NO RECORDS SAFE WHEN FIGGER EXPERTS BEGIN TO GLANCE THROUGH FILES OF 30 YEARS AGO

FIGGER FROLICKER FINDS RUTH'S ROAD TO RECORD IS LONG

Statistician Discovers That Ed Williamson Registered 27 Homers Back in 1884-Scott Has Played in 501 Games, Only Five Less Than Luderus

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BASEBALL records are peculiar things no matter how you look at them. Some guy steps out, does wonderful work, claims a record and some other bloke steps in with some dope which crabs the act. Figger filberts always put the parade out of step and now it is up to us to expose George Ruth, a ton ballplayer who is called Babe, because of his apparent weakness at the bat. This person has soaked twenty-three spheres out of numerous ball erchards and says he needs but two more to tie the world's record. Everybody took his word for it until Al Munroe Elias, who just frolics in figgers, dug up some new stuff. Now, we don't know what will happen to Babe.

"Just a moment of your time," panted Al Munroe, as he dashed into our quiet, peaceful office last night. "Can't stay long, but MUST tell you that Babe Ruth still has a few homers to wallop before he gets the world's record. That stuff of calling Freeman the champ with those twenty-five raps made in Washington in 1899 is all bunk. I know, because I have the figgers to prove it.

"The real batting champion of the universe-meaning the large leaguesis none other than Big Ed Williamson who once played with the Chicago club under Anson or somebody in 1884. I looked it up in the old files and in that year he made twenty-seven home runs-mark you, TWENTY-SEVEN! Therefore, Babe Ruth is not so much with his twenty-three. He must hit four more homers to tie the record and five to beat it. Some day I will send the figgers, and if you don't believe it, ask some guy with a long memory to prove I

"Another thing I wish to call your attention to before departing. You are pretty proud of Fred Luderus and his 'Iron Man' record, but don't overlook the fact that he is likely to be dethroned if he has one off day. To date he has played in 506 consecutive games, but right on his heels is a young man named Everett Scott, of the Red Sox, who has amassed a total of 501 straight. Scotty started on June 20, 1916, and hasn't missed a game. He is so close to Ludy because he has been in a lot of world series battles.

. That's all there is-there isn't any more.

Reds Rest on Tour of State

TT HAS been claimed all season that Cincinnati has the luckiest ball club that ever soiled a diamond, but those who have watched the team perform question that statement. The Reds are playing great baseball, and playing so hard that they get a majority of the breaks. Winning ball clubs almost always are favored with those well-known breaks, but it is because they make them themselves. That can't be called luck. It's hard work.

However, fortune sometimes favors the brave and such was the case with Cincinnati in the last three days. After finishing the hardest road trip ever taken by a big league club and when the players were beginning to feel the effects of the strain, it was discovered that there were three idle days on the schedule wideh could be devoted exclusively to loafing, taking things easy and other things like that. Instead of worrying about the outcome of the next game, all they had to do was to keep in physical condition and rest up for the final sprint for the gonfalon which begins in Pittsburgh today.

This was a great break for Moran and his crew, but instead of taking acation, Frank Bancroft, peerless business manager, arranged some extion games up the state and a pleasant time was had by all. They played in Parkesburg, York and Harrisburg, and the natives turned out in huge droves. Much money was made, the boys had plenty of exercise and nobody worried over the outcome of the battles. They just had a regular picnic for three days and it help them considerably when the pennant race is resumed.

Jake Daubert was in bad shape after the Philadelphia series. He was irawn and pale and lost considerable weight. Moran told him to take a layoff, but this he refused to do. Rath also was nervous, and the other players acted as if they had something important on their minds.

Rube Bressler furnished most of the amusement on the trip. The Rube, is a lefthander, also acts like one. He purchased a new suit while in Philadelphia and carried it all wrapped up in a box, under his arm. He nted to dazzle the populace with the new scenery and never let it out of his sight.

Last Wednesday, after playing in New York, Rube hastened to the station and did not appear natural. After close examination it was discovered he had forgotten his new suit, having left it in the hotel. Back to the hostelry he I. recovered the valuable package and joined his comrades in waiting for the lightning express.

WHEN the train pulled in, he was busily engaged in telling some of the admiring Yorkers how he pitches his fast ball and stayed so long that he had to run to catch the train. He jumped aboard, and fifteen minutes later some one asked him about his new suit.

Rube flushed guiltily. He did not have it about his person, nor was it any place in the car. He had deserted it on the station platform and the chances are there will be a well-dressed sport in York, Pa., in

White Sox Now Face Crucial Series

THE American League race is getting quite exciting, now that Cleveland has made a bid for the rag. It was believed that the Indians were hopelessly out of it until they slammed Detroit and took second place. Now three clubs are battling, with the White Sox out in front. There will be some hot baseball in that circuit next month.

Kid Gleason has done wonders with his slender pitching staff and got by use none was laid up for repairs. Eddie Cicotte, according to the latest averages, has won 25 and lost 7 this season, with Williams next with 21 and 7. Kerr has won 10 and lost 5, and Faber has 10 and 9 to his credit. Those four pitchers have won 66 games, which is a big average. Perhaps the White Sox will be called lucky, but to us it looks like sheer ability and smart baseball.

Right now the well-known crucial series are being played. The Sox are Cleveland, and Detroit is playing St. Louis. On Monday, Chicago and the Tiers book up for two games and play another on Tuesday. The result of these es will have an important bearing on the final outcome of the race, and if son makes a clean sweep he virtually has the pennant cinched. The Kid will be idle on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, and they meet Cleveland ther series beginning Friday. Then comes the eastern trip which should not be very tough and a few games should be won.

THE final splurge of the season will be put on in Chicago the last three days of the season, meaning September 26, 27 and 28, with Detroit furnishing the opposition. Therefore, the derby will be exciting until the last lap.

Leonard Training for Bartfield

KON RAINS, peerless promoter, is all het up over the bout between Benny Leonard and Soldier Bartfield next Wednesday night. He was on the job this morning with some real dope on the affair.

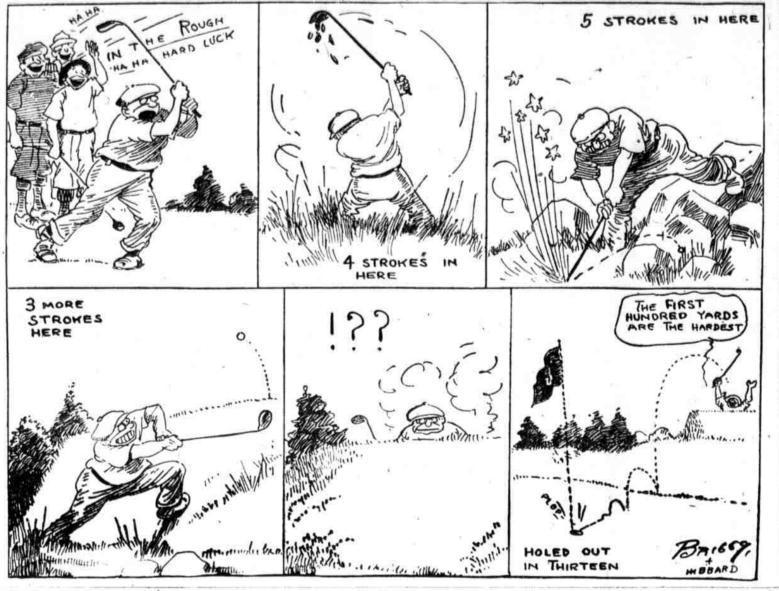
"This ain't no bunk," he shouted over the phone, "but Benny is afraid ertfield and is training harder than in years. Every day he is out on the at five in the morning and he is taking no chances on his condition. He its to win by a knockout, and as I said, this ain't no bunk. Willie Jackson ne he would take on Leonard any old time he wanted to fight and he would show class against Eddie Wallace. Honest, this is the correct dope."

BARTFIELD is training here and looks to be in great shape. He is full of confidence and expects to win by a knockout. Why not? He might as well think that as anything clae.

ISH MEUSEL now has hit safely in sixteen straight games. He copped rgies in both games of the double-header yesterday against Boston. Meusel ping the Phils in the limelight, showing that it's a grand and glorious g to have a championship of something.

TE HERMAN, bantam champion, and Joe Lynch, who gave Jimmy Wilde the hard scrap in London some time ago, will mingle in a ten-round bout bury, Conn., on Monday. The fuse is billed as a championship affair, rach's only chance to get the title is to score a knockout or win on a foul. ther of those ten-round-no-decision things.

THE FIRST HUNDRED YARDS ARE THE HARDEST



MEUSEL THIRD TO CRAVATH IN HITTING; FIVE MEMBERS OF TIGERS IN .300 CLASS

Race and Now Trails Roush With .313; Gavvy Leads With .340

GROH HIGH IN RUNS

Club Batting Averages in National League

Club Cincinnati	G.	AB.	R.	H	SB.	PC
Cincinnati	115	3705	502	1018	128	. 268
New York	110	3689	485	980	127	.266
Brooklyn	112	3847	398	997	87	
St. Louis	109	3613	864	926	111	
Chicago					122	.250
Philadelphia	100	8760	420	0.29	100	.249
Boston	100	8594	347	HHD	117	247
Pitteburgh	109	3550	355		148	

OF THE three leading hitters in the National League two are wearing Phillie uniforms. Gavvy Cravath still tops the circuit with a .340, and the only man between Meusel and Cravath is Eddie Roush, of the Reds. Roush has a .326 rating against a .313 for Meusel. Heinie Groh is tied with Milton Stock for fourth with .308.

Roush leads in the number of safe hits with 137. Groh has scored the nost runs with seventy-six, and George Burns shows the way in base stealing

Walter Reuther, of the Reds, tops the pitchers with sixteen won, four The averages, including Wednesday's

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING

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GERMANTOWN VS. TACONY

Eddie ennis's Team to Meet Tacony

Club Tomorrow Afternoon Manager Sherwood, of the Tacony lub, has booked Eddie Bennis's team for the star attraction at Tacony Ball its sixteenth game of the season today of the largest crowds of the season at Park. State road and Unruh street, against the all-star Bethlehem Ship- the Cambria Athletic Club open arens. Stopped Young Drummle in the first has not lost a game. "

feat have been Frankford, Lupton, West Phila. C. C., All-Americans and team, including Miller, the all-around Jimmy Lyons in the opening round; Harrowgate. In Sunday's game Bob athlete of Penn State College, who Jimmy Brown, of South Philadelphia. Johnson or Scheffly will be on the plays center field. nound for the home club while Eddie Bennis will depend on Jim Conway or plays the Macy Red Stars from New Pepper, and Willie Davis won over Geoghan.

Phil Outfielder Gains in Pat Moran Has Six Pitchers Among First Eight in National League

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Cicotte and Williams Have Captured 46 Victories for Leading White Sox

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BIG GAME FOR S. & C.

York city.

Local Club Meets the Bethlehem Ship

Team Today

comorrow afternoon at 3 p. m. Tacony building Club of Wilmington, Del. Ward dropped Kcons for the count of The game is scheduled at 3 o'clock at nine in the final round. The last five teams to suffer de- Sixty-third and Walnut streets.

WARD BEATS KOONS

Elizabeth, N. J., Entry Outfights Fo In Cambria Wind-Up

Jack Ward, of Elizabeth, N. J., de Strawbridge & Clothier engages in feated Joe Koons last night before one

The other results follow: Frank The Wilmington lads have a good Gibbons, of Port Richmond, stopped kocked out Eddie Haney in the second Labor Day afternoon, Strawbridge round; Tommy Murray defeated Young Young Meriono, of New York.

Cobb, Veach, Heilman, Shorten and Flagstead Detroit Men Found in Select Section

Club Batting Averages in American League

Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	88.	PC.
Chicago	114	8766	539	1061	127	287
Cleveland	112	3637	494		101	077
Detroit	112	3676		1015	101	276
New York	111	3781	437	1010	NI	200
St. Louis	113	3712	438	080	72	200
Boston	110	delan	150	11 - 12		- 200
Washington	118	8840	418	985	108	.261
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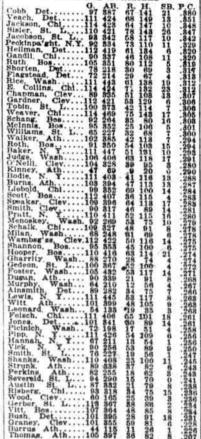
RIVE members of the Detroit team are found above the .300 mark with Tyrus R. Cobb showing the way with his .380. Cobb gained six points during the week. Bobby Veach, another Tiger, is second with .351. Joe Jackis next with .348. George Sisler's 347 keeps him in fourth place. Other Tigers in the select class are

Eddie Collins is found with a .312

rating. Gandil, his teammate, has a .320. "Stuffy" McInnis is just over i i the mark with .301. The averages, including Wednesday'

games, follows: AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING

INDIVIDUAL AVER



JAMISON TRIMS WAGOND

Italian Slugger Beaten by Former Army Star at National

Tommy Jamison defeated Eddie Wagond in one of the fastest bouts of opening round Jamison with a left hook daily hereafter. to the mouth, forced Wagond to lose one of his teeth.

Young Mahoney, of Gray's Ferry, round in the semiwind-up. Kid Beebe had the better of the six rounds with Battling Stinger, Soldier Bartfield refereeing the contest between these

two old warriors of the ring.

Willie Dundee stopped George
Rainey, of Hog Island, in the first
round with a right hook to the jaw. Young Sherlock defeated Danny Car

SHORT SEASON HURTS RUTH IN HIS EFFORT TO SET HOMER MARK

Buck Freeman Made His Record Number of 25 During a 154-Game Schedule, but Boston Slugger Will Play Only 140 Skirmishes This Year

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How Long Ago-

Last night, far swept across some ghostly distance, I heard a bugle blowing Taps again; The old, old call of some long lost existence. Of guns, and tents and army maps again

Where summer moonlight gleams As Pan might blow A song of singing streams-How long ago-

How long ago it seems! From some last camp I heard its echoes linger, The wailing notes I heard him blow again,

Softer than song from any human singer, " Ashes of dreams that come and go again-Still faint and low

Where drifting star-dust gleams, As Pan might blow A threnody of dreams, How long ago-How long ago it seems!

"HAS Babe Ruth's record of last year ever been equaled?" queries a fan.

According to the official records he made just 95 hits, but 48 of these were extra base swats against 47 singles; 26 doubles, 11 were triples and 11 were home runs. Who in this effervescent pastime in the course of a full season has struck off more extra base hits than singles?

If Ruth beats Buck Freeman's record, his mark will be the more startling, considering the fact that he will have planted it in a shorter season—140 games

HE IS the topliner of all sluggers beyond any plain or fancy debate.

The Chief Returns

CHARLES ALBERT BENDER, the eminent Chippews who has just hooked up again in top baseball circlies, is still the spectacular chief of old. A fan from Richmond, Va., sends in the record of this achievement:

"On Thursday (this being some while back) he beat Petersburg; on Saturday he won the first game of a double-header; on Monday he pitched again and beat Rube Oldring's club; on Wednesday he again won the first game of a double-header, and in the second game he went in as pinch hitter, drove out a three-base hit in the tenth frame, scored on the squeeze play, struck out three men in the next inning as a relief pitcher and then scored the winning run. I ibmit this as an unequaled record.'

No. THE willy Chief isn't ready for an autopsy yet. Not with the brains, courage and shrewdness he carries with his genius.

A WONG those panning an umpire you will never observe any bloke who has ever tried to umpire any sort of ball game. He knows. He knows.

WHAT effect could a megaphone have had on a golf match?" asks a JACKSON THIRD to do with it, but give us a megaphone and a midiron and we'll give Ouimet or

Concerning the Babe

When Babe Ruth goes after a run To establish his place in the sun. He can make any hurler Or pitcher or twirler Look like the Crown Prince at Verdun.

IN THE old days where the champion was not forced to play through, it was a trifle simpler for a lawn tennis star to maintain his supremacy for several years at a whack. But what chance would even a Sears, Whitman, Wrenn or Larned have, drawn under modern conditions, to win repeatedly from a field consisting of such entries as Johnston, Murray, Brookes, Tilden, Williams, etc.? Winning one year in succession is quite an average here, where there are four or five geniuses with only one eyelash for a separating margin.

ANY one who doesn't believe that the Hon. Kid Gleason can handle a ball club should ask the other seven American League clubs. The Kid's objective has been the pennant since last April, and in launching his attack when one wave broke he had another ready.

Other Tigers in the select class are Heilman, .320; Shorten, .317, and Flag-stead, .320; Shorten, .320; S SKATING, SAYS CLARK SPECIAL MATCH RACE

Wiley and Bedell in 40-Mile

A forty-mile match motorpaced race

With Return of Star Speeders Chapman and Corry Oppose From Service Competition

on Rink Will Be Close

Clash Tonight

RICH RACES ARE PLANNED BOUNSALL TO MEET W.WILEY

That the roller-skating sport is in for a boom and a big year is the opin- is the feature event on the cycle proion of James U. Clark, the owner and manager of the Palace Roller Skating Rink, Thirty-ninth and Market streets. "Roller skating is bound to come Corry are due to oppose George Wiley

back this season and enjoy its populand Menus Bedell.

Iarity of pre-war days," stated Clark today. "The majority of the speedy today. "The majority of the speedy kind this year. Carman and Chapman skaters, including the past and present champions, who were in the service defeated Lawrence and Corry in the have returned and anxious to compete first race of this kind a month ago. again.

"Then there is the new set developed berry will pace one team with Norman

while the others were away. Take Anderson and Eddie Root pacing the Malcolm Carey, the fifteen-year-old others.

Youth of Reading. Carey has come Another five mile match motorpaced forth with such strides in the past year race between Harold Bounsall, the that he is now a national amateur champion. Carey is one of the most likely on the program.

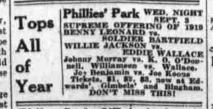
looking skaters I have seen for some It was announced that a forty-mile looking skaters I have seen for some time. He will make the others go the limit."

It was announced that a forty-mile match race would be held Monday night between Clarence Carman, George

Carey is the youth who raced at the Palace Rink the latter part of last season. He came here unknown one night will be held between Jimmy Hunter and Norman Anderson over the two miles and entered the amateur race. To the surprise of the spectators and the other surprise of the spectators and the other skaters, all of whom were much older the Labor Day night feature, taking and larger, Carey came home first. He part in an unlimited Australian purcompeted in three more races the folsular suit race. lowing week and won all. Several weeks later he went to Detroit with his dad and won a national champion - Atlanta, 1; New Orleans, 1 (called

Manager Clark is arranging for a series of races between the leading skaters of the country to take place at the local rink during the months of October and November. The prizes for these events will total \$2500.

During the summer the rink has been the summer season last evening at the enlarged and the track now is sixteen Eleventh street arena, before a laps to the mile. The Palace Rink large gathering of fight fans. In the opened last night with two sessions



Phila. Jack O'Brien's \$15

ALL BANKAMS (Only Show In Town AT PT. BREEZE VELODROME Patsy Wallace vs. Battling Murray Max Williamson vs. Battling Murray Max Little Bear vs. Young McGovern Bobby Doyle vs. Willie Spencer Jimmy Mendo vs. Willie Cuulon Piest Bout 2:29. Tickets at Keer's, Re Donaghy's. Jackson Street Thea TOINT BREEZE VELODROME
TONIGHT AT 8:20
40-MILE MOTOR PACED MATCH RACE
tarters—CARMAN. CHAPMAN & CORRY
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SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES vs. BOSTON
FIRST GAME AT 1.30 P. M.
Seats at Gimbels' and Spaldings'

PALACE RINK Soth & Market Sta