again when the time arrives to tighten up.

THERE are many who believe that McLaughlin, the Comet, burned himself out by moving at terrific speed at every start.

BINGLES AND BUNGLES

At last, Pat Moran and his Reds have been stopped.

Cutshaw, of the Pirates, turned in a batting record of 1,000 yesterday against the curving of Tyler, Martin and Douglas.

Shortstop Scott of the Red Sox, did one-half of Boston's hitting against Allen Russell of the Yankees.

Now that Cincinnati has lost a game, it's clear that the Braves won a decision.

Les Pohl's Indians not only lost the ball game to Detroit yesterday, but pitcher Jim Bagby, as well.

Mike Doonan is making good with a vengeance with Charles Dool's leading Internationals.

Pitcher Turo, of the Cardinals, was the big man in stopping the Reds.

HILL WILL HONOR JOHNNY OVERTON

Martin T. Cornwall Donates Memorial Medal for Annual Competition in Track Work

STILL HOLDS RECORDS

Pottstown, Pa., May 3.—The memory of John W. Overton, who was graduated from the Hill School here in 1913, and who was killed in France.

Overton was one of the greatest track athletes that ever attended the Hill, and when he went to Yale he excelled there.

Mr. Cornwall, the presenter of the medal, was on the cross-country team with Overton at Yale.

"Johnny" attended the Hill as a member of the class of 1913, and was in 1917 at Yale.

Has Twenty-two Point Advantage Over Alfred De Oro

New York, May 3.—Robert Cannefax, challenger for the three-cushion billiard title, increased his lead over Alfred De Oro.

The total score is: Cannefax 100; De Oro, 78.

EASY FOR PRINCETON

Tiger Golfers Wallop Columbia by Score of 22 to 1

New York, May 3.—Princeton and Dartmouth college golf teams clashed over the Nassau Country Club links yesterday.

Princeton won every match in the foursomes, but in the singles R. J. Bard scored for his side at the expense of J. S. Deau.

Columbia Beats Cornell

After Hard Week's Work, Go Out to Shibe Park Today

Baseball—Straw Hat Day

NATIONAL A. A. & EVE. MAX

Pete Herman vs. Patsy Wallace

Olympic A. A. Broad and Balahudis

GAVVY CRAVATH AND JACKSON LEADERS IN BIG LEAGUE HITTING

Chicago Slugger Makes 16 Hits for .533 Average. Witt Has .435 Rating. White Sox Hit Hard

WALLY SCHANG, former Mackman, now doing backstop duty for the Boston Red Sox, is showing the way in American League batting circles.

Joe Jackson, of the White Sox, is the real leader, the Chicagoan coming through with sixteen hits out of thirty times at bat for a mark of .533.

Whitey Witt, of the Athletics, is right near the top, his .435 rating keeping him in fifth place.

Kid Gleason surely has a bunch of sluggers under his wing this season.

The White Sox also are speedy on the bases, Eddie Collins being well in front with six, while Weaver is next with four.

The averages follow:

Table with columns for AMERICAN LEAGUE and NATIONAL LEAGUE, listing player names, teams, and batting averages.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Table with columns for Player Club, G, A, B, R, H, S, B, P, C, listing individual batting statistics for various players.

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