

CHEER UP! PHILS MAY BE CHAMPIONS IN ONE DEPARTMENT-THEY LEAD LEAGUE IN HOME RUNS COUNT AS LOST THE DAY WHEN NO HOME RUNS ARE RECORDED

Circuit Clouts Average Almost One Daily in Big League Ball This Year-Cravath Leads National With Eleven Four-Base Smacks

HOME runs are becoming quite numerous in the great national pastime this year. Circuit clouts are bounding off the sluggers' bats with amazing frequency and seldom does a day go by that one or more are not registered.

We have nothing to say about the baseballs. To our mind each league gets the same brand and there is no discrimination. However, there was a chance to make some interesting comparisons and Al Munro Elias, the demon-finger fibert and expert statistician, was asked to get on the job and hand out the dope.

Al looked through the files and made his first comparison between the leagues in the games played on the Polo Grounds. The Yanks and the Glants use the same field, have played about as many games and many home-run swats have been soaked. The American League leads with a total of forty-five. This is seven more than the National. Yankee players have made twenty-seven, Baker leading with seven. The others are Peckinpaugh, six; Lewis, four; Pipp, three; Bode, three; Vick, two, and Hannah and Pratt, one each.

BENNY KAUFF is the best circuit clouter seeking for McGraw. On the home grounds he knocked six, which is one more than Hol Chase. The others are Zimmerman, three; Fletcher, McGarty, Doyle and Burns, two each, and Young and Benton one each.

Cravath Leads With Eleven Homers GAVVY CRAVATH, our hard-working manager, heads the National sluggers with eleven homers. Benny Kauff has had nine, and Cy Williams is tied for third, with Larry Doyle with seven.

All the finger expert, has sent all of the dope on the leading sluggers of both leagues and here it is:

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing players and their home runs.

THE Yankees are the leading sluggers in this league, with five representatives in the select list. Baker and Peckinpaugh are soaking the pill, but Peck has slumped recently. Helman, of Detroit, should finish strong.

Thirty-five Circuit Clouts by Our Phils

WHO do you suppose wins the brown derby for wallowing the most homers in the National League? None other than our Phils. Since the season began the home folks have soaked thirty-five four-basers, leading the Glants by two.

Table showing home runs by club for National League and American League.

Now for another surprise. The lowly A's are second in the American league with a total of twenty-seven, but what does it get them? About as much as the Phils. The Yankees lead with thirty-eight and they, too, are down in the pennant race.

Table showing home runs by club for American League.

Taking it all in all and giving the dope the up and down, to say nothing of the north and south, we find that the National League has hit 160 long clouts against 171 for the American. These figures are entirely too close to make any comparison of the pitching in both leagues or make any claims that a livelier ball is being used on the Johnson circuit.

INCLUDING the games played on August 19, the American League batters amassed a total of 7378 safeties, while the Nationals hammered only 6960. Perhaps this tells what kind of pitching they have in the rival leagues or it gives us a line on the batting. It might also start a nice argument.

Raging Reds in Our Midst

THE Raging Reds, who are tearing things up in Mr. Heydler's circuit, are with us today and the management of the Phils is very much impressed with this fact. The demand for tickets has been the largest of the season for today's double-header and all the reserved seats were sold out yesterday.

Alexander the Great was much too great for the Cravath clan. In the first five innings only one Phil reached first and that was when William's fly stayed in the glare of the sun and fell into safe territory for a double. Not another member of the Baker payroll reached the first corner again until the seventh.

MAX FLACK and Charley Hollocher bagged as many bingles between them as the entire Phil club. They had three hits apiece.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



CRAVATH LOSES GROUND, BUT STILL LEADS; COBB WELL IN FRONT WITH .374 AVERAGE

Manager Gavvy Drops Fourteen Points, but Shows Way With .340 Rating: Roush Is Next

GROH LEADS IN RUNS

GAVVY CRAVATH'S batting average has suffered during the last week, but the bustling boss of the Phils still tops the league in hitting. Fourteen points have been sliced from his mark during the last seven days, and his average now stands opposite .340.

Heine Groh heads the circuit in run-getting with seventy tallies to his credit. The Red's third baseman has scored three less than Babe Ruth, who leads the American League in crossing the plate.

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BARNES TOPS NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHERS WITH LEAD OF 4 GAMES

Georgian Collects Three-Point Gain and Has Big Margin Over Other Foes; Sisler Is Third

RUTH HEADS SCORERS

Table showing wins and losses for pitchers in the National League.

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Clayton Leads in Wins, Cicotte in Losses

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HENDRYX STILL LEADS

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Topps American Association Batsmen.

Club Batting Averages in National League

FOOTBALL DESTINED TO HAVE ITS BEST SEASON IN HISTORY

Gridiron Game Due to Come Back With a Greater Rush Than Any Other Sport, With an Unusual Output of Enthusiasm All Along the Line

IN THE SPOTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

IF ANY one figures that baseball, racing, golf and lawn tennis has come back with a distinct and dizzy rush this summer, wait until the football season lands on us again in the next few weeks. Football is coming back with a greater rush than any other sport and it takes no prophet to forecast an unusual output of enthusiasm all along the line.

Football players were plastered all over France during the late quarrel. The muleskin wearers rushed to war with a relish and those who still had time to serve in the collegiate halls will be rushing back to football with a greater relish still.

Another factor that will add to the interest is the uncertain quality of play. It will be high in certain places and a trifle ragged in others.

THESE Anzacs can play tennis. They always could play tennis. When two of them, after long service in France, can drop off and beat in turn such doubles teams as Johnston and Griffin and Tilden and Richards there is very little debate as to the quality of their play.

THE Outsider

THE Reds are now on the verge of bagging a National League pennant. The Giants won in 1913, the Braves in 1914, the Phillies in 1915, the Dodgers in 1916, the Cubs in 1918. The Pirates won their last flag in 1900.

NOTHING new under the sun? How about Cincinnati printing establishments in late August bidding for the privilege of printing world series tickets?

WHAT has become of the old-fashioned golfer who used to replace the divots?

NEW YORK sent fifteen or sixteen golfers to the amateur championship and only one of them remained after the first round of match play.

AFTER a week of camp-following golf, where the rating of various matches is from twenty to twenty-two miles a day, the waiting benches for the lawn tennis championship seem to be a wonderful dream.

PHONEY NEWS ABOUT TWO PENN ATHLETES PLATT REAL BUT SAD IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Telephone Bells Jingle as Prologue to Song of Sorrow for Woody's Admirers

ROME EVEN DOUBT FACTS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

J. Wood Platt, twenty-year-old golfer from North Hills, is as unpopular in this city as paydays.

It was the brusque business man, the chap who takes his golf in the twilight and admires Platt as a novice gambler.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK DOUBLE HEADER PHILLIES vs. CINCINNATI

POINT BREEZE VELODROME

PHILA. JACK O'BRIEN'S \$15